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NSW-Qld knockout league clash set to be a reality

THE game fans of Indigenous rugby league have longed for looks set to become a reality.

Reliable sources have told the *Koori Mail* a state of origin-style match-up between the winning teams of the NSW and new Queensland Murri Aboriginal

Knockout carnivals will be a part of next year's NRL season-opening All Stars event. The Indigenous All Stars versus NRL All Stars game is set down for Saturday 4 February at Skilled Park on the Gold Coast.

The exact time and venue for the

proposed 'Aboriginal Knockout' clash has yet to be confirmed.

The *Koori Mail* understands the decision to hold the game comes on the back of the successful inaugural Queensland Murri Carnival played on the Gold Coast (see our report in sport).

Fans have been clamouring for such a NSW-Qld clash for years.

Keep reading the *Koori Mail* and koorimail.com for more news as it comes to hand.

● See more rugby league reports in our sports section

Bolt guilty

Columnist breached discrimination laws



ABORIGINAL pensioner and activist Pat Eatock (front) celebrates outside the Federal Court in Melbourne last Wednesday, following her racial vilification win against controversial newspaper columnist and commentator Andrew Bolt. The Sydney-based 73-year-old is pictured with her

daughter Cathy Eatock and witnesses for the case Graham Atkinson, Wayne Atkinson and Geoff Clark. In his judgment, Justice Mordecai Bromberg found assertions by Mr Bolt that some 'fair-skinned Aborigines' were choosing to be Aboriginal and using their

Aboriginal identity to access benefits and advance their careers breached the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*, sparking a flurry of national debate about freedom of speech versus freedom from racial prejudice.

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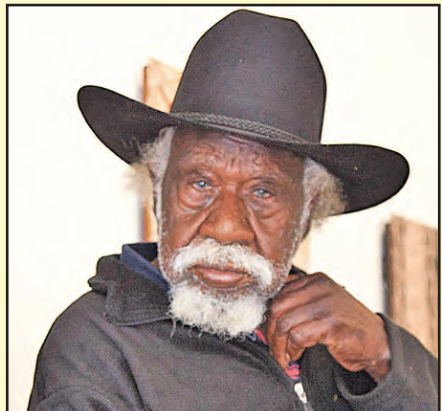
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My FAMILY

MAXINE MACKAY – Bourke, NSW



HERE we all are at a wet and cold NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in Bathurst.

Despite the weather we are all enjoying ourselves. The Knockout is as much about catching up with people as it is the football.

I'm here with my son T J Kennedy and my daughter Kristy Kennedy.

T J lives in Dubbo where he's into horticulture.

Kristy is a qualified lawyer and works for a Supreme Court judge.

I have four grand children – Wendell and Willow (they're pictured here) and Jade and Sam.

I'm Barkindji mob (western NSW) and Scottish on my father's side, and Ngarrindjeri (South Australia) on my mother's.

I was born and raised in Bourke. I've lived on country there all my life and I love it. Bourke is just the best place and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

I work in disability services in a job I really enjoy. I'm also very active in the community, having roles with the local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, children's services, health, housing and more. It keeps me pretty busy.

In fact my life is really good. I've got a great family, a great job and I live in the best place in the world.

It doesn't get much better than that.

● Pictured above: Maxine Mackay (at far right) and, from left, Lyndsay Urquhart, Kristy Kennedy, Briety Coe and T J Kennedy and, in front, Wendell Coe and Willow Coe.

Share your family with our readers

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

OUR CHILDREN



HOT work ... Isaac Bulsey, of the Barracudas, cools down during a break in play at the third annual Obe Geia Junior Rugby League Challenge on Palm Island, north Queensland. Turn to Page 85 for more coverage. *Photo: Alf Wilson*

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Deadly performers, Deadly night



Joel and Naomi Wenitong of The Last Kinection turn it on at the 2011 Deadly Awards in Sydney last week. A huge crowd turned out for the annual Indigenous night of nights at the Sydney Opera House. The Last Kinection were double award-winners, taking the Single of the Year and Band of the Year titles. See our full coverage starting on Page 49. Photo: JOSEPH MAYERS

'Epidemic' tag for STI rates rise



AUSTRALIA is in the grip of a gonorrhoea and chlamydia epidemic – and it's taking a heavy toll on Indigenous people.

Newly diagnosed cases of chlamydia leapt 17 per cent to 74,305 in 2010, while those for gonorrhoea rose 25 per cent to just over 10,000.

Indigenous people have substantially higher rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) than the general population. In fact, Indigenous people accounted for more than a third of all gonorrhoea cases and nine per cent of chlamydia cases.

The figures were revealed in the latest surveillance report on HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs released last week by the University of NSW's Kirby Institute. The institute's Associate Professor David Wilson said the rise in gonorrhoea and chlamydia

cases was partly due to more people being tested in response to public education campaigns.

"However, what we are seeing right now is the rate of diagnosis is surpassing the rate of testing so that indicates there's an increase in overall infection levels," he said.

"So there's an epidemic."

'...there's an increase in overall infection levels ... so there's an epidemic'

New figures show the majority of diagnosed STI cases in the Indigenous population are from remote and very remote areas. The rate of chlamydia is three times the rate among non-Indigenous people in major cities, indicating epidemic rates of chlamydia across Aboriginal communities.

But infectious syphilis rates remained stable in 2010, with

130 cases notified among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, mostly in remote communities.

The rate of HIV diagnosis in the Indigenous population continues to be at the same level as among the non-Indigenous population.

Chlamydia and gonorrhoea can affect women and men who have sex with an infected partner.

Both STIs are treatable with antibiotics, but they can be hard to diagnose because infected

people often show no symptoms.

If left untreated in women the infections can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), which is the main cause of infertility.

Assoc Prof Wilson attributed the rise in the number of chlamydia and gonorrhoea cases to men failing to practice safe sex by using condoms. – with AAP

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Sprinkles good stuff for kids



INDIGENOUS infants in remote Northern Territory communities are benefiting from a project aimed at tackling chronic anaemia (a shortage of iron in the blood).

The Sprinkles scheme, run through the Fred Hollows Foundation, aims to give young children a better nutritional start to life.

And at the same time, the scheme is offering local women employment and training opportunities as community health workers.

About 150 infants aged between six and 24 months from communities including Jilkminggan, Borroloola, Balgo, Mulan, Engawala, Ti Tree, Pmara Jutunta, Kowanyama and Ngukurr have received Sprinkles dietary supplements over the course of the trial.

Speaking after a project meeting held recently in Batchelor for those involved in implementing the program at a community level, the foundation's Danielle Aquino said feedback from those involved had been positive.

"At the meeting, community health workers said they had witnessed improvements in the babies who have been participating in the Sprinkles program," she said.

"Mothers of the children described them as being more active; they had 'filled out' or gained weight, and many community workers said that, overall, the babies were happier and stronger."

Ms Aquino says the local health workers are an essential part of the success of the program.

"The community workers are very proud of their work and feel they are doing something positive in their community," she says.

Comfortable

"The benefit of local women being employed as community-based health workers is that it helps mothers of infants feel comfortable about discussing the sensitive issue of how they feed and raise their children.

"The community workers know the problems each of the mothers are facing and this builds trust within the community.

"A common problem they come across is often that mothers feel embarrassed and shy to discuss problems. The community workers are able to be kind and caring when they talk to parents and say 'we are in the same boat and our kids are taking Sprinkles too'."



Angelina Joshua of Ngukurr, with packs of the sprinkles. She is also about to start training as an Aboriginal health worker for the community.

Genetic studies claim to reveal our origins



THE results of two separate genetic studies which purport to reveal the origins of Aboriginal people were released last month.

One links Aboriginal people to the first African nomads, while the other says Aboriginal people have a Siberian ancestor common to New Guineans and an indigenous tribe in the Philippines.

Researchers from the University of Western Australia (UWA) and Murdoch University and an international team analysed the genetic material in a century-old lock of hair from a West Australian Aboriginal man.

They determined that Aboriginal people were descended from the first people to leave Africa up to 75,000 years ago and who reached Asia at least

24,000 years before other human migrations

The donor had no genetic link with any recent Australian arrivals.

Looking at his genome material, the study revealed that Australian Aboriginal ancestors split from the first modern human populations to leave Africa, between 64,000 and 75,000 years ago.

UWA researcher Dr Joe Dortch said the discovery rewrote the story about how Aborigines arrived in Australia some 50,000 years ago.

University of Copenhagen professor Eske Willerslev, who headed the study, said Aboriginal Australians were the first modern humans to traverse unknown territory in Asia and into Australia.

"It was a truly amazing journey that must have demanded exceptional survival skills and bravery," he said.

The donor from the West Australian Goldfields region gave his hair to a British anthropologist in the early 20th century.

A second genetic study, a collaboration between American and German researchers, saw DNA extracted from a finger bone excavated in the freezing temperatures of Siberia to analyse the vast movement of people to tropical parts of Asia and Australia more than 40,000 years ago.

Intermixed

The ancient little finger bone, uncovered from a cave by Russian archaeologists in 2008, is claimed to hold the key to explaining how humans intermixed since they left Africa.

Examining the finger's nuclear genome, researchers from the Harvard Medical School and the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology

concluded that Denisovans, a primitive group of humans descended from Neanderthals, migrated from Siberia to tropical parts of Asia.

They contributed DNA to Aborigines in Australia along with present-day New Guineans and an indigenous tribe in the Philippines known as Mamanwa.

The study looked at two Aboriginal populations, including one from the Northern Territory.

The researchers concluded that Denisovans interbred with modern humans in South-East Asia 44,000 years ago, before Australia separated from Papua New Guinea.

The Mamanwa population in the Philippines split from the Denisovans before the New Guineans and the Australian Aborigines.

Denisovans migrated to South-East Asia and Oceania in

the first wave. Later migrants have relatives in East Asia, who are now the present population of South-East Asia.

Max Planck Institute professor Mark Stoneking, a senior author of the paper, said the research proved that Denisovans lived in Siberia and tropical Asia.

Harvard Medical School genetics professor David Reich said sequencing ancient DNA was a tool for understanding human history.

The findings of the study are published in the latest edition of the *American Journal of Human Genetics*.

"This paper helped fill in some empty pieces in the evolutionary puzzle that began after early humans left Africa and reinforces the view that humans have intermixed throughout history," Harvard said in a summary. — *With AAP*



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Columnist guilty

Judge finds Bolt and his publisher breached Act

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A 73-YEAR-OLD Aboriginal pensioner who cheerfully admits her personal blog regularly attracts no readers at all has taken on one of Australia's most influential media commentators and won. For now, at least.

The case of Eatock v Bolt has been seen as an important matter of racial protection versus free speech.

In the Federal Court in Melbourne last Wednesday, Justice Mordecai Bromberg ruled that *Herald Sun* columnist and blogger Andrew Bolt and his employer the Herald & Weekly Times (HWT) had breached the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (RDA) through publication of two newspaper articles in 2009 which asserted some 'fair-skinned Aborigines' were choosing to be Aboriginal and using their Aboriginal identity to access benefits and advance their careers.

The judge said his decision was not based on the fact that the articles – entitled 'It's so hip to be black' and 'White fellas in the black' – dealt with racial identification per se, but the manner in which they did so.

Mr Bolt's articles named a string of Aboriginal people including elderly Sydney-based activist Pat Eatock, Victorian brothers academic Wayne Atkinson and native title specialist Graham Atkinson, law professor Larissa Behrendt, Victorian artist and photographer Bindi Cole, former ATSIC Chairman Geoff Clark from Victoria, health worker and former Queensland state Labor candidate Leeanne Enoch, Sydney-based author Dr Anita Heiss, and lawyer and Fulbright scholar Mark McMillan.

On behalf of that group and herself, Ms Eatock took Mr Bolt and HWT to court on the grounds that the articles and two related blogs conveyed offensive messages about her and others.

Mr Bolt and HWT admitted at trial that Dr Heiss, Ms Cole, Mr Clark, Dr Wayne Atkinson, Graham Atkinson, Professor Behrendt, Ms Enoch, Mr McMillan and Ms Eatock were of Aboriginal descent, genuinely self-identified as Aboriginal people and had fairer, rather than darker, skin colour. But they denied the nine were reasonably likely to be offended by the articles.

Justice Bromberg thought otherwise.

"I have determined that some of the messages (what lawyers call 'the imputations') which were conveyed by the two newspaper articles, were reasonably likely to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate the people in question (or some of them), and that those articles were written or published by Mr Bolt and HWT including because of the race, colour or ethnic origin of those people," the judge said in his 143-page judgment.

He said Section 18D of the RDA exempted from being unlawful 'conduct which has been done reasonably and in good faith for particular specified purposes, including the making of a fair



Plaintiff Pat Eatock talks to media after the judgement, flanked by Wayne Atkinson and Geoff Clark who were named in Mr Bolt's articles and were witnesses in the case against him and the Herald & Weekly Times.



Andrew Bolt appearing at his trial hearing earlier this year.

comment in a newspaper'.

"It is a provision which, broadly speaking, seeks to balance the objectives of s 18C with the need to protect justifiable freedom of expression," Justice Bromberg said.

However, the judge said he was not satisfied that Mr Bolt and HWT's conduct



Professor Larissa Behrendt, one of the people named by Mr Bolt.

of their mixed cultural heritage and their careers. At trial, he was forced to concede that he'd failed to contact any of those mentioned in the articles, some of his mostly online sources may have been incorrect, and that he'd erred in places.

In his judgment, Justice Bromberg also described the language used in Mr Bolt's

ferocity of Mr Bolt's attack on the individuals dealt with in the articles, is significant to my conclusion that in writing the articles, Mr Bolt failed to honour the values asserted by the RDA," he said.

However, Justice Bromberg concluded that nothing in his orders should suggest that 'it is unlawful for a publication to deal with racial identification, including by challenging the genuineness of the identification of a group of people'.

Originally, Ms Eatock sought apologies from both Mr Bolt and HWT, as well as an order restraining Mr Bolt from publishing similar articles. She did not seek damages.

However, mid-way through the case and after a defiant Mr Bolt had appeared on the witness stand, she dropped her quest for an apology from him. Although the move was unexplained at the time, it is believed to have reflected general reluctance by courts to try to force parties into disingenuous apologies.

Last week, the court ordered that the parties 'confer with a view to agreeing on orders to give effect to the court's reasons'.

The parties were given until 4pm today (Wednesday, 5 October) to advise the court of the areas where they could or couldn't agree.

While Justice Bromberg made no finding in relation to the related blogs, which he said had been raised too late in the trial, he said he would make orders prohibiting the republication of the newspaper articles.

"In the absence of the publication of an apology, I will consider making an order for the publication in the *Herald Sun* of a corrective notice," he said.

By the time the *Koori Mail* went to print, neither Mr Bolt nor the HWT had revealed whether they would appeal the decision. However, Justice Bromberg's judgment sparked a flurry of debate about freedom of speech.

While the Federal Opposition declared that a future Coalition Government would try to amend the RDA to prevent such cases in the future, the National Congress

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was exempted from unlawfulness.

"The reasons for that conclusion have to do with the manner in which the articles were written, including that they contained erroneous facts, distortions of the truth and inflammatory and provocative language and that as a result, the conduct of Mr Bolt and HWT is not justified in the manner required by s 18D of the RDA," he said.

In his articles, Mr Bolt trawled through the personal histories of those he named, highlighting – often erroneously – aspects

articles as 'not careful, precise or exact', 'not moderate or temperate but often strong and emphatic', 'derisive' and 'with a liberal use of sarcasm and mockery'.

And he had a few choice words of his own on the possible impact of Mr Bolt's articles on young Indigenous people.

"That young Aboriginal persons or others with vulnerability in relation to their identity, may be apprehensive to identify as Aboriginal or publicly identify as Aboriginal, as a result of witnessing the

of discrimination

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of Australia's First Peoples described the judgment as 'landmark' and the RDA as 'a necessary component of a liberal democracy, and not a burden upon any class of people'.

One media representative present in court when the decision was handed down branded it 'another shit sandwich for us (journalists)' but Australian Press Council chairperson Julian Disney was more sanguine.

When asked by the *Koori Mail* if he thought the decision would be problematic for responsible journalists, Mr Disney said that, if properly understood, 'it should be seen as respecting the importance of freedom of speech and in particular emphasising the importance of accuracy and fairness, which have always been important elements in the Press Council's principles'.

Conservative blog Menzies House launched a petition to 'restore free speech' in the wake of the decision.

During the trial in Melbourne in late March, Ms Eatock's legal team contended that Mr Bolt's articles constituted a 'head-on assault' of those named in them.

Last week, a frail Ms Eatock travelled with her daughter Cathy to join Wayne and Graham Atkinson and Geoff Clark and supporters in court to hear Justice Bromberg's decision.

They sat with supporters on one side of the public gallery, while Mr Bolt sat in the front row on the other side, with many journalists in the seats behind him.

There appeared to be no eye contact between the parties, both of whom seemed confident of the outcome. Ms Eatock said as much to journalists on her way in to court, while Mr Bolt appeared relaxed and upbeat, swapping asides with industry colleagues.

Afterwards, Ms Eatock, her fellow witnesses and supporters were ecstatic, but Mr Bolt's anger was still palpable when he left the court building about half an hour later.

"I will have to read the full judgment before I can comment fully, but this is a terrible day for free speech in this country," he read from a short prepared statement.

Jeered by a bystander, he responded "Can I at least have my free speech now?"

"It is particularly a restriction on the free speech of all Australians to discuss multiculturalism and how people identify themselves," he went on.

"I argued then and I argue now that we should not insist on the differences between us and focus instead on what unites us as human beings."

But the day belonged to Pat Eatock and those who stood beside her.

"I'm not going to be around for very much longer (but) this is the highlight of my career, my life – apart from all my children, of course, and the grandchildren and great grandchild yet to come," she told the media scrum.

"This case has never been an issue of free speech, it has always been about journalistic professionalism and integrity. That's what we want, that's what we demand. We don't want any more off-the-cuff racism when one feels the mood."

"If it hadn't been for the fact that we found a legal team that were prepared to work pro bono for us, we would have been stifled. We would have had no speech at all; we would have been left



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– Pat Eatock

powerless while people like Mr Bolt have access to three million readers every week. You know, you should see my blog... it reads zero all the time.

"...We are not saying that you can't talk about racist issues. What the judgment clearly said was that it's how you handle it. You cannot be malicious; you must handle it based on truth and fact, not on fiction and racism."

Ms Eatock said she believed she would never get an apology from Mr Bolt.

Witness for Ms Eatock Geoff Clark described the case as 'a great victory for difference and for change'.

proud of their identity'.

"They can now walk tall wherever they go and be proud and not be subjected to those sort of negative, derogatory terms that are constantly being used to put our people down," he said.

"Our case has been vindicated and we're very pleased and happy today."

Mr Atkinson's brother Graham said it was a proud day for Aboriginal people in Australia.

"We have reached a milestone here today. I stand before you and what you see is what you get... I don't have to prove that I am an Aboriginal person to

Mr McMillan paid tribute to Ms Eatock.

"She was just the embodiment, to me, of what I know strong Aboriginal women to be. They do what they do with dignity and humility that's almost breathtaking," he said.

Award-winning author Anita Heiss said in a statement that she was pleased but not surprised by the judgment.

"I believe the result means that Australia will have a higher quality and more responsible media, and that to some degree the persecution of Aboriginal people in the press will be lessened," she said.



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– Lawyer and Wiradjuri man Mark McMillan

"My skin is as white as yours," he said, holding his arm out in front of journalists.

"(But) I am different, I have a different heritage, a different culture, and I'm entitled to be known differently, as an Aboriginal person, as a Tjapuurong person."

"...I think the prejudice that Mr Bolt and the *Herald Sun* have been advocating has now been defeated and the sword of justice has struck and cut off the head of the serpent. Let's hope that he doesn't grow two heads."

Yorta Yorta man Wayne Atkinson said the decision was 'a big win for the next generation coming through who also are

anybody, to any group in society," he said.

Later, Mark McMillan told the *Koori Mail* that the decision had 'put a limit on how people could have what is a public interest discussion'.

"And I think that's a useful and good discussion but don't insult or dehumanise people in the process," he said.

"As a lawyer, I am just stunned by how intricate the judgment actually is with respect to the real intersection between personal and legal issues."

"Justice Bromberg 'got' that Aboriginality is a lived experience, not just something where people can flick a lever and say you are or you aren't."

co-chairs of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, Les Malezer and Jody Broun, said they would review the judgment in an effort to ensure positive results came from it.

"Freedom of speech is not a license to foster intolerance and racial hatred, but a cornerstone of liberty which must be protected and not abused," Mr Malezer and Ms Broun said.

"We thank our brothers and sisters who brought this before the courts."

● Justice Bromberg's full judgment (incorporating copies of Mr Bolt's articles) can be found online at www.fedcourt.gov.au

\$115m in contracts awarded, says BHP



BHP Billiton Iron Ore says it has awarded \$115 million in contracts to Indigenous businesses in Western Australia within one financial year.

From earthworks and construction to mining and landscaping, BHP says 23 direct contracts are held by 15 Indigenous businesses.

The company is seeking to establish long-term relationships with Indigenous businesses, with contract values ranging from \$300,000. Most contracts are for five-year terms.

Pilbara Logistics WA managing director Geoff Stocker said the growth of contracts awarded to Indigenous businesses in recent years was a positive step.

"Our business has grown steadily with the range of contracts we have secured through BHP Billiton Iron Ore. With roughly 50 per cent of our staff being local Indigenous residents in the Pilbara, it makes a big impact; not just on the local economy, but also on the community," he said.

Chance

"The flexible approach taken by BHP Billiton in awarding contracts gave us the chance to work on larger projects and build our business."

BHP Billiton Iron Ore senior manager – communities and Indigenous affairs Chris Cottier said the company had actively pursued a strategy to increase contracts awarded to Indigenous businesses, backed by ongoing business support over the term of the contract.

"We are committed to reducing disadvantage among Indigenous members of our community. Stimulating growth in Indigenous businesses is a critical piece of the puzzle and just one of the ways we seek to achieve this goal," he said.

"We are extremely encouraged by the success of our Indigenous Contracting program to date and will continue to expand it."

As of June this year, through the development of local businesses plus targeted training, recruitment and workforce support, there were 311 Indigenous staff directly employed in the Pilbara by BHP Billiton Iron Ore, and about 480 indirectly employed (including contractors).

All aboard for holiday fun



Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre school holiday program participants Jasmine Smart, Hope Everett, Olivia Walker, Kyla Williams, Kobi Kay and Joseph Beeton in the cabin of the Don River Railway's 1944 diesel rail car with driver/operations manager Jim Unwin.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



YOUNGSTERS from Burnie have been treated to a taste of heritage – Aboriginal and European – with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's school

holiday program. The program began with a short ride aboard a 1944 Diesel Rail Car at the Don River Railway, just outside Devonport – quite a novelty for any Tasmanian where, unlike other

states, passenger trains ceased operating in 1976.

The Don River railway houses a display of steam and diesel engines and other rolling stock that has played an important part in Tasmania's rail history and a museum of historical railway artefacts and photos.

The ride was followed by lunch at Mersey Bluff, home to several Aboriginal rock carvings.

The group of children saw the ancient symbols left by their ancestors, some

subtle, others more obvious, in rock outcrops at the site in Devonport on Tasmania's north-west coast.

"It's a taste of heritage and just a fun day for the littlies," said centre youth worker Brendan Murray, who organised and supervised the outing with holiday program support worker Dearn Williams.

Ten-pin bowls, mini-golf, a girls pamper day and a boys trip to significant Aboriginal places in the north-east of the state were also scheduled for the Burnie TAC's school holiday program.

Gippsland health 'in good shape'

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL health services in Victoria's Central Gippsland region are 'in good shape' despite the pending sale of properties owned by the now defunct Central Gippsland Aboriginal Health and Housing Co-operative.

Liquidator Ken Whittingham said the sale of the properties would help preserve health and social services for the Aboriginal communities in the area, and retain them under Aboriginal control.

To do that, extra housing properties in Traralgon, Morwell, Moe and Churchill are to be sold to pay off creditors, while core health services are now under the

control of the Ramahyuck District Corporation.

Mr Whittingham said the funds generated from the sales would be sufficient to meet the entitlements of co-operative employees who lost their jobs as a result of the liquidation, which began five years ago.

"Unsecured creditors, such as suppliers to the co-operative, will also receive 100 cents in the dollar," he said.

Mr Whittingham said the current operators of the housing properties, Community Housing Ltd and the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, had both agreed to the sale strategy.

Mr Whittingham said the Victorian Government and its

agencies, which were also creditors, had agreed to subordinate their claims on condition that another Aboriginal entity, Ramahyuck District Corporation, take over the co-operative's responsibilities.

Those responsibilities include the ongoing operation of the administration building, health centre and a childcare centre.

"Ramahyuck stepped in to fill the vacuum left by the demise of CGAHC when the liquidation process began five years ago," Mr Whittingham said.

He said ten properties in Morwell, Traralgon, Churchill and Moe would first be offered to Indigenous, government and statutory bodies for purchase.

"Should no expressions of interest be received, they will

then be sold by a public auction," he said.

"Should the sale of the first ten properties be insufficient to raise necessary funds to meet all the creditor demands and the cost of the administration, other properties surplus to the requirements of the local Indigenous community will be identified for sale. This has been a long and complex insolvency administration."

Ramahyuck District Corporation chief executive Dr Ali Khan told the *Koori Mail* that health services had actually been enhanced as a result of the liquidation process.

"We have added almost a million dollars of extra services and the staff and community are very happy and have no problems (with the sale of the extra properties)," he said.

Drive helps make cafe thrive



WHEN it comes to business smarts, it seems Marcia Galea is no mug. The young Gunditjmara woman has turned a dream of a successful café into a thriving reality – all in just two-and-a-half years.

Together with her fiancé Darren Legg, Ms Galea is the driving force behind Mug Drive Thru Café in the Melbourne suburb of Macleod.

As the name implies, the cafe offers a drive-through service for coffee lovers. Teas, smoothies, juices, snacks and the like are also on the menu.

The seven-days-a-week business is turning over more than 300 cups of coffee alone each day, and now Ms Galea is looking at expansion, including establishing a car wash.

"We've come a long way, and we're aiming to go further," the 25-year-old told the *Koori Mail*.

"Darren and I were looking to start a business and we used to drive past an old nursery site every day.

"We had the idea for a drive-through coffee service, thought the nursery site was ideal, made some calls, and before we knew it, we had Mug Drive Thru Café.

"We haven't looked back. We started with three people and now we've got nine staff.

"There's a real demand for what we provide and I can see us getting bigger and bigger."



Marcia Galea serves another coffee at Mug Drive Thru Cafe. Photo: Steven Rhall

Ms Galea said hard work was the key to success.

"Putting in the time and effort, providing a good service and having good people working with you. That's paid off for us," she said.

Mug Drive Thru Café's Ms Galea will

be speaking at the Yulkuum Jerrang – the third Victorian Indigenous Economic Development Conference. She will be taking part in a workshop titled 'The Next Generation – Economic Trailblazers and Leaders'.

And Ms Galea will also be operating a

coffee stall during the conference.

Yulkuum Jerrang, hosted by the Department of Business and Innovation, Victoria, will be at the Sebel Albert Park in Melbourne from 2-4 November.

Full details are at the website www.yulkuumjerrang.com.au

Martin to retire as gas hub slurs fly



AUSTRALIA'S first Indigenous woman elected to a parliament has announced she will not stand for re-election in March

2013. West Australian Labor MP Carol Martin made the announcement last week amid continued protests against a proposed gas hub at James Price Point near Broome.

Ms Martin told WA Labor and Opposition Leader Eric Ripper that she wanted to spend more time 'being a wife and grandma'.

It was widely reported that Ms Martin was bowing out as a result of racial slurs directed against her and other Indigenous people by opponents of the proposed gas hub at James Price Point, near Broome.

Traditional landowners signed a deal in June with the WA Government and major corporation Woodside to extinguish their right over land at James Price Point to allow the gas hub project to go ahead.

In exchange they will receive \$1.5 billion in community, health education and employment benefits.

And although environmentalists had given assurances they would support the decision of traditional owners, they have since

backtracked and protests have been heating up in recent weeks.

Along with Kimberley Land Council chief executive Nolan Hunter, and former chief Wayne Bergmann, Ms Martin was recently called a 'toxic coconut' in an anonymous pamphlet distributed by anti-gas hub protestors.

Last Friday she rejected that this was the case, although previously she had vowed to pursue legal action against the authors of the pamphlet.

She said that while the slurs were hurtful, her decision to resign from politics had been made prior to the publication of the racist comments.

"I feel that after three terms as the State representative (MP for the Kimberley) it is time for me to move on and re-establish my place with my family and take up my role as a wife, mother and grandmother," she said in a statement.

"I would like to thank my family for their sacrifices over the past 11 years and I appreciate all their

support during that time."

In the pamphlet, Ms Martin was targeted for supporting the rights of the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr people to strike a deal with energy firm Woodside over the planned \$30 billion gas hub.

The anonymously written local newsletter described her and other supporters of the Woodside plan as 'brown on the outside and full of the milk of the white man's money'.

Ms Martin described it as the

sort of behaviour to happen in a place like Australia."

Meanwhile, WA Premier Colin Barnett directed the Attorney-General's Department to investigate whether charges could be laid against the authors of the material under racial vilification laws. Mr Barnett called on protest groups to distance themselves from the newsletters and said those behind the material should own up.

Ms Martin said all protesters should bear responsibility for the material and could not claim ignorance as an excuse.

"People can't go running for the hills now, because it's the very

people who have sent this rubbish around that stand with them on the picket lines," she said.

The MP has also seen footage of Woodside workers being assaulted and threatened, and was disappointed the company had not publicly released the video.

"I blame Woodside for not getting that information out

to the community so they can all see who they are standing next to on that protest line," Ms Martin said.

Mr Hunter said people were being abused and there was a complete lack of respect for the traditional owners who made their own decision and followed the proper native title process.

"Environment groups are playing a part in wedging the community," he said.

"It's taken 200 years and more to exert some self-determination so that Aboriginal people can make decisions about their affairs, and then they turn around and totally disregard and disrespect the ability of traditional owners to make decisions."

Mr Bergmann, the former head of the KLC, has claimed that green groups reneged on a deal to respect the decision of local Aboriginal people if the Browse Basin gas hub was confined to a single site on the Kimberley coast.

Meanwhile, more protests are expected at James Price Point this week.

A group calling itself 10,000 AMEND, has been calling on anti-gas activists from across the country to converge at the site on 10 October. Environmentalists including the Hands Off Country group are supporting them.

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'It's taken 200 years and more to exert some self-determination so that Aboriginal people can make decisions about their affairs, and then they turn around and totally disregard and disrespect the ability of traditional owners to make decisions'

– KLC chief executive Nolan Hunter

worst public slur she'd ever encountered in her years of politics.

"I will see them in court, because as far as I'm concerned I have never and will never step away from a racial taunt," she had said.

"I don't care who I have to take on. I will do it, and the reason I do it is because we cannot allow this

WA Govt to close Oombulgurri



THE West Australian Government says it will formally close the far northern Aboriginal community of Oombulgurri following a process that started with a report released by State

Coroner Alastair Hope in 2008.

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier said the coroner investigated five

deaths in the community, four of which were suicides, and found the community to be in a 'state of crisis'.

Mr Collier said the closure was necessary to ensure community safety and financial propriety.

"The Department of Indigenous Affairs has spent the past two years undertaking the work recommended by the coroner," he said.

"Despite extensive efforts to address the issues that have plagued Oombulgurri, there remains considerable risk of further decline in community dysfunction without immediate Government action.

"As a responsible Government, we also need to consider the financial implications of keeping this dysfunctional community operational – this is simply not feasible."

The Minister said that while the majority

of residents had already left the community, the departments of Indigenous Affairs and Housing would continue to find accommodation for those residents who remained or had not yet been allocated housing.

"This year, the population at Oombulgurri has consistently been less than 30 people. During August, there were often 10 people or less living in the community," he said.

Family is jubilant after court victory

By DARREN COYNE



POLICE made their first mistake when they turned up at a cultural night in Kyogle, northern

NSW, in November 2009 and arrested Joel Williams for shoplifting.

Their second mistake was charging his mother Gloria May Williams and brother Robert Lee Anthony Williams with hindering police after they intervened during the arrest.

Mrs Williams and her son Robert were both later found guilty in the NSW Local Court of the hindering charges.

But they decided to challenge the findings, and with the help of the Aboriginal Legal Service they won.

The charges were set aside when the Supreme Court last week found that the original arrest of Joel Williams was unlawful, and therefore the subsequent charges against Gloria and Robert Williams were invalid.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail* last week, the Williams were adamant that although that battle had been won, the fight was not over.

"The biggest mistake they made was coming in while ceremony was taking place," Mrs Williams said.

"They raped our rights, they embarrassed and shamed us. They did wrong to us but where's our remedy?"

Weapons

"They're the ones with the weapons but they say we're the ones hindering and intimidating them."

The Williams' solicitor, Jeremy Styles, described the win as not only important for his clients, but for the wider community.

"The case is important because it makes absolutely clear when police can use the power of arrest to bring just proceedings," Mr Styles told the *Koori Mail*.

"Hopefully in the end the police will improve the way they bring people before the courts.

"The outcome of (the) proceedings has determined that where a person is known and likely to turn up to court, the police should not arrest, they should instead issue a court attendance notice.

"In some cases, police will not



Standing strong for cultural rights ... Gloria Williams, Robert Williams, Robert Williams senior, Ronald Close and Kevin Boota in Kyogle after the victory in the NSW Supreme Court.

be able to arrest a person on the spot. Police will instead have to give a court attendance notice."

Mr Styles said he was aware of at least six matters 'being run on the back' of the judgment.

"There are a lot of factors giving rise to the high incarceration rate (of Aboriginal people) and this is one part in the process – if you reduce the number of people being arrested you reduce the number of people going to the police station, which may have the effect of reducing the number of people being bail-refused by police

which starts the whole cycle," he said.

"The vast bulk of our matters in the criminal justice system being charged by police are fairly minor matters and many are matters that can be brought to court without actually putting someone under arrest.

Problems

"To be fair, police are pretty good at (things like) traffic matters, where they issue notices and get back out to do what they have to do, but problems do arise with

other matters involving general duties police and things like larceny or minor assault-type offences.

"For your general, garden-variety, low-range offending we think court attendance notices should be used more and we hope this judgment makes that clear."

The proud Githbul Ngarakbul people urged other Aboriginal people around the country to take their win as inspiration to fight for their right to practice their culture without interference.

They also urged others to think

seriously before supporting changes which would recognise Indigenous people in the Australian Constitution.

"It's time for this country to wake up and recognise that we have our own laws which go back to the beginning of time," Mrs Williams said.

"Show us the deeds which say we have handed our country over.

"Our laws were here long before that first ship arrived.

"If we become part of their Constitution then we are bound by their laws."

New rivers talks start



COMMUNITY consultation has opened on the latest rivers proposed for protection under the Queensland Government's controversial Wild Rivers laws.

Premier Anna Bligh said Lake Eyre Basin communities would have the chance to discuss the Wild Rivers declaration proposal for the Georgina and Diamantina river basins at forums running until the end of October.

The Government recently released a

proposal to declare the inland systems – which flow through vast tracts of western Queensland – as Wild Rivers.

The forums will give residents and workers the opportunity to speak directly with Government staff.

The Government argues the Wild Rivers laws will recognise both traditional owners of the basins, and also landholders who have worked to build a successful grazing industry there.

But they remain controversial among some groups, which argue they cut off

Indigenous communities from economic opportunities.

Submissions on the proposal are invited until 28 November.

Ms Bligh made the announcement while visiting Burketown, in the Gulf of Carpentaria, where she also outlined new measures to strengthen the job security of the state's 40 Indigenous Wild River rangers, who patrol the areas.

They will now have a choice of becoming Queensland Government employees or continuing to be employed by

host organisations, like land council corporations.

"Individual rangers will now be free to choose a secure position as state government employees or continue to be employed with their host organisation but with more security of positions within the communities," Ms Bligh said.

"These new options are the result of consultation with indigenous leaders and rangers, and they deliver on our Government's commitment to provide the rangers with employment security." – AAP



Sean Choolburra, Jodie Treweek and their wedding party.
Photo by WAYNE QUILLIAM

SEAN Choolburra, arguably Australia's funniest blackfella, is going to have to work on some new lines.

In the past, a fair chunk of the comedian's routine revolved around his trials and tribulations in love, but they're a thing of the past after he wed his sweetheart, Koori Radio's Jodie Treweek on 24 September.

The couple tied the knot at Peppers Resort at Kingscliff on the New South Wales far north coast, in front of about 100 friends and family including the bride and groom's mums, Jodie's grand-dad Ray Welsh Snr and Sean's sisters.

It was the first marriage for both, although they have children from previous relationships. Jodie's daughters Tyra and Wirrindah were flower girls.

The wedding MC was

dancer Dion Drummond and the entertainment list read like a who's who of the Aboriginal music scene including Street Warriors, Impossible Odds, Johnny Huckle, William Barton, Sharnee Fenwick and the Jarran Dancers from Currumbin.

Sean, 42, told the *Koori Mail* he proposed to his

29-year-old bride a year ago at her home town of Goodooga in north-western New South Wales.

The tiny town is close to Lightning Ridge, which is known for opals and an annual 'running of the goats'.

The funny man said he'd actually planned to pop the question while riding a small goat, but couldn't find one so

had to 'act the goat' instead.

"I gammin tripped on a rock and said to Jodie 'can you help me up?' but before she could I whipped out an opal ring and asked her if she'd marry me," the funnyman said.

"I was that nervous I didn't actually hear her answer. It was only in the car a couple of kilometres up the

road towards Moree that I asked her 'What did you say?' and she said 'Yes!'"

On Friday, the new Mr and Mrs Choolburra departed for a whirlwind six-day honeymoon in Arnhem Land taking in Yirrkala, Elcho Island, Ramingining, Maningrida, Mililingimbi and Groote Eylandt.

Know someone getting hitched?

'Hitched' will feature in the *Koori Mail* on an ad hoc basis. We welcome timely, good quality and high resolution/large format photos from weddings of any Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander readers. Photos should be no older than a few weeks. Send submissions to editor@koorimail.com

Life's a beach as Sean and Jodie take the plunge!

Darug heroes remembered



The sombre gathering in front of the rock cairn at the memorial garden in North Richmond, near Sydney.

By MARGARET SMITH



A SMALL gathering in North Richmond, near Sydney, has commemorated the Darug people who died defending their country.

Participants were marking the anniversary of the original Richmond Hill battle, in 1795. It is considered the first recorded battle between Aboriginal people defending their country and the British. The event was organised by the

Projects for Reconciliation, and a memorial garden at the site was funded by a grant from the NSW Council for Reconciliation.

Event organiser Melissa Stubbings said the event included a smoking ceremony and speeches.

"People who visit for the first time are asked to lay a stone on the rock cairn. The garden is a place where they can experience healing," she said.

Chris Tobin, who has written a booklet which describes the original event, said: "Australia still does not recognise the

dispossession suffered by Aboriginal people. Our ancestors died here.

"I'm a Darug person, but this memorial is not just for us, it is for the whole country.

"We all need our past acknowledged so we can begin to heal."

Mr Tobin's booklet tells the story of his people, from their early life in clan structures to the intervention of the white people.

He is hopeful that more people are now learning the truth of what happened. He is also an artist and works for the

NSW Parks and Wildlife Service, where he helps co-ordinate programs for rangers to teach people Aboriginal culture and history.

"Introducing Aboriginal culture to school groups can be very rewarding, as they really respond to the way our people lived in this country," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"We need a lot more local history in every country town, to help people understand more."

For more information, contact projectforreconciliation@gmail.com

Retail jobs the goal of new SA program



A PROGRAM which aims to create job opportunities for 250 Aboriginal people over the next three years has been launched in Adelaide. South Australian Minister Tom Kenyon said the program, 'Tita Yangu-dlitya' – which best translates to 'Retail for the Future' – will assist Aboriginal people get job opportunities and a career path in the retail sector.

"This includes providing opportunities as checkout operators and pathways to

becoming butchers, bakers and fishmongers, shop assistants, store workers, customer service operators, night fillers and reserve stock hand operators," he said.

"There'll also be 100 training opportunities provided each year over the next three years for people to improve their skills through Certificate II or Certificate III Retail courses.

"The initiative is part of

the wider Retail Indigenous Employment Program and will contribute towards the SA Strategic Plan target of halving the employment gap between Aboriginal

and non-Aboriginal people by 2018.

"A total of 520 Aboriginal people will need to gain and sustain employment

each year if we are to achieve this target.

"The retail initiative builds on the successful 'Connecting Aboriginal People to Mining' program

where up to 150 Aboriginal job-seekers have the opportunity to undertake training leading to job opportunities in the mining

sector at regional sites across the State.

"The retail program has been developed through a partnership between Service Skills SA and the

Aboriginal Employment Retail Industry Cluster with the State and Federal Governments.

"The Aboriginal Employment Retail Industry Cluster is one of the seven formed by the Aboriginal Employment Network in 2010.

"The network comprises large South Australian employers supporting Commonwealth and State training and employment targets for Aboriginal people. The Clusters act on a commitment to Aboriginal employment from their employer members and sponsor projects aimed at preparing Aboriginal people for employment."

Participating employers include Coles, Woolworths, Drake Supermarkets, The Pharmacy Guild SA, KFC, IGA-D, IKEA, Harris Scarfe, Baker's Delight, Target, K-Mart, Chapleys Foodland and Big W.

'The initiative is part of the wider Retail Indigenous Employment Program and will contribute towards the SA Strategic Plan target of halving the employment gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people by 2018'
– South Australian Minister Tom Kenyon

Ranger base opens



Lama Lama traditional owners checking maps and paperwork for their new ranger base, which was officially opened last week. Inset: Lama Lama Land Trust chairman Gavin Bassani speaking at the ceremony.



YINTJINGGA (Port Stewart) on Cape York has a new ranger base – and the local Lama Lama people couldn't be happier. The base and associated works, including water and power upgrades, were officially opened at a community ceremony last week.

Lama Lama Land Trust chairman Gavin Bassani welcomed the improvements, which resulted from a partnership between the traditional owners, the Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT), Engineers Without Borders, ARUP and the John Holland group.

Expert volunteers including builders and planners also assisted in the work, which started in 2009.

"This achievement is all the more remarkable because it shows how a close collaboration between Government, non-profit and corporate sectors can result in progress for Lama Lama people to manage country through this improved and expanded ranger service," Mr Bassani said.

"We see the future for the Lama Lama people will be one of progress, continued planning and development."

"This means all Lama Lama people have to be involved, get back to country and be proud of ourselves and our Elders who have fought hard for this to be realised."

Funding was provided by the Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM), Department of Training and the Arts (DETA), the Federal Government and John Holland Group.

CAT regional manager Cheryl Prestipino said she was delighted with her organisation's role in ensuring the community received what it wanted.

Doctors set for symposium



'Our Doctors Making a Difference' is the theme of the 2011 Australian Indigenous

Doctors' Association (AIDA) annual symposium in Broome, Western Australia, from 18-23 October.

Organisers say the symposium will feature highlights including an address from Australia's first Aboriginal doctor, Winthrop Professor Helen Milroy, and a presentation of AIDA's painted stethoscopes to recent graduates and fellows by ngangkari (healers) Rupert Peters and Toby Ginger.

"The symposium brings together a large group of our members from across the country. Currently there is a record 153 Indigenous doctors and 218 Indigenous medical students," AIDA president Associate Professor Peter O'Mara said.

'Opportunity'

"It provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors, including general practitioners, physicians, specialists, researchers, academics, teachers, as well as our medical students."

"Our theme this year is of particular importance to Australia's Indigenous health workforce, demonstrating the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors in



AIDA CEO Romlie Mokak with ngangkari (healers) Rupert Peters, left, and Toby Ginger.

the pursuit of improving health outcomes for our people.

"Our amazing line-up of presenters will connect participants to each other through this shared vision by drawing upon their wealth of knowledge, expertise, experience, spirit and wisdom."

Planned workshops and discussions at the symposium will look at the impact Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander doctors are having working in Indigenous community controlled health services; medico-cultural issues; and ways to best support medical students to flourish as future doctors.

Prof O'Mara said the symposium was a chance to recognise the achievements of AIDA members at the same time

as focusing on the challenges ahead.

"The growing number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors is a testament to the perseverance of individuals, families and communities and is a sign of some improvement in our education system," he said.

"But the message we really want to get out there is how

critical it is to sow the seeds early in our education system, to make the investments now in order to see the outcomes in ten to 20 years.

"It's important young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders kids see us as a sign of what they can achieve – but they need a system that supports their dreams and doesn't let them down."

Gulpilil jailed for assault



ABORIGINAL actor David Gulpilil says he will go into alcohol rehabilitation and rebuild his film career after serving a five-month jail term for breaking his wife's arm in a violent attack.

The actor, who is renowned for his work in films including *Storm Boy*, *Rabbit Proof Fence* and *Australia*, was given a 12-month sentence by magistrate John Lowndes in the Northern Territory Magistrates Court, suspended after five months.

Gulpilil, 58, had pleaded guilty to aggravated assault after throwing a broom at his wife, Miriam Ashley, and fracturing her arm.

He assaulted Ms Ashley because she refused to join him while he was drinking at a Darwin home, the court heard.

His lawyer, Eugene Schofield, said Gulpilil had a drinking problem and had been embarrassed by the publicity surrounding his trial.

Mr Schofield said Ms Ashley, who cried outside court after the sentence, had since reconciled with her husband and regretted reporting the incident to police.

Gulpilil had spent a few weeks in jail in the past because of alcohol-related traffic offences, Mr Schofield said. — AAP

Q&A will broadcast live from Darwin



FOR the first time, ABC1's Q&A current affairs program will focus on the questions of Territorians when Q&A broadcasts live from Darwin on Monday 17 October.

The show's producers are inviting local people to register to be part of the audience for the program, to be screened from the Darwin Entertainment Centre.

With the centenary of the Northern Territory this year, the ABC is asking what are the big issues facing Territorians in 2011?

Is it time for full statehood?

Are laws they make in Canberra really suited to conditions in the Top End or The Centre?

Will the NT lead the way or is the rest of Australia holding it back?

To join the Q&A audience, register online at www.abc.net.au/tv/qanda/

Amnesty is hosting forum on rights



AMNESTY International is today hosting a forum on human rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples in Queensland.

To be held at Parliament House, Brisbane, the free day-long forum will feature a range of high-profile guest speakers on a variety of topics including health, employment, the justice system, child safety and family well-being.

Workshops and panels are also on the program. For more information, go to the website www.hrc.amnesty.org.au

Service review talks on Groote Eylandt



ABORIGINAL people on Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria have held talks with Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Mark Arbib.

The Minister met with residents, service providers and employers on the island to discuss the Government's review of remote employment services. "The feedback I have received has been valuable," he said.

While on Groote Eylandt, Senator Arbib also visited SIHIP housing construction and the Angurugu campus of Groote Eylandt College, including the Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Enterprises (GEBIE) trade workshop.

The Angurugu Community Education Centre received \$5.5 million under the Government's Trade Training Centre program to purchase three transportable workshops.



Ngukurr School students and staff who drove the cattle from Big River Station back home to Ngukurr.

Ngukurr kids riding high



Ngukurr School students driving the cattle.



Former stockman Glen Blitner joined the students for part of the drive.



Ngukurr student Michael Fulton gets ready to join the drive.



A GROUP of ten students from Ngukurr in the Northern Territory, with teachers and other supporters, have completed a five-day cattle drive.

Their trek was from Big River Station, across Roper Bar and the Wilton River, and back home to Ngukurr.

Taking turns on eight horses, and camping out along the way, the students walked the 50 cattle as part of their Rural Operations studies.

School principal Bill Armstrong said the Year 8 to 11 students had been learning to ride after the school bought 15 horses.

"This generated community interest in the cattle industry and the school sought \$30,000 in sponsorship from Western Desert Resources to buy 50 head of cattle from Big River Station," he said.

Mr Armstrong said the Brahman cattle would be used to stock paddocks next to the Ngukurr township which were recently fenced.

The droving supervisor was Toby Gorringer, a Vocational Education Trainer and riding instructor, who is employed by the Ngukurr School Council.

The cattle drive earns students credits towards a Certificate 2 in Rural Operations Studies.

Mustering

They will also complete modules in workplace communication, occupational health and safety procedures, mustering and moving livestock and riding horses and caring for equipment.

Western Desert Resources, the Ngukurr School, Yugul Mangi Aboriginal Corporation (which represents the seven clans of South East Arnhem Land), Roper Gulf Shire and the Roper Bar Store sponsored the event.

The cattle drive ended in Ngukurr, with the students walking the mob past the school, with a community barbecue and presentation of certificates in the evening.

Yugul Mangi Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Bill Blackley said the community was excited about the event and the prospects of developing a cattle industry in Ngukurr.

Western Desert Resources manager Norm Gardner said the company had welcomed the chance to sponsor the cattle drive.

"Aboriginal people have always been great horsemen and the old people are proud to see a new generation learning skills that will give them good jobs and economic development in their own community," he said.

Students kept on their toes



YOUNG Victorian Indigenous school students get some expert instruction as part of a Bangarra Dance Theatre Koorie Kids Day workshop in Melbourne. Almost 500 youngsters from around the State attended a matinee performance of Bangarra's latest work *Belong* and joined in the workshops run by some of Bangarra's top Indigenous dancers. Get the full story in our report on Page 57.

Mapoon cleans up



MAPOON is a much cleaner place following the north Queensland Cape community's first clean-up day.

More than 60 residents including members of Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council, Community Enterprises Australia, Apunipima Cape York Health Council, Qld Health Mapoon Primary Health Care Centre and representatives from the Department of Communities Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Services, joined in.

They collected 150 bags of rubbish from the Mapoon Airstrip, the main town centre and the Cullen Point beach front and camping ground.

Partnership

Funded through a partnership between Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council and the Australian Food and Grocery Council's Packaging Stewardship Forum (PSF), the community clean-up day was one part a wider town beautification and litter reduction project being implemented through the PSF-developed *Clean Up Book*, a self-help guide for communities on how to reduce litter and increase recycling.

As part of the project, the PSF also provided new waste and



Members of Mapoon community and Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council gather around the new 'Do The Right Thing' sign after the successful clean-up day on the far north Queensland community.

recycling bins to the local school, general store, health clinic and council offices carrying new Do The Right Thing, Use The Right Bin signage as part of the council's community education and litter awareness program.

Mapoon Aboriginal Council deputy CEO Natalie Barney said she was excited about the

outcome of the clean-up day and the enthusiasm of the community in their efforts.

"The event was a great way to get the community thinking about how they directly contribute to appearance of the community. We have always been proud of our community and everyone enjoyed seeing the great result," she said.

Other clean-up day sponsors included the Department of Communities Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services for wristbands and water bottles, Apunipima Cape York Health Council for sunscreen and water bottles filled with iced water for all volunteers, Qld Health provided first-aid kits while Rio Tinto Alcan

provided broad-brimmed hats for children.

The PSF says it is now working with other remote and Indigenous communities to implement the *Clean Up Book*, including Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council in Western Australia and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council in Queensland.



Representatives from Port Curtis Coral Coast Traditional Owner Groups, the Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, Bailai and Tarebilang Bunda, receive framed copies of Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreement (TUMRA) accreditation certificates from Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority officials.

Marine deal signed



PORT Curtis Coral Coast traditional owners from central Queensland have signed the largest ever Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreement (TUMRA).

Launched last Saturday in Bundaberg, the agreement covers 26,386 square kilometres.

Under the deal, sustainable hunting practices will take place over the next five years and there will be no traditional hunting of turtle and turtle eggs at Mon Repos Conservation Park.

Port Curtis Coral Coast traditional owner groups, including Gooreng

Gooreng, Gurang, Bailai and Tarebilang Bunda, have committed to taking no dugong, loggerhead and flatback turtles. Green turtle hunting will be limited to a maximum of five a group a year.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority chairman Russell Reichelt said it was an important voluntary agreement between traditional owners and the Federal and Queensland governments.

"This agreement ensures valuable cultural practices continue to exist while supporting the goal of long-term conservation and management of marine resources," he said.

"The TUMRA is also significant due to sheer size, covering a total area that's

almost ten times the size of Canberra and the Australian Capital Territory."

Kerry Blackman, one of the Port Curtis Coral Coast representatives, said the decision to enter into the agreement was not just about self-enforcement but more about protecting a place that was of significance to them.

'Doing our bit'

"As traditional owners, we know that turtles and dugong in our sea country are being badly affected by water quality, seagrass loss, boat strike, poaching and some commercial industries," he said.

"By developing and implementing this agreement we are doing our bit to ensure

the longevity of these species for future generations while continuing to maintain and pass on important cultural knowledge and practices.

"Under this agreement we will use a permit system to limit the number of green turtles we take and people who aren't traditional owners from the region will be banned from hunting.

"Securing this agreement with both the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and Department of Environment and Resource Management provides us with greater opportunities to take a role in coming up with broader management strategies that will positively impact our sea country."

Agreement protects dugongs, turtles

MORE traditional owner groups in north Queensland have agreed to stop hunting dugongs and turtles to let the two species recover from the effects of disastrous floods earlier this year.

Three of the six saltwater traditional owners groups making up the Giringun Aboriginal Corporation – the Wargamay, Gulnay and Bandjin – have agreed to suspend hunting of both species indefinitely.

Another two – the Girramay and

Nywaigi – have agreed to suspend hunting until they and mainstream experts agree that the species have recovered enough to restart hunting.

And the final group, the Djiru, have exercised their rights to continue harvesting as they see fit.

All the clans are entitled to hunt both species under the Native Title Act.

Giringun Aboriginal Corporation executive officer Phil Rist said the saltwater groups had

taken their own decisions.

"We all make our judgments based on our long knowledge and experience and we have received good support from the Queensland Government," he said.

Queensland Environment Minister Vicki Darling said the Giringun decisions come after traditional owners' groups from Bundaberg to Gladstone agreed to self-imposed bans on hunting both species (see above).

"I think this move speaks

volumes about the capacity of local traditional owner groups to make their own informed decisions about cultural practices that have existed for thousands of years," she said.

"I congratulate the clans of Giringun for this decision because it acknowledges that while there are severe limitations in addressing the food supply crisis hitting turtles and dugongs, we can address the impacts humans are having on the population and hunting is one of them." – with AAP



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Mamu owners share culture



MAMU traditional owners made sure they were strong, visible participants in the centenary celebrations of a north Queensland small country town last month.

Southern Atherton Tablelands dairy and timber town Millaa Millaa celebrated 100 years last month and Mamu people were part of the local committee preparing for local residents and more than 500 visitors who took part.

Mamu TOs prepared welcome to country signage, cameos of the lives of some Aboriginal identities from the local area from the turn of the century, and local Aboriginal information about Mamu country, culture and people.

They hosted a 'Sharing Culture at Millaa Millaa Falls' event, with displays, stalls of Aboriginal products, and Aboriginal dancing. The children of local Aboriginal families played classical music in the natural sound bowl.

"Mamu people appreciated townspeople being keen to work with us so that traditional owners were well recognised with the local families quilt, the centenary cake cutting, and publications," said Mamu woman Joann Schmitter.

"On our part we were so pleased to find and welcome back the Moran Aboriginal family whose ancestor, Sandy Millay Millay, is known to be the oldest identified person from the Millaa Millaa Falls area."

Sandy's great granddaughter Roslyn Moran, who organised a busload of family to come, said the family appreciated 'the wonderful chance to come back to our ancestral home'.

"I'd never felt that strong connection to the land from which I'm originally from before, it was only when I stood in front of the home of my great grand nana Lucy, that I was overcome with emotion," Ms Moran said.

"We felt that the sound of the didgeridoo must have woken our old people's sleeping spirits because we couldn't sleep properly that night, too full of emotional joy, same time sad for old people's hardship."

Mamu chairperson Stephen Purcell launched the first ever Aboriginal images of Millaa Millaa Falls, by Mamu



Young dancers during the celebrations.



From left, Stephen Purcell (Mamu Aboriginal Corporation chairperson), Roslyn Moran and Bessie Herbert (great granddaughter and granddaughter of Sandy Millay Millay), and Lola Schmitter (daughter of traditional owner Duginyoh Paddy Brooks and centenary dairy farmer settler Walter Brooks).

Photo courtesy Melissa Connors

Aboriginal artist Melanie Hava.

"This is so significant," said Jo Schmitter.

"The image of the Falls is known nationally, including through the Qantas ad, and it's a huge iconic promotional

picture used by the tourism industry across the region, and nationally, even internationally.

"Mamu contribute these unique Aboriginal images into the local economy for everyone's benefit."

Recognition for 'rights defender'



ABORIGINAL rights campaigner Barbara Shaw has been recognised at an international conference in Ireland.

The outspoken opponent of the Northern Territory Intervention was among more than 120 people from 85 countries recognised as 'Human Rights Defenders' at Front Line's '6th Dublin Platform for Human Rights Defenders'. Front Line is an Ireland-based international foundation for the protection of human rights defenders.

Speaking at the Dublin Platform, Ms Shaw said Australia was in breach of international treaties.

"The Australian Government has an obligation towards the peoples of Australia, but fails in a lot of areas to protect the rights of all peoples," she said.

"I am proud to be an Aboriginal woman living in Australia, but I am ashamed to be an Australian woman living in Australia."

Centre for Gunnedah



GUNNEDAH in north-western NSW is to get a new Aboriginal centre. The centre, backed by the Federal and NSW governments, will have family support services, managed by Relationships Australia NSW, and early childhood education and care services, managed by UnitingCare Children's Services.

Officials say the Gunnedah Aboriginal Child and Family Centre will provide a range of services to improve the health and wellbeing of local Aboriginal children and their families.



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Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

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Back, from left, Sonia Kugena, from Oak Valley, Marita Baker, from Kanpi, and Renita Stanley, from Pukatja (Ernabella). Front, from left, Kathleen Brown, Doris Bryan and Janet May, all from Oak Valley. The women were part of a larger group that travelled for days from remote South Australia to attend Desert Mob 2011.

Desert Mob feature art



Pukatja (Ernabella) mob, from left, Tjunkaya Tapaya, Yurpiya Lione, Tjariya Stanley, Carleen Thompson, Renita Stanley, and Pukatja Arts & Craft chairperson Pepai Carroll.



Mimili mob, from left, Judy and Willy Martin, Tuppy Goodwin and Mike Williams. In front is Tuppy's granddaughter Jasmine Goodwin, 2.



Pictured at the opening of the Desert Mob Symposium are Dorothy Foster and Becky Myers, from the Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Program Unit (CAAAPU) in Alice Springs.



THE vibrancy of Aboriginal art and culture from across Central Australia was showcased and

celebrated in Alice Springs last month as part of Desert Mob 2011. The event at Araluen Arts Centre brought art enthusiasts and collectors together with artist members of Desert – the Association of Central Australian Aboriginal Art and Craft Centres.

Many artists had travelled from remote areas of the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia, some of them for days.

Featured were an exhibition of more than 300 artworks from more than 33 art centres, the Desert Mob Symposium, the Desert Mob Market Place, and a program encompassing dance, stories, music and short films.

Opportunity

Araluen Arts Centre director Tim Rollason said the event provided an opportunity for the public to view and buy artworks from emerging and established artists all in one place, directly from the art centres

"(Desert Mob) is the only exhibition in the country that offers a clear snapshot of contemporary art from Aboriginal-owned art centres in Central Australia, with the opportunity to purchase works," he said.

At the symposium, Desert chairperson Jane Young said many people did not understand the difference between art galleries and community-based art centres but 'art centres give back to the artists'.

Thousands of visitors took in the Desert Mob exhibition, with sales totalling hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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Closing date extended: Applications must be lodged by 4pm on Monday 31 October 2011.



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Rudd opens centre



● Above: Foreign Minister and former prime minister Kevin Rudd with Aunty Anna Dargin at the official opening of the Wiradjuri Study Centre in Condobolin, western New South Wales.

● Right: Mr Rudd with local students Lowanna Coe Williams and Kerrod Griffiths after the opening ceremony.

Photos: Otis Williams



By DARREN COYNE



THE Wiradjuri Study Centre opened in

Condobolin, western New South Wales, last week has been hailed as a new beginning, achieved by self-determination.

Officially opened by Australia's Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd, the centre was constructed by local Wiradjuri people using pressed earth blocks and cypress timbers.

The building circles around a scar tree and features carved red gum doors and Wiradjuri symbols.

Owned and managed by the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation, centre staff will apply culturally appropriate teaching methods to engage the local Aboriginal community and encourage participation in nationally recognised vocational courses.

It will also feature a cultural centre, keeping place, conservation and environment centre, wellness centre, 'yarn up space' and sporting facilities.

Wiradjuri Condobolin

Corporation chief executive Percy Knight said the development, which included training programs for young people, had instilled pride in the local community.

"People began to gather around, to take a look a bit more seriously at what was going on," he said.

"They began to lift their heads a bit, began to see they were part of something grand, something very big in this county."

Rejuvenate

Mr Knight described the building as unique, saying it was owned by the local community and would help rejuvenate local Aboriginal culture.

"The concept, building design, building construction and operation are all based upon an Aboriginal belief system and world view," he said.

Mr Rudd told the gathering at the opening that the centre would offer access to education and employment, improved health, well-being and social inclusion.

"I congratulate the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation on their hard work and dedication to the project which will benefit the Indigenous and

non-Indigenous community alike," he said.

"This building is purpose-built, designed and constructed from the ground up by local Wiradjuri people intent on taking hold of their future."

"It came out of the native title agreement for Lake Cowell. An idea conceived by local people for local needs."

"The Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation provided the bulk of the funding. The Wiradjuri people provided the muscle and the inspiration."

"The economic empowerment that underpins this centre is what we all hope to see spread through Indigenous communities."

The study centre was formed as part of an ancillary deed between the Wiradjuri traditional owners and gold mining company Barrick Ltd in 2003.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin said the Wiradjuri centre was a wonderful addition to Condobolin.

"As a quality venue for workshops and conferences, this place will serve the wider Wiradjuri nation and the local community as a whole," she said.

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Home and Away and NITV.

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The Sunday newspaper.

What are your hobbies?
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If you could have three people around the campfire, who would they be?
My husband Peter, my niece Kristy Kennedy and singer Archie Roach.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?
I'd have more Aboriginal people in Parliament for better representation of our mobs.

Quote



'...You don't have to have been in the 1960s and on the barricades – literally or metaphorically – to be a genuine leader for your people'

– Aboriginal leader Pat Anderson speaking at the AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference in Canberra

● See Page 38

Unquote

Racist abuse is no way to argue

It is disturbing to hear reports of newsletters labeling Aboriginal leaders as 'toxic coconuts' for their support of the proposed gas hub at James Price Point in Western Australia. Not surprisingly, the authors of the racist vitriol are too gutless to sign their names.

Surely a healthy debate, even protests, can take place with a measure of calm and respect shown by each side. The decision to site the gas hub at James Price Point is said to have been made by a majority of traditional owners. While this is disputed in some quarters, resorting to name-calling does little more than devalue any truly-held opposition to the venture.

A more intelligent approach would be to put forward arguments based on facts, rather than picking on the personalities involved. There is no doubt that it is an emotional subject, which has divided the community, but that does not justify lowering the standards of behaviour that we should expect from one another.

The concerns held by environmental groups is understandable. The area is a beautiful and pristine part of Australia. But those same groups also gave an assurance early in the consultation process that they would respect any decision made by traditional owners.

Some would argue that those same groups have reneged on that promise, and have also failed to speak out strongly enough against those that have resorted to intimidation and bullying tactics.



OUR SAY

On a similar note, congratulations should go to the Aboriginal people who took umbrage at Herald and Weekly Times columnist Andrew Bolt's assertions that they chose to be black for career advancement.

Federal Court judge Mordecai Bromberg found that Bolt's article was likely to have 'an intimidatory effect on some fair-skinned Aboriginal people and in particular young Aboriginal persons or others with vulnerability in relation to their identity'.

He also criticised Bolt for writing an article that contained 'errors of fact, distortions of the truth and inflammatory and provocative language'.

And while Mr Bolt has since claimed that the findings were an affront to implied rights of freedom of speech, the argument simply doesn't hold.

The judgment was quite clear that it in no way meant that issues of heritage could not be, and should not be, debated in an open and forthright manner. Mr Bolt did not do this. Instead, he mounted his arguments sloppily.

And while he is unlikely to apologise, at least the judgment might make him stop and think before going on the attack again.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Papunya masters see works again

TWO living masters of the Western Desert art movement were last week reunited for the first time with works they painted decades earlier, at the opening of a new exhibition at National Gallery of Victoria's Ian Potter Centre.

Tjukurrtnanu: Origins of Western Desert Art is an exhibition of more than 200 of the first paintings produced at Papunya, a settlement 240kms north-west of Alice Springs, in 1971-72. The works sparked the genesis of the Western Desert art movement, now internationally recognised as one of the most important events in Australian art history.

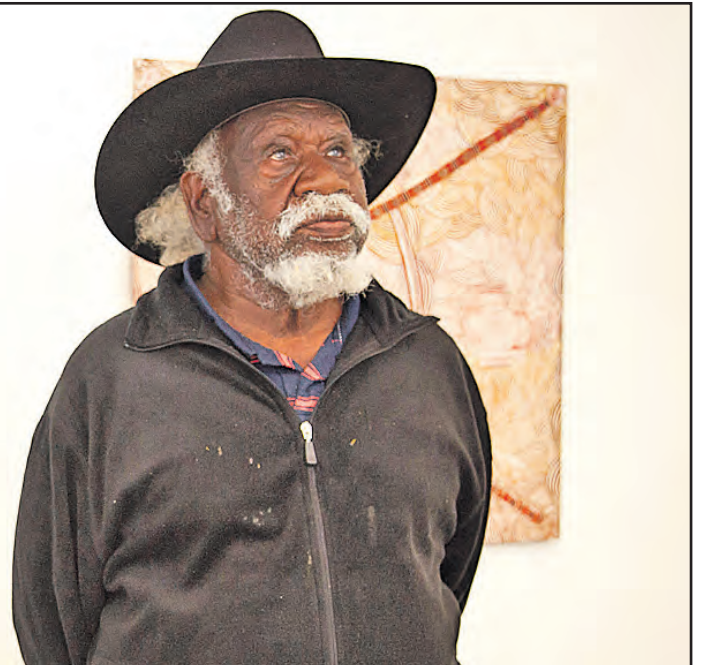
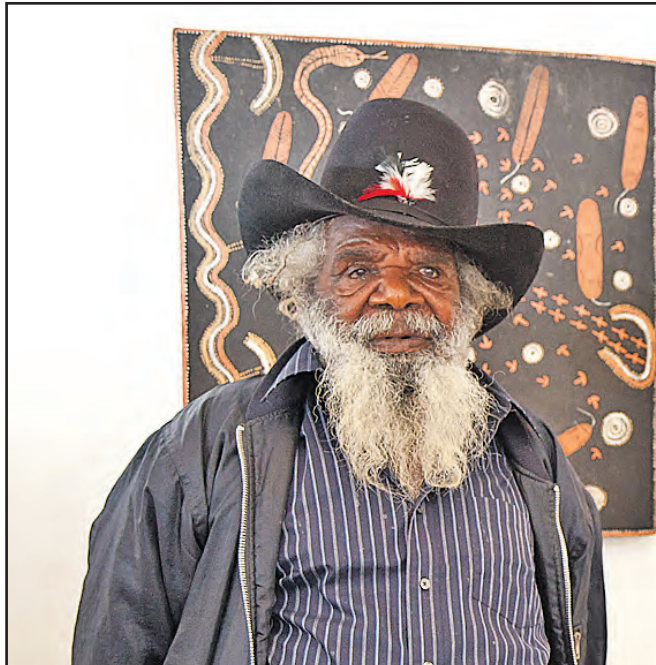
The exhibition is presented to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the NGV and the 40th anniversary of the Papunya Tula movement, which began in 1971 when school teacher Geoffrey Bardon encouraged some of the men to paint a blank school wall. The murals sparked tremendous interest in the community and soon many men started painting. In 1972 the artists established their own company, Papunya Tula Artists Pty Ltd.

Pleased

Founding members Long Jack Phillipus Tjakamarra and Ronnie Tjampitjinpa said they were pleased to see their artwork again, and their visit to the NGV exhibition last week sparked a lot of memories for them.

"Ronnie and I were the first artists and we're still here. It's really good to see these paintings, we haven't seen them for a long time," Tjakamarra said.

Papunya Tula Artists manager Paul Sweeney said nobody could possibly have imagined how far-reaching the social and economic benefits would be to Western Desert Aboriginal artists following the birth of Papunya Tula Artists. The company is entirely owned and directed by traditional Aboriginal people from the Western Desert, mainly of the



● Above: Ronnie Tjampitjinpa (left) and Long Jack Phillipus Tjakamarra at the National Gallery of Victoria last week for the opening of *Tjukurrtnanu*.

● Left: Ronnie at work in 1972. Photo © Allan Scott

● Right: Long Jack pictured in the early 70s. Photo © Allan Scott



Luritja/Pintupi language groups. It has 49 shareholders and now represents around 120 artists.

Sweeney said the works in the NGV exhibition came from an entirely different period, when the audience of the day wasn't ready for them. At that time the Papunya settlement had been established as an administrative centre by the government for the Aboriginal people from the surrounding desert areas.

"(The works) weren't painted

as a commercial product," he said. "They were produced by people who were displaced, and living a long way from their country."

"The works were visual representations of their own being. They painted sites that they belonged to and the stories that are associated with those sites. Essentially they were painting their identity onto their boards, as a visual assertion of who they were and where they were from."

Sweeney said the birth of

Papunya Tula Artists coincided with the birth of the Pintupi Homelands movement. "(The art movement) was fundamental, that was a really big part of it," he said.

Sweeney accompanied Long Jack Phillipus Tjakamarra and Ronnie Tjampitjinpa on a private viewing of the exhibition last week with NGV curator Judith Ryan, and said it was interesting to see the two men run their hands over their paintings 'like they were physically running their hands

over the past'.

"It's indicative of how these guys view their work," he said.

"They are not in awe of their work like we are... (the paintings) are sort of part of them. They felt so at home in their company."

● *Tjukurrtnanu: Origins of Western Desert Art* continues until 12 February at The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia. Open Tues-Sun. 10am-5pm. Admission free. For more info go to www.ngv.vic.gov.au/tjukurrtnanu



Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri piece to go under hammer

A 1972 painting, at left, by one of Australia's most renowned and collected Aboriginal artists, Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri, is being offered for public auction for the first time, and is expected to fetch between \$120,000 and \$180,000. Sotheby's Australia will conduct the auction on Tuesday 18 October in Sydney as part of an offering of 136 lots of Aboriginal and Oceanic Art, with the untitled work by Tjapaltjarri gracing the Sotheby's auction catalogue cover.

The untitled work is closely related to Tjapaltjarri's 1972 work *Emu Corroboree Man* which was discovered and sold by Sotheby's for a record \$412,000 including buyer's premium in 2005.

Sotheby's secured the new painting for auction from an American family who had received it as a gift, and were unaware of its importance.

Tjapaltjarri's work is featured in the *Tjukurrtnanu: Origins Of Western Desert Art* exhibition currently on in Melbourne (see separate story above). He was

chairman of Papunya Tula Artists from 1980 until 1985. Later in the wake of his growing celebrity, he branched out, producing works independently.

In 1988 he had a solo exhibition at the Institute for Contemporary Art in London.

Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri passed away in 2002, on the same day he was to be presented with the Order of Australia medal, and a year later the Art Gallery of South Australia staged the first retrospective of his work.

New directors at Gumala



STEVE MAV has been reappointed as CEO of the Pilbara-based Gumala Aboriginal Corporation. Gumala has also expanded its board from nine to 12 directors, with three Elders taking up the new positions. The board now has four directors representing each of the three language groups it covers. Based in Tom Price, Gumala has about 1200 traditional owners. It was created to negotiate the Yandi Land Use Agreement covering the rich iron-ore deposits on country.

Department of Environment and Resource Management

Marine Parks Act 2004 Nature Conservation Act 1992

Draft Management Plans Barnard Island Group National Park* Frankland Group National Park* Orpheus Island National Park*

Draft management plans have been prepared based on previous public consultation.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, local governments, landholders, interested groups and members of the public are invited to make submissions on the draft management plans.

Areas marked with an asterisk (*) have existing management plans, which are being reviewed and replaced with new plans. Suggestions for these areas can, but do not have to, relate to the existing plans.

All submissions will be considered when preparing the final management plans. Once approved, the final management plans will specify how the protected areas are managed.

Copies of the draft management plans may be inspected or obtained free of charge during normal business hours at Department of Environment and Resource Management business centres across the state. Business centre details and management plans are available at <www.derm.qld.gov.au> or by phoning 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

The closing date for submissions is Monday 7 November 2011.

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A Knockout weekend

TRUE God that was a long weekend! In New South Wales we had a huge Koori football knockout held in Bathurst, but I heard there were a few other footy games held on the weekend too.

Hmm ... I dunno nothing about them ones, bless! I'm sure they weren't as special as the Bathurst one though!

It's been a few years now since I've been to an out-of-town footy knockout. The last one must have been a hundred years ago and I travelled down to some country town on the Blue Rocket (the Eastcoast XPT train).

I landed in town with nothing but my 18+ identification card and about \$50 cash money. I didn't have a place to stay or nothing.



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The only plan I had was to go to the footy, meet up with my lubba at the time and hope that things will be sweet.

I thought I'd run into someone I knew and be sorted.

So I found my way to the

footy fields and luckily found my lubba. After a day of watching the footy games, me and the lubba headed off somewhere to see out the rest of the night.

We ended up at a big field with lots of bands playing and lots of people. It was exciting and it was a blackout – lots of blackfullas as far as they eye could see.

I dunno how it happened, but I hooked up with some other friends and I said I was gonna be back in a minute, and when I came back I couldn't find my lubba, and I looked everywhere.

Hours passed and my friends left me. So much for my good friends! I was getting low on cash and only had churchies (coin money) left, so I headed into town

hoping to run into my lubba. I didn't.

With nowhere to sleep I crashed in the bush on the side of a hill – not that smart especially when it started raining.

At first light I got up more wet than dry, and headed the last few hills into town. Musta been the black tracker in me cos I came across them same footy fields. Deadly!

I was starving so I stumbled into a nearby café with my handful of churchies and paid for one piece of toast with baked beans. The waiter person took pity on me and gave me a cuppa tea for free. Ahh good times.

Never again though!

So what's the moral of this little story? Keep your lubbas close but your churchies closer.

Widders to walk for men's health

By DARREN COYNE



AFTER recently conquering the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea,

vision-impaired Aboriginal man Steve Widders has set himself a new challenge, and he wants you along for the journey.

Mr Widders used the National Aboriginal Men's Health Conference in Perth held recently to announce Walk Widders, a trek from Brisbane to Sydney next year to promote men's health.

"As a middle-aged Aboriginal man, 56, I would like to help motivate and inspire men, their families and carers to take a closer look at their health status and to make a decision to change and become healthier," he said.

His message is that healthy men equal healthy families and that equals healthy communities.

Mr Widders works as an Aboriginal liaison officer in Armidale.

He said Walk Widders is being planned for 10 October to 31 October 2012, and will begin in Brisbane and follow the coast to Sydney.

He announced the walk at the men's health conference to give people 12 months to improve their fitness before taking part in the walk.

He is also hoping to attract sponsorship from the government and corporate sectors, as well as individuals.

"Walk Widders is an invitation for men and their families to realise their



A file photo of Steve Widders completing the Blind Courage trek along the famous Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea.

personal obligations and responsibility to each other, and more importantly to take a definite decision to make a difference and improve their physical, mental, spiritual and environmental health," he said. "While I realise there is much support for men to look after their health, not all men either access or participate in available services for a variety of reasons.

"Walk Widders will aim to raise awareness of men's health and motivate men to be more responsible in relation to their own health and as a result the wellbeing of their families."

Mr Widders is hoping to attract volunteers to assist with the planning, logistics,

fundraising and promotion of the walk.

He said the proposal already had attracted interest from the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, and Dr Tom Calma, the head of the Tackling Indigenous Smoking program.

He said the walk was not only for men. Women and children would also be welcome to join in as 'men's health is everyone's responsibility'.

For further information on the proposed walk, contact Steve Widders on 0411 609 041.



STEVE WIDDERS



See Page 26 for a tribute to the late Dr Peter Sharp – 'Dr Pete' to the many Indigenous clients he helped in Canberra.

Kimberley MP's stance attacked

HOW pathetic for a Member of Parliament to take offence at being called a 'coconut'.

It should be like water off a duck's back.

How weak that an Aboriginal person like Carol Martin in a very high political position can take offence at being labelled a coconut by other black people.

If she does carry through with her

threat to not contest her seat at the next election, then she's certainly not going to be missed.

Carol's done very little for the many hopeful Kimberley peoples who voted her in there in a wave of community glory way back when.

She promised the Kimberley blackfullas the world and delivered nothing.

Ms Martin's 10-year stay as a

Kimberley MP is a quickly forgettable one.

It certainly is a distasteful situation when an Aboriginal MP makes history by being voted in by a majority of her own people, subsequently providing her with a political career along with its wealth and endless private benefits to herself, then, 10 years later, she supports a gas hub in their traditional country, they protest, so she sues them

and then threatens not to stand for re-election.

If somebody can work that one out, please get back to me.

Betcha any money she will contest the next election.

You don't let easy money go that easily.

PHILL MONCRIEFF
Langford, WA

Time to grow up, move on

AS an Aboriginal person, it gave me hope that we had two Aboriginal members in our West Australian Parliament.

Yet I sit here and I feel let down by a system that fails to stand up for our people each and every day, and here we have (Kimberley Labor MP) Carol Martin 'crying round' over being called a coconut, although not in that word.

All I can say is being called a coconut is not about your level of success in your professional life, but it is about your level of success in using your experiences and qualifications on behalf of your people and our struggle.

And I cannot see any way in her terms of being in politics Carol Martin using her position to stand up and being a strong voice for our people.

'Grow up Carol (Martin – pictured right), and deal with the flak that comes with your line of work. If you actually spoke up for your people maybe you would get the respect that comes with it.'

– Letter-writer Marianne MackKay



We are a minority as it is, and when Aboriginal people get into positions of influence, we as a people look to them for assurance and with the hope that maybe now things will start

to look up for us as a people in moving forward.

But I have not seen this from ANY of our Aboriginal parliamentarians, state or federal, and as an Aboriginal

person I would love to see a fellow Aboriginal person who actually had the guts to stand up for us in Parliament as a Member and truly speak out against those

who wish to continue the oppression.

But for now all I can do is sit and hope and pray to the spirits that one day this will happen, and our Aboriginal issues such as fighting against the Kimberley Gas Hub, which I want to remind people is being opposed by the majority of Broome residents, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, are more important than any name calling thrown at a politician.

Grow up Carol, and deal with the flak that comes with your line of work. If you actually spoke up for your people maybe you would get the respect that comes with it.

Until then, close the box of tissues and move on.

MARIANNE MACKKAY
Bertram, WA

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– EDITOR

Housing concern

I WRITE in regard to Trevor Walker's letter 'Concern over NSW Housing Office' (7 September).

As a former employee of the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office, I must say that the AHO may as well be a white organisation.

The values of respect and cultural integrity have long left the place and these days operations are governed by the right drinks partner, the right family and so on.

We're not supposed to say that,

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Towards a just system

MY comrades in the Freedom Socialist Party have just released their latest newsletter, and with the other good articles they have focused on the new buzz-word and practice known as justice re-investment (JR), which is being trumpeted by many as a social panacea.

Personally, with my limited knowledge on the subject, I have little faith that it will truly be of assistance in keeping our people, and especially our youth, out of the white custodial systems. I have basic problems with the premise of the original concept of JR.

We are told that money is to be taken out of current custodial programs and then this 'saved' money is then spent on programs in the communities to stop recidivism and also to stop people going to jail or to a juvenile justice system. The aim is indeed admirable, but I find it very difficult to be able to accept that it is going to work.

There are at least three reasons why I can see no success in this project.

Firstly, there is in the United States, the initiator of the original scheme, the practice of cutting funding in one custodial area – for example \$5 million, but only re-investing perhaps \$2-\$3 million of it

in the JR schemes.

At a NSW Parliament forum I asked if all the 'saved' dollars would be spent on the JR initiatives, but I did not receive a satisfactory reply. We must remember that the new NSW O'Farrell Government is wanting to slash and burn jobs, welfare and other social programs to overcome the profligacy of the previous Labor governments.

Would Barry knock back a few million dollars here and there if he had the opportunity to grab them?

I very much doubt it. Secondly, the custodial systems of Australia are all somewhat strapped for dollars, and over the years have been cutting back on programs. So I do not see any fat in the system.

Here in NSW, the push is on for privatising the system and cutting jail and social worker positions in a vain attempt to lower costs. I am also informed that the Department of Juvenile Justice is looking around for a centre to shut down. We are indeed in mean fiscal times.

I do not believe that they can take dollars out of the very lean system to try to work it into other areas. The money is just not there, so therefore, they can only be cutting or skimming from other areas that are in a desperate need

to maintain the pittance that they have.

Further cuts will only lead to less rehabilitation work, such as it is, being done in the jails and juvenile justice centres.

The only possible way I can see this project working is for NSW Corrective Services Commissioner Ron Woodham and the NSW Minister, Greg Smith, to leave their already underfunded system alone and to scrap the next \$70 million jail and share the dollars into the old and new systems.

Bite the bullet

If they are that certain that JR will work, and certainly NSW Attorney-General Greg Smith is enthusiastic from what I have seen and read, then they should bite the bullet and accept the need to not build any more jails or juvenile justice centres but take the allocated funds and spend them wisely in the JR area. It may even work and be dollars well spent for a change.

Thirdly, and perhaps more important than the previous two reasons, is, as I argued at that parliamentary forum mentioned previously, the herd of elephants in the room.

The great stumbling block for

any hint of a success are our own police forces. As I stated at the forum, the governments, religious bodies, non-government organisations and so on could come up with any number of good schemes and intentions, but if they are going to continue to allow the elephants to run untrammelled and without any regard to the JR programs, or any others, then they are wasting their time.

Australian governments have invested perhaps hundreds of million dollars and, at least since 1985, matters have only deteriorated year to year. Our current incarceration numbers well prove it.

We all know the special relationship between the police and the governments. This relationship is best shown by looking at the industrial relations area. When State and Territory governments wield the axe on the public service for sackings, to lower wage costs, workers compensation changes for the worst – whatever the changes – the police unions and their members are always exempted. Wink, nod, scratch scratch – it just happens.

It is the police who are in the front line of the custodial system and they work to their own rules and they will not accept any interference

from what they consider to be 'outsiders'. Even the royal commissioners were insultingly ignored and have been since 1991. The police are truly a law unto themselves.

The respective governments continue to protect their police ... we know that, but we need to change that scenario. And I, and others, absolutely believe we can.

No government trial, pilot scheme or merely a wish-list will ever succeed, because the police will not allow it to happen if it even remotely threatens their power bases. They will continue on the social sweeps, arresting our youth, and others of course, until the numbers spiral out of control.

And our politicians spend like drunken sailors coming up with 'answers' that will lead nowhere.

The police is where we must begin. Our premiers/chief ministers need to inform the police that they must work to the expectations of our society.

I am of the opinion that the police must be brought under the control of governments and the wishes of society at large.

RAY JACKSON
President, Indigenous Social Justice Association

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

Notice Issued Pursuant to section 85(1) of the *Constitution Act 1934*

Pursuant to section 82(1) of the *Constitution Act 1934* ("the Constitution") the South Australian Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission is about to commence proceedings for the purpose of an electoral redistribution of South Australia into House of Assembly (State) electoral districts.

A redistribution of the Federal electoral boundaries is also taking place this year. **The Federal redistribution is a separate exercise from the State redistribution, governed by different legislation and timeframes, and they are not related.**

What is the basis of the redistribution?

Whenever an electoral redistribution is made, the number of electors in each electoral district must not vary from the electoral quota by more than 10 per cent. The electoral quota is obtained by dividing the total number of electors for the House of Assembly as at a specified date, being a date not earlier than six months before the date of the Commission's order, by the number of electoral districts.

What is the task of the Commission?

In making an electoral redistribution, the Commission is required to:

- ensure, as far as practicable, that the electoral redistribution is fair to prospective candidates and groups of candidates so that, if candidates of a particular group attract more than 50 per cent of the popular vote (determined by aggregating votes cast throughout the State and allocating preferences to the necessary extent), they will be elected in sufficient numbers to enable a government to be formed;
- have regard, as far as practicable, to:
 - a) the desirability of making the electoral redistribution so as to reflect communities of interest of an economic, social, regional or other kind;
 - b) the population of each proposed electoral district;
 - c) the topography of areas within which new electoral boundaries will be drawn;
 - d) the feasibility of communication between electors affected by the redistribution and their parliamentary representative in the House of Assembly;
 - e) the nature of substantial demographic changes that the Commission considers likely to take place in proposed electoral districts between the conclusion of its present proceedings and the date of expiry of the present term of the House of Assembly.

The Commission is also authorised to have regard to any other matter it thinks relevant.

Can you make a submission?

The Commission invites representations from any person in relation to the proposed electoral redistribution.

Any persons wanting to make representations to the Commission regarding the proposed electoral redistribution may do so in writing, either personally or by post, to the Secretary of the Commission, by 5.00pm on Tuesday 31 January 2012.

When and where will the hearings take place?

The Commission will conduct a preliminary hearing as to demographic data which will commence at 10.00am on Monday, 14 November 2011 in the Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 3 Angas Street, Adelaide.

Please refer to our website ecsa.sa.gov.au for more information on the demographic data and details of the Commission.

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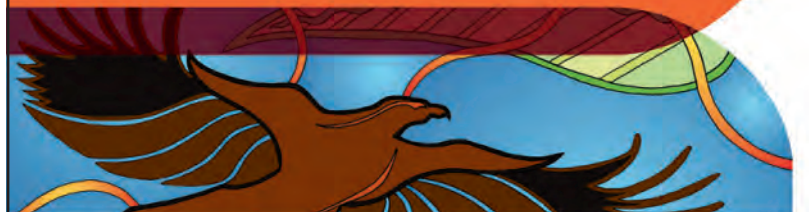
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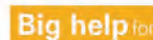
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Being true to ourself

A NATION, like a person, should be true to itself if it is to earn the respect of not being false in any way, at home or abroad.

For Australians, this means frankly acknowledging the harmful discriminatory treatment of the Indigenous people since our formation as a nation on to the present day.

Such discriminatory measures have been embodied in our laws and Constitution. Most noteworthy was the falsehood of terra nullius and the White Australia policy.

While the High Court has upheld native title when acknowledging Indigenous land rights (with limitations), remnants of racist thinking and practices still find expression in Section 51(xxi) and Section 25 of the Constitution.

These sections permit the discrimination of groups of citizens due solely to their racial characteristics. Such constitutional divisive options which enable governments to violate national fairness and harmony and pass laws affecting Indigenous people, (or, indeed, people of other races) have no place in our modern-day multicultural society, and so should be erased.

In addition, the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*, which prohibits racial discrimination, should be included in the Constitution to ensure that it cannot be repealed or amended by a parliament influenced by populism at a given time.

At a time when nationwide efforts are being made to overcome the long-term marginalisation and disadvantage suffered by Indigenous people, constitutional amendments that give due recognition to the unique place held by our nation's First Peoples, who were custodians of this vast country for over 50,000 years, are needed.

Such amendments will send a clear message to the nation that every Australian citizen is safeguarded by a constitution that will enable them to pursue happiness in a society that is fair and just.

KEITH McEWAN
Castlemaine, Victoria

Concern over NSW housing

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though, because we are supposed to all be blackfullas and support each other right? Enough!

While there are blackfullas in there who are genuine, they are overshadowed and silenced by those who wouldn't know how to help a blackfulla if they tripped over him.

In fact, they'd step over him and leave him lying there on their way to the next Myer sale.

Or they'd scoff at him while they drive home to their government provided housing even though they have an \$80,000 annual wage.

Too many parents seem to think that Aboriginal knowledge is a matter of osmosis rather than the experiential learnings from our Elders. The AHO is proof that the learnings have not occurred.

Many have left the AHO – and along with them went the corporate and cultural knowledge necessary for a living, breathing and purposeful Aboriginal organisation.

Unfortunately, most who have left couldn't be dragged back if you tried. Probably because they have no interest in an incompetent grouping that has little to offer outside the mainstream.

Unless massive change occurs, the AHO should be shut down and buried.

NAME SUPPLIED
by email

Feeling let down

RECENTLY I had an experience at a fast food restaurant in George Street, Sydney, that left me shocked and upset.

As I was standing waiting to place my order a mob of my own people started to berate me about wearing an Aboriginal designed bangle when I was 'not Aboriginal' and indicating that I was ripping them off by wearing it.

The young girl abused me and told me to 'wake up, b@*ch' and then said to her friends 'Well does she look

Aboriginal like us? I don't think so'.

The table of people then began to get more rowdy, accusing the people in the restaurant of putting Aboriginal people down.

I would have liked to have sat down with the people at the table, but I felt so intimidated and thought it might stir more trouble.

I would like to say that I am a proud Wadi Wadi woman and I was disgusted by the behaviour of the people in the restaurant.

In light of Andrew Bolt's comments recently, I am appalled that my own people would discriminate against others in such a way.

How can we ever expect non-Aboriginal people to stop discriminating against us when we show a lack of insight ourselves?

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Submissions close at 4.00pm on Monday
14 November 2011.



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PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Inquiry into the establishment and effectiveness of Registered Aboriginal Parties

SUBMISSIONS INVITED

The Committee is conducting an inquiry on the establishment and effectiveness of Registered Aboriginal Parties and the Committee is asked to consider:

- Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council policies in relation to the appointment of Registered Aboriginal Parties including the factors that should be taken into account by the council in making a decision such as:
 - the degree to which traditional ownership is contested in the area the subject of an application;
 - the impact that decisions may have on the community;
 - the capacity of the applicant to fulfil legislative responsibilities if appointed;
 - the process used to determine and identify the successful Registered Aboriginal Party;
- the support available to the Council in making decisions about the appointment of Registered Aboriginal Parties including:
 - membership and structure of the Council;
 - council's capacity to inquire into matters relevant to applications, including supporting applicants to provide information needed to fully assess applications; and
- the effectiveness of the established Registered Aboriginal Parties.

The Committee invites written submissions from interested persons and organisations addressing the terms of reference. All submissions are treated as public documents unless confidentiality is requested and granted.

Please send submissions to:

Executive Officer
Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002 or enrc@parliament.vic.gov.au

Closing date for submissions is 30 November 2011

The Committee will report to the Parliament of Victoria by 28 September 2012. Further information regarding the reference may be obtained from the Committee Secretariat on (03) 8682 2803.

DAVID KOCH, MLC
Chair

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Tribute

'Dr Pete' a great man



The cover of the order of service for the late Dr Peter Sharp, and Winnunga Nimmitjyah Aboriginal Health Service CEO Julie Tongs speaking at the memorial service. Photos: JOHN-PAUL JANKE



'DR PETE' is a legend in our community and he will always be one of us'.

These were the words of Canberra-based Winnunga Nimmitjyah Aboriginal Health Service CEO Julie Tongs who was speaking following the death from cancer at 52 of the service's Dr Peter Sharp on 18 September.

Known by the Winnunga's 4000 active clients in the ACT and nearby NSW communities, as well as Winnunga's 60 clinical and administrative staff, simply as Dr Pete, he had been confined to a wheelchair in the past few months, but was determined to continue working in a limited capacity almost to the end.

Dr Pete had been the backbone of Canberra's only dedicated Aboriginal health service for more than 22 years.

His long commitment to Winnunga started with a temporary role in 1989.

Ms Tongs said Dr Pete's partner, Carolyn Patterson, who was volunteering as a nurse at the clinic, encouraged the young doctor to stay on. Carolyn is now senior midwife at Winnunga.

"Dr Pete was a quiet man, even shy, but with an enormous social justice conscious. He and other staff were here for the work, certainly not for the money," Ms Tongs said.

"He was isolated from his own profession except for Dr Rosie Yuille and had few resources to work with, not even a computer. He was being paid a pittance because we had such a meagre operating budget. He was consulting with patients in a tiny room with no air-conditioning, clients separated by just a window and paper-thin walls with little, if any, privacy.

"Instead of being able to take time off, maybe go golfing one afternoon a week, Dr Pete would be doing home visits in his spare time, providing palliative care in people's homes so that they wouldn't have to enter a hospice. Even on public holidays, Dr Pete

would come into the clinic, just in case someone was ill and needed attention.

"In those days, it was a constant struggle to convince politicians that there was even an Aboriginal community in the ACT let alone a vulnerable community which required specific and culturally appropriate health care.

"Coping in the Aboriginal health system can burn people out, and it does. However, Dr Pete demonstrated a remarkable commitment to Aboriginal health. This was his life. Winnunga, the staff and its clients are what drove him and he never complained."

Dr Pete spent 10 years providing health services in Goulburn Jail including 'Supermax' under conditions that Ms Tongs described as harrowing and emotionally draining.

Passionate

"When Cooma Jail was being re-opened, Aboriginal inmates at Goulburn took the initiative to write to NSW Health Corrections asking that Dr Pete and Winnunga continue to provide their health care when they were transferred to Cooma. That shows just how much Dr Pete was regarded by his clients. He was passionate about prisoner health," she said.

Through his own experience during 22 years of service, Dr Pete asserted that Aboriginal people were the most vulnerable and neglected in the health system.

He achieved many awards during his career, especially for his work in training young doctors and general practitioners who may otherwise not have had the opportunity to experience Aboriginal health service delivery. One of those honours was the Limelight Award judged by the deans of Australian and New Zealand medical schools for innovation in training medical students.

Dr Pete was proud of his

many medical awards, but he was also humble about his achievements. "These awards really are for Winnunga, the Aboriginal community, my medical students and the dedicated staff," he said

He was particularly proud of his Member of the Order of Australia, the AM, awarded in 2010 'for service to medicine in the field of Indigenous health, particularly through clinical, teaching and administrative roles with the Winnunga Nimmitjyah Aboriginal Health Service'.

Dr Pete had also been awarded the 2009 Australian Medical Association Excellence in Health Care Award, presented at the AMA National Conference in Melbourne. He was particularly proud of that honour as it came from his colleagues.

He was also humbled to be accepted by the Aboriginal community.

"To have inmates, incarcerated under the most difficult of circumstances in the hardest of jails, at Goulburn, shake your hand, thank you for helping them and call you 'brother' shows tremendous respect, and I returned that respect," he said

Ms Tongs said Dr Pete and Winnunga had made a difference to the health and well-being of the Aboriginal community.

"His dream of extending Winnunga to include three new clinic rooms and a dialysis unit, when it's completed, will be known as the Dr. Peter Sharp Clinical Unit in his honour," she said.

Winnunga Chair Judy Harris said: "Dr Pete was both our doctor and our friend. Without Dr Pete, we wouldn't have Winnunga today. We have visited so many health clinics around the country, but none are as good as Winnunga and that's all down to Dr Pete."

— This is an edited version of a tribute written by Kim MacDonald

Koorie market is back



MELBOURNE'S Koorie Night Market is set to return after its winter hibernation. The organisers are saying

they'll be bigger and better, and with a few changes.

The market is a vibrant array of art and craft, food and fabric, jewellery and herbal balms – even rosary beads made from gumnuts – bolstered by song, dance and storytelling.

The spring-to-autumn season kicks off this week with featured artist Mick Harding, a Yowong-Illam-Baluk clan member of the Taurngurung people, whose woodcraft and prints are accompanied by detailed stories about their cultural meaning.

New market co-ordinator Zoe Upton wants to put the markets solidly on the tourist map.

"I'd like to think that, four years in, people are starting to recognise the name and watch out for us, wherever we pop up," she says.

"We've got a fantastic new board, we've got registered cultural organisation status for donation purposes and we're making new partnerships with local government, cultural events and the corporate sector."

Ms Upton says she wants tourists, as well as locals, to explore the diversity of the market, where they can find story and connection – not just sales but celebration.

The market is more than just about trading, as far as the City of Darebin council is concerned. Darebin, in



Ready for this week's re-start of Melbourne's Koorie Night Market ... Alkira Edwards, left, and Zoe Upton.

Melbourne's inner north, has the city's largest Indigenous population (about 1.3 per cent of residents) and after much consultation set up a pilot program in 2008.

Incredibly, a survey held after those first markets found that while 71 per cent of the thousands who attended said they gained a better understanding of Indigenous

culture from their visit, 64 per cent revealed it was the first time they had made contact with the local Koorie community.

But it was always intended that the market become self-supporting and to create long-term small business opportunities for participants.

This has already happened among the

40 or so regular stallholders, who each pay \$50 to showcase their wares.

After that start at the former Northcote Town Hall on Rucker's Hill, the market has been on the move – across town and up to Mildura, to the Falls Creek Festival and the Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation carnival, and to NAIDOC Week and the Long Walk.

Ms Upton is in talks with a range of possible partners, which promises to make the 2011/12 season the busiest yet.

"It would be good to be able to launch a set calendar, so people know where and when to find us, but it just doesn't work like that yet," she says.

"We approach people and they approach us and negotiations, finding funding, can take a bit of time – but when they get locked in, we are ready to move." The market is careful who it partners with, and consults with Elders, stakeholders and stallholders before it makes a commitment.

Ms Upton is not shy about ambitions to take the market further afield, into 'non-Koorie territory'.

"It will always be the Koorie Night Market," she says.

"But there's no reason why it can't showcase a Yorta Yorta or Noongar community if the elements come together the right way.

"We want everyone to know about us, wherever we are."

● **The first Koorie Night Market for 2011-12 is at the RMIT City Campus on tomorrow, 6 October, from 4-7.30pm. Performers will include Kutcha Edwards, Meriki Hood and hip hop acts.**



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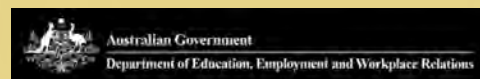
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During the summit, the Straight Talk participants attended a women and leadership session at the AIATSIS 2011 Indigenous Studies Conference. They're pictured here at the conference dinner in the National Gallery of Australia.

Change-makers...



INDIGENOUS women are the 'change makers' who will help close the gap of disadvantage confronting Aboriginal people, a leadership forum has heard.

The third annual Oxfam Straight Talk Summit last month brought 60 Indigenous women from across Australia, from cities, the outback and the Torres Strait, for a week-long leadership program.

The participants shared their stories with female politicians and increased their understanding of how the political system works.

Australia's first Indigenous federal Lower House MP, Ken Wyatt, told the women he hoped to see more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people run for parliament and dreamed of one day seeing an Indigenous prime minister.

"One day I hope one of the faces in this room is sitting somewhere in one of the chambers of parliament," he told summiteers.

The MP paid tribute to his mother and the Indigenous women who had helped him on his journey.

"Never hold back, speak the truth that is your truth, speak what's in your heart with a combination of passion and logic," he said.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin told the women they were 'change makers' in their families, communities and workplaces.

Deputy Opposition Leader Julie Bishop said her favourite part of the program was chatting in her office with a group of participants 'laughing and crying' over shared experiences. "Whatever challenges our



Joyce Dimer (Bunbury, WA), Carla McGrath (Sydney, NSW) and Lillian Gray (Cherbourg, Qld) were among 60 Indigenous women who took part in Oxfam's third annual Straight Talk Summit at Parliament House in Canberra. *Newspix image*

nation faces, empowering women must be critical to the solution," she said.

Australian Greens senator Rachel Siewert told the women to follow the lead of big business and learn to make the political system work for them.

"You need to learn how this place works so you know what buttons to press to get the decisions that you need," she said.

Senator Siewert said politicians and Indigenous women could learn from each other. "There's an awful long way to go ... we're a long way from joining the dots, so we need you here to tell us how to do it," she said.

"It's important to have you here telling your stories to people in this place, (because) many people in this place do

not get out and hear the issues."

Amongst the diverse group were: 63-year-old Cherbourg women's and children's advocate Lillian Gray; Bunbury social worker Joyce Dimer; Carla McGrath, business manager for the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern; Sydney-based Gumbaingirr woman and Aboriginal cultural heritage researcher Kaiya Donovan; Ngarrindjeri-Kurna grandmother Emma Sumner, who works with Aboriginal carers, grandparents, and their families to gain better access to services, information and counselling; Brisbane-based single mum, Qld Council of Social Service project support officer and social justice advocate Katie Lowah Bond; and Yuin-Larrakia woman and Department of Health and Ageing Indigenous Peer Support Lee Jard.

Oxfam Australia advocacy manager Jo Pride said the Straight Talk participants were an inspiring group of women working across a range of issues, using different ways to change their communities for the better.

"One thing they have in common is a commitment to bring about change," she said. "Many of the women coming along are already running successful initiatives, from supporting young people, to working to change the way education is delivered in communities.

"There are women who are focused on housing and employment or working as health practitioners, counsellors, or cultural coordinators. Straight Talk is also an opportunity to share their successes and challenges with each other." – *With AAP*

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SA service celebrates



THE Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia has celebrated its first decade as an Aboriginal community controlled organisation.

At the 10-year celebration, council chairperson Yvonne Buza spoke about what independence had meant for the organisation.

"Our people can now be encouraged that our state body can advocate for better health outcomes as well as find stronger positions to highlight our different health needs and demand the same level of health prosperity in our communities as all other South Australians," she said.

Council chief executive officer Mary Buckskin said: "We are celebrating our 10 years of independence and also to recognise that AHCSA has been in existence since 1981 when it was established under the South Australian Health Commission as the Aboriginal Health Organisation."

Ms Buckskin paid tribute to people involved from the early days, including Margaret Hampton, Cyril Coaby, Elliot McAdam, Tim Agius, Bronwyn Love, Joan O'Loughlin, Marcia Sansbury, Doreen Lawrie, Barbara Wingard, Peter May, Peter Miller, Gwen Miller, Maureen Williams and Sister Vicki McCormack.

The organisation has played a significant role in the establishment of Aboriginal community controlled health services around South Australia.

Nunkuwarrin Yunti, Kalparrin, the Aboriginal Sobriety Group and the Davenport Medical Service were the only independent health services when the Aboriginal Health Organisation was first established.



At the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia celebration, from left, chief executive officer Mary Buckskin, chairperson Yvonne Buza, Yvonne Helps and Allan Sumner.

Since then, eight new Aboriginal health services have been established: Pika Wiya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation, Nganampa Health Council (APY Lands), Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service Aboriginal Corporation, Tullawon Health Service (Yalata), Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service, Umoona Tjutagku (Coober Pedy), Nunyara

Wellbeing Centre (Whyalla), Pangula Mannamurna (Mt Gambier) and Oak Valley Aboriginal Health Service. This year, two of these services, Pika Wiya and Ceduna Koonibba, also transitioned to Aboriginal community control.

The Aboriginal Health Council of SA is now working on the establishment of a new service in the Murray Bridge region.

Ms Buckskin thanked board members over the last 30 years and also current council members including Yvonne Buza, Les Kropinyeri, Kathy Chisholm, Charles Jackson, Wayne Oldfield, Polly Sumner-Dodd, Laurie Rankine, Fabian Peel, Lucy Evans, John Singer, Wilhelmine Lieberwirth, Gwen Owen, Vicki Holmes, and John Mungee.

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- 4.00 Intune 09 PG (Music & Radio)
- 5.00 Yeyekerte G (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Letter Box G (Kids & Family)
- 6.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 7.30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentaries)
- 8.00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids & Family)
- 8.30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids & Family)
- 9.00 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids & Family)
- 9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 10.00 The Dreaming PG (Kids & Family)
- 10.30 Intune 09 PG (Music & Radio)
- 11.30 Chocolate Martini PG (Music & Radio)
- 12.30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 1.00 Apekathe G (News & Documentaries)
- 1.30 Buffalo Legends PG (News & Documentaries)
- 2.30 Bizou Series 1 G (Kids & Family)
- 3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 3.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 4.00 Waabiny Time 2 G (Kids & Family)
- 4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 5.00 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
- 5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Culture Warriors MA (News & Documentaries)
- 6.30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 7.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 7.30 The Dreaming PG (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Kulka PG (Documentaries)
- 9.00 Black Pearls PG (News & Documentaries)
- 10.00 Beyond The Dreamtime G (News & Documentaries)
- 11.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 11.30 Straight Shootin' PG (Entertainment)

THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER

- 12.00 Roots Music G (Music & Radio)
- 1.00 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 4.00 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 5.00 Yeyekerte G (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Letter Box G (Kids & Family)
- 6.30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids & Family)
- 7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 7.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 8.30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids & Family)
- 9.00 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 10.00 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 10.30 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 11.30 Chocolate Martini PG (Music & Radio)
- 12.30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 1.00 Kulka PG (Documentaries)
- 2.00 No Wabu No Wuju No Gunduy PG (News & Documentaries)
- 2.30 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 3.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 4.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 5.00 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
- 5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Culture Warriors G (News & Documentaries)
- 6.30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 7.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 7.30 Crossing The Line PG (News & Documentaries)
- 8.30 Footy: The La Perouse Way M (Documentaries)
- 9.00 Ella 7'S 2009 G (News & Documentaries)
- 9.30 Living In Two Worlds PG (News & Documentaries)
- 10.00 Marnbrook AFL Footy Show PG (Sport)
- 11.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER

- 12.00 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 1.00 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Music & Radio)
- 2.30 Yalukit Wilam Ngargee M (Entertainment)
- 3.30 Red Rock Earth G (Music & Radio)
- 4.00 Red Rock Earth G (Music & Radio)
- 4.30 Marnbrook AFL Footy Show PG (Sport)
- 6.00 Letter Box G (Kids & Family)
- 6.30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids & Family)
- 7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 7.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 8.30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids & Family)
- 9.00 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 10.00 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 10.30 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 12.00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 12.30 Marnbrook AFL Footy Show PG (Sport)
- 2.00 Wadu Matyidi Behind The Scenes G (News & Documentaries)
- 2.30 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 3.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 4.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 5.00 Grounded PG (Kids & Family)
- 5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Culture Warriors PG (News & Documentaries)
- 6.30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 7.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 7.30 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Life Of The Town G (News & Documentaries)
- 8.30 Life Of The Town PG (News & Documentaries)
- 9.00 Urban Clan G (News & Documentaries)
- 10.00 Yarning Up: Behind The Scenes G (News & Documentaries)
- 10.30 Dreamtime To Dance PG (Documentaries)
- 11.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 11.30 Straight Shootin' PG (Entertainment)

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER

- 12.00 Volumz G (Music & Radio)
- 4.00 The Barefoot Rugby League Show NC (Sport)
- 6.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 6.30 Letter Box G (Kids & Family)
- 7.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 7.30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 8.30 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 9.00 Like, Me Like You G (Kids & Family)
- 9.30 More Than Legends PG (News & Documentaries)
- 11.00 On The Up and Up G (News & Documentaries)
- 12.00 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
- 12.30 The Barefoot Rugby League Show NC (Sport)
- 2.30 Up In The Sky PG (News & Documentaries)
- 3.00 Thanks For All The Fish G (News & Documentaries)
- 3.30 4 Wheel Dreaming G (News & Documentaries)
- 4.00 Finding Our Talk G (News & Documentaries)
- 4.30 Finding Our Talk G (News & Documentaries)
- 5.00 Tales of Oceania G (Documentaries)
- 5.30 NITV News in Reivew (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Milli Milli Nganka G (Entertainment)
- 6.30 Here's My Hand PG (News & Documentaries)
- 7.00 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
- 7.30 Nukkan Ya Ruby (Music & Radio)
- 9.00 Not A Willing Participant PG (News & Documentaries)
- 9.30 Five Seasons PG (News & Documentaries)
- 10.30 Beyond The Dreamtime G (News & Documentaries)
- 11.30 In This World MA (Movies)

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER

- 1.00 Living Strong G (Entertainment)
- 1.30 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
- 2.00 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
- 2.30 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 3.30 Songlines In The City PG (Music & Radio)
- 4.00 Songlines In The City G (Music & Radio)
- 4.30 Living Strong G (Entertainment)
- 5.00 Yaarnz PG (Entertainment)
- 6.00 Not A Willing Participant PG (News & Documentaries)
- 6.30 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Music & Radio)
- 8.00 Volumz G (Music & Radio)
- 12.00 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
- 12.30 Island of Origin Kriole Versio NC (Sport)
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- 5.30 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Culture Warriors G (News & Documentaries)
- 6.30 Milli Milli Nganka G (Entertainment)
- 7.00 Deadly's 2011 NC (Entertainment)
- 8.30 We Shall Remain PG (News & Documentaries)
- 10.00 Here's My Hand PG (News & Documentaries)
- 10.30 Crocodile Dreaming M (Drama)
- 11.00 Gulpiit: One Red Blood M (News & Documentaries)

MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER

- 12.00 Roots Music G (Music & Radio)
- 1.00 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 4.00 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 5.00 Yeyekerte G (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Letter Box G (Kids & Family)
- 6.30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids & Family)
- 7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 7.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 8.30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids & Family)
- 9.00 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 10.00 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 10.30 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 11.30 Chocolate Martini PG (Music & Radio)
- 12.30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 1.00 Little Caughnawa G (News & Documentaries)
- 2.00 Apekathe G (News & Documentaries)
- 2.30 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 3.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 4.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 5.00 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
- 5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Culture Warriors G (News & Documentaries)
- 6.30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 7.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 7.30 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Ravens & Eagles G (News & Documentaries)
- 8.30 Global Voice G (News & Documentaries)
- 9.30 Finding Our Talk G (News & Documentaries)
- 10.00 Finding Our Talk G (News & Documentaries)
- 10.30 Taa Moko PG (News & Documentaries)
- 11.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 11.30 Straight Shootin' G (Entertainment)

TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER

- 12.00 Roots Music G (Music & Radio)
- 1.00 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 4.00 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 5.00 Yeyekerte G (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Letter Box G (Kids & Family)
- 6.30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids & Family)
- 7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay PG (Kids & Family)
- 7.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 8.30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids & Family)
- 9.00 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 10.00 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 10.30 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 11.30 Chocolate Martini PG (Music & Radio)
- 12.30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 1.00 Buffalo Legends PG (News & Documentaries)
- 2.00 No Wabu No Wuju No Gunduy PG (News & Documentaries)
- 2.30 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay PG (Kids & Family)
- 3.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 4.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 5.00 Grounded PG (Kids & Family)
- 5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Culture Warriors MA (News & Documentaries)
- 6.30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 7.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 7.30 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Beyond The Dreamtime G (News & Documentaries)
- 9.00 Living Black NC (News & Documentaries)
- 9.30 Emily In Japan G (Documentaries)
- 11.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 11.30 Straight Shootin' PG (Entertainment)

WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER

- 12.00 Roots Music G (Music & Radio)
- 1.00 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 4.00 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 5.00 Yeyekerte G (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Letter Box G (Kids & Family)
- 6.30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids & Family)
- 7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 7.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 8.30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids & Family)
- 9.00 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 10.00 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 10.30 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 11.30 Chocolate Martini PG (Music & Radio)
- 12.30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 1.00 Vote YES for Aborigines G (Documentaries)
- 2.00 Wind M (Entertainment)
- 2.30 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 3.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 4.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 5.00 Grounded PG (Kids & Family)
- 5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Culture Warriors G (News & Documentaries)
- 6.30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 7.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 7.30 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Here's My Hand PG (News & Documentaries)
- 8.30 My Brother Vinnie G (Documentaries)
- 9.00 Emily In Japan G (Documentaries)
- 10.30 Desert Heart G (Documentaries)
- 11.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 11.30 Straight Shootin' G (Entertainment)

THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER

- 12.00 Roots Music G (Music & Radio)
- 1.00 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 2.00 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 3.00 Wadu Matyidi Behind The Scenes G (News & Documentaries)
- 3.30 Red Rock Earth G (Music & Radio)
- 4.00 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 5.00 Red Rock Earth G (Music & Radio)
- 5.30 My Brother Vinnie G (Documentaries)
- 6.00 Letter Box G (Kids & Family)
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- 11.30 Chocolate Martini PG (Music & Radio)
- 12.00 Desert Healing PG (News & Documentaries)
- 12.30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 1.00 My Brother Vinnie G (Documentaries)
- 1.30 A Frontier Conversation G (News & Documentaries)
- 2.30 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
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- 7.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 7.30 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Deadly's 2011 G (Entertainment)
- 9.30 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Music & Radio)
- 11.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 11.30 Straight Shootin' G (Entertainment)

FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER

- 12.00 Roots Music G (Music & Radio)
- 1.00 Yalukit Wilam Ngargee M (Entertainment)
- 2.00 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 2.30 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Music & Radio)
- 4.00 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 5.00 Yeyekerte M (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Letter Box G (Kids & Family)
- 6.30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids & Family)
- 7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 7.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 8.30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids & Family)
- 9.00 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 10.00 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 11.30 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 12.30 Thanks For All The Fish G (News & Doc)
- 1.00 Strong Men, Deadly Groups PG (News & Documentaries)
- 2.00 Here's My Hand PG (News & Documentaries)
- 2.30 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 3.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 4.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 5.00 Grounded PG (Kids & Family)
- 5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Songlines In The City G (Music & Radio)
- 6.30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
- 7.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 7.30 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Life of the Town PG (News & Documentaries)
- 8.30 Yaarnz G (News & Documentaries)
- 9.00 Living In Two Worlds PG (News & Doc)
- 9.30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (News & Documentaries)
- 10.00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (News & Documentaries)
- 10.30 Dreamtime To Dance PG (Documentaries)
- 11.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 11.30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Lifestyle/Documentary)

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

- 12.00 Volumz G (Music & Radio)
- 4.00 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Music & Radio)
- 5.30 Chocolate Martini PG (Music & Radio)
- 6.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay PG (Kids & Family)
- 6.30 Letter Box G (Kids & Family)
- 7.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 7.30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 8.30 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 9.00 Yaarnz G (News & Documentaries)
- 9.30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids & Family)
- 10.00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (News & Documentaries)
- 10.30 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
- 11.00 Milli Milli Nganka G (Entertainment)
- 11.30 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
- 12.00 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
- 12.30 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Music & Radio)
- 2.00 Yaarnz G (Entertainment)
- 2.30 Here's My Hand PG (News & Documentaries)
- 3.30 4 Wheel Dreaming G (News & Documentaries)
- 4.00 Finding Our Talk G (News & Documentaries)
- 4.30 Finding Our Talk G (News & Documentaries)
- 5.00 Tales of Oceania G (Documentaries)
- 5.30 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Emily In Japan G (Documentaries)
- 6.30 The Golden Cord G (News & Documentaries)
- 7.30 Museum of the World G (Museum Of The World)
- 8.30 Storm Boy PG (Movies)
- 10.00 Jumba Jimba G (News & Documentaries)
- 10.30 Yolngu Boy M (Movies)

SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER

- 12.00 Milli Milli Nganka G (Entertainment)
- 12.30 Milli Milli Nganka G (Entertainment)
- 1.00 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
- 1.30 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
- 2.00 Living Strong G (Entertainment)
- 2.30 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 3.30 Songlines In The City G (Music & Radio)
- 4.00 Songlines In The City G (Music & Radio)
- 4.30 Lore Poles G (News & Documentaries)
- 5.00 Yaarnz G (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 6.30 Letterbox Pro G (Entertainment)
- 7.00 Museum of the World G (Documentaries)
- 8.00 Volumz G (Music & Radio)
- 12.00 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
- 12.30 Island of Origin Kriole Versio NC (Sport)
- 1.30 Island of Origin Kriole Versio NC (Sport)
- 2.30 Island of Origin Kriole Versio NC (Sport)
- 3.30 Island of Origin Kriole Versio NC (Sport)
- 4.30 Island of Origin Kriole Versio NC (Sport)
- 5.30 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Culture Warriors G (News & Documentaries)
- 6.30 Milli Milli Nganka G (Entertainment)
- 7.00 Yaarnz G (Entertainment)
- 8.00 Yaarnz PG (Entertainment)
- 8.30 We Shall Remain PG (News & Documentaries)
- 10.00 Yalukit Wilam Ngargee M (Entertainment)
- 11.00 Cracks In The Mask G (News & Documentaries)

MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER

- 12.00 Roots Music G (Music & Radio)
- 1.00 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 4.00 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 5.00 Yeyekerte PG (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Letter Box G (Kids & Family)
- 6.30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids & Family)
- 7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 7.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 8.30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids & Family)
- 9.00 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 10.00 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 10.30 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 11.30 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 12.30 Kulka PG (Documentaries)
- 1.30 Thanks For All The Fish G (News & Documentaries)
- 2.00 Desert Healing PG (News & Documentaries)
- 2.30 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 3.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 4.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 5.00 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
- 5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Songlines In The City G (Music & Radio)
- 6.30 Cookin' at Jacko's G (Entertainment)
- 7.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 7.30 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Ravens & Eagles G (News & Documentaries)
- 8.30 Global Voice G (News & Documentaries)
- 9.30 Finding Our Talk G (News & Documentaries)
- 10.00 Finding Our Talk G (News & Documentaries)
- 10.30 Up In The Sky PG (News & Documentaries)
- 11.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 11.30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Lifestyle/Documentary)

TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER

- 12.00 Roots Music G (Music & Radio)
- 1.00 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 4.00 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 5.00 Yeyekerte PG (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Letter Box G (Kids & Family)
- 6.30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids & Family)
- 7.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 7.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 8.30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids & Family)
- 9.00 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 9.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 10.00 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 10.30 Intune G (Music & Radio)
- 11.30 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
- 12.30 Yaarnz G (Entertainment)
- 1.00 Crossing The Line PG (News & Documentaries)
- 2.00 Wind M (Entertainment)
- 2.30 Bizou G (Kids & Family)
- 3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
- 3.30 Lil Elvis G (Kids & Family)
- 4.00 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
- 4.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
- 5.00 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
- 5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 6.00 Songlines In The City G (Music & Radio)
- 6.30 Cookin' at Jacko's G (Entertainment)
- 7.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 7.30 The Dreaming G (Kids & Family)
- 8.00 On The Up and Up G (News & Documentaries)
- 9.00 Living Black NC (News & Documentaries)
- 9.30 Portrait of a Distant Land PG (News & Documentaries)
- 10.30 Behind Deadly G (Entertainment)
- 11.00 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
- 11.30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Lifestyle/Documentary)

DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT BY DAYLIGHT SAVING

As of the 2nd October, NSW, ACT, VIC and TAS begin daylight saving by adding an extra hour on the clock. This means that WA, NT and QLD will be an extra hour behind. When reading the NITV TV Guide the following rule applies:

From Sunday 2nd October you will need to subtract the following:
Western Australia -3 hours
Northern Territory -1.5hours
Queensland -1 hour

For example: Sunday 9th October movie Crocodile Dreaming starts at 10.30pm AEST which will be 7.30pm AWST, 9.30pm ADST and 9pm ACST.

Aboriginal festival at Wagga



WIRADJURI culture will be celebrated at the inaugural Ngiyaginya Aboriginal Festival in the NSW city of Wagga Wagga on 14-15 October. Ngiyaginya is a Wiradjuri word meaning 'to revive' and organisers say the festival will be a journey that explores Wiradjuri culture and language through creative processes.

The say a central aim will be encouraging kids to stay at school, and the festival will be an opportunity for Aboriginal and other people to explore their own stories through dance, hip hop, music, video making, web design, sound recording, installation, street art, print making, performance, culture, health, careers and more.

Wagga Wagga Mayor Wayne Geale said he was thrilled about

the event. "The Ngiyaginya Festival is another major step in bringing Aboriginal culture to the city," he said.

Understanding

"It represents a collaborative effort between council and Aboriginal people and greatly enhances our understanding of the values they bring to our community."

Funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), the festival has been in development for several months. Workshops have been held in primary and secondary schools with a number of artists representing a variety of artistic disciplines with the aim of encouraging school retention rates and increased awareness of health

issues within the community. Participating artists on the program are singer/actor Christine Anu, didgeridoo maestro William Barton, award-winning playwright Alana Valentine, and visual artist Jason Wing, from western Sydney. For more information, contact Sarah Williams at Wagga Wagga City Council: williams.sarah@wagga.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 6926 9355.



At a celebration of the Remote Area Health Corps landmark are, from left, AMSANT CEO John Paterson, RAHC director Pat Anderson, NTGPE executive director Dr Michael Wilson, RAHC chair Dr Tony Austin and Department of Health, Oral Health Services official Dr Chris Handbury.

Remote Area Health Corps in celebration



THE Remote Area Health Corps (RAHC) says it has now filled more than 1000 short-term health professional placements in remote Indigenous communities across the Northern Territory (NT) since beginning operations less than three years ago.

RAHC was established to recruit urban-based health professionals, including general practitioners, registered nurses, midwives, dental and allied health professionals to provide primary health care on

short-term paid assignments in remote Indigenous health centres in the NT.

RAHC says its health professionals have been providing significant support to permanent staff in the remote health centres as well as expanding the health workforce in remote Indigenous communities throughout the NT.

Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon congratulated RAHC team on reaching the milestone.

"As the Member for Lingiari, it is wonderful that these 1000 health provider placements have been for the benefit of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people in remote Northern Territory communities," he said.

"Since beginning operations in 2008, RAHC has helped ensure remote Aboriginal communities have access to doctors, nurses and allied health providers."

RAHC says it supports health professionals throughout their placements, beginning with pre-deployment cultural and clinical orientation programs, through to the in-situ support RAHC staff provide to each health professional while they are in a remote community.

Jobs expo for Woorabinda



THE second annual Woorabinda Jobs Expo will be held on 12 October. Organisers from the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations are expecting a wide range of exhibitors at the central Queensland community for the expo.

"The Jobs Expo is one way that the Woorabinda community is proactively seeking to tap into the economic development opportunities that are being generated by the burgeoning mining and resources sectors in Central Queensland," they said.

"There are a number of employment expos

held each year in the Central Queensland regions but these have always been located in the major centres.

"The Woorabinda Jobs expo is unique in that it brings the major employers, training providers and relevant government agencies right into the community. As such, it is a fantastic opportunity for school students and jobseekers to engage face to face with the people and organisations that can assist them to identify genuine training and employment pathways.

"This year's event will have new exhibitors including Defence Force Recruiting, Bunnings, Rio Tinto Coal, John Holland Group and Gladstone Ports Corporation."

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October 20-22

Lismore Showgrounds

NORTH COAST NATIONAL
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Banyam/Baigham Artspace

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Bundjalung Elders Tent

with information sessions, music, children's area, storytelling

Come along and be a part of bringing our community to the Show





Submissions invited

The Australian Government has established the Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee to review telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia.

The committee, chaired by Ms Rosemary Sinclair, invites you to submit your views for consideration during the review.

An issues paper has been prepared to help you make your submission.

Copies of the issues paper are available from:

website: www.rtirc.gov.au
email: secretariat@rtirc.gov.au
telephone: 1800 064 851 (freecall)

Submissions close on 1 December 2011

www.rtirc.gov.au



Walkabouts dancers with 4K1G radio station manager Linda Saltner during the family day in Townsville, north Queensland.

30 years up for TAIMA

By ALF WILSON



TOWNSVILLE
Aboriginal and
Islander Media
Association (TAIMA),
which operates
Indigenous radio
station 4K1G, has

celebrated 30 years of operations.

A gala dinner was held at Jupiter's Hotel Casino, followed the next day by an anniversary community concert and family day at the city's Strand Park.

Entertainment was provided by Patrick Levi, Milton Thaiday, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers, the band WYSIWYG, and speeches covering three decades of broadcasting.

A commemorative booklet, *30 Years of History*, was produced.

Former TAIMA chair Florence Onus said the organisation began broadcasting in 1981 and was the first Aboriginal and Islander Media Association in Queensland and the second nationally, behind CAAMA in Alice Springs.

Opportunities

"TAIMA has provided opportunities to all those who have worked or volunteered over the past 30 years and has been a launching pad for Aboriginal and Islander people to develop and become leaders of their communities and organisations today," she said.

Ms Onus said TAIMA gave Indigenous people a voice to tell communities of the political issues affecting them as well as inform of any local positive developments.

The *Koori Mail* attended the family day, at which station manager Linda Saltner welcomed guests to country and spoke on the role of TAIMA.

Former station manager Cilla Pryor and author Boori Pryor also spoke.

There were stalls, entertainment for the children and plenty of reminiscing amongst those involved with the organisation and listeners of 4K1G.



Broadcasting live at the family day of celebrations were Lloyd Wyles, right, and trainer Glen Thomas.



Former station manager Cilla Pryor with Boori Pryor.



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OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Course Coordinator – Sport and Recreation

Position No: TBA

Fixed term appointment commencing Nov 2011 to Nov 2014 – Batchelor, NT

Remuneration: Academic Level B - \$72,474 - \$86,063

Want an NT career move in the exciting VET Sport & Rec Indigenous Sector? We have just the job for you. This role requires a tertiary qualification in Sports/Recreation related disciplines, with recent VET sector experience. This course coordination position is responsible for the development, delivery and assessment of VET Sport & Rec qualifications and continuous improvement in accordance with the national VET regulatory requirements. Liaison work with various industry professional bodies and community representative groups is required, as is community/regional work related travel.

Course Coordinator – General Construction, Carpentry

Position No: 14676

Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP to Dec 2014 – Batchelor, NT

Remuneration: Academic Level B - \$72,474 - \$86,063

This position is responsible for the delivery of approved academic VET sector in General Construction, Carpentry including:

- teaching, student assessment, maintenance of student files,
- development of culturally appropriate teaching and learning activities;
- liaison with remote Aboriginal communities and with industry partners is required;
- working throughout the Northern Territory is an essential requirement of the position;
- liaison with other training staff and monitoring of student learning outcomes in accordance with curriculum guidelines of Batchelor Institute, the Faculty of Health, Business and Science and Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) standards.

Lecturer – Delivery of Cleaning Qualification

Position No: 31655

Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP to Dec 2014 – Batchelor, NT

Remuneration: Academic Level B - \$72,474 - \$86,063

This position is responsible for the delivery of approved academic VET sectors in asset maintenance including:

- teaching, student assessment, maintenance of student files,
- development of culturally appropriate teaching and learning activities;
- liaison with remote Aboriginal communities and with industry partners is required;
- working throughout the Northern Territory is an essential requirement of the position; and
- liaison with other training staff and monitoring of student learning outcomes in accordance with curriculum guidelines of Batchelor Institute, the Faculty of Health, Business and Science and Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) standards.

Senior Science Technical Officer

Position No: 13959

Fixed Term appointment commencing ASAP to Oct 2014 – Batchelor, NT

Remuneration: Technical Officer Level 3BI - \$56,636 - \$64,034

This position will provide a specialist service to staff and Indigenous students within the nursing, home economics & science units; assist in a range of technical functions in support to the health science units in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Batchelor, as well as manage and maintain the teaching laboratories, wards and clinics for these areas ensuring that these premises are fully stocked and functional in accordance with the national code.

Applications close: Friday, 14th October 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.

Deadly pair play Europe

By JILLIAN MUNDY

DEADLY Award winner Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu and his support act, Tasmanian Dewayne Everettsmith, have taken their amazing voices and native tongues to concert halls across Europe.

Following sell-out concerts across Australia, they were scheduled to play in Poland last night, tomorrow in London, then six more shows across the continent before returning home to Australia.

A Gumatj man from north-east Arnhem Land, Yunupingu sings almost entirely in Yolngu, peppered with the odd English word or phrase.

Set aside the sell-out concerts, awards and album sales, the fact that thousands of people pack venues to hear an hour of songs where all but a few, other than Yunupingu himself, understand more than the odd word, stands testament to his mesmerising and soulful vocal talent.

English translations of the stories of his people, which he sings, can be found on his website and with his albums.

Sales of Yunupingu's latest album *Rrakala*, which entered the ARIA charts at number three and has remained in the top 20 for 15 weeks, are heading towards platinum status. His first album is set to become triple platinum.

The man recently dubbed 'Australia's most important voice' by the *Rolling Stone* (he appeared on the cover of the magazine) rarely speaks to the media or his audience – outside of his songs – and seems hardly affected by his ever-

increasing fame, fortune or accolades.

His producer, bass player and friend Michael Hohnen, who often speaks to media on Yunupingu's behalf, says he is really humble.

"He has never really commented on that quote. I do know his family read him the (*Rolling Stone*) quotes and the whole article and they said it was a really good article," Hohnen explained to the *Koori Mail*.

"Gurrumul would never say he is Australia's most important voice, he would say – that's what they say. Fame has no impact on him."

Yunupingu and Everettsmith, who first met in New York at an Australian tourism promotion in 2009, are in the main part self-

"I think he's got the potential to be as big as any other artist in Australia, it's very early in his career," said Hohnen, who is also producing an album with Everettsmith.

"The reviews he's got around this Australian tour are absolutely stunning."

A descendant of the Tasmanian Aboriginal people of Cape Barren Island and the Gunai/Kurnai people of Victoria, he too performs one of his songs in language.

The soulful *milraythina* penned entirely in palawa kani, a reconstructed Tasmanian Aboriginal language, was particularly poignant at the Hobart performance.

When the tour hit the Sydney Opera House last month, as far as he knows, Everettsmith was the first Tasmanian Aborigine to perform there, a fact of which he is most proud.

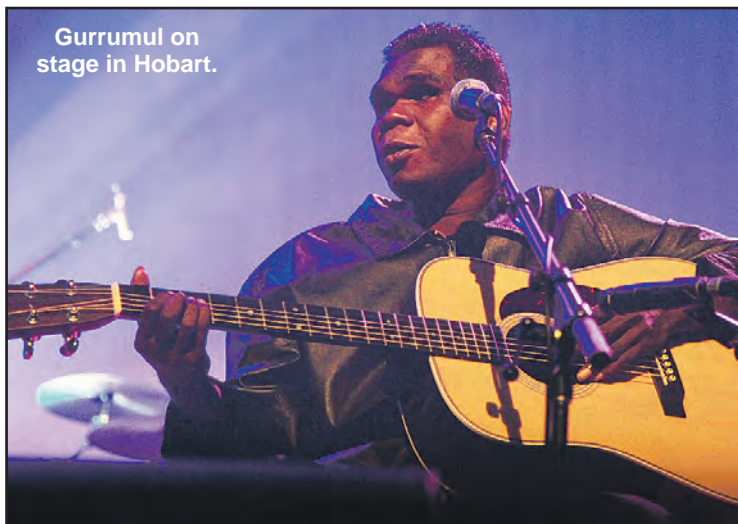
Five minutes before going on stage at the Opera House, and more rattled by nerves than usual, he realised he had left his shoes back at the hotel room. With no time to fetch them he decided to go onstage

barefoot. "On stage, nobody knew I was barefoot until I had said," explained Everettsmith.

"It kind of broke the ice and I've gone barefoot ever since."

"I already had tight jeans on too, I was so much more relaxed barefoot – I'm going to make it my thing now."

For those who missed the Australian tour, the Canberra show has been postponed to 12 November and is expected to sell out. Yunupingu will also be performing at Homebake 2011 in Sydney on 3 December.



Gurrumul on stage in Hobart.

taught musicians, blessed with angelic voices.

Hohnen sees some similarities in their style.

"There's a sensitivity in the way they are able to express themselves," he says.

"You can delve into the hard edge and the really intimate side, that's what touches people."

It's not just Yunupingu receiving rave reviews; 24-year-old Dewayne Everettsmith has also been wowing audiences and critics with his barefoot and brilliant support performances.



The Hobart show was a particularly special one for barefoot local fella Dewayne Everettsmith.



Climate Change Adaptation Research Grants – Indigenous communities and climate change adaptation

Proposals are invited for research around the contribution of Indigenous communities to Australia's adaptation response to climate change, the resilience and vulnerability of Indigenous communities to climate change, and the knowledge needs of Indigenous communities for effective adaptation.

Seed funding totalling up to \$2 million is available to address research priorities in the *National Climate Change Adaptation Research Plan: Indigenous Communities*, developed by the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF).

Further information, including application forms and guidelines, are available from www.nccarf.edu.au or www.climatechange.gov.au.

Proposals should be received by NCCARF (nccarf-researchteam@griffith.edu.au) by **28 October 2011**.

Contact **Ann Penny** on (07) 5552 7548 or **Jean Palutikof** on (07) 5552 7734 or email nccarf-researchteam@griffith.edu.au if you require further information.

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Chief Executive Officer

For over a decade, Ganbina as an organisation has successfully targeted inter-generational unemployment through an innovative suite of programs which ensure young Aboriginal men and women identify career paths resultant in them staying in the education system, undertaking training, and migrating into employment, often following university or other tertiary training.

The position is based at Shepparton in the Goulburn Valley.

A person with high level leadership skills and strong interpersonal skills complemented by an understanding of managing complex programs to achieve outcomes is required for the Chief Executive Officer's position.

The remuneration package for this position will be \$90,000 plus, negotiable depending on the experience, skills and qualifications of the successful applicant.

To obtain a copy of the Position Brief please contact Linage International on 03 9654 1410 or email linage@inet.net.au. Applications will be received in writing until **5pm 1/11/2011** and should be forwarded to Linage International, Suite 1, 17th Floor, 15 Collins St Melbourne 3000 or to their email address linage@inet.net.au.



Community Development Worker – Aboriginal Macleay Valley Communities for Children Plus

Bring your experience in delivering community development outcomes and your project management know-how to this program which covers the Macleay Valley and is based in Kempsey. This role will be responsible for delivering community strengthening and capacity building initiatives that support the well-being, development and safety of children 0-12 years, their families and their communities across the Macleay Valley. You will be part of a small team so adaptability, flexibility and a sense of humour are essential.

We offer a \$16,050 tax free salary component which means more in your take home pay. You will also benefit from ongoing professional development, a supportive working environment and great flexibility including a monthly accrued day off for full time employees.

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, please contact Louise Pearson on 6563 6200 or visit our website where you will find the position description. Applications must address the selection criteria found in the position description and close on **October 29, 2011**.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

www.bensoc.org.au

The 41st NSW Aboriginal



Octivia and Wayne Paulson, from Taree, with daughter, Omaria, 2.



Fred Reid, of Woolbrook, near Walcha on the NSW Northern Tablelands, with his mob.



Inverell locals Julian Schutz and Tyrone Green, Lincoln Cutmore, of Tenterfield, and Poulden Boney, of Inverell.



Amnesty International workers, from left, Hannah Donnelly, Brian Andy and Sally Walker.



Lyn Riley, from Dubbo, Sue Lindsay, of Marrickville, and NSW Opposition Deputy Leader Linda Burney.



Louisa Moran, from Kempsey, Gloria Smith, of Newcastle, Buck Davis, of Campbelltown, Eileen Donovan, of Kempsey, and Fred Briggs, from Campbelltown.



Dubbo locals, from left, Angela Frail with granddaughter Harmony Cranston, 4, and Shirley Wilson with her niece Dulcie Wilson.



Shanell Dargan, of Campbelltown, with Tori Morgan, of Waterloo, Jamie Morgan, of Waterloo, Jackson Bolt-King, of Lismore, Kiya Morgan, of Waterloo, and Andrew Bolt, of Lismore.



Jason Hill, of Dubbo, Shane Martini, from Bourke, and Jyles Cubby, from Dubbo.

Rugby League Knockout



At the Campbell Page Tent, from left, Debbie Dowell, Joanne Grant and Dot Wighton.



From left, Redfern All Blacks players John De Satge and Travis Robinson and NRL Canberra Raider Reece Robinson.

Crowds brave poor weather



IT was wet, it was cold and the wind was blowing. But that didn't stop thousands of people packing out the central-western NSW city of Bathurst for this year's 41st NSW

Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. More than 50 teams took part this year, and there were the usual range of stalls – and lots of time for a good catch-up. Live entertainment was also a popular feature of the drug and

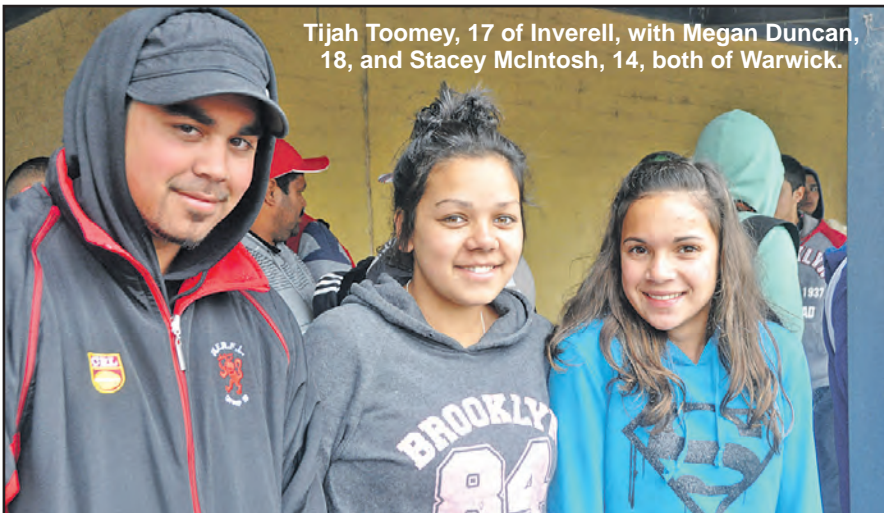
alcohol-free four-day event.

The *Koori Mail's* NAOMI MORAN and THERESA DALTON were there and took these photos last Saturday.

● Check koorimail.com and the *Koori Mail* Facebook page for results from the Knockout.



Les Ahoy, 12, from Armidale enjoying a cold snow cone despite the cold day.



Tijah Toomey, 17 of Inverell, with Megan Duncan, 18, and Stacey McIntosh, 14, both of Warwick.



Lawrence Kelly (Nulla Dolphins), Peter Lovelock, of Coffs Harbour, Ethin Kelly (Nulla Dolphins), Simon and Thomas Kelly, of Armidale, and Matty Burnham, from Canberra.



Walgett residents Katie Shields with Elizabeth Peters, Tamioka Kennedy and David Peters enjoying the Knockout.



Dubbo Pacemakers supporters, from left, Barb Peachey, Leanne Sutcliffe and Nikki Daley.

Turn to Pages 94 and 95 for more photos from the Knockout



The Aboriginal business operators group visiting the Warden Aboriginal Cultural Centre near Dunsborough, on WA's south-west coast. Back, from left, Wayne Stevens, Mary Aitken, Analie Dawson, Joseph Martin (Dambu Cultural Tours, Kununurra), Tammy Prior, Bruce Thomas, Gaile Mallard, Jim Maher, Robert Taylor, Peter Angus, Gordon Davey, Aaron Hubert and James Schultz. Front, from left, Kamisah bin Demin, Roma Puertollano, Bill Webb (Warden Aboriginal Cultural Centre), Petronella Channing, Josh Whiteland (Koomal Dreaming, Yallingup) and Isaac Webb (Warden ACC). Photo: Roma Puertollano

Tourism businesses face some barriers

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



INDIGENOUS tour operators say they are facing some barriers to capitalising on a growing sustainable tourism market. Their comments followed a recent trip by 15 West Australian business operators to see how other tours are managed.

The trip, organised by the Aboriginal Business Unit of the West Australian Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC), came just before last month's 2011 Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference, held in Perth.

WA Aboriginal Business Unit adviser Tammy Prior said the trip centred on education about why businesses struggle to remain viable.

One challenge was the difficulty caused

by the high value of the Australian dollar, leaving international tourists with less spending money. Another was a shifting focus in the domestic market.

Darren Capewell, who runs Wula Guda Nyinda Eco Adventures in Shark Bay, said his business drew a range of domestic and international visitors, with the number of Australians tourists on the rise.

"We offer guided bushwalks through Monkey Mia, kayak or hiking adventures, and... we show people bush tucker and medicine plants and we do mapping of tribal boundaries and explain the difference in culture and in country," he said.

"I sit on the West Australian Indigenous Tourism Operators Council and our board is comprised of traditional owners from different regions around Western Australia. We work to ensure more Aboriginal people consider tourism as a career."

Mr Capewell said sustainable tourism

benefitted traditional owners, who could decide the number of visitors and the sites to be visited.

Koomal Dreaming, based in Yallingup, offers a taste of Aboriginal culture on a three-hour tour of the Margaret River caves.

The group also runs cultural tours, and has a traditional dance group and band that also provides services at the family cultural centre.

Koomal operator Josh Whiteland said it was not easy starting up, and he had to work two jobs to save enough.

'Know your stuff'

"You need a business plan, the right resources, vehicles, tools, knowledge... you have to have all the logistics, insurance, occupational health and safety ... you've just really got to know your stuff," he said.

"Being an Aboriginal person in business, there's nothing more involving and proud to

be able to do the thing you love and turn it into a business."

Derreck Nannup runs Creative Pathways, which does cultural and dance presentations for the Yanchep National Park.

He attributed his recent Gunkai Best Indigenous Tour Operator Award to his 'clowning' background which helps him entertain tourists while teaching them about traditional culture.

He said that to start up people needed the right contacts and an opportunity to go out to different places.

He said the solution to problems was to 'bring the quality up' and show the broader tourism industry and funding bodies high quality professionalism and service.

Indigenous tourism experts and operators from across Australia were at the national conference, where they heard a variety of guest speakers (see facing page).

Perth's Kings Park has plenty to offer



IN the centre of Perth is Kings Park – an urban resource rich in traditional Aboriginal culture and history, but largely untapped by the sustainable tourism market.

The present-day uses of Kings Park are surprisingly similar to its cultural origins, such as picnics, and recreation activities, according to local expert and guide Greg Nannup.

Having bushland that spans a whole inner-city suburb close to Perth's Parliament, the park is best known for its scenery from the lookout.

Mr Nannup said his Kings Park tour offered a wealth of authentic Whadjuk Noongar culture for people, and could provide a place for locals and visitors to connect with the old traditions.

"We take a stroll and look at the lives of the early people of the area, the local Whadjuk tribe, and the pathways that were travelled from the hills to Fremantle and the journey of the boys becoming men as well as some of the plants that we used for both food and medicine," he said of the tour.

The 90-minute daily tour goes over the park's Tree Top Walk and pauses in the amphitheatre to share stories of the dreaming of the WA

South-West, and 'artefacts to look at, and local ingredients that were made into tools and weapons, and various artefacts that people pass around and can ask questions about'.

The park's Aboriginal Art Gallery provides a cultural context to showcase the work of artists including the late Shane Pickett and Norma McDonald, and the current artist in residence, Michelle Kickett.

Curator Judy Daly has spent her career promoting Aboriginal art, and says the gallery's location in the park 'encourages appreciation of Aboriginal art and culture, family kinship and respect for the land'.

"We were very fortunate, we

negotiated for a long time to get the site in King's Park... we've been there for 16 years and Kings Park is a West Australian icon, the only park of its kind and size in a capital city anywhere," she said.

About six million people visit Kings Park each year, Ms Daly said, and the gallery tried to cater for all the visitors.

In the botanical gardens, Mr Nannup's tour looks at plants used in traditional ways, like the boab tree of the north, the flavoursome and aromatic peppermint tree, and the grass-tree, which he calls the 'Swiss army knife of bush plants', because it has so many uses. – by Elizabeth Murray



Roma Puertollano, from Chile Creek Community Stay in WA experiencing the tourist life on Greg Nannup's Kings Park tour.

Focus on Indigenous Tourism



WAITOC chairman Neville Poelina, centre, congratulates Wes Miller, of Nitmiluk Tours, and Ryan Baruwai, of the Jawoyn Association, on Nitmiluk Tours' Gnunkai Award.



Tanya and Mark Bin Bakar, Phillip and Melanie Walley-Stack, and dinner MC Ernie Dingo.



Future Now CEO Mal Gammon with James Spurgeon, winner of the Future Now Indigenous Young Achiever's Award and Scholarship.

The best honoured in Perth

Photos by KIRSTIE PARKER



THE commitment and contribution of some of Indigenous tourism's best was recognised during the 2011 Gnunkai Awards in Perth last month.

The awards were held in conjunction with this year's Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference.

West Australian peak industry body WA Indigenous Tourism Operators Council Inc (WAITOC) hosted the conference, the sixth of its kind, at Burswood Entertainment Complex.

The theme for the event was 'Aboriginal Dreaming: Become part of the journey through tourism', with the sub-themes being youth, environment, culture and business tourism. It addressed key issues and needs that affect Indigenous tourism in Australia and the opportunities that exist for culturally authentic Indigenous tourism product,

especially in the development, employment and training of Indigenous people which have a positive social and economic return to Australia and in particular regional Australia.

The conference dinner on 22 September featured musical and dance performances, a fashion parade with models wearing togs from Cooee Swimwear, and the Gnunkai Awards.

James Spurgeon, who works at Yanchep National Park south of Perth, won the Future Now Indigenous Young Achiever's Award and Scholarship.

Receiving his award from Future Now CEO Mal Gammon, James thanked his Elders – 'the custodians of our heritage and culture' – for their guidance.

Other awardees were Nitmiluk Tours, run by the Jawoyn Association at Katherine in the Northern Territory, and tour guide Derek Nannup, who runs Aboriginal experience tours in Yanchep National Park.



Anne Hanning's Cooee Swimwear staged a fashion parade as part of the dinner.



Tour guide award winner Derek Nannup, who runs Aboriginal experience tours in Yanchep National Park, south of Perth.



Rosemary Nuggett and Ronnie Jimbidie, from Girloorloo Tours, Mimbi Caves.



Pat Channing from Mercedes Cove accommodation on the Dampier Peninsula, and Gaile Mallard, from Panaji Tours at Kalbarri.



At the dinner, from left, are Valma and James Schultz, from the Ngadju Dance Group, Chris Roberts, from TAFE NSW, 11-year-old Cian Schultz, Elizabeth Gavel, from DET at Moree, and Belinda Pring, from the New England Institute/Mehi Murri Tour.



From left, Gordon Davey, from Ardiyool Tours at One Arm Point, with his mum, WAITOC board member Irene Davey, and conference speaker Ron Solimon, from New Mexico in the United States.

AIATSIS National Indigenous

Support urged to reinvent struggle



Kelli Cole, curator Franchesca Cubillo and Tina Baum were on hand before the conference dinner to show conference delegates through the National Gallery of Australia's impressive new Indigenous spaces.



Jilpia Nappaljari Jones, Chris Cunningham from Massey University in Wellington, New Zealand, and Reuben Bolt.



Soaking up some sunshine outside the conference were, from left, Bonnie Haywar (WA), Lynette Dewis (Qld), Colleen Jensen (Qld) and Nanise Vucago (WA).



Assoc Prof Norm Sheehan from Swinburne University of Technology spoke about programs and research supporting youth resilience.



Melbourne-based Indigenous Hip-Hop Projects co-presented a session with Beyond Blue. The project tours Indigenous communities promoting healthy lifestyles.

By KIRSTIE PARKER



OLDER generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders have been urged to support their successors to

reinvent the struggle for equality and justice on their own terms and on the basis of their own equally valid experience and skills.

According to Aboriginal leader Pat Anderson, new generation Indigenous leaders may be better educated, but their education and subsequent confidence sometimes sees them attacked as not being 'real' Aborigines.

"Even where members of different generations share similar objectives, there can be mistrust, miscommunication, even resentment stemming from the very different experiences and backgrounds of the different generations," the chairperson of the Melbourne-based Lowitja Institute said at the recent 2011 AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference in Canberra.

"(But) I will urge you to reject these narrow characterisations of what it means to be an Aboriginal person.

"...You don't have to have been in the 1960s and on the barricades – literally or metaphorically – to be a genuine leader for your people."

Ms Anderson, also a co-author of the 'Little Children Are Sacred' report into child abuse in the Northern Territory, was speaking at the 2011 AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference held at the Australian National University.

The three-day event had a theme of 'Young and Old: Connecting Generations' and brought together multi-disciplinary expertise from across the Indigenous studies sector, in the areas of education, health, information technology, well-being and resilience, employment and language.

Attended by more than 420 delegates, with more than 125 papers, featuring some 180 presenters, it considered key issues for younger and older generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, whether living in urban, regional or remote areas of Australia.

Ms Anderson told delegates the biggest challenges facing emerging Indigenous leaders were ensuring that the next generation of children grew up safe, healthy and properly educated, and addressing the powerlessness felt by many Indigenous people and how the state responded to it.

"This next generation of children should be a national priority for all

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Jo Taylor, keynote speaker Pat Anderson and Anna Haebich.

Studies Conference 2011



Aboriginal interpreters were a big presence at the conference.



Assistant Commissioner at the Productivity Commission Lawrence McDonald, who spoke on measuring outcomes for young Indigenous Australians, with conference delegate Sally Fitzpatrick.



Cherbourg's Lillian Gray and Joyce Taylor, from Tennant Creek.



Sisters Sally and Ina Scales, from the APY Lands in South Australia.



Cheryl Ross, left, and Deanella Mack, right, from the Central Australian Aboriginal Strong Women's Alliance with Kerrie Tim.



National Congress director Rod Little and AIATSIS researcher Dr Jill Guthrie.



Delegates listen intently during a session.



Straight Talk participants Alfreida Roberts (Townsville), Glenda Ramsey (Nhulunbuy) and Ruth Abdullah (Kununurra).



AIATSIS Principal Russell Taylor.



AIATSIS Councillor Emeritus Prof Bob Tonkinson from the University of WA.

Support urged for new generation

● From facing page

our communities, wherever they are located," she said.

Ms Anderson said what was needed were well-resourced and comprehensive early childhood development programs for all Indigenous children, and education that was high-quality and capable of preparing them for participation in a global, inter-connected world.

"This is one half of the education equation – making sure the services are there to ensure that children are ready for active participation in school, and making sure the education system is ready to educate them," she said.

"The other side of the education equation is getting our children to go to school and stay there."

Ms Anderson said that while much debate on the latter centred on the perceived failures of Aboriginal parents, the responsibility of the state in allowing



Panelists for a session on women and leadership, from left, Michelle Deshong, Colleen Rosas, Annette Kogolo, Sally Scales, Valma Banks and Val Cooms.

the situation to develop should also not be forgotten.

The absolute priority was the child, she said, "and this means that, by hook or by

crook, they need to go to school'.

Developing parental (and community) responsibility that went beyond a simplistic, punitive approach was

therefore critically important.

"Simply withholding welfare benefits, for example, from those parents who do not send their kids to school – won't work as a stand-alone strategy," Ms Anderson said.

"...Instead, we need to work with communities and families to strengthen their ability to ensure that children go to school.

"This might mean, for example, re-establishing local systems of authority, such as senior men and women to work with parents, the school, the police and the justice system to ensure that families send their kids to school.

"...But in the end, the buck cannot be passed ... that state simply has to exercise its responsibility to future generations, and make sure that all kids are going to, and staying at, appropriately resourced schools."

A full copy of Ms Anderson's speech is available on the Lowitja Institute website at www.lowitja.org.au/

Coffs Harbour hosts



Amy Ridgeway, of Taree, holding Joyquan Ridgeway.



Rhett Hoskins and Aleana Shennan, both from the Kempsey TAFE Student Association.



Narina Ferguson, of Coffs Harbour, in the audience, while comedian Kevin Kropinyeri performs his routine on stage.



Tjimba Possum Burns, from the Yung Warriors, with Matthew Presley, from Indigenous Hip Hop Projects.



Elders from the Jagun Aged Care facility. They include Daphne Flanders, Marie Tarplee, Dot Abdullah, Mabel Dungay, Ruby Holten, Margaret Anthony, Dorothy Ferguson, Lisa Kitchener, Iris Guppy, Alice Porter, Roslyn Perkins, Tony Perkins, Robyn Jarrett and Esma Jarrett.



Coffs Harbour lads Justin Stelter, Daniel (JD) McKechnie, Warren Buchanan, Ryan Gallop and, in front, Jarrod Hoskins-McInally.



David Prosser, Gary Williams of the Muurrbay Aboriginal Language Centre and Alec Doomadgee, from Sydney.



Ben Lowe, from the NRL's South Sydney Rabbitohs, with Alyssa Ferguson, of Coffs Harbour, and David Hines, of Tamworth.



Tina Powell, who works for the Darrunda Wajaarr repair to country project, with some native plants and trees.

Deadly Days Festival



Members of the Indigenous Hip Hop Projects show off their skills.



Bakoi Boulton, right, from the Torres Strait teaches weaving to Judith Peen.



Marissa Tisdell, from Forster College, tries her hand at painting.

Event proves big drawcard

By DARREN COYNE



MORE than 1500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students converged on Coffs Harbour, northern NSW, for the annual Deadly Days Festival.

The three-day event aimed to help students get the most out of their education, and provided advice on pathways for their future.

It also promoted a healthy and positive lifestyle and, by the smiles on everyone's faces, it was a success.

Organised by the North Coast Area TAFE Aboriginal Coordination team, the festival involved two days of structured workshops and a community day.

Crowds were treated to performances by hip hop act Konekt A Dot, comedian Kevin Kropinyeri, The Matty Devitt Band, Emma Donovan and a performance from former Hi 5 star Nathan Foley.

Students and the public also took part in hands-on workshops, providing information on various career pathways, and further education opportunities.

North Coast TAFE director of Aboriginal engagement and community development Heather McGregor was delighted with the festival.

"We had about 1500 students over the three days and we're really happy with the high energy and engagement of the kids," she said.

"There were students from 42 secondary schools, from Forster up to the Tweed, and also some from Tamworth."

During the festival, the North Coast TAFE launched its 2011-2013 Aboriginal Employment Strategy.



Ebony Parmenter, Carissa James and Jason Franke, from Trinity Catholic College in Lismore.

"The strategy is about our commitment to increasing employment for Indigenous people in North Coast TAFE," Ms McGregor said.

"We've set a target of four per cent of our overall workforce.

"Currently in our support teams we have four per cent but in our faculties it's only 1.7 per cent, and that is where our teachers are.

Strategy

"We are aiming to have more Indigenous teachers under this strategy." South Sydney Rabbitohs NRL player Ben Lowe was among the visitors and proved popular with the youngsters, with many lining up to have their picture taken with the popular lock.

"It's been great talking to the younger generation about what they can achieve if they set their minds to it," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'm certainly looking forward to doing more of this type of work, engaging with the kids."

Elders from the Jagun Aged Care facility at Moonee Beach also attended, as did many parents and friends of students.

They enjoyed bush tucker, weaving classes and the various performances, especially the high-energy comedy routine by Kevin Kropinyeri.

Yung Warriors singer Tjimba Possum Burns said the event was always fun to perform at, and often unearthed some talented youngsters.

As a finale, children who had been taking part in dance classes with members of the Indigenous Hip Hop Projects group showed off their moves.



Sue Tomkins and Rob Robertson, from the Bush Tucker Shack, hard at work.



Angel Williams, of Scotts Head, with Rob Mumbler, of Kempsey.

Central Desert Shire is ready for fire season



CENTRAL Desert Shire communities in the Northern Territory are getting ready for the fire season.

They are taking part in the shire council's Fire Preparedness Project which involves community based training and the establishment of fire prevention kits in each community.

So far the communities Yuendumu, Yuelamu, Laramba and Atitjere have taken part, with training to come for Engawala, Ti Tree, Nyirripi and Willowra.

"The project is an excellent opportunity for community residents to be trained in basic fire management techniques," Shire President Norbert Patrick said.

"Training of this kind allows communities to develop their own capability and ensures that the community has the knowledge, skills and equipment necessary to deal with the risks associated with the fire season."

Leeuwin program applicants sought



YOUNG Indigenous West Australians are being encouraged to apply for the new Leeuwin Youth Leadership Program.

Under the program, successful applicants will take part in a development voyage aboard the training tall ship, *Leeuwin II*.

Western Australian Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier said the purpose of the program, co-ordinated by the State Department of Indigenous Affairs, was to ensure participants were supported in their leadership aspirations, by developing their communication, teamwork and other skills, and recognising the vital importance of having a strong sense of community.

"The successful inaugural program was held earlier this year, when 13 young people were challenged to develop their teamwork and leadership skills," he said.

The Leeuwin Youth Leadership Program voyage is planned for early 2012. Applications are encouraged on behalf of, or from Indigenous young people across WA.

For more information go to <http://www.dia.wa.gov.au> or call the department on (08) 9235 8000.

Talking Circle will celebrate culture



A PLACE to celebrate local Aboriginal culture has been opened in the south-east Queensland town of Dalby.

The Talking Circle, on the banks of the Myall Creek (not to be confused with the massacre site in northern NSW) comprises six carved concrete seats arranged in a circle.

The Condamine Alliance, which backed the site, says the installation is a modern interpretation of an Aboriginal talking circle and was inspired by the knowledge and insight of local traditional custodians and members of the Aboriginal community into river management.

Each seat features hand-carved images by Aboriginal artist Laurie Nilsen who worked with the local Aboriginal community and school students to develop the artwork.

The Talking Circle is part of the Condamine Alliance River Rescue project which the Murray-Darling Basin Authority has funded for two years to improve the health of the Dewfish Demonstration Reach.

Condamine Alliance Aboriginal engagement officer Ken Riddiford said traditional and local knowledge played an important part in the River Rescue project.

"The talking circle will be a place for people to meet and reflect on the relevance of Aboriginal history and the dewfish in this part of the river reach," he said.

Action urged on mental health

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



WHEN Liz Hayden first started speaking out on the treatment of Indigenous mental health clients in the early 1990s, the voices of Aboriginal women were rarely heard or listened to.

When she realised she might have a better chance of getting her message across with some letters behind her name, she enrolled at university and graduated with a degree in social work.

Since then, she has been a fearless advocate for the mentally ill, challenging the status quo and taking on Western Australia's public mental health system.

Now based in Perth, this early pioneer for culturally appropriate mental health services for Indigenous consumers admits the challenges have been great.

In the lead up to Mental Health Week, from 9-15 October, Ms Hayden has been reflecting on her journey in mental health, the good and the bad.

"My passion has always been Aboriginal mental health. I found that just treating the psychiatric illness is too confined for Aboriginal people and the model doesn't look at the whole," she said.

"I saw too much treatment being based on psychiatric illnesses and not enough emphasis on mental health and holistic care."

Ms Hayden has seen first-hand the

devastating effects past government policies have on the mental health of Aboriginal people, not only in her work but family and community.

"Pat Swan's *200 Years of Unfinished Business* spoke about the colonisation of Aboriginal people that caused us so much trauma, the issues that led to a lot of mental illnesses because we couldn't cope with it as a people. The dispossession, loss of identity, loss of land, this has all led to a whole lot of lost people," she said.

And, Ms Hayden adds, those issues are as relevant today as they were 50 years

people were misdiagnosed. Schizophrenia was the major illness circumscribed to our people," she said.

"Unfortunately I look back over the past 20 years and not enough has changed. In saying that, a lot more counselling services have emerged over the years, and if they can be nurtured within an Aboriginal framework I think we'd do so much better with our mental health."

Ms Hayden believes the key to lasting change in Aboriginal mental health services is creating an entirely new policy framework based on a holistic model of care.

"All services work within the framework of a white medical model and we need to develop our own model, and we need Aboriginal people to develop those," she said.

"We've got our own ways of healing, and we need to get back to those and pull them into today's modern world of dealing with mental illness. A lot of it's

lost in the practice of working within a white framework and we need to move out of that."

Ms Hayden also adds that the value of community and family in healing is immeasurable.

"We need to come back to our old practices as Aboriginal people of loving and caring and sharing. Living in a white man's world has separated us so much from each other," she said.

"We need to find ways to re-establish relationships with each other again and that's where our strength lies to keep us well, in our families."

'We need to come back to our old practices as Aboriginal people of loving and caring and sharing'

ago. "I think you can't look at Aboriginal mental health and mental illnesses without looking at that historical perspective. A lot of those kids came out of missions as fragmented people," she said.

"It just can't be denied that these issues led to mental health problems for our people."

Ms Hayden believes many mainstream psychiatric services still treat the illness first, despite overwhelming anecdotal evidence to suggest the medical model is particularly unhelpful when working with Indigenous people.

"In the early days a lot of Aboriginal

Boys on the right track



Federal Minister Tanya Plibersek yarns with boys at the 'Stay on Track' camp. With them is, from left, NASCA's Michelle Engelsman, Edie Coe and CEO Charles Prouse.



INDIGENOUS boys from across southern Sydney took part in the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) 'Stay on Track' camp held last week at the

National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern.

NASCA said the camp, for boys aged 11-14, had a focus on positive and preventative interactive activities with local police and services.

Activities included a 'crime

prevention workshop', a session with the Aboriginal Medical Service, rock climbing, arts and crafts, a photo scavenger hunt, a soccer clinic, games, trivia, and learning to surf.

NASCA says it is planning more 'Stay on

Track' camps in 2012, possibly targeted at young females, young people from Western Sydney and/or regional NSW.

A special guest was Federal Human Services Minister and Member for Sydney Tanya Plibersek.

Students tell the story of Mona Mona



Some of the students involved in the making of the documentary, from left, Kyesha Wason, Faye Brim, Tamyra Hunter, Leonard Donahue, Rita Oui, Mariette Williams and Wendy Williams.



Mona Mona Bulmba Aboriginal Corporation chairman Andy Duffin gives the welcome to country address.

Documentary shines a light

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



INDIGENOUS students at Kuranda District State College have celebrated a milestone after wrapping up filming of a 30-minute documentary on the history of Mona Mona Aboriginal Mission, near Kuranda in north Queensland.

Guurra Guurra Bulmba – ancestor's land – was officially launched recently with Elders and locals attending as well as Department of Education and Training acting director general Steve Armitage and local MP Steve Wettenhall.

Led by Year 12 student Leonard Donahue and with help from a group of other Indigenous students from years 10 to 12, the film has been almost two years in the making and is the first of its kind for the small community.

With a State Government 'Indigenous Lighthouse' grant of \$15,000, film-maker Karen Dedenczuk was commissioned to guide the students through every facet of the production.

Group leader Leonard – who dreams of an acting career – has been integral in bringing the history of Mona Mona mission to life, but admits it's been a huge learning curve.

"The film was originally meant to be about the Bama Dayal dance group, but it took on a whole other concept when we started interviewing the Elders involved and they told us their story about growing up in Mona Mona," he said.

"That's when it started to develop a little differently than



Elders Heather Simon and Esther Sneider.

what we planned."

The project started at the beginning of 2010, and Leonard said learning the technicalities of filming and editing had proven a major challenge, but not as much as fitting the project around the demands of a hectic Year 12 schedule.

Challenges

"There were some days when I didn't want to do it, but I stuck with it. One of the biggest challenges was skipping some of the classes and trying to catch back up again, it cut into our school work a lot and there were times during the editing that were just so tiring but I stuck with it," he said.

Many of the students, including Leonard, acknowledge the cultural rejuvenation was rewarding, learning about culture and history not often known or talked about.

"I believe it was really important to tell the story of our Elders and that's what motivated me to see this through to the end. My great grandparents were born and raised on the mission, and I

came to a closer understanding of our past and the Elders from doing the story," he said.

"It was a hard process but I learnt a lot as I went along. I knew about that life from the stories my grandparents had told me but it was good to find out more about my culture and history and what happened out there.

"I feel stronger in my culture and in who I am."

The film documents life on the mission from the recollections of Elders today and includes archival footage from the hand back in 2010 as well as never-before-seen photographs from mission teacher and builder Joe Dawson.

Experience

For those in the audience who lived their lives on the mission, watching the grainy black-and-white images on the screen was no ordinary experience.

Heather Simon and Esther Sneider were girls of ten when they were taken in to the former Seventh Day Adventist mission, and acknowledge it wasn't

always easy to share their experiences with the students.

"Life on the mission was hard. But when everyone had to leave the mission it broke my heart because that was my home," Ms Simon recalls.

"It was sad to leave but now we know there are some people in the community trying to get the mission back."

"I was 15 when they sent me to Cairns and I was there until I was 23 and got married. Esther and I were little girls together in the dormitory and we used to be locked up early and we used to ask why we had to be locked up like that."

Ms Sneider reflected on the way of life on the mission and how different the times were for young Indigenous people today. "They might look back on our story and think to themselves 'oh they had a pretty hard time'. Today they've got more freedom than we ever had and should appreciate that freedom because they can do anything they want to, things that we could never do," she said.

"It was strict way of life and it was sort of like you were doing something wrong, but we weren't."

Kuranda District State College Indigenous liaison officer Gerald Hobbler says he has seen the positive effects the film has had on the students and community.

"It's been surprising for the students to learn about the history of Mona Mona. The kids do come up and ask about the mission days and by doing the film the students have learnt about respect for themselves, learnt about culture and respect for culture," he said.



Aboriginal dancer Calvin Coleman performs at the launch of the documentary *Guurra Guurra Bulmba – ancestor's land*.



Kuranda District State College Indigenous liaison officer Gerald Hobbler.

Big hART production wins hearts



Three generations, Vilma Ryan, Janelle Maunder and Kylie Maunder with actor Trevor Jamieson after the Lismore matinee performance.



Albert Namatjira's granddaughters Lenie Namatjira (left) and Betty Wheeler create a chalk landscape of Western Arrente country during the performance. They also presented a water-colour masterclass workshop in Byron Bay and Lismore.



Lismore artist Penny Evans with Marcus Wheeler (husband of Albert Namatjira's granddaughter Betty Wheeler) who assisted in creating the chalk landscape background during the show.



Gilbert Laurie and Tom Avery.



Artist Michael Philp with his 13-year-old son Rory Vesper after the show.



Trevor Jamieson (right) who plays the title role in Big hART's production of *Namatjira*, with supporting actor Derik Lynch.

Namatjira a big success



THERE were rave reviews from theatre-goers at a community

barbecue in Lismore, northern NSW, last week following the matinee performance of Big hART's *Namatjira*, which tells the life story of the celebrated Aboriginal painter Albert Namatjira.

The Lismore season was the last set of shows for the company for 2011, but tour dates are planned for next year, including talk of a return performance in Hermannsburg for the family of the artist, who died more than 50 years ago.

Bundjalung artist Michael Philp told the *Koori Mail* the show was so good it had left him 'speechless'.

"It was so powerful – the subtleties, the music. They touched on so many issues of that time, but that are still around today," he said.

Fiona Wray, who works at the Namatjira Haven (an alcohol and drug healing centre for Aboriginal men near Alstonville), said the show was 'very profound'.

"It's a good story about getting up and changing your life," she said.

"There's good things about it, but there's hard things you've got to get through too.



At the community barbecue were Fiona Wray from Alstonville, left, and Melinda Moran, from Lismore, with Stanley Bell, from Tabulam.

"Because some people will abandon you when you get up. But they will come back if you stay up."

Northern Rivers Performing Arts (NORPA) artistic director Julian Louis said the Lismore *Namatjira* season, which included a movement workshop led by lead actor Trevor Jamieson and two water-colour

masterclass workshops led by Albert Namatjira's granddaughters, was testament to bringing shows to town for 'more than a one-night stand'.

"A more meaningful relationship is formed with the community, having the team and the company here, and with multi-art events happening

alongside... and with the cross-section of the community we've got here today (at the barbecue), with people hanging round after the show talking about it, we've all got smiles on our faces today at NORPA."

● The *Koori Mail* was a supporter of the NORPA presentation of *Namatjira* and the associated events.

Inaugural Qld Murri League Carnival



Enjoying the footy on the Gold Coast were, from left, Levi, 7, from Yarrabah, Kailis, 9, from Alstonville, and Isaiah, 8, from Yarrabah.



The All Stars Cheerleaders provided entertainment throughout the event.



From Thursday Island were Jimmy Cloudy and young Jai Fujii and Sarah Nona.

Plenty for the family

Photos by NAOMI MORAN



IT MIGHT have been about rugby league, but the inaugural Queensland Murri Carnival rugby league tournament had plenty for all the family as

well. Held from 22-25 September, the carnival attracted thousands of people from across the state.

They enjoyed some top-class rugby league, but there was plenty

more happening as well on what was a packed program.

Live entertainment, kids' rides, information stalls and more were on site at Firth Park, Mudgeeraba, on the Gold Coast.

Those attending enjoyed good weather, well-behaved crowds and a strong sense of community, all at a drug- and alcohol-free venue.

Organisers are already working on another carnival for next year, also expected to be held on the Gold Coast.



Paula Mailing, of Maxlea Productions.



Six-month-old Basy Monkland-Doyle was all smiles on the day.



The Dingoes' Danny Kerr and a proud young fan after the final.



From left NITV's Nakari Thorpe, Chris Bonney and Medika Thorpe.



● ABOVE: National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Co-chairs Jodi Broun and Les Malezer enjoyed the event.

● LEFT: Footy, smiles and style! From left, Taniesha King, Chloe King and Teagan King, all from NSW.



Dingoes fans Auntie Josie Appo, Kerry Bekue, Arthur Thompson and Lance Duncan.

● See Pages 92-93 for sport coverage from the Murri carnival

Vic memorandum to tackle cancer



CANCER Council Victoria and the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) have united in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aimed at helping Aboriginal Victorians with cancer.

Cancer Council Victoria CEO Todd Harper, VACCHO CEO Jill Gallagher and VACCHO chairperson Andrew Gardiner signed the MOU.

Mr Harper said the MOU was a symbol of Cancer Council Victoria's and VACCHO's commitment to improve cancer survival of Aboriginal Victorians.

"Figures from a study published in 2007 show Aboriginal Australians have a 45 per cent higher death rate from cancer compared to the rest of the Australian population," he said.

"This is simply not acceptable. We must work together to ensure every community in Australia benefits from improvements in the prevention, detection and treatment of cancer."

Cancer Council Victoria statistics also show that the most common cancer diagnosed in Aboriginal people in Victoria is bowel cancer.

About 17.5 per cent of all cancers diagnosed (between 2005 and 2009) in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorians were bowel cancers.

Bowel cancer is the second biggest cancer killer in Australia, claiming the lives of 73 people regardless of their background each week.

Gunditjmara woman Jill Gallagher, the CEO of VACCHO, has survived bowel cancer.

Her story is part of Cancer Council Victoria's newest



Signing the memorandum, from left, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation chairperson Andrew Gardiner, VACCHO CEO Jill Gallagher and Cancer Council Victoria CEO Todd Harper.

resources for Indigenous people.

Ms Gallagher said it was extremely important for Aboriginal people aged 50 and older to do a bowel cancer screening test every two years.

"As a bowel cancer survivor I know how important it is to have regular screening and I urge all

people 50 and over to have a bowel cancer screening test," she said.

"Don't put it off because it can save your life."

"Aboriginal people should be encouraged to do all they can to prevent, detect and treat all forms of cancer and to support

community members living with this condition. Give up smoking, and have regular health checks at your Aboriginal community controlled health organisation or your local GP.

"With the help of Cancer Council, VACCHO will encourage all cancer programs to be

culturally appropriate to better meet the needs of Aboriginal people.

"This is an important partnership because for too long we have seen higher rates of cancer and poorer outcomes among Victoria's Aboriginal community."

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Tour Da Country organisers Ben Russell, left, and Dale Wright ready for some training.



Bike ride to raise health awareness



RAISING awareness of Indigenous health will be the goal of a NSW bicycle

ride planned for next May.

Joint organiser Ben Russell said the proposed Tour Da Country ride, from Wollongong to Walgett, would also help to celebrate reconciliation.

Mr Russell, who works at Weja Aboriginal Home Care in Dapto, near Wollongong, hoped a group of up to 10 riders would take part, covering the 750-odd kilometres over 10 days.

"There's a real need to raise

awareness of Indigenous health issues, and we believe this is a good way to do it," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"We'll be stopping at Aboriginal medical services along the way and we hope each will hold a special health-related celebration for our arrival.

"The ride will be a challenge, but we expect it will be well worth it."

Mr Russell and fellow organiser Dale Wright are already working on fund-raising activities, and would welcome support from *Koori Mail* readers. Mr Wright can be contacted on 0435 198 630.

Focus on disability



PLANNED 'person-centred approaches' to people with disabilities by the NSW Government will be the subject of statewide meetings.

The Aboriginal Disability Network NSW is running the consultations for Indigenous people with disabilities, their families and carers.

The network aims to bring together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disabilities to tell their stories, give each other support, create a voice for positive changes and speak for themselves.

Times and venues for the 'person-centred approaches' consultations are:

- Tuesday 18 October - Narrabri
- Wednesday 19 October - Moree
- Thursday 20 October - Walgett
- Monday 24 October - Coffs Harbour
- Tuesday 25 October - Kempsey
- Wednesday 26 October -

Nambucca Heads

- Tuesday 8 November - Sutherland
- Thursday 10 November - Bankstown
- Tuesday 15 November - Albury
- Wednesday 16 November - Griffith
- Thursday 17 November - Wagga Wagga
- Tuesday 22 November - Gosford
- Wednesday 23 November - Newcastle
- Monday 28 November - Dubbo/Port Macquarie
- Tuesday 29 November - Condobolin / Taree
- Tuesday 6 December - Orange
- Wednesday 7 December - Parkes
- Tuesday 13 December - Grafton
- Wednesday 14 December - Casino
- Thursday 15 December - Ballina
- Friday 16 December - Tweed Heads.

For more details contact the office of the Aboriginal Disability Network NSW on 02 9519 5005 or juner@adnsw.org.au



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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.

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Warning on STI risk



AN Indigenous health expert says programs that have a proven track record must be rolled out nationally to address soaring rates of sexually transmissible infections (STIs) in Aboriginal communities.

James Ward, from the Kirby Institute at the University of New South Wales, said it was no good trying out 'short cut, sure to fail' plans like a mass treatment program currently proposed for the Northern Territory.

He said international evidence suggested these kinds of program reduced STI rates temporarily but the numbers soon bounced back up.

Instead, governments should look at sexual health programs proven to work, like the Eight Ways model developed by the

Nganampa Health Council in South Australia.

"These interventions (in the Northern Territory) fly in the face of evidence of what has just been achieved across the border in South Australia," Mr Ward told a sexual health conference in Canberra last week.

"Nganampa Health Council has reduced community prevalence rates for chlamydia, gonorrhoea and infectious syphilis from around 20 per cent to just around five or six per cent currently.

"Why have we not as a nation rolled out this model of care to other remote communities?"

Mr Ward, who heads the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health program at the Kirby Institute, said his work had involved a community trial to improve the quality of STI treatment in remote communities



JAMES WARD

around Australia.

"I think we're not very clever about how we're rolling out primary health care in

communities at the moment," he said.

It was vital that STI testing, treatment and management be embedded within primary health care services, which the proposed Territory program did not.

"It probably will never do anything to increase the capacity of primary health care services that already exist in those communities," he said.

The other keys to improving STI rates were more investment in Aboriginal community health workers and making sure the whole health-care workforce had necessary skills and knowledge about STI control.

"Current training has resulted in a medical workforce ignorant about comprehensive diagnoses, treatment and management ... for STIs and bloodborne viruses," Mr Ward said.

"Clearly this is an area where sexual health specialists could be doing a hell of a lot more to support the capacity of primary health care services to deliver appropriate services."

Mr Ward said community controlled models of health care worked better because it meant the people involved could set their priorities and make sure they were met.

For instance, he said the Federal Government's Closing the Gap health indicators focused on improving Indigenous mortality rates and made no mention of STIs.

"This is where I think we have to be brave and step up to the mark and make some big changes," he said.

"We are midway through our third national strategy and it's like we've been sailing a ship with no captain." - AAP

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Cancer focus for new Menzies unit



MENZIES School of Health Research has a new Cancer Epidemiology Research Unit that is set to help

Indigenous Australians.

The unit was welcomed at the official launch last week of Menzies' new Brisbane office.

To be headed by Dr Patricia Valery, the unit will investigate why cancer death rates for Indigenous people are twice that of the rest of the population.

Menzies School director Jonathan Carapetis welcomed the developments.

He said bringing staff together in Brisbane meant Menzies would have a much stronger team of researchers working in Queensland.

"The Brisbane office is a

central hub bringing together researchers, government and community representatives to focus on the quality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care," Professor Carapetis said.

"It is the base for the primary health-care systems research team and the program

'Brisbane ... is a central hub bringing together researchers, government and community representatives to focus on the quality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care'

"We work with the Qld Aboriginal and Islander Health Council, Queensland Health and the University of Queensland," she said.

Prof Garvey said the cancer epidemiology research unit was originally based at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. "The Brisbane office

has 25 staff and is supporting health centres to improve their systems for high quality care such as maternal and child health, diabetes services, mental health and rheumatic heart disease," she said.

Dr Valery has conducted several population-based studies in the fields of cancer in Indigenous Australians, asthma, obesity and metabolic syndrome in Indigenous children. Her team is working to improve the cancer outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

International standard rating for Apunipima



CAIRNS-based Apunipima Cape York Health Council has achieved an international quality standard

rating. The council, which covers a huge area of north Queensland, has met the requirements set out in the internationally recognised AS/NZS ISO 9001:2008

quality management systems standard.

The standard assesses an organisation's systems and processes to make sure that quality is key throughout the organisation.

Apunipima CEO Cleveland Fagan welcomed the recognition. "From quality systems and processes comes quality services and service delivery," he said.

"All staff at Apunipima are committed to delivering quality health services to the people of Cape York and can be proud that their dedication to quality has been recognised in this way.

"I am incredibly proud that Apunipima has achieved this international standard and has been recognised for providing quality services to the people of Cape York."



Mobile and Relocatable Schedule October to November

Cairns

- Hopevale, early October
- Cooktown, mid to end October
- Yarrabah, end October to early November
- Kuranda, early to mid November

Toowoomba

- Warwick, October to December

Wide Bay

- Agnes Water and Miriam Vale, mid to end October
- Maryborough, mid Oct to mid December
- Murgon, end October to mid November
- Cherbourg, end November

Townsville

- Charters Towers, October to mid Nov
- Woodlands, mid November to early December

Sunshine Coast

- Buderim, October
- Kawana, early to mid November
- Beerwah, end November to mid Dec

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- Beenleigh, early to mid October
- Beaudesert, mid October to mid Dec

Rockhampton

- Yeppoon, end Oct to mid December

For women, age is the biggest risk factor for developing breast cancer. Women aged 50-69 year are strongly encouraged to have a free breast screen every two years at a BreastScreen Queensland Service. Women aged 40-49 years and those over 70 are also eligible for a free breast screen. This schedule is a guide and subject to change.

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Early detection could save your life

The 17th annual Deadly Awards



Actor Luke Carroll, model Sam Harris, Indigenous leader Tom Calma and Vibe Australia managing director Gavin Jones having a Deadly time.

Our glittering night of nights

By KIRSTIE PARKER

OLD hands, rising stars and everyone in between. They all had their day – or, rather, their night – at the glittering 2011 Deadly Awards, held at Sydney Opera House last week.

A more rigorous voting system and a revamped stage set helped to usher in a new era for the annual music, arts, sport, community and lifetime achievement awards.

Jessica Mauboy, Gurrumul Yunupingu, Johnathan Thurston, Aaron Pedersen, Evonne Goolagong Cawley and the film *Mad Bastards* were among the winners.

Some awards were presented in an earlier Sunset Ceremony co-hosted by actor Kylie Farmer and musician Michael Tuahine.

Sixteen-year-old Sydney school boy Matty Webb, originally from Tamworth, took out the 2011 Deadly Dressed Awards with a men's suit, half of which bore Aboriginal designs and motifs, symbolising the fact that Indigenous Australians effectively live in 'two worlds'.

Deadly Dressed is probably the most egalitarian of the award categories in that any Indigenous person from any community across Australia can enter.

For Anita Heiss, whose book *Paris Dreaming* won her the Deadly for Outstanding Achievement in Literature, the award served as a good omen for the following day when she and eight other Aboriginal people scored a court win against columnist Andrew Bolt, who was found to have breached the Racial Discrimination Act in articles about them.

Other awards were saved for later in the evening on the main stage, where Alan Madden gave a Gadigal welcome to country and a video montage showed key events during the past 12 months, including the passing of Indigenous and other leading lights such as Lionel Rose, Thancoupie Gloria Fletcher,



Matty Shields performing on the pole at the after party.

Bobbi Sykes and Maurice Rioli.

New co-hosts Aaron Pedersen and Casey Donovan acquitted themselves well in front of an audience comprised of 'blackerati', movers and shakers, grass roots and community mob, as well as political representatives including Federal ministers Warren Snowdon and Peter Garrett.

Co-presenting an award with singer Christine Anu, the latter seemed chuffed when Anu confessed that she'd thought him 'so cool' in his earlier incarnation of lead singer of Aussie super group *Midnight Oil*.

"How can we sleep when our beds are

burning?" Anu sang briefly to illustrate her point, hitting all the right notes.

One of the biggest applause for the night was for Mathew (Matty) Shields, whose pole dancing routine on *Australia's Got Talent* earlier this year won him legions of fans everywhere.

Co-presenting an award with luminous model Sam Harris, Shields quipped 'I feel a bit naked up here without my pole'. This was remedied later on, during the after party, when Shields stripped down to black sequinned trunks, a singlet and mask to perform a routine.

Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu accepted his award for Male Artist of the Year by video cross, saying he was 'happy for that Deadly award in Sydney'.

Forty-year music veteran Col Hardy received the Jimmy Little Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Music while tennis legend Evonne Goolagong Cawley received the Ella Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sport from four Ella siblings.

Musical performers included Shellie Morris with the Yanyuwa Song Women, The Last Kinection with a guest spot by Radical Son, Naomi Pigram with her uncles and friends, Troy Cassar-Daly and Casey Donovan.

Later, some stars of the show and audience members danced the night away at the after party with the lights of Sydney Harbour twinkling behind them.

Gavin Jones, managing director of Vibe Australia which stages the Deadlys, told the *Koori Mail* afterwards that the sold-out event was 'definitely the best we've ever had' and, with a new nomination and voting system, something of a coming of age.

"I think it shows the feeling that can occur when everyone stands together," Mr Jones said, adding thanks to the Deadlys Academy whose deliberations combined with popular vote helped decide some awards.

Our Deadliest

MUSIC

Most Promising New Talent in Music – Iwantja Band

Single of the Year: *Happy People* – The Last Kinection

Album of the Year: *Rrakala* – Gurrumul Yunupingu

Band of the Year – The Last Kinection

Male Artist of the Year – Gurrumul Yunupingu

Female Artist of the Year – Jessica Mauboy

THE ARTS

Dancer of the Year – Kathy Marika

Male Actor of the Year: Aaron Pedersen – *City Homicide*

Female Actor of the Year: Deborah Mailman – *Offspring*

Visual Artist of the Year – Michael Cook

Film of the Year – *Mad Bastards*

TV Show of the Year: *Living Black* – SBS

Outstanding Achievement in Literature: Anita Heiss – *Paris Dreaming*

SPORT

Outstanding Achievement in AFL: Andrew Walker – Carlton

Outstanding Achievement in NRL: Johnathan Thurston – Cowboys

Female Sportsperson of the Year: Rohanee Cox – Basketball

Male Sportsperson of the Year: Patrick Mills – Basketball

Most Promising New Talent in Sport: Tanisha Stanton – Netball

COMMUNITY

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker of the Year: Muriel Jaragba, Aboriginal Mental Health Worker, Groote Eylandt, Northern Territory

Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health: NPY Women's Council (Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation) – 'No Safe Amount – The Effects of Alcohol in Pregnancy', Alice Springs, Northern Territory

Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education: Deadly Ute Project – Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative through Wimmera Hub, Horsham Victoria

Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment: Brian Dowd – Black on Track, NSW

Broadcaster of the Year: Karla Hart – Noongar Radio, 100.9FM Perth WA

ELLA AWARDS

The Ella Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sport: Evonne Goolagong Cawley

The Jimmy Little Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Music: Col Hardy.

● See more Deadlys photos on the next three pages

Spotlight on the 17th annual Deadly Awards



The Last Kinection, Naomi and Joel Wenitong and Jacob Turier (Jaytee) won Deadlys for both Band and Single of the Year.



Lana Shaw, Leona McGrath and Michelle Cutmore from the NSW Department of Health's Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Office, which was a finalist in the Indigenous Health category. They're seen here with Emma Tighe, Jaye Tighe, Caitlyn Tighe, Lochlyn Tighe, Bailey Collins and Andrew McIntosh.



Descendance in full flight at the Deadlys.



Tennis great Evonne Goolagong-Cawley (second from left) with big sis Barbara Goolagong, niece Lisa Goolagong and recipient of an Evonne Goolagong-Cawley tennis scholarship Keiryn Lenoy. Evonne won the Ella Award for Lifetime Achievement.



Winner of the Jimmy Little Award Col Hardy with members of his family.



Jessica Mauboy was Female Artist of the Year.



Male Actor of the Year Aaron Pederson.



Kevin Kropinyeri had the audience in stitches with tales of his Uncle 'Nuff Nuff'.



Dr Anita Heiss with her Deadly for Outstanding Achievement in Literature for her book *Paris Dreaming*.



Male Sportsperson of the Year Patrick Mills.



Matt Webb, 16, originally from Tamworth, designed and modelled his outfit, and won the 2011 Deadly Dressed Award.



Dancer of the Year, Kathy Marika.



Brian Dowd, of Black on Track, won the Deadly for Outstanding Achievement in Employment.



Karla Grant with Nathan Foley during the Sunset Awards.



Visual Artist of the Year Michael Cook.



Champion basketballer Rohanee Cox was Female Sportsperson of the Year yet again.



Netballer Tanisha Stanton won the Deadly for Most Promising New Talent in Sport.

The 17th annual Deadly Awards



On the case back stage were Deadlys assistants Aiesha Saunders and Sophie Bancroft, both from Sydney.



The Pigrims and friends performed.



National Congress Director Dennis Eggington with actor Kelton Pell at the Deadlys after party.



Pauline Weldon-Bowen models a dress by Robyn Caughlan.



Glen, Gary, Marcia and Mark Ella co-presented the Ella Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sport to tennis legend Evonne Goolagong-Cawley.



Hip-hop artist Brothablack and comedian Kevin Kropinyeri on stage.



Models in the Deadly Dressed award category, from left, Pauline Weldon-Bowen (dressed by Robyn Caughlan), Becky Chatfield (dressed by Caressa Sengstock), Elle Tyson (dressed by Leanne Kennedy), Milisont Sailor and Renee Bani (both dressed by Nicholas Donlen), Tahan Lew-Fatt, Matty Webb (dressed by Matty Webb) and Pamela Brown (dressed by Colleen Tighe Johnson).



Christine Anu and Evie J Willie.



Shellie Morris with Yanyuwa Song Women from Borroloola, in the Northern Territory.



Hitting the dance floor at the after party.



School Education Minister Peter Garrett and singer Christine Anu joined forces to present the Deadly for Outstanding Achievement in Education to the Deadly Ute Project by Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative through Wimmera Hub in Horsham, Victoria.



Krystal Perkins and Stephen Satour styled up.



Actor Jack Thompson and arts dynamo Rhoda Roberts with Muriel Jaragba, who won the Deadly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker of the Year.



The fabulous Casey Donovan performs.



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Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

The third application round under the program opens on Monday 26 September 2011. Applications are invited from eligible individuals who are interested in undertaking an approved course of study in adult LLN, commencing 2012.

The program guidelines, a link to the online application form and other relevant information is available from <http://www.deewr.gov.au/llnscholarships>.

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Applications must be received by 5.00pm (AEDT) on Monday 17 October 2011



Benjamin Costa, right, with TV host Adam Spencer at the awards night.

Benjamin is named student of the year



BENJAMIN COSTA took on a traineeship with Murdi

Paaki Regional Enterprises and the NSW Police with the aim of contributing to his community and to become an advocate and role model for other Aboriginal people.

Now he's gone on to win the 2011 NSW VET In Schools Student of the Year.

Benjamin has been employed through a pilot program in which 12 students from Dubbo, Walgett, Gilgandra, Coonabarabran, Coonamble and Bourke were offered a school-based

traineeship, working one day a week with NSW Police doing general duties and proactive policing initiatives.

"I feel that I have been given an opportunity to begin to break down the barriers between the wider Aboriginal community and NSW Police who have the task of keeping our community safe," he said.

Opportunity

"I am enjoying working at the NSW Police and the opportunity provided for me to understand the operations of the police and the contribution they make to my community."

Benjamin is vice-captain of Dubbo College Senior

Campus, a member of the NSW student representative council, and holds a leadership role in the army cadets. He was named 2011 Young Citizen of the Year by Dubbo City Council for his achievements in school, work and his commitment and leadership in the Aboriginal and wider community.

Benjamin received the 2011 VET In Schools Student of the Year Award in the Western NSW region, and was named the 2011 NSW VET In Schools Student of the Year at the NSW Training Awards presentation at the Sydney Convention Centre.

● Another winner – P56

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Kids' brains 'need help'



INDIGENOUS children's brains need special training to prepare them for the school

classroom, a parliamentary inquiry has heard.

Speech pathologist Mary-Ruth Mendel, who founded the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation, appeared before the parliamentary inquiry into Indigenous languages.

She said speech pathology techniques could be used to bridge the deficit gap between Indigenous children's verbal and listening skills so they could learn properly once they start school.

"Learning to read and write requires the brain to be neurologically developmentally

primed," Ms Mendel told the inquiry. "Children's brains need to be stimulated in the first language that they speak."

Indigenous children find it extremely difficult to initially work in English, Ms Mendel said. "It's seen as pushing through the eye of a needle. Working in first language completely changes those dynamics," she said.

Hearing loss

In urban, regional and remote Indigenous communities, middle-ear infections and subsequent hearing loss harm children's ability to develop listening and oral skills, she said.

Ms Mendel said her foundation had resounding success with its 'pre-literacy' program to prepare the brains of Aboriginal children to go to

school. She said the program was in first languages as well as English.

Her foundation educates Indigenous parents and people how to teach children to read and write in their own language in 'manageable bite-size bits'.

An Indigenous child aged two-and-a-half was 15 months delayed in their oral skill development, Ms Mendel said.

"The circuit breaker is working," Ms Mendel said.

"In 16 weeks of intervention these three-year-olds who were well behind went up into the average range."

Ms Mendel said that after a number of years working with pre-schools and families, 98 per cent of the children were school-ready. — AAP

NASCA youth graduate



A SPECIAL graduation dinner has been held in Sydney for 14 graduates from the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) Dubbo Academy.

NASCA says the Year 12 students have worked with the Dubbo academy since Year 8.

Speaking during the graduation at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern, NASCA director Anita Heiss congratulated the students on their achievements and encouraged them to follow their dreams.

NCIE CEO Jason Glanville also praised the graduates.

Futures

"By sticking with NASCA, working hard and finishing Year 12, these young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians know what they want from their futures and how they're going to get there. I congratulate them on their hard work," he said.

And NASCA CEO Charles Prouse said the graduates were 'role models in and of themselves'.

"I have every faith they can become whatever they dream



NASCA Dubbo Academy graduates at their dinner at the NCIE, back from left, Aaron Williams, Tierra Hausia, Tjapuki Shaw, Caitlin Riley and Shelbi Ryan; middle, Chelsea Wood, Jacinta Carr, Tshintia Morris-Fernando, Greta Wood, Chloe Wighton and Gabrielle Knight; and front Litisha Boney and Nyoka Boney.

to achieve," he said.

NASCA's Dubbo Academy works with young Indigenous people to support them attending high school and finishing Year 12.

NASCA says this is done through mentoring at school, engaging in sport and recreational activities and exposure to potential careers. During their week-long stay in

Sydney at the NCIE, the students had their hair and make-up done at The Australasian College and went to the Deadlys, had a behind-the-scenes tour of ANZ

Stadium, met with role models to talk about motivation and goal-setting and explored job career opportunities with Accor, Qantas and the NSW Institute of Sport.



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A BAREFOOT ADVENTURE: IT'S MORE THAN PRACTICAL

For two young members of the Wonnarua and Worimi tribes, watching TV will never be the same again.

TV production is challenging and exciting, and getting directly involved is the best way to learn, whether it's behind the camera or in front of it.

Thanks to The Wollotuka Institute, two young Indigenous University of Newcastle undergraduates did exactly that last month when they joined the crew of The Barefoot Rugby League Show for National Indigenous TV's coverage of the inaugural Queensland Murri Carnival on the Gold Coast.

Third-year Communication student David Long majors in Media Production and had dropped into The Wollotuka Institute looking for help with the practical experience component of his Bachelor's degree.

"The people at Wollotuka told me about Barefoot, which was perfect for my work placement, and then helped me with everything, including flights, accommodation and food for our trip to the Gold Coast," said David.

"It was a great opportunity to work as part of a TV production crew and to get first-hand experience of what's involved when broadcasting live events."

Second-year Communication student Jessica Skene also relished the opportunity to work a TV camera. "I met so many new people," Jessica said. "I can see how Wollotuka really helps young Indigenous students build a rapport with each other, they offer all the little things that make uni life so much easier."

Applications for enrolment at the University of Newcastle for 2012 are now open through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC).

When applying, make sure you indicate that you are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander to be eligible for the University of Newcastle's Alternative Entry Program.

If you are looking for advice on career and UAC choices, contact The Wollotuka Institute on 02 4921 6863.



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Scholarship worth \$16,500



A LEADERSHIP scholarship for an Indigenous person valued at \$16,500 is being offered for next year by Social Leadership Australia.

The organisation, which is the leadership development centre at The Benevolent Society, said the scholarship would be for an Indigenous leader to

participate in its Sydney program.

Social Leadership Australia says the 2012 scholarship will be awarded to an Indigenous person working in the non-government organisation (NGO) sector or in a significant community leadership role whose work, either directly or indirectly, is driving positive social impact.

Sydney Leadership is an annual,

year-long program that brings together 30 leaders and up-and-coming leaders from the business, not-for-profit and government sectors. The program aims to foster new leadership skills and a new determination to lead social change.

For more details, go to the website www.benevolent.org.au/leadership or call (02) 9339 8090.



State finalist Kodie Keed with NSW Education Minister Adrian Piccoli and WorkCover strategy and performance general manager Carmel Donnelly at the NSW Training Awards presentation.

Kodie shines



AFTER landing one of the business trainee positions available at the RTA office in Parkes, Kodie Keed went on to win 2011 Trainee of the Year in the Western NSW region and was also a state finalist.

During her traineeship, the Western Institute of TAFE business

administration student undertook a wide range of tasks – everything from typing letters to slump testing concrete.

TAFE NSW says Kodie, a Wiradjuri woman, took a lead role in liaising with Aboriginal communities in order to get more services, such as safe driving programs, into towns.

She also participated in a

promotional DVD promoting the careers for Aboriginal people with the RTA, and helped co-ordinate local NAIDOC celebrations.

Having completed her traineeship, Kodie gained a position in the RTA western region office as a traffic engineering officer in training and is now undertaking a Diploma of Civil Construction and Design.

INDIGENOUS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Melbourne Girls Grammar (MGGS) is pleased to announce the continuation of its Indigenous Student Scholarship Program.

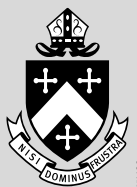
In 2012, MGGS will provide a program to encourage and enable Indigenous students to study at MGGS.

One Scholarship comprising full tuition and boarding fees is being offered to an Indigenous girl entering Year 9 as a boarder.

MGGS is extending the date for application to be submitted by **Monday 31 October**.

Information regarding the MGGS Indigenous Student Scholarship program, including information on how to apply can be found by contacting the Indigenous Co-ordinator Sheryle Allan on (03) 9862 9200 or email Sheryle.Allan@mggs.vic.edu.au.

Further information can also be found on our website www.mggs.vic.edu.au



Curtin says curriculum is getting thumbs up



CURTIN University says its health sciences students are highly satisfied with its new inter-professional education (IPE) curriculum – especially relating to Indigenous cultures.

Introduced this year, Curtin says it is the first university in Australia to offer an integrated inter-professional experience to its students across its 22 health sciences undergraduate degrees.

More than 1600 health students rated their learning experience of the pioneering curriculum which provides

students with a head start on teamwork, recording opinions on teaching quality, motivation and learning resources, through Curtin's online survey.

One of the key learning subjects, which introduces students to Indigenous cultures, received a 94 per cent satisfaction rate, and a subject exploring the factors that influence health and well-being of individuals followed closely at 93 per cent.

Other courses that performed well include biomedical science with a 94 per cent success rating and functional anatomy achieving an average of 93 per cent.

First-year midwifery student Norafiah Lever said she enjoyed the Indigenous course because it challenged the misconceptions people might have and highlighted issues that had an impact on the health of Indigenous people.

"This unit has contributed to my personal growth because it encourages self-reflection," Lever said.

"We have learned about cultural differences and how they contribute to people's attitudes towards their health and treatment. Even as a first-year midwifery student I am already able to apply this learning in my continuity of care experiences."

Talented Guy gets a *Lucky* career break

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



GROWING up in La Perouse Guy Simon said he always wanted to be an actor, but he didn't know how to go about it.

"I had this thing in my head that you had to be born into a certain class, you had to be born into a certain amount of money to be an actor," he said.

When he spoke to the *Koori Mail* last week, the 24-year-old Worimi man was gearing up for his largest role since graduating from NIDA last year, in the Australian premiere of *Lucky*, which opens tomorrow at New Theatre in Sydney's Newtown (with a preview performance tonight, 5 October).

Lucky is set on a raft at sea and addresses the issue of people seeking refuge through illegal immigration.

The three central characters are two brothers and a human trafficker. Simon plays the role of Abduma, one of the boat people, and said it was a really important story to tell, 'especially now when there's so much controversy over Australia's refugee policies, and so much tension in the community around the issue'.

"I really hope audiences who see this production take away a sense why people make the sacrifices they do in order to live a better life – and how truly lucky we are to live in Australia," Simon said.

Director Sama Ky Balson said she was struck by the relevance of the story to contemporary Australia.

"When I met the writer, Dutchman Ferenc Alexander Zavaros in New York last year, I asked him if I could bring the work here," she said. "At the most simple level, *Lucky* is the story of a quest for a better life.



Indigenous actor Guy Simon is set to perform in *Lucky*.

The play will make you laugh and make you cry; it will certainly make you think and question your own beliefs."

Simon got his first acting break working on a short film by Indigenous actor/director Leah Purcell.

At the time he was at TAFE's Eora College doing a filmmaking course and put his name forward to work as a soundman on Purcell's film.

"Then I asked if I could audition," he said. "I have no idea where I got the courage to ask. I told myself 'why not? What have you got to lose'.

He auditioned with Purcell's daughter, and found it all came very naturally to him.

"I just felt like 'I can do this', and there was enough support to make it seem possible," he said.

He then spent a year doing the acting course at Eora before deciding to audition for NIDA. "It was amazing," he said of his experience at NIDA. "I learned so much, and I've grown so much. I was this shy little introverted kid who just wanted to do something, and I just left in, and now you can't shut me up."

Lucky runs until 22 October. Tickets cost \$30/\$25 with cheap Tuesdays (pay what you can – minimum \$10). For details go to www.newtheatre.org.au

Bangarra matinee for kids



Students who took part in Bangarra Dance Theatre's Koorie Kids Day in Melbourne last month.



ALMOST 500 Victorian Indigenous school students attended a matinee

performance of Bangarra Dance Theatre's latest work *Belong*, as part of Koorie Kids Day in Melbourne last month. Following the performance smaller groups of students from schools including Mt Clear College in Ballarat, Worowa Aboriginal College, Avila College, Sacred Heart Girls College Oakleigh, Thornbury Primary School were taken on a backstage tour and participated in a workshop with some of the dancers of Bangarra. The following day additional student workshops with the Bangarra dancers were held for students of Warrnambool College, Thornbury High School, select schools from the Western Suburbs Indigenous Gathering Place and Koorie students from schools

including Parkdale Secondary, Cheltenham Secondary, Patterson River Secondary, Mentone Girls and Mordialloc Secondary Colleges.

The Commonwealth Bank recently extended its partnership with Bangarra to support its Indigenous Community Program in Melbourne for 2011.

General Manager of Group Sponsorships at Commonwealth Bank Poppy Fassos said Bangarra Dance Theatre played a wonderful leadership role in the Indigenous community.

"The artists of this internationally successful company are inspirational role models, demonstrating the value and relevance of Indigenous cultures," Fassos said. "Commonwealth Bank shares this goal to play an active role as a positive community leader, and we are delighted to be a supporter of Bangarra's Indigenous Community Program in Melbourne."

Prize on show



THIRTY-SEVEN finalists have been selected for the 2011 NSW Parliament Aboriginal Art

Prize, with the winner of the \$40,000 prize to be announced on 19 October.

The prize is acquisitive and the winning piece will become part of the Parliament's permanent art collection, joining the works of previous winners such as Roy Kennedy, Danny Eastwood and Esme Timbery.

In addition, over \$120,000 in scholarships will be offered through the College of Fine Arts, UNSW, including the COFA Development Award and two additional student educational scholarships. This makes the combined prize package

the richest Aboriginal art incentive on offer in Australia.

Finalists for the 2011 prize include a mix of professional artists such as Albert 'Digby' Moran, Badger Bates and Frances Belle Parker as well as rising artists and those just starting out. The finalists were selected by this year's guest judges, Indigenous artist and University of Sydney lecturer Dr Danie Mellor and Powerhouse Museum senior curator of Koori Art James Wilson-Miller.

The finalists' works are on display at the Parliament from tomorrow (6 October) with the exhibition running until 27 October.

The exhibition will then tour a selection of regional galleries in 2012 including Muswellbrook (2-29 Jan), Grafton (4 Jul – 26 Aug) and Tamworth (15 Sep – 20).

VICTORIAN INDIGENOUS ART AWARDS 2012

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Arts Victoria and fortyfivedownstairs invites Victorian based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to submit an entry to the Victorian Indigenous Art Awards 2012.

The total prize pool is valued at over \$50,000, including the Deadly Art Award.

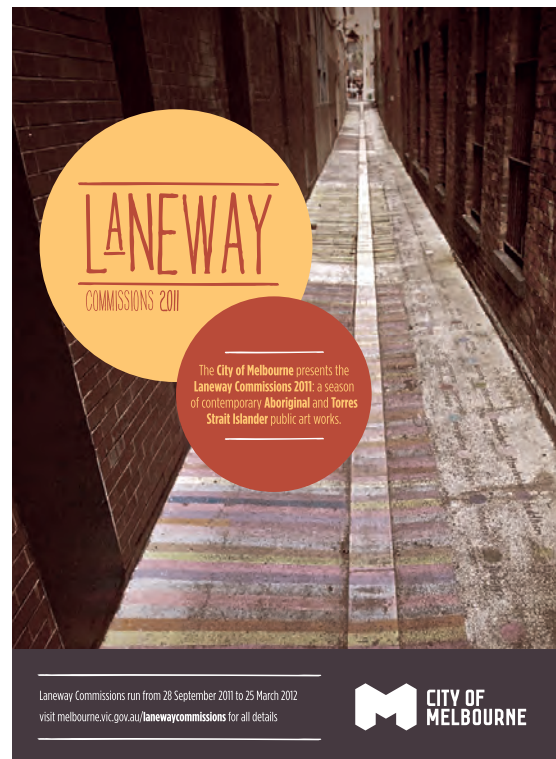
The deadline for entries is 5pm, 28 October 2011.

Hannah Presley, Assistant Curator, will be visiting regional artists and communities, please contact her if you would like to arrange a visit.

Enter online at: www.arts.vic.gov.au/viaentry

Contact Hannah for more information: 03 9662 9966, vaa@fortyfivedownstairs.com

www.indigenousartawards.com.au



Koorie weaving joins Tasmanian works



POONG'ORT, a new exhibition of woven artefacts drawn from the Koorie Heritage Trust's extensive collection, is now on until 11 November.

Poong'ort is a Gunditjmara word meaning spear grass – one of the materials used to construct the intricately woven baskets, eel traps and baby carriers on display. The name Poong'ort was chosen for the exhibition to honour Gunditjmara Elder Auntie Connie Hart, her expertise in weaving and the significant contribution she made to keeping her knowledge and practices alive through teaching others the art of weaving.

The exhibition is drawn entirely from the Koorie Heritage Trust's collection. The Trust has collections of oral histories, photographs, books/documents, pictures and artefacts that has been actively built up over the 16 years since the Trust was formed. With close to 300 weavings in the collection, the KHT have chosen just a handful of the treasures to showcase the strength of weaving across the Victorian Aboriginal community. Stories and quotes from weavers and Koorie community members are woven through the exhibition to share a range of stories connected to Koorie identity and heritage.

Poong'ort has been installed to compliment the touring exhibition *Tayenebe*, from Tasmania, which is also on display at the Koorie Heritage Trust until 11 November. *Tayenebe* is a Tasmanian Aboriginal word meaning 'exchange'. The exhibition celebrates the revitalisation of Tasmanian Aboriginal weaving that has been taking place over the past three years. The *Tayenebe* exhibition includes baskets and kelp water carriers in contemporary and traditional styles, along with a historical basket made around 1845 from the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

Yirra Yaakin show in theatre awards night



INDIGENOUS theatre company Yirra Yaakin has garnered eight nominations in the Perth Theatre Trust/Equity Guild Awards for *Waltzing the Wilarra* written by David Milroy.

The hit 'bluesical' which made a splash at this year's Perth International Arts Festival received nominations for best production, best design (David Milroy for his music), best lead actor (Trevor Jamieson), best supporting actor (Kelton Pell, Tim Solly), best supporting actress (Jessica Clarke, Irma Woods) and best newcomer (Jessica Clarke). The awards presentation will be held on November 7.

Meanwhile Yirra Yaakin has confirmed its next major new work *The Bindjareb Legends* by Pinjarra-based writer Karie-Anne Kering. It will be created in a first-time partnership with the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre and is scheduled to premiere in 2013.



Hunter Page Lochard in rehearsal for STC's *Bloodland*.

Photo by GRANT SPARKES-CARROLL

By MARGARET SMITH

A bold new play at the Sydney Theatre Company has been especially created by Stephen Page and Wayne Blair in collaboration with Bangarra's artist-in-residence and cultural consultant Kathy Balngayngu Marika. *Bloodland* combines drama, dance and song to tell its story of Aboriginal culture fighting to remain strong as western culture encroaches.

Featuring an Indigenous cast of twelve, including established urban actors as well as traditional Yolngu storytellers, the production fuses traditional languages and Pidgin English, telling a story of young love divided

by moiety, and what happens to a people living with a huge mine on nearby country.

On the verandah of the Wharf Theatre Kathy Marika told the *Koori Mail* that she and Stephen Page introduced Wayne Blair to Arnhem Land for the very first time, so they could collaborate with traditional storytellers.

"We just had a feeling about the land and its people, how the people are treated in their community, and the impact of the mine.... Our Elders are the last of the people who still have their language, the songlines, their art, and everything to do with their culture," she said.

Kelton Pell, who has

travelled from Perth to perform in the production, says in Sydney he has noticed people in the street who don't know or acknowledge their Aboriginal heritage. In *Bloodland* he plays Kathy Marika's nephew and he has been learning Yolngu language for his part. "It's very important to me. The characters in the play are very deep and they take a lot of time developing," he said.

Ursula Yovich who plays Kathy Marika's daughter added, 'The play's about the dual world we live in now'.

"There's education, culture and mining, which creates a tug of war for our people You always have to compromise," she said.

Kathy Marika knows all

about this, as she lives between Sydney and her home in Yirrkala. She has worked with Bangarra since 1989, and in 2003 she became a formal part of the company for their production of *Bush*.

She says Top End traditional custodians Janet and Djakapurra Munyarryun led the way in working closely with Sydney-based dance company Bangarra.

"We're a family here in Sydney too. We need to work with our young people and put them on the path," she said.

Bloodland runs until 13 November at the Wharf Theatre in Sydney. For more information visit www.sydneystheatre.com.au/bloodland

Last chance to enter Clarence art awards



Queensland Art Gallery's associate curator of Indigenous Australian Art Bruce McLean will judge the 2011 Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award.



GRAFTON Regional Gallery has announced that Queensland Art Gallery curator Bruce McLean will judge the 2011 Clarence Valley Indigenous Art

Award (CVIAA).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists who reside in the traditional areas of the Yaegl, Bundjalung and Gumbainggirr nations are invited to submit up to two entries of artworks in any medium created in 2010 or 2011 and entries close this Friday 7 October.

McLean is a member of the Wiri people of the Birri Gubba Nation of central Queensland and is QAG's associate curator of Indigenous Australian Art.

He will announce the winners of this year's awards, which includes the \$5000 acquisitive prize, at the opening celebration of the exhibition on Wednesday 26 October. The exhibition will run until 11 December.

Two other exhibitions also opening on the same day. Baryulgil & Friends: Indigenous Students of Clarence Small Schools is an exhibition of work from Indigenous students enrolled in the 12 small schools across the Clarence Valley including Baryulgil Public School. Meanwhile, winner of the 2009 CVIAA Danielle Burford is presenting a solo exhibition of her recent paintings.

The opening will include entertainment, art activities and morning tea refreshments. Members of the public are warmly invited to this free event which starts at 10.30am.

Entry forms to the 2011 CVIAA can be downloaded from www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au or ring the gallery on (02) 6642 3177. Works can be dropped off at Grafton Regional Gallery, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, Lismore Regional Gallery, Tweed River Regional Gallery in Murwillumbah and Northern Rivers Community Gallery in Ballina.

Joshua wins Togart award



EMERGING Darwin artist Joshua Bonson has been named winner of this year's Togart Contemporary

Art Award. The Togart is open to all artists – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – who have based their practice in the NT, or whose work demonstrates a strong connection to the Territory.

As the award winner, 22-year-old Bonson receives a \$15,000 cash prize.

A two-time finalist in the Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Bonson draws on his Torres Strait Islander and north Queensland heritage to create his highly textured and abstract paintings. He also traces his ancestry through his great-great grandmother Dolly Bonson, a Jawoyn woman from Katherine who was the Aboriginal servant girl Bett-Bett featured as the main character in the book *The Little Black Princess* by Jeannie Gunn, and was also featured in her work *We of the Never-Never*.

Bonson's winning work *Skin* alludes to his saltwater people and his totem, the crocodile.

"My paintings are sections of the landscape, close ups, memories of places and times gone past and family," he said.

"Skin tells of the salt water people and the saltwater crocodile, the key to my totem."



Togart award winner *Skin*, 2011, by Joshua Bonson, synthetic polymer paint on canvas.

The armoured skin of the reptile is shown by the built up serrations of the paint and other materials applied by hand or directly from the tube."

"My great grandmother was from Badu in the Torres Strait Islands and her eldest son is my grandfather, Donald Bonson, senior. He is the inspiration for my work. He says everything is connected, the land, the water and us. Like the crocodile we are saltwater people with an ancient lineage."

The Togart Contemporary Art Award is now in its fifth year, with 40 artists shortlisted as finalists this year. The works of Pitjantjatjara artists Tiger Palpatja and Keith Stevens were highly commended by the judges and the People's Choice

Award winner will receive a cash prize of \$5000.

The Togart Contemporary Art Award is an initiative of the Toga Group and executive chairman Ervin Vidor said he was delighted that the award had been presented to a young, emerging artist.

"Togart has been able to uncover some great art, and it is wonderful to be at the start of what I believe will be a brilliant career for Joshua Bonson," he said. "I am also pleased to announce that the Toga Group will purchase this beautiful work for its important collection of Australian Contemporary Art."

The judging panel that selected the shortlist included NGA senior curator Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Francesca Cubillo, Togart Award manager Felicity Green, Art Monthly editor Maurice O'Riordon, ANU lecturer Dr Sarah Scott and visual artist Fiona Sivyver.

Mr Vidor said interestingly they received a lot of first-time entrants this year.

"This is a really pleasing result as I believe that the Northern Territory and those with strong connections to the Territory have a unique voice, which we are able to bring to the wider community," he said.

The 2011 award exhibition runs until Sunday 16 October at the Chan Contemporary Art Space, State Square, Darwin, Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat -Sun, 10am - 3pm. Entry is free.



Jessie Bonson was an award finalist with his work *Same Blood*.



● **ABOVE: Pitjantjatjara artist Keith Stevens was a highly commended finalist for his work *Nyapari Piltati*.**



● **RIGHT: Artist Nellie Stewart was a finalist with her work *Irrunytju*.**

Artists *Revealed* in Perth



Artist Ken Sheperd in front of one of his artworks.



EMERGING artists and art centre staff from across WA will be in Perth at the end of this month as part of *Revealed*, which features a two-day professional development program, art workshops and forums and an exhibition at Gallery

Central – Central Institute of Technology which opens on 24 October.

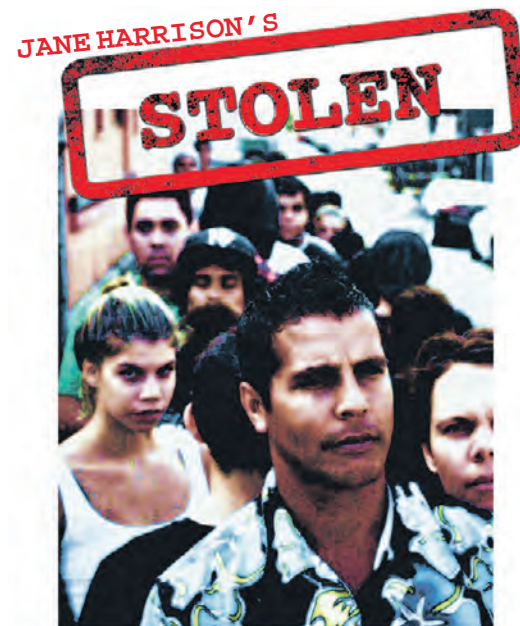
Organisers say the highlight of the program will be a marketplace on 28-29 October where visitors can buy direct from the artists and 21 art centres.

One of the emerging artists selected to take part in *Revealed* is Ken Sheperd (pictured), who was born in Leonora and now lives in Warakurna. Sheperd's works depict his father's Tingari stories from his country, Walpirnta.

"I'll follow in my father's footsteps with that story and his country. It's strong in my heart. I'll give that story to my son," he said.

In 2007 Sheperd was able to see his father's country Walpirnta for the first time from a helicopter during a native title survey.

In 2007 Ken was elected onto Warakurna Artists' executive committee and has been involved in several media projects promoting his paintings, country and art centre. He also took part in the 2010 Men's Bronzing Project, creating traditional men's weaponry to be cast in bronze.



A rich tapestry of original music, dance and drama from the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts, directed by Leah Purcell

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Warriors of the Pacific on show



CASULA Powerhouse Arts Centre's *Niu Warrior* exhibition is a celebration of modern-day Pacific warriors who are leaders in theatre, Pacific culture, rugby league, food and art.

Made up of 10 separate exhibitions, *Niu Warrior* kicked off last month with a festival featuring live cultural entertainment from Aboriginal, Tokelau, Cook Island, Samoan, Tongan and Niuean established and emerging solo artists and groups.

Works by Aboriginal and Polynesian teenagers from Sydney are currently on display in the Kids Gallery in an exhibition called *Inner City Aboriginal Kids*. Photographer Travis Grace taught the teens the basics of professional photography, before they headed out into the streets of Sydney to capture their interpretation of the city. The works are said to give 'a varied and fascinating insight into how the world is viewed through their eyes'.

In the Marsden Gallery, Wiradjuri artist Brook Andrew's show *Hope and Peace* brings together a collection of works from Penrith Regional Gallery that explore the cause and effect of inequalities between the First Australians and more recent settlers from Europe and elsewhere.

Meanwhile curator Giles Peterson has chosen work from 50 artists from the Pacific Rim in a show called *Niu Pasifik Warriors* in the Switch Gallery. Indigenous Australian artists featured in

the show include Gary Lee, Tracey Moffatt and Jenny Fraser.

Other exhibitions which form part of *Niu Warrior* include a photographic tribute to one of Samoa's finest traditional tattooists, a photographic exhibition of National Rugby League players from the Pacific, a showcase of Samoan cricket bats from the local Sydney Samoan community and artists' responses to 10 Pacific war objects selected from the Australian Museum Pacific collection.

Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre director Kiersten Fishburn said *Niu Warrior* highlights the artists represented in the exhibition as modern day warriors 'and inspires people of all ages and backgrounds to recognize and embrace their own inner warrior'.

Niu Warrior runs at the Casula Powerhouse until 4 December. For more info go to www.casulapowerhouse.com

● **RIGHT:** Fifteen-year-old Keisha Webb from Alexandria was one of the young people whose work is on display in the Kids Gallery as part of the exhibition *Inner City Aboriginal Kids*.

● **FAR RIGHT:** Wiradjuri artist Brook Andrew's *Peace*, 2005, a screenprint from his exhibition *Hope and Peace*, one of ten exhibitions currently showing at the Casula Powerhouse as part of *Niu Warrior*.



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Jenny Fraser's *Native All Stars* T-Shirt and photo series is part of the *Niu Pasifik Warriors* exhibition. Fraser said arts workers from around the world traded a *Native All Stars* T-shirt for a portrait of themselves to be transformed into collectors cards, and these are presented 'club house' style, referencing popular sporting culture.



Swan Hill mob bring platypus story to life



Cultural advisor and storyteller
Uncle Bruce Baxter.



AN Ancient Platypus Dreaming story is being brought to life by nine professional artists, the Swan Hill Aboriginal community in north west Victoria, and an original soundtrack by Jharrad Simpson, as part of the Marruk-Marruk project.

Marruk-Marruk means an 'enormous multitude' in Wamba Wamba – the traditional language of the Swan Hill area.

Co-director Angela Frost says the community project has gathered an 'enormous multitude' together who have been mentored by professional artists, with Arts Victoria and other significant organisations throwing their weight behind the project.

"Our group has headlined the Go North Arts Festival for the past two years with The Pondi Project in 2009, followed by The Kunawaa Project last year," she said.

"I'm excited to be back in Swan Hill with the same core group of young local Aboriginal performers who will give The Go North Festival an unprecedented theatrical performance of another traditional cultural story."

The Marruk-Marruk project blends drama, cultural dance, lighting and projection with performances.

It will be held on Thursday 27 October and Saturday 29 October at 8.15pm at Riverside Park, Swan Hill.



Co-artistic director and choreographer Uncle Hank Kerr.

Bipotaim at museum



Michael Kanai, Thursday Island. Photo by DAVID CALLOW



'BIPOTAIM' means 'before time' in Torres Strait Creole and has

been used as the title for a new exhibition at the National Museum of Australia.

Bipotaim: Stories from the Torres Strait opened last month and features objects from the NMA's Torres Strait collection, as well as a series of portraits commissioned by the Gab Titui Cultural Centre, which recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with NMA. The portraits are by David Callow, and were taken on islands right across the Torres Strait, providing a snapshot of contemporary life. Each of the portraits is accompanied by a story, and head of the NMA's Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander Program Alisa Duff said the common theme was memory and change.

She said 'bipotaim' (sometimes interpreted as meaning 'olden times'), meant different things to different people in the photos.

"It alludes to their understanding of significant change," Duff said. "Some people talk about the Coming of the Light (when the London Missionary Society first arrived in the Torres Strait in 1871)...other people refer to the 1967 Referendum. Then there are also smaller changes. One person speaks about the picture theatre on Thursday Island closing down and the ripple effect that had across the community."

Duff said *Bipotaim's* curator went through all the



Tropical colour, Island dresses (Augumwalis) from the Torres Strait. (NMA collection)

individual stories and found objects from the National Historical Collection (which is held by the NMA) to illustrate the stories.

Duff said while the museum had a lot of dance and cultural objects from the Torres Strait, as well as visual art items, there weren't as many everyday contemporary items, so that was one area they would be looking to build upon.

"For example, there's a photo of a man wearing a diver's helmet and we don't actually have a diver's helmet so we had to loan one from the Queensland Museum.. so that's what we've got to work on in the future."

Mainstay

Bipotaim tells the story of the pearl and trochus shell industries, the mainstay of many Torres Strait Islanders from the late 1800s to World War II.

The work was dangerous and resulted in many fatalities. The men employed in the industry were away from their families for most of the year.

Duff said the exhibition also included video interviews with many of the portrait subjects, which

helped 'bring the characters to life'.

"You see some of the ladies in the portraits, and they can come across as being quite stern," she said. "But when you see them on the big screen, they are giggly and gorgeous, and it has a really lovely, intimate island family feel about it."

Duff was born on Thursday Island, and spent her childhood there, until her family moved to the mainland for better educational opportunities.

She has now been three months in her new role heading up the NMA's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program.

She said in terms of exhibitions, the museum was 'pretty much programmed up until 2015', but one of her key tasks would be to completely renovate the Gallery of First Australians.

"And what I would really like to see as well is more engagement with communities and art centres and cultural keeping places," she said.

Admission to *Bipotaim: Stories from the Torres Strait* is free. For more info go to www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/bipotaim/



Romatu Naawi and Korona Gela, Masig Island. Photo by DAVID CALLOW



Gloriana Mosby (left) and Daisy Kabay. Photo by DAVID CALLOW

Scott takes up residence



ACCLAIMED Indigenous novelist Kim Scott will be 'in conversation' with Arnold Zable next Tuesday, 11 October between 6-8pm at the State Library of Victoria conference centre.

The free event comes towards the end of his month-long stint as writer-in-residence at Melbourne's RMIT University.

The RMIT Writers-in-Residence program supports emerging and established Australian writers, with each resident making a significant contribution to the university, its writing program and to Melbourne's broader literary culture.

Associate Professor Scott is the ninth writer to join the program since it began in 2009 – but the first Indigenous writer.

RMIT creative writing program director, Dr Francesca Rendle-Short, said the University had been delighted to welcome Associate Professor Scott onto campus.

"Through his writing, Kim Scott pushes

genre boundaries in innovative and highly imaginative ways," Dr Rendle-Short said.

"While ostensibly writing historical fiction, Kim opens up new spaces of language and culture that are ripe for contemporary contemplation, an experience of which will be hugely rich and rewarding for our creative writing students."

Associate Professor Scott has won a number of prestigious awards this year for his novel *That Deadman Dance*, including the \$50,000 Miles Franklin Award, the \$25,000 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Fiction, the \$100,000 Victorian Prize for Literature, the \$25,000 Kate Challis RAKA Award, the Australian Literature Society Gold Medal and the 2011 Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best Book (south east Asia and Pacific).

His second novel, *Benang*, was joint winner of the Miles Franklin Award in 2000. He has also won the West Australian Premier's Book Award. He has also published short stories and poetry.

Funding in for I Am Eora



A \$150,000 donation from The Balnaves Foundation will help fund Sydney Festival's major Indigenous project *I Am Eora*.

In June this year, Sydney Festival put out the call for donations with a target of \$300,000. The donors became the project's associate producers, with behind-the-scenes insights and select opportunities as the production comes to fruition. *I Am Eora* is a theatre/music/film event inspired by three Indigenous personalities of legendary status in Sydney – Bennelong, Pemulwuy and Barangaroo.

Directed by Wesley Enoch, with its world premiere at Carriageworks in January 2012, *I Am Eora* will feature a group of 30 Aboriginal creative artists and performers from around Sydney and Australia.

A spokesperson said it was the first time the Festival had received direct support from The Balnaves Foundation, and they were 'incredibly pleased'.

He said the donation almost completes the budget, which it was hoped would be achieved in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, the NSW Government has announced that it will provide \$100,000 to help cover the cost of the Indigenous creative and technical team needed for the project as part of \$1 million announced earlier in the year for the NSW Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy.

The strategy aims to give Aboriginal people greater opportunities to participate in, share and strengthen culture through arts practice, and develop careers in the sector. *I Am Eora* will be one of several contemporary Indigenous productions to feature on the 2012 Sydney Festival program as part of a partnership with Carriageworks.

Focus on Noongar language and culture



NOONGAR language and culture are the focus of two new books launched by Batchelor Press last month.

The Nyoongar Legacy documents more than 300 Indigenous place names on Noongar country in the south-west of Western Australia, and each entry offers an interpretation of the source for a particular place and possible or probable meanings. Meanwhile the *Nyoongar Dictionary* has been published as an easy and quick reference guide for language learners.

Both books are the result of work by author the Rt Rev Bernard Rooney, Emeritus Abbot of New Norcia, and Noongar Elders.

The Nyoongar Legacy is the result of decades of research into Nyoongar language by Rev Rooney. The book includes a



dictionary of Nyoongar language focusing on what is now known as northern dialect, and is the result of the author's own grassroots experience of Nyoongar as a spoken language.

For more details, go www.batchelorpress.com



At the book launch ceremony in New Norcia, Western Australia, from left, Maree Klesch, Teresa Walley, Rt Rev Bernard Rooney, Gloria Dann and Denise Smith-Ali.

Pecan Summer wins applause



Deborah Cheetham as Emma in a scene from *Pecan Summer*. Photo: Jorge de Araujo

AS strange as it still seems to some that a musical was forged from ex-prime minister Paul Keating's political career, it is downright spooky to hear a Kevin Rudd audio input as part of Australia's first Indigenous opera, *Pecan Summer*.

Especially when he says 'As prime minister of Australia' and especially as the chorus chants 'It's a miracle – a miracle!'

Rudd's contribution is, of course, a grab from his February 2008 National Apology speech, and it's only one part of an operatic triumph that includes Dreamtime imagery and the dramatic depiction of the 1939 Walk-off by 200 men, women and children from Cummeragunja Station in southern NSW.

The triumph belongs to acclaimed Yorta Yorta soprano Deborah Cheetham, who wrote *Pecan Summer* and plays the pivotal role of Emma. But it also belongs to the entire Short Black Opera cast, many making their opera debut, and many of whom are descendants of the real-life protagonists who crossed the Dhungala (Murray River) 72 years ago in search of a better life.

It wasn't a good time to venture into uncertainty – the Great Depression still had its grim grip, the world was on the brink of war and Victoria faced its worst drought and



Jessica Hitchcock and the Dhungala Children's Choir in a scene from *Pecan Summer*.

bushfires since white arrival. But Cummeragunja, with a manager who was withholding wages, offering rancid tucker, forcing himself on the women and telling welfare when to take the children, was worse.

One year after its joyous and tearful Moorooopna premiere, *Pecan Summer* played Melbourne's Arts Centre for three nights last week to a wildly appreciative capacity crowd.

The show has its boo-hiss villains (ruthless mission man, clueless church matron), plenty of power and a dash of humour.

For Cheetham, niece of national treasure Uncle Jimmy Little and adopted by a white Baptist couple at three weeks old, it was all about bringing Indigenous and other Australian voices

to an old – but not ancient – artform.

After the show, patrons were comparing it to Sonia Borg and Hyllus Maris' ground-breaking TV series *Women of the Sun*, in its breadth of storytelling and depth of emotion.

"It's generational," one said. "Not just one story, but many."

'Wonderful'

Another said: "And that's why it was so wonderful to have the kids. The adult voices were fantastic but the kids made it so much more powerful."

Opera, often dismissed as elitist or impenetrable, has come a long way, and Cheetham, who last month was appointed head of the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts at Melbourne

University, wants to take it even further.

Last week's Arts Centre *Pecan Summer* outing included current students from the university's Victorian College of the Arts and Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.

For a singer who has wowed audiences across Europe, the US and New Zealand, it showed Cheetham 'there is no limitation on what Indigenous people can achieve in the arts, because opera is as far as you can get'.

With cheers and applause, last week's capacity audience rose to its feet to agree.

Now, where next for this rollicking, poignant, humorous, thought-inspiring opus?

— Report by Greg Burchall

We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Please keep them short, to the point and include contact telephone numbers and email addresses. Submissions can be sent to calendar@koorimail.com or faxed to (02) 66 222 666.

National

Until 12 October: The Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre is calling for application for the Certificate II in Indigenous Leadership for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people age 18 to 25. The certificate focuses on the development of skills for emerging Indigenous leaders. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 6251 5770 or email ailc@indigenousleadership.org.au or visit www.indigenousleadership.org.au

Until 14 October: Charlie Perkins Indigenous Scholarships applications sought. The scholarships are for Indigenous people who have the potential to become leaders in their field of study and in their communities. Details: (02) 9469 8100 or visit www.perkinstrust.com.au

Until 30 October: 28th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award exhibition on show 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

17-20 October: 2011 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Conference. Held at Darwin Convention Centre, Stokes Hill Road, Darwin. Details: (08) 8999 3543 or email alan.moore@nt.gov.au or visit www.natsiec2011.org

NSW-ACT

Until 7 October: Teach NSW Public Education is seeking applications for up to 80 scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to train as teachers in primary or any secondary subject. All welcome to apply. Details: email aboriginal.employment@det.nsw.edu.au or visit www.teach.nsw.edu.au/scholarships

Until 20 October: Bloodwood Totem, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing 30 paintings and sculptures by Indigenous artist Ian Waldron. Free and all welcome. Held at Coo-ee Aboriginal Art Gallery, 31 Lamrock Ave, Bondi Beach. Details: (02) 9300 9233 or email info@cooeart.com.au

Until 20 November: Yellomundee Aboriginal Bushcare Group tree planting and weed pulling, a fishing competition and more. Free barbecue lunch. All welcome. Yellomundee Regional Park, Springwood Rd, Yarramundi. Details: (02) 4588 2400 or (02) 4588 5144.

5 October: School holiday activity. A day of cultural exchange and creativity as well as story telling, bush tucker and screen painting. Free and all welcome. Held at Nimbin Aboriginal Cultural Centre, 81 Cullen St, Nimbin, NSW. Details: (02) 6689 0000 or email ncci@nimbincommunity.org.au or visit www.nimbincommunity.org.au

8 October: 'Say No to Government Income Management' rally, including guest speaker from the NT Barbara Shaw. All welcome at Paul Keating Park, Bankstown. Details: www.stoptheintervention.org

10 October: Go4Fun Program, aimed at reducing weight in children aged 7-13. Held at Sports and Aquatic Centre, Goonellabah, NSW. Details: (02) 66219 800 or email go4fun@lismorewomen.org.au

11 October-18 November: Flourish and Flow. A small, confidential group to learn how to thrive rather than just survive. The group includes discussion, skill learning, strategies for change and much more. Free and all welcome. Venue is 29 Molesworth St, Lismore. Details: (02) 6620 2999

18 October: Law Society public consultation, aimed at developing a Reconciliation Action Plan. The society also



Exhibiting artist Nina Puruntatameri in front of one of her artworks.

Tiwi art on show

THE work of Melville Island artists Jean Baptiste Aputimi, Susan Wanji Wanji and Justin Puruntatameri will be showcased at an upcoming WA exhibition called *Munpi Artists of Melville Island*.

The exhibition opens at Artitja Fine Art in South Fremantle on 21 October at 6.30pm and runs until 6 November.

Puruntatameri, who was born about 1930, is a highly respected 'culture man' on both of the Tiwi Islands and is one of the few who can still speak the very old Tiwi dialect, according to Artitja director Anna Kanaris.

In 2010 Puruntatameri started painting for the first time, and has since been exhibited to high acclaim.

"For Justin to get such good reviews so early in his career signifies a great artistic skill for this octogenarian, whose only prior experience in mark making was in design through body painting for Tiwi ceremony," Kanaris said.

Two award-winning artists, Nina (Ludwina) Puruntatameri whose major large work *Kulama* will be on display, and Munupi Art Centre president Francesca Puruntatameri, will be at the gallery at Earlywork, 330 South Terrace, South Fremantle for a floor talk on Saturday 22 October at 2pm, and they will also attend the official opening.

For more information visit www.artitja.com.au

wants to hear about reconciliation and the role that the Law Society and legal profession can play. All welcome. Held at The Law Society of NSW, level 3, 170 Phillip St, Sydney. Details: (02) 9926 0253 or email amanda.baysari@lawsociety.com.au or visit www.lawsociety.com.au

27 October: Klub Koori hip-hop night featuring Gadigal Music recording artists D Whitehouse and Duke Bailey. Special guest is Yung Nooky. All welcome. Cost involved. Held at the Gaelic Club, 64 Devonshire St, Surry Hills. Details: (02) 9384 4000 or email darrell@gadigal.org.au

29 October: KARI annual gala dinner-dance. Guests include Roy Ah-See as MC and entertainment by Blake Ralph, dance troupe Yulu-Gi Company and local talent Sarah Bertram, as well as participants from the KARI 2011 Vocal Identification Program and more. All welcome. Cost involved. Held at Liverpool Catholic Club, corner Joadja and Hoxton Park Rds, Liverpool West. Details: (02) 8782 0300 or email cheryl.raph@kari.org.au

29 November: Smokecheck Training Workshop. Aimed at health and community workers who provide services to Aboriginal clients to help make smoke-free Aboriginal communities. Free and all welcome. Held at Invercauld House, 161 Invercauld Rd, Goonellabah. Details: (02) 9351 7431 or email smokecheck@sydney.edu.au or visit www.smokecheck.com.au

2 December: 2011 Col Dillon Cup. An Oztag challenge between the four teams of the local Aboriginal communities and police. Free and all welcome. Held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, 180 George St, Redfern. Details: (0425) 819 340 or email rndsilva@optusnet.com.au

Victoria

Until 30 October: Ritual and Ceremony – Aboriginal art exhibition. Works by Indigenous artist Maree Clarke, showcasing mourning 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

6 October: Koori Night Market. Celebrating Indigenous arts and culture by showcasing ceramics, carvings, and sculptures art works and more. Including food and live entertainment which features traditional and hip hop dance performances.

Alcohol and drug free event. Free and all welcome. At RMIT University City Campus, 124 Trobe St, Melbourne.

Details: (03) 9982 1207 or visit www.koorienightmarket.com.au

14 October: The Long Walk Women's Luncheon. All invited to join Michael Long in celebrating Indigenous women's achievements over lunch with entertainment and conversation at the sixth annual Women's Luncheon. Cost involved. Held Peninsula, Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands. Details: visit www.thelongwalk.com.au

17-20 November: Australian World Music Expo 2011. Showcasing roots music from around the world including Australian artists such as Blue King Brown, Lotek, Yung Warriors, Noriko Tadano and more. All welcome, cost involved. Held at the Arts Centre, Melbourne Recital Centre, 31 Sturt Street, Southbank. Details: (0400) 527 365 or visit www.awme.com.au

2-4 November: Yulkuum-Jerrang third Victorian Indigenous Economic Development Conference. Focusing on Indigenous economic development issues and opportunities. Featuring keynote speakers, workshops, a showcase of Indigenous talent and more. All welcome, cost for registration apply. Held at The Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9870 2611 or visit www.yulkuumjerrang.com.au

Queensland

Until 9 October: Land, Sea and Sky, an exhibition showcasing contemporary art of the Torres Strait islands. Celebrating the diverse contemporary art from the Islands. It includes dance objects, prints, film, video, textiles, ceramics and installations drawn from the Queensland Art Gallery's collection of works by Torres Strait Islander artists as well as loans and commissioned works.

Free and all welcome. Held at the Queensland Art Gallery, Gallery of Modern Art, Stanley St, South Brisbane. Details: (07) 3840

7303 or email gallery@qag.qld.gov.au or visit www.qag.qld.gov.au/landseasky

Until 15 October: 'Blood Money', an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing the works of Brisbane-based Indigenous artist Ryan Presley who has 'reinvented' the Australian dollar bills in a series of watercolours, using imagery of Aboriginal leaders and activists. Free and all welcome. Held at Jan Manton Art, 1/93 Fortescue St, Spring Hill, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3831 3060 or visit www.janmantonart.com

Until 23 October: Celebration showcasing the arts and vibrant 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 at Maiwar Green (between GoMA and the State Library) Cultural Centre, South Bank, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3842 9706 or email tsirsvp@qpac.com.au

Until 10 November: Zillmere cultural night, a cultural program open to all with an emphasis on developing a traditional dance troupe for Zillmere and surrounding communities, including traditional song and dance, traditional games and cultural themed hip-hop lyric writing and beat making. Free and all welcome. Held at Kurbingui, 425 Zillmere Rd, Zillmere. Details: (07) 3265 2055 or email cultural.worker@kurbingui.org.au

28-30 October: Island Vibe Festival 2011. A three-day music festival showcasing reggae, soul and dub with a line-up of artists, bands and DJs. All welcome, costs involved. Held at Point Lookout, Stradbroke Island. Details: (07) 3876 5596 or email admin@heapsaflash.com.au or visit www.heapsaflash.com.au

12-13 November: Bush Tucker Day 2011, two 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.auz.net

Western Australia

Until 31 January: 'Yarns of the Heart', an Aboriginal exhibition showcasing Noongar dolls, exquisitely crafted, hand-made dolls, which tell Dreamtime and contemporary stories for the women who made them from the Southern Wheatbelt. Featuring a documentary film screening, and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the WA Museum, Perth Cultural Centre, James St Mall, Perth. Details: (08) 9226 2422 or email emma@canwa.com.au

Until 6 October: City of Perth council is calling for submissions for presentation forms and documents for an Aboriginal cultural and community event to be held in the Supreme Court Gardens on the 26 January as part of the City of Perth Australia Day sky works and community celebrations. Free and all welcome. Details: (08) 9461 3254 or visit www.perth.wa.gov.au/tenders

South Australia

4 November: Nunga touch football carnival, aimed at bringing together the community to embrace and support youth development through healthy active sports participation. Free and all welcome. Held at Henley Beach High School, Cudmore Tce, Henley Beach. Details: (0437) 919 957 or email rtanimu@centacare.org.au

Northern Territory

27 October: Hoop 4 Health. Facilitating fun and engaging programs and physical and cultural activities aimed at increasing awareness of chronic disease, benefits of regular health checks and engaging in physical activity. Free and all welcome. Held at Maningrida Sport and Recreation Hall, Maningrida. Details: (0431) 428 767 or visit www.hoops4health.com.au

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Woorabinda to host jobs expo



THE second annual Woorabinda Jobs Expo will be held on 12 October. Organisers from the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations are expecting a wide range of exhibitors at the central Queensland community for the expo.

"The expo is one way that the Woorabinda community is proactively seeking to tap into the economic

development opportunities that are being generated by the burgeoning mining and resources sectors in Central Queensland," they said.

"There are a number of employment expos held each year in the Central Queensland regions but these have always been located in the major centres.

"The Woorabinda Jobs Expo is unique in that it brings the major employers, training providers and relevant government agencies right into

the community. As such, it is a fantastic opportunity for school students and jobseekers to engage face to face with the people and organisations that can assist them to identify genuine training and employment pathways.

"Last year's inaugural expo in Woorabinda was an outstanding success with over 40 exhibitors and an estimated crowd of around 600 people attending on the day.

"This year's event is already shaping up to be bigger and better with a number

of new exhibitors coming on board including Defence Force Recruiting, Bunnings, Rio Tinto Coal, John Holland Group and Gladstone Ports Corporation.

"Although the focus of the expo is on training and jobs, the event also provides an excellent opportunity for the community to showcase many of the positive things that are happening in Woorabinda."

For more information, phone (07) 4930 8134.

Accor managers get vital insights



A GROUP of 30 Accor hotel general managers from across NSW have completed their first Indigenous engagement workshop. Held at the Mercure Kooindah Waters hotel and led by Jumbana Group founders John and Julia Moriarty, Accor said the workshop provided the managers with important insights into Indigenous history, culture and values.

It also provided an opportunity for them to discuss the role that they can play in supporting Indigenous employment and engagement in their respective hotels.

Accor Regional General Manager NSW/ACT Garth Simmons says Accor is focused on closing the gap between Indigenous and other Australians not only through employment but also through building relationships with Indigenous businesses and providing opportunities through education and training.

"It is our aim to ensure that cultural education and awareness



Accor hotels group general managers with Jumbana Group founder John Moriarty, right, at the Indigenous engagement workshop held recently at the Mercure Kooindah Waters on the New South Wales central coast.

training, alongside participation in activities that build a shared pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders culture, is made readily available for all Accor employees," he said.

"These education programs include regional workshops held in partnership with various Indigenous organisations across the country, including The Jumbana Group.

"We are proud to take a leadership role and provide initiatives that we know can help foster strong, long-term relationships between Accor and Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander communities, built on a foundation of respect.

"We believe that hospitality is a natural for Indigenous employment. It is our hope that Accor Indigenous initiatives and our commitment to reconciliation will play a role in inspiring young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to join the tourism industry," says Mr Simmons.

Accor says that in March, the group launched the largest and most comprehensive Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in the Australian hospitality industry in conjunction with Reconciliation Australia.

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Regional Coordinator Healthy Lifestyle Team: Based primarily in Hastings on the Mornington Peninsula with some work from DDACL offices in Dandenong; the Regional Coordinator's role is to lead the healthy lifestyle team to develop and deliver activities that will positively address the health of local Aboriginal community in relation to access of services, tackling smoking, and helping people to make healthier lifestyle choices.

Working in collaboration with other key partners, the coordinator will develop, deliver and coordinate a range of positive and culturally appropriate health promotion activities and events with the support of "Healthy Lifestyle Team" comprising of an Aboriginal outreach worker, healthy lifestyle workers and tobacco action worker. The applicants must have a proven record of leadership and team coordination skills; and must possess strong written reporting and presentation skills. An appropriate qualification (minimum Cert IV) in health promotion/management or related fields is required. Experience in health promotion programs and working with Aboriginal communities is essential. The candidate must be able to exemplify non-smoking and quit smoking behaviors.

For more information about the position and a copy of position description please contact Practice Manager, Dandenong and District Aborigines Cooperative on (03) 9794 5933 or email practicemanager@ddacl.org.au.

Applications Close: COB Friday 21st October 2011.

The applications addressing the key selection criteria in the position description, along with current resume with two referees, must reach either electronically to practicemanager@ddacl.org.au or by mail to Practice Manager, Dandenong and District Aborigines Cooperative Ltd, PO Box 683 Dandenong Victoria 3175.



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Operations Manager (Reunification) & Finance Manager

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This position has been designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people only to apply. This is pursuant to an exemption under section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995, granted by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Exemption number: A067/A068/2010/0065

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Reference: DHS/LOD/335685

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APS 3-4 - \$51,309 - \$62,783

Perth WA, Adelaide SA, Newcastle NSW

Job Reference: 260-201112

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Closing Date: 14 October 2011

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Family & Community Services Aboriginal Housing Office

Assistant Project Officer – Programs (ATSI Identified Position)

Clerk Grade 5/6
Western Region, Dubbo
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 00000L0D

Total remuneration package valued up to \$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 - Programs undertakes a range of assignments to develop the Aboriginal housing sector at a regional level. This role involves extensive liaison with the Aboriginal community. The position holder needs specific understanding of the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) operating environment and activities, and a sound understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes with a high degree of credibility 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.
- Understanding of the complex issues related to the delivery of community housing and services at the local level and ability to provide related advice.
- Knowledge and experience in administrative and business processes, and well-developed oral and written communication skills.
- Capacity to work independently, and in a team environment, and to manage a high workload and competing priorities.
- Experience in using PC based software packages, including databases.
- Well developed coordination, organising and administration skills, including ability to prepare reports, correspondence and related project documentation.
- Well developed communication, interpersonal skills and judgement to communicate with Aboriginal community members and Aboriginal organisations and to consult and liaise with stakeholders.
- Current Driver's Licence and a willingness to travel regularly.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised in accordance with Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Further information about the position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Laurinne Campbell – Ph (02) 6841 9101

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 21 October 2011

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Family & Community Services Aboriginal Housing Office

Project Officer (ATSI Identified)

Clerk Grade 7/8
Western Region, Dubbo
2 x Permanent Full-Time positions available
Position No: 00000LCM

Total remuneration package valued up to \$95,451 per annum (Salary \$78,142 pa - \$86,498 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Project 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 so the position needs specific understanding of the AHO operating environment and activities; and a sound understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes with a high degree of credibility 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.
- Understanding of the complex issues related to the delivery of community housing and services at the local level and ability to provide related advice.
- Proven track record of working collaboratively with a range of government and non-government stakeholders to deliver cross-agency products and services.
- Experience in business and project management, human resources and financial management.
- Knowledge and experience in administrative and business processes, and well-developed oral and written communication skills, including demonstrated experience in the use of PC software and programs.
- Experience in management of change, new product initiatives, and service improvement processes.
- Capacity to engage stakeholders, and to build and maintain key relationships and partnerships.
- Current Driver's Licence and a willingness to travel regularly.

Job Notes: There are two (2) Permanent Full-Time positions available. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Further information about the position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Laurinne Campbell - Ph (02) 6841 1910

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00000LCM

Closing Date: 21 October 2011

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Education & Communities

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

Senior Project Officer – Connecting to Country

Clerk Grade 9/10
Temporary Full-Time, Oxford Street Sydney
Position number 160547

Total remuneration package valued to \$108,318 p.a. (Salary \$89,076 to \$98,159 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing high level advice, leadership, project management and executive support regarding the *Connecting to Country* project.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Demonstrated outstanding project management skills, including managing budgets. High level oral and written communication, liaison and negotiating skills and ability to write reports and presentations. Demonstrated ability to work with the NSW Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group, Aboriginal communities, Departmental regions and schools. Demonstrated experience in working in a high volume area and effectively meeting deadlines. High level knowledge and experience in managing databases and advanced spreadsheets. Demonstrated experience in providing advice to senior officers. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

This is a temporary appointment for a period up to 31 December 2012 with possibility of extension.

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: Louise Bye (02) 9244 5330

Email: louise.bye@det.nsw.edu.au

Information packages: Cassandra Jones: (02) 9244 5378

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:

Ms Louise Bye, Assistant Director, Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate, Level 14, 1 Oxford Street, DARLINGHURST NSW 2010

Fax Number: (02) 9244 5365

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Closing Date: 21 October 2011

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Vacancy Ref No: 11/2148

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For further information about this position please contact Nadean Mamic, Manager Domestic Student Recruitment on (02) 6201 2340.

CLOSING DATE: 4 NOVEMBER 2011



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- **Psychiatry (Flinders Clinical Effectiveness), School of Medicine**
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- **Salary (Res B): \$76 188 to \$90 471 pa**
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Communications and Public Relations Officer

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- **Psychiatry (Flinders Clinical Effectiveness), School of Medicine**
- **Available until 30 June 2013 in the first instance on a full-time basis**
- **Salary (HEO7): \$67 261 to \$74 636 pa or (HEO8): \$76 509 to \$84 883 pa**
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Family & Community Services
Aboriginal Housing Office

Assistant Project Officer, Aboriginal Housing Information Service

Clerk Grade 5/6
Department of Family & Community Services
Aboriginal Housing Office
Permanent Full-Time
Parramatta
Requisition No: 00000L6D

Total remuneration package valued up to \$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, Aboriginal Housing Information Service (AHIS) undertakes projects for the AHO to achieve long-term change to support of self-determination, social and cultural wellbeing for Aboriginal people in NSW.

Selection Criteria:

1. Demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes and of the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people within Australian society, and of their impacts in relation to housing and housing related assistance.
2. Proven capacity to lead a team and to work cooperatively to deliver management results.
3. High-level communication and customer service skills, report writing and problem solving skills, specifically to deal with complex, sensitive or cultural issues in a diplomatic manner.
4. Excellent management skills to set work priorities and manage detail.
5. Ability to identify emerging client issues and recommend changed to processes.
6. Understanding of IT capabilities and appropriate use of quality systems and technology in call centre activities.
7. Experience using computer applications and database systems with the ability to develop PC based databases, spreadsheets and related applications.
8. Knowledge of the public housing, Aboriginal Community housing and mainstream community housing sectors.

Job Notes: This is a Permanent Full-Time position. Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position. This position has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full Selection Criteria.

Enquiries: Carly Puckeridge (02) 8836 9462

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Requisition Number: 00000L6D

Closing Date: Sunday 16 October 2011

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Enquiries: Joanne Nielsen 02 4921 4002

Reference ID: 46876

Closing Date: 16 October 2011

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Office for Children, Youth and Family Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services Integrated Service Delivery for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families

Assistant Manager

Senior Officer Grade C/Health Professional Level 4
Salary Range: \$83,816 - \$90,372 (PN: 15636)

We are looking for a skilled professional to lead a team of senior case coordinators to be part of a newly created team to work with vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the ACT accessing health, education and family support services. Our successful candidate will provide high-level advice and assistance to a cross-agency steering committee on operational and strategic issues associated with the project as well as on issues relating to the delivery of services to the target group. The Assistant Manager will manage the team, and develop and maintain productive working relationships across Government and the community sector particularly with the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This project in an initiative of Health, Education and Training and Community Services.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Relevant tertiary qualifications are desirable, eg. in Social Work, Psychology, Social Welfare, Social Science or related discipline. Applicants will have a knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in contemporary Australian society.

Note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people encouraged to apply.

Contact Officer: Tamara Graham (02) 6207 5305
tamara.graham@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 11 October 2011

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Identified Position

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This is an identified position requiring an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous Australians and an understanding of the issues affecting indigenous Australian communities. The position is open to all Australians able to demonstrate they meet the specific selection criteria.

This position will be filled as an ongoing or specified term appointment for up to 5 years as negotiated between the department and the successful candidate.

To apply

An Applicant Information pack containing further information on this position and how to apply is available at www.deewr.gov.au/jobs. The job reference number is SESII/010. Applications close at 11.30pm (Eastern Daylight Saving Time), Sunday 16 October 2011.

Further Information

For further information about the job please contact Jo Wood, Group Manager, Indigenous Economic Strategy on Ph: (02) 6121 5486 or Email jo.wood@deewr.gov.au

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hospital Liaison Officer

Division of Community Health, Toowoomba Health Service, Darling Downs Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$76 944 p.a., comprising salary between \$61 187 - \$67 438 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A04) (Applications will remain current for 12 months). **Duties/Abilities:** Provides support and assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and families in Toowoomba Health Service during their treatment. 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. 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: Val Holdaway (07) 4616 6828.

Job Ad Reference: H11DD08566.

Application Kit: (07) 4616 6258 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 17 October 2011.

Advanced Health Worker

Nutrition Promotion Unit, Community and Primary Health Services, Inala Community Health Centre, Inala, Metro South 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) (Applications will remain current for 12 months). **Duties/Abilities:** Will work with the Senior Community Nutritionist based within the Inala Indigenous Health Services to: consult, plan, develop, implement and evaluate a range of population-based community nutrition initiatives addressing the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Metro South Health Service District. Support the local implementation of Eat Well Queensland: Smart Eating for a Healthier State, the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Food and Nutrition Strategy and other relevant national, State and Departmental policy directions. Focus on population-based primary prevention nutrition services. This position does not have a role in the delivery of clinical nutrition services to individuals or groups of people to help treat or manage their disease. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. 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. Potential applicants are advised that the *Aged Care Act 1997* requires Queensland Health employees and volunteers of aged care services to have a current National Police Certificate. Queensland Health will facilitate the applicants obtaining the above checks.

Enquiries: Fiona McKenzie-Lewis (07) 3169 9970.

Job Ad Reference: H11MSC09276.

Application Kit: (07) 3136 5616 or (07) 3121 1411 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 24 October 2011.

Advanced Health Worker (Women's Business)

Central West Primary Health Care Team, Bedourie, Central West Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$61 632 p.a., comprising salary between \$49 108 - \$54 018 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) **Duties/Abilities:** Provide advanced primary health care in the prevention, early detection and management of disease in collaboration with other health professionals in response to communities within the Bedourie and Birdsville Primary Centre and surrounds. 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: Clair Nunn (07) 4652 5500.

Job Ad Reference: H11CW09517.

Application Kit: (07) 4920 7000 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 24 October 2011.

Health Worker Advanced

Bayside Chronic Disease Team, Specialised Services, Community and Primary Health Services, Cleveland, Metro South 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) (Temporary position until 30 June 2013. Applications will remain current for 12 months.)

Duties/Abilities: The purpose of this position is to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their children through the implementation of a range of primary health care and associated activities. 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. Potential applicants are advised that the *Aged Care Act 1997* requires Queensland Health employees and volunteers of aged care services to have a current National Police Certificate. Queensland Health will facilitate the applicants obtaining the above checks.

Enquiries: Bevan Forward (7) 3488 4222.

Job Ad Reference: H11MSC09258.

Application Kit: (07) 3136 5616 or (07) 3121 1411 or

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Closing Date: Monday, 10 October 2011.

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Applications close 14th October, 2011



Yumba-Meta Housing Association Ltd Manager - Dale Parker Place

Yumba-Meta Housing Association Ltd is a community based organisation established for over thirty years in the North Queensland region.

Yumba-Meta has been granted the management of Dale Parker Place, Townsville. The centre is Temporary accommodation supported Service and will accommodate and support people who are sleeping rough, engaging in public intoxication or who are chronically homeless, to plan towards attaining independent, sustainable housing and participating within the community.

The Manager will be responsible for the overall management of the centre. The position is a Townsville based full time contract. Generous salary packaging options will be available for the position.

Applicants from Indigenous backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply. As part of the recruitment process the candidate must have a current first aid certificate, driver's license and blue card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. For an application package please contact 47235611 during business hours.

**Closing date for applications is:
Friday 14th October 2011**



Many Rivers Regional Housing Management Services Aboriginal Corporation

Position Title: General Manager
Location: Kempsey NSW
Classification: Full-time
Salary Range: \$94,384.00 plus superannuation
Identified Position: This position is an identified position for an **Aboriginal person**

The Many Rivers Regional Housing Management Services Aboriginal Corporation (MRRHMSAC) is an organisation incorporated under the Corporation (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 [CATSI Act].

The principal function of MRRHMSAC is to manage housing and housing related services on behalf of Aboriginal community housing providers.

The directors of the Many Rivers Regional Housing Management Services Aboriginal Corporation are seeking to employ a General Manager.

The General Manager will be responsible for the day to day management of the Corporation. It is the responsibility of the General Manager to determine the work, organisational and management priorities of the Corporation within the context of the Corporation's objectives and policies.

The MRRHMSAC has five (5) member/directors.

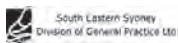
Applicants must address the selection criteria and provide a resume outlining qualifications and experience.

If you wish to obtain the selection criteria and position duties/responsibilities or require further information about the position please contact **Ms Darlene Daley, Executive Officer (02) 6651 8944**.

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TEAM LEADER, ACCESS SERVICES TEAM

Library
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This is a continuing full-time position
Vacancy Reference No: 11/2147

Under the broad direction of the Associate Librarian (Services), the Access Services Team Leader will provide leadership and direction to team members managing services delivered via the Information and Loans Desk, Document Delivery and E-reserve.

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For further information about this position, please contact Associate Librarian, Kathryn Ginn on (02) 6201 5632.

CLOSING DATE: 8 OCTOBER 2011



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100% Knights - Career Pathway Specialist



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Overview of 100% Knights Program:

- Assists Aboriginal students from Years 10 - 12 (girls and boys) from the Upper Hunter to engage in career development pathways to obtain employment, apprenticeships, traineeships or further education
- Engagement of the 100% Knights parents/caregivers is vital in developing their skills, awareness and understanding relevant to supporting the students education and career pathways

Essential Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality - Demonstrate a strong commitment to and active involvement with the local Aboriginal community
- Demonstrated understanding of contemporary issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia, especially NSW, and the impact these issues have on their communities and cultures
- Strong experience in working appropriately and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, especially in a school setting
- Extensive work experience in the employment sector with demonstrated outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community peoples
- Build effective relationships with key stakeholders including Industry, Aboriginal committees, schools, educational providers, employers and training bodies
- Experience in providing weekly/monthly reports to management and funding bodies and experience in utilising systems to measure growth and performance
- Proven track record in working independently and as a member of a team
- Current NSW Drivers Licence including an ability and willingness to drive independently throughout the Hunter Region and beyond

Desirable Selection Criteria

- Diploma or higher in a relevant discipline
- Understanding of education and training organisations and their pathways
- Proven ability to work within cultural frameworks.

A rewarding remuneration package **including a vehicle** will be offered.

Please forward your resume to or phone David Newham
(Email dnewham@newcastleknights.com.au Mobile 0448 031 537) or
Rob Vanderveer (Email rvanderveer@newcastleknights.com.au Mobile 0415 909 142).

Applications close Friday 14th October 2011 by C.O.B.

Jobs that make a difference

Aboriginal Graduate Recruitment Program 2012 Intake

Various locations
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Aboriginal applicants who have completed an undergraduate or postgraduate degree by January 2012 can apply for the Department of Human Services & Department of Health Aboriginal Graduate Recruitment Program.

As an Aboriginal Graduate you partake in:

- Three four-month work rotations in different departments.
- The Graduate Recruitment and Development Scheme (GRADS) learning and development program that is coordinated by the State Services Authority.
- Access to high quality corporate learning and development training sessions.
- Interesting and important work.
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- The opportunity to be part of a vibrant and diverse workforce.

The department's size and variety means lots of opportunities to grow your career without the hassle of moving employers.

The positions have been designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. VCAT Exemption number: A067/A068/2010.

Aboriginal people seeking support in applying for these positions please contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on 1300 092 406 or via email aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and complete the questionnaire please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Reference: VG/DHS/AGRP2012

Applications close 18 November 2011

www.careers.vic.gov.au



Department of
Health



Department of
Human Services



Department Trade & Investment,
Regional Infrastructure and Services
Department of Primary Industry

Aboriginal Community Support Officer

Clerk Grade 4/5
Gosford, Paterson - negotiable
Temporary full-time up to 30 June 2013

Salary Package: Remuneration package valued up to \$78,270 per annum package includes salary (\$61,878 - \$70,929), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Primary purpose of the position (Responsibilities)

In this role you will: work with the Aboriginal community to increase the number and diversity of Aboriginal members working on natural resource management activities.

Selection Criteria: (You are required to address each criterion in your application)

- Aboriginality.
- Understanding of local Aboriginal cultural heritage issues and natural resource management issues.
- Demonstrated ability in working with aboriginal community groups.
- Good facilitation skills, written and oral communication skills including basic computer skills.
- Ability to plan and organise events and projects including report writing and record keeping.
- Ability to liaise with government agencies, other organisations and individuals, understand funding processes and ability to identify funding sources.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team/network.
- Current driver's licence.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Successful applicants will be required to demonstrate proof of Aboriginality.

Inquiries: David Green, Catchment Coordinator, Hunter-Central Rivers CMA on (02) 43 371 214.

How to apply: For an information package and how to apply go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and quote job reference number 00000LIH.

Closing Date: 19 October 2011

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Education &
Communities

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

Support Officer

Clerk Grade 1/2

Permanent Full-Time, Oxford Street Sydney

Position number 164123

Total remuneration package valued to \$62,507 p.a. (Salary \$52,104 to \$56,644 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing administrative support to the Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Demonstrated ability in providing high quality administrative and clerical support, establishing priorities and setting and achieving work goals. Demonstrated proficiency in maintaining databases, information and records systems. Demonstrated organisational and administrative skills. Demonstrated proficiency in word processing, spreadsheets, email and presentation software. Effective written and oral communication, interpersonal and customer service skills. Ability to prioritise, meet deadlines and exercise initiative in a high volume environment. Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: Lorraine Cox (02) 9244 5393

Email: lorraine.cox@det.nsw.edu.au

Information packages: Lorraine Cox (02) 9244 5393

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:

Lorraine Cox, Office Manager, Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate, Level 14, 1 Oxford Street, DARLINGHURST NSW 2010

Fax Number: (02) 9244 5365

You may also apply for this position online. To apply online please visit our website: www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs and refer to position number 164123.

Closing Date: 21 October 2011

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Australian Government
Department of Human Services

The Department of Human Services is about people and delivering the services they may need at different stages of their lives. It includes Child Support, Centrelink and Medicare as well as CRS Australia and Australian Hearing. Each day, about a million people make contact with the Department of Human Services and each year we deliver more than \$90 billion in payments. The department is seeking highly talented and motivated people to join its team.

Service Officer

Human Services – Health Programs/Medicare Providers

APS 3

Casuarina, NT

Salary \$51 882 - \$54 577

PN: 236-201112

Key Duties:

- Promote the use of the 1800 ATSI line as the preferred method by which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and their health providers make contact with the Medicare program;
- Perform history checks on MBS items and in consultation with health professions determine when the health professional is next able to bill Medicare;
- Check and resolve manual reason/error codes on manual DB claims;
- Issue replacement Medicare Cards on a as needs basis;
- Encourage Indigenous Australians to have their cultural origins recorded;
- Any other duties as directed from the Team Coach from time to time.

This vacancy is an 'Expected Employment Opportunity'.

This is an identified position in which part or all of the duties involve the development of policy or programs relating to Australian Indigenous people, and/or involve interaction with Indigenous communities, including service delivery. In order to perform these duties effectively, the occupant needs to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous people and an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them.

To apply: Go to www.humanservices.gov.au, or telephone Vickie Hendy on (03) 9605 7003 for more information and an application kit. Please quote the relevant position number 236-201112. Applications close at 5pm on 14 October 2011.

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Juvenile Justice
Attorney General & Justice

Program Manager (Aboriginal)

DPO Grade IV

Department of Attorney General & Justice

Juvenile Justice

Permanent Full-Time

Job Reference No: 00000KOI

Total remuneration package valued up to \$107,271 per annum (Salary: \$95,319 pa - \$97,210 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Review and develop a suite of programs and intervention strategies for Indigenous young offenders that seek to reduce the risk factors associated with their re-offending.

Selection Criteria:

1. Documented verification of Aboriginality; and knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultural issues.
2. Completed degree level qualifications in Psychology, Social Work or Behavioural Sciences or equivalent.
3. Technical knowledge and understanding of State and/or National Indigenous youth offender strategies and "best practice" interventions.
4. Strong applied research skills and strong analytical and conceptual thinking skills.
5. Effective oral and written communication, negotiation and decision making skills.
6. Demonstrated program management experience including program design, implementation, evaluation and review.
7. Experience in community consultation and managing relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders.
8. Minimum NSW Class C Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: Relevant postgraduate qualifications together with eligibility for registration with the relevant professional body would be advantageous.

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. It is an offence under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position.

Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, Apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

More information about Juvenile Justice is available from our web site www.djj.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries: Suellen Lembke, Director Programs (02) 9219 9517 or email suellen.lembke@djj.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000KOI

Closing Date: Wednesday, 10 October 2011

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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

Victoria

MANAGER ABORIGINAL HEALTH

An exciting opportunity exists for a skilled and enthusiastic person to manage South West Healthcare's Aboriginal Health Programs (currently a team of six employees). This full time position is based at the Warrnambool Community Health Centre and aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in the Moyne, Warrnambool and Corangamite communities.

A knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Culture, society and networks is essential.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Further information, a position description and application process is available at our website under Careers or by contacting Craig Fraser phone (03) 5564 4190 or email cfraser@swh.net.au

Position closes Wednesday 12 October 2011

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www.southwesthealthcare.com.au



Health South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

Closing Date: 16 October 2011

Administrative Officer Grade 2

Royal Hospital for Women, Randwick

Permanent Part Time (19 hpw)

Enquiries: Shea Caplice 02 9382 6783

Ref No: 47822

Apply online at:
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Employment & Training Manager Tennant Creek, NT

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Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation is seeking an **Employment & Training Manager** in Tennant Creek. **You will identify & develop apprenticeships & traineeships, encouraging active participation in CDEP** that promotes well being through sustainable employment & training outcomes. You'll be rewarded with a **competitive salary + salary sacrificing + relocation assistance + subsidised housing + vehicle + laptop + more benefits!** Apply Now!



Julalikari.applynow.com.au
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Pius X Aboriginal Corporation Kiah Preschool

Early Childhood Teacher

full-time

Applications are invited for an Early Childhood Teacher to work within Kiah Preschool.

Applicants must address the Selection Criteria:

- Degree in Early Childhood
- Demonstrated experience in Early Childhood
- Current Drivers Licence
- Knowledge of current teaching practices child based programming and regulations.
- Good Computer Skills
- Current First Aid Certificate.

Persons of Aboriginal descent are encouraged to apply.

Terms and Conditions will be under the Educational Services (Teachers) Award 2010. **Full Salary Sacrifice is available.**

Contact Officer: Selection Criteria and Duty Statement can be obtained by telephoning Mrs Kim Connors on 0267521099 or be emailing admin@piusx.com.au

Applications must include two recent referees and sent to:

M/s Jillian Cain – Secretary
Pius X Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 363, MOREE NSW 2400

**Applications will close:
Friday 4th November 2011**

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation promotes EEO principles and provides a smoke-free work environment. Relevant Criminal and Worker with Children Checks will be conducted prior to appointment.



Office of Environment & Heritage

Administration and Customer Services Assistant (Aboriginal)

**Parks and Wildlife Group
Buronga
Clerk Grade 1/2
Temporary Full-Time
Vacancy Ref: OEH 299-11**

Total remuneration package to \$62,506 p.a. including salary \$52,104 p.a. - \$56,644 p.a.

Complete administrative activities for the Willandra Lakes World Heritage unit and stakeholder committee, provide customer service and a point of contact for public enquiries.

Selection Criteria: To apply for this position applicants must obtain the information pack which contains selection criteria that must be addressed in your application.

Notes: This is a temporary position for the period up to 30 June 2013. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*. This position is externally funded through a Caring for Country grant administered by the Commonwealth's Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities. 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.

Inquiries: Steve Millington (03) 8080 3223

Information Packages contact: (03) 8080 3223 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, 16 October 2011

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Justice & Attorney General

NSW TRUSTEE & GUARDIAN Receptionist/Administrative Officer (Aboriginal Targeted)

**JAG11/1105
Clerk Grade 1-2
Burwood, Permanent full time
Salary range: \$52,104 - \$56,644**

Total Remuneration package valued up to: \$62,507

Provide high level administrative support to the Branch Manager ie diary management, pooled files maintenance, screening incoming calls, minutes of meetings, maintenance of registers, security escort to visitors.

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills;
- A minimum typing speed of 45 wpm and experience in word processing and data entry (including the use of mail merge, templates & auto text) using a Desktop computer system;
- Computer literacy and experience in using Microsoft Word and Excel;
- Ability to take and transcribe minutes;
- Understanding and experience in establishing and maintaining various records management systems;
- The ability to prioritise work and meet deadlines;
- Ability and willingness to acquire knowledge about the products and services provided by NSW Trustee and Guardian.

Applications should be lodged electronically via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Ann-Maree Thomsett (02) 9744 0347 Ann-Maree.Thomsett@tag.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 14 October 2011

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Northern
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Health Careers & Opportunities in the Northern Territory

If you want your career to go places then join Department of Health in the Northern Territory.

The challenges and opportunities in health and community care in the Territory are like no other in Australia, from remote Aboriginal health to tropical health and Australia's National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre. Continued investments in Aboriginal health, remote health, acute care and community services offer many opportunities for health professionals who want to be part of making a difference.

HEALTH PROTECTION

CLINICAL NURSE CONSULTANT ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS AND VOLATILE SUBSTANCE ABUSE Nurse 5 (\$89,163 - \$92,906) salary range

(Employment package valued in the vicinity of \$127,000)

This includes qualification allowance, professional development allowance, remote locality provision, superannuation, 6 weeks recreation leave and annual leave bonus

**Alcohol and Other Drug Services Central Australia – Tennant Creek
Permanent**

Alcohol and Other Drug Services Central Australia (ADSCA) is seeking an enthusiastic person to join its clinical team in Tennant Creek.

As a Clinical Nurse Consultant you will provide specialised Alcohol and Other Drug assessment, case planning, case management, brief intervention, counselling, referral and follow-up for clients accessing the ADSCA Barkly Outreach Service.

Quote vacancy number: 28288

For further information please contact John Gaynor on (08) 8951 7580 or email john.gaynor@nt.gov.au

Closing date: 21 October 2011

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicants should address the selection criteria and provide a current CV and contact details for 2 referees (preferably an email address).

A full job description can be obtained by visiting www.nt.gov.au/jobs Further information about these positions can be obtained by **TOLLFREE 1300 659 247** or email **recruitmentjobvacancies@nt.gov.au**

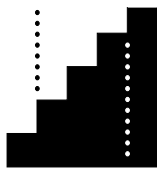
Information on the Northern Territory and its great lifestyle is available at **www.theterritory.com.au**

Note: The preferred or recommended applicant will be required to hold a current Working with Children Clearance notice / Ochre Card (application forms available from SAFE NT @ www.workingwithchildren.nt.gov.au) and undergo a criminal history check. A criminal history will not exclude an applicant from this position unless it is a relevant criminal history.

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SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW /ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, REMOTE EDUCATION



BASED IN ALICE SPRINGS

The Northern Institute is Charles Darwin University's flagship research institute for social and public policy research, development and education, social sciences and humanities. The position of Senior Research Fellow/Associate Professor, Remote Education is funded by Ninti One Ltd, through the CRC for Remote Economic Participation. The CRC is a public good research centre that delivers solutions to economic disadvantaged in remote Australia. The CRC contributes to the Australian Government's 'Closing the Gap' priority policy, which aims to halve the unemployment, welfare and other differences between Aboriginal people in remote areas and the rest of Australia.

A vacancy exists for a senior researcher to take a leading role in the Remote Education Research Project conducted in partnership with State, Territory and Federal Government agencies, NGOs and Aboriginal people. A key focus for this position will be working closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people in getting their voice heard in the supply of education in remote Australia.

We are seeking an appropriately qualified professional with experience in a senior role within a complex research project environment involving multiple partners and other stakeholders, preferably within a remote area context. The ability to establish rapport quickly, together with strong cross-cultural communication skills, 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 by email to 14588@hender.com.au **Telephone enquiries are welcome on** (08) 8100 8829.

The CRC-REP is currently offering research scholarships to outstanding students to work as part of a team in one of its research projects. Further details can be found at <http://crc-rep.com/education/scholarships>

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Office of
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Field Supervisor Aboriginal - Enhanced Bushfire Management Program

Eden, Narooma or Tanja
Field Supervisor Grade 1/2
Temporary Full-Time
Vacancy Ref: OEH 306-11

Total remuneration package to \$69,818 p.a. including salary \$59,931 p.a. - \$64,053 p.a.

The position is part of a field team primarily involved in bushfire fuel reduction activities, by both mechanical means and prescribed fire and during periods of high bushfire activity, may be required to participate in bushfire suppression or other bushfire response functions.

Job Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*. The position is suitable for both male and female applicants. The position is physically demanding, often requiring strenuous activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, operating machinery and driving a variety of vehicles.

Applicants must:

- pass a task based fitness assessment to a moderate level prior to interview.
- meet requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles.

Successful applicants must pass the following within a probationary period of 3 months: certification as Fire Crew Member; Senior First Aid and 4WD certification. This is a Monday to Friday position.

Applicants must obtain an information package.

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.

Inquiries: Rob McKinnon (02) 6495 5003

Information Pack: Download Information Packages from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

To apply: 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, 30 October 2011

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Payroll Officer – Aboriginal targeted position

Payroll Services, Shared Services,
Corporate Services
Clerk Grade 3/4
Permanent Full-Time
PARRAMATTA
Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 11/276

Salary Package: \$70,382. Salary: \$58,249 - \$63,781. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Providing administrative and support services including processing personnel, leave administration and conditions of employment, payroll and other financial information, in a timely, accurate and efficient manner in compliance with Award, taxation, legislative and audit requirements.

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.**

- Applications must address all Selection Criteria. If not, the application will be rejected.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated experience of payroll systems, practices and procedures.
- Demonstrated capacity to interpret Awards, Enterprise Agreements and associated legislation including taxation.
- Good communication skills, liaison skills and organisation skills with a focus on customer service.
- Good negotiation, problem solving, and prioritisation skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a team.
- Experience working in a high volume multi functional transactional processing environment.
- Good spreadsheet, database and word processing skills.

Enquiries/Information Pack: Patricia Parsons on (02) 8835 9538

Applications can only be submitted via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000MQU

CLOSING DATE: Thursday 13 October 2011

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Administrative Support Officer – Aboriginal targeted position

Education and Training Command, Corporate Services
Clerk Grade 1/2
Permanent Part Time up to 12 hours per week
GOULBURN
Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 11/287

Salary Package: \$62,507. Salary: \$52,104 - \$56,644. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Salary will be paid at the pro-rata rate.

Job Description:

The Administrative Support Officer provides administrative and clerical support at various locations with the Education and Training Command.

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 is part-time, working 12 hours per week.**

- Applications must address all Selection Criteria. If not, the application will 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.
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures.

Enquiries/Information Pack: Adrian Doran on (02) 4828 8504

Applications can only be submitted via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000MSR

CLOSING DATE: Thursday 13 October 2011

812587

Case Worker AOD Residential Treatment

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Goori Men's Recovery Centre is seeking a full time **Case Worker** to join their dedicated team of professionals in Cleveland. You'll be supporting & guiding clients through intensive case management, to address their addiction issues & stabilise their lives. In return, you'll enjoy a **generous remuneration package circa \$47k-\$54k (neg.)** plus up to **\$16,000 salary packaging and ongoing training and study** to develop your career! **Apply Now!**

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Aboriginal Community Support Workers

New Horizons has several opportunities for **Aboriginal Community Support Workers** to join the new Aboriginal HASI 5A team in Lambton, Newcastle. **You'll provide culturally appropriate support to Aboriginal community members & their families.** New Horizons offers a **competitive remuneration package & salary sacrifice options** to increase the value of your take-home pay. You'll also receive **monthly RDOs & fantastic working conditions.**

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Trade & Investment,
Regional Infrastructure
& Services

Administrative Officer, Aboriginal Cultural Development

Arts NSW

Location: Sydney

Job Classification: Clerk Grade 3/4

Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Number: ART11 146 – 00000MA5

Overview of position:

The position holder supports the administration of the Division's Capacity and Development team, in particular assisting with the implementation of the Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy. The successful candidate will need knowledge and experience of Aboriginal communities, as well as knowledge or experience of the Aboriginal arts and cultural sector. This is an identified position.

Learn more:

For further information and to apply, please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applicants must obtain an information pack, complete all relevant paperwork and address the selection criteria.

Enquiries: Liza-Mare Syron on (02) 9228 3846 or liza-mare.syron@arts.nsw.gov.au

Applications close on Monday 26 October 2011.

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Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged on line at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

Assistant in Nursing

Muswellbrook District Health Service

Enquiries: Hilary Walker 0428 101 986 or Fenny Thompson 02 6542 2022

Reference ID: 49206

Enrolled Nurse

Muswellbrook District Health Service

Enquiries: Hilary Walker 0428 101 986 or Fenny Thompson 02 6542 2022

Reference ID: 49177

Aboriginal Primary Health Care Worker

Gunnedah Community Health Centre

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Enquiries: Symone Fuller, 02 6741 8000

Reference ID: 49639

Closing Date for above positions: 16 October 2011

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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Expressions of Interest sought for:

PROJECT OFFICER

Closing the Aboriginal Health Gap in Hume Region
Young Women's Health Project

Full-time (38hrs per week)

Based at Women's Health Goulburn North East in Wangaratta, this role requires a suitably experienced person to implement & evaluate the Hume Region's **Closing the Health Gap - Young Women's Health Project**. The position offers an opportunity to improve outcomes for young Aboriginal women, and includes an exceptional remuneration package of \$65,715 - \$68,850 base salary range (plus 9% super and generous salary sacrifice).

WHGNE is seeking Expressions of Interest by Monday 10th October.

To express an interest, and discuss this exciting opportunity further, please contact Susie Reid at WHGNE on (03) 5722 3009 or Chris Bonacci, Indigenous Community Engagement Broker on (03) 5722 7110. A copy of the full position description is available at www.whealth.com.au.

Women's Health Goulburn North East encourages, supports and welcomes women with diverse abilities, cultures and lifestyles. Equal Opportunity exemption number # A 255/2008.

NB: Identified Position. The Anti Discrimination Tribunal has granted exemption. Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply. Exemption Number: A208/2011



Central Land Council

The Central Land Council (CLC) is a Commonwealth statutory authority established under the Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976 to represent Aboriginal people in the southern region of the Northern Territory in the acquisition and management of their traditional lands. Across this region the CLC also performs related functions as the Native Title Representative Body under the Native Title Act 1993."

**Ranger Group Coordinator
(two positions available)**

**Kaltukatjara – (Dockers River)
PN RG001**

**Wulain – (Lajamanu)
PN RG015**

**Broad-banded – (ASO 5 – ASO 6)
Base Salary: (\$57,051 - \$70,784)
Estimated Effective Package (ex-Super):
(\$65,151 – \$78,854)**

This calculation includes district allowance and estimated packaged taxation savings.

As the peak Indigenous land management body for the region, the CLC provides traditional owners with information, advice, advocacy and practical assistance to support their aspirations and meet the challenges they face in the sustainable use and management of their land. The CLC also manages an Indigenous ranger program with ranger groups based in seven Aboriginal communities across the CLC region.

The CLC is seeking energetic and motivated people with practical Natural Resource Management experience, community engagement and leadership skills. These opportunities will contribute significantly to increasing the engagement of Aboriginal people in land management activities and building sustainable employment futures in cultural and natural resource management.

The position is offered as an initial contract to the end of June 2013 with a 6 month probation period. See Job Description for details.

Employment conditions:

CLC offers district allowance, flexible salary sacrifice packaging, five weeks annual leave plus airfare and other entitlements as per the CLC EBA. Relocation assistance may be available.

**Please contact Kim Gosling for
Job Description and Selection Criteria:**

E-mail: jobs@clc.org.au
Phone: (08) 8951 6310
Fax: (08) 8958 2805

Or visit our web site at www.clc.org.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE:

Friday 21st October 2011

CLC reserves the right to not make an appointment or vary the type of appointment.

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Community Development Worker

Aboriginal

See our ad on page 33



CHS/Onemda Administration Assistant.

Melbourne School of Population Health, Centre for Health and Society

An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A312/2007). Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for providing effective and administrative support for the Centre for Health and Society (CHS) and the *Onemda* VicHealth Koori Health Unit, in the Melbourne School of Population Health. This is a high quality customer service support role that maintains office supplies, procedures and processes and is a source of advice and guidance to staff in this area. You will be required to exercise judgement, set priorities and schedule work to meet deadlines. This position works under the supervision of the Centre Manager and will also be supported/mentored by the Administration Officer.

Salary: \$44,815 - \$49,481 p.a. (pro-rata) plus 9% super.

Job No: 0027505

For position information and to apply online go to www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers, click on 'Job Search' and search under the job title or job number.

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PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT QUEANBEYAN SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

A part time **School Learning Support Officer - Aboriginal Students** vacancy exists at **Queanbeyan South Public School**. We invite applications from Aboriginal people who may be interested in this position.

Duties focus primarily on assisting teachers who are implementing education programs to support improved learning outcomes of Aboriginal students. Duties may also involve setting up equipment for classroom activities and helping individual and/or small groups of Aboriginal students with their learning tasks. Duties may also involve the operation of audio visual aids, duplicating, issuing of learning materials and minor clerical tasks.

For further information contact the Principal on **(02) 6297 3655**

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Awareness and understanding of the needs of Aboriginal students and communities. Ability to work with Aboriginal students and their teachers in classroom activities. Ability to assist in the setup of equipment for classroom activities and gathering of learning materials, including culturally appropriate materials. Effective team and communication skills. Knowledge of the local Aboriginal community

N.B.: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

Remuneration Package valued up to \$18,800 pa includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading (annual salary range \$10,205 to \$17,036).

To apply for this position online go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au.

Closing date for applications is 21 October 2011.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION



TheAlfred

Female Aboriginal Community Development Worker (Sexual Health)

Melbourne Sexual Health Centre

Indigenous young people's sexual and reproductive health project

- Full Time until end June 2014

We are seeking an enthusiastic, skilled Female Aboriginal Community Development Worker. You will work with the project Coordinator and Male Aboriginal Community Development Worker to assist this project to:

- work effectively with the 21 Victorian Aboriginal health organisations and key stakeholders to develop a coordinated approach to Indigenous teenage reproductive & sexual health education, STI & BBV prevention, testing and treatment
- assist communities to view sexual health in a positive way

Enquiries to Brad Whitton; Project Coordinator (03) 9341 6271 bwhitton@mshc.org.au and/or Rossey Cummings, Nursing Services Manager, (03) 9341 6237 or rcummings@mshc.org.au.

For a position description and to apply, please visit www.alfred.org.au/careers, Click Job Search and enter Job Reference number 768706.

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Apply online:
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MANAGER, MONITORING AND EVALUATION – KOORI JUSTICE UNIT, COMMUNITY OPERATIONS AND STRATEGY

\$93,740 - \$125,443 plus 9% super

Position No : DJ4468

- VPS Grade 6
- Fixed Term - Full Time Opportunity until January 2013
- Assist in achieving justice outcomes for the Koori community

The Koori Justice Unit (KJU) is primarily responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government. This is achieved by partnering with the Victorian Koori community and establishing and maintaining extensive community networks such as the Aboriginal Justice Forum and the network of Regional and Local Aboriginal Justice Committees.

Reporting to the Deputy Director KJU, this role requires a candidate with understanding of the issues facing members of the Koori community in the context of the criminal justice system. The role will oversee the management of the quantitative and qualitative information system that supports monitoring, evaluation and performance analysis activities; lead the development and implementation of the monitoring and evaluation framework for the next phase of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement; oversee other evaluations conducted from time to time; and manage the Koori Justice Unit's reporting obligations.

The ideal candidate will have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Victorian Koori community. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

To apply or for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 19th October 2011

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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**Family &
Community Services**
Housing NSW

Business Support Assistant

Clerk Grade 1/2

Temporary Full-Time

Department of Family & Community Services
Housing NSW

Job Reference No: 00000KMZ

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,507 per annum (Salary: \$52,104 pa - \$56,644 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The primary purpose of the Administration Assistant is to provide a range of administrative services to support the achievement of business unit outcomes in a timely, reliable and efficient manner.

The Administration Assistant will respond to a range of customer enquiries and determine the appropriate person to direct them to or the appropriate response.

Balancing the administrative needs of a range of staff and negotiating workable timeframes, given the number of managers and staff seeking administrative support from the position.

The Administration Assistant will maintain current knowledge of the frequently changing Agency and business unit policies, procedures, initiatives and protocols.

Selection Criteria:

- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated capacity to provide support to a professional team in a flexible manner.
- Good working knowledge of computer systems including: Word, Excel, Outlook and TRIM computerised records management system.
- Demonstrated organisational and administrative skills.
- Good interpersonal and negotiation skills.
- Ability to meet deadlines.
- Willingness to undertake training.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period of up to 10-12 months under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002*. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full Selection Criteria.

For enquiries: Grant McClafferty (02) 8753 8551

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: Wednesday, 12 October 2011

Thank you for your interest in this position. (Job Reference No: 00000KMZ)

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**Office of
Environment
& Heritage**

Field Officer Aboriginal - Enhanced Bushfire Management Program

Narooma, Tanja
Field Officer Grade 1/4
Temporary Full-Time
Vacancy Ref: OEH 307-11

Total remuneration package to \$53,512 p.a. including salary \$40,110 p.a. - \$53,512 p.a.

The position is part of a field team responsible for implementing the Enhanced Bushfire Management Program (EBMP). The EBMP field team is primarily involved in bushfire fuel reduction activities, by both mechanical means and prescribed fire and, during periods of high bushfire activity, may be required to participate in bushfire suppression or other bushfire response functions.

Job Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*. You are required to have cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. These positions are partly funded by the Gulaga/Biamanga Board of Management and accordingly will assist with bushfire management activities in Gulaga/Biamanga National Park whichever is appropriate.

The position is suitable for both male and female applicants. The position is physically demanding, often requiring strenuous activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles.

Applicants must:

- pass a task based fitness assessment to a moderate level prior to interview.
- meet requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles.

Successful applicants must pass the following within a probationary period of 3 months: certification as Fire Crew Member; Senior First Aid and 4WD certification. This is a Monday to Friday position.

Applicants must obtain an information package which includes an applicant cover page. If you are interested in applying for more than one location you will need to indicate your location preference on the applicant cover page and attach to your application.

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.

Inquiries: Preston Cope (02) 4476 0828

Download Information Packages from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or designated Inquiries person as indicated above.

To apply: 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, 30 October 2011

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**Office of
Environment
& Heritage**

Field Officer Aboriginal - Enhanced Bushfire Management Program

Parks and Wildlife, Coastal, Western
Field Officer Grade 1/4
Bucketty, Peak Hill, either Eden, Narooma or Tanja
Temporary Full-Time
Vacancy Ref: OEH 305-11

Total remuneration package to \$58,328 p.a. including salary \$40,110 p.a. - \$53,512 p.a.

The position is part of a field team primarily involved in bushfire fuel reduction activities by both mechanical means and prescribed fire and during periods of high bushfire activity, may be required to participate in bushfire suppression or other bushfire response functions.

Job Notes: These positions are for a period of up to 3 years. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

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Inquiries: **Bucketty:** Jenni Farrell (02) 4320 4232

Peak Hill: John Brickhill (02) 6966 8112,

Eden, Narooma or Tanja: Rob McKinnon (02) 6495 5003

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Closing Date: Sunday, 30 October 2011

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Government of **Western Australia**
Department of Health

Aboriginal Cadet Coordinator

Workforce Education & Training

Web Search No: 00008401

Level/Salary: PSGA Level 5 \$72,663 - \$80,308 pa

Fixed Term appointment for 2 years.

We are seeking an enthusiastic and motivated person for this challenging role. This position plans and implements initiatives to attract, recruit and deploy Aboriginal Cadets within the Aboriginal Employment Strategy. This position also provides organisational liaison between the education sector and internal stakeholders and provides personal and professional support to cadets as required.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.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 Celena Chapelhow on 08 9222 4084

Location: East Perth

Closing Date: Friday 21 October 2011 at 4.00pm.



Exciting Career Opportunities in Mental Health!

Neami is a non-government organisation that has been providing psychosocial rehabilitation to people with a mental illness for over 20 years. Neami has recently introduced the Collaborative Recovery Model (CRM) to further its commitment to consumer participation and recovery through a strengths based approach to service delivery. Neami offers a reflective team environment and attractive benefits to all staff.

Neami currently seeks to fill Darlinghurst Community Rehabilitation and Support Worker positions

We seek enthusiastic people with integrity, high quality interpersonal skills and the ability to work collaboratively in a team providing a range of rehabilitation and support services to consumers. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Applications for this role close:
Friday 07th October, 2011 at 5pm

For more details and how to apply go to:
www.neami.org.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 3 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 3 positions are:

- **PACT Manager**
- **2 x PACT Advisors**

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 7th October 2011

Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



PROGRAM OFFICER

Indigenous and Diversity Targeted Programs Branch, Offender Management Division, Corrections Victoria

\$66,235 - \$75,151 + super

Position No : 3781 Ongoing Full Time

As Program Officer with the Indigenous and Diversity Unit, you will be part of a small team and play an active part in planning and managing concurrent projects and initiatives implemented by the Targeted Programs Branch for a range of special populations in the correctional services system, with a key focus on Indigenous and diverse prisoner and offender groups. You will also provide on site supports to Aboriginal Wellbeing/Liaison Officers, Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officers and Indigenous Service Officers in prisons and community corrections. The successful applicant will be capable of working with the Koori community, relevant government and community agencies, will contribute to the establishment and maintenance of policies and infrastructure, and the development and project management of specific policies and programs.

This is an identified position in accordance with the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement's Identified Positions Policy.

For a copy of the position description or for further information please contact **Marie Murfet**, Manager Indigenous and Diversity Unit on **(03) 8684 6528**.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 21 October 2011
www.justice.vic.gov.au

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Aboriginal Legal Access Worker

Illawarra Legal Centre Inc
(21 hrs per week)

The Illawarra Legal Centre is an independent Community Legal Centre based at Warrawong (10kms south of Wollongong), which works for human rights and access to social justice.

The Centre is seeking an Aboriginal Legal Access Worker to be part of our team to:

- Raise awareness of the Centre's services with Aboriginal people
- Encourage and support access to the Centre
- Work with Centre staff to provide services in a culturally appropriate way
- Develop educational materials on selected topics

The successful applicant will:

- Identify as an Aboriginal. (Being an Aboriginal person is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW))
- Have experience in the community sector

Training and on-going support will be provided to the successful applicant.

The wage range is \$43 724 to \$50 075 pro rata, per annum, depending on skills and experience. Salary packaging is available.

An information package including selection criteria is available on our website or by contacting the Centre on 02 4276 1939. Only applications addressing the selection criteria will be considered.

Applications must be made by post. Please address applications to:

The Coordinator
Illawarra Legal Centre
PO Box 139 Warrawong NSW 2502

Applications close 5pm Monday 31st October 2011

Waminda South Coast Women's Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation

We invite suitable applicants (Women) to apply for the following positions in:

Clinical Aboriginal Primary Health Care Worker (identified) (pt 21hrs)

Midwife (non identified) 21hrs/week

This is an opportunity for Women, who have a strong focus on health education and prevention, to work in the New Beginnings, Mums and Bubs program where the social determinants of health are included in the provision of holistic, culturally appropriate health care to Aboriginal children and their families.

The workers will be based at the Waminda Women's Health & Welfare Aboriginal Corporation Nowra.

The permanency of these positions is dependent upon ongoing government funding and as stipulated in contract.

Salary

- In accordance with the Public Health System Nurses & Midwives or Nurses Award 2010 Award. (above award conditions, salary sacrifice available as well as family leave)
- Award to be negotiated

Phone Cleone Wellington for an application package on (02) 4421 7400.

APPLICANTS MUST REQUEST AN EMPLOYMENT PACKAGE AND MUST THEN ADDRESS ALL SELECTION CRITERIA.

Closing Date: 5pm Wednesday 19 October 2011.



Australian Government
Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park Authority

Project Manager Reef Rescue – Cape York Indigenous Partnerships

Cairns QLD position number 416T

APS6 \$70,238 - \$78,449 plus Superannuation

This position plays a vital role in managing the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's partnership programs with Great Barrier Reef Traditional Owners and Indigenous communities on Cape York Peninsula. The position will assist with the delivery of the Reef Rescue Land and Sea Country Indigenous Partnerships Program currently managed by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

A proven ability to communicate, develop and maintain partnerships with Traditional Owners and Indigenous communities is essential to the role. Demonstrated experience in negotiation, development, management and implementation of natural resource management agreements or plans is also essential. Contract management experience is also highly recommended. The position will undertake designated projects and provide high-level advice to the Director and Executive Management Group.

This is an identified position and is one in which part or all of the duties involve interaction with Indigenous Australian communities or their representatives. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply. Applicants applying for this Identified position must supply a reference from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, group or organisation."

Applications must address the selection criteria at
http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/corp_site/about_us/employment

Email applications to **recruitment@gbrmpa.gov.au** by 9.00 am (QLD time) Monday 17 October 2011

After reading the selection documentation, if you have questions, please contact John Tapim on (07) 4750 0719.

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Australian Government
AusAID

Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)

Closing date: Monday, 17 October 2011

Job Title: Director

Division: Several

Job Type: Ongoing, Full-time

Salary: \$107,107 - \$120,618

Location: Canberra | ACT

Classification: Executive Level 2

Agency Employment Act: PS Act 1999

Position No: JM025 | Several Positions

Agency Website: **<http://www.ausaid.gov.au>**

Duties

As an Executive Level 2, Director, in AusAID you will manage a major function or work area involving a significant variety of highly complex activities, extensive coordination, and significant responsibilities for resource management. You will provide a significant contribution to strategic planning and innovative initiatives.

Eligibility

Applicants must be Australian citizens. This is a security assessed role and you are required to have or be able to obtain, a security clearance at Negative Vetting 1 level.

Position Contact: Recruitment, 02 6206 4523

AG53286



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

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*:

TENEMENT TYPE	NO.	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
Mining Lease	59/742	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	4773.82HA	16km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 116° 46' E	YALGOO SHIRE

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: 5 October 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 **5 January 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 5 February 2012**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

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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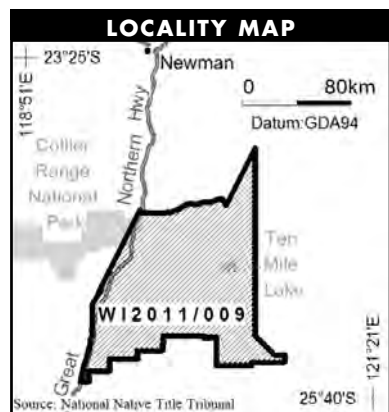
Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Western Australia

Notification day: 19 October 2011



National
Native Title
Tribunal



WI2011/009 Gingirana People and Sandfire Resources ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 650 square kilometres located approximately 115 kilometres south of Newman as shown on the locality diagram.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Wiluna and Meekatharra Shires.

Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

Billy Atkins, Miriam Atkins, Slim Williams,
Kate George, Stan Hill & Anthony Charles in their
capacity as the registered native title claimant for
the Gingirana People
c/- Integra Legal
Suite 16, Level 2, London Court
56 St Georges Terrace
Perth WA 6000

Sandfire Resources NL
Level 2, 31 Ventnor Ave
West Perth WA 6005

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

6.1. The parties agree that the right to negotiate provisions in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the NTA are not intended to apply to any future act.

6.2. Subject to compliance by the parties with the provisions of this Agreement and the ancillary agreement [the *Gingirana LAA (with provision for an ILUA dated 18 November 2010)*], the parties:

6.2.1 agree to the doing of future acts in respect of the ILUA Area, including:

6.2.1.1 the grant by the State of any Mining Tenement or Ancillary Title to the Proponent and to any consent required by or on behalf of the Proponent pursuant to any Mining Tenement or Ancillary Title; and

6.2.1.2 the exercise by the Proponent of all rights and liberties conferred by any Mining Tenement or Ancillary Title and of any consent required pursuant to any Mining Tenement or Ancillary Title, by the Proponent; and

6.2.1.3 the doing of any other previous, current and future acts by the State, the Proponent or any other person on behalf of the Proponent in respect of the ILUA Area; and

6.2.1.4 those specified in Schedule B. [Schedule B lists (a) the renewal, amalgamation and/or variation of existing Mining Tenement or Ancillary Title the Proponent may hold, and the grant of such things applied for or to be applied for in the future; (b) any consents the State may be required to grant pursuant to such licences and leases (eg consents to/ approvals of work programmes, mining proposals); and (c) the use by the Proponent of any Mining Tenement or Ancillary Title, and any associated infrastructure the Proponent may require in the future. Schedule B is available on request from the Tribunal Case Manager on the number listed below.]

6.2.2 agree that any such future acts done in respect of the ILUA Area are valid and, to the fullest extent the law permits, this Agreement validates all invalid future acts, past acts or intermediate period acts of the Proponent.

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 19 January 2012.**

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, Perth, WA, 6848 by 19 January 2012.**

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 boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from Landgate, WA. 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 Ashleigh Freeman on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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INSTITUTION FOR
AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS STUDIES

Project Manager

Native Title Representative Body
Knowledge Management Project

APS 6 or Executive Level 1

Research

\$63,803 to \$88,207

Non-Ongoing

Canberra

This position is available for immediate filling until 30 June 2012 with possible extension. Depending on their experience, the successful candidate will be offered this position at the APS 6 level or at the Executive Level 1.

The successful applicant will require legal qualifications and/or experience in native title legal work or negotiations.

This position manages the collaborative Knowledge Management Project for Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs) around Australia, providing best practice legal precedents and related knowledge and support for NTRBs. Agreement Making – including with resource companies or government – is a key area of focus. The position will utilise your legal and project management skills, as well as your strategic forward-planning for this project within the Native Title system. Maintaining effective relationships with Native Title lawyers nationally will be vital, and your work will include regular interstate travel.

Australian Public Service Superannuation and leave entitlements apply.

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Contact: Ms Catherine McLeish ph. 02 6246 1160
Email - catherine.mcleish@aiatsis.gov.au
Or Native Title Research Unit on 02 6246 1161

Please read the Selection Documents and Information for Applicants which is available at <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/corporate/employment/employment.html> before submitting your application.

Send your application to:

Human Resources

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

GPO Box 553 Canberra ACT 2601

Or email: HRTeam@aiatsis.gov.au

Closing Date: 14 October 2011

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the needs of the organisation in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present.



ACT
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Community Services

Office for Children, Youth and Family Support

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Out Of Home Care

Assistant Manager

Senior Officer Grade C/Health Professional Level 4

Salary Range: \$83,816 - \$90,372 (PN: 03852)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services has an exciting opportunity for a self-motivated officer to be responsible for the operational aspects of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services Out of Home Care Section, including supervising and managing staff, undertaking program planning and delivery, and providing high level input into case management planning and implementation. The position plays a pivotal role in finding solutions to complex program and case management issues and in formulating innovative responses to client needs.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Relevant tertiary qualifications are desirable, e.g. in Social Work, Psychology, Social Welfare, Social Science or related discipline.

Note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people encouraged to apply.

Contact Officer: Jenny Lintern (02) 6207 6858 jenny.lintern@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 11 October 2011

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Office of
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Field Officer Aboriginal - Enhanced Bushfire Management Program

Armidale, Blackheath, Glenbrook, Shanes Park, Coffs Harbour

Field Officer Grade 1/2

Temporary Full-Time

Vacancy Ref OEH 304-11

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The position is part of a field team primarily involved in bushfire fuel reduction activities by both mechanical means and prescribed fire and during periods of high bushfire activity, may be required to participate in bushfire suppression or other bushfire response functions.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. The position is suitable for both male and female applicants. The position is physically demanding, often requiring strenuous activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, operating machinery and driving a variety of vehicles.

Applicants must:

- pass a task based fitness assessment to moderate level prior to interview.
- meet requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles.

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Applicants must obtain an information package which includes an applicant cover page. If you are interested in applying for more than one location you will need to indicate your location preference on the applicant cover page and attach to your application.

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.

Inquiries: Armidale: Lachlann Ison (02) 6776 0007 Blackheath and Glenbrook: Shaun Elwood (02) 4784 7306, Shanes Park: Christine Hopkins (02) 9542 0644, Coffs Harbour: Janelle Brookes (02) 6652 0900.

Information Pack: Download Information Packages from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or designated Inquiries person as indicated above.

To apply: 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 30 October 2011

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Eligibility/Other Requirements: Possession of a current driver's licence. Relevant tertiary qualification e.g. Certificate IV or social science degree is desirable.

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Contact Officer: David Bromhead (02) 6205 7170
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APPLICATION CLOSE Friday 21 October 2011



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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: 19 October 2011



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2011/047 APLNG & Mandandanji ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers approximately 57 square kilometres and is located approximately 55 kilometres southwest of the township of Wandoan and to the north of the Warrego Highway as shown on the locality map.

This agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Maranoa Regional Council and Western Downs Regional Council.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited, Australia Pacific LNG Gladstone Pipeline Pty Limited and Australia Pacific LNG CSG Transmissions Pty Limited (individually and collectively APLNG)
C/- Mr Mark Geritz
Clayton Utz
Level 28, Riparian Plaza
71 Eagle Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Leslie Weribone, Alexandra Combarngo, David Combarngo, Phyllis Hopkins, Lorraine Tomlinson, Miranda Mailman, Sylvia McCarthy, Violet Costa, Sarah Trindall and Leigh Himstedt [collectively the Mandandanji Applicant] on their own behalf and on behalf of the Mandandanji Native Title Claim Group.
C/- Michael Owens
PO Box 1989
AITKENVALE QLD 4814

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

8(a) The Parties agree to and consent to:

- (i) the Agreed Acts, without conditions; and
- (ii) the undertaking of the ILUA Project.

8(d) For the purposes of section 24EB(1)(c) of the NTA and regulation 7(5)(b) of the Regulations, APLNG and the Native Title Parties state that Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to any Agreed Acts on and from the date this Agreement is Registered.

'Agreed Acts' means the acts and classes of acts listed in Schedule 4. [Schedule 4 is available on request from the Tribunal Case Manager on the number listed below]

'ILUA Project' means the Gas Projects and that part of the Pipeline Project to be located in the ILUA Area.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. **The native title determination application must be made by 19 January 2012.**

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 19 January 2012.** Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations.

Data statement: Agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Proposed Waratah Coal Rail Corridor

The Coordinator-General has received an application from Waratah Coal Pty Ltd under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (the Act) relating to the proposed China First Coal Project to have a coal rail corridor approved under section 125(1)(f) as an Infrastructure Facility of Significance.

Waratah Coal is proposing a 453 km rail corridor for a standard gauge, stand alone railway line and ancillary facilities (the Facility) designed to transport significant quantities of bulk coal from Waratah's China First Coal Project mine to the western boundary of the Abbot Point State Development Area.

The company wishes to acquire land (including any easements) necessary and desirable for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of the Facility by consultation and agreement with the relevant landholders and Native Title parties.

Waratah Coal intends to commence land acquisition discussions following finalisation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project and after all relevant government approvals have been obtained.

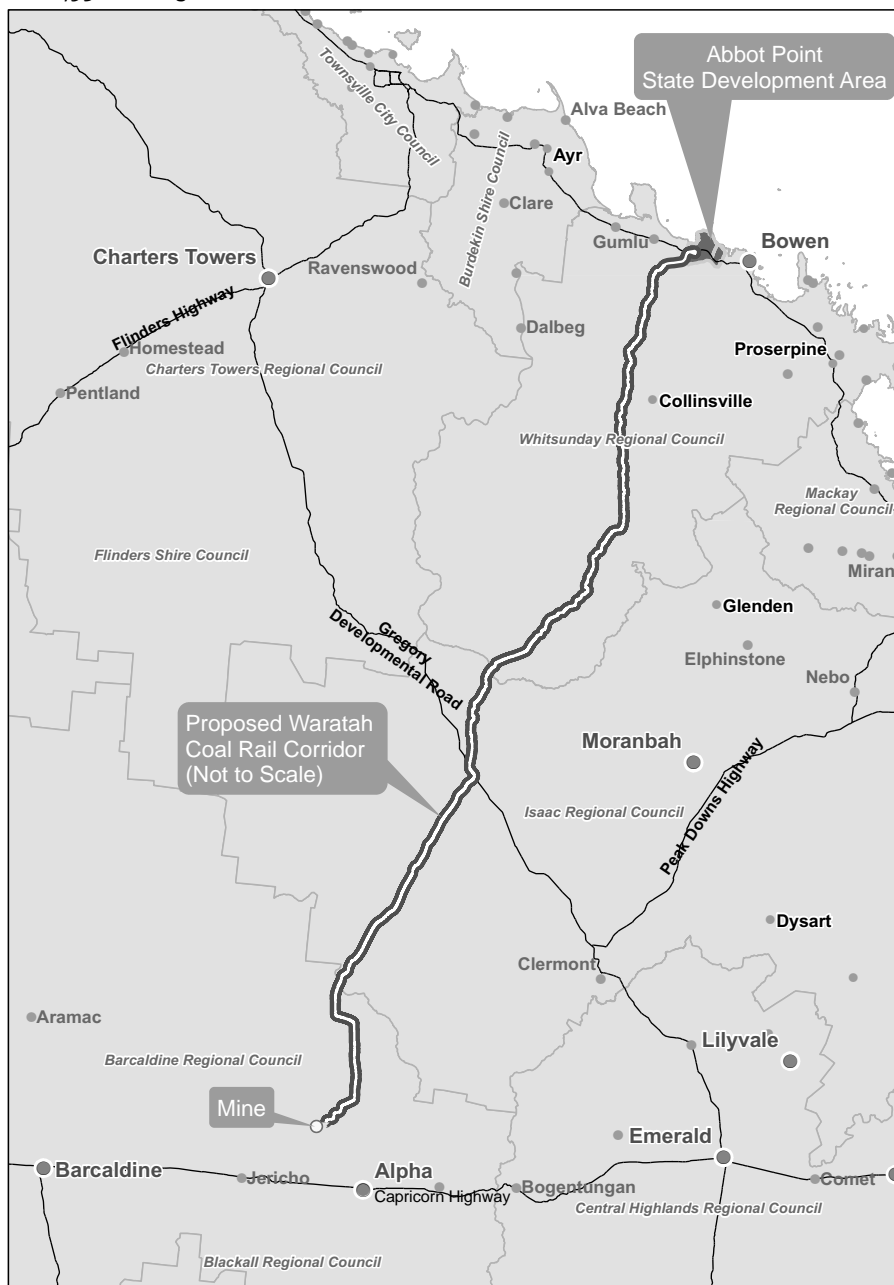
Section 125(1)(f) of the Act provides that the Governor-in-Council may approve by Gazette notice that an infrastructure facility has significance, particularly economically or socially to Australia, Queensland or the region in which the facility is to be constructed. An approval by the Governor-in-Council represents the first step in a process under which the Coordinator-General may, to the extent he is lawfully able to do so, compulsorily acquire land (or easements) and Native Title for the Facility should voluntary negotiations be unsuccessful.

These negotiations must meet the requirements of the Guidelines made under the Act and, in particular, subsequent steps in the compulsory acquisition process cannot be commenced unless Waratah Coal is able to demonstrate that reasonable attempts have been made to reach voluntary agreements with landholders and Native Title parties.

Under section 125(2) and (3) of the Act, when considering whether an infrastructure facility would be of economic or social significance, the potential for the facility to contribute to community wellbeing and economic growth or employment levels must be taken into account. When assessing these potentials, the contribution the infrastructure facility makes to agriculture, industrial, resource or technological development in Australia, Queensland or the region is a relevant consideration.

The map shows the approximate location of the land which may be affected by the Facility (the affected land).

To construct and operate the Facility, Waratah Coal requires certain interests in the affected land, primarily a corridor of land nominally 500 m wide and 453 km long.



The affected land description is based on Waratah Coal's preferred alignment and its best knowledge at the date of the application. The final route will be determined during further assessments, such as detailed on-site topographic studies. The declaration of an Infrastructure Facility of Significance will not in any way constitute approval or endorsement of the proposed alignment under the EIS.

A bankable feasibility study for Waratah's China First Coal Project has been completed. This assessment involved comprehensive financial evaluation of the total project costs and potential revenues that can be achieved over a period of 25 years. The study concluded that the China First Coal Project's forecasted revenues can cover all costs while demonstrating long-term profitability. In light of this, Waratah Coal has made a decision to proceed with the project. The declaration of an Infrastructure Facility of Significance will not in any way constitute approval or endorsement of the project by Queensland Government.

Have your say

The Coordinator-General is now seeking submissions from person(s) who may be affected by the Facility. Written submissions must be lodged by **5 pm Friday 28 October 2011** and addressed to:

The Coordinator General
c/- Project Manager, Waratah Coal Rail Corridor
Office of the Coordinator-General
Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
PO Box 15517
City East Qld 4002
Fax: +61 7 3229 7315
Email: waratah.ifs@dip.qld.gov.au

A CD ROM is available from the project manager on request.

The application can be viewed at www.waratahcoal.com

Persons or groups with special communication needs who wish to comment on the proposed Infrastructure Facility of Significance should contact the Project Manager, Waratah Coal Rail Corridor on (07) 3224 6774 to make alternative arrangements.



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For information on this vacancy which is a full time position please contact Andrew Constantinidis at Koori Job Ready on **0438 961 980** or e-mail a.constantinidis@koorijobready.com.au

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For a full position description and selection criteria or further information please email recruitment@humanresourcescentre.com.au or visit www.icv.com.au. Applications must include a statement addressing the selection criteria and should be sent to recruitment@humanresourcescentre.com.au by **5pm Monday 10 October 2011.**

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 - Assisting Indigenous people to create long term employment opportunities

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 - Demonstrated ability to mentor and support indigenous people with a specific understanding of barriers and issues that impact employment
 - Track record in client focused services delivery with the ability to customise programs to meet the requirements of a diverse client group and manage client relationships
 - Strong communication skills both face to face and over the phone, negotiation, problem solving, advocacy, conflict resolution, assessment and the ability to quickly create rapport.
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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

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 tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*.

TENEMENT TYPE	NO.	APPLICANT	AREA*	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2100	ISHINE INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES LTD	200BL	78km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 12' S Long: 124° 21' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1874	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	135BL	156km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 8' S Long: 116° 31' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1878-9	DESERT ENERGY LTD	107BL	96km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 14' S Long: 116° 7' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1900	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	14BL	167km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 37' S Long: 116° 45' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/432	MINERALS INVESCO PTY LTD	13BL	73km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 120° 34' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2137-1	COVE RESOURCES LTD	10BL	112km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 122° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	38/2633	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	32BL	112km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 122° 17' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2650	PETRUS RESOURCES PTY LTD (ACN 127 195 019)	65BL	111km E'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 123° 30' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2651	JML RESOURCES PTY LTD	9BL	50km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 122° 25' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2653	BUSBY, Shaun Christopher	1BL	54km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 59' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2654	BUSBY, Shaun Christopher	4BL	50km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 59' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2655	JML RESOURCES PTY LTD	52BL	74km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 37' S Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1653	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	39BL	141km N'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 46' S Long: 124° 59' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1654	NBX PTY LTD	67BL	156km N'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 40' S Long: 124° 53' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3118	GE RESOURCES PTY LTD	19BL	66km S'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 18' S Long: 122° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3119	GE RESOURCES PTY LTD	6BL	67km S'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 18' S Long: 122° 5' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3283	CHRYSLIS RESOURCES LIMITED	74BL	123km NW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 10' S Long: 121° 11' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3329	CHRYSLIS RESOURCES LIMITED	32BL	85km W'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 58' S Long: 121° 27' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3606	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	94BL	36km N'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 11' S Long: 120° 7' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3792	STATE RESOURCES PTY LTD	21BL	75km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 54' S Long: 118° 56' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3881	NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	36BL	89km SW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 16' S Long: 121° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3926	STRINDBERG, Maxwell Peter	2BL	75km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 30' S Long: 119° 7' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1498	VENTNOR PILBARA PTY LTD	9BL	125km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 45' S Long: 120° 0' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1499	VENTNOR PILBARA PTY LTD	26BL	114km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 53' S Long: 120° 0' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1500	SMITH, Mark Corbett	2BL	7km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 36' S Long: 118° 25' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2647	MONTEZUMA MINING CO. LTD	10BL	150km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 37' S Long: 119° 46' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1630 & 53/1635	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	103BL	64km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 31' S Long: 121° 28' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1637	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	3BL	70km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 45' S Long: 121° 31' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1638	GUIDE RESOURCES PTY LTD	10BL	95km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 42' S Long: 119° 54' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1707	GILES, Michael Ashley	66BL	68km W'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 52' S Long: 117° 10' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1777	MOUNT MAGNET SOUTH NL	5BL	62km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 117° 49' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2934	CAZALY IRON PTY LTD	13BL	136km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 26' S Long: 121° 19' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2966	HAMELIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	115BL	164km SE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 36' S Long: 120° 35' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2967-8	HAMELIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	342BL	156km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 40' S Long: 120° 15' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/2493	GALAXY RESOURCES LIMITED	50BL	31km SW'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 34° 7' S Long: 118° 40' E	GNOWANGERUP SHIRE, JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4094	BAZCO PTY LTD	24BL	48km NW'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 33° 34' S Long: 118° 39' E	KENT SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	26/3874	MCNAB, Ralph Alexander	1.32HA	32km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	38/3957	SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LTD	8.66HA	21 km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 122° 31' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5209	GLENMURRIN PTY LTD	178.10HA	57km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 54' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5217	MURRIN MURRIN HOLDINGS PTY LTD	137.29HA	39 km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 122° 0' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2728	REINHOLD RESOURCES PTY LTD	120.50HA	11km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 30' S Long: 118° 27' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2730	STEWART, Sydney, George NOWLAND, Dale Cameron	155.41HA	73km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 56' S Long: 118° 34' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1941	DOURADO RESOURCES LTD	176.83HA	1km S'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 117° 41' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		MOSES, Peter Gregory				
Prospecting Licence		MOSES, Eric Raymond				
Prospecting Licence		TAYLOR, Douglas Ernest				
Prospecting Licence		TAYLOR, Shayne Douglas				

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. 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: 5 October 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 **5 January 2012**. 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. 5 February 2012**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km2

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Government of South Australia
Primary Industries and Resources SA

PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCE

(Section 29) NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of South Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mineral Resources Development, C/- Petroleum and Geothermal Division, Minerals and Energy Resources, Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA, 6th Level, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 has received the following Petroleum Exploration Licence application (PELA) under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*:

Number: PELA 575
Area: 3,637km² approximately
Applicant: Strike Energy Limited

Locality:
The application area is wholly contained within an area broadly defined as:

All that part of the State of South Australia, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 28°52'00"S GDA94 and longitude 137°56'00"E GDA94, thence east to longitude 138°06'00"E GDA94, south to latitude 28°58'00"S GDA94, east to longitude 138°11'00"E GDA94, south to latitude 29°03'00"S GDA94, east to longitude 138°15'00"E GDA94, south to latitude 29°07'00"S GDA94, east to longitude 138°19'00"E GDA94, south to latitude 29°11'00"S GDA94, east to longitude 138°22'00"E GDA94, south to latitude 29°14'00"S GDA94, east to longitude 138°29'00"E GDA94, south to latitude 29°19'00"S GDA94, east to longitude 138°37'00"E GDA94, south to latitude 29°23'00"S GDA94, east to longitude 139°00'00"E GDA94, south to the western boundary of National Native Title Tribunal Claimant Application File Number SC08/2 (Registered 26/09/2008), thence generally south-westerly along the boundary of the said Claimant Application to latitude 29°35'00"S GDA94, west to longitude 138°06'00"E GDA94, north to latitude 29°14'00"S GDA94, west to longitude 137°56'00"E GDA94, and north to the point of commencement.

Nature of the acts:

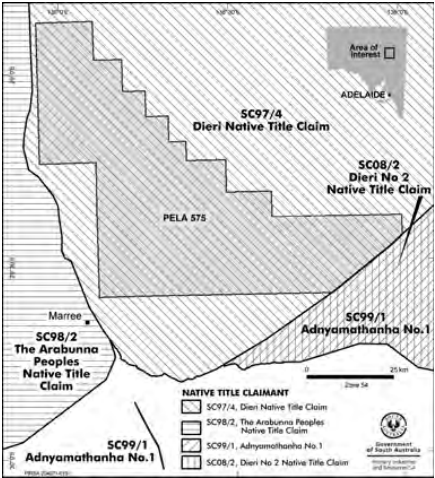
Grant of an Exploration Licence pursuant to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum for a term of five (5) years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for a further two (2) five (5) year terms. The *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* also provides a holder of an Exploration Licence with a right (subject to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*), to apply for a Production Licence where a discovery that warrants production is made. Production Licence rights include the right to undertake regulated activities under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* to enable the petroleum to be produced, processed, transported and marketed. The acts may also include the grant of appropriate Production, Retention or Associated Activities Licences emanating from the issued Exploration Licence pursuant to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* or any substituting legislation as well as any Speculative Survey Licences outside of but abutting the licenced area necessary for the recovery of petroleum within the licenced area.

Notification day: 12 October 2011

Native title parties:

Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until three (3) months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the area covered by the Exploration Licence application.

The three (3) month period closes on 12 January 2012. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 10, 91 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, SA 5000, telephone: (08) 8205 2000. Any negotiations conducted in respect to the Exploration Licences will include matters relating to the conduct of any future production and associated infrastructure and facilities and the issue of the necessary



licences or authorisations to undertake these activities (including associated exploration activities) under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*.

The Exploration Licence will be granted if, by the end of the period of four (4) months after the notification day (i.e. 13 February 2012) there is no native title party in relation to the area of the Exploration Licences.

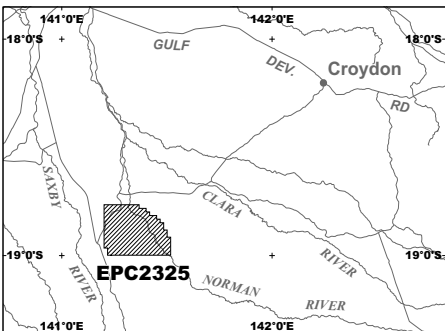
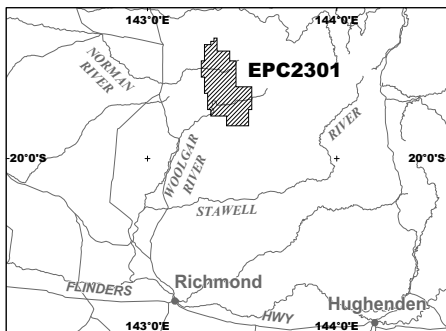
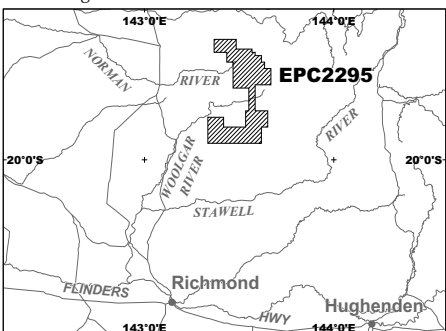
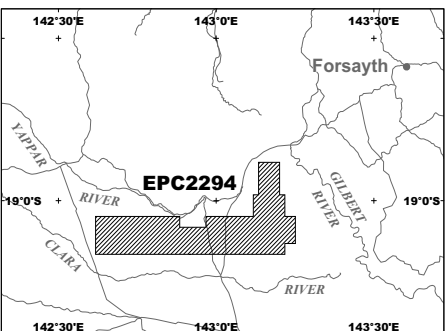
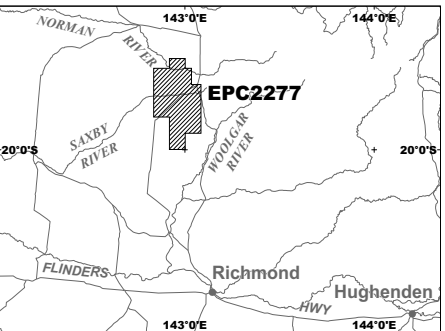
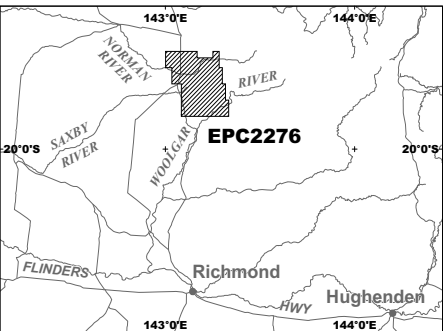
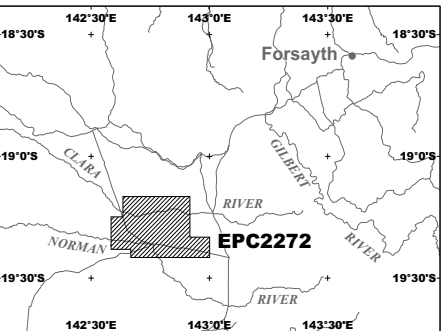
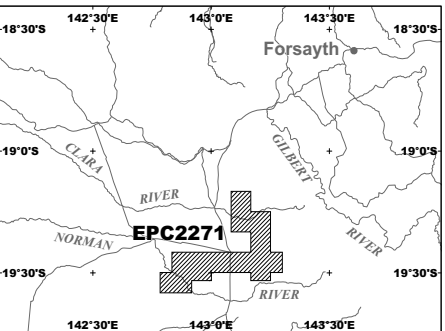
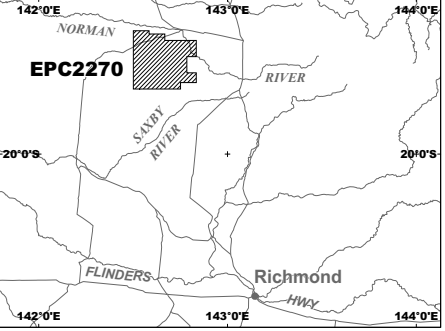
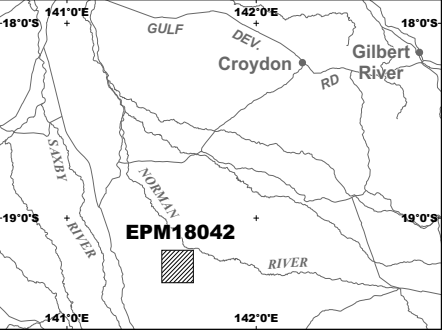
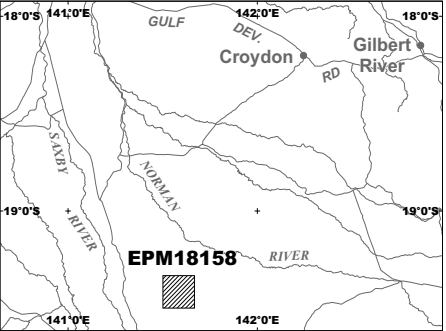
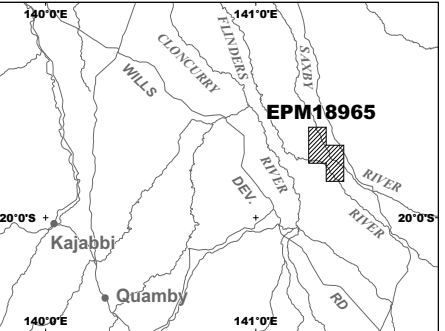
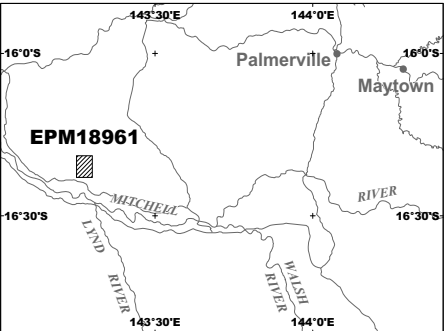
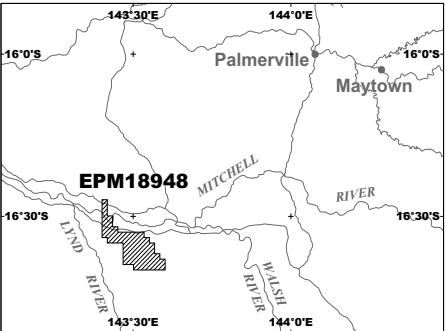
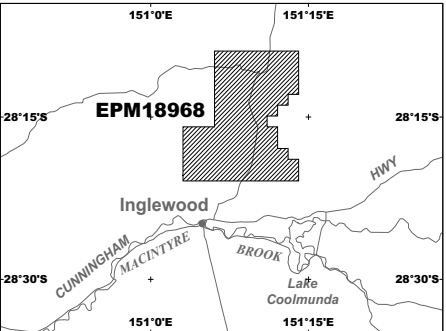
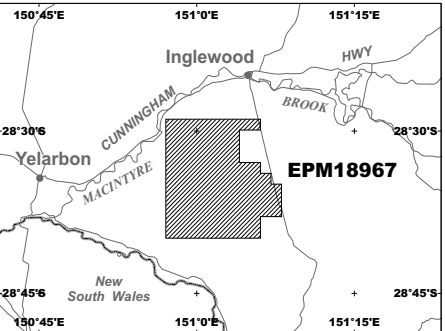
For further information about the acts (including spatial data or plans of the PELA area), contact the Manager Licensing and Royalties, Petroleum and Geothermal Division, Minerals and Energy Resources, Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA, 6th Level, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000, or telephone (08) 8463 3203.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits for Minerals and Coal shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

<p>Exploration Permit 2325 sought by Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd, ACN 144 920 187, over an area of 229 sub-blocks (741km²) centred approximately 120km SW of Croydon, in the locality of Carpentaria Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 2301 sought by Bellfield Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 147 245 403, over an area of 265 sub-blocks (855km²) centred approximately 128km NNE of Richmond in the locality of Richmond Shire Council and Croydon Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 2295 sought by Bellfield Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 147 245 403, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (965km²) centred approximately 140km NW of Hughenden, in the locality of Richmond Shire Council, Croydon Shire Council and Etheridge Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 2294 sought by Bellfield Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 147 245 403, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (971km²) centred approximately 85km SW of Forsyth, in the locality of Croydon Shire Council and Etheridge Shire Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 2277 sought by Bellfield Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 147 245 403, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (965km²) centred approximately 108km North of Richmond, in the locality of Richmond Shire Council and Croydon Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 2276 sought by Bellfield Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 147 245 403, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (968km²) centred approximately 118km North of Richmond, in the locality of Richmond Shire Council and Croydon Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 2272 sought by Bellfield Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 147 245 403 over an area of 300 sub-blocks (968km²), centred approximately 116km SW of Forsyth, in the locality of Croydon Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 2271 sought by Bellfield Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 147 245 403 over an area of 300 sub-blocks (968km²), centred approximately 109km SW of Forsyth, in the locality of Croydon Regional Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 2270 sought by Bellfield Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 147 245 403, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (968km²) centred approximately 43km NNW of Richmond, in the locality of Croydon Shire Council, McKinlay Shire Council and Richmond Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 18042 sought by China West International Holdings Limited, ACN 009 230 111, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (324km²), centred approximately 135km SW of Croydon, in the locality of Carpentaria Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 18158 sought by China West International Holdings Limited, ACN 009 230 111, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (323km²), centred approximately 151km SW of Croydon, in the locality of McKinlay Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 18965, sought by Montrose Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 123 331 304, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (323 km²), centred approximately 132km NE of Quamby, in the locality of McKinlay Shire Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 18961, sought by Michael Peter Thompson, over an area of 12 sub-blocks (39 km²), centred approximately 93km SW of Palmerville Station, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 18948 sought by Michael Peter Thompson, over an area of 59 sub-blocks (194 km²), centred approximately 86km SW of Palmerville Station, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 18968, sought by Mingoola Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 138 269 333, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (303 km²), centred approximately 19km NNE of Inglewood, in the locality of Goondiwindi Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 18967, sought by Mingoola Gold Pty Ltd, ACN 138 269 333, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (301km²), centred approximately 18km South of Inglewood, in the locality of Goondiwindi Regional Council.</p> 

Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified and coal for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), and also subject to the General Conditions Version 5, 10 December 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October 2010.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a “native title party” is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Notification Day: 26 October 2011



NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

<p>Exploration Permit 18969, sought by Waverley Nominees Pty Ltd, ACN 008 817 589, over an area of 41 sub-blocks (135 km²), centred approximately 35km West of Palmerville Station in the locality of Cook Shire Council.</p>	<p>Exploration Permit 19004 sought by Waverley Nominees Pty Ltd, ACN 008 817 589, over an area of 79 sub-blocks (261 km²), centred approximately 113km NW of Laura, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.</p>	<p>Exploration Permit 18911 sought by Walsh River Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 124 164 147 over an area of 44 sub-blocks (142km²), centred approximately 24km NE of Mingela, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.</p>	<p>Exploration Permit 19183 sought by QMC Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 144 948 907, over an area of 14 sub-blocks (44 km²), centred approximately 102km SE of Duchess, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.</p>
<p>Exploration Permit 18254 sought by Wolfram Camp Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 108 254 315, over an area of 38 sub-blocks (124km²), centred approximately 7km SW of Dimbulah, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.</p>	<p>Exploration Permit 19166 sought by Mt Norma Mining Company Pty Limited, ACN 088 570 781, over an area of 5 sub-blocks (16km²), centred approximately 56km SE of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.</p>	<p>Exploration Permit 19150 sought by Spinifex Mines Pty Ltd, ACN 074 166 519 over an area of 5 sub-blocks (16km²), centred approximately 26km ESE of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.</p>	<p>Exploration Permit 19149 sought by Spinifex Mines Pty Ltd, ACN 074 166 519 over an area of 2 sub-blocks (6km²), centred approximately 30km SE of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.</p>
<p>Exploration Permit 19040 sought by Ramelius Resources Limited, ACN 001 717 540, over an area of 91 sub-blocks (293 km²), centred approximately 25km East of Ravenswood, in the locality of Burdekin Shire Council and Charters Towers Regional Council.</p>	<p>Exploration Permit 19060 sought by Ausnico Limited, ACN 122 957 322, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (323km²), centred approximately 85km NE of Kajabbi in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.</p>	<p>Exploration Permit 19059 sought by Ausnico Limited, ACN 122 957 322, over an area of 75 sub-blocks (242km²), centred approximately 95km NE of Kajabbi in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.</p>	<p>Exploration Permit 18903 sought by Plethora Pty Ltd, ACN 119 722 600, over an area of 3 sub-blocks (10km²), centred approximately 8km NE of Mount Garnet, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.</p>
<p>Exploration Permit 19069 sought by Volcan South Queensland Bauxite Pty Ltd, ACN 146 357 708, (80%) and South Queensland Bauxite Pty Ltd, ACN 146 227 081, (20%), over an area of 19 sub-blocks (58km²), centred approximately 6km East of Blackbutt in the locality of Toowoomba Regional Council, South Burnett Regional Council and Somerset Regional Council.</p>	<p>Exploration Permit 19072 sought by Volcan South Queensland Bauxite Pty Ltd, ACN 146 357 708, (80%) and South Queensland Bauxite Pty Ltd, ACN 146 227 081, (20%), over an area of 30 sub-blocks (92km²), centred approximately 12km SW of Blackbutt in the locality of Toowoomba Regional Council.</p>	<p>Exploration Permit 18953 sought by Navaho Gold Limited, ACN 068 958 752, over an area of 54 sub-blocks (173 km²), centred approximately 33km East of Glenden, in the locality of Isaac Regional and McKinlay Regional Councils.</p>	<p>Exploration Permit 19023 sought by NQ Metals Pty Limited, ACN 125 551 537, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (311km²), centred approximately 40km West of Tambo, in the locality of Blackall Tambo Regional Council.</p>

Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), and also subject to the General Conditions Version 5, 10 December 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October 2010.

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Notification Day: 26 October 2011

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that **POLYMETALS (WHITE DAM) PTY LTD** (ACN 130 423 684) of 29 Main Street, Samford, QLD (POLYMETALS) and **EXCO OPERATIONS (SA) LTD** (ACN 105 161 564) of Level 2, 8 Colin Street, West Perth, WA (EXCO), pursuant to a joint venture agreement between POLYMETALS AND EXCO wherein POLYMETALS OPERATIONS PTY LTD (ABN 67 137 093 808) (a related body corporate of POLYMETALS) is appointed mining operator, propose to carry out mining operations on the following land (**Land**):

DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND

MINERAL CLAIM 4307: Located approximately 15km west of Mingary, within the boundaries of Bulloo Creek Pastoral Station and bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of 458642.197mE and 6450369.326mN then travelling 1810.306m north east at 60°4'43.8" to the intersection of 430211.212mE and 6451272.321mN then travelling 1378.528m south east at 150°0'46.8" to the intersection of 460900.205mE and 6450078.324mN then travelling 1810.427m south west at 240°0'27.6" to the intersection of 459332.208mE and 6449173.32mn then travelling 1380.777m north west at 330°1'5.1" to the point of commencement.

TOTAL AREA: approximately 250 hectares

All above co-ordinates are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA 1994) as defined on p3369 of Commonwealth Gazette Number 35, dated 6 September 1995.

THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS THAT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Open pit mining which will likely include but not be limited to drill and blast and load and haul activities and ancillary site support infrastructure such as water bores, access and haul roads, site drainage

installations, lay down areas, waste dumps and ore stockpiles. Ore from the mine will likely be transported to the adjacent White Dam processing facility. It is likely that some mine waste will be used for road building, abandonment bunds and / or creek diversion bunds.

THE PROPOSED OPERATIONS ARE OR WILL BE AUTHORISED BY THE FOLLOWING TENEMENTS UNDER THE MINING ACT 1971 (SA):

POLYMETALS AND EXCO (**Proponents**) are the joint registered holder of MINERAL CLAIM 4307, the entire area of which mineral claim is subject of a mining lease application to be made jointly by the Proponents. In this notice a reference to a tenement includes that tenement as substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and assigns of that party's interest in the tenement.

THE PROPONENTS SEEK TO NEGOTIATE A NATIVE TITLE MINING AGREEMENT FOR PRODUCTION UNDER PART 9B OF THE MINING ACT 1971 (SA).

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relations to the land to which this notice relates the Proponents may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land is invited to contact the Proponents as follows:

C/- Exco Operations (SA) Ltd
Level 2, 8 Colin Street, West Perth WA 6005
Telephone: (08) 9211 2000 **Facsimile:** (08) 9211 2001 **Contact Person:** Susan Persichitti

PUBLIC NOTICE

GUNGGARI PEOPLE'S NATIVE TITLE CONSENT DETERMINATION AUTHORISATION MEETING AND MEETING TO AUTHORISE INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENTS

The **GUNGGARI PEOPLE** have made an application to the Federal Court of Australia ('Gunggari People #2' - QUD6027/2001) seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

THE GUNGGARI PEOPLE are those people who are the descendants of the following ancestors:

- Jinnigah
- Harry Collins
- Coombra Jack
- Old King Dick
- Harry Rockwood
- Charlotte Moffat
- Samy and Nelly Walker
- Mary of Bollon
- Jimmy and Nelly Flourbag
- Old Frog
- Kitty of St George
- Maggie of the Moonie
- Maria of Tongi Station
- Lucy of the Balonne River
- Mary of the Maranoa
- Clifton George

This Notice invites all members of the **Gunggari People** (descendents of the ancestors listed above) to attend authorisation meetings at the time and location below:

Authorisation Meeting #1

Date of Meeting: Friday, 21 October 2011

Venue of Meeting: Mitchell Shire Hall, Great Artesian Spa, Cambridge Street, Mitchell, Qld.

Time of Meeting: 9:30am to 4:30pm

Purpose of this meeting is to (a) authorise the terms of a consent determination that would resolve the Gunggari #2 (QUD6027 of 2001) native title determination application; and (b) authorise the nomination of and endorse the rules of a Prescribed Body Corporate to be established for the purpose of holding the native title of the Gunggari People.

Authorisation Meeting #2

Date of Meeting: Saturday, 22 October 2011

Venue of Meeting: Mitchell Shire Hall, Great Artesian Spa, Cambridge Street, Mitchell, Qld.

Time of Meeting: 9:30am to 12:30pm

Purpose of this meeting is to:

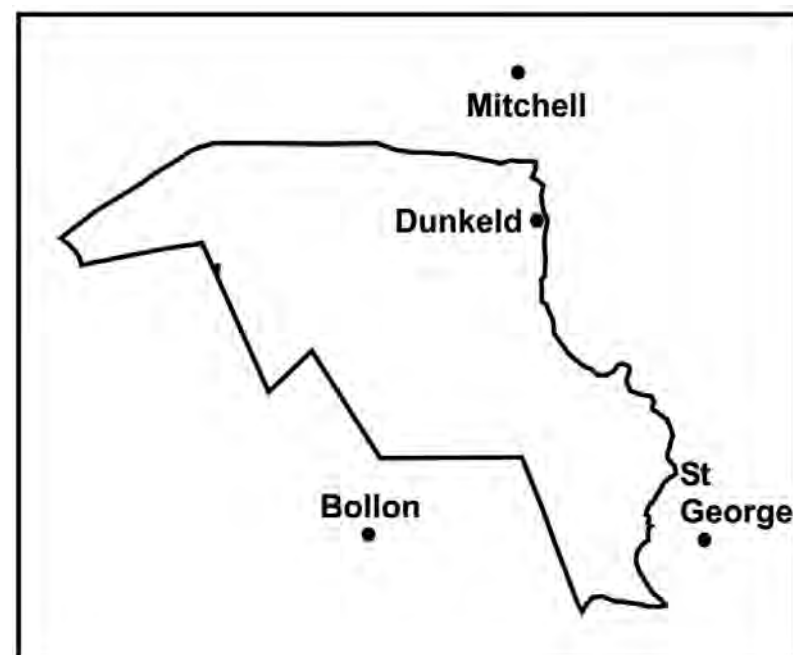
- authorise an Indigenous Land Use Agreement ('ILUA') between the Gunggari People and Ergon Energy Corporation Limited ('Ergon Energy') which provides, among other things: (i) a mechanism for resolving native title issues with Ergon Energy; and (ii) for the mutual recognition of the rights and interests of the Gunggari People and Ergon Energy in the ILUA area. The area covering the ILUA is the area of the Gunggari #2 claim (QUD6027 of 2001) as illustrated in the accompanying map; and
- authorise ILUAs between the Gunggari People and the following pastoral parties: John Charles Denver Warren & Rosemary Susan Warren, Jon James Warby & Belinda Anne Warby, Hugh Arthur Cameron & Marcia Joyce Cameron, Owen Douglas Murphy & Jeanette Coral Murphy, and McInerney Bros Penang Pty Ltd.

The **purpose** of the agreements is to provide for the mutual recognition of the rights and interests of the Gunggari People and the pastoral parties in the ILUA areas; and establish arrangements for the exercise of the Gunggari People's native title rights and interests on the pastoral properties in a manner that is not inconsistent with the pastoral lessee's rights and obligations under the pastoral lease.

The pastoral properties that will be subject to these ILUAs are: Kalyan, Leinster West, Rundalua, Karatang and Ularunda.

These pastoral properties will be subject to the ILUAs to the extent that they fall within the external boundaries of the Gunggari #2 claim (QUD6027 of 2001) as illustrated in the accompanying map.

The external boundaries of the Gunggari #2 claim is depicted in the map below:



Any persons who claim to hold native title over the area subject to the ILUAs described above **other than as a member of the Gunggari People** should contact Hank Wymarra, Community Relations Officer, of the Queensland South Native Title Services on **1800 663 693**.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the above meetings. However, morning tea and lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meetings.

All Gunggari People are invited to contact Queensland South Native Title Services' Client Relations Unit on 1800 663 693 to register their intention to be present at the authorisation meeting.



BIGAMBUL PEOPLE NATIVE TITE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Bigambul Applicant invites all persons who are members of the Bigambul People Native Title claim group to attend an authorisation meeting. The Bigambul People are the descendants of Queen Susan, Nellie Yumbeina, Sally mother of Mary Ann Beng, Jack Noble, Nellie of Goondiwindi and Sally Murray.

The meeting will be held at the time and location listed below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday 15 October 2011

Venue of Meeting: Goondiwindi RSL Club 23 Albert Street
Goondiwindi

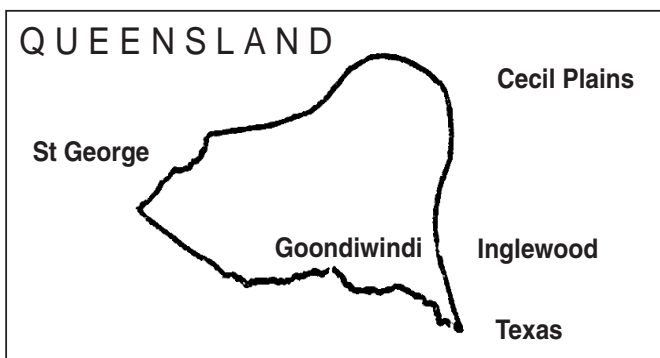
Time of meeting: Registration 9.30 am, Meeting will start at 10.00am

The Purpose of the Authorisation meeting on Saturday 15 October 2011 is to:

- Provide a summary of the main findings of Dr Kenny's connection report and to consider the findings of further research commissioned by the Applicant.
- Provide an update on negotiations with State and other respondent parties for a determination of Native Title for the Bigambul people.
- Decide whether there should be any amendment of the claim group description and if so when it should be made.
- Discuss the orders of the Federal Court made on 22 September 2011.
- Report on QGC ILUA registration review.
- Discuss the reasons why the Applicant terminated instructions to QSNTS.

Colin Hardie, Solicitor for the Bigambul People will be on hand to provide a full report and update on the Federal Court proceedings.

Please note that a meeting for the same day has been called in Brisbane by QSNTS. The meeting called by QSNTS is not an official meeting and has been called without the authority and endorsement of the Bigambul Applicant and the Federal Court.



Any enquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Corinne (07) 32774801

AFLNT is expanding



THREE new full-time Australian football development managers have been appointed to serve the remote Northern Territory communities of Ngukurr, Hermansburg and Maningrida. The appointments are part of the Australian Football League NT (AFLNT) expansion into some of the Territory's remotest communities.

The development managers have been employed to deliver football-themed programs designed to increase school attendance, improve health and develop leadership skills.

AFLNT says a pillar of its long-term strategy is to ensure that all Territorians have access to a structured football program, and as a result of the success of existing remote projects in Wadeye, Groote Eylandt and Galiwin'ku, it is increasing its zone of operations to include five more communities in the next 18 months.

AFLNT says its remote projects have evolved into the most important department of its operations and, according to CEO Tony Frawley, the results have been astounding.

"If we look at Wadeye for example, when we arrived in the town, there was a serious issue with gang-related violence and while the passion for football in the town was still evident, football was dying a death," he said.

"With patience and perseverance, our staff have put the right structures in place and football is thriving again.

"Next season Wadeye will enter a team into division one of the NTFL, which is testament not only to the great work our staff have done in the community, but also to the support the community itself has given to our program."

Frawley said the program on Groote Eylandt had been equally successful and with the support of the Anindilyakwa Land Council and GEMCO, AFLNT had been able to strengthen the senior league structure.

'Integral role'

"And we have engaged with kids of all ages and through our innovative 'School Cat's Program', we have played an integral role in improving school attendance," he said.

One of the most remarkable outcomes of AFLNT's program in Galiwin'ku has been incredible participation rate. More than 800 people play footy on Elcho Island, which equates to one-third of the population.

"This participation rate is further complemented by the unprecedented growth in women's footy on the Island," Farwley said.

"AFLNT's female projects manager Breeanna Brock is astounded by the growth in women's footy not only in Galiwin'ku, but Territory wide.

"The importance of new women's leagues in remote areas has become clear with the introduction of three phenomenally popular new leagues.

"Galiwin'ku has seven women's teams, with one team even naming themselves after their Darwin-based heroes the Thunder! Tennant Creek has introduced a four-team youth girls league with tremendous support from the community and local schools, and Alice Springs is preparing to launch its first women's competition.

"The opportunity to play football has never been better for girls and women in the NT."

Frawley is delighted with the sudden growth in women's footy.

"What better way to create positive role models for kids than their mothers, aunties and sisters kicking goals and enjoying their footy," he said.

"Encouraging females to participate is a key element of AFLNT's long-term vision and we look forward to the introduction of the Michael Long NT Thunder Learning and Leadership Centre where girls will have equal access to the state-of-the-art facility and the array of outcomes it will offer.

"The future is bright for women's footy in the NT and we hope that some of our future stars will play in the televised women's competition in 2020."

AFLNT's remote projects expansion is a pre-cursor to the planned Michael Long NT Thunder Learning and Leadership Centre. Due to be completed by 2012, the centre will house residential, educational and sporting facilities to support children in remote schools attend school, develop leadership and other skills and to keep active in sport.

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 19 October 2011



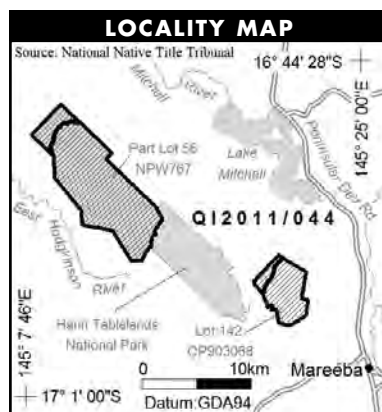
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QI2011/043 Muluridji People and Ergon Energy ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 1050 square kilometres located approximately 35 kilometres west of Cairns as shown on the locality map.



QI2011/044 Muluridji Protected Areas ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 88 square kilometres and is over Mareeba Tropical Savanna and Wetland Reserve Nature Refuge and part of Hann Tablelands National Park, located about 20 km north west of the township of Mareeba as shown on the locality map.

The agreements both fall within the Local Government Authority of Tablelands Regional Council.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Keith Mathieson Snr, Keith Mathieson Jnr, Ian Connolly and Clancy Baker on their own behalf and on behalf of the Muluridji People; (Party to QI2011/043 & QI2011/044)
Clem Riley and Mervyn Riley on their own behalf and on behalf of the Muluridji People #2; (Party to QI2011/043)
Muluridji Tribal Aboriginal Corporation (Party to QI2011/044)
C/- North Queensland Land Council
PO Box 1717
Aitkenvale BC QLD 4814

Ergon Energy Corporation Ltd (Party to QI2011/043)
C/- MacDonnells Law
Level 9
120 Edward Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

State of Queensland (Party to QI2011/044)
Department of Environment and Resource Management
GPO Box 2454
Brisbane QLD 4001

The agreements contain the following statements: [Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

QI2011/043 Muluridji People and Ergon Energy ILUA

5.1 and 5.2 The Parties consent to the doing of any particular future act and any class of future acts specified in this Agreement [This includes: Minor Works and access to conduct Minor Works; use and access of land siting electricity infrastructure in existence at the execution date and any adjacent land required for use and maintenance; future acts on Aboriginal land with prior written consent of the entity holding Aboriginal Land; and subject to Cultural Heritage Management Processes stipulated in Agreement, the grant of any easement, licence or permit over relevant Electricity Infrastructure. Minor Works include tree lopping clearing in the immediate vicinity of Electricity Infrastructure or required for the safe operation, use or public safety in relation to operation of the Electricity Infrastructure; repairing or reinstating any damaged or destroyed Electricity Infrastructure to the pre-existing state; maintaining and inspecting Electricity Infrastructure; installation of street light poles and service/intermediate poles that are tied into the existing powerline systems in urban areas/town precincts only; accessing the Agreement area at reasonable times for the purpose of undertaking these works].

5.10 The Parties agree that Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA does not apply to any future act, to which the Parties have consented, within this Agreement.

6.1 and 7.7 [In addition, the Native Title Party consents to the State of Queensland granting Ergon Energy any tenure or other interest over land within the Agreement Area on which Electricity Infrastructure is located or on the relevant access tracks. The parties also consent to the maintenance and repair of the relevant access tracks].

QI2011/044 Muluridji Protected Areas ILUA: This agreement does not contain any relevant statements.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

These two applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the North Queensland Land Council, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown in the respective maps. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, PO Box 9973, Cairns, QLD 4870 by 19 January 2012.

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 boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Environment and Resource Management. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Lisa Serpa on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Vipers make return visit



NINETEEN Narangba Valley State High School students have returned from a visit to the Tiwi Islands, where they were the guests of Tiwi College. It followed a cultural exchange when a group of Tiwi College students visited

Narangba last June. Narangba is near Brisbane.

Narangba Valley Australian Football League (AFL) Academy director Greg McMahon led the Narangba Vipers to Melville Island.

It was organised as part of the AFL Academy's 'Closing the Gap' campaign.

In what he described as a remarkable relationship that continued to grow, McMahon said students from both communities shared cultural experiences 'in an enriching week together that will remain a life-changing memory'.

The Vipers had a stopover in Darwin where

they were guests of the Northern Territory Thunder team for the Thunder's top-of-the-table clash with Mt Gravatt.

They were treated to a training run by tour fitness coach Ged McMahon and, for some, there was an invitation to the Thunder's pre-game meeting.

The next day included a visit to Adelaide River for a jumping crocodile cruise.

After two days in Darwin, the Vipers travelled across the Arafura Sea to Melville Island, where McMahon said they were warmly welcomed by Tiwi College students.

A game of football resulted in a win to Tiwi College.

"Our first day finished with a swim in the creek, barbecue and a camp fire," McMahon said.

"Tiwi Elders shared with our boys Dreaming

stories and the significance of Tiwi culture, living off the land and tribal way of life.

McMahon said the next two days were packed with fishing, camping, bushwalking and learning more about Tiwi culture. "Our boys had the experience of being about to camp

out under the stars and soak up a way of life very different from that in Brisbane," he said.

"Boys from Narangba and Tiwi College feasted on buffalo and damper, while sharing more time together with traditional dancing and Dreaming stories."



The Narangba Vipers and Tiwi College players after their game.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETINGS TO AUTHORISE INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENTS

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 Mundi)
Annie Whip (mother of Martin Connelly Snr)	Gypsy Reid (Gypsy Ryan)	Julie (mother of Eulie and Lizzie Hickson)
Bessie Ah Fat	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 the Kalkadoon People (as described above) to attend authorisation meetings at the times and location below.

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 Kieren Gibbs, QSNTS on 1800 663 693.

Authorisation Meeting #1

Date of Meeting: Saturday 22 October 2011
Venue of Meeting: QSNTS (CLCAC Building), 31 – 33 Commercial Rd, MT ISA
Time of Meeting: Registration 9.30am, Meeting 10.00am – 3.30pm

The purpose of the meeting on Saturday 22 October 2011 is to authorise an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) between the Kalkadoon People and the State of Queensland ("Pre-determination ILUA").

The Pre-determination ILUA provides for, among other things:

- Revenue sharing between the Kalkadoon People and the State in relation to some parcels of unallocated state land;
- Negotiation terms for a "Post-determination ILUA" including ILUA area, revenue sharing, \$18A land exchange and resourcing of negotiations.

The area subject to the Pre-determination ILUA is the area within the Kalkadoon People #4 claim boundary as depicted in the map below.

Authorisation Meeting #2

Date of Meeting: Sunday 23 October 2011
Venue of Meeting: QSNTS (CLCAC Building), 31 – 33 Commercial Rd, MT ISA
Time of Meeting: Registration 9.30am, Meeting 10.00am – 3.30pm

The Purpose of the Authorisation Meetings on Sunday 23 October 2011 is to authorise ILUAs between the Kalkadoon People and the following pastoral parties:

A A Company Pty Ltd, Argylla Mountains Pastoral Pty Ltd, Bezuma Pastoral Company Pty Ltd, Cameron Creek Pastoral Company Pty Ltd, Ian Charles Campbell, Graham & Marie Curley, Andrew and Samuel Daniels & Gabrielle Kennedy, George Walter Hacon, Peter Eric Hacon, Hacon Holdings Pty Ltd, Ronald Leslie Hall and Copelan Rose Hall, Scott Fisher Harrington, Lionel Albert Hudson, Jersey Plains Pastoral Company Pty Ltd, Thomas Goodwin Keats, Alfred Arthur Lanskey, Edgar Alfred Lanskey, James & Marjorie Lord, Robert John McConachy, Archibald James McDonald, Donald Francis James McDonald, Harold Henry McMillan, Harold Henry & Catherine Patricia McMillan, McMillan Pastoral Company Pty Ltd, MDH Pty Ltd, William Thomas Mitchell, Paraway Pastoral Company Ltd, Ronald & Neville Power, Verdun Francis Spreadborough, Tom Keats & Co Pty Ltd, Venlock Pty Ltd, Alan James Webber, Ivanhoe Cloncurry Mines Pty Ltd.

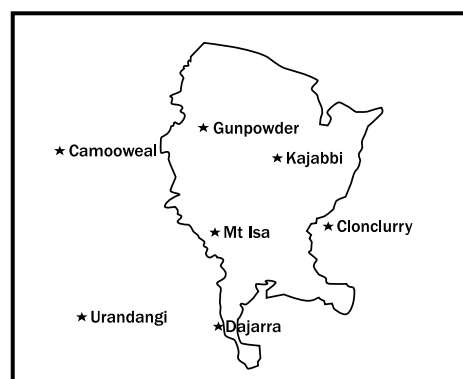
The purpose of these Pastoral agreements is to:

- Provide for the mutual recognition of the rights and interests of the Kalkadoon and the pastoral parties in the ILUA areas;
- To establish arrangements for the exercise of the Kalkadoon People's native title rights and interests on the pastoral properties in a manner that is not inconsistent with the pastoral lessee's rights and obligations under the pastoral lease.

The pastoral properties that will be subject to these ILUAs are:

Alcala, Canobie, Heywood, Murrumba (aka Rosebud), Thornton, Hillside, Angus (aka Rosebud or Corella Dam Reservoir), Coll (aka Rifle Creek), Bendigo Park (aka Yadthor), Roxmere, Ballaghmore Downs, Tyndool, Granada, Buckingham Downs, Gereta, Regent, Ibis Creek, The Nobbies (aka Dugald), Chum Vale, Jersey Plains, Malakoff, Gleeson, Barr Creek, Toorah Vale, Bortala (aka Alsace), Meltham (aka May Downs), Ashover, Brightlands, Bulonga, Farley, Girla (aka Girla), Carsland, Patricia Vale, Quamby, Evandean, Yambini, Venus (aka Jessivale), Corella Park, Ginburra (aka Lanark), Mount Maggie, Timberu, Chatsworth, Devoncourt, Stradbroke (aka Stanbroke), Bannockburn (aka Koolamarra), Clonagh, Corella, Bushy Park, Chidna, Whites Hill, Ardmore, Mellish Park, Starcross.

These pastoral properties will be subject to the ILUAs to the extent that they fall within the external boundaries of the Kalkadoon # 4 claim (QUD579 of 2005) (pictured).



QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meeting or with accommodation costs. However, morning tea and lunch will be provided to participants at the meeting.

Kalkadoon People intending to attend the meeting must register their attendance with Kieren Gibbs, QSNTS on 1800 663 693.



Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales



National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 19 October 2011

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves but, rather, they are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in the area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 18 January 2012. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before **18 January 2012**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to this non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000**, on or before **18 January 2012**. After 18 January 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: John George Jirgens

Federal Court File No: NSD1308/11

Non-native title interest*: Licence 483993 for site investigation

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination of no native title.

Description: The area subject to this application is located approximately 7 kilometres west of Nowra, covering about 0.8 hectares over part of Lot 7307 DP1151719 as shown on the locality diagram.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of the Shoalhaven City Council.

[*The applicant has indicated that if the non-claimant application is unopposed by a native title claimant application they intend to seek the protection of section 24FA of the Act to validly undertake the proposed act and then withdraw the non-claimant application.]

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the LPM Authority, Land and Property Information Division, NSW.

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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Juniors show football skills

By ALF WILSON



YOUNG rugby league players from 11 north Queensland primary schools competed at the third annual Obe

Geia Junior Challenge at the Palm Island Aboriginal Community football oval on 15 September.

The carnival is named after Obe Geia junior, the first Palm Islander to play first grade with the North Queensland Cowboys and he was there to make the presentations.

Palm Island sides were the Barrucas, the Warriors and Arch Angels consisting of players from Bwgcolman and St Michael's schools.

Townsville district schools to compete were winners Heatley, St Joseph's, Magnetic Island, Good Shepherd, Shalom, Rasmussen, Vincent, Marian and Kelso. Most of the visiting teams had Indigenous footballers.

Each of the sides played five games in two pools and the leaders in each contested the grand final.

Barrucas were coached by Steve Bennett and reached the decider before being downed 24-20 by Heatley Primary, from Townsville.

Try-scorers for the Barrucas were Allan Walsh (two), Quinton Panuel, Isaac Bulsey and Nickarlin Baira.

Barrucas would certainly have won except for a five-try effort by giant Heatley Queensland Schoolboys representative Ethan James.

In their qualifying games, the young Barrucas won four games and drew one.

Arch Angels were coached by local boxer and trainer Chris Gundy and won three games and lost two.

One standout player was Eliar Charles, who scored three tries in one match.

"This was a great effort by our lads as most of them are in grades five and six and some of the opponents were much bigger," Gundy said.

Warriors were coached by Palm Island Brothers A grade centre Mickeal Sibley. They won two games and lost three.

At the opening ceremony, Palm Island Deputy Mayor Raymond Sibley thanked all of the visiting teams whose players and teachers/coaches had travelled by ferry earlier in the morning.

Guests were welcomed to country by Elder Allan Palm Island and Obe's grandmother, Peena Geia, gave an emotional speech when she read passages from Psalm 133 of the Bible.

The Challenge is a partnership between the Palm Island community, the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys, the NRL All Stars Game, the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Palm Island



The Barrucas team with runners-up medals after the final.



Members of the Arch Angels line-up.



The Palm Island Warriors team.



The Shalom College team from Townsville.

PCYC, and is hosted and run by the Palm Island community.

Each young footballer has earned the right to play in the carnival through regular attendance and good behaviour at school all year.

It's a special carnival for the kids from Palm Island, who get the chance to play some home games in front of their family and friends

"It's a massive day for many of the visiting kids – four hours of travel, a couple of kilometres walking as well as five modified games of rugby league – but a very enjoyable and educational one as well," North Queensland Toyota Cowboys community manager Fiona Pelling said.

"We really encourage all the

kids, once invited, to take part in the dancing as it is a great ice breaker and really sets the atmosphere for the day."

As well as giving children from Palm Island and the mainland the chance to play some footy, the carnival gives the island's community an opportunity to showcase their destination and their culture.

It also aims to strengthen inter-school relationships and promote sport, health and fitness.

Each player received a participation medal or a winners/runners-up trophy, supplied by the Palm Island Council; a drink bottle; and a participant's Obe Geia 2011 shirt supplied by the Toyota Cowboys.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BIGAMBUL PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The **Bigambul People** have made an application to the Federal Court of Australia (QUD 101/09) under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

The **Bigambul People** are currently described as the biological descendants of the following Apical Ancestors:

Queen Susan, also known as Granny Susan, also known as Susan of Welltown	"Sally" mother of Mary Ann Beng	Nellie of Goondiwindi
Nellie Yumbeina	Jack Noble	Sally Murray

This Notice invites all members of the Bigambul People native title claim group (as described above) to an Authorisation Meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday 15 October 2011

Venue of Meeting: Tavernetta Function Centre, 144 Dorville Road, Carseldine, Brisbane.

Time of Meeting: Registration 9.30am - Meeting open 10.00am

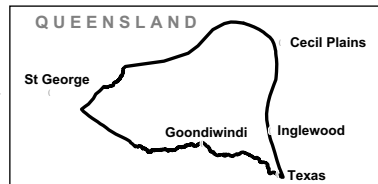
The Purpose of the Authorisation Meeting on Saturday 15 October 2011 is to:

1. Provide the current claim group with the outcomes of the connection report commissioned by QSNTS – Dr Anna Kenny, the author of the report, will be present at the meeting;
2. Authorise an amendment to the application which could include removing Apical Ancestors from the current claim group description;
3. Authorise the Applicant to bring a claim on behalf of the Bigambul People as newly described in accordance with the changes made in the preceding paragraph 2. above;
4. Should there be no changes to the claim under paragraph 2 above, decide the authority of the current applicant to continue to make the application. Decisions could include removing some or all of the current applicants and/or adding new applicants on the basis that the current applicant is no longer authorised to make the application or has exceeded the authority given to make the application;
5. Determine the role of the Applicant and the scope of their authority.

QSNTS has facilitated this meeting at the request of Bigambul claimants. Mr Dan O'Gorman, Senior Counsel will provide legal assistance to the claim group in relation to the 5 points referred to above and Mr Rob Powrie of Counsel will be available to be appointed as an independent Chairperson.

Lunch and morning tea will be provided however no transport assistance or sitting fees are payable.

Any enquiries regarding this matter should be directed to QSNTS Community Relations Officer, Hank Wymarra on (07) 3224 1200 or 1800 663 693.



PUBLIC NOTICE

GUNGGARI PEOPLE'S NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

THE GUNGGARI PEOPLE are those people who are the biological descendants of the following ancestors:

- Jinnigah
- Harry Collins
- Coomra Jack
- Old King Dick
- Maria of Tongi Station
- Lucy of the Balonne River
- Mary of the Maranoa
- Clifton George
- Jimmy and Nelly Flourbag
- Old Frog
- Kitty of St George
- Maggie of the Moonie
- Harry Rockwood
- Charlotte Moffat
- Samy and Nelly Walker
- Mary of Bollon

This Notice invites all members of the Gunggari People (biological descendants of the ancestors listed above) to attend a native title authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

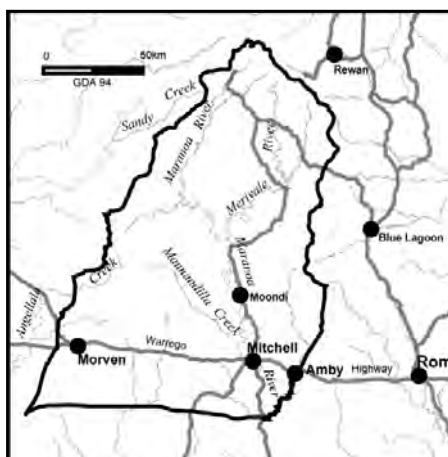
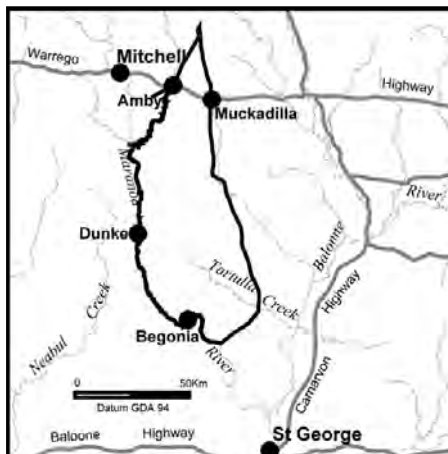
Date of Meeting: Sunday 23 October 2011

Venue of Meeting: Mitchell Shire Hall, Great Artesian Spa, Cambridge Street, Mitchell, Qld.

Time of Meeting: 9:30am to 4:00pm

Purpose of this meeting is to authorise native title determination applications on behalf of the Gunggari People relating to the recognition of native title rights and interests over the lands depicted in the accompanying maps and appoint an Applicant for those claims.

The proposed claim areas:



QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meeting. However, morning tea and lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meeting.

All Gunggari People are invited to contact Queensland South Native Title Services' Client Relations Unit on 1800 663 693 to register their intention to be present at the authorisation meeting.



Kowanyama win thrilling decider

By ALF WILSON



KOWANYAMA Wallabies defended their Cape Cluster Rugby League premiership title, but were pushed all the way by Coen Colts in a cliffhanger 2011 grand final before winning 32-30.

The semi-finals and decider were held at Weipa before a crowd of 2000.

To earn their grand final berth, Kowanyama defeated Mapoon

Brumbies 38-18. Best for Mapoon were Eli Tabuai, Les Hall and evergreen Jason Nixon, while Maurice Burke, Maxwell Luke, Stanley David and Ray Goggleye starred for Kowanyama.

Coen earned their spot in the grand final with a 28-26 victory over Aurukun in the other semi.

For Aurukun, Miles Kerridan, Ernest Pootchemunka, Sai Nadrede and Allan Wikmunea were best, while Amos Hobson, Dylan Creek, Wilfred Peter and Gabriel Creek led the way for Coen.

Weipa-based QRL development officer Cameron Miller said everybody was anticipating the blockbuster grand final.

Kowanyama went into the match as hot favourites and were soon off the mark with an early try.

Hit back

But Coen hit back to level.

Coen went into half time with a 20-18 lead. Miller said Coen scored a try in the corner with two minutes to go, but the conversion kick just missed. Had it been

successful, the game would have gone into extra time.

Kowanyama coach Dave Kennedy told the *Koori Mail* the game could have gone either way.

Full Results: Kowanyama 32 (Fitzroy Lawrence, Stanley David, Michael Burke, Telwyn Gibbo, Raphael Lansen, McGavin tries; Stanley David 4 goals) d Coen 30 (Dallas Harold, Dylan Creek, Douglas Huen, Amos Hobson, Bradley Creek, Wilfred Peter tries; Abraham Hobson 3 goals.)

Awards for the 2011 Season: Cape York Cluster best and fairest

player, Elron Lawrence (Kowanyama); best forward, Ernest Pootchemunka (Aurukun); best back, Fitzroy Lawrence (Kowanyama); Most tries, Quentin Dick (Kowanyama); highest pointscorer, Miles Kerridan (Aurukun); players of the communities, John Kennedy (Kowanyama), Sebastian Creek (Coen), Mile Kerridan (Aurukun), Kareem Tabuai (Mapoon), Cameron Jaawi (Weipa), Smithy Bally (East Coast Lockhart River), Harry Coakley (Pompuraaw).

Indigenous boxers star at state titles

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS boxers performed well at the 2011 Sunstate Amateur Boxing League Queensland State Titles held at the Townsville Showgrounds on 16-17 September.

Boxers came from around Queensland travelling from as far away as Napranum on Cape York, Rockhampton, Mackay, Emerald, Cairns, Blackwater, Babinda, Sarina, Mount Isa, Palm Island, Charters Towers and Mareeba.

World-ranked lightweight boxer Lenny Zappavigna (record of 25 wins and 2 losses, 17 KOs) and rising Indigenous professional boxer Jordan Geehoy were in the audience watching the titles. "I have seen some real talent here," Geehoy said.

There were 19 elimination bouts on night one, and league spokeswoman Gayle Stockham said that there were 25 the following night.

"We had more than 80 boxers weigh in, it was a great success and there were many Indigenous boxers," she said.

The *Koori Mail* was there on both nights and spoke to trainer George Huni, from the western Cape York community of Napranum, who travelled to Townsville with four boxers – Aussie Brown, his son Hone Huni, Zeianne Bandicoothca and Mike Carter.

In the 60kg class on night one, Brown lost to experienced and older Aaron Sinn from Fighters Inc of Emerald.

"It was Aussie's first fight and he did well and the experience he gained was great," trainer Huni said.

On the second night before a large crowd, 14-year-old Hone Huni won a silver medal. Huni also won two gold medals for walkover victories, and Zeianne one gold for a walkover. A walkover is when a boxer weighs in for a required division and then can't get an opponent or the scheduled opponent withdraws due to injury.

In a bout of the state titles in the 78kg Intermediate division, Napranum's Mike Carter took on Indigenous fighter Chris Stedman, from Cairns and formerly of Darwin, and lost

on points to claim a silver medal.

Two Torres Strait Islander boxers won bronze medals. Travis Saylor and Ashley Saylor are members of relatively new Townsville-based club Kanaka Kings, which is trained by Abraham Saylor, whose family is from Darnley Island descent.

Travis was beaten by highly rated Emerald boxer Tristan Martin, from Fighters Club Inc, on night one in the 75kg class.

Ashley was also beaten that evening by Cairns boxer Isaac Mundry, from Streets Gym, in the 81kg category.

Two other Kanaka Kings boxer did well, with Daniel Baker winning gold after a walkover in the heavyweight division and Dylan Cummins taking bronze in the 67kg.

Mareeba Club's Fabien Riley took out gold in the 54kg junior division, with Palm Island's Albert Gorringer winning silver and David Nahow from Ayr the bronze.

Palm Island boxers won four gold medals – Rashaun Creed taking out the 32kg division from Brodie Hohn of KO Gym of Townsville; Dennis Haines jnr in the 57kg Intermediate; Patrick Clarke in 67kg; and Selwyn Seaton in the 81kg.

Haines jnr fought an exciting bout on night one against Babinda boxer Broughton Worth before winning on points.

Then Haines jnr defeated fellow Palm boxer Thomas Blanket the next night winning on points to claim his ninth gold medal of the year.

"We don't like fighting each other as we are both Palm Islanders and good mates," Haines jnr said.

Palm Island assistant boxing trainer Chris Gundy said that it was an amazing effort by Rashaun to become the 32kg Queensland champion.

"He played eight junior rugby league games in the two days before the titles then took the medal home and was so proud of it he showered and slept with it. Rashaun was afraid somebody might take it so he didn't leave it out of his sight," Gundy said.

In the women's 60kg senior division, Townsville Hawks Club's Seneva Baira won gold after her scheduled opponent Syrita Kabay withdrew due to illness.



Referee Gonzo Hooper holds the arm of Patrick Clarke aloft after his points win over Robert Martin.



Shaping up ... Syrita Kabay, from Kanaka Kings Club.



Young Palm boxer Rashaun Creed was all smiles after winning the Queensland 32kg title.

Melbourne Uni win again



Action from the Student Games netball.



TEAMS from across the nation were in Melbourne for this year's National Indigenous Tertiary Student Games.

A total of 16 sides competed in netball, volleyball, basketball and touch football in the event, hosted by the University of Melbourne.

Organisers, who were pleased with the turn-out, said there was intense competition.

The hosts won the netball and were, for the second consecutive year, overall winners.

James Cook University won the volleyball, the University of Western Australia were too good in basketball while Newcastle University took out the touch football.

A venue for next year is yet to be determined.



Volleyball was a popular sport at the games.



Members of the victorious Melbourne University team, from left, Steven Hanning, Bonnie Smith, Renee Emzin, Anzac Newman, Tyrone Bean, Bede Jones, Sarai Atkinson, Tiana Culbong, Cyril Johnson, Dianna David, Lena-Jean Childs-Loffel and Rebecca Martin. Photos: Steven Rhall

Walker joins Sevens



IT'S back to the drawing board for former exciting rugby league prospect Shannon Walker as he adjusts to playing rugby sevens.

The former Gold Coast Titans (rugby league) star has signed an Australian Sevens contract with the Australian Rugby Union (ARU). He was the second National Rugby League (NRL) player to make the decision to sign an Australian Sevens contract after former Brisbane Broncos Denan Kemp joined the Australian Sevens squad in April.

A 23-year-old fullback and winger, Walker made his debut for the Titans in 2008 and said that while he enjoyed his time at the Gold Coast club, the idea of playing rugby sevens for Australia was an opportunity too good to refuse.

"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," he 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."

Walker said his first goal was to play in the HSBC Sevens World Series on the Gold Coast on 25-



SHANNON WALKER

26 November, so he could make his Australian debut in the city he had called home for the past five years.

Australian Sevens coach

Michael O'Connor welcomed Walker to the squad and said it was exciting to have another player from a rival code making the decision to switch to sevens.

"Shannon has shown great potential in his short time with the Titans, potential I am sure will translate well to rugby sevens," O'Connor said.

"It is very exciting to see him want to further his sporting career in an Australian Sevens jersey.

"When you consider there is the opportunity to represent your country not just on the iRB Sevens World Series circuit but also at a Commonwealth and ultimately Olympic level, it's no surprise that Shannon has joined Denan (Kemp) and made the decision to join the Australian sevens ranks.

"This will be a great challenge for Shannon and I look forward to being able to offer him an

opportunity to further his rugby career on the international circuit and hopefully one day the Olympic stage as well."

Walker played just a handful of NRL matches since making his debut for the Titans in 2008.

He grew up in the northern NSW country town of Kyogle as one of eight children. He spent most of his adolescence growing up in his home town, with a move to Bundaberg, Queensland, attending primary school at East Bundaberg.

Walker developed a passion for rugby league with the Kyogle Turkeys, playing for the club from the age of five and eventually playing first grade for the side at the age of 16.

In 2006, a year after representing Kyogle in first grade, Walker moved north to the Gold Coast to further his professional league career.

Alau Eagles best on the peninsula

By ALF WILSON



CHAMPION
Northern Peninsula Area side Alau Eagles defeated Kowanyama Wallabies 40-28 at Cairns to

determine the Cape York Peninsula's best side.

The game was played as a

curtain-raiser to the Queensland Intrust Super Cup match in which the Northern Pride beat Ipswich Jets 30-6 in a semi-final at Cairns' Barlow Park.

Alau Eagles are the reigning premiers of the NPA competition, having won last year's grand final.

The Kowanyama Wallabies won the 3 September grand final of the Cape Cluster competition at Weipa, beating

Coen Colts 32-30 (see separate report on Page 86).

Interestingly, the co-coaches of the Remote Area Rugby League campaign for this year's Foley Shield competition in Townsville – Peter Lui (Alau Eagles) and Dave Kennedy (Kowanyama) – were pitted against each other.

Lui also played against Kowanyama and received direction from his assistant coach

Robert Bagiu, who called tactics from the sideline bench.

Lui said all of his players went well in the game.

"Forwards Satrick Young, Robin Pablo and Robbie Wilson stood out, and in the backs Marko Wilson, winger Daniel Yoelu and Daniel Mairu starred. Marko was our little general," he said.

Lui said the side now could lay claim to being the best

side on the Cape York peninsula. Kowanyama mentor Kennedy also was glowing in his praise for Alau Eagles.

Alau Eagles led 16-10 at half time and Kennedy said he had to rest four key players who were injured in the Cluster decider.

"There were another three carrying injuries, but no excuses and it was a good game," Kennedy said

George Rose – say the name with pride

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

NO MATTER what the result of the NRL grand final, there will be one player who will stand out as a winner for a host of reasons.

Big George Rose is an imposing figure because of his much-discussed frame and the fact that he does not fit the 'athlete' stereotype of the modern-day figure.

He also has a character that is larger than life and he is happy to speak his mind or have a laugh as the occasion demands.

He is the type of character that every team needs to break the routine of NRL life that can sometimes become a grind.

But above and beyond all else, George is a passionate Aboriginal man who is an inspiration to play alongside.

Starting with the Dreamtime Team playing against the New Zealand Maori, I can remember George's inspiration became part of our inspiration.

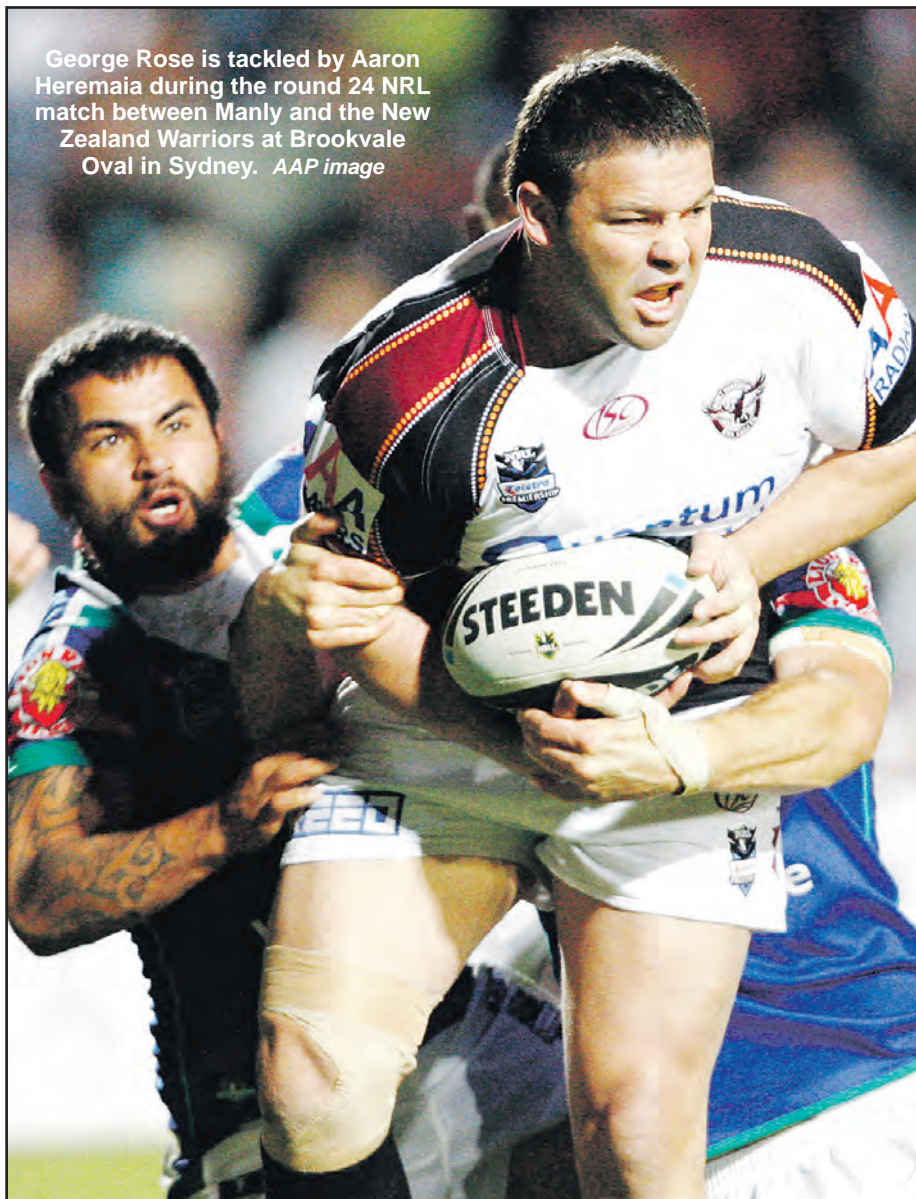
George was the name Rose inherited from his father, who had previously inherited it from his, so none of us were surprised when he spoke of the pride of his family name as motivation in these games.

But the enormity of the legacy of the name George Rose needs to be understood by us all.

George's grandfather was a man who had fought for equal rights for Aborigines in his home town of Walgett.

At age 10, his grandfather was forcibly removed by police from his Aboriginal

George Rose is tackled by Aaron Heremaia during the round 24 NRL match between Manly and the New Zealand Warriors at Brookvale Oval in Sydney. AAP image



parents and sent to a mission at Kempsey. He moved to Walgett in 1949, where he remained until his death a few years ago.

In the 1950s and '60s, Walgett was considered one of the most racist towns in the country. Pools, halls, restaurants – even the main drag in town – were segregated.

Of course, while the government of the time did not see fit to include Aboriginal people on the national census, it did not exclude them from national service, and Rose was duly called up.

Determined to see things changed for his kids, Rose sought support from renowned activist Charles Perkins, who was taken by Rose's passion and persistence.

The pair joined forces and on February 15, 1965, led a convoy of buses into town on what is now known as the 'Freedom Ride', marching into prohibited areas of town demanding change.

Perkins famously accompanied Rose into the Walgett RSL where the former soldier was denied service.

Elsewhere, the group was spat at and pelted with rocks by locals, while the heavy-handed tactics employed by police trying to order them back shocked the nation.

The reaction provided the impetus to see national changes implemented, and two years later more than 90 per cent of voters in a Federal referendum saw

the Constitution amended to ensure Aboriginal Australians won their rights and freedoms.

Our George Rose III was just nine years old when his father died, but he was already well-versed in the legend of his grandfather and the importance of the name he carried.

And he carries the memory of both his dad and his granddad into every match.

"He (my granddad) got to see me play in the Dreamtime side for the World Cup and said that was one of his proudest moments," George told me.

"I'm so grateful for the things that he did in his life. He's made life a lot easier for so many Aboriginal people everywhere.

"All the pain and struggles that they went through to make things easier for us ... if it wasn't for those things, nothing like this would be possible.

"Dad and pop are always with me when I am playing, and to be able to carry that name and to get the chance to play for my people and for my family is incredible and I want to do them proud."

George's personal football story is an inspiration in itself.

He overcame a broken leg that would have finished the careers of the majority of footballers.

His dedication and perseverance to come back from that injury alone carries a message to us all.

He is deserving of the opportunity to not only play in a grand final but also to take home a premiership ring.

But it is George's continued work in the community that should see him receive a reward, or at least public recognition.

His work with kids is summed up by the pride that is evident in the following story.

"There was a kid I saw at a detention centre a few years ago, I sat down and had a good yarn to him," George says.

"He just got caught up in the wrong crowd, done a few wrong things, and ended up where he ended up.

"I told him about myself and I guess he related a little bit.

"He came up to me a little while ago and said he'd gone back to finish Year 12 and was starting an apprenticeship.

"Things were looking really good for him. It is a good feeling to know that a difference is being made.

"Maybe he can help make changes to the people he meets or those he hung around with, and hopefully it all passes on that way."

Just the way George has continued the legacy of his grandfather.

He is a true champion no matter what the result against the Warriors.

Meet Team Travers



THEY'RE called Team Travers, and they're shaping up as a formidable

fighting force.

Siblings Luke, Tiffani, Jesse and Blake Travers are the fourth generation of a family of boxers, and all had outstanding performances at the recent New South Wales championships.

Luke, 16, won the NSW 75kg junior title, Tiffani, 15, is the 48kg junior female title holder, her twin brother Jesse took silver in the 57kg division, and Blake, 14, won the 54kg NSW junior title.

Now all four – they're from the Biripi people of NSW – are off to the Australian Junior Titles next February in Hobart.

Trainer John Travers, who is their father and was a handy boxer in his day, is quietly confident they'll continue on their winning ways.

"They're great kids and they're training hard," Travers, who shares training duties with his wife and the kids' mother Mary-Jane, told the *Koori Mail* from the family home near Port Macquarie.

"We've got a strict regime of training and tournaments and it's really paid off.

"All four have been training for about five years, but they have only been boxing for 15 months. I deliberately held them back until I thought they were ready.

"We've been travelling across NSW and Queensland for tournaments and all have had



Team Travers siblings Blake, Jesse, Tiffani and Luke. They're off to the national titles next year. Photo: Port Macquarie News

great success."

That success has included national Indigenous junior boxing titles for all four.

John Travers has some special words about his daughter Tiffani.

"She might be slight, but she

can box," he says.

"Tiffani gives plenty of the boys a run for their money."

John Travers' grandfather was an Australian champion, and his uncle was an army champion. He was a top amateur before turning

professional. "The kids are the fourth generation of boxers and that's something we're all proud of," Travers said.

"We're working hard in the lead-up to the Golden Gloves and the Australian titles.

"I reckon all four will give it a

real shot, and then who knows..."

● **The cost of running 'Team Travers' is high.** Readers who would like to assist with sponsorship can contact the family through the *Koori Mail*.

Martyn Crook Scholarship for SA Matildas soccer hopeful

By LEE GAGLIARDI



CEDUNA-born teenager Roxanne Dodd was awarded a 2011 Martyn Crook Scholarship at the South Australian Martyn Crook Foundation's Dare to Dream event.

The foundation assists Indigenous Australians, young players arriving in Australia as refugees, and young players who are financially disadvantaged.

The scholarship gave Dodd the opportunity to represent South Australia at the national championships in Coffs Harbour, northern NSW.

Dodd said she was honoured to have received the scholarship.

"Yes, I am very proud and honoured. I've never won an award for soccer before," she said.



From left, Richie Alagich, Roxanne Dodd, Martyn Crook Foundation president Julie Crook and Adelaide United youth coach Rocky Aloisi.

"I was really nervous, this is something major for me. To stand in front of all those people was amazing."

The 15 year-old only started playing soccer in 2009 for Whyalla Croatia Knights before starring in the 2009 Indigenous Football Festival in Townsville, leading her to be nominated for the scholarship by Football

Federation SA.

Dodd impressed so much that she relocated from Whyalla to Adelaide with her mother Patricia Ware in early 2010 in a bid to further her career.

Dodd now plays for Adelaide University Soccer Club in the Adelaide Airport Women's State League under the tutelage of former Matilda

Tracey Jenkins, and said representing Australia was her ultimate dream.

"When I started playing in 2009, I had no idea about the Matildas," she said.

"It wasn't until my coach Tracey Jenkins told me about them, and now ever since that I want to be one. Tracey has inspired me to keep going."

Jenkins first coached Dodd in the SA girls' team during the 2009 Indigenous Football Festival and encouraged the midfielder to look her up if she ever came to Adelaide.

Jenkins said Dodd was a natural talent and had the potential to represent her country.

"Roxanne's a natural talent. With luck and determination and drive, anything is possible," she said.

"If she works towards it, gets into the development pathways with good coaching along the way, then who

knows what can happen. She certainly has enough drive and passion and natural ability."

Martyn Crook Foundation president Julie Crook said the foundation and family of the late Martyn Crook were pleased to be providing young players with assistance and support.

"The foundation is delighted to be able to assist Roxanne Dodd to pursue her dream of being selected for the Matildas, and we wish her every success," she said.

SASI pair Samuel McKenchie and Awer Mabil were also awarded scholarships to assist in maintaining their position in the elite programs, while Alice Springs teen Phillip O'Keefe was the fourth recipient.

O'Keefe will be brought to Adelaide to trial with Adelaide United Youth and receive coaching under Michael Valkanis and Rocky Aloisi.

Hoops for health in Maningrida



THE Arnhem Land centre of Maningrida

will host its first Hoops 4 Health Challenge later this month. The basketball-based event is designed to promote healthy lifestyle messages.

The Hoops 4 Health Aboriginal Corporation says it will be facilitating fun and engaging programs and physical and cultural activities aimed at increasing awareness of chronic disease, benefits of regular health checks and engaging in physical activity at the community from 25-27 October.

Bloods champion 'Bertie' Johnson

By PETER ARGENT



B H 'BERTIE' JOHNSON is the first known Indigenous premiership player in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL).

This year, he will reunite with his team-mates and celebrate the 1961 premiership when, in the season decider at the Adelaide Oval, West Adelaide – the Bloods – won what has become known as the 'Turkish Bath' grand final, because of the extreme heat in which the game was played.

At the same weight as he was in his playing days, Johnson, now 74, is still fit, articulate and strong, working long days as a paver.

"I actually started as a brickie's labourer and learned my trade in six months, but you didn't have to go to TAFE to get a certificate back then," he said.

"Football was an important part of my life. I played one senior game under Jack Oatey in 1957 and was involved in the grand finals against Port Adelaide. We lost those two thrillers in 1958 and 1959.

"And, yes, I was one of those rascals who famously cut down the goal post after the 1958 loss to the Magpies."*

A man from the mission at Ooldea on the SA-WA border, Johnson said the discipline and mateship he had at West Adelaide and during his army service, where he was a part of a National Service intake, was critical during his early years.

"West was a big part of my upbringing," he said.

"Doug Thomas instigated me playing for the West Adelaide and got me a job at Steve Hamra's.

"We played together on the field and off the field; having a special bond."

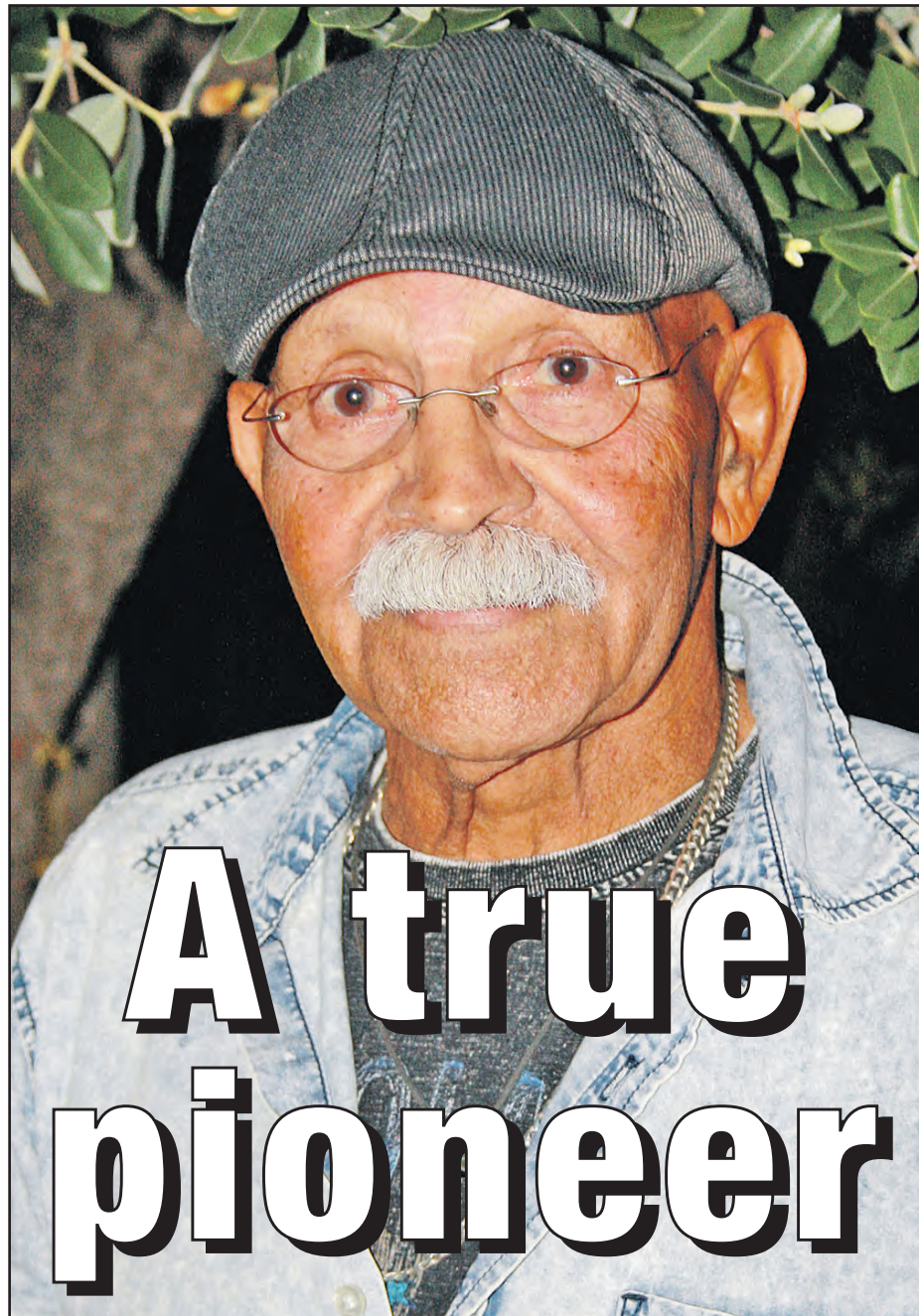
The 1961 premiership was a high point in Johnson's time at the Bloods, where he played 87 games and kicked 36 goals between seasons 1957-1964.

West Adelaide won the Thomas Seymour Hill Trophy as premiers by 36 points, and Johnson was high in the best players.

"We were the best team that year and I was a part of the mosquito fleet that ran Norwood off their legs," Johnson said.

"I do remember the grand final well, but it's some of the clashes with Port Adelaide that really stick out.

"I got four weeks for hitting Magpie strongman Neville 'Chicken' Hayes and in



A true pioneer

an all-in melee, only four West Adelaide players got reported."

In 1947 premiership player and noted SA journalist Merv Agars' history of the West Adelaide Football Club, called *Blood Sweat and Tears*, Johnson's performance on the 1961 grand final day is explained in this manner:

Colourful wingman Bert Johnson, with trainers running to his aid with drinks and cold towels almost constantly, and being involved in heated clashes with opponents, unwound a brilliant second half of brilliant speed and ball control. He was finally helped from the ground exhausted 10 minutes from the end.

West Adelaide stalwart Doug Thomas explained how he met Johnson.

"When I was working with Harma Brothers in Adelaide, Bertie came in with his boots slung over his shoulders," Thomas said.

"I asked him if he could play football and organised to take him to the club that evening.

"He had exhilarating speed and was an important member of the 1961 premiership.

"A bit of a vagabond, he was a great character and went across and also played some football with North Melbourne.

"Bertie absolutely loved his football and was a hard worker on the track.

"He has a concrete business, with team-mate Jack Ryan called 'Black and White' concrete."

In 1964, Johnson played a State game against Western Australia in Perth before deciding to try his luck in the VFL.

"Allan Killigrew, who was Norwood's coach in the 1961 (SANFL) grand final, was behind me coming across to Melbourne," Johnson said.

"He was coaching North and asked me to come across.

"I also had approaches to go and become a professions runner while in Melbourne, but football was so big in Victoria. From recollection, there were only three of us (Aborigines) playing in the VFL at the time – 'Polly' Farmer, Elkin Reilly and myself."

Johnson was remembered in Victoria as one of the most exciting and dynamic footballers to watch of his generation, and was noted as being one of the most popular players with the Kangaroos fans.

He also played in the 1967 Kangaroos reserves grand final side before finishing his career with Williamstown in the then very strong VFA competition.

Now living at Cohuna, on the Victorian-NSW border, and enjoying annual trips to Adelaide, Johnson says he has enjoyed a full and successful life.

"For me it was about participating in the game I loved," Johnson says with a satisfied grin.

*Footnote – After West Adelaide lost the 1958 grand final by two points after a shot by R J Richardson hit the post in the dying seconds of the contest, a group of players, including Johnson, broke into Adelaide Oval and famously cut down the goal post.

A section of the post still hangs in the bar at the West Adelaide Football Club.

Jets win Palm final

By ALF WILSON



A STRONG Jets side defeated Bwgcolman Brothers 78-28 in the grand final of the

Palm Island domestic rugby league competition to end what has been described as the most successful season on record. A large crowd watched the decider at the local football oval.

Palm Island has a population of 3000 and has six rugby league clubs. By comparison, mainland city Townsville boasts a population of 180,000 but has just seven A grade clubs.

The Jets had the final safely in their keeping by the

break when they led 38-16. They last won the Palm Island grand final back in 1995 when they defeated Butler Bay Bulls.

The Jets lost last year's grand final to the Bulls by just two points, so it was a sweet victory.

Jets stand-outs were Assan Sam, Moa Sam, Tabua Oui, Gelam Geia, Douglas Miller and Germaine Bulsey.

Star Brothers player Mickeal Sibley had no excuses, saying the Jets were too good and deserved the win.

Sibley, forward Joiji Dabea, winger William Bramwell, centre Sterling Aden, second-rower Ben Baira and five-eighth Rod Shortjoe tried hard for Brothers.



The Jets' Thom Walsh heads to the line against Brothers in the semi-final.



Jets players and supporters celebrate after the grand final win.

The Comeback Kid



Collingwood's Leon Davis in action against St Kilda in a game earlier this year. AAP image

A brilliant year for Leon Davis

By PETER ARGENT



WHAT a difference a year makes. Twelve months ago, Leon Davis was dropped from Collingwood's line-up for the 2010 AFL grand final replay with St Kilda.

His career with the Magpies was hanging by a thread after inconsistent performances.

Senior coach Mick Malthouse looked set to drop the veteran of more than 200 AFL games.

But this season things have truly changed.

Davis got the chance to sort out some family issues early in the year, and a move to defence has given the 30-year-old a new lease on AFL life.

In fact his performances have been so exceptional that – at the age of 30 – he was among six Collingwood players named in the 2011 All Australian team.

And he established himself as a crucial part of the Magpies' potent half-back line.

Sadly for him, Collingwood were not to be the AFL premiers this season.

But he can be very proud of his comeback.

"It's something that at the end of the year I can look back on and be proud of," Davis said.

"We have played well all year so to have as many players as we did in the All Australian team is a credit to the team."

Hawthorn's Lance Franklin and Sydney Swans champion Adam Goodes were the other Indigenous players named in the 2011 All Australian team.

North Melbourne's Daniel Wells can be considered unlucky he didn't make the final 22.

Record Brownlow vote

INDIGENOUS players featured in the count for this year's Brownlow Medal for the best and fairest AFL player.

The medal went to Collingwood's Dane Swan with a record 34 votes.

Hawthorn's Lance Franklin was outright eighth with 20 votes (a figure that would have won the count in 2005), but the Aboriginal star was ineligible.

Sydney champion Adam Goodes, an early count favourite, polled 19 votes – 13 of them from round 18.

The next best Aboriginal player was Franklin's team mate Cyril Rioli (who was also ineligible) with seven votes.

A man who can stand proud

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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L EON DAVIS is the type of player who can provide the 'X-Factor' that is the difference between winning and losing big games.

He is also the type of player who can carry the brunt of a coach's decision to play the percentage game.

This was the fate that Davis had to live with when Collingwood's Mick Malthouse decided that Davis was a luxury he could not afford in last year's grand final replay.

Sadly for him, the long-serving player deserved better than the loss in last Saturday's grand final given that he may well contemplate retirement during the coming off-season.

In over a decade at Collingwood, Leon Davis became the first Indigenous player to notch 200 games for the Magpies.

Davis has always been

known for his mercurial goal kicking and marking.

His 2002 season was particularly impressive, when he played 23 games and an important role in the Magpies' grand final run, booting 31 goals as a 21-year-old.

He has shown glimpses of his exceptional ability in patches since then, especially in the first half of the 2006 season, when he kicked 23 goals in a 12-week stretch after an injury-riddled 2005.

Unfortunately injury cut his 2006 season short, but in 2007 he emerged as one of the team's most important players, capable of playing midfield or forward.

2008 marked another steady form rise for Davis, who played 22 games and averaged a career-high 17 possessions.

He revitalised his career the following season, spending

more time in the midfield which saw him average a career-high 20.5 disposals a game.

He was acknowledged with a place in the All-Australian side for the first time while also polling a career-best 10 Brownlow votes.

Last year was a difficult time for Davis, who played 20 games including the first grand final but was omitted for the replay.

Davis was presented with a premiership medallion for the Magpies' win over St Kilda in last year's grand final replay despite the fact he was dropped after having just six disposals in the draw the previous week.

He was happy for his mum, Nancy, to take possession of the medallion after the game and let it stay with her in his home of Western Australia.

Sadly he now won't have one to keep for himself.

But, after a stunning 2011 where his reinvention as a running defender resulted in his second All Australian accolade, Davis can stand proud.

Davis remains unsure on whether 2011 will be his final season, and says the grand final result won't influence his decision on whether he remains in Melbourne for a 13th year.

"Not at all. It's something I haven't made my mind up about either way yet," he said.

"I'll go away back to Perth and have a real think about it with my family and my partner, and it's something I'll do in the off-season.

"It's a decision I'll make then."

That's sound thinking. Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Queensland Murri Carnival



Sione Tonga takes a tackle for Cherbourg.



Dust and determination in the men's final.



League greets Sam Backo and Artie Beetson congratulate the under-15 champions.



Goondiwindi Eagles v Mulli Warriors action.



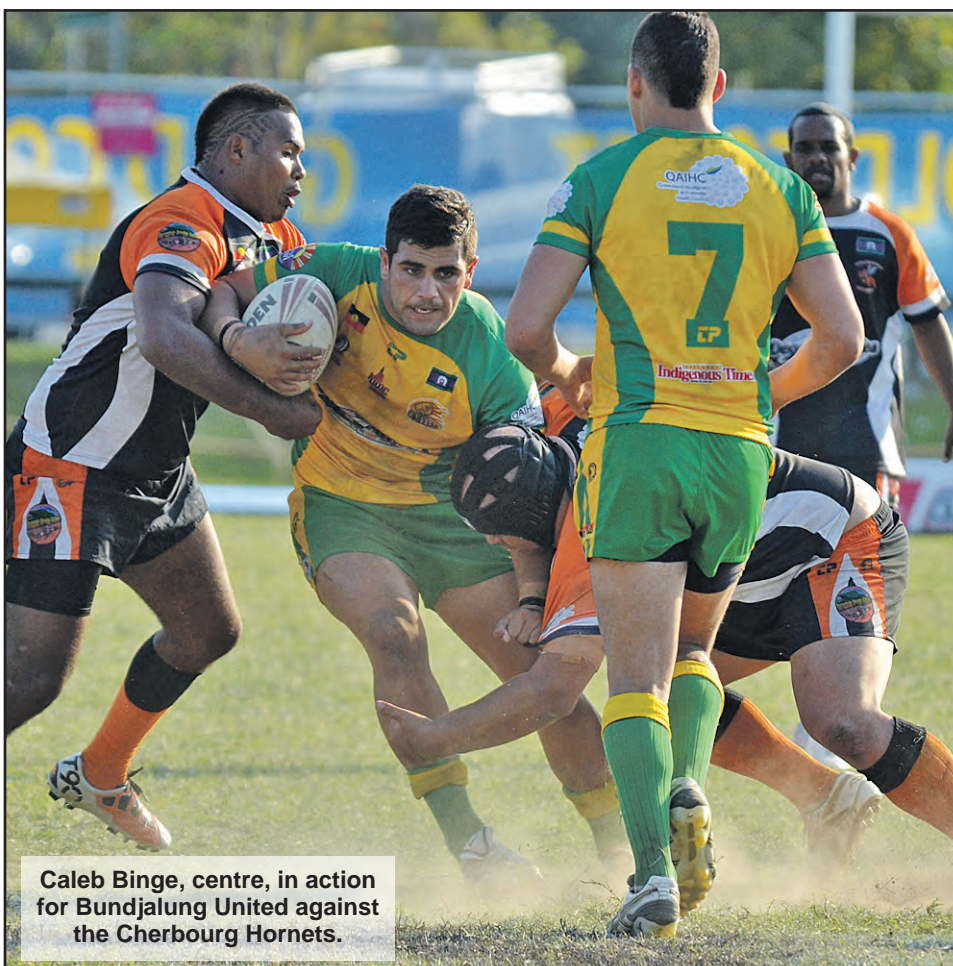
Leon King is all smiles after scoring for Mulli Warriors.



Well done sister ... The Highlanders captain and women's player of the carnival Bo De La Cruz is congratulated.



Try time for former rugby league and rugby union star Andrew Walker (bottom left) against West Tiger's Rob Lui (bottom right) in the final between the Purga Wagtails and the Southern Dingoes.



Caleb Binge, centre, in action for Bundjalung United against the Cherbourg Hornets.



Women's final action with The Highlanders and the Brisbane Blacks.



Players with under-15 champions the Townsville District Walkabouts.



Try time for the Southern Dingoes' Gene Slockee in the men's final.

rugby league competition



The triumphant Southern Dingoes celebrate their victory.



Former Penrith Panther Daine Laurie gears up as a Goondiwindi Eagle.

Thousands at tournament



Players and officials from women's final winners The Highlanders.



Action from the women's final between the Brisbane Blacks and the Highlanders

Photos: NAOMI MORAN



ORGANISERS are already working on next year's Queensland Murri Carnival rugby league tournament following the success of this year's inaugural event.

Thousands of people packed Firth Park, Mudgeeraba on the Gold Coast, for the QRL-endorsed carnival, which attracted 50 teams over three divisions.

The inaugural men's winners were the Southern Dingoes, who downed Purga Wagtails (Ipswich) 44-24 in the final. In the women's division, The Highlanders beat the Brisbane Blacks 16-4, while Townsville District Walkabouts downed Far North Qld Dodgers 44-24 in the under-15 final.

Players

Players came from across Queensland, including the Torres Strait, and northern NSW to take part.

Carnival organiser Tony Currie welcomed what he hailed as a terrific first carnival.

He expected more teams to take part next year and was working to ensure the carnival remained on the Gold Coast.

It wasn't just football over the four days. There were activities for all the family, information stalls, kids' rides and more.

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Kindred United versus 2011 Kape Kodai in the women's competition.



Yarrabah Diringhi versus Townsville District in an under-15 clash.



Action from the Toowoomba Warriors versus Brisbane Stingers clash.

The 2011 NSW Aboriginal



Bathurst Blacktrackers playing the Redfern All Blacks (RAB).



Three Ways United Griffith players and supporters keep an eye on the action.



Taree Biripi Sharks playing the Pindarri Warriors.



The pain shows .. Bathurst Windradyne players disappointed after their loss to Mindaribba Warriors.



An Illawarra Titans player charges through the Muddie River side.



● Above: Some hard tackling in the Bathurst versus Redfern All Blacks (RAB) game.

● Right: He wanted to play but... Manly forward George Rose took time out at the Knockout before going back to Sydney for the NRL grand final.



Action from the Goodooga versus Yuin Monaro encounter.



An Illawarra Titans attacker heads for a Muddie River defender in their Knockout game.

Rugby League Knockout



Host side Walgett Aboriginal Connection (red and white) in their clash with Three Ways United Griffith.



Try time for Comeback Dreaming against Blacktown Western Warriors

Cold weather – hot action

Photos by NAOMI MORAN



Aboriginal Rugby League

IT was raining and cold, but the action was as hot as ever on the opening days of the 41st annual NSW

Knockout, played this year in the central-western city of Bathurst. More than 50 teams lined up for the competition, coming from across the state.

The competition was continuing as the *Koori Mail* went to press last weekend, but readers can go

to www.koorimail.com or our *Koori Mail* Facebook page and you'll find out who won the prestigious competition and more.

These pictures were taken in the early rounds last Saturday. You'll find more coverage in our next edition.



A Toomelah Tiger heading for the try line.



Toomelah Tigers (orange) playing the Narwan Eels.



Action from the Taree Biripi Sharks-Pindarri Warriors game.

People at this year's Knockout – turn to pages 34-35

Tiger Malpass a star on the court

By CHRIS PIKE



WEST Australian basketballer Kate Malpass continues to grow as an exciting guard, and she recently led her State Basketball League team the Willetton Tigers to the 2011 championship by hitting the game-winning shot in the grand final against the East Perth Eagles.

Malpass, who has played in the Women's National Basketball League with the Perth Lynx and now the renamed West Coast Fever in her home State, has continued to play with the Willetton Tigers in the women's SBL in the off-season and was again part of this year's championship.

Willetton won its third straight SBL championship when Malpass hit the game-winning shot against East Perth.

She nailed the crucial field goal to put the Tigers ahead 72-71.

It wasn't just the crucial shot that led to Malpass being named the Most Valuable Player of the grand final. She finished with 24 points, six assists and three rebounds.

Understandably, the 23-year-old was delighted with the result after her shot with just 4.8 seconds to go, even if it wasn't exactly as it was planned.

"We believed in ourselves that we had the experience when it

came down to the end of the game. We are not known for our defensive games, but we really held it together," Malpass said.

Malpass's Willetton coach Glenn Clarke, who has stepped down after guiding the team to the three straight championships, paid tribute to the ability of Malpass and her team-mates.

"Kate is just a big game shooter. With ten minutes to go, I felt that you can just give her the ball and let her take us home. That's what she did," Clarke said.

"They're a great group of girls and this is just a fantastic achievement. Three straight championships is something the club is really proud of."

Fantastic

Malpass' whole season with the Willetton Tigers was fantastic as well as she averaged 17.6 points, six rebounds and more than five assists a game. That included some especially big performances, including 30 points against the Cockburn Cougars, and 28 against the Rockingham Flames.

Despite being just 23, Malpass has plenty on her resume, including three SBL championships (including the grand final MVP this year).

She was the Willetton Tigers' most valuable player in 2006 and 2009, and the Perth Lynx Rookie of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the 2008/09 WNBL season.

While her basketball achievements are one thing,

Malpass is also taking an active role in helping young Indigenous people.

She is working at the David Wirrpanda Foundation as a role model, and has also worked with Ricky Grace's Role Models Australia program.

Part of Malpass' inspiration for helping the young Indigenous communities throughout Western Australia comes back to her family history as part of the Stolen Generations.

That always struck a chord with her and when she was given the opportunity to help through Perth Wildcats' basketball legend Grace, she jumped at it.

"My grandmother was taken from her family as a child. I found as I got older, identifying with the Indigenous community became more important to me. In fact, my whole family is actively involved in the community one way or another," she said.

"I became involved in mentoring when Ricky Grace contacted me to help with a trip to the mid-west region. I went out to schools and ran basketball camps. It was all about promoting healthy lifestyles, school attendance and encouraging education through sport."

Malpass, who runs a weekly basketball session at Balga High School, says she believes Aboriginal kids are naturally talented and pick things up quickly.



Kate Malpass... Hit the game-winning shot in the WA Basketball League grand final.

Bulls just too good

By ALF WILSON



BULLS weighing as much as 900kg dominated at the inaugural Indigenous rodeo held at Mungalla Aboriginal Station near Ingham, north Queensland, on 17 September.

There were 14 competitors – most of them Indigenous – and none managed to stay on for the required eight seconds in the open, novice or juvenile rides.

Eight riders were Palm Islanders – John Shortjoe, Roy 'Boy' Murray, Shaun Shortjoe senior, Shaun Shortjoe junior, Billy Clarke, Anthony Tyson and Marella Tyson – and a young female, Sheldean Clarke.

Other competitors came from Cooktown, Normanton, Townsville and around Ingham.

Another group was coming from Kowanyama for the rodeo but their vehicle broke down.

A total of 28 bulls with imposing names such as Nutcracker, Stumpie, Banana Bender, Black Mambo and Turbulence were brought in from Charters Towers for the rodeo.

Mungalla Station is 12kms east of the sugar cane township of Ingham and is



Billy Clarke gets bucked from a bull at the rodeo and, at right, enjoying the action at Mungalla Station in north Queensland were, from left, Gary Prior, Trevor Prior and Jack Baker, who hosts a show on radio station 4K1G.

operated by the Mungalla Aboriginal Business Corporation.

John Moss, of Bucko Billy Rodeo, was in charge of the ring action and confirmed not one rider managed to stay on a bull for the required time in the open, novice or juvenile bull rides.

"No scores were recorded in those events and the longest anyone stayed on was just under five seconds. Marella Tyson

won the 12 years and under calf ride. Roy Boy Murray was the best rider of the event," Mr Moss said.

Pauline Shortjoe, who organised rodeos on Palm Island in 2008 and 2009, made an impressive debut as the ring announcer.

A scheduled Palm Island rodeo last year was cancelled because of rain, and this year's event on the island did not go ahead because of the high costs, leading



organisers to start talks with Mungalla officials. "There would not have been many events without the Palm Island competitors," Mr Moss said.

He said Mungalla officials were impressed with the action and crowd and already had booked it to go ahead again next year.

"It will be bigger and better and will be called the Mungalla Indigenous Challenge Rodeo," Mr Moss said.

Big future beckons for young SA basketballer

By PETER ARGENT



EXCITING young South Australian basketball talent Alex Wilson is at the beginning of what is expected to be an outstanding career.

The 17-year-old Ngarrindjeri Year 12 student, who hails from Murray Bridge, is a natural talent and has already represented nationally at under-17 level.

"I played for Australia in two under-17 games against Japan in Canberra last year," Wilson said. "It was a special time, one of the more important experiences in my sporting life."

"I've been a part of SA Country sides for two under-16 campaigns and a further two at under-18 level."

"SA Country Basketball is a very strong program and has been important in my development."

Now Wilson has accepted an offer to be a 2012 scholarship holder with the

Australian Institute of Sport.

Despite getting a 'golden staph' infection while recovering in hospital from a recent knee injury, Wilson has also received an invitation to be a part of a national squad for the Australian under-19 Gems women's basketball team to contest the World Championships in July 2013.

Wilson, who works part-time as a trainee with Bank SA, was also a member of the Adelaide Lightning roster for the Women's National Basketball League as a development player.

Competition

At 16, she was playing in the ABA competition with the Eastern Mavericks.

Wilson regards her father Bill as her sporting mentor.

"I've always looked up to dad," she said. "He's been coaching me since I was little and has been a huge influence on me from a basketball sense."

Bill Wilson was a more-than-handy

basketballer in his own right, having played district level in Adelaide in 1980s with Woodville, and with the Murray Bridge Bullets in the CBA competition.

In his youth, he was also a member of the Adelaide 36ers feeder team, the Adelaide Buffaloes, coached by Australian basketball icon Peter Ali.

Alex Wilson will be asked to continue with the Lightning in the 2011-12 squad after she recovers from injury and before she enters the AIS program.

"Alex is an athletic, exciting talent," Basketball SA CEO Steve Breheny said.

"Before going off to the AIS program, we will ask Alex to come back and train with the Lightning."

Alex Wilson is a cousin of 2011 SA under-16 championship-winning footballer Dwayne Wilson, who has also been awarded an AIS-AFL scholarship, and also is distantly related to expected top-three AFL draft selection Chad Wingard.



Murray Bridge basketballer Alex Wilson ... "An athletic, exciting talent."

Island of Origin pool comp plan



AN Island of Origin-style pool competition is being planned for the Torres Strait, and it is also likely to include teams

from the Northern Peninsula Area.

It will be held to coincide with the Torres Cup rugby league carnival on Thursday Island when players and supporters

from many islands will converge on the business centre of the Torres Strait.

The pool event organiser is former Torres Strait rugby league star Robert 'Bongo' Sagigi.

"We have a very strong pool competition here on Thursday Island on Wednesday and Thursday nights at the Royal Hotel and there are some very good players," he said.

The *Koori Mail* went to one such night during June and found Dew Whap, Harold Mosby, Kiwat Abendego, Michael Loban, Bongo, Lamico Gagai and Robert Cloudy battling it out on the table.

"There is also a very strong pool competition over at Bamaga, so while we will have teams of players here from their own islands, we want to also include the NPA," Sagigi said.

He said pool had been popular in the Torres Strait for many years, but there had been an explosion of interest, especially amongst youngsters, since a recent visit by champion player Robbie Savage.

"The standard of competition here is very good and I have no doubt that we will have some young and talented players coming through the ranks," he said.



Ready to compete ... Thursday Island pool players, from left, Dew Whap, Harold Mosby, Kiwat Abendego, Michael Loban, Lamico Gagai, Robert 'Bongo' Sagigi and Robert Cloudy.

Top prizemoney at touch tournament



PRIZEMONEY of \$11,000 is on offer for the second annual Anthony 'Anno' Avery Touch Tournament on the NSW Central

Coast next month. The mixed open tournament will be on 22-23 October at Forster-Tuncurry.

The nomination fee is \$1000 a team, with prizemoney of \$7000 (first), \$3000 (second) and \$1000 (third).

More information from Dominic Dates (dominic_dates@yahoo.com.au) or Jodi Paulson (jodi_forster@hotmail.com)

Little Nungas get taste of athletics



THE fourth Nunga Little Athletics Day will be held in Adelaide on 14 October.

The day-long event aims to give youngsters aged 3-17 a taste of a range of sports and events.

It is organised by SA Little Athletics and local Nunga volunteers.

The day starts from 9am at Santos Stadium.

To register and for more information, go to nunga.athletes@gmail.com or call (08) 8352 8155.

Mark Ella named NITV Head of Sport



RUGBY union great Mark Ella has been named Head of Sport by NITV.

The former Wallabies five-eighth and captain, regarded as one of

Australia's all-time rugby union and sports greats, hails from a sporting family.

NITV says the La Perouse-born Ella will bring years of experience to his new role, where he will be in charge of all sports coverage by the national Indigenous television broadcaster.

Chance for APY player to impress

By PETER ARGENT



CHAMPION Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands footballer Amos Frank gets his chance to hit the AFL big time this month.

He'll be in Adelaide on 15 October for the

2011 SA AFL draft camp state screening, which will have recruiting staff from all 18 national league clubs.

The blisteringly quick player will have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Liam Jurrah (Melbourne, originally from Yuendumu) and Zephaniah Skinner (Western Bulldogs, originally from the WA Kimberley) by coming from remote areas to reach the very top of his sport.

South Australian National Football League (SANFL) talent Manager Brenton Phillips says Frank has 'real

X factor'. "It is certainly a left-field call, but the recent successes with Liam Jarrah and Zeph Skinner has suggested the AFL recruiter are prepared to look outside the normal parameters these days," he said.

"Amos is lightning quick and he displayed in a reserves game he played

with the Woodville-West Torrens Eagles that he can quickly have an impact.

"This chance he is receiving will also hopefully show other footballers from the APY Lands that the pathways are open for footballers who have the talent and desire to play at higher levels."

Frank is a star with Fregon in the SA

Far North West Sports League (FNWSL), which includes the APY Lands. In fact he was the league's best and fairest for the past two seasons.

And when Phillips says Frank is fast, he's not wrong. In testing during the middle of the year in Adelaide, Frank's 20 metre sprint time was 2.82 seconds. The AFL record is 2.79 by the Power's Danyle Pearce in 2004.

Frank had worked closely with former Adelaide Crows champion Andrew McLeod and SANFL Aboriginal employment and participation manager James

Moore as part of the AFL 'Footy Means Business' program.

"Amos has taken the opportunities offered by the SANFL and AFL with both hands," Moore said.

"He's a really good fella and it's now up to him as to how far he goes."



AMOS FRANK

Female Originals the masters of softball



THE fellas in the family have been playing cricket under the name for 20 years, but it was the women's turn in softball when the Originals stepped out during the 2011 Lismore Masters Games held at Lismore in northern New South Wales from 23-25 September. Aged from 30 to their 50s, the Originals softball side were amongst dozens of teams who competed in 17 different sports during the tournament. Although healthy competition was encouraged, the overall emphasis of the tournament was on fun and entertainment. The Originals softball side are shown with

family members and friends. At back, from left, Tristan Charles from Lismore, Hayden Marsh from Ipswich, Charmaine Donnelly from Casino, Jo Duke from Ipswich, Isobel Gibbs from Boonah, Denise Marsh from Lismore, Pat Marsh from Toowoomba, Judy Charles from Warwick, Jo Charles from Toowoomba and Sam Savage from Townsville. Middle row, from left, Melissa Chalmers from Warwick, Chantal Nagas from Brisbane, Fiona Close from Alstonville, Jody Martin-Savage from Townsville and Shirley Walker from Casino. Front, from left, Jarrod Marsh from Ipswich, Keely Charles from Lismore and Paul King from Lismore.

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It's try time!



Australian Wallabies fullback Kurtley Beale scores a try during the 2011 Rugby World Cup pool C match Australia versus the United States at Wellington Regional Stadium in New Zealand on 23 September. After losing to Ireland, the Wallabies are facing a stiff challenge to reach the final of the competition. AAP image

Twice the glory to Thunder

By PETER ARGENT



THE Northern Territory Thunder, which boasts many top Indigenous players, have taken all before them in the inaugural season of the Northern Eastern Australian Football League (NEAFL).

In the North Conference decider, the Thunder beat Morningside by 98 points on 18 September.

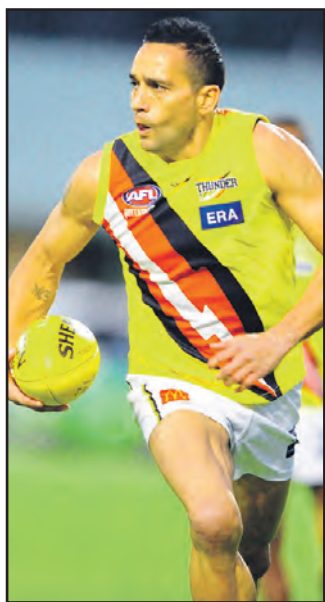
Then the team regrouped and refocused after that initial success, beating Ainslie by 22 points in the cross-conference decider at Treager Park, Alice Springs, on 24 September.

There were no less than 14 Indigenous players in the Thunder line-up for the Alice Springs clash.

The cross-conference win capped off what has been an amazing season for the Thunder, who were coached by Murray Davis.

Key Thunder player Aaron Motlop said the scorelines didn't reflect the intensity in both games. He thought it was the only time in Australian Football history where a team has won two grand finals in six days.

"It was hard mentally to get up after the first grand final



AFL great Andrew McLeod in action for the Northern Territory Thunder.

win, but it was a great way to cap off a tremendous season," he said.

"It has been a very special campaign.

"Everyone involved with the club will remember this year for a long time.

'Good mix'

"There was a diverse group from different areas, but equally we had a good mix of young and experienced guys.

"We all bonded well both on and off the field."

The Thunder started with 10 wins in a row which helped them win the Northern Conference minor premiership, along with making the final eight in the Foxtel Cup.

Tiwi Islander Ross Tungatalum claimed the NEAFL Rising Star award and scored five goals in the win over Ainslie. Darren Ewing won the NEAFL leading goal kicker award with a tremendous total of 115.

Shaun Tapp was the 2011 winner of the Thunders INPEX best under-23 Player Award, holding off exciting youngsters Jed Anderson and Tungatalum.

Then the club also had the invaluable services of experienced AFL pair Jason Roe and Andrew McLeod to help the group.

Motlop said running alongside some greats brought out the best in players.

"It was a great moment to play in a home state premiership alongside Andrew McLeod," he said.

● Footnote – With the NT Thunder at the top of the tree, CEO Stuart Totham has decided to move on after 11 years of involvement in sports administration.



NT Thunder players celebrate after their victory in what has been a huge year.



Corey Hamilton in action at the recent Dubbo Roar Motocross Open. He won seven of his eight races and finished first overall in two classes.

It's full tilt for Corey



COREY HAMILTON, a 15-year-old Wiradjuri lad from Quakers Hill in Sydney's west, hopes to follow in the footsteps of motocross champion Chad Reed and ride professionally in the United States.

Reed, an Indigenous Australian, is one of the nation's highest paid sportsmen.

Although still at high school (Year Ten at Quakers Hill High), Corey already has clocked up 11 years of competition motorcycling.

His love of the sport can be traced back to when he rode a bicycle for the first time. He was just three years old and his first bike was a BMX.

But before the year was out, Corey had advanced to motorcycles. That

first bike was a Honda 50cc machine. Corey's father Greg said the family still had the bike.

Motocross has taken Corey and his family to many parts of Australia, competing in junior events. They have been to Tasmania, Queensland, Victoria and throughout NSW.

Corey is competing this week in the Australian junior motocross titles at Murray Bridge, South Australia.

He is racing in two classes – the Junior Lites and Four-Stroke, competing in the 14-16 years division.

There's every chance Corey will meet his idol Chad Reed in November.

Corey will be riding at the same venue as Reed, who will be competing in the Super X stadium cross series at Campbelltown, NSW.

Carnival deadline is near



TEAMS have until this Friday to register for the second annual Brisbane Indigenous Rugby League Carnival, set for 15-16 October.

The football carnival, presented by Murri Vibrations, is open

to Indigenous men's teams from throughout Australia.

Organisers are expecting a strong turnout and good play at Carina for the Murri Shield.

For more details, telephone 0412 459 027 or go to the website www.murrivibrations.com.au



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Football fever



Geelong's Allen Christensen with mum Helen and sister Elle celebrate.

AFL victory to Geelong

SIX unanswered goals in the final quarter of the 2011 AFL grand final ensured the Geelong Cats' credentials as one of the leading teams in modern football. They won a third AFL crown since 2007, downing Collingwood by 38 points, 18.11 (119) - 12.9 (81).

Darwin export Mathew Stokes was the most senior of the Aboriginal trio to play for Geelong, followed by now fellow dual premiership player Travis Varcoe. And in his initial season of AFL football, Allen Christensen made a real impact as a livewire half forward, especially in the second half of his inaugural season.

Varcoe kicked the opening two goals of the contest – the first just 12 seconds in – and capped things off with a match-sealer.

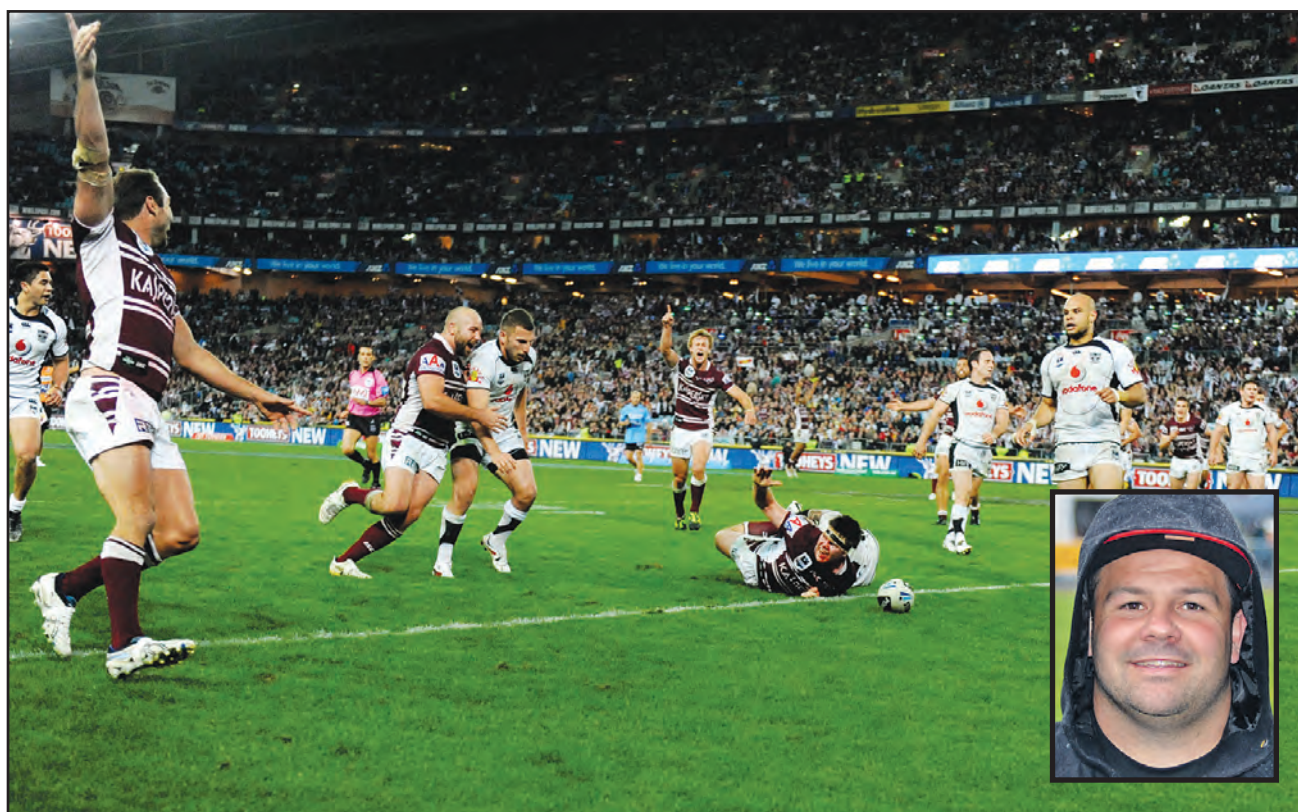
Stokes slotted through an important major in the second to keep Geelong in touch at a critical time.

Nathan Krakouer, 2010 premiership player Sharrod Wellingham and veteran Leon Davis were Collingwood's Indigenous players. — by Peter Argent

● See inside for more on AFL



Travis Varcoe after the decider.



MANLY players celebrate as Jamie Lyon crosses for the winning try in the NRL grand final on Sunday evening.

The Sea Eagles downed the New Zealand Warriors 24-10. Inset is Manly forward George Rose, the only Indigenous Australian in the grand final. He put in a solid effort, but will face the judiciary after being placed on report. See more reports and Preston Campbell's tribute to George Rose inside. AAP image



MUD and guts ... A La Perouse Panthers player gets up to play the ball in his team's clash with the Dubbo Googars at the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in Bathurst over the weekend. Dubbo won in something of an upset. The Knockout started in atrocious weather conditions. See more photos and a report inside, and go to www.koorimail.com or the Koori Mail Facebook page for results from the big carnival. Photo: NAOMI MORAN

● A Qld v NSW Knockout champions game? See the front page