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Top football and plenty more at Cairns carnival



SISTERS Kiyani and Kyleja Namok-Majid were just two of the thousands of people who packed the north Queensland city of Cairns at the weekend for the annual All Blacks Rugby League Carnival. They saw some top action – like that below in the Papuan Blacks (black, red and blue) versus East Coast Eagles clash. Look inside for more coverage from the All Blacks, as well as the NSW Knockout and Brisbane Indigenous football carnivals. Photos: MAHALA STROHFELDT



Ombudsman urges reform



disadvantage in the State.

A NEW report by the NSW Ombudsman has found that well-funded but poorly co-ordinated government programs and services have failed to address Aboriginal

In his report 'Addressing Aboriginal disadvantage: the need to do things differently' Bruce Barbour has been scathing of efforts by successive State and Federal governments over the past decade to address child abuse and neglect, youth offending, poor school attendance, substance misuse and

unemployment in Aboriginal communities.

Mr Barbour says more funds to more programs and services are not the answer. Instead he has called for proper assessment of what works, more accountability and a community-driven approach.

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My FAMILY

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I am at the back wearing the pink shirt, to my right is my daughter Lanaya Appo, next to Lanaya is Maddy Blair, my niece, and at the back in the black singlet is my sister Renae Appo. Middle far left in the white shirt is Rayleen Blair, in the middle sitting in an orange shirt is Larissa Blair, and in the far right sitting down is Sherry Blair, along with other neices and nephews.

This is me and some of my family at the All Blacks Knockout in Brisbane last weekend. I'm from Brisbane but the rest of the family are from Cherbourg and Hervey Bay. I've got three brothers-in-law playing in the footy so all the girls are on the sidelines watching.

We are footy crazy and will travel all over to watch the games. My three sisters in the photo are die-hard Cherbourg Hornets supporters and I go for Brisbane Natives, but they weren't playing.

I live in Brisbane and work for the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council as a coordinator for central Queensland, but I go up to Cherbourg for work fairly regularly, or for family events like birthdays, and they come down to Brisbane for family things, and of course, the footy.

Sport is a really big thing in our family and most of the kids are getting involved.

My daughter plays for the Brisbane Natives in netball in the Under 12s, and most of the young fellas in the photo play for the Cherbourg Under 7s footy side.

There's always plenty of rivalry between Brisbane and Cherbourg so it makes for a good day out when we get together.

My great grandfather was from Cherbourg and so was my father Victor Blair. My mother, Dolores McDonald, comes from Hervey Bay. I've got plenty of brothers and sisters. On my father's side there are eight girls and on my mother's side, a sister and two brothers.

Cherbourg is a rural community of about 2000 people and it's always nice to go up there and catch up with people. My daughter Lanaya is 10-years-old and she's going to Taigum State School in Year 5. She's a good student and she's really into singing. She's my budding star.

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OUR CHILDREN



THIS happy group were pictured enjoying the action at this year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, held in Bathurst. Look for more photos on pages 50-52 and in our sports section. Photo THERESA DALTON

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Lavinia's the Kimberley Girl



IT'S a big title for a 16-year-old, but Lavinia Ketchell wears it with grace.

Named Kimberley Girl

2011 in front of a big crowd in Broome on Friday night, the Year 12 student was full of praise for the roller coaster experience she'd had since her mum and sister secretly entered her in the popular competition.

"I had no idea they'd done it but I'm glad they did," Lavinia told the *Koori Mail*. "I learned a lot about myself and what I want to do in the future. It taught me to be more courageous and confident in myself. I was shocked but happy to win."

Run by Goolarri Media Enterprises (GME), the Kimberley Girl program aims to cultivate leadership in young Aboriginal women aged 16-25 years, encourage their community participation and build their confidence and self-esteem.

Participants do intensive professional and personal development, deportment, grooming and modelling workshops before participating in regional heats in Kununurra, Fitzroy Crossing and Broome and then, if selected, the finals in Broome.

One of four sisters, Lavinia is



The Public's Choice Tamika Pitt (Kununurra), the Judges' Choice Kelly Johnson (Broome), First Runner-Up Avreanna Hobbs (Fitzroy Crossing), Kimberley Girl 2011 Lavinia Ketchell (One Arm Point), Second Runner-Up Cylia Tait (Halls Creek), and Miss Photogenic Kaitlyn Carter (Fitzroy Crossing).

a Bardi girl from One Arm Point, north of Broome. She's currently studying Year 12 in Darwin and hopes after school to become an early childhood teacher.

Her winner's spoils were valued at more than \$6000, including cash, a pearl pendant, and vouchers for

local shops, boutiques and beauty treatments.

There's no doubt that all of it will be put to good use, with Lavinia confiding that, while she loves going to the beach and fishing and camping, she's also into 'girly things' like shopping, dancing, singing, and doing hair and make-up with her friends.

GME chief operations officer Kira Fong said the contestants were appraised by ten judges, ranging from child and health sector workers to a fashion photographer, on a range of criteria including confidence on the catwalk, personality, professionalism, audience interaction and public speaking.

Indeed, Lavinia had some wise words for any other girls thinking of entering Kimberley Girl in the future: "It's great fun and makes you feel very special. You'll learn to be brave and not afraid to do anything. If there's something you want to accomplish, keep trying and never give up."

Indigenous action plan for CHOGM



AS Perth prepares to host the 2011 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) later this month,

plans are afoot to draw the world's attention to injustice including ongoing Indigenous disadvantage. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be both inside and outside the tent, so to speak.

The Queen will officially open CHOGM at the Perth Convention Centre on Friday, 28 October. It's expected Noongar Elders will also welcome the more than 50 leaders of Commonwealth nations to their traditional country but it's unclear exactly what form that welcome will take.

A day before, on Thursday 27 October, the Queen will visit Clontarf Aboriginal College in Bentley to view the programs undertaken there.

And it is understood that

Aboriginal people will be amongst the guests and performers at a State Reception that evening with 1800 invited guests at Government House.

In the days leading up to CHOGM, the WA Council of Social Service (WACOSS) will host the 2011 Commonwealth People's Forum (CPF), a gathering of the people of the countries that make up the Commonwealth of Nations.

Workshop

This year's forum will include an Indigenous Workshop hosted by the Noongar people, giving participants a chance to learn from each other's experiences and identify 'unfinished business' they want to work together on into the future.

As well as a celebration of Indigenous culture, achievements, depth and diversity, the workshop is expected to canvas issues such as legislative history, the Stolen

Generations, healing, the national apology and current reconciliation agenda as well as Closing the Gap.

As at previous CHOGM events worldwide, protests have also been planned. However, organisers say they're planning only non-violent action.

Aboriginal rights, freeing detained asylum seekers, ending the war in Afghanistan and promoting renewable energy would be highlighted during a number of protest events, said a spokesperson for the CHOGM Action Network, a coalition of activist groups planning a march to the convention centre.

A ten-week 'Wiluna to Perth Walk Away from Uranium Mining' that began in mid August is also expected to conclude in Perth on the opening day of CHOGM.

The walk has involved several anti-uranium and conservation groups, along with Aboriginal traditional owners from a wide area. — With AAP



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Deadly step to better health



WHEN it comes to tackling chronic disease, a new strategy is in a league of its own.

Called One Deadly Step, the health checks trial program aims to address the high level of chronic diseases in Aboriginal communities.

NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner say it will also work to encourage illness prevention and management.

Aboriginal people have thrown their support behind the scheme, with South Sydney Rabbitohs player Nathan Merritt and Redfern All Blacks player Eunice Grimes both One Deadly Step ambassadors.

Mrs Skinner and Australian Rugby League CEO Geoff Carr launched the program this month.

Under the strategy, high-profile Aboriginal rugby league players will join health services in six community events over the next year with the goal of identifying and supporting Aboriginal people with, or at risk of, chronic disease.

The six clinics will be held in Campbelltown, Wyong, Kempsey, Griffith, Dubbo and Redfern. Participants will be weighed, undergo kidney and lung health checks, have their



One Deadly Step ambassadors Eunice Grimes and Nathan Merritt with NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner.

blood pressure and cholesterol measured, be tested for diabetes and screened for mental health issues.

Mrs Skinner says those with health problems will be followed

up by clinicians. All of the public screenings will feature information stalls, free barbecues, rugby league workshops, prizes, entertainment and appearances

by past and present Indigenous National Rugby League players.

The public health screenings will be held in Campbelltown this month, Wyong in December, Kempsey next February, Griffith

in March, Dubbo in April and Redfern next May.

Mrs Skinner urged Indigenous people in NSW to step up and take advantage of the program.

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Economic conference in business



INDIGENOUS Business – Culture, Trade and Entrepreneurship is the theme for Yulkuum Jerrang, the third Indigenous Economic Development Conference, in Melbourne from 2-4 November.

Hosted by Small Business Victoria, the conference aims to inspire Indigenous businesses and encourage the wider community to use them.

As in previous years, the conference will bring together local and international representatives and business leaders from Indigenous and minority businesses, Indigenous communities, government representatives, universities, social ventures, the corporate sector, and the wider business community.

Speakers this year include Indigenous Business Australia chair Dawn Casey, Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong, Jumbana Group chair John Moriarty and guests from the United States and Canada.



ESME MANAHAN

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Yulkuum Jerrang organiser Esme Manahan is confident the event, at the Sebel Albert Park hotel, will be another success.

"This unique conference builds on the success of the previous two economic development forums by providing so many fantastic opportunities for delegates to network and do business," she said.

Sessions covering a range of business-related activities are planned, and there will be native food cooking presentations by Aboriginal chef Mark Olive, and Maori chef and author Charles Royal.

The dinner on 3 November will feature a performance by Dan Sultan.

Registration for the event, which is supported by the *Koori Mail*, are still open. For details, go to www.yulkuumjerrang.com.au

Wanganeen makes call for changes

Premier should be in charge, says out-going commissioner



THE State Premier should control the Indigenous Affairs portfolio in South Australia, out-going State Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Klynton Wanganeen says.

Mr Wanganeen, whose role as commissioner has been to serve as a voice for Aboriginal people in SA and give independent advice to the Aboriginal Affairs Minister, departs on 31 October after three years in the job.

The former ATSIC commissioner and Indigenous affairs veteran said it was vital that Aboriginal Affairs became the responsibility of the 'very top' of government – and not just in South Australia.

In an interview with the *Koori Mail* in Adelaide, Mr Wanganeen also called on the Government to:

- Continue with its present policy of joint male and female Commissioners for Aboriginal Engagement (Kokatha woman Khatija Thomas is the other commissioner)
- Allocate more and better resources, including the services of a high-level public servant, for the commissioners' office
- Ensure the commissioners are members of the SA Aboriginal Advisory Council – currently not the case – and have access to the council's confidential advice to government
- Provide commissioners with long-term contracts of up to five years to ensure stability and quality of service to the community and advice to Government.

Mr Wanganeen also urged governments to give Indigenous people more support to control their economic futures, and in this regard he called on the Indigenous Land Corporation and Indigenous Business Australia to 'lift their games'.

Mr Wanganeen told the *Koori Mail* that, contrary to some media reports, he had not resigned from his post.

"I simply took the view that I would not seek to extend my term in the position," the Narungga-Ngarrindjeri man said.

'New blood'

"I think it's time for some new blood in the role, especially with the change in State Premier (Jay Weatherill is set to replace Mike Rann) and the departure of SA Commissioner for Social Inclusion Monsignor David Cappo.

"I think I've had some success over the three years, but it's also fair to say



Out-going State Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Klynton Wanganeen.

there's been some frustration.

"Certainly I've been limited in what could be done by a lack of resources in my office.

"And another problem has been the inability to find out fully what advice the advisory council has been giving to the Government.

"That really must be addressed, simply by making the commissioners members of the council.

"I've had a reasonably good relationship with the Aboriginal Affairs Ministers in South Australia over the past three years, but it is obvious that the Premier should hold the Aboriginal Affairs portfolio.

"In fact I believe the various premiers, and at Federal level the Prime Minister, should be in charge there. The highest level should control the areas of highest priority – and that's Indigenous affairs in this country."

So where to now for Mr Wanganeen?

"At 52, I think I've still got something to offer," he said. "I'll take time to see where I can use the skills I've gained during service in a range of areas.

"Indigenous economic development and governance are areas I'm especially interested in – and of great importance to our people.

"That's where I'd like to put my energies."

Ms Thomas was on annual leave and could not be contacted for comment.

Minister to name a replacement 'soon'

SOUTH Australia's Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Grace Portolesi says Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Klynton Wanganeen will be replaced.

But she has not revealed details, except to say a decision will be made soon.

And she declined to comment on Mr Wanganeen's call for commissioners to be included on the SA Aboriginal Advisory Council or to offer them extended fixed terms.

The Minister said the other commissioner, Khatija Thomas, would continue in her role.

In a statement, Ms Portolesi said: "I have found Commissioner Wanganeen to be an excellent advocate for Aboriginal people over the time that we have

worked together and we have had a productive and professional working relationship.

"The Government remains committed to maintaining this role, and Commissioner Wanganeen's comments in relation to the position will be taken into consideration for future planning.

"Decisions on portfolio allocation are a matter for the Premier, but this Government remains dedicated to the issue of Aboriginal affairs.

"Commissioner Wanganeen advised me that he did not wish to be reappointed to the position after his latest contract expired. Commissioner Thomas continues in her role and arrangements have been made to fill Commissioner Wanganeen's position. The details will be announced shortly."



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NSW Ombudsman releases findings

Groups give support to new report



WELL-FUNDED but poorly co-ordinated government programs and services have failed to make any real inroads into high levels of Aboriginal disadvantage in New South Wales, according to a new report by the State Ombudsman.

Bruce Barbour's report 'Addressing Aboriginal disadvantage: the need to do things differently' was tabled in NSW Parliament last Thursday.

It is scathing of efforts by successive State and Federal governments over the past decade to address child abuse and neglect, youth offending, poor school attendance, substance misuse and unemployment in Aboriginal communities.

Mr Barbour said more funding to more programs and services wasn't the answer and called instead for proper assessment of what worked, more accountability and partnerships that gave Aboriginal leaders 'a real voice' in decisions affecting their communities.

Many of those leaders were tired of seeing valuable resources wasted on poorly targeted 'off the shelf' programs and a lack of co-ordinated planning around critical services, he said.

The problem was apparently not the amount of money being spent, but how it was being invested.

In the most recent figures available – those for 2008-2009 – the NSW Government spent \$2.65 billion on delivering services to Aboriginal people, including about \$240 million on Aboriginal-specific services.

One example of poor performance highlighted in the report was the \$23 million Safe Families program, a strategy originally aimed at addressing Aboriginal child sexual assault in nine focus communities.

Mr Barbour told the *Koori Mail* that, two-and-a-half years after the program was established, it was active in just two communities and with only a small number of families. It was a reactive initiative developed 'without any genuine consultation' and there was no evidence it was having any impact, he said.

Mr Barbour's is the latest in a string of reviews of Aboriginal programs to demonstrate the poor return on government investment.

In May, the State's Auditor General found that the former Labor Government's ten-year plan



VICTOR DOMINELLO

to guide Aboriginal Affairs, Two Ways Together, had achieved little and seriously lacked transparency and accountability.

In August, a previously buried review of Federal expenditure on Indigenous programs found 'appalling' outcomes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities despite the investment of tens of billions of dollars.

Mr Barbour called for independent scrutiny and more transparent reporting to ensure that agencies delivered on their commitments. He said the imposition of another plan on top of the many existing plans and initiatives would also not help.

"Rather, it is time for major reform in this state to the overall approach to Aboriginal affairs," he said, starting with 'sitting down at the table' with Aboriginal leaders.

That would involve rationalising the array of existing plans and strategies to determine what works and which current initiatives are likely to deliver real benefits, he said.

Mr Barbour welcomed the O'Farrell Government's announcement in August of a Ministerial Taskforce to look at what was needed to change and guide the reform process.

The high-level group is working with representatives of key Aboriginal organisations and several specialist advisors to develop a draft policy strategy by mid next year.

"It is vital that any plan to address Aboriginal disadvantage is



GEOFF SCOTT

based on strengthening the capacity of individuals to take control of their own lives," Mr Barbour said.

"Improving education and employment outcomes are crucial to this; so too will be strategies directed towards intervening early to break the patterns that entrench dependency."

The Ombudsman's report garnered swift backing from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC), and the Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec), which supports Aboriginal children, families and their communities

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– AbSec CEO Bill Pritchard

within the child and communities services sector.

NSWALC is represented on the Ministerial Taskforce through the Coalition of Peak Aboriginal Organisations (CAPO).

Mr Barbour's report said that, given its significant asset base and responsibilities to contribute to the economic, social and cultural development of Aboriginal people, NSWALC had a critical role to play in formulating economic opportunities and helping to move Aboriginal people forward.

NSWALC CEO Geoff Scott said



NSW Ombudsman Bruce Barbour.

the report went further than any before it by acknowledging the need for genuine partnership between government and Aboriginal communities.

"It succeeds where so many have failed, simply by focusing on the facts," he said.

"The report highlights that the greatest shortcomings are proper process and governance on the part of the government itself."

"The report also clearly exposes the lie of the usual mantra – blame Aboriginal people for the lack of progress and ongoing failures."

"...If governments do not take heed of the facts and messages of these reports, then the future of Aboriginal

people will continue to be uncertain, and our continuing state of disadvantage will remain a blight on all Australians."

AbSec CEO Bill Pritchard said his organisation welcomed the recommendation that local communities were best placed to find solutions to local issues and develop local service systems.

"The ever-increasing funding of non-Aboriginal organisations to deliver Aboriginal programs has not worked, and we welcome the opportunity to work with the current government to bring equity to

Aboriginal Service delivery – which will in turn bring about sustainable outcomes," he said.

AbSec chairperson Dana Clarke said that in the main, the Ombudsman's suggestions were not new, but the report brought many past suggestions together.

"I hope the O'Farrell Government remains committed to doing business with Aboriginal people through the recommended partnership approach," she said.

"This is the only way we can achieve the progress we need to overcome our often overwhelming disadvantage."

Mr Barbour's report also found favour with Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello, who said the Government shared his concerns.

"It is greatly disturbing and disappointing that the previous Labor Government allowed these failings to continue over many years to the great detriment of the Aboriginal community, but frankly it's time to move forward," Mr Dominello said. "A new approach in Aboriginal affairs is needed and the NSW Liberals and Nationals Government is committed to working in partnership with the Aboriginal community to develop it."

Mr Dominello said the Government would invite Mr Barbour to engage with the Ministerial Taskforce on the issues raised in his report.

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Sarra tells of another way ahead

By KIRSTIE PARKER



'STRONGER Smarter' champion Chris Sarra says it is time that Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Australians 'move beyond the victim' and understand that they can determine their present and future.

The Queensland-based educator told a London audience earlier this month that two types of leadership had gathered momentum within Indigenous communities – one focussed on 'being the victim' and making use of the victim culture, and another focussed on 'blaming the victim' and denigrating Indigenous people as part of a 'tough love' strategy.

But he argued that true Indigenous advancement lay in a third type of leadership – one that looked beyond the victim and embraced a positive cultural identity as complementary, if not essential, to success rather than an impediment to it.

"For us as Indigenous Australians we must be clear about the type of leadership that is best placed to lead within this very complex arena, without being seduced by the trappings of victim status, or the trinkets that come with booting the victims," Dr Sarra said.

"Instead we must recognise and assert a circumstance in which there is no disadvantage or shame about being an 'other' in Australian society, as long as it is the type of 'other' that we define."

Dr Sarra was speaking at a seminar at the University of London's Institute of Education.

Philosophy

His words were firmly rooted in the philosophy underpinning his Stronger Smarter Institute at the Queensland University of Technology, which 'honours a positive sense of cultural identity, acknowledges and embraces positive community leadership, enabling innovative and dynamic approaches and processes that are anchored in high expectations relationships'.

That philosophy began to take shape when Dr Sarra was principal at Cherbourg School in the late 1990s and has won him many accolades, including Queenslanders of the Year in 2004 and the state's Australian of the Year in 2009.

While Dr Sarra did not name any particular Aboriginal leaders in his London speech, his words raised the spectre of increasing polarisation within the broader Indigenous community in recent years.

Much of that polarisation has



CHRIS SARRA

festered around support for opposition to government policies on welfare reform, for example, and extensive intervention into Northern Territory Aboriginal communities and beyond.

Dr Sarra said some Indigenous leaders had found success in encouraging victimhood, 'leading a cause that leaves Indigenous people powerless to act on their own behalf and are therefore at the mercy of those in political power'.

'Victims'

"They are encouraged to see themselves as victims, victims who should be compensated in some way or every way by the victimisers for their historical grievances," he said.

Under this type of leadership, things happened 'to' Aboriginal communities, not 'with' them.

Another group of Aboriginal leaders had found political traction by blaming or 'booting' the victim, issuing such declarations as 'Well I got through... and so everybody else should get through!'

But Dr Sarra said this type of leadership was deeply problematic because it either dismissed 'the genuine complexity of the victim story' or lay the blame for deficits or causes of dysfunction in Aboriginal communities at the feet of Aboriginal people, while letting political or corporate 'white' masters off the hook.

"...There are inherent biases at play when we blame people for outcomes they cannot control, based on expectations they didn't develop," he said, offering chronic poor student performance in literacy as an example.

This 'might signal poor student ability' but 'may easily signal dramatic teacher incompetence and laziness'.

Aboriginal leaders who only told white people what they wanted – rather than needed – to

hear readily attracted attention, celebration and generous rewards, Dr Sarra said.

"One of those apparent rewards, is being described as 'honest and courageous' when in fact this is not entirely true.

"So ensues a seductive, yet toxic relationship in which particular individuals may attract handsome rewards, and leave other Indigenous people to endure costly, clumsy simplistic approaches to policy reform."

Under such an approach, political and corporate masters with the power to make significant change had no need to engage with and understand the deep complexities of Indigenous people and communities, Dr Sarra said.

"When those people are challenged morally or intellectually about the merits of their beliefs or actions relating to Indigenous people, they simply have the luxury of disengaging from any robust scrutiny by saying 'I agree with my pet Aborigine'," he said.

Dr Sarra said there was no doubt that history had dealt Aboriginal people a questionable hand, but 'there is no need to wallow in it such that it cripples us from acting and creating better present and futures for our communities'. "When one is busy being the victim or booting the victim, very rarely does one stop to ask: What am I doing to contribute to underachievement?" he said.

"What am I doing to contribute to the 'disadvantage' and victimisation of Indigenous communities?"

'True cause'

Dr Sarra said the extent to which white Australians had failed to embrace Aboriginal people positively could be considered part of the 'true cause' of Aboriginal disadvantage.

He said the casting of Aboriginal communities as a 'feared/despised or pitiable other' had enabled 'disabling cycles of chronic neglect and draconian intervention'.

"...casting Aboriginal Australians as hopeless and despicable enables the NT Intervention in which it is assumed that people are so hopeless that we must send in the army to 'fix' them, and we must paradoxically somehow 'empower' people to spend money appropriately by quarantining their income," he said.

Time would tell whether Aboriginal people would transcend beyond this cycle, he said, but it was time for them to assert 'a different truth' in a way that 'should not threaten white Australia, but instead, will indeed set us all free'.

Smoking for no smoking



UNCLE Max Eulo, pictured, is well known for conducting cultural smoking

ceremonies in and around Sydney, but was involved in one of a very different kind last week.

He joined NSW Governor Professor Marie Bashir and representatives of various community and health groups at the launch of an anti-smoking project in Redfern.

The Aboriginal Tobacco Control Project aims to reduce smoking in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of the inner west and south-western Sydney by five per cent by 2013.

Uncle Max himself gave up smoking some 30 years ago when he moved to the 'big smoke' of Sydney from Bourke.

For more on the project, see page 53.

Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

Torres Strait push for territory status

Qld Premier makes good on promise



THE quest for self-government in the Torres Strait has lurched forward, with Queensland Premier Anna Bligh making good on her promise

to take the views of the region's residents and their leaders to Canberra.

But the champagne is still on ice back in the islands where Torres Shire Council (TSC) Mayor Napau Pedro Stephen says he's seen too many fits and starts on the subject to get excited about it.

Mayor Stephen and Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC) Mayor Fred Gela met with Ms Bligh and called for greater political autonomy for the Torres Strait during a Community Cabinet forum on Thursday Island at the end of August.

"We have asked for the ability to make decisions for ourselves – we are not calling for independence," Mayor Gela said afterwards.

"We are calling for territory status, so that we can govern our own affairs while continuing to be Australian."

The community preferred a model in which an Indigenous regional government made its own decisions in a partnership with the State and Federal Governments, Mayor Stephen said.

"So you're not talking about seceding away from the state or the Commonwealth but you have a territory such as Cocos Keeling, Norfolk," he said.

At the time, Ms Bligh said she would not 'stand in the way' if the Torres Strait wanted to become a self-governing territory, but questioned whether its services would be maintained without state funding.

She said her Government needed to know the Federal Government's views on the topic.

Letter to PM

In a letter to Prime Minister Julia Gillard, a copy of which the *Koori Mail* has obtained, the Premier wrote of the long history of Torres Strait aspirations for greater political autonomy, which she said had been the driving force in the establishment of the Commonwealth's Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) and the development of the TSRA's 2001 Bamaga Accord, which proposed a new regional governance framework for the Torres Strait.

"...I understand this desire and have offered my Government's support for the decision of the Torres Strait in pursuit of this outcome," Ms Bligh's wrote.



AAP file image



Torres Shire Council Mayor Napau Pedro Stephen.

"As I understand that responsibility for consideration or implementation of any regional autonomy governance models rests with the Commonwealth, I therefore wanted to bring this matter to your attention as soon as possible. I also wanted to suggest that, should the Commonwealth be interested in considering territory status for the Torres Strait, that a mechanism like a referendum be considered prior to any legislative action as a means of



Torres Strait Island Regional Council Mayor Fred Gela.

confirming residents views. "...It is Queensland's view that secession of the Torres Strait would mean an end to Queensland Government funding and support for health, transport, infrastructure, education and other service delivery priorities, with the funding gap needing to be met locally or by the Commonwealth. The potential implications of such changes for governments and communities are, therefore, very significant.

"The model put to me by the



Queensland Premier Anna Bligh.

Territory Coalition involves the Torres Strait seceding from Queensland to form a separate territory with its own parliament.

"The Queensland Government is open to considering this model, but I believe there is also merit in exploring variants on this. For example, a hybrid of the Norfolk Island and Christmas Island models may be appropriate – for instance, whereby the Torres Strait Islands could be constituted as a self-governing territory, but with the Queensland and the

Australian governments continuing to provide services to the territory under a formal arrangement."

Ms Bligh said the Torres Strait mayors had proposed that further analysis of possible models or options for secession should now occur in a tripartite manner between local, state and federal governments.

"The mayors and TSRA have proposed the formation of a senior working party, and asked that I seek your support in the first instance for Federal Government support and participation," she wrote. "I would welcome further engagement on this matter and would be prepared to meet with you and a delegation of Torres Strait mayors and the TSRA."

A spokesperson for the Prime Minister told the *Koori Mail* that greater autonomy in the Torres Strait was clearly important to the people of the region, 'and we are happy to talk to them about future governance arrangements'.

'Complex matter'

"It is, however, a complex matter and will need detailed consideration."

While he cautiously welcomed the Premier's letter, Mayor Stephen told the *Koori Mail* that the people of the Torres Strait had been the victims of reforms and reviews on the subject for as long as he could remember and had only ever been offered a 'clayton's' form of control over their affairs.

"We stand up for greater ownership and they come forward in a flood or a tsunami of reforms and reviews," the Ugar, Meriam and Wagadagam man said on Friday.

Mayor Stephen, who has held the position since 1994, conceded that Ms Bligh had been the only Qld Premier to outwardly say she wouldn't stand in the way of his people's wishes.

But he said it was regrettable that the Government was moving straight away to a broader public debate rather than forming an implementation committee of leaders and specialists such as economists who could actually make things happen.

"Governments are good at forming committees but they basically perform one-way accountability," Mayor Stephen said. "I wouldn't want to see just another parliamentary committee or even a working group because, as my colleague Mayor Gela says, the first thing a working group does is another round-robin of consultations."

Mayor Stephen said that, as a sovereign man, self-determination in the Torres Strait would mean more to him than a statement of recognition inserted into Australia's Constitution.

"The first thing we want to do is be accountable for our own mistakes, instead of getting the blame for someone else's," he said.



Pictured at The Block in Redfern, Sydney, at the beginning of the 'fact-finding' mission are, from left, Donna Ingram from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, Wyanga Aboriginal Care Centre CEO Millie Ingram, AI Australia Indigenous Rights Campaigner Rodney Dillon, AI Australia's national director Claire Mallinson, AI Secretary General Salil Shetty, and AI's International Advocacy Director Steve Crawshaw. Photo by Suzanne Mackay, courtesy of AI.



Salil Shetty speaks with Sarah Doherty, CEO of the Urapuntja Health Service at Utopia in central Australia. Photo by Chloe Geraghty, courtesy of AI.

Amnesty chief in challenge to Govt



THE head of Amnesty International has challenged the Gillard Government to lift its game on Indigenous disadvantage.

Salil Shetty's call comes as the Government prepares to release its plan for the next phase of the Northern Territory intervention.

Mr Shetty is the latest in a growing list of international human rights experts – including his predecessor Irene Khan in 2009 and United Nations UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Rights James Anaya the same year – to warn Australia that its performance on human rights is sub-par.

The human rights chief met with Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin in Canberra on Wednesday, urging her to end discrimination for NT Aboriginal homelands and initiate emergency action to improve housing conditions.

Also in the meeting were Immigration Minister Chris Bowen, Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd and Deputy Opposition Leader Julie Bishop.

On the final leg of his Australian tour, which also included a visit to The Block in Redfern, Mr Shetty visited the Aboriginal communities in Utopia and described the plight of locals as 'devastating'.

He toured overcrowded, dilapidated homes, some little more than tin sheds. Having travelled to parts of Africa, Asia and Latin America and seen similar conditions, he said he was disgusted the conditions were a reality in one of the

richest countries in the world.

"The fact that these people are living with no running water, toilet, shower and electricity in one of the wealthiest countries in the world is completely unacceptable," Mr Shetty said.

Amnesty profiled the Utopian region in an August report that claimed homeland communities were being starved of money for proper housing, maintenance and services such as rubbish removal.

It said 21 hub towns were unfairly receiving the lion's share of Federal and Territory dollars.

During his visit to Central Australia, Mr Shetty heard from community leaders that starving Aboriginal people off their traditional homelands was akin to 'ethnic cleansing'.

Elder Rosalie Kunoth Monks told how desperately her people wanted to stay on their land.

"It's not that they're coming here with bulldozers or getting the army to move us. It's that they're trying to starve us out of our home," she said.

"They won't support us becoming sustainable in our own right.

"If you're made to feel a second-class humanity, if it's not ethnic cleansing please let me know what it is."

Mr Shetty told reporters in Canberra on Wednesday that Ms Macklin had given assurances it was not government policy to drive remote homeland people into hub towns.

"She's committed to the idea that these communities should not be driven away from their land," he said.

Ms Macklin had



AI Secretary General Salil Shetty (front) with Naronda William Roy, 21, and her daughter Karlishia Raggatt. Naronda's home at Mosquito Bore, Utopia – for which she pays rent of \$75 per week – has no running water, toilet, shower or electricity. Photo by Chloe Geraghty, courtesy of AI.

acknowledged that problems faced by homeland communities were not confined to the NT. The Minister was keen to back community-driven approaches that put decision-making in the hands of remote communities and had foreshadowed releasing a long-term plan in coming months, Mr Shetty said.

Asked if he was confident the Minister would deliver on

her promises, Mr Shetty said: "We don't go by words, we go by actions.

"We are going to track it," he said, adding the plan had to be done with the leadership and empowerment of communities.

Mr Shetty said he hoped to return to Utopia and see urgent progress.

"We want to see them enjoy full rights," he said.

"They are not asking for something beyond what every single Australian rightfully deserves."

In a meeting with Mr Bowen, Mr Shetty also strongly criticised the Government's proposed Malaysia solution, all forms of offshore processing and mandatory detention of asylum seekers as a major contravention of international law.

AI Australia Indigenous rights campaigner Rodney Dillon, who accompanied Mr Shetty on his tour, told the *Koori Mail* the Government should be embarrassed by repeated damning appraisals of its human rights efforts.

"It doesn't get much worse than what (Mr Shetty) saw," Mr Dillon said. "When you have an international person come here – and we've had a few now, with Irene Khan, James Anaya and others – and they talk about how bad these things are... I mean, really?"

"What we need is a long-term strategy where people feel they'll be involved and there'll be change and conditions will get better.

"I don't think there is one at present. In the last five years, the Government has made some changes in some areas, putting in more money, building houses and so forth, but it doesn't seem to be helping.

"If anything, I think things have gone backwards. There seems to be fewer services and people don't know why services aren't there... I don't think the new shire model has worked as well as people thought it would."

Asked if he was optimistic for the future for Aboriginal

communities, especially in the NT, Mr Dillon replied 'No, I'm not'.

"And, yet, there's so much hope out there. Old men like Albert Daley say how strong they are as Aboriginal people living on their community with all these things going on around them.

"Those old people – who've been getting runs on the board for years through the local community-run health service – sat there and said they'd never move off their land.

"What I am committed to making sure we keep the Government to its promise that they do support homelands and want to make change."

On Thursday, Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Senator Nigel Scullion said Mr Shetty's comments showed that Minister Macklin had failed to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians.

"This out-of-touch Government has again wasted millions of dollars on laughable consultation to learn what Aboriginal communities wanted on housing when they previously spent \$42 million in consultations on house design in the NT only to ignore the advice they received," Senator Scullion said.

"Aboriginal kids are still not getting a decent education with attendance rates and health standards remaining unacceptably poor for Indigenous people. This Government's programs don't work."

– By AAP and Kirstie Parker, *Koori Mail*

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Anger over mine expansion

By DARREN COYNE



ENVIRONMENTAL and health organisations are outraged at the Federal Government's approval for the Olympic Dam uranium and copper mine expansion in outback

South Australia.

Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke granted BHP Billiton approval to develop the world's largest open-pit mine, producing 750,000 tonnes of copper and 19,000 tonnes of uranium oxide each year.

Over the 40-year life of the project, the mine will grow to be more than 4km long, 3.5km wide and 1km deep.

The Arid Lands Environment Centre (ALEC) in Alice Springs, the Environment Centre of the Northern Territory (ECNT) in Darwin and the Public Health Association of Australia all expressed concern that the expansion would pose a risk to people and environments in the Northern Territory (NT).

Additional uranium oxide (yellowcake) and two trains a day of radioactive copper concentrate will be transported via train through the NT to be exported from East Arm Wharf.

This was in addition to causing massive environmental damage in SA at the mine site and in areas of water extraction, the groups said.

Kevin Buzzacott, an Arabunna Elder from Lake Eyre and president of the Australian Nuclear Free Alliance (ANFA), called on the Government to impose a moratorium on uranium mining

because of the long-term impacts of the nuclear industry.

"We are not going to rest until the government reverses its decision," Mr Buzzacott said. "We want BHP Billiton out of the desert."

ANFA spokeswoman Donna Jackson said the ore transport raised further concerns.

"The transport and export of these goods puts additional pressures on our emergency services," she said.

"If we increase the volume, we increase the chance of an accident happening."

Meanwhile, ALEC co-ordinator Jimmy Cocking said the approval locked in a desalination plant in the Spencer Gulf, increased extraction of water from the Great Artesian Basin and a mountain of radioactive tailings in the SA outback.

'Radioactive'

"Mile-long trains of radioactive copper and uranium will cut Alice Springs in half for more than 10 minutes each way," he said.

"The NT Government and the Transport Minister have stood strong against the transport of nuclear waste due to unacceptable risks to the health of people and communities along the transport route.

"This is no different and should be opposed by the NT Government."

Cat Beaton, from the Environment Centre NT, said the Territory Government should not support the Olympic Dam mine expansion as it put pressure on railways and presented contamination risks to the environment and the Darwin

Harbour. "We have seen a series of incidents of contamination at East Arm, so how can we trust that the increase in radioactive material export will not harm our harbour?" she asked.

The Conservation Council in South Australia also expressed concern that the company hadn't done enough to reduce its carbon footprint, with the expansion of the mine.

The council said the project would increase the state's energy demand by about 40 per cent.

Council spokesperson Julia Winefield said BHP Billiton had only committed to less than 7 per cent of the expanded mine using renewable energy.

"We think for a company that has recorded \$23 billion worth of profits in the last financial year they can probably afford to do a bit better than that," she said.

"We think they have a moral and social responsibility to do a lot better than that."

There were, however, some people happy about the Government's environmental approval – local councils, business owners and the Australian Uranium Association among them.

Simon Clarke, from the Uranium Association, said the decision paved the way for future uranium projects around the country.

"Governments around Australia can now be confident that the approvals and review processes of environmental and safety aspects of uranium mines are robust and strong enough to assess and make good forthright decisions on uranium projects," he said.



The Olympic Dam site at Roxby Downs in South Australia. AAP Image

Activist Bromley is closer to freedom

By LIZ MURRAY



AN Aboriginal activist who was convicted of murder in 1984 has taken his first steps towards parole five years on from his release date.

Several police investigations and inquests around the time of Derek Bromley's conviction were criticised during the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) and the South Australian Government has called an inquiry into whether the state needs a Criminal Cases Review Committee.

SA Independent MP Ann Bressington introduced the Criminal Cases Review Committee Bill last November.

She said it could replace the current 'politicised' petition process by which a person claiming to be wrongfully convicted lodges a petition with the Attorney-General for consideration.

"It should never be the role of a politician, regardless of their ministerial title, to pass judgment and hence seal the fate of any constituent," Ms Bressington said. "This is, however, the system that presently exists, and which this Bill seeks to reform."

"Since 1997 not a single petition



ANN BRESSINGTON

to the Attorney-General has been referred to the Court of Appeal, yet in this time the Criminal Cases Review Commission in the United Kingdom has referred 463 resulting in 304 convictions being set aside."

Law professor Bob Moles said the petition for a new appeal against Derek Bromley's murder conviction was rejected by SA Attorney-General John Rau on 15 September.

A week earlier, Prof Moles told the *Koori Mail* that the case was a 'serious miscarriage of justice', and that the type of eye-witness identification used at Bromley's trial would be inadmissible by current standards.

At that time, a spokesperson for



Robyn and Russell Milera.

the Attorney-General said Mr Rau 'has no present plans to introduce a sentencing review committee'.

Dr Moles said the inquiry by the Legislative Review Committee in SA would take public submissions about worrying cases and other related issues up until 25 November, before Parliament votes on the Bill.

Prof Moles said Derek Bromley's case was not the only one with relevance to the Inquiry, with many Aboriginal injustices worthy of consideration.

He said two examples were the custodial deaths of John Highfold, aged 30, in 1983 and Kingsley Dixon, 19, in 1987.

"The subsequent Royal



Derek Bromley while he was at school.

Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody found various aspects of the autopsy and investigation to be unsatisfactory..." said Prof Moles.

The RCIADIC heard Mr Highfold's prison medical file went missing, and the family of Kingsley Dixon had been unable to delay his autopsy to ensure an independent pathologist could also attend.

In both cases, the clothing of the deceased went missing and could not be forensically analysed.

Dr Moles said he hoped as many people as possible, interest groups, and prisoners and their families, would make a submission to the parliamentary Inquiry.

In a letter to his family last

month, Derek Bromley, cast doubt over the likelihood of extra examination of cases like his, which comes into conflict with the separation of judiciary and political powers.

"... Through petition I am asking the head law man to set in motion an action that could end up getting a lot of other law men into trouble and cost heaps in compensation," Mr Bromley wrote.

His sister-in-law, Robyn Milera, said Mr Bromley was transferred to secure accommodation units in Port Augusta late last month, 'which is considered by the department a step in the re-socialisation process'.

"We are visiting regularly, which is not easy for us to afford, but it's crucial to support him and encourage him to wait it out," Ms Milera said.

The future is beginning to look a bit more promising for the family, which had been split as a consequence of past removal practices. The Parole Board recently recommended Mr Bromley for the next step in the transfer process – a transfer to the Pre-Release Centre, which was a move requested by his ALRM lawyer, Chris Charles.

"This is the optimum moment in time for re-socialisation, reunion and healing," Ms Milera said.



Cutting the ribbon at the new subdivision, from left, traditional owner Helen Williams, Velda Winiguj, traditional owner Reggie Wurridjal and NT Minister for Public and Affordable Housing Dr Chris Burns.

Maningrida welcomes new homes



NINETEEN families at Maningrida in Arnhem Land have been handed the keys to new homes. And some wasted no time at all in moving

in. Like many Northern Territory communities, Maningrida is blighted by severe overcrowding. But it is one of the lucky, mostly larger ones destined to see some improvement under the \$1.7 billion National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing.

The partnership is expected to deliver a total of 110 new houses, 16 rebuilds and 79 refurbishments at Maningrida, at a cost of \$64 million, although the 2010-11 wet season and Cyclone Carlos caused significant delays to works.

So far, 50 new houses have been completed and 55 are under way in Maningrida. Construction of an additional five houses will start soon. A further 35 refurbishments and seven rebuilds have also been completed.

The Federal and NT governments relished the opportunity to show off some progress, which has been welcomed by residents.

Members of the Maningrida Housing Reference Group and traditional owners Reggie Wurridjal and Helen Williams helped cut the ribbon at last week's opening of stage one of the new suburb.

NT Public and Affordable Housing Minister Chris Burns and Member for Arafura Marion Scrymgour did the honours from a Territory Government perspective, with Dr Burns declaring the opening a very special occasion.

"A new subdivision or suburb is a significant development for Maningrida and the new and



Colin James (CJ), his partner Robyn and their children received the keys to their home last Monday at Maningrida and hoped to move in that afternoon.

upgraded housing will help make major improvements to the lives of many local residents," he said.

"New road works and sewerage, landscaping and fencing works have been completed in the first stage of the subdivision and works for second stage are well under way with completion by December."

Employment

Federal Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said it was pleasing to see strong levels of local employment, with more than 30 per cent local employment in the program, as well as community input through

the Bawinanga Aboriginal Council and Maningrida Progress Association.

Indigenous Health Minister and local MP Warren Snowdon said adequate housing was an important step to delivering improved health outcomes for Aboriginal locals.

"The new homes in Maningrida are another step to delivering better health outcomes for Aboriginal communities across the Territory," he said.

"The effort between the Australian and Territory governments, Territory Alliance and the Maningrida community... is driving positive outcomes for the community."

Scullion in warning on asbestos

DANGEROUS asbestos is placing Maningrida residents at risk despite the damage being reported eight months ago, according to Northern Territory senator Nigel Scullion.

Senator Scullion visited the Arnhem Land community early this month and said he was shocked to see that damaged asbestos lining the eaves of the West Arnhem Shire office in town had not been repaired or replaced.

He also raised concerns about roadworks to a new suburb, and the pace at which houses were being handed over to Aboriginal families.

"I have been advised that the damaged asbestos lining was first reported to the West Arnhem Shire chief executive officer (Adam Seiler) in February as an urgent matter, yet this deadly material had been left uncovered and open ever since – a period of eight months," he said.

Senator Scullion said community residents had to walk under or near the eaves to access essential services such as the post office, Centrelink office, the credit union, and a popular take-away shop in the complex.

"Asbestos fibres are potentially lethal and I am outraged that the shire has continually and knowingly placed the lives of the residents of Maningrida at risk," he said.

"I do not care how diabolical the shire's financial position is or how badly the finances have been managed. There are no excuses for the failure to act.

"The shire CEO must immediately ensure that the damaged asbestos is covered and arrange the complete repair as a matter of urgency."

The latest problems with asbestos in Maningrida follow reports in January that asbestos had been dumped at the local tip. That asbestos was from houses that had been demolished to make way for 109 new houses.

During the demolition of one house, the West Arnhem Shire raised concerns about asbestos after it was found that material had been dumped.

As a result, two senior staff

from the building consortium in charge of the housing program were sacked, and an NT Worksafe investigation was launched.

Mr Seiler said the council was aware that some asbestos had been exposed due to the actions of vandals.

"The damage has been assessed and quotes sought for the repair of the damage to cover the exposed asbestos," he said in a statement.

"Council will move to effect these repairs as a matter of urgency, but must emphasise that severe budgetary constraints have extended the timeframe of this process beyond what would ideally be anticipated."

"West Arnhem Shire Council is disappointed that Senator Scullion has raised the issue of



Damage to the eaves of the West Arnhem Shire office in Maningrida has exposed asbestos.



The Maningrida road works which have concerned Senator Scullion.

asbestos exposure publicly without contacting council representatives for an explanation at any stage.

"West Arnhem Shire Council trusts that Senator Scullion will join with NT Shires in the campaign to secure funding to undertake removal and replacement of the significant amounts of asbestos contained within the homes that Aboriginal people are expected to live in 24

hours a day, rather than the Federally funded installation of signs that warn residents of the hazards but nothing more."

Meanwhile, Senator Scullion also warned that what he says was a mistake in road works could result in a new suburb of Indigenous houses in Maningrida being isolated during the coming wet season.

The new suburb was officially opened on 10 October by NT Minister for Public and Affordable Housing Chris Burns and Arafura MP Marion Scrymgour.

Senator Scullion said he was dismayed to see the road had three deep dips, which only had cement bases at the bottom with no pipes or culverts to handle the Territory's monsoon rains.

"This new suburb will be cut off in the wet season and the cement likely to be washed out so it will be isolated from all of the services at Maningrida," he said.

Marlene's recipe for success



WHEN it comes to bush tucker, Marlene Carlton reckons she's got it just about right.

And so do the many hundreds of people who have enjoyed the fine traditional fare she has produced through her one-woman business Marlz Catering.

Established only six months ago in her home town of Kununurra, Western Australia, Marlz Catering has been named 2011 Business of the Year at the East Kimberley Aboriginal Achievement Awards.

It's an honour of which the quietly spoken Miriwung Gajerrong woman is especially proud.

Now the mother-of-four is looking at expanding her business and opening a food store in Kununurra.

On the menu will be the same tasty Marlz Catering tucker that has been enjoyed at events hosted by major organisations including the Kimberley Land Council and the Wunan Foundation.

Ms Carlton, who produces a wide range of fresh food, says her most popular items are kangaroo sticks, home-made sausage rolls and baked barramundi.

"But everything I make seems pretty popular," she told the *Koori Mail*.

Her secret?

"There isn't one. I just make the food I had growing up, and that's the food a lot of people here want and enjoy," Ms Carlton said. "It's not fancy – it's just what our people like."

While she is still a one-woman business, Ms Carlton has a lot of family she can call on to help.

"If I want barramundi, the family will



Marlene Carlton in her kitchen at Kununurra, in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

catch it that morning and I'll cook it that afternoon," she said.

"Same with the kangaroo and the rest. You can't beat fresh food."

Wunan Foundation general manager corporate services Wendy Kelly can't

speak highly enough of Ms Carlton or her food.

"Marlene makes great bush tucker and it's enjoyed by the whole community here," she said.

"Not just that, but she also has a great

business sense and a real go-get-it attitude.

"She's also involving local Aboriginal youth in her catering business.

"Marlene's a deserving winner of the business of the year award."

Communities in call for home ownership



THE Federal Government has announced 11 new houses will be built at Yarrabah in north Queensland, amidst calls to allow people in Aboriginal communities to own their own land.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin was in Yarrabah recently to announce the construction of the houses to help deal with overcrowding.

Under the contract, awarded to construction company Metrobuild, at least 20 per cent of jobs on the project must go to locals.

But for many residents, the rollout of new housing is happening too slowly, and they are upset that they cannot buy their own properties.

Indigenous communities across Queensland are governed according to a Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT), under which residents must live in social housing and are unable to buy property.

Yarrabah mayor Percy Neal, who for 20 years has been fighting to allow locals to own their own homes, said he was fed up with waiting.

"It is frustrating, we want to be



BOB KATTER

like any other place in Australia – we want to own our own block of land," Mr Neal told reporters after the new houses were announced by Ms Macklin.

"The mission days are gone, but if nothing is done that old culture will still remain and it will make it very difficult to do things.

"Self-determination and self-management for the people of Yarrabah is our number-one priority."

Ms Macklin said she had worked with the Queensland Government to allow for the establishment of 99-year leases in



JENNY MACKLIN

Yarrabah and other communities.

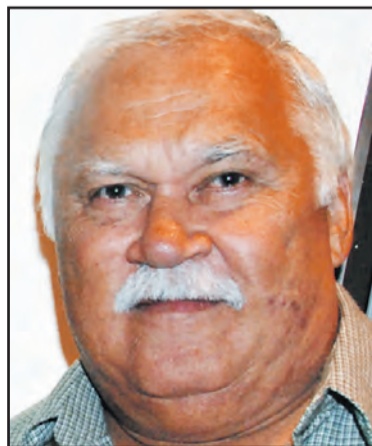
Thirteen properties had been set aside for the leases in Yarrabah, she said.

But under the leases, the properties cannot be sold and residents must seek loans from the government-owned Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) rather than commercial banks.

Circumstances

"People need to sit down with IBA and discuss their personal circumstances just as you would go to a bank," Ms Macklin said.

But Federal Independent MP



PERCY NEAL

Bob Katter said he and Queensland Indigenous leaders were preparing a 'full-on clash in the High Court' to allow people to own their own land.

Mr Katter said residents of the state's Indigenous communities were being treated as 'second-rate citizens' because they were not able to own their own homes.

"It stinks to high heaven," Mr Katter said after a media conference with Ms Macklin.

"All the people here are asking for is the same rights as the people across the inlet (in Cairns)."

The Katter's Australian Party

leader said he had been working with Indigenous leaders in several North Queensland communities to prepare a legal challenge which he believed was destined for the High Court.

"Some of the real leadership of these areas have decided that the only way they are ever going to get justice is (the way they did) with Mabo," Mr Katter said.

"People from a number of key areas will be coming together to move for a full head-on clash in the High Court."

Mr Katter said the restriction on private ownership meant residents of Yarrabah, one of the largest Indigenous communities in Australia, had few options to find work locally.

"If we had normal title deeds, then there would be at least 30 homes being built here with loans from commercial banks, there would be two big banana farms employing over 100 people, there would be a couple of sugar farms and there would be a commercial development – just what you see in any community of this size," he said.

Mr Katter said that all new houses at Yarrabah should be built 'exclusively' by local tradesmen. – with AAP

All not lost in fight for Vic college



The fenced-off area at Ballerit Mooroop College

By GREG BURCHALL



AS battles went, it wasn't on a huge scale, yet the victory was sweet, if not entirely complete. Once again, it was a battle over land.

Last week, as staff, students and friends of Ballerit Mooroop College in Melbourne's north watched their beloved 'gathering place' – an old school gym – being torn down, they celebrated the last-minute decision to save the school's Spirit Tree and cultural area.

College Council president Dotty Bamblett called it a 'happy compromise' – the result of sit-ins, sleep-overs, picketing and campaigning to Victorian Education Minister Martin Dixon.

Melbourne's only Koorie pathways college – the former Glenroy High School – provides academic, physical and emotional development for teenage students, helping them move into further education, traineeships or employment.

In late 2010, the Victorian Government announced that it would have to share its site with a new \$20 million campus for the Glenroy Specialist School, which caters for 150 severely disabled students.

The plan included the razing of the gym and hall (already tagged for renovation due to its asbestos content) and destruction of the tree and cultural area to make way for sewerage pipes and a carpark.

At the time, Ms Bamblett said that the gym was vital as a place where 'Indigenous students with high issues' felt safe.

The compromise sees the BMC retain two-thirds of its land and there are now plans to build a new community hub close to where the gym stood or elsewhere on site.

Smoking ceremonies and welcome to country ceremonies

were held around the gym/tree area, as well as traditional games, lessons in craft and performance and instructions from Elders.

For many, this was a culturally significant place and re-location was not an option.

The Glenroy Specialist School, on the other hand, is based in leased premises on Box Forest Road that were rapidly becoming unsafe.

Minister Dixon said he 'appreciated the goodwill and leadership' evident during the recent negotiations and that 'the outcome will now be of benefit to all the students at both schools and to the community'.

Fencing

As classes at the college resumed last week after school holidays, temporary fencing was in place around the site – part of it almost abutting the Spirit Tree – and workers' huts and equipment containers were in place around the edge of the newly-levelled grounds.

Local residents have also lost open space used for recreation and dog-walking.

Campaign spokesman Gary Murray welcomed the result, but is still smarting over what he described as an 'arrogant and aggressive land grab'.

But now it was time to focus on the future, he said.

"We need to recruit more students and rebuild our school and our community from past uncertainties," Mr Murray said.

"Culture is education is culture and alive at Ballerit Mooroop College in Wurundjeri Country – hopefully we do not have to do this journey again too soon due to a bad decision."

There's word that a new gathering place will be named in honour of Pastor Doug and Gladys Nicholls, who were active in Indigenous education at the site in the 1950s.



Barbara Shaw, right, and Michelle Hoogesteger, with Barb's daughter Danae on her shoulders at a protest march. Photos by SABINE KACHA

Protests at trial sites



THE debate around Income Management continues to rage far beyond the boundaries of Northern Territory Aboriginal communities where the practice began under the controversial NT Intervention.

The prospect of voluntary Income Management in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands has been raised in recent weeks, with claims children there are malnourished and sometimes going hungry.

But it is in south-west Sydney where one of the fiercest battles is developing.

Working class suburb Bankstown is one of five trial sites across Australia facing the introduction of compulsory Income Management from July 2012.

But the Federal Government has a fight on its hands there, with the formation of a new coalition called 'Say No to Government Income Management', supported by more than 50 organisations including unions, religious and community, advocacy and peak bodies.

On 6 October, NT human rights campaigner, Alice Springs town camp resident and BasicsCard holder Barbara Shaw addressed a public rally to launch a national campaign calling for a moratorium against Income Management and the NT Intervention.

"How can the Government talk about expanding this system when it is ruining lives in the NT?" Ms Shaw said.

"Income management is a disgusting waste of funds when our communities are in such desperate need. The Intervention was supposed to stop the social problems like substance abuse. But I live with these problems



Barbara Shaw addresses the Bankstown rally.

every day and they are just getting worse and worse as our people are disempowered and made unemployed.

"Since they've cut the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP), many people are being forced to work for the dole and Income Management. How is this getting people off the welfare system? We need jobs and social services, not Income Management."

Arab Council Australia CEO Randa Kattan and CEO of the St Vincent de Paul Society National Council John Falzon also addressed the Bankstown public meeting.

A few days later, a rally against Income Management was held in Paul Keating Park at Bankstown.

Last week, Ms Kattan joined Ms Shaw to tour remote communities and town camps in Central Australia and hear first-hand of the impact of the NT Intervention and to exchange information on the growing national campaign.

Afterwards, her impressions

were clear. "Income Management represents profound disempowerment, discrimination and hardship," Ms Kattan said last week, ahead of another forum in Alice Springs.

"We cannot allow this system to extend into Bankstown. We are also calling for a full restoration of the rights of people already suffering under Income Management. Our campaign is growing in strength."

Elaine Peckham, founder of the Central Australian Strong Women's Alliance and Ms Shaw also addressed the Alice Springs event.

On Friday, delegates at the Public Health Association of Australia's (PHAA) Annual Conference passed a resolution opposing population level compulsory Income Management schemes.

"Compulsory Income Management for Aboriginal people discriminates and disempowers individuals and leaves them with insufficient resources to manage their own lives," said PHAA vice-president Vanessa Lee.

"Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin recently stated that the Federal Government is considering three models of voluntary and compulsory Income Management in the APY Lands of South Australia.

"Income management initiatives currently in place in other states are being monitored and evaluation has not been completed – an assessment is due early in the New Year," she said.

Ms Lee said PHAA felt strongly that an intervention to quarantine welfare payments and allow families to buy food should only be implemented on a voluntary basis, as determined through a comprehensive process with affected individuals, and as a last resort.

Reconciliation office opens



RECONCILIATION
Victoria has been resurrected with a new office in Melbourne's city centre.

After closing its doors in 2009 due to a lack of funding, the organisation has been revived with a State Government funding commitment of \$800,000 over four years.

With its new premises, called Hub Melbourne, the organisation aims to support Victorians in 'understanding, appreciating and celebrating Aboriginal heritage, culture and communities'.

Victoria's Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Jeanette Powell, told the gathering at the opening of the new premises on 4 October that there was unfinished business when it came to reconciliation in Victoria.

Ms Powell said the organisation was committed to combatting racism, and building just and respectful relationships between Aboriginal people and other Victorians.

Reconciliation Victoria Aboriginal co-chair Vicki Clark, a Mutthi Mutthi woman from south-western NSW, introduced her countryman, renowned Aboriginal performer Kutcha Edwards, whose soulful voice captured the spirit and significance of the event, singing in Mutthi Mutthi and English.

His performance ended in a sing-along of Joe Geia's anthem *Yil Lull*, meaning 'sing' in Guugu Yimithirr Aboriginal language.

Among the gathering were many long-time supporters and members of local reconciliation groups.

Mrs Powell also released the Local Government Pilot Project report on



Wurundjeri Elder Colin Hunter and Reconciliation Victoria co-chair Keith Gove.



Victorian Aboriginal performer Kutcha Edwards and, right, State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell. *Photos: Good Global Media*

developing reconciliation action plans, the first of its kind in Australia.
"The Victorian Government is



committed to supporting Reconciliation Victoria to help build mutual respect and understanding between Indigenous and

non-Indigenous Victorians," Mrs Powell said.

"Reviving Reconciliation Victoria is one of a series of positive Government initiatives designed to improve the lives of Indigenous Victorians.

"Reconciliation Victoria's work with three local councils – Baw Baw Shire, Stonnington and Whittlesea – in developing reconciliation action plans is a great example of what can be achieved through strong and committed partnerships.

"This pilot project has provided significant insight that will help inform the Local Government / Aboriginal Affairs Partnership Project, designed to encourage and support local government strengthen links with Indigenous communities.

"Reconciliation is a mutual process of recognition and respect that requires genuine commitment to building long-lasting relationships.

"Reconciliation Victoria's new communal office space will raise awareness through community education to assist all Victorians gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of our Victorian Indigenous community."

For more information about Reconciliation Victoria and to access the Reconciliation in Local Government Pilot Project report, visit www.reconciliationvic.org.au

Meanwhile, those wanting to access services for members of the Stolen Generation should contact Connecting Home Ltd, which was established in March last year after Stolen Generations Victoria was de-funded.

For further information go to www.connectinghome.org.au

Constitution survey finds strong support

By **DARREN COYNE**



A NATIONAL survey has found strong support for including a guarantee against discrimination on the grounds of race, colour or ethnic origin in the Australian Constitution.

The survey also found that 82 per cent of respondents would support constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at a referendum.

The Federal Government-appointed Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples commissioned the survey in mid-September before its meeting in Canberra on 5 and 6 October.

Following that meeting, the panel, which is led by co-chairs Professor Patrick Dodson and Mark Leibler, issued a communique outlining a number of common themes that had emerged among the 3400 submissions received from across the country.

The submissions came from individuals, organisations such as

the Lowitja Institute, Cape York Institute, Law Council of Australia, the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, Indigenous health organisations, reconciliation groups and others.

Submissions ranged from extensive responses running to many pages, through to short comments such as 'this should have been done 100 years ago. Let's hurry up and let Indigenous people decide what recognition they want in the Constitution...' or 'We need to change the possibility of race discrimination and enhance our awareness of the original people's relationship to this land'.

When the consultation period ended on 30 September, panel members had held about 200 public consultations and other meetings in 84 communities in metropolitan, regional and remote communities.

The panel said the great majority of submissions supported constitutional recognition, and there was strong support for a statement of recognition in both the preamble of the Constitution and the body, to provide greater protection.



MARK McMILLAN

There was also a high level of support for reference to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's prior and ongoing relationship with the land and sea, recognition of distinct cultures and languages and the reflection of the true history of pre- and post-colonial Australia.

And there was support for the removal of or amending two sections of the Constitution

Section 51(xxvi) and section 25, to eliminate the possibility of discrimination on the basis of race not only in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, but for any group of Australians.

"Over the next month, the panel will conduct more intensive consultations as it continues to refine its report to Government recommending options for change which would have the best chance of success at a referendum," the communique said.

In order for the panel to recommend a proposal for constitutional change it must contribute to a more unified and reconciled nation; be of benefit to and accord with the wishes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; be capable of being supported by an overwhelming majority of Australians from across the political and social spectrums; and be technically and legally sound.

To succeed, a referendum must attract the support of a majority of voters nationally and must also gain a majority of votes in a majority of states.

All submissions are available on the website

www.youmeunity.org.au

Meanwhile, a forum on constitutional recognition was held at the University of Melbourne last week, with a panel of speakers featuring former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, Dr Mark McMillan and Professor Cheryl Saunders.

Dr McMillan later told the *Koori Mail* that the forum had raised a number of issues which would hopefully lead to a 'mature debate' among all Australians about any proposed changes to the Constitution.

Those issues included whether race powers in the Constitution were necessarily a bad thing for Aboriginal people, the need for a Bill of Rights to protect against discrimination of all Australians, and also whether the Government-imposed timetable for Constitutional recognition was in fact untenable.

He said Indigenous Australians had to be sure that any changes would be to their benefit, and not just a salve for the conscience of broader Australian society.

He said that although the consultation period had ended, the real debate was about to begin.

Down to business

Successes shared at New York City forum

Story and photos by TRACI WILLIAMS

IT'S a long way from Noongar country in Western Australia to the Shinnecock Indian Nation – these days known as New York City.

But for Phil Lockyer, the opportunity to share news of some of his employer's successes with other Indigenous people from around the world was an 'awesome' experience.

The Sydney-based manager of the Commonwealth Bank's Indigenous Employment Program was one of three Australian delegates who travelled to the United States to present at the Second World Indigenous Business Forum early this month.

The annual forum, held at the Roosevelt Hotel, attracted Indigenous peoples from Africa, Papua New Guinea, South and Central America, Canada and the United States.

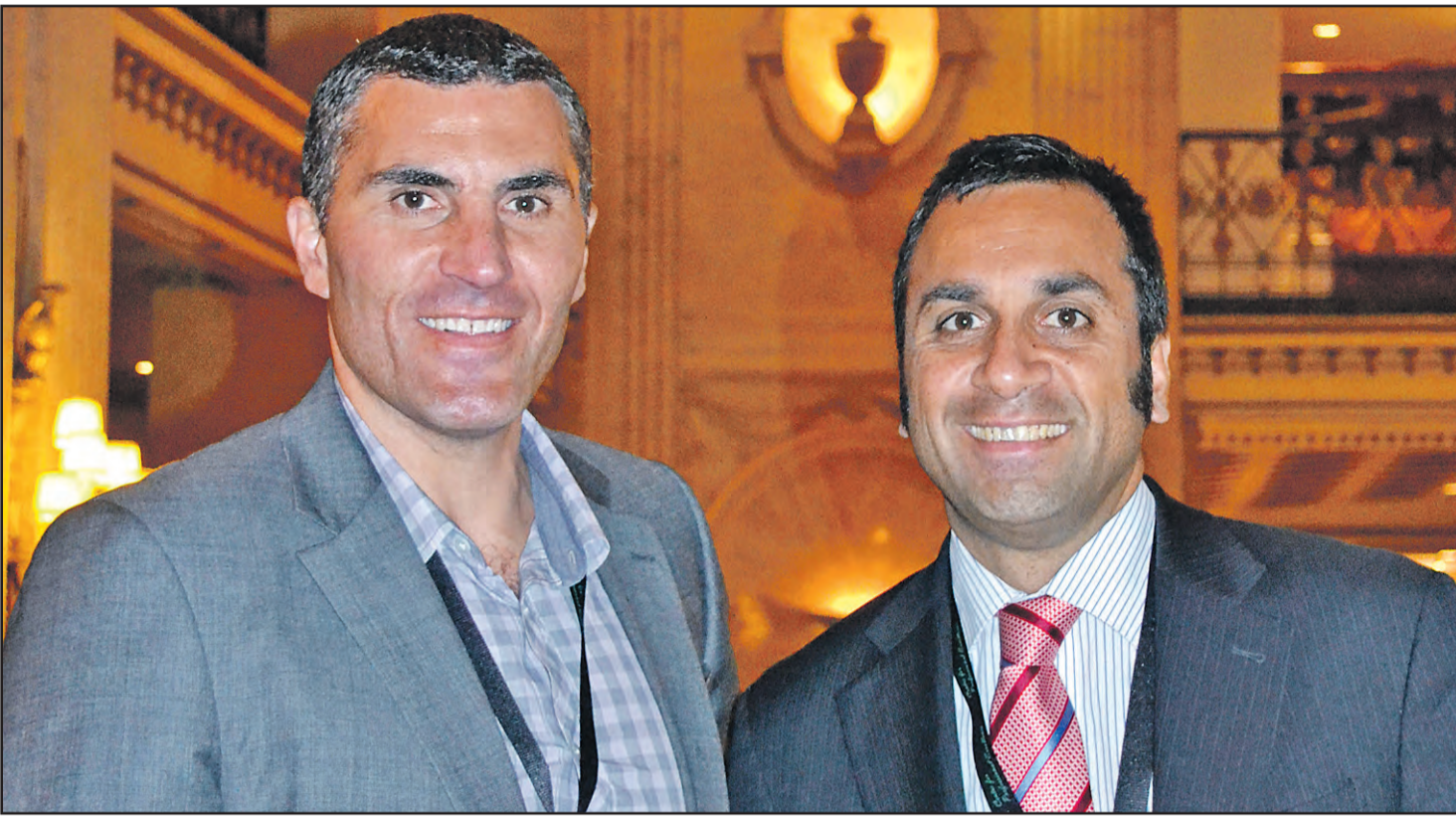
"To be able to hear the challenges and the successes of Indigenous communities in other parts of the world made it very clear to me that Indigenous people have so much in common and can really gain from our shared experiences and struggles," Mr Lockyer told the *Koori Mail*.

Mr Lockyer and Jason Mifsud, a Yorta Yorta and Gunditjmara man from Victoria who is the national community engagement manager for the Australian Football League (AFL), agreed that learning about the success of other Indigenous businesses would help them to grow their own organisations' programs supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"There's been development and growth, and the longer this forum goes ahead the bigger it will become," said Mr Mifsud, who also attended last year's forum.

"It's the relationships you build afterwards, as much as what you take away.

"Last year, 80 people attended and this year around 150. It's a bigger, more diverse agenda and I've seen a vast array of Indigenous businesses and leaders providing opportunities in our own way in



AFL national community engagement manager Jason Mifsud, left, and Commonwealth Bank's Indigenous Employment Program manager Phil Lockyer at the World Indigenous Business Forum in New York.



Jason Mifsud speaks with American actor Val Kilmer.

our own communities around the world."

Other key speakers included Nontombi Naomi Tutu, a race and gender justice activist from South Africa (and the daughter of former Archbishop Desmond Tutu), along with Phil Fontaine, the former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations in Canada and chairperson of the World Indigenous Business Forum.

Familiar

Forum organiser Barbara Bruyere, from Canada's Indigenous Leadership Development Institute, said it brought the world's Indigenous groups together in a way Indigenous people were familiar with.

"Historically Indigenous people have always been about a family. And that's what we are trying to build here – a world Indigenous business family," she said.

Mr Lockyer agreed.

"By focusing on positive outcomes and solutions, the forum highlighted that Indigenous peoples are able to be the drivers of our own futures and that the best model for success for our peoples is when we are the ones who have control of the decision making process," he said.

One of the forum's key supporters has been American actor Val Kilmer, who has Cherokee Indian ancestry.

In an interview with the *Koori Mail* at the



Leona Landers, an Aboriginal woman originally from Brisbane, and Australian delegate Jeff McMullen.

forum, Mr Kilmer said he'd been inspired by what he had seen through his involvement with the event and its organisers, Canada's Indigenous Leadership Development Institute.

"It's important to keep creative and positive about Indigenous businesses, no matter how humble they are. A small but great idea can turn into an international company these days," the actor said.

The actor will travel to our part of the world to lend his support to next year's event, when Australia hosts the 2012 World Indigenous Business Forum from 22-26 October.

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Information sessions

Sydney Water has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA), to assess the impacts of constructing and operating water and wastewater infrastructure to service the North West Growth Centre second release precincts of:

- Box Hill
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- Schofields.

The EA will be on display between 12 October 2011 and 14 November 2011. Copies of the EA are available for review at:

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23 – 33 Bridge Street
Sydney NSW 2000

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10 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta
planning.nsw.gov.au

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sydneywater.com.au

During the display period, we are holding four information sessions with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I). At the sessions, stakeholders and community members can talk to Sydney Water's project team about the EA, which describes and assesses our proposal to provide drinking water and wastewater services to the second release precincts. The EA describes our plans for the construction and operation of the proposal we are seeking approval for.

Community members will also have the opportunity to talk to Department of Planning and Infrastructure representatives and view the draft Precinct Plans for Box Hill and Box Hill Industrial. The Plans propose new planning controls, changes to land uses and the provision of new infrastructure.

Customers are invited to drop in at any time during the sessions:

Vinegar Hill Memorial Community Centre
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NTER report shows falls in crimes



COMMUNITY safety is improving in remote Northern Territory communities but school attendance results are still a problem, according to the latest Closing the Gap in the Northern Territory Monitoring Report.

The report shows assaults, alcohol-related incidents and child welfare incidents have fallen in communities covered by the NT Emergency Response (NTER), or NT Intervention.

But the report concedes that the education gap is still too large and more needs to be done to ensure children are enrolled and attending school.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said recent police data showed a steady decline in several types of crime, highlighting the importance of a stronger police presence.

Steady decline

Aggravated assaults rose by 41 per cent between 2007-2009 but dropped by 23 per cent between 2009-2010, and then fell further, slightly, from 2010 and 2011.

"Convictions for assaults fell by 10 per cent over the past year on the back of a 29 per cent increase between 2007-08 and 2009-10," the ministers said.

"Alcohol and substance-abuse related incidents have also continued to fall, down by five and seven per cent respectively over the past year despite increases of 28 per cent and 47 per cent respectively between 2007-08 and 2009-10."

They said night patrols and



THE Federal Government says further consultations with Aboriginal people in the NT are taking place about the next steps to improving conditions in communities.

an additional 62 police in NTER communities were helping improve community safety.

"The mobile child protection team has also been working to improve community safety and has investigated and provided follow-up services in more than 1,220 matters between January and June 2011, with 157 visits to communities," they said.

Other services delivered under the NTER in the past six months include 252 short-term placements of health workers including doctors, nurses and allied health professionals/ There were 451 audiology checks and 433 children received audiology follow-up services, while 1273 dental checks were conducted and 1009 children received dental follow-up services

As well, 14 remote Aboriginal family and community workers have been employed in communities, and the numbers

of teacher houses available in remote communities had more than doubled.

Ms Macklin and Mr Snowdon said ongoing discussions with Aboriginal people in the NT were taking place about the next steps to improving conditions in communities.

"Throughout the consultation process, Aboriginal people have made significant contributions to discussions about how to work together to address disadvantage and build stronger futures for families and communities in the NT," they said.

"The Government is currently analysing the information and views provided by individuals and communities and developing policy proposals for the future."

To view the report visit: http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/nter_reports/Pages/default.aspx

Narromine mayor appeals for calm following death



THE mayor of a central-western NSW town appealed for calm at the weekend, with revenge suspected as the motive for an overnight fire at a house in which an alleged intruder died four days ago.

The Narromine house was extensively damaged in the blaze in the early hours last Saturday.

No-one was in the house at the time of the fire, but police say the circumstances are suspicious and that it may have been a reprisal for the death of a 29-year-old Aboriginal man last Wednesday.

The man had been found in the house by three Chinese nationals who live there.

Narromine Mayor Bill McAnally spoke out on Saturday.

"I just hope that people remain calm and think about the actions of what they're doing," he told Macquarie Radio.

"Let the police go through the proper channels ... to dig up the truth behind the matter and how the young man died."


The man, named in media reports as Tony Prince, died after the three occupants of the house restrained him in the backyard.

Police say the men called triple zero and allegedly continued to restrain the intruder until the police arrived, only to find that he was unconscious.

He was taken to Narromine District Hospital, and pronounced dead on arrival.

At the time of printing, no-one had been charged over the death. – AAP

Minimum sentence terms backed



SERIOUS offenders jailed for between five and 10 years would serve a minimum of 65 per cent of their prison sentence if an advisory council's recommendations are adopted in Queensland.

Queensland's Sentencing Advisory Council has released its report to the Attorney-General on standard non-parole periods.

The council was set up in December 2010 under a Bligh Government plan to introduce standard minimum non-parole period sentences except in exceptional circumstances, as done in other states.

The council has recommended that such a scheme should apply to offenders convicted on indictment of a serious offence against the person, or a sexual offence, and sentenced to between five and ten years' jail. Offenders would have to serve a minimum of 65 per cent of their prison sentence before being eligible to apply for parole.

Currently, offenders were ordered by judges to serve between 33 and 50 per cent of their sentence, the council's chair, Professor Geraldine Mackenzie, said.

Offences that would be included in the scheme include rape, serious assaults, and sexual offences against children.

If adopted, the scheme would dovetail with the existing serious violent offences scheme, where offenders serve a minimum of 80 per cent of their sentence or 15 years, whichever is the lesser.


Prof Mackenzie said the council took a wide range of views into account in forming its recommendations, including perspectives from the legal profession, community justice representatives, Indigenous

groups and groups representing victims.

It also considered the serious impact many of the offences have on victims and their families, she said.

"At the same time, it is important that the scheme is fair and transparent, and that it minimises the impact on vulnerable offenders such as Aboriginal (people) and Torres Strait Islanders," she said in a statement. — AAP

Aboriginal boys cop blame for burglaries



WEST Australian Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan has set the cat amongst the pigeons by telling a Perth newspaper that most of the rising number of burglaries in the city are being committed by Aboriginal boys.

Mr O'Callaghan said that more than half of WA burglars were juveniles, and 61 per cent were Aboriginal males, in an opinion piece for *The West Australian* earlier this month.

"Since no one else seems to want to say this, I will," he wrote.

"We have an extremely serious problem with Aboriginal juvenile offending and ... their representation in the justice system when compared with the portion of the population they represent is nothing short of staggering."

As prisoner numbers rose offence figures fell, he said, and 'the rise in offences being committed this year is in direct correlation to a drop in prisoner numbers'.

Police chase offenders

who moved through the prison system without rehabilitating, and 'when they are released they will commit offences and our best crime-reduction strategy is to put them back inside'.

However, he said police could not solve the social issues behind the crime rates, and broader community solutions were required.

WA Commissioner for Children and Young People Michelle Scott said more services were needed for children in remote areas as well as a better overall approach, starting earlier in life with prevention and intervention support programs.

She said many young people in detention were there on remand or because there was no responsible adult to whom they could be released, not because they'd been convicted of committing a serious crime.

"More than 80 per cent of young people in detention on remand will not receive a custodial sentence when they appear in court," Ms Scott said.

"WA has a significantly higher number of children in detention compared to other States such as Victoria. In



MICHELLE SCOTT

2007-2008, WA had an average daily rate of 154 children in detention compared to 63 in Victoria."

The *Young Offenders Act 1994* stated rehabilitation should be a primary goal and detention a last resort, she said.

Extended-hours bail services and short-stay accommodation services were successful programs for supporting vulnerable youth, and needed expansion in regional areas, she added.

In 2008, the Auditor General found 13 per cent fewer police referrals to diversionary programs since 2003, despite the justice system becoming less effective in reducing offending.



CHERYL CASSIDY-VERNON

The Drug and Alcohol Youth Service (DAYS) in Perth, run by Mission Australia, handles diversionary programs to teach juvenile offenders the basic life skills that help prevent them from re-offending, and how to make better choices.

Regardless of heritage, most vulnerable youth faced similar challenges, said support services manager Peta Nordberg, and 17-26 per cent of clients were Indigenous.

Ms Nordberg said detox, respite and rehabilitation programs were available, and DAYS emphasised education, which could give young people the chance they needed to make positive

changes. She stressed that despite these strategies, without stronger community support – central to preventing recidivism – young offenders 'could trip and fall again'.

Youth Legal Service director Cheryl Cassidy-Vernon said youth crime rates had stayed fairly static at about 14 per cent of the total crime figure for the past 12 years and through various governments with different approaches.

She also said she hoped the new Juvenile Justice service in Kununurra would stop some of the cycle of removing children from home and country, thousands of kilometres away to Perth, to face charges, when 'often there is no cases to answer'.

The law was about rehabilitation and withdrawing youth from the system through diversionary programs, but she said the reality was that 'where you live depends on whether you get access to that'.

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier said action was needed rather than playing the 'blame game', and that there was a 14 per cent rise in Indigenous training in the past year and the

Government had boosted funds for Indigenous youth programs.

He said Aboriginal boys need an 'unambiguous message ... that they can make a valuable contribution to the community', and employment was the best way to create opportunity.

ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington said justice reinvestment targeting disadvantaged communities would help reduce recidivism.

He told Fairfax Radio those figures were known since the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and he was 'flabbergasted' by the commissioner's comments.

"It seems to me once again we're feeding the fears of our general community about young, black men... in this state," he said. "There's enough racial prejudice, enough doors, enough barriers to stop us from getting the community on board."

WA Opposition Leader Eric Ripper said he also supported a justice reinvestment approach and Mr O'Callaghan's comments illustrated the Government's 'tough on crime' agenda was failing. — with AAP

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Tas report concern

Council says conservation area remains under threat

By Tasmanian correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Tasmanian Government may have heralded the recent release of a report into 'sustainable use' by off-road vehicles of a conservation area in the state's north-west, but Aboriginal people are far from convinced.

The report relates to a 100,000-hectare Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area (APCA), which the Australian Heritage Commission has described as 'one of the world's greatest archaeological regions' for its rich Aboriginal heritage but which has been subjected to damage by off-road or recreational vehicles for many years.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (TALSC) insists there's no such thing as sustainable use in the area, considered as invaluable to the local Aboriginal community.

Acting manager Caleb Pedder told the *Koori Mail* that off-road vehicle access into the area had increased since the road was sealed six years ago, quad bikes had become popular in that time and many Victorian national parks were closed to off-road vehicles.

Nevertheless, Mr Pedder said the 'Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment of Designated Vehicle Tracks within the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area' report, which documents Aboriginal heritage sites, assesses their significance, and helps develop management strategies to minimise the impact of vehicles in the area was a step in the right direction.

"It is the most intensely populated place in Tasmania for Aboriginal heritage," he said.

"Including (the adjacent) Sundown Point and West Point, there would be over 1500 recorded sites."

There are shell middens, stone



The photo above clearly shows where off-road vehicles drive straight through the massive middens at the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area (Photo courtesy TALSC). At right is Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council acting manager Caleb Pedder.



tools, seal hides, hut depressions, rock shelters, quarries, engravings, stone arrangements and traditional burials and cremation places in the Arthur-Pieman.

Mr Pedder, an Aboriginal heritage officer of 22 years, is part of the APCA management committee and has spent a large part of his professional life in the area. He does not believe it is possible to have sustainable vehicle access there.

Oxymoron

"The term is an oxymoron, there's no such thing... it's not possible," he said.

"There is not a track in the APCA that does not go over Aboriginal heritage. I've yet to come across any that do not impact Aboriginal heritage."

Mr Pedder believes that only a very small number of tracks should remain, so people could get to where they needed to go, but conceded that enforcement was problematic.

"There is no need to go and scam sand dunes and hoon all over the beach and drive all over our heritage and destroy it," he said.

"They could aggressively close tracks by putting barriers in place, but in the past people have pulled them out and gone around them. It happens all the time."

Mr Pedder said the closest thing to sustainable vehicle use in the area would be if the Aboriginal community sacrificed some of its heritage and there was an agreement enforced by the Government that people keep to specific tracks.

"I'm not sure they'll implement anything unless it is a positive for four-wheel-drivers. I've seen it so many times," he said, admitting he has become cynical.

"There are strong vehicle lobbies in that area, it's about the only place that has unfettered access."

The Arthur-Pieman Recreational Vehicle Sustainable Access Project report says there are 94 designated tracks in the conservation area but, in reality, there are many more.

"There are lots of runs up hills and over middens that are not classed as tracks," Mr Pedder said. "There there are lots... hundreds."

"Four-wheel-drivers tend to be adventurous. If you can get

your vehicle in there, that's where you go."

Environment, Parks and Heritage Minister Brian Wightman said the report, commissioned by the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS), would help improve the way the service managed access.

"PWS will use the report, and other information about the natural and social values of the reserve, to provide recommendations about future recreational vehicle use of the Arthur-Pieman tracks," he said.

"A final tracks report and management recommendations will be prepared later this year."

Information

Mr Wightman said that since the \$2.1 million Arthur-Pieman Sustainable Access Project was announced in December 2009, an online permit system and a fee for using the tracks had been implemented, education and compliance activities had increased in the area, reserve shack access roads and recreational vehicle tracks had been improved and new signs, brochures, and better website information had been provided.

But Mr Pedder was critical of the Government's dialogue with the Aboriginal community.

"The process has not been very good, although it's good they are doing something about (vehicle management)," he said.

"There has been no broad-scale discussion about the management of the area with the Aboriginal community."

"The Parks and Wildlife Service have declined to participate in that process because of the project timeframe. We've been on their back for the past 20 years and suddenly they've been doing this project and not talking to us the way they need to."

"Closing tracks is a positive, but we have not been part of which ones get closed, or discussion about how you minimise impact."

"I've said it wasn't a very good report, and the people who did it did not come and talk to us – the Aboriginal community organisation who has represented the community for past 20 years on Aboriginal heritage – before they wrote it."

Mr Wightman said a final community consultation workshop would be held next month.



Department of Education and
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Leah Ramsamy surrounded by family on her 94th birthday.



Leah Ramsamy about to kick off. Her grandson Ossie Tass is at right.

94 reasons to celebrate

By Townsville correspondent
ALF WILSON



NOT many Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander women get to the age of 94.

One who has and celebrated the milestone in an unexpected manner on 9 October was Mackay great, great grandmother Leah Ramsamy.

Mrs Ramsamy had travelled by bus with family and friends to support the GH United Memorial side, which contested the Bindal Allblacks rugby league carnival in Townsville.

The *Koori Mail* saw the diminutive, dignified matriarch under a tent with many family members which included her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and even great, great grandchildren.

"It is really good to be here today with so

many of my family," she said.

Carnival organiser Jenny Pryor heard about Mrs Ramsamy's birthday and planned a special moment.

"GH United reached the plate final so I arranged for her to kick off before the game against Bowen River Broncos," Ms Pryor said.

Mrs Ramsamy held pride of place amongst members of her family on the field as players from both teams formed a line

each side of them and sang 'Happy Birthday'.

To applause from the large crowd, she walked hand-in-hand with her grandson Ossie Tass to centre field to kick off.

At the presentation after the carnival, another of Mrs Ramsamy's grandsons, Doug Pitt, thanked organisers for the respect they'd paid his nan.

● Allblacks rugby league carnival coverage – Pages 86-87

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NATHAN AGIUS

Teacher, aged 32
Port Pirie, SA

Favourite food?
Fish.

Favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo.

Favourite drink?
Pineapple juice.

Favourite music?
Stuff from the 1980s.

What are you watching?
On TV, *The Renovators*.

What are you reading?
Koori Mail.

What are your hobbies?
I enjoy all sports.

What three people would you have for a night around the campfire?

My grandfather Charles Agius, the late Charles Perkins and the late Martin Luther King.

If you could, what would you do to improve the situation for Indigenous Australians?

Being a teacher, I'd improve our educational outcomes and create more opportunities for educating our people. It's the key to a better future.

Quote



'The first thing we want to do is be accountable for our own mistakes, instead of getting the blame for someone else's'

— *Torres Shire Council (TSC)*
Mayor Napau Pedro Stephen

● See Page 8

Unquote

New directions a welcome step

ANOTHER day, another damning appraisal of the circumstances of our people.

It would be tempting to feel a little despondent about the past fortnight in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

We saw yet another respected international expert tour Indigenous communities and find the situation there regarding human rights almost entirely lacking.

Amnesty International Secretary General Salil Shetty's utterances following his trip to Utopia in the Northern Territory sound eerily familiar, and little wonder given his predecessor Irene Khan's similar observations just two years ago.

And it was not just from international quarters that governments were feeling some repeat heat.

NSW Ombudsman Bruce Barbour confirmed the findings of numerous previous reviews, that government-run services and programs in Aboriginal communities in the state were having little impact — despite what he ventured had been a healthy amount of funding.

While that last point is debatable, given the extent of Aboriginal disadvantage and serious historic under-funding of targeted programs, it is a fact that every dollar spent in Indigenous affairs must hit its target if we're to make a proper dent on things.

There was the rallying in Bankstown, Sydney, against moves towards compulsory Income Management there.

And then there was outgoing SA Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement



OUR SAY

Klynton Wanganeen's lament that Indigenous affairs was not treated seriously by those with real power to make a difference — heads of government.

But, despite all of this, there's still plenty of evidence in this edition of the *Koori Mail* that some helpful new directions are being pursued in our communities, or more established ones are being pursued with renewed vigour.

For example, Mr Barbour's emphasis on real partnerships between governments and NSW Aboriginal communities, and the reception it received.

As well as Stronger Smarter Institute executive director Chris Sarra's insightful speech to a London audience calling for a largely different kind of leadership within our communities — one that shuns both victimhood and booting the victim.

And in the Torres Strait, the signs of some movement on the aspirations of our brothers and sisters there for greater autonomy.

While Mayor Napau Pedro Stephen was as cool as a cucumber in his response to Premier Anna Bligh's letter to Prime Minister Julia Gillard seeking to advance the discussions, it was still a welcome step.

Koori Mail — 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

By RACHEL SCOLLAY

MARRATHIEL woman Tess Atie is fearless. As the owner and operator of her own tour company out of Darwin, she tells her clients they can ask her anything.

She's not afraid of political and other curly questions. Which is good, because she's had plenty since launching Northern Territory Indigenous Tours two years ago.

Tess says most of her customers are Europeans. If they're Australian, they're usually older. Up to 50 per cent have never spoken to an Aboriginal person before, something Tess used to find shocking.

She's also run tours for high-profile business people, an ambassador from Indonesia, a few Jewish people and some people from India, but only about two Americans.

"I do get some Aboriginal people who are removed from their bloodlines and I tell them 'this is your country'," Tess said.

"I had a Swiss man who was afraid of Aboriginal people because he had a bit of a scare outside of his hotel. He booked my tour the next day because he said he wanted to know what Aboriginal people were like.

"After that, I was always very careful to clarify with people that I was speaking for myself, not for all Aboriginal people. I say to people 'Do you speak for yourself or do you speak for your nation?'

Tess is surprised at some of the questions she gets asked, such as the time when an Aboriginal man walked across the road in front of the tour vehicle, when the light was green, prompting one person to ask: 'Is he colour blind? Are you colour blind?'

For the past few years, a prominent feature throughout the NT landscape has been large blue and white signs erected under the NT Intervention outlining penalties for taking liquor and/or pornography into prescribed Aboriginal communities. Tess tackles them head-on during her tours.

"I explain about the effect on my family," she said. "To be an Aboriginal man at the time wasn't comfortable because of all the slurs – the treatment, the misunderstandings. It was really heavy. The media really honed in. When you walked down the street, our men were seen as child abusers.

"I do agree that something needed to be done for the sake of the kids – I believe kids should be going to school – but they (governments) should have approached it in a different way."

Personalised

Tess can transport up to seven people in her air-conditioned Toyota Landcruiser, and concedes that her small, personalised day trip into Litchfield National Park, about 130kms south-west of Darwin, costs more than those run by some larger tourism companies.

But Tess' tour includes a gourmet bush tucker lunch on her family's private land, where her group can take a dip in a lush creek, away from the crowds at the national park.

Of course, the real point of difference is more than just the small group size, and the additional extras. It's having the knowledge of an Indigenous guide who grew up in the area that has now become Litchfield National Park, travelling and camping with her family and being taught about plants and animals by her old people.

"I've got the real thing. I'm the real deal for this area... it's like I've



Owner-operator of NT Indigenous Tours Tess Atie at Wangi Falls in Litchfield National Park.

Smooth operator

found a magic key for an invisible door," Tess said.

"I feel very fortunate having grown up with my old people because I feel very settled, very content. And I think some of the young ones today are a bit lost and I hope my kids don't go through that."

Tess said the flip side of being the only Aboriginal tour operator in the Litchfield Park area was sometimes feeling under the microscope.

She said some people assumed the Government had given her the tour vehicle when, in fact, she went to the bank to get a loan, using the

equity in her house. Her husband Greg also works and generates income for the family.

"I had to go to the bank and go through those processes, which took a long time," she said. "I had to do everything... all the little things like getting your licence, and H endorsement (to be able to carry passengers).

Successful

"Mainstream Australia looks at you and wonders why you are successful.

"I feel like I've got to put this guard up all the time. I used to get really paranoid and really annoyed.

But the thing is to give them a wave, and blow them a kiss.

"I look at dickheads as my teachers. They help me to harden myself. I need that to grow inside, to be able to speak back to them, without getting upset."

Tess began her career in tourism working as a park ranger at Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, which she described as 'the best job in the whole wide world'.

"I had the best supervisor. We had excellent training; we learned a lot and laughed a lot," she said.

When Tess returned to the Top End she continued working as a park ranger in the Darwin area, as

well as working as a guide at local tourist attractions.

When she started NT Indigenous Tours two years ago, she said she didn't understand how the business world worked.

But she now comfortably attends business meetings, networking functions and communicates with NT politicians.

"I can't believe what I've achieved," she said. "It's made me come out of my shell because I'm normally a hermit.

"I feel so lucky and content. The opportunities are endless. I love going to business meetings. The whole networking thing... You have to put yourself forward."

Tess' husband Greg is the behind-the-scenes man, and she said the pair of them made a great team.

"He's my backbone. Without Greg I wouldn't be here today," she said. "He does all my finances, all my admin, all the behind-the-scenes stuff I don't have to worry about.

"But he doesn't tell me what to do. I'm the conductor. I plan it all."

Tess also received mentoring support from Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) which helped her write a business plan, and gain accreditation to operate out of Kakadu National Park – although she is respectful of that fact that it's not her country.

Psychology

Tess is fascinated by psychology and interested in people like British business tycoon Sir Richard Branson and their ideas about things. She said she has tried out a couple of his theories, and found they work.

She also finds the food of Aboriginal chef Mark Olive 'inspirational' and says she'd like to focus on creating exclusive, luxury tourist experiences, where people could dictate their own itinerary, and have their own chef who incorporated bush tucker food into 'scrumptious, delicious meals'.

"My favourite (bush tucker) is turtle," she said. "I love magpie goose. I love eating the head of black bream, the gills, the eyes, the milk gut and the marrow.

"I love white apples. I really love stewing them up with cinnamon sticks, cloves and sugar. I love eating the nectar off the silky oak flowers, I love eating the very top heart of the Carpentaria palm, it's so full of fragrance and sweetness. All these foods are so rich.

"I cannot go without eating bush tucker. It nurtures my soul. It brings me back, it stabilises me again.

"I've got to go out bush. I've got to be with my old people. It makes me happy and healthy again."

Tess said leaving the Aboriginal world and coming back into the mainstream always felt like a shift of gears.

She said money wasn't what motivated her, even though she decided when she was 12 that she wanted to be rich.

"I don't want to be scratching for money, and sitting on the border of poverty... living pay cheque to pay cheque where everything goes on bills, and you've got nothing to live on," she said.

"I needed more self-worth... What you put in you get out. (But) being rich isn't the key. You have to be happy and you have to be content, which I feel like I am now.

"I want to make sure that my kids get respect from people, they have enough education that they can live in this world and do good things.

"I want them to be happy and have a childhood and provide them with all the things they need."

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J Findlay,
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REFORM OF ABORIGINAL CULTURE AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION IN NSW

REGIONAL ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

November/December 2011

The NSW Government, is seeking input into the reform of Aboriginal culture and heritage legislation in NSW. The Government is conducting a series of workshops in the following locations.

Details of venues and times for the workshops are available on www.environment.nsw.gov.au/achreform, by calling 1800 881 152 (free call) or by emailing ach.reform@environment.nsw.gov.au. A Discussion Paper and other background material are also available on this website.

An on-line consultation forum has been set up to facilitate stakeholder and community input into the reform process. To take part in this forum, visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/achreform.

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If I was the boss of the whole world...

I'M having a family battle at the moment. You see, everyone just doesn't do what I want them to do.

They have the hide to go on and live their own life. At the moment instead of going to work every day and earning 50 cents they choose to stay at home watching Days of our Drearys.

Instead of going to counselling and yarning about their grief and loss, they are pushing down the feelings with soft drink and trans-fatty acids.

I kindly tell them to get a job, get some counselling and get some lettuce up their guts. But no good, nothing changes.

Gee it's annoying when people don't listen to me.

If only I was Boss of the World.



Ms KOORI LOVE

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If I was Boss of the World I would measure riches by levels of love. The more you gave love to yourself and others, the more riches you would have.

If you didn't give love you would have to sign up for

Centrelink Love Benefits.

Imagine having a Love Basics Card. I know some people who would be in deficit for that one!

If I was Boss of the World I would get rid of coin money and replace it with chocolate love hearts. Who needs coinage when you have chocolate??

The \$2 love heart would be filled with wattleseed cream, the \$1 love heart would be filled with chocolate mousse and the 50-cent love heart would be filled with lemon myrtle curd.

If I was Boss of the World I would make every rap song about love, ladies and goals. It would be against the Love Lore if you promoted violence, persecution and living a gutter life. Enough said about that.

If I was Boss of the World I would make everyone full of excitement for their life. They would bound out of bed in the morning.

There would be kids awake, dressed for school and watching cartoons before the parents got out of the shower.

No one would want to lay around watching the Drearys as they would be out enjoying life and doing things that make them happy.

Excitement for life and love for new experiences would be the grease of the world I created.

But if I was really and truly Boss of the World I would have one important wish: That there was a tiny bit more love going around in my family.

And it's going to start with me.

It's official – 'Our Cathy' is a legend!



WE all knew it, but now it's official. Cathy Freeman is a legend.

The Sydney Olympics gold medallist was named an Australian sport legend – the 33rd person so honoured – at the Sport Australia Hall of Fame function last week.

And she's also beaten Prime Minister Julia Gillard in the popularity stakes.

The prime minister came 58th on a list of Australia's 100 most admired women, according to a survey commissioned by an insurance company.

Our Cathy topped the survey of 1221 women of varying ages, while four-time Olympic champion Dawn Fraser was the second most admired.

The top 10 was completed by four actresses, three singers and a model.

Actresses Cate Blanchett and Nicole Kidman ranked third and fifth, separated by 1970s songstress Olivia Newton-John, and model Miranda Kerr was eighth.

Princess Mary of Denmark was ranked 21st and even former *Masterchef* contestant Poh Leung and *Today Show* host Lisa Wilkinson were ranked as more admired than Australia's first female prime minister.

Journalist Ita Buttrose came in at 35, ahead of Queensland Premier Anna Bligh at 36 and Governor-General



Cathy Freeman ... More popular than Prime Minister Julia Gillard and now officially recognised as a legend of Australian sport.

Quentin Bryce at 49, while Fiona Wood, one of only two doctors on the list, came in at 54.

Deputy Opposition Leader Julie Bishop, at 83, was trumped by controversial former politician Pauline Hanson and feminist Germaine Greer,

but even she fared better than Westpac boss Gail Kelly, at 92.

The survey, in which respondents rated their admiration of a list of 123 women, was conducted by McCrindle Research for insurance brand Million Dollar Woman. – AAP

Our Deadly photographers

In our last edition, we brought you all the news, goss and glamour from the 2011 Deadly Awards. Unfortunately, in our excitement, we forgot to tell you who took the photos in our awards spread from pages 49-52 inclusive. The photos were by staff photographers as well as JOSEPH MAYERS and BEN SYMONDS. Apologies for this oversight.



Knockout draws praise, criticism

WINSTON Churchill, the famous English leader, once said, 'criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary.

It fulfils the same function as pain in the human body. It calls attention to an unhealthy state of things'.

On one hand, it is necessary to give Walgett Aboriginal Connection (WAC) hearty congratulations on their presentation and organisation of a highly successful 41st Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Bathurst. On the other hand, it is necessary to give the WAC organising committee a huge serve of condemnation.

Ever since WAC decided to hold the Knockout in Bathurst, the Bathurst Aboriginal community was completely locked out of all things pertaining to the carnival. At no time did WAC committee ask or invite Bathurst Aboriginal community to be involved or to participate in anything to do with the Knockout. Basically, the community was completely ignored.

The Bathurst Aboriginal community has worked extremely hard over the years to get together a feasible Aboriginal Working Party. Now, you know as well as I do, the role and functionality of Aboriginal community working parties and so WAC needs to be asked why they evaded the Bathurst Aboriginal working party in organising and presenting the Knockout?

WAC piggybacked on the goodwill established between the Bathurst Aboriginal community and rest of the Bathurst community, using it to obtain goods and services and, possibly, sponsorship, gifts in kind and donations.



Action from the Knockout grand final between Mindaribba Warriors (with the ball) and Yuin Monaro. Letter writer Laurie Crawford has praise for the event – and criticism. Photo: NAOMI MORAN

Bathurst City Council is one example. The council gave WAC the use of the ovals free of charge and this item now appears on council expenditure records and has the potential to be counted against the Bathurst Aboriginal community should it need to apply to council for assistance.

Council only gives out so much assistance each year and this could now be used up or severely depleted.

I don't know if the Knockout has a governing body or a constitution but, if it does, then the Bathurst experience should be a good learning point. It should be stated that any team winning the Knockout, who wishes to transfer the carnival out of their local community and to another Aboriginal community, must ensure that that other community is an integral part of all Knockout organisation.

It would be an interesting

exercise for WAC to publicly present an income and expenditure statement based on all the financial transactions associated with the Knockout, showing just where and how the profits have been disbursed. I can assure you of one thing, Bathurst Aboriginal community will not see one cent and this surely is an unhealthy state of affairs.

LAURIE CRAWFORD
Bathurst, NSW

POETRY

Thinking of Spain

At the annual AIATSIS conference dinner, I thought of Spain

Breaking bread and talking family
We wondered at coincidence
Our Grandfathers, resilient men bent over
In shearing sheds, dying as sheep

Our nannas raised us kids the way they could
Fear of discovery and how they would be taken
In towns, their faces veiled by dark mantillas

She said her Nan was Spanish and we laughed
And so was mine, the senioritas
proud of the silk black hair
In schools, the Mediterranean skin on show
'you're Spanish if anybody asks'
and so they were

At the annual AIATSIS conference dinner
I thought of Spain

In Cowra, castinets once struck their wooden beat,
heard in Cootamundra
Guitars, flamenco dancing in June
The Wagga Wagga matador resplendent
His sequinned jacket shone as far as Hay
The language of the south admired at bullfights
Fiestas, river bank siestas down in
Dubbo, Condobolin and Yass
The kids all cheered, calling out Gracias
to publicans and teachers, doctors and police
Who wished them well
Looking at their Spanish blood with envy
Down Narrandera, Griffith way

She said it was only when her Nanna died
Lifting the dark mantilla of the past
When families walked to honour and their place
Our glasses raised to a gentler time
The teeth concealed but razor sharp beneath

At the annual AIATSIS conference dinner
I thought of Spain,
our seniorita's strength and pain

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Department of Families, Housing,
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National Carer Awareness Campaign and Young Carer Festivals

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING

The Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) is seeking applications for funding to deliver the National Carer Awareness Campaign and the Young Carer Festivals.

The Australian Government has provided \$1.6 million over two years to fund a national and targeted campaign to raise public awareness of the role and contribution of carers. In addition, \$1 million has been provided to hold a festival for young carers in each State and Territory by 30 June 2012.

The Campaign and Festivals are distinct projects with numerous linkages and opportunities for cross promotion. Applicants may apply for either or both projects. Interested organisations or consortia are encouraged to register their intention to apply to CandF@fahcsia.gov.au by Friday 28 October 2011. Applications close on Friday 11 November 2011.

Application information and documentation is available on the FaHCSIA website at www.fahcsia.gov.au.

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Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

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Opinion

Bolt cops a blasting

THE repetitive bleating cries from proven racist Andrew Bolt that freedom of speech has somehow suffered a horrifying setback is ridiculous, to say the least.

Commentary such as that only proves to demonstrate that: Andrew doesn't understand the law; he sideswipes issues using pure rhetoric; he constantly debases balanced discussion by drawing it to the right; and he is a poor quality journalist.

All the while he does so from a thinly veiled passion for equality and the embracement of what unites us all.

If this were the sixties, Andrew might have been labelled a hippy. How he got himself into court in the first place has been well documented. How he expresses his views of the decision as a 'terrible day for freedom of speech' is only just beginning.

However, on the contrary, the decision of Judge Mordecai Bromberg set an important standard for freedom of speech. In doing so, Judge Bromberg actually made it a great day for freedom of speech.

Judge Bromberg, stated in his judgement, 'the intrusion into freedom of expression is of no greater magnitude than that which would be imposed by the law of defamation if the contact in question and its impact upon the reputations of many of the identified individuals had been tested against its compliance with the law'.

Under the Racial Discrimination Act there is an entrenched freedom-of-speech defence, that is: insulting or humiliating language because of their race or colour is not unlawful when done 'reasonably and in good faith' in pursuit of a matter of public interest.

Plainly put, Judge Bromberg's decision means that there has been no stripping back of freedom of speech from this judgement.

The law already directs us all as to what is acceptable and unacceptable expression. To argue otherwise, as Andrew Bolt et al have done and are doing, is to allow for an opening of the floodgates where any abhorrent commentary can be justified and legally sound, if done reasonably and in good faith.

As Andrew Bolt attempted, by making a claim that the articles resulted from his held opinion and were done 'reasonably and in good faith'. Judge Bromberg rejected these assertions.

Clearly, I'm sure that racists actually believe their own rhetoric, but to allow for that belief or opinion to subsist absolute at the expense of discrimination laws would be a true setback for freedom of expression.

The freedom of expression is not absolute, as Andrew Bolt has argued himself on other occasions – with rights come responsibilities. The



DARREN PARKER

media and those that work within it have a responsibility with their reportage.

The judgement, in one sense, does nothing more than reaffirm the expectations we all should have of our media. The court is not directing what can and cannot be reported, but instead what standard any reportage should adhere to.

Furthermore, Judge Bromberg was not directing the media as to what it could say in its reportage or where it may direct enquiries, the media are still free to enquire into areas they see fit and report on such. Additionally, the court noted

that as a base minimum for journalism, the factual content must be correct.

Judge Bromberg stated, 'Mr Bolt presented evidence of having undertaken some online research about the individuals. But it was not evidence upon which I could be satisfied that diligent attempt had been made to make reasonable inquiries'.

Andrew was wrong. Astonishingly so. What you and I may call a search engine, Andrew calls research. It is astounding that the quality of journalism at the Herald Sun and its favourite son couldn't pass muster of the most basic level of academia. If Andrew Bolt, had either of the articles submitted as tertiary essays, it is highly likely that they would be failed for egregious errors of fact, as well as, distortions of truth and weak and erroneous source material.

However, what has been the most astounding point arising from this saga, are the claims of victimisation, by Andrew Bolt.

Here we see the hand-on-the-heart moment where Andrew pleads to a most basic human tenet, when he implores – do you know what it is like to wake up and discover you are the news? Don't know Andrew, maybe we could ask any number of people who have been the subject of many of your columns? This is not victimisation. It's manipulation. As Judge Bromberg incisively stated to Andrew Bolt, 'Having observed Mr Bolt, I formed the view that he was prone to after-the-fact rationalisations of his conduct'. This is not martyrdom. It is the display of feigned or exaggerated suffering to obtain sympathy or admiration. It is the stunned face of a persecutory complex. I look forward to your vitriol, Andrew (and stories about fluffy puppies).

DARREN PARKER
Melbourne, VIC

Darren Parker is a Ngannawal man, a Melbourne law school graduate and current Phd candidate

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Why aren't all cases of child sexual abuse reported?

I'M not an Aboriginal person but I am sick of the reporting of child sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities. Why don't they report the abuse in the white communities because there is plenty of it. After watching the documentary *Our Generation*, I was always suspicious of the government's

mining agenda. Well, that movie just confirmed it. I have just written to the ABC and Jenny Macklin on several issues.

The Maoris have a treaty. Why the hell don't we?

S KENRICK
Doonan, Qld

Prison review sought by ACT justice group

THE ACT Government recently announced it was in the process of reviewing the 1992 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths In Custody (RCIADIC) recommendations.

Over the past few months, there've been some very disturbing incidents concerning Aboriginal inmates within the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC), which could have been avoided.

Myself and others have raised our concerns about duty of care procedures as well as the lack of consultation with the Aboriginal Liaison officers (ALOs) and Aboriginal Official Visitors (AOVs) and, most importantly, the lack of respect for the families of these inmates.

I spoke to both the ACT Liberal Shadow Minister for Corrective Services Jeremy Hanson and the ACT Greens about what I see as ACT Labour Corrective Services Minister Simon Corbell's lack of acknowledgment of the ALO/AOV roles.

Mr Corbell's response to Mr Hanson and Greens MLAs was that there was no requirement under legislation, the AMC's policies or procedures or the RCIADIC recommendations for an ALO or similar position to be notified in regards to such events.

With support from the Greens MLAs, Mr Hanson made it known that he would be seeking an ACT Government review of the RCIADIC recommendations. The ACT Government then agreed to review the 19-year-old recommendations. By the first sitting day in December 2011, the ACT Government must now table a response to requests that it:

- Undertake an investigation into the procedures and practice surrounding the administration of medications, including methadone at the AMC.
- Review the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths In Custody, and the application of the recommendations to all correctional facilities in the ACT ensuring that that this application reflects current best practice and
- Provide guidelines to the Assembly on the role of the ALO/AOV and the communication between Corrective Services and the ALO/AOV when incidences occur involving detainees of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

With the support of the ACT Indigenous Elected Body, the ACT Aboriginal community must make certain that the government responds to this review so we can better assist our people within the prison systems, along with our people who are working within the corrective services and juvenile justice systems.

Then, hopefully, we'll see some better outcomes and a decrease in the numbers of our people within both the adult and juvenile systems.

FRED MONAGHAN
Deputy Chairperson
Aboriginal Justice Centre
Canberra, ACT

But Your Skin Is White

Why do we as people cry when they say you're not black your skin is white
Yes this day I hear again they tried,
but it's time yes time to squash this lie
Is it done to cover up mistakes or just
for fun yes it's a damn disgrace
For 200 odd years you've made this
mistake at our expense
We've been pushed and shoved and
totally displaced you pull down things
that are sacred to our race, you dig up
then place a barbed wire fence
It's a safety measure for you at our
expense
And when we go for food they say
these blacks they're not wanted

POETRY

Here on my land but whose is it
really is it really yours I say
You cannot recompense us for all the
wrongs you've done
Or bring back a parent a daughter or
a son
Yes it's just not right I hear you say
these blacks are white
Just look at their face
Yes it's no longer right for it's free
speech you say
We've done no wrong so why should
you pay
It's always them white blacks that

push the limit
It can never be you yes it's always
them
Yes those white blacks you say
'cause there's money in it
They just want their pay
Yes I want to tell you a story although
my skin may be white
Look at my heart it's from the
dreamtime I come
Yes I am daughter a father a son
I am the mother of these ones
The trouble makers with the white
face the ones that 200 years
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Cherbourg mourns passing of an Elder



Aboriginal Disability Network New South Wales

Yarning with Aboriginal Communities about Disability “Person Centred Approach Consultations”

The NSW Government wants to improve the lives of Aboriginal people with a disability and want to make the lives of families and carers easier.

They want to create a system where Aboriginal people with a disability, their families, carers and communities have more say in decisions about the support given to them and more choice in the services they use.

To do this, the Aboriginal Disability Network NSW **wants to talk to Aboriginal people with a disability**, their families and their carers. We want to know what you need so that disability services can be made better.

The NSW Government want to make things better in how they plan, fund and offer the right services for you.

The Aboriginal Disability Network NSW will facilitate these Aboriginal consultations around the state, to hear your views.

Aboriginal Community Consultations

(Mt Druitt, Illawarra, Armidale, Tamworth, Brewarrina will be facilitated and advised by ADHC)

DATE	ADDRESS TBC	TOWN
TBC		Redfern
Tuesday 18th October 10.30am to 12.30pm	Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council, 90 Barwon St, Narrabri.	Narrabri
Wednesday 19th October 10.30am to 12.30pm	Pius X Aboriginal Corporation Ann St, Moree	Moree
Thursday 20th October 10.30am to 12.30pm	Dharriwaa Elders Centre 47 Fox St, Walgett	Walgett
Monday 24th October 11.30am to 2.30pm	Coffs Harbour & District Local Aboriginal Land Council, Arthur St, Wongala Estate, Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour
Tuesday 25th October 10.30am to 12.30pm	Durri Aboriginal Medical Centre 16-19 York Lane, Kempsey	Kempsey
Wednesday 26th October 10.30am to 12.30pm	Ngambaga Bindarry Gurrwaa Community Offices, 1/53 High St, Bowraville.	Nambucca Heads
Tuesday 8th November 11.30am to 1.30pm	Stapleton Ave Community Centre- Hall 1 Stapleton Ave, Sutherland	Sutherland
Thursday 10th November 10.30am to 12.30pm	Bankstown Sports Club 'Hume Room', 8 Greenfield Pde, Bankstown.	Bankstown
Tuesday 15th November 10.30am to 12.30pm	Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Services 644 Daniel St, Glenroy	Albury
Wednesday 16th November 10.30 to 1.30pm	Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council Wiradjuri Place, Griffith	Griffith
Thursday 17th November 10.30am to 1.30pm	Gannambarra Limited 32 Chaston St, Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga
Tuesday 22nd November 10.30am to 1.30pm	Awabakal Elders Co operation 64 Hannell St, Wickham	Newcastle
Wednesday 23rd November 10.30am to 1.30pm	Gosford RSL 26 Central Coast Highway, West Gosford	Gosford
Monday 28th November	Biripi Local Aboriginal Land Council	Port Macquarie (June)
Monday 28th November 11am to 2pm	Dubbo Local Aboriginal Land Council Darling St, Dubbo	Dubbo (Damian)
Tuesday 29th November	TBC	Condobolin (Damian)
Tuesday 29th November 10.30am to 1.30pm	Taree Purfleet Local Aboriginal Land Council 1-3 Old Pacific Highway, Taree	Taree (June)
Tuesday 6th December 11.00 am to 2pm	Orange Ex – Services Club “Tobruk Room”, 231 Anson St, Orange.	Orange
Wednesday 7th December 10.30am to 1.30pm	The Parkes Services & Citizen Club 9-17 Short St, Parkes	Parkes
Tuesday 13th December	TBC	Grafton
Wednesday 14th December	TBC	Casino
Thursday 15th December	TBC	Ballina
Friday 16th December	TBC	Tweed heads

The **Aboriginal Disability Network NSW** (ADN) is an organisation of and for Aboriginal people with disability and Aboriginal carers of Aboriginal people with disability.

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ABORIGINAL Elder Penny Bond, the granddaughter of Kabi Kabi/Gubbi Gubbi leader Fred Embry has passed away in Cherbourg, aged 79.

Penny was a driving force in Aboriginal rights in the South East Queensland area during her lifetime.

From an early age Penny's Elders instilled in her the importance of her people, her country and her culture.

From this strong foundation Penny was able to make a difference for her people.

Her presence on the political scene and her tireless work setting up drug and alcohol rehabilitation centres and hostels for those in need, as well as working in the areas of education and women's affairs paved the way for greater respect and a better future for Indigenous people.

Penny's daughter Beverley Hand remembers her mother as someone who worked selflessly for the advancement of all Aboriginal people.

“A lot of the work she did set the basis for freedom and rights of Aboriginal people today,” Ms Hand said.

“She touched everyone, she didn't just touch politicians or Aboriginal people, she touched people from all walks of life.”

Penny spoke at a number of forums and workshops at the Woodford Folk Festival in the mid to late 90s.

Sim and Pat Symons helped with the original involvement of Aboriginal people in the Woodford Folk Festival. Sim said Penny's presence at the festival was a privilege.

“My main recollection of Auntie Penny's involvement in Woodford was a very strong sense that here was someone with a direct connection to the Woodford site and also to the area that I have lived in for the last 40 years,” Sim said.

“Her presence also meant a lot to the visiting Aboriginal groups who were always keen to make contact with an Elder from the country that they were visiting.”

Former co-chair of Reconciliation Australia Jackie Huggins said Penny acted as a guide and mentor for many younger Aboriginal women through her lifetime.

“Auntie Penny was a woman of strength and generosity and was very involved in Aboriginal women's issues for many years.”

“She was an inspiration to all.”



PENNY BOND

‘She touched everyone, she didn't just touch politicians or Aboriginal people, she touched people from all walks of life’

In 2000, Penny received an Honorary Fellowship from the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC), for her work as an advisor on Indigenous issues during the establishment of the university.

USC founding Vice-Chancellor Emeritus Professor Paul Thomas said Penny and her family had brought valuable insights to a range of Indigenous issues relevant to university planning on the Sunshine Coast.

“Auntie Penny was held in high esteem by her own people and by me personally and I had no hesitation in proposing her as an Honorary Senior Fellow of USC to link her forever with the University that she had helped at a crucial early stage,” he said.

Penny leaves a strong legacy, daughter Beverly Hand was also recognised with a fellowship earlier this year for her work in environmental education and conservation.

Son Alex Bond works in history and heritage and daughter Sylvia has worked at Cherbourg State School for 20 years.

Alex said his mother worked for the Aborigines Advancement League in Queensland as a young woman in the 50s and 60s, and her involvement in the fight for equal rights paved the way for future generations.

“She taught me to respect the values that her predecessors had,” he said.

Penny's other daughter Margaret Friday has worked for Indigenous employment and training.

Granddaughter Bianca Bond was part of the Oxfam International Youth Partnership Kaleidoscope in 2010 at New Delhi, India, and works to give a voice to issues facing Indigenous youth.

Former Maroochy Shire Councillor and reconciliation campaigner Charmaine Foley said Penny was someone who had introduced many people to Indigenous issues for the first time.

“Because of her gentle ways, her strength and her capacity to teach and give and the way she told her story with such dignity she really helped people to understand the issues Aboriginal people faced,” Ms Foley said.

“Her strength as a proud Aboriginal woman gave great mentorship and courage to other women to stand up for their beliefs.”

Family and friends of Penny Bond gathered at Cherbourg on 7 October to celebrate and remember Penny's life.

– By LUCY KILLIP



The legal team for Pat Eatock and others, at the end of the hearing in March.

Winning team

WE here at Tarwirri (the Indigenous Law Students & Lawyers Association of Victoria) would like to thank the brave claimants involved in Pat Eatock V Herald & Weekly Times and our tremendous pro bono legal team of Ron Merkel QC, Herman Borenstein SC, Phoebe Knowles, Claire Harris and the solicitors of Holding Redlich law firm in Melbourne. In 2009, our past president, solicitor Abbie Burchill, a Yorta Yorta/Dja Dja Wurrung woman, addressed our committee and announced that something needed

to be done about these articles. And something has been done. We are so proud to have been a part of this landmark case, and thank the wider community for its gratitude and support.

AISLINN MARTIN
Executive Officer
Indigenous Law Students & Lawyers
Association of Victoria – Tarwirri
Melbourne, VIC

POETRY

NAISDA Dance Camp

Descendants from different
nations
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a reaffirmation that culture is
strong

Workshop after workshop
the moves sink into our bones
muscles begin to ache
constant rehearsal for the show

Cecil leads the boys
bequeathing dances from this land
his lyrics sung in language
clap sticks like thunder in his
hands

Peta instructs the girls
they move with elemental grace
gum leaves rustle softly
welcoming visitors to this space

Uncle Percy and Auntie Glenda
both from the Torres Strait
teach dances and songs
that truly celebrate

living on the islands
the sun and glimmering sea
the gentle breeze through swaying
palms
the exhilaration of being free

Tuesday night Bangarra
a trip to Circular Quay
the performance strong and
elegant
exploring themes of identity

Apart from all the dancing
other memories we will take
the South African AFL team
the chocolate birthday cake

visits to the corner store
laughter late into the night
the consumption of too much
sugar
new friendships a true delight

finally it's Friday
we can't wait to go home
but first the main performance
to reveal what we've been shown

a circle of solidarity
the music starts to blare
we move around the court
with strength and constant flare

the songs of this land
reimagined once again
welcomed into the hearts
of these attentive women and men

the curtain is drawn
on the show and the week
a new sense of belonging
sparks my smile cheek to cheek.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

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Great Bundjalung woman



Dr Ruby Langford Ginibi

BUNDJALUNG woman Dr Ruby Langford Ginibi has been remembered as a 'lively spirit' who had a rock-solid commitment to justice for Aboriginal people.

Aunty Ruby passed away on 1 October and her funeral was held at St Mary's Catholic Church, Erskineville, Sydney, on 5 October.

Regarded as one of Australia's foremost Aboriginal authors and historians, Aunty Ruby dedicated her life to many causes, but also to her family, which included nine children, 19 grandchildren, great grandchildren and many others that she 'raised up' Aboriginal-way.

She was one of three daughters born to Henry Anderson and Evelyn Walker. Her sisters are Gwen Griffin and Rita Bostock.

After growing up in Bonalbo and going to school at Casino until the age of 15, she moved to Sydney where she qualified as a machinist, before returning to the country and working in rural towns, clearing scrub, fencing, pegging kangaroo skins, and burning off.

Later, she returned to Sydney where she resumed a position in the clothing industry.

She was an active member of the urban Koori community, and

then at the age of 53 she penned her first and best-known work, *Don't Take Your Love to Town* (1988).

Aunty Ruby also wrote non-fiction, poems, short stories, and essays that made a distinctive contribution to Australian literature and history.

Many of her works are studied in high schools and universities in Australia and abroad.

Committed

Through both the written and the spoken word, Aunty Ruby was committed to educating non-Aboriginal people about the circumstances and struggles of Aboriginal people.

In particular, she wrote of the devastating effects of incarceration, not only for individuals but also for entire families.

Ray Jackson, of Sydney, recalled meeting Aunty Ruby during the early days of the Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Watch Committee.

"I was much taken by her enthusiasm and her rock-solid commitment for justice, not only for her son, but for all the other Aborigines locked up," Rev Jackson said.

Another Bundjalung woman,

Rhoda Roberts, said Aunty Ruby had given so much in the area of the written word.

"Another library passes," Ms Roberts said.

During her career, Aunty Ruby received an inaugural History Fellowship from the NSW Ministry for the Arts in 1994, an inaugural honorary fellowship from the National Museum of Australia, Canberra, in 1995, and an inaugural doctorate of letters (Honours Causia) from La Trobe University, Victoria in 1998.

In 2005, she was awarded the NSW Premier's Literary Awards Special Award and in 2006, she won the Australia Council for the Arts Writers' Emeritus Award.

More recently, she received, at a ceremony during the Sydney Writers' Festival, an award that recognised the achievements of writers over the age of 65.

Aunty Ruby had been suffering kidney problems and high blood pressure before her death in a Fairfield, Sydney, hospital, aged 77.

She had nine children: William (dec.); Pearl (dec.); Dianne (dec.); Gordon; David (dec.); Aileen; Ellen; Pauline; and Jeffrey.

● Aunty Ruby's photo has been published with permission from her family.

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More tenancy help for Town Camp residents



ALICE Spring's town camp residents are to be given more help managing their money, resources, visitors and overcrowding.

Under an expanded tenancy support program, residents will also have help ensuring their homes are safe, healthy and hygienic.

The Tenancy Sustainability Program will receive an extra \$1.4 million over three years, under the Federal and Northern Territory governments' \$150 million Alice Springs Transformation Plan.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said tenancy support was an important part of transforming Alice Springs town camps, and the lives of the residents living in them.

"As part of the Alice Springs Transformation Plan, 63 new houses have been built in the town camps and 122 refurbished," Ms Macklin said.

"The tenancy support funding will help people moving into those houses to develop the skills they need to sustain their tenancies successfully.

Key areas

"The program works with tenants to support them in four key areas; managing money and resources, managing visitors and overcrowding, household functionality and maintaining a safe, healthy and hygienic home."

NT Central Australia Minister Karl Hampton said the Tenancy Sustainability Program would target families in the Alice Springs town camps as well as people identified as needing assistance in urban housing.

"This funding will enable expansion of the Tenancy Sustainability Program which has been operating since 2006 within the NT Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services, and ensure residents have the best chance of successfully managing their tenancy," Mr



The Federal Government says improvements being made under the Alice Springs Transformation Plan are transforming town camps, with new buildings, improved tenancy arrangements and other services.

Hampton said.

The program is a partnership between the Northern Territory Government, Mission Australia, Anglicare NT and the Tangentyere Council.

Lingiari MP Warren Snowdon said the program broadened the range of tenancy

support services for residents funded under the Alice Springs Transformation Plan, including the \$1.2 million Intensive Support program run by Mission Australia, which was announced earlier this year.

"Mission Australia's program provides intensive case management and tenancy

support to 30 households who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless," Mr Snowdon said.

"It recognises that some people need greater support to secure and maintain a public housing tenancy and works with them to achieve that goal."

Remote areas need pharmacists: report



REMOTE Indigenous communities need increased access to pharmacists on the ground and better labelled medications, a

parliamentary inquiry has recommended.

Last Tuesday, the Senate Community Affairs committee tabled its report investigating the effectiveness of special arrangements for supplying remote Aboriginal Health Services with Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme medications.

The committee recommended that remote Aboriginal Health Services receive extra money to provide patients with dose administration aides such as blister packs.

The inquiry heard evidence that health literacy is poor in remote Indigenous areas and compliance with medication was a major issue in control of chronic disease.

An example was one infant receiving a double dose of antibiotics which led to serious complications, the report said.

A standard labelling system was also needed, the report said, to ensure illegible handwritten labels were not used.

Extra pharmacists were also needed on the ground in remote communities.

Chronic disease

The rate of chronic disease in Aboriginal communities and volume of medicines prescribed is much higher than in mainstream Australia.

Dr Peter and Dr Jan Bowman told the inquiry a town of 1800 people elsewhere in Australia could support a full-time pharmacist.

"How is it that the volume of medicine cannot support a part-time pharmacist in remote communities?" the doctors said.

Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert, who chaired the

inquiry, said the Greens would pursue the Government over the report recommendations, after previous reviews into the scheme had been ignored.

"It concerns me that the recommended changes made to this scheme by previous reviews have not been implemented. I believe this has led to some elements of the Section 100 provisions not being as effective as they could be," Senator Siewert said.

"We know that the Section 100 provisions have increased the accessibility of medication to Aboriginal people, but a lack of clinical assessment means we don't know how effective these measures have been for improving health.

"Are these provisions helping in 'closing the gap'? We need to know if increasing the provision of medication is having a positive impact and if it is not, we need to look at additional options for improving health outcomes. —AAP

CDEP projects receive funds



BAMAGA Farm in Cape York is one of 58 projects to receive a portion of \$47 million in funding for

Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) across the country.

Although the farm is just getting started, once it is fully operational it will provide fresh fruit and vegetables for the local communities in the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA).

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin visited the farm recently to announce the new funding for CDEP projects, saying they would deliver training and job opportunities.

"A job provides much more than just a pay packet," Ms Macklin said.

"It gives people purpose and pride. It also provides

stability in people's lives. That's why I want to see people getting the support they need to get training and work experience to get a job.

Ms Macklin said the additional investment would continue the good work of CDEP providers across the country.

She said as part of the \$47 million, the Australian Government was delivering \$618,000 to the NPA Regional Council for CDEP activities, including Bamaga Farm.

In the NPA area, 180 people are currently training or doing work experience on a number of CDEP projects, including local job seekers training at Bamaga Farm for job opportunities in agriculture and farm management.

The full list of CDEP providers is available at: <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/families/cdep/Pages/default.aspx>

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Closing date for applications for these positions is **Friday 4 November 2011**.

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au.

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PUBLIC EDUCATION

Child rights record under UN scrutiny



AUSTRALIA is failing to properly protect the rights of Aboriginal and asylum seeker children, campaigners have told the United Nations (UN).

A delegation of Australian child's rights advocates and experts briefed the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on Australia's performance in Geneva last week.

They pointed out that Indigenous children have mortality rates three times higher than their non-Aboriginal peers and about 400 children are currently being held in immigration detention.

"We know that Australia is a wonderful place for most of its kids, yet not everyone experiences the same and just levels of opportunity in Australia," UNICEF delegation member Aivee Chew said in a statement.

Two reports that explore whether Australia is complying with its commitments through the Convention on the Rights of the Child were tabled at the meeting.

The first report, 'Listen to

Children', encompassed Australian children generally but the second, complementary, report 'Children of the Intervention', focused solely on those children living in the 'prescribed communities' of the Northern Territory and under separate legislation to all other Australian children.

That presentation, prepared by senior Aboriginal women Djapirri Mununggirritj and Elcho Island teacher Kathy Guthadjaka, expressed fear for

They said gross overcrowding and the failure to provide environmentally safe housing for children had put their health at grave risk, with increases in skin and respiratory infections, otitis media malnutrition and also nutritional anaemia.

Ms Guthadjaka also spoke about the Government's failure to provide full-time teachers to the children through 45 NT Homeland Learning Centres and cuts to bilingual education,

which she said was the main cause of falling attendance rates.

She referred to a current government draft proposal to allow a quasi re-introduction of the program to some schools as 'a compromise policy' that 'failed at every level to commit to a successful

re-introduction of bilingual learning'.

'Concerned Australians' spokesperson Michele Harris said Australia must listen to its critics.

"Change is long overdue. We need to look at our priorities," Ms Harris said.

"It is shameful that Aboriginal children appear to be at the bottom of the heap." – with AAP

'We fear for (our children's) future, for their ability to learn to walk in two worlds, to obtain an education and a job'

the children of the NT.

"We fear for their future, for their ability to learn to walk in two worlds, to obtain an education and a job. We fear for their health and their general well-being. But most of all, we fear that these recent changes [NTER legislation] will lead to the loss of our land, our culture and our language," the women said.

Mayor tells of woes on Palm Island



CONSUMERS are baulking at paying \$15 a kilo for bananas since Cyclone Yasi hit, but what if they had to pay \$25 for

six apples every day of the week?

Or if they've got an addiction to Coca-Cola, try \$45 for a carton of 24 cans.

That's what residents of the north Queensland Indigenous community of Palm Island are being charged at the government-run supermarket, says the island's Mayor Alf Lacey.

"Most of our fruit and veggie prices are higher and most of the other food items are very expensive," Mr Lacey said.

"I think a carton of (24) Coke cans is around \$45, you walk into a supermarket anywhere else it's a lot less than that.

"You wonder why we have the problems we've got.

"We are sitting currently at



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97 per cent unemployment, which is huge, and the majority of that is young people."

Mr Lacey made the comments after speaking at an Amnesty International forum on human rights issues facing Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities (see Page 41).

He says exorbitant cost of

living pressures is one of many and he wants the local community to 'set the agenda and have a greater say on issues critical to a better future'.

"We need to get it right around housing development, town planning for Indigenous communities, like health facilities and health outcomes," Mr Lacey said.

"We're saying the funding should be increased and it must reflect the needs and wants of Aboriginal communities.

"For too long we've had people in George Street (State Government appointees) thinking this or that is a good plan."

Mr Lacey hopes the shortage of workers for the booming mining industry can provide opportunities for Palm Islanders able to travel for work.

But he says there must also be work opportunities in the local community and appropriate services to foster a healthy community. – AAP

Aboriginal Child, Family & Community Care State Secretariat



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In the first three years what bub does with the family and the rest of the mob is shaping and building bubs brain and personality for the future.

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You Me Unity ambassador Emma Donovan entertains the crowd in Cathy Freeman Park

League fans plant hands



THERE was a sea of footy fans – and a Sea of Hands – at this year's NRL grand final, played

in Sydney.

The 20,000 hands were planted at Cathy Freeman Park by rugby league lovers as part of a Reconciliation Australia and ANTaR move to recognise the contributions Indigenous peoples make in sport – and the broader community.

The hands created the 'Flag of Unity', designed by Aboriginal artist Adam Hill, using the colours of the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian flags.

You Me Unity ambassador Rhys Wesser, who hung up his boots at the grand final, sees the link between his work as a footy player, and his leadership role in the community.

"Recognition and reconciliation go hand in hand – and I reckon no one knows this better than



These kids planted a hand for recognition.

footy players," he said.

The 'Flag of Unity', based on ANTaR's Sea of Hands installation that was first developed in 1997, was designed as an act of recognition. It is also a call for formal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution, as the next step in the reconciliation journey.

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Leah Armstrong said

she was pleased to partner with ANTaR on the initiative.

"The Sea of Hands is a fantastic way for individuals to stand up and show support for reconciliation and constitutional recognition," she said.

"Adam Hill's design, the 'Flag of Unity' represents the important place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures in our national identity."



From left, Rebecca Gallegos, Steven Satour, Karen Mundine and Jacqueline Phillips.



New Zealand Warriors supporters show their support for recognition.

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Park management deal signed



THE South Australian Government has signed two new agreements to give the traditional owners a bigger role in the management of the Flinders Ranges National Park.

Environment Minister Paul Caica joined Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association chairman Vince Coulthard at the park in the state's mid-north earlier this

month to sign the Indigenous Land Use Agreement and the co-management agreement.

Mr Caica said the agreements recognised the right of the traditional owners and allowed them to carry out activities on the land.

"This is a significant step in reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in South Australia," the Minister said.

"These agreements will make a significant contribution to Aboriginal self-determination and wellbeing and will increase the number of Aboriginal South Australians in leadership positions."

In 2009, the Federal Court awarded the Adnyamathanha people limited rights over 41,000 square kilometres of land in SA's north, including some of the Flinders Ranges National Park, as part of the state's largest native title claim.

Since then the SA Government has negotiated the land use and management agreements, which Mr Caica said acknowledged its strong relationship with the Adnyamathanha people.

The management agreement allows the Adnyamathanha people to determine how the park is run to ensure their cultural, economic, social and environmental aspirations are enhanced. —AAP

Training and Education Initiative National Funding Round



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation is an independent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation with a focus on healing our community.

The Healing Foundation is pleased to announce a funding round for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to undertake projects providing community education and/or workforce development about trauma and its impacts on our communities.

Funding of up to \$40,000 for community education projects and up to \$70,000 for workforce development training is available.

Application Process

All information related to this funding round is contained in the funding guide. Download the funding guide and expression of interest forms from www.healingfoundation.org.au.

Closing date for applications:
Friday 25 November 2011

Govt failing our kids, UN group hears

By DARREN COYNE



A YOUNG Nyoongar woman has told a United Nations committee in Geneva that

Australia had failed its Indigenous youth.

Krista McMeeken, 20, from the south-west coast of Western Australia, was among representatives from a coalition of key non-government organisations to outline their concerns to the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

"The Australian Government has failed to recognise the principle of self-determination and has not engaged in meaningful consultation with young Indigenous Australians," Ms McMeeken told the committee on 10 October.

"As a direct result, the Government has failed to provide adequate access to culturally appropriate housing, health care, education, and adequate protection and support for young Aboriginal Australians to maintain strong connections to their culture.

"A lack of consultation with young Aboriginal people has continued since colonisation, and despite signing the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2008, the Australian Government still does not listen to Aboriginal children."

Ms McMeeken cited the Government's intervention into Northern Territory Aboriginal communities as an example where it had failed to listen to the voices of children, expressed through the Little Children are Sacred report, which sparked the intervention.

"The Government should have worked with communities to develop and co-ordinate appropriate programs," she said.

"However, they did not and the measures implemented by the Government have failed to improve the lives of Indigenous



SHANE DUFFY

peoples. In fact recent reports suggest that the problems are getting worse.

"We recommend that all strategies that are targeted at, or disproportionately affect, Indigenous young people, be based upon principles of self-determination, capacity building and meaningful consultation."

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services supported the coalition of NGOs to ensure the UN committee was provided with accurate information about human rights violations in Australia.

Vulnerable

NATSILS chairperson Shane Duffy said that, as one of the most vulnerable groups in Australia, ensuring the protection of the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people should be a top priority, especially when it came to child protection and youth justice.

"Numerous UN human rights institutions continue to repeat the same concerns in relation to the treatment of children, and in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, in contact with the child protection

and criminal justice systems yet nothing is changing," Mr Duffy said.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children continue to be 10 times more likely to be in out-of-home care and 26 times more likely to be in detention than their non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander counterparts."

Mr Duffy said that so-called 'tough-on-crime' approaches to law and order, much maligned by human rights experts, were contributing to the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in youth detention.

"Tough-on-crime approaches to justice are clearly not working as the deterrent governments claim they are. If they were then the incarceration rates of our children and young people would not be increasing," he said.

Mr Duffy said that discrimination was also playing a part, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children being cautioned or diverted by police for minor offences at a far lesser rate than non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and often being detained on remand because their socio-economic situation meant they could not meet strict bail conditions.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's rights to equality before the law and detention as a last resort are not being upheld in Australia, and the NATSILS hope that this review will shed some light on that fact and spur governments into action," he said.

Meanwhile, Ms McMeeken said young Indigenous Australians needed to be given an active role in the creation of their futures.

"This is achieved through the co-ordinated development of culturally appropriate, long-term programs which must be developed through consultation with Indigenous peoples and must have sustainable funding," she said.

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Education & Communities

ENTRY TO GOVERNMENT SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS FOR YEAR 7 IN 2013

Application is required in November 2011 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2013.

Parents with Internet access are required to apply online. Online application will be available from 24 October to 21 November 2011.

Application information is available on the Internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

For parents without Internet access a limited number of commercially printed application forms will also be available in schools, school education group offices and some state office locations from 25 October 2011.

All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2013 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 15 March 2012.

There are 17 fully selective and 23 partially selective high schools, a virtual selective class provision (Western NSW Region only) and 4 selective agricultural high schools in NSW offering places in Year 7.

Boarding places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational).

Applicants may apply for a total of any four selective high schools with the exception of the virtual selective class provision, xsel, which is restricted to applicants intending to enrol in high schools in Western NSW region.

A complete list of selective high schools is available at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php

Enquiries:

Enquiries about application procedures should be directed to the Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement Unit, email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone on (02) 9707 6262. Enquiries relating to individual school matters should be directed to the schools concerned.



Sport Minister Mark Arbib with participants in the 2011 Captains' Forum at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence.

Students meet sport captains

By DARREN COYNE



YOUNG Aboriginal students from Coffs Harbour could not have chosen a better time to visit the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Sydney recently.

The students were there to learn more about radio production – on the same day more than 30 of Australia's leading sporting captains and players had gathered to discuss leadership and pathways for Indigenous people in sport.

Put the two groups together, and the result was inspirational, according to NCIE chief executive Jason Glanville.

"This mob of young people were deadly ... their level of confidence was really exciting and that rubbed off on the captains," he said.

"It was a great thing to see."

Mr Glanville said the 2011 Captains' Forum brought together many leading figures including Australia cricket captain Michael Clarke, rugby union legend and now Sport Australia Hall of Fame director John Eales, as well as America's Cup hero John Bertrand, who is chairman of the Hall of Fame.

It was organised as a partnership between the Hall of Fame, the Federal Government and national sporting organisations, and NCIE was chosen as the host at the suggestion of Federal Sport Minister Mark Arbib.

"People at that level of sport don't always get the chance to get together, so to have 30 of them gathered at NCIE was fantastic," Mr Glanville said.

Senator Arbib, who visited the Redfern centre on the day to welcome the sporting stars, said the forum gave the players and captains an opportunity to consider their roles as leaders.

He said their leadership on and off the field could be a key factor in making sport inclusive for all Australian, particularly Indigenous Australians.

"All the leaders at the forum have experienced different journeys to success and today provided an opportunity for them to share their stories and learn from others," the minister said.

Senator Arbib said a particular focus of the forum was discussion of the Learn. Earn. Legend! program which uses sporting role models to encourage Indigenous children to stay in school and work hard so they can go on to good jobs or further study.

"Many sports represented already work with the Government with their own Learn. Earn. Legend! programs," he said.

"The significance of sport for young Indigenous Australians is extremely important and it is fantastic that all the sports represented here today recognise this."

Meanwhile, Mr Glanville said the Redfern centre had been the perfect location to bring



Shakarni Schules, Jaymin Hyland-Taylor, Keanah Schioles and Fail Hyland-Taylor with Australian cricket captain Michael Clarke and Matildas soccer captain Melissa Barbieri at the opening of the 2011 Captains' Forum.



Sport Australia Hall of Fame director John Eales, NCIE CEO Jason Glanville and Australian cricket captain Michael Clarke at the 2011 Captains' Forum.

together the students and the sports people.

"We've got a lot of great bookings over the next few months and everything is going really well," he said.

"We're getting a nice cross-section of mob from every corner of the country, from every state and territory, so in its first 18 months, the centre is starting to really take off.

"We've got 110 bed accommodation... the great thing about the centre is that groups can eat, sleep and play in a safe, cultural environment."

Mr Glanville said it was hoped that the Captains' Forum would become a yearly gathering at the centre.

"It was nice to send 30 people away into their sports with a positive message about NCIE, but also the changes happening in Aboriginal communities," he said.

"We look forward to working with the captains and national sporting organisations to ensure they continue to grow their engagement with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians."

Murray Islanders on job to get skills



TWENTY Mer (Murray) Islanders are taking part in an employment project

designed to skill them up for jobs building a new school precinct. The Torres Strait Islanders are completing a Certificate II in Work Practices to prepare them for job opportunities in construction and related industries.

The school precinct on Mer Island is being built with \$30 million in funding from the Queensland Government. The Federal Government is funding the training project.

Federal Indigenous Employment Minister Mark Arbib said the participants would be able to take up jobs on other Australian Government projects, such as the rollout of the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing.

Senator Arbib said Federal Treasury had estimated 500,000 jobs would be created over the next two years and it was critical that Indigenous Australians had the support and training they needed to take up employment opportunities.

"Indigenous employment is not a short-term issue," he said.

Program

"Over the next four years, the Australian Government has committed almost \$650 million to the Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) and \$50 million to the Indigenous Youth Careers Pathway Program.

"This is part of the Government's goal to help Indigenous students find a job or move into further study and create more than 100,000 jobs for Indigenous Australians by 2018."

Queensland senator Jan McLucas said more than \$149,000 from the IEP had been provided for the project. "The Mer Island Construction Program is a joint venture between the Gillard Government, the Queensland Government and ITEC Employment," she said.

"Participants will benefit from intensive mentoring support while doing their training, in their work placements, after their study and then for the first six months of their employment.

"This local project is equipping local Indigenous people with the skills, confidence and knowledge to gain a job and contribute to their communities.

"This is a great partnership that is creating pathways to real jobs, which is a fundamental part of closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

Heritage Act, 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of:

Royal National Park Coastal Cabin Communities of Little Garie, South Era & Burning Palms

on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by email, telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this group of places. Please post written information to the address below until 15th November 2011.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing

If you have any questions please phone Tanya Koeneman, Aboriginal Heritage Officer, on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9873 8534 or tanya.koeneman@heritage.nsw.gov.au or Katrina Stankowski on 9873 8569 or katrina.stankowski@heritage.nsw.gov.au

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NSW Police Force

NSW Police Force is seeking expressions of interest for membership of its Disability Advisory Council.

The Council is an advisory body for NSW Police Force on disability issues. Members will have input into key policy documents and will assist police with identifying emerging issues for people with a disability.

People with a disability are encouraged to apply, and any support needs will be accommodated.

Applicants must obtain an information package and complete the enclosed application form. Applications must be received by 4 November 2011.

Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record Check prior to commencement.

To obtain an information package or for any questions, email dac@police.nsw.gov.au or telephone 02 8835 9197.

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NSW Ministry of Health

Public Health Act 2010

Consultation Draft Public Health Regulation 2011

Are you interested in proposed changes to the regulation of the following?

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The NSW Ministry of Health proposes to make the Public Health Regulation 2011.

In accordance with the requirements of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989*, a regulatory impact statement has been prepared to discuss the details of the proposed Regulation and to give interested parties an opportunity to make submissions on the proposed Regulation.

To facilitate public consultation a copy of the impact assessment statement and the proposed Regulation may be obtained from the Ministry of Health's Internet site www.health.nsw.gov.au or by contacting the Ministry's Coordination Policy Unit of the Chief Health Officer at publichealth@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

Comments and submissions will be accepted until 11 November 2011.

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From left, Nahdia Noter, Chelsea Lassarre, Wazana Comollatti and Ngtali Malone exploring the caves of 'Legoland', a formation of gigantic ancient boulders.

Students rise to challenge



TWENTY-SEVEN Indigenous students have returned from a seven-day personal development course run by Outward Bound.

The students came from as far away as the Torres Strait for the week-long adventure, held in the Namadgi National Park near Canberra.

The course put the students' limits to the test and potential on show as part of the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation's (AIEF) Post-School Pathways Program. The program aims to assist Indigenous students develop career goals and offers pathways and work-readiness programs to achieve them.

The two groups, made up of Year 9, 10 and 11 students from AIEF Partner Schools in NSW and Queensland, participated in a welcome to country ceremony on their first night on course and completed challenges that align with AIEF's goals to empower Indigenous children to realise their potential, take responsibility for their own future and develop leadership skills.

Robbie, from Marist College Ashgrove, said his favourite activity was exploring the ancient boulders that make up 'Legoland'.

"I really liked climbing into the small spaces and seeing the big view of the valley," he said.

"Experiencing something different like that really took me out of my comfort zone."

The best part for Tamina, from St Catherine's College, Waverley, was climbing Mount Tennant and making new friends.

"I learnt that it's important to work in a team; having people supporting and working with you is good," she said.

A 'celebration of achievement' dinner was held on the final night at the



Chelsea Lassarre squeezes through a crevice. Photos provided by BONNIE STREET

Outward Bound National Base to acknowledge the challenges the students had overcome.

The dinner was attended by AIEF founder and CEO Andrew Penfold, who said he was impressed by the adventure the students had taken on. He hoped they could take home some valuable lessons about team work, leadership and also about themselves.

Opportunities

"At AIEF, we believe that Indigenous children in financial need should have access to some of the leading educational opportunities, companies and providers to pursue productive and fulfilling careers," Mr Penfold said.

"We identified the Outward Bound program as an opportunity for personal development that helps the students develop the skills needed to define their goals, take on challenges and realise

they are capable of much more than they may think."

Back home in the last week of their school holidays, the students had time to reflect on their adventure and relax after a challenging week. The mother of one Sydney student said her daughter had had 'an amazing experience and has not stopped talking about it'.

"I see a different girl, a stronger one with passion, strength and confidence, and with 19 or so more friends," she said.

AIEF is a not-for-profit organisation that provides boarding school and residential university college scholarships and offers career pathways to empower marginalised Indigenous children to build a future through quality education and careers.

Outward Bound Australia delivers outdoor learning programs to thousands of students every year.

Mabo... coming to a television near you



A TELEMovIE based on the true-life story of native title hero Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo is scheduled to start production in the Torres Strait next week.

Mabo is being made by Blackfella Films and ABC TV and has attracted some of Australia's finest and favourite actors. Jimi Bani (*The Straits, R.A.N*) will star as Eddie Mabo, Deborah Mailman

(*Offspring, Rush, The Secret Life of Us*) will play his wife Bonita, alongside Colin Friels (*The Eye of the Storm, Bastard Boys*), William McInnes (*East West 101, Curtin*), Miranda Otto (*The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King, Cashmere Mafia*), Ewen Leslie (*Love My Way, Kokoda*) and Tom Budge (*Bran Nue Dae, The Pacific, East of Everything*).

Torres Strait Islander Eddie Mabo

spearheaded the High Court challenge that once and for all overturned terra nullius (that Australia was an 'empty land' prior to European invasion) and resulted in the recognition of native title in Australia.

ABC TV head of fiction Carole Sklan said that at the heart of the struggle was the tender love story of Mabo and his wife, Bonita.

Director Rachel Perkins, of Blackfella

Films, said it was an iconic story in the tradition of great Australian tales, 'how a man and his wife and mates profoundly changed the nation with the bloody-minded belief that the truth would prevail'.

Scripted by Sue Smith (*Bastard Boys, R.A.N*), Mabo will be filmed on Murray Island, and in Townsville, Brisbane and Canberra, and will air on ABC1 next year.



Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke announced the conservation project on the shores of the Daly River last week. He is pictured with Fish River Station manager Shaun Ansell and rangers Desmond Daly and Jeff Long.



A \$13 MILLION property along the Daly River in the Northern Territory has been bought to create jobs for local Aboriginal

people and to conserve its spectacular environment.

Fish River Station's 178,000 hectares includes billabongs surrounded by savannah woodland and pockets of rainforest rising to ranges.

The property's wetlands are home to the pig-nosed turtle, another seven freshwater turtle species, and a huge diversity of fish. It is also home to another three nationally threatened animals – the northern masked owl, the northern quoll, and the Gouldian finch.

The property was bought with \$8.6 million from the Federal Government's Caring for our Country program, \$1.4 million from the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) and \$3 million from international conservation non-profit bodies The Nature Conservancy and Pew Environment Group.

ILC chairperson Shirley

Station buy 'closes gap'

McPherson said the organisation's first purchase of a property for conservation was already helping to close the gap of Indigenous disadvantage.

"Already seven Indigenous rangers have jobs on the station and an Indigenous business is removing feral animals," she said.

"They're sending buffalo to the Indigenous-run Gunbalunya abattoir to process for human consumption by local communities, the Sydney market and restaurants at the ILC's

Ayers Rock Resort.

"There will be more jobs to come in fencing, cultural site protection, plant and animal surveys, soil conservation, regeneration of threatened flora and fauna and a host of other work to protect this ecosystem for future generations of all Australians.

Interests

"The Northern Land Council is representing the interests of the Wagiman, Labarganyan, Malak Malak and Kamu clans, and the

Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority is also working with them to identify sacred sites on the property.

"For traditional owners, Fish River offers the opportunity to renew their connection to country, to pass on cultural knowledge to their children and eventually to own and manage the land."

Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke said the landmark conservation project was an 'exciting new model for Australia's National Reserve

System'. "Indigenous rangers will play an important role in looking after country – from controlling weeds and feral animals, caring for threatened species and managing fire," he said.

The ILC will initially hold Fish River Station on behalf of local communities, working with them to manage weeds and feral animals, to care for threatened species and manage fire.

Mr Burke said ownership of the property would eventually be transferred to its traditional owners.

Lingiari MP Warren Snowdon said the purchase and hand over of Fish River Station was important not just for its conservation value.

"It is a powerful recognition of the connection the traditional owners have with the land itself," he said.

"Providing jobs, and helping conserve the stunning natural environment around Fish River is a positive step, but for the Aboriginal people of this area, taking custodianship of this land is an act I celebrate along with them."

Cape Men's Shed officially opened at New Mapoon



A MEN'S shed at New Mapoon on Cape York has been officially opened.

The shed will be a gathering place for Indigenous men from five local communities – Bamaga, Injinoo, New Mapoon, Seisia and

Umagico – as well as providing mentoring and linking people with health services.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Government allocated \$60,000 to the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council for the building in partnership with the Men's Sheds Association.

The Queensland Government spent a further \$200,000 over two years to employ a co-ordination officer and provide support services at the shed such as advice to men, health and well-being services and recreational activities.

"The social support and camaraderie found in Men's Sheds can significantly

relieve the isolation and loneliness many men experience," Ms Macklin said.

"Men often form friendships as they work together. Here in New Mapoon local men will be able to participate in activities to help them connect with each other, their communities and country, such as wood carving, spear making and fishing."

Animated Dreaming

Software used to tell story



THE Yanyuwa people of Borroloola have been involved in what is being hailed as one of the most realistic animated Dreaming stories in Australia.

The *Sea Turtle and the Osprey* animation has been created by the Yanyuwa people alongside Monash University's Professor John Bradley and animator Brent McKee.

They spent the past 10 months perfecting the 11-minute animation, which tells a Dreaming story of the Yanyuwa people in the south-west side of the Gulf of Carpentaria, where only five traditional Elders and Prof Bradley speak the Yanyuwa language fluently.



Senior animator Brent McKee and Professor John Bradley.

Prof Bradley worked closely with each of the four clans of the Yanyuwa people and animator Brent McKee to create six animated songlines using the same software that was used to animate the block-buster movie *Avatar*.

The songline animation was premiered for the first time in Australia at the Territory Natural Resource Management and Landcare Forum in Darwin on Friday.

It was only one of the natural resource management and

landcare projects from across the Northern Territory showcased at the forum.

The *Sea Turtle and the Osprey* animation was funded by Territory Natural Resource Management, through the Caring for Our Country program, as a

way of preserving Indigenous language and knowledge of the land but also as a tool to teach the next generation the value of protecting our natural resources.

Prof Bradley says that while there had been other Dreaming stories animated in the past, they were usually subject to European interpretation.

"This is the first time in Australia that there has been a conscious effort to record information to keep it within an Indigenous perspective and without a European translation or interpretation of it," he said.

Prof Bradley began working with the Yanyuwa people and learnt their ancient language when he moved to Borroloola to teach at the local school 32 years ago. The idea of preserving the traditional oral or 'sung' culture of the Yanyuwa people came after working with the Elders to create an Indigenous atlas for the north-west area of the Gulf of Carpentaria.

"Oral recordings and translations alone are frozen in time but with animation you can hear what the language sounds like and see the amazing graphics that also tell the story," he said.

Kaiela Institute



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Development and implementation of an Aboriginal Social Inclusion and Cultural Competence Framework

City of Greater Shepparton

The University of Melbourne Rural Health Academic Centre, in partnership with the Kaiela Institute, are seeking enthusiastic individuals with skills in the development of cultural competence frameworks for institutional settings, cultural competence curriculum development grounded in engagement with Aboriginal Traditional Owners, innovative policy development and implementation around 'closing the gap' in Aboriginal disadvantage. The Kaiela Institute is an Aboriginal lead Think Tank that: *seeks to develop a model for influencing, shaping and formulation of policies that are effective in securing the futures and realising the aspirations of Indigenous peoples of south east Australia.*

Aboriginal leadership from Greater Shepparton have long been arguing that sustained change to 'close the gap' in education, employment and health outcomes has to be underpinned by effective community governance and social inclusion. By social inclusion we refer to a shared (both Aboriginal and mainstream) community vision that underpins the expression of Aboriginal cultural identity and leads to long term changes in the value, recognition and celebration of that identity.

It is hypothesised that the development and implementation of this curriculum and cultural competence framework will support the development of inclusive relationships at the individual and organisational level across the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community within Shepparton, address mainstream discrimination and strengthen a shared understanding of Aboriginal cultural identity. Development of an ongoing research/evaluation framework to measure the impact of the Framework is critical to the roles. In particular we are seeking to:

- develop an Evaluation/Research plan to measure the impact of implementing the Framework in the school setting on the mental health of students; and
- develop an Evaluation framework to measure the impact of the implementation of the Social Inclusion and Cultural Respect (Competency) Framework in the health sector

There are exciting opportunities for full or part-time positions for 15 months. There are possibilities for people from various levels of academia – Academic Specialist A or B (and potentially PhD or Masters students) or for professional staff with a particular interest in Aboriginal engagement, policy development and implementation. Individuals with relevant experience in Indigenous health or health policy, social science, cultural competence, or related areas are invited to apply. Aboriginal applicants are strongly encouraged.

Enquiries

Contact Michael Tynan on email: mtynan@unimelb.edu.au or telephone: 03 58211433; mob. 0409381658.

Application process

Upload your CV and a one page response outlining the vision of your particular contribution to the Social Inclusion Framework to the online application form.

Date advertised: 19 October 2011

Closing date: 4 November 2011



- LOOK, THERE HE IS!

An animation from the *Sea Turtle and the Osprey*.



A group at the landcare forum including Caroline Mooney and Rajiv Chaudary, from Territory Natural Resource Management, and ranger Jack Green.

NT Indigenous rangers have top net result



INDIGENOUS sea rangers are continuing to play a vital role in cleaning up hundreds of abandoned ghost nets from waters around the Northern Territory.

Recently, a 500kg net was retrieved off a reef at Cobourg Peninsula – one of 1042 ghost nets found in waters off the Northern Territory this year alone.

The deadly net was discovered snagged on a reef 50m offshore from Smith Point by rangers.

GhostNets Australia project officer Grace Heathcote outlined the work of the rangers at the Territory Natural Resource Management and Landcare Forum in Darwin this month.

She said a recent ghost net clean-up was only one of hundreds performed by Indigenous sea rangers, NT Fisheries and Parks and

Wildlife rangers across 1500kms of coastline.

More than 20 Indigenous ranger groups constantly patrol the north Australian coastline and retrieve the deadly ghost nets that kill turtles, sharks, fish, dugong and even crocodiles who become entangled as they move along with the sea currents from nearby fishing grounds.

An estimated 90 per cent of ghost nets come from international waters.

Program

GhostNets Australia is funded by the Federal Government's Caring For our Country program and administered by the Northern Gulf Resource Management Group.

Ms Heathcote says the Gumurr Marthakal Rangers at Elcho Island retrieved 48 tonnes of ghost nets in one big clean-up last year, with the nets found mainly around the Wessel Islands off the Arnhem Land Coast.

A total of 6035 ghost nets

were found off northern waters between the Torres Strait in Queensland and the NT's Top End between 2004 and 2009.

"Ghost nets don't just kill marine creatures. If they settle on a coral reef they can smother the coral and can be a safety hazard for boats," Ms Heathcote said.

"We need to make more people aware of it so they know who to report it to if they see a ghost net in the ocean, which is why forums like this are so important."

The forum showcased natural resource management projects from across the Northern Territory including in local communities, against emerging threats and in Indigenous land management.

Other project topics in the Top End included a fight against Mimosa weed, saving an ancient language of the Crocodile Islands, storybooks to fight feral cats and a dream time animation tool for natural resource management.



A net retrieved by the Dhimurru Rangers at Nhulunbuy in north-east Arnhem Land during an earlier clean-up. Photo by Jane Dermer.



Saltwater crocodile caught up in a ghost net.

Photo by Jacky Castellain



The 500kg ghost net recently retrieved from waters off the Cobourg Peninsula by Parks and Wildlife. Photo by Emma Withers

Native title is closer



THE Kalkadoon native title claim group says it is a step closer to a native title determination after a meeting this month in Mount Isa.

The native title applicant group, along with Elders and other claimants, agreed to initiatives that will guide native title and the proper governance of Kalkadoon community activities such as cultural heritage preservation and commercial ventures.

Claim applicant and Kalkadoon Community Pty Ltd chairman Doug Bruce said there was robust debate at the meeting, but that final voting for resolutions was unanimous.

"I am delighted that the community have

got this far and we look forward to celebrating the end of a long struggle," Mr Bruce said.

"For the community it means we are much closer to recognition of our rights to Kalkadoon land."

'I am delighted that the community have got this far and we look forward to celebrating the end of a long struggle' – Kalkadoon Community's Doug Bruce

The Kalkadoon claim group authorised a prescribed body corporate to manage the group's native title and agreed to orders for the native title consent determination scheduled by the Federal Court to be held on 12 December in Mount Isa.

Queensland South Native Title Services CEO Kevin Smith said that although the first Kalkadoon claim was filed in 1994, virtually all the significant claim work had been done in the past 16 months since the matter was listed for hearing in

November 2009.

"The incredible efforts of the large and vibrant Kalkadoon community, along with intensive, professional case management by QSNTS staff and a team of barristers and experts means resolution for the claim

is being achieved in truly remarkable time," Mr Smith said.

"The consent determination is listed for hearing by the Federal Court and if made will mark the end of a long battle that began at colonisation but also a new beginning for the Kalkadoon People as legally recognised traditional owners for the region."

About 3000 people representing 29 Aboriginal ancestors form the claim group.

The claim spans about 39,000 square kilometres within the Boulia, Burke, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, McKinlay and Mount Isa council regions. A large number of exploration and mining companies are represented within the territory of the claim.

International awards for psychiatrist



WINTHROP Professor and Director of the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health at the University of Western Australia (UWA) Helen Milroy has won two international awards in as many months.

Prof Milroy, a descendant of the Palyku people of the Pilbara region of Western Australia, is the first Indigenous psychiatrist in Australia and is among a group of the first Indigenous people to be presented with the 2011 World Council for Psychotherapy's Sigmund Freud Award.

She is a conjoint winner of the award which recognises the life work of individuals and groups who have made original contributions to the field.

Prof Milroy was also named the 2011 Yachad Scholar, awarded by the National Australia Bank Women's International Zionist Organisation (WIZO).



HELEN MILROY

She'll travel to Israel next month to examine WIZO programs designed to help children at risk.

Prof Milroy will also investigate Israeli approaches to redressing the impact and effects of childhood trauma.

Prof Milroy studied medicine at UWA and worked as a general practitioner and consultant in childhood sexual abuse at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children for several years before completing specialist training in child and adolescent psychiatry.

She is a past president of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA); current member of the NHMRC Australian Human Ethics Committee; a board member of Headspace, the National Youth Mental Health initiative; the NHMRC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Advisory Committee; and served as a member of the WA Indigenous Implementation Board and the National Advisory Council on Mental Health.

She has just been appointed as a member of a national expert group to develop the new Healthy Kids Check for three-year-olds to which the Federal Government has allocated \$11 million over five years.

The program will introduce the universal voluntary health check for three-year olds to be implemented 2012-13. This will map the nation's child mental health services ensuring health professionals and families have a better understanding of what services are available.

Fostering NSW to host session



AN INFORMATION session for would-be foster carers will be held on 3 November in Redfern, Sydney.

Fostering NSW has organised the information evening in response to a continuing need for Aboriginal foster carers.

Community services chair of the Aboriginal Staff Network Jade De La Cruz said Aboriginal foster carers were urgently needed in Sydney for children of all ages.

"We currently have Aboriginal foster carers in Sydney who provide loving, stable homes for children in need, and provide fantastic support in the local community," she said.

"However, we always need more carers, and the bigger the pool of Aboriginal carers, the more likely we are to match each child to the right carer or family for their individual needs."

The information session will be held on Thursday 3 November, from 6-8pm, at the multi-purpose room, ground floor, Redfern Community Centre, 29 Hugo Street, Redfern.

Bookings required. Call Jenaya Baxter-Learey on (02) 8303 7644.

Wild Rivers law opposed



THE Queensland and Federal Oppositions are maintaining their campaign against the Bligh State Government's Wild Rivers legislation.

Early this month, State Liberal National Party (LNP) leader Campbell Newman said his party would overhaul the controversial laws if elected at next year's state poll.

Mr Newman said on 4 October that the controversial environmental protections were 'patronising' to traditional owners and landholders and an LNP government would replace or alter the legislation.

And Federal Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion went on the attack last week over Federal Labor's referral of a private member's bill introduced by Opposition Leader Tony Abbott to a fourth parliamentary inquiry.

The *Wild Rivers Act 2005*, which restricts development in basins classified as 'wild rivers', has come under attack from traditional owners in Cape York, including Indigenous leader Noel Pearson.

Four rivers in the peninsula, which is home to a number of Aboriginal communities, have so far been classified as 'wild' and critics argue the legislation will stifle economic development in already impoverished areas.

But others, including green groups and other traditional owners, support the protection the legislation offers.

Mr Newman said the LNP was committed to protecting environmentally sensitive areas in Cape York and the channel country in Queensland's west but believed Aboriginal people and other landowners needed to be involved in the planning process.

"We'd create our own wilderness protection legislation, in consultation with traditional owners and other people who live on the Cape and in the channel country," he said in Cairns. "You're assuming I'm saying we'll repeal it, we might well change it (the legislation)."

"We will have the protections and we will involve the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the planning of their country, and also other landowners."

Mr Newman claimed the existing legislation was aimed more at securing green preferences for the state Labor Government than protecting the environment.

The Anglican Diocese of Brisbane supported Mr Newman's emerging wild rivers policy.

The Chair of the Archbishop's Social Responsibilities Committee (SRC), the Very Reverend Dr Peter Catt, said the ongoing failure of the State Government to include a consent-based requirement in the wild rivers process represented a 'profound injustice to those traditional owners who in all good conscience do not want a wild river declaration on their land'.

"Our research shows that the wild rivers legislation in its current form severely restricts opportunities for Aboriginal communities to engage actively in Queensland's economy, and therefore locks them into continuing levels of disadvantage. To take away, without consent, economic opportunities that support an acceptable standard of living is deeply unjust," said Dr Catt.

However, Queensland Premier Anna Bligh hit back, claiming Mr Newman's comments were conclusive evidence that an LNP government would embark on 'environmental vandalism'.

"Those people who care about the Queensland environment, those people who care about the precious and unique

Abbott labouring at Cape centre

OPPOSITION Leader Tony Abbott says changing the 'mindset' of Indigenous people is at the heart of overcoming welfare dependency.

Mr Abbott and daughter Frances are spending four days this week in the Cape York community of Hope Vale.

The trip was planned for July, but Mr Abbott postponed it when the Government announced details of the carbon tax.

"I will be labouring on home building sites while Frances will be helping in the local school," Mr Abbott said in a statement.

"It's a chance to see how (Indigenous leader) Noel Pearson and his team are changing the mindset of

local indigenous communities to beat passive welfare."

Mr Abbott told ABC Television on Friday entrenched welfare dependency would take years to fix.

"I think we've got to break the welfare culture," he said.

The Opposition Leader said giving Indigenous people the capacity to buy their own homes was part of the solution.

Hope Vale is a town of about 800 people, established as a Lutheran church mission in the 1880s.

It is now part of a Federal and Queensland government welfare reform trial to improve economic and living conditions and boost school attendance. – AAP



TONY ABBOTT

wilderness parts of our state need to understand that a vote for the LNP is a vote for the protection of those rivers to be stripped away," she said in Brisbane.

If passed, the Federal Opposition bill would change the Qld legislation by forcing the State Government to obtain consent from traditional owners before making a Wild Rivers declaration.

Voice

On Thursday, Senator Scullion said the *Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2011* introduced by Mr Abbott would give the people of Cape York their voice back.

"The people of Cape York are holders of land which without argument has some of the most wonderful and complex biodiversity in the world," he said.

"It has been maintained in its wonderful state by the very people the Queensland Government considers are not deserving of having a say.

"Why would you ignore the single group of people who have protected this iconic area since time immemorial?



NIGEL SCULLION

"Our bill is about ensuring that the Aboriginal people of Cape York have more control over their land and their economic destiny.

"It is about allowing them to work for a better future for their families and the important issue of economic development for and by Indigenous Australians should be above politics and this bill should have support from across the Parliament."

Senator Scullion said the Government had refused to do the right thing and was deliberately delaying the bill.

Federal Labor was supporting a bad Queensland Labor law, he said, by deliberately ignoring the wishes of traditional owners 'even though there are numerous examples where joint management and control, such as Kakadu in the Northern Territory, demonstrate how it should be done'.

"The Coalition will continue to do whatever we can to help the Indigenous leaders in Cape York get back their voice, regain control of their land, and provide a future for their children," he said. – With AAP

Sovereignty issue highlighted: Lawyer



ABORIGINAL lawyer Michael Anderson believes a recent court decision implies that Australian courts have no jurisdiction over Aboriginal people because they have never ceded sovereignty.

Mr Anderson appeared for Thelma Nicholson-Kitchener in a NSW District Court appeal against her conviction for using an uninsured motor vehicle at Deniliquin and driving without a license.

"Clearly, the judge says in his concluding statement... that the case against her was proven but that she was released without a

conviction being recorded against her name," Mr Anderson said.

"This judgment did in fact overturn the magistrate's findings, thereby dismissing those guilty findings, as well as overturning any reference to a criminal record, which would have been the case had she not appealed it.

"This is an odd decision from my viewpoint because the judge essentially concluded the case by squaring the ledger, that is, the case was proven – that she committed wrong under Western law – but freed her of the alleged wrongdoings, implying an issue of lack of jurisdiction.

"Clearly, this is not an issue that any government or attorneys-

general want to deal with in this country, but the time has come when we must have this debate and deal with the uncaded sovereignty issue.

"In the written submission in the Magistrates Court, I argued that given Mabo judgment No 2, which implied that Aboriginal sovereignty is continuing, then this is a matter for another jurisdiction, i.e. the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

"I contend that if we have a situation of contested sovereignty, which is implied in the Mabo judgment No 2, then legal jurisdiction over Aboriginal people is in question.

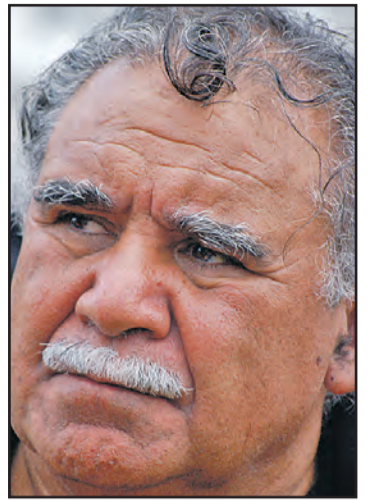
"With the appeal to the District Court, I expanded the written

submission, arguing that in 1841 there was great debate in the NSW Supreme Court on the jurisdiction question, with the courts arguing that Aboriginal people had to be subject to some legal jurisdiction, mainly because of the constant conflict that was occurring between the traditional sovereign owners and the invader settler society.

"The laws that now exist in Australia are all about protecting property rights of the invading thieves themselves and criminalising Aboriginal efforts to regain lands and waters.

"This continues to this day."

Mr Anderson has urged Aboriginal people to challenge jurisdiction at every opportunity.



MICHAEL ANDERSON

Prison officer gets \$11,000 fine for death of Mr Ward



A PRISONER transport guard has been fined \$11,000 after pleading guilty to charges laid over an Aboriginal

Elder's death from heatstroke in the back of a prison van.

Nina Stokoe appeared in Kalgoorlie Magistrates Court on 5 October on charges of failing to take reasonable care of a person in custody.

Mr Ward, 46, died in January 2008 from heatstroke in the back of the prison van on its way to Kalgoorlie.

The van's air-conditioning was not working and the temperature inside the vehicle is believed to

have reached 55 degrees Celsius as Mr Ward was being transferred from Laverton in the WA Goldfields to face a drink-driving charge.

Stokoe changed her plea to guilty following negotiations with WorkSafe WA, the government agency that laid the charges.

Stokoe's fellow driver, Graham Powell, was fined \$9000 in the Kalgoorlie court last month after pleading guilty to the same charge.

The maximum penalty for the offence is \$20,000.

Stokoe and Powell were employed as prisoner transport guards by the security firm G4S.

In August, G4S and WA's Department of Corrective Services (DCS) were fined \$285,000 each for their part in Mr Ward's death after pleading guilty to failing to ensure non-employees were not exposed to hazards. The maximum fine for

that charge is \$400,000.

When WA's Director of Public Prosecutions decided not to lay criminal charges in the case, WorkSafe WA laid charges in January after concluding the *Occupational Safety and Health Act* had been breached.

After Stokoe's sentencing, Department of Commerce director Joe Attard said a significant amount of time and resources had gone into the WorkSafe WA investigation.

"We are confident that it has already resulted in big improvements to the safe transport of persons in custody in WA," he said.

"The cases are also a good example of how the state's occupational safety and health laws place a duty of care on a number of parties in a workplace to ensure the safety of everyone who has a reason to be in that workplace, which includes individuals who are not themselves at work."

Mr Attard said the case had raised public awareness of workplace safety, and the exposure would go a long way towards ensuring such a tragic event never happened again.

Since Mr Ward's death, the Corrective Services department says it has taken steps to prevent a repeat of the incident, including flying people from remote regions to court and taking delivery of 40 improved vans.

In July 2010, Mr Ward's widow and her four children received \$3.2 million in an ex-gratia payment from the WA Government. – AAP

Women's jail conditions under attack



ABORIGINAL prisoners are being housed in the 'most impoverished areas' of Western Australia's main women's jail, where 'anxiety and despair is palpable', a report says.

In his report on Bandyup Women's Prison, Inspector of Custodial Services Neil Morgan has signalled that the WA Government could be liable to challenges under the *Equal Opportunity Act*.

While severely critical of the prison's ailing infrastructure, he said it was difficult to 'avoid the conclusion that Bandyup is just having to make do' when compared to male prisons.

"We found too many areas where the facilities and services for the women prisoners fall well short of equal treatment with male prisons," Prof Morgan said.

Unit One, built in the 1970s, was in poor condition and reflected 'outdated philosophies of prison design', he said.

"Unit One ... is a particularly hard place in terms of its impoverished infrastructure, the obvious levels of mental illness and the palpable anxiety and despair," Prof Morgan said.

"It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that to some extent it doubles as a secure unit for people with a mental illness as well as a prison, but it is the very antithesis of a therapeutic environment."

The growing prison population of Bandyup, which was meant to only hold 188 prisoners but reached 269 in August last year, has put 'immense pressure' on the number of beds available.

While there was a massive



investment in extra beds for male prisoners between 2008 and 2011, none of the beds were earmarked for women.

Prof Morgan said the accommodation situation deteriorated to the point mid-last year where 90 women were forced to sleep on mattresses on cold

"Together with the extreme cold and lack of ventilation, the overcrowding of cells created condensation to levels that constituted a risk to health," Prof Morgan said.

"The integrity of mattresses became compromised ... and 140 had to be replaced because they were mouldy, torn or soiled."

Condensation worsened to the point where windows steamed up and prevented prison officers from using them to check on the safety and well-being of prisoners.

"It can only be

speculated as to whether a similar situation would have been tolerated for so long in a male prison," Prof Morgan said.

"Whether the slow response by prison administration exploited women's relatively passive nature and relatively disempowered Aboriginal status." – AAP

'We found too many areas where the facilities and services for the women prisoners fall well short of equal treatment with male prisons' – Neil Morgan

concrete floors.

Most of those affected, he said, were Aboriginal.

Forcing women to share cells invaded their privacy and affected their dignity, especially during lockdown when they had to use the toilet or clean themselves in front of each other.

Scholarship success is paying off as Paul AIMs high



AIM Rebecca Gregory Indigenous Scholarship recipient Paul Brant ... "I think they should be inundated with applications for the scholarship."

By DARREN COYNE



PAUL BRANT understands the value of education... especially when someone else is

paying for it.

As the winner last year of the Australian Institute of Management (AIM) Rebecca Gregory Indigenous Scholarship, Mr Brant is now well on his way to completing a Diploma of Management, and it hasn't cost him a cent.

The scholarship, which is worth \$6000 plus a year's membership to the AIM, enables the winner to choose from a range of diploma courses that

would help develop their career.

Now Mr Brant, a Wiradjuri/Ngunnawal man, is urging other Indigenous people to nominate for the scholarship, saying it had been 'fantastic' in helping him further his career as an Indigenous employment co-ordinator with the ABC.

"I think they should be inundated with applications for the scholarship," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"You can pick and choose courses to suit your career. For me, the Diploma of Management was a perfect fit."

The scholarship is open to employees of all ages who live and work in NSW or the ACT and rewards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who have

displayed outstanding leadership and management qualities.

"Being awarded the Rebecca Gregory Indigenous Scholarship came at a time in my career where I needed to challenge my position and set longer-term career goals," Mr Brant said.

Resource

When the *Koori Mail* spoke with Mr Brant, he was travelling through regional Queensland launching an online resource that provides information about careers at the ABC.

He said the ABC now had 70 Indigenous people employed across the organisation, representing 1.4 per cent of staff.

"Our goal is to increase that to two per cent over the next few

years and in 2015, up to 2.7 per cent," Mr Brant said.

He admitted the extra study, combined with his workload, had placed pressures on him, but the challenge had been worthwhile.

"Working and studying has been a massive challenge but the people at AIM have been fantastic," he said.

"I've had to change some sessions because of work commitments and they have been very accommodating."

Mr Brant said the scholarship had made him more disciplined with his time and taught him that at 43 you could still learn new tricks and new methods. "I have also reset my career goals and will incorporate more study and gaining further qualifications in

my career and this was made possible by obtaining the scholarship," he said.

AIM NSW and ACT chief executive David Wakeley said the organisation recognised the contribution of Indigenous people in Australia's management field and was committed to the ongoing development and recognition of outstanding people.

Those interested can apply directly or be nominated by their employer or colleagues. Nominees are asked to prepare a written submission (including supporting documents) to detail their management experience according to the judging criteria.

Submissions close on 31 October.

Macmahon has first SA Indigenous partnership



MAJOR mining company Macmahon Holdings Ltd has formed its first Indigenous partnership in South Australia.

The company says the Kokatha Macmahon Joint

Venture will pursue work relating to resources sector expansion in the far north region of South Australia.

Macmahon subsidiary Doorn-Djil Yoordaning formed the agreement with the Kokatha people to tender for new work on relevant projects in the Olympic Dam and Stuart Shelf mining areas.

Doorn-Djil Yoordaning general manager Tony Noonan welcomed the joint venture, saying it was an important part of Macmahon's commitment to Indigenous engagement and participation.

"The joint venture enables Macmahon

to work with the Kokatha people to pursue training and employment opportunities," he said.

"Macmahon looks forward to pursuing these opportunities with the Kokatha people to help them create a sustainable future in the region."

Kokatha chairman Andrew Starkey said the joint venture would assist local Aboriginal people to share in the opportunities associated with the resources industry.

"As resources activity expands in South Australia, we look forward to sharing in the opportunities to work on commercial projects in our region," he said.

Macmahon has established joint ventures with Indigenous people in Western Australia and Queensland and says it is on track to meet its Indigenous employment targets.

Graduates set sail after boat-handling course



THREE-QUARTERS of the West Australian Indigenous job-seekers who recently completed a 10-week course on boat handling have secured employment within the marine transport industry.

The course was provided by Geraldton's Durack Institute of Technology, and included training on land and at sea in boat handling, deckhand duties, marine safety, dogging, rigging and working at heights and in confined spaces.

The Federal Government allocated \$323,000 to support the program through its Indigenous Employment Program.

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Mark Arbib congratulated the 16 Indigenous graduates

on completing their training at the Port of Geraldton. He said 12 of the 16 graduates would take up employment with Offshore Marine Services Alliance (OMSA), while the remaining four were expected to find jobs in the marine sector.

"OMSA is a company whose operations include marine support for Chevron's giant Gorgon liquefied natural gas project in the Pilbara," Senator Arbib said.

"This has been a challenging training course for these graduates, some of whom have had to overcome sea sickness and a fear of heights to get through."

West Australian senator Louise Pratt said the graduates had now positioned themselves "in a great place to gain long-term, sustainable employment in the maritime industry".



Qld MP Dean Wells with forum co-chairs Gracelyn Smallwood and Tony McAvoy.



Maroochy Barambah gave a blessing and welcome to country.

Forum told of disadvantage

By KIRSTIE PARKER



AMNESTY International ran a major human rights conference in Brisbane earlier this month, preceded by a one-day forum covering reforms in governance, law enforcement and the administration of justice in Queensland.

The forum, hosted by the human rights body's Queensland branch, featured a range of influential Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander speakers including Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, rights advocate Gracelyn Smallwood, executive officer of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal and Advocacy Service Colleen Wall, and co-chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Les Malezer.

Mr Lacey spoke of the level of disadvantage in his community and gave a blistering critique of alcohol management plans (AMPs), 'a law that does not even affect the rest of Queensland'.

'Own agenda'

He said the only real future for Palm Islanders would be if they set their own agenda, rather than bureaucrats and even 'some of our own mob' in key policy positions that were advancing policies that disempowered communities.

"I make no bones about that," Mr Lacey said.

Les Malezer spoke about deaths in custody, arguing that - had they ever been properly implemented - the recommendations of the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody would have gone a long way to addressing over-incarceration



Ralph Devlin SC and Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey.



Colleen Wall from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal and Advocacy Service.

of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

He said he believed there were three obstacles to achieving real change in Queensland - a lack of appreciation of the need to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; reluctance by the State Government to decriminalise alcohol-related offences and incidents; and the resistance shown to building more diversionary centres.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were not



National Congress co-chair Les Malezer.

lauded in Queensland, Mr Malezer insisted, despite recent changes to the State's Constitution.

Non-Indigenous speakers included senior counsels Dan O'Gorman and Ralph Devlin. Mr Devlin assisted the coroner in the third inquest into the 2004 death in custody of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee.

There were also questions and comments from the audience around the Family Responsibility Commission operating in Cape York



Bianca Bond, 26, from Cherbourg.

communities, the poor relationship between police and Indigenous people, and the devastation wreaked in communities through suicide.

"We talk about incarceration and deaths in custody all the time, but what about the deaths that are continuing to happen in places like Cherbourg and Woorabinda through suicide and drug and alcohol abuse?" asked 26-year-old Bianca Bond, from Cherbourg.

Amnesty International is this year marking 50 years of defending freedom and justice.



Dr Mark Wenitong from Apunipima Cape York Health Council, forum speaker Colleen Wall and QSNTS CEO Kevin Smith.



Amnesty International's Monica Morgan and Bryan Andy.



Reverend Alex Gater, from the Prison Ministry, and Ali James attended the forum.



The family that advocates together stays together...Cathy, Sam and Nicole Watson.

Landholder service wins



WESTERN Australia's Indigenous Landholder Service (ILS) has won the nation's top award for Indigenous economic development.

The ILS is part of the State Government's Department of Agriculture and Food.

Agriculture and Food Minister Terry Redman congratulated ILS, which won the award presented by Economic Development Australia (EDA).

Mr Redman said the Government was committed to driving enterprise in Indigenous communities as the best long-term way to create jobs and dilute the reliance on welfare.

"The ILS is transforming the lives of more than 5000 Indigenous people on 77 rural properties across five million hectares of the State," he said.

"It is the commitment of staff from the Department of Agriculture and Food, who work in the ILS, in not only making this program a national success, but an international showpiece."

The Minister said the service partnered with the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) to empower Indigenous landholders to manage their properties more efficiently and effectively.

Mr Redman said the ILS, which also won the 2010 Premier's Award for public sector excellence, was a worthy recipient and had also been commended by the United Nations.

"By employing innovative solutions unique to each property, pastoral and farming enterprises are being rebuilt, providing far-reaching economic, environmental and social benefits to both the Indigenous and broader community," he said.

EDA hosted the awards on 4 October at a reception at Adelaide's Stamford Plaza Hotel.

EDA chief executive Richard Walker



WA Department of Agriculture and Food executive director for regional operations and development Greg Paust accepts the EDA Indigenous Development Award on behalf of the Indigenous Landholder Service from IBA's Cheryl Ross as guests look on at the presentation ceremony.

said many quality applications were received, ensuring that the judging panel had a difficult job in determining the winners.

"EDA congratulates all award entrants

for their innovative approaches to economic development and recognises the considerable work involved in preparing applications," Mr Walker said.

"The award recipients demonstrate

innovative projects and practice in economic development in urban, rural and regional communities.

"More than 190 practitioners from across Australia attended the event."

Fuel-sniffing led to death, says Coroner



AN addiction to petrol-sniffing caused a young Aboriginal man to threaten his mother with a knife and later led to his untimely death, a coroner

has found. Kunmanara Brown was just 18 when he died in Adelaide in April 2009.

He had been petrol-sniffing for half his life after being born in Alice Springs in 1990 and had frequently come to the attention of Northern Territory authorities because of his habit.

About a month before he died, he went to live in Adelaide with his mother to get away from the petrol-sniffing culture.

But in his finding on 6 October,

South Australian Deputy Coroner Anthony Schapel said there was evidence the teenager had continued to sniff petrol and smoke cannabis while he stayed at his mother's home.

Police were called to the home in late March after Mr Brown's behaviour became more aggressive. At one stage he kicked his mother in the ribs.

Threatened

Officers returned on 1 April after he had threatened to stab his mother and her partner and chased them down the street.

When they arrived, police surrounded the house, but when they entered the property they found Mr Brown hanging by a

cord from the verandah.

Mr Schapel said police had acted appropriately in all their dealings with the man and praised their efforts to resuscitate him.

The coroner said it was beyond the scope of his investigation to determine if a proper health plan was put in place to deal with Mr Brown's addiction when he came to Adelaide.

But he recommended the SA Government consider introducing legislation, similar to laws in the Northern Territory, to deal with people affected by petrol sniffing.

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or SANE Helpline on 1800 18 SANE (7263).

Tender awarded for Kalgoorlie visitors' centre



THE construction of a centre to provide transit accommodation for Aboriginal people visiting Kalgoorlie-Boulder has reached a key milestone, with the tender awarded for design and construction of the \$3 million project.

West Australian Housing Minister Troy Buswell said Murray River North Pty Ltd had been awarded the tender for the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Indigenous Visitors' Centre.

"This is a complex project and I am pleased to see the visitors' centre progress to this key stage," Mr Buswell said.

"Aboriginal people from remote towns and communities who need to travel to Kalgoorlie-Boulder for family, health, business or cultural purposes will

have a safe and comfortable place to stay during their short visits."

Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said the Liberal-National Government was spending \$13 million through the Royalties for Regions program to establish Indigenous visitor hostels in major regional centres across Western Australia.

"The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Indigenous Visitors' Centre will be the first of its kind in Western Australia, and will house up to 51 guests," Mr Grylls said.

"It will lessen the hardship experienced by short-term visitors and lead to a reduction in people sleeping rough and the associated risks to those visitors."

The centre is expected to open in July 2012.

Negotiations for the site of the Broome Indigenous Visitors' Centre are under way.

Boys learn skills new and old



● **ABOVE:** Emerald State Primary School student Jakory Blanco with a barramundi he caught on the camp.

● **RIGHT:** Mick Parsons with some of the boys who attended the camp, from left, Jakory Blanco, Jarli Russell Blanco, and Preston Lawton.

Photos: Rio Tinto



WITH no telephone, electricity or shops to rely on, a group of Aboriginal boys from the Central Queensland town of Emerald had to learn survival skills as well as modern-day life skills during a recent

10-day camp in the Top End.

Emerald resident Mick Parsons accompanied the boys on the camp north of Katherine and said it was the 11th trip he had organised.

He said the aim was to reconnect the boys with their cultural identity, bond with other local Aboriginal youths in the community, and develop a range of skills.

"On the trip they don't have access to a telephone, electricity, shops, or takeaway restaurants – they are literally removed from all the comforts of modern technology and have to rely on their own skills and the natural resources around them," Mr Parsons.

"Some of the activities include learning how to track different animals, how to catch and cook animals for eating, learn where the sun is positioned at any point of the day so they can determine the time, and learn to navigate by the stars.

"Through these activities, they're able to reconnect with their cultural heritage and develop an understanding about what life on the land was like for their ancestors.

"They also learn how to be independent and self-reliant, often having to cook their own meals and wash their own plates.

"This camp gives the kids a taste of what it's like to leave their own community and

experience other places and other Aboriginal people's way of life, and this is a strong motivation for them to reach their potential."

Emerald State Primary School student Jakory Blanco, 7, said he saw lots of animals on the trip and learnt how to catch them.

"It was so much fun – we saw buffaloes, snakes, and pigs and we were shown how to catch a kangaroo for dinner," he said.

"We learnt how to make and pack up a swag and we were told how to let the water spirit know you're around – you place a rock under your armpit and throw it in the river."

Supported

The trip was facilitated at Elsey Station with the permission of the Jilkminggan community and the Mangarrayi and Yangmau traditional owner groups and was supported with \$1800 from the Kestrel Aboriginal Community Development Fund.

Spokesperson Patrick Malone said the organisation was pleased to help support the trip, which provided a range of benefits to local Aboriginal youth.

"The camp provides the boys with more confidence and self-belief that they can find a positive pathway in their life, while enjoying an eye-opening experience learning about traditional Aboriginal customs and culture, and the world at large," Mr Malone said.

Kestrel Mine general manager operations John Coughlan said the mine was pleased to support projects like the cultural camp through the fund.

Gas remains a hot topic in Kimberley



ENVIRONMENTALISTS risk losing sight of the bigger issues affecting the Kimberley by focusing on a 'tiny

plot of land' near Broome planned for a gas hub, West Australian Premier Colin Barnett says.

Earlier this month, Mr Barnett spent two days in Broome meeting with the council, chamber of commerce, Aboriginal groups and Woodside over the company's planned \$30 billion liquefied natural gas hub at James Price Point.

The Premier tried to appease protesters of the gas hub on Wednesday by telling them cane toads posed a bigger threat to the Kimberley than the project.

While Mr Barnett said it was a throw-away line, he stood by the point that there were other, bigger issues confronting the Kimberley than a project on 3500 hectares of land 'you will neither see nor hear'.

He later told ABC Radio cane toads were causing 'immense damage to wildlife and the natural environment of the Kimberley'.

"... I hope people don't get so distracted by the LNG project on one small, tiny plot of land, they lose sight of the bigger issue of the Kimberley and its

protection," he said.

Mr Barnett was shouted at and booed on his way into the studio but said he had reassured protesters the project would be the only LNG plant in the Kimberley and ruled out the construction of any further industrial complexes in the area.

"There's been rumours there were going to be fertiliser plants, chemical plants and the like," he said.

The Premier added a law would be introduced through the state agreement which will make that impossible.

The division among the Broome community over the project has intensified in recent weeks, with Woodside employees reportedly being spat at and abused.

Newsletters

Newsletters have also been passed around labelling Aboriginal leaders who support the project as 'coconuts'.

The Kimberley Land Council, on behalf of Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr traditional landowners, agreed to hand over their rights over the land in exchange for \$1.5 billion in benefits to the region's Aboriginal communities.

Mr Barnett initially asked the Attorney-General to investigate whether charges can be laid



COLIN BARNETT

under racial vilification laws, but now concedes that is unlikely.

"The police probably know who it is. I doubt charges will be laid," he said.

The Premier said he urged protesters and environmental groups to 'come out publicly and disassociate themselves with the racial vilification' as their credibility was on the line.

Meanwhile, Federal Resources Minister Martin Ferguson used an energy conference in Darwin to lash out at green groups that vilify Indigenous people who support development on their land.

Speaking at the South East Asia Australia Offshore Conference (SEAAOC) on 6 October, Mr Ferguson singled out environmentalists campaigning against Woodside's planned LNG hub at James Price Point.

He said such groups did not respect self-determination by Indigenous groups nor the rule of law in Australia.

'Unacceptable'

"Some of the behaviours and actions that we have seen in Broome on the way to James Price Point have been absolutely unacceptable," Mr Ferguson said.

"There will always be a rightful place for protest, but there is no place in Australia for racial vilification, and I condemn those who have engaged in this basest of behaviour."

Indigenous leader Wayne Bergmann, who was chief negotiator for the traditional owners who gave consent for the use of the site in May 2011, has in the past faced criticism for his role.

"Rather than vilifying people such as Wayne Bergmann, we should be holding them up as an opportunity for strong leadership in Australia," Mr Ferguson said.

The concept of self-determination required Australians to respect the lawfully determined

wishes of traditional owners, the Minister said.

"I think the real problem with some in the Greens and the environmental movement these days is we have established a legal framework which enables us as a nation to determine native title issues and environmental issues, and they no longer accept that framework," Mr Ferguson said.

He told delegates at the Darwin conference that Australia was in a global 'sweet spot' for the expansion of the LNG industry.

"Total committed capital expenditure in the LNG sector including Pluto and Gorgon at this particular point in time, with more to come, is over \$140 billion," the Minister said, naming two major LNG projects off the WA coast.

"This is an extraordinary level of new investment."

After his speech, Mr Ferguson said the Government would not make any changes to its Mineral Resources Rent Tax (MRRT).

A group of about a dozen protesters dressed as clowns to oppose uranium mining in the Northern Territory greeted conference delegates as they walked into the Darwin Convention Centre.

The SEAAOC conference was part of Northern Territory Resources Week. – AAP

Phil stars in States



Phil Walley-Stack performing at the Springville International Folk Festival in the United States.

SHOOTING a film clip in New York's Central Park, tourists lining up for photos in Times Square, TV interviews and a newspaper front page... it could all go to a fella's head.

But Perth didgeridoo player, dancer and singer Phillip Walley-Stack is just warming up.

The Nyoongar man and winner of this year's Perth NAIDOC Artist of the Year Award recently returned from a trip to the United States, where he represented Australia at two international folk festivals, shot a film clip and much more.

A meeting with some of the Chumash traditional owners of Los Angeles helped ground Phil and his crew.

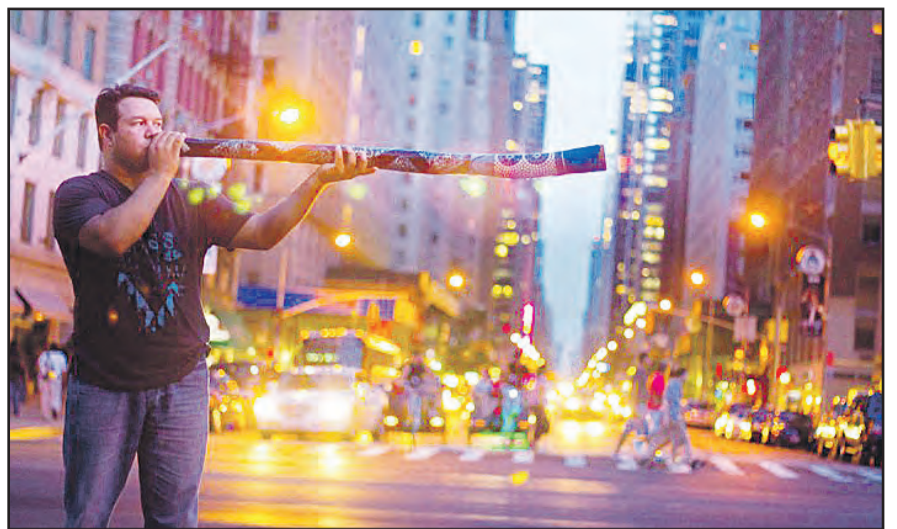
"We had a cultural exchange with the Chumash at their reservation and they welcomed us to country by performing a smoking ceremony and then shared with us their traditional songs and dance," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"We responded by performing traditional dance and didgeridoo. Our connection with them was amazing and it brought tears to both ours and their eyes."

Next stop was New York City, where Phil caught up with a friend who filmed the film clip to Phil's debut release single *Strong* in Central Park and Time Square.

"While filming there was a crowd watching and we had so many people taking photos of us filming," Phil said.

Also while in the Big Apple, he took in other famous sights including the Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero, the Ed



A scene from Phillip Walley-Stack's debut release single *Strong*, against the backdrop of New York's Times Square.

Sullivan Theatre, the Apollo Theatre in Harlem, and saw a Broadway show at Radio City.

"It is now my goal to one day perform at Radio City," he said.

From there, it was on to Utah to the west, where Phil performed at two festivals – the Springville International Folk Festival and the Bountiful Davis Summerfest – and did several street performances, local TV appearances and newspaper interviews.

"We really enjoyed our time in the United States and it was an honour to represent Australia, but most importantly Aboriginal Australia," Phil told the *Koori Mail* upon his return.

"We put this across in all our performances that we weren't just

Australian but Aboriginal Australian. The response we got from Americans was amazing, they appreciated and embraced our culture wholeheartedly and it was good to teach them a little bit about Aboriginal Australia."

Since his return to Australia, Phil hasn't had time to rest on his laurels. He's performed at Chevron's Diversity Day, the Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference, and the World IDA Conference to name just a few. And he assures his fans there's plenty more to come. Stay tuned.

The film clip for the *Strong* remix can be viewed on Youtube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-vW7SwD7k>. The song and others from Phil are available on iTunes.

Indigenous Outreach Officers (Lawyer/Analyst)

Financial Economy – Indigenous Outreach Program Deposit Takers, Credit & Insurers – Sydney and Perth

The Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) is Australia's corporate, markets and financial services regulator. ASIC contributes to Australia's economic reputation and wellbeing by ensuring that its financial markets are fair and transparent, supported by confident and informed investors and consumers. ASIC's Indigenous Outreach Program undertakes outreach, complaint and campaign work with Indigenous consumers across Australia.

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- Identify and manage the resolution of financial services problems and issues impacting on Indigenous consumers.
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply for this position.

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For more information and to apply, please visit <http://careers.asic.gov.au/koori> and search by reference number 404480.

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Yes, folks, that's me... Phillip Walley-Stack was front-page news in Utah's South Davis County.



Phillip Walley-Stack and other performers at the Bountiful Davis Summerfest in the United States.



Mikayla Hudson and Chelsea Lennon.

Scholarships for Port Augusta pair



TWO Port Augusta high school students have won Indigenous Youth Leadership Program scholarships through the Smith Family to attend high-performing academic boarding schools in Adelaide next year.

Mikayla Hudson and Chelsea Lennon are part of the Port Augusta Partnership for Success Program, a project co-ordinated through the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation.

Mikayla will study and board at Westminster School, and Chelsea will attend Loreto College.

Port Augusta Partnership for Success co-ordinator Stephen Carter said it was a significant achievement for the program.

"It will set these girls to achieve educational goals and fulfil their university aspirations," he said.

The Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) provides individual scholarships to support positive educational outcomes for Indigenous students.

The Smith Family was awarded partnership brokerage of the program in South Australia by the Federal Government in 2009.

Chelsea, who is a Year 11 Student at Port

Augusta Secondary School, has been focusing on a Health Science degree at university. She spends up to six hours a week at the Port Augusta Partnership for Success Enrichment Centre studying and working with several tutors.

"It is good to know that despite there being only a few spots for the scholarship, I actually won one," she said.

Mikayla, a Year 9 student at Caritas College in Port Augusta, has been praised for strong leadership in her sport, academic efforts and through public speaking.

"It's going to be a good experience getting away, living away from home – having a top school environment means more opportunities for my future," she said.

Mr Carter said the Partnership for Success has been in Port Augusta since 2007 and had achieved many significant outcomes with Aboriginal students.

"But this rates as one of the best," he said.

"I know the girls' families are very proud of them and I hope this inspires other young Aboriginal students to set their goals and work hard to achieve them.

"I know that one day I will see both of them graduate from university and go on to become noteworthy leaders in the Aboriginal community."

Opportunity on offer at 'hub'



A NEW 'Opportunity Hub' is open for business in Mossman Gorge in far north Queensland. Cape York Partnerships will run the new hub, which is expected to provide a central point for local Indigenous people to access services like financial counselling, the setting up of student education trusts to set aside money for a child's education, tenancy assistance and parenting support.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin visited the hub earlier this month. The Federal Government allocated \$418,000 towards it.

"We want to ensure that local people have access to all the support they need so they can have happy, healthy, stable lives," Ms Macklin said.

"We want to see local people taking up job opportunities in the area. Through this new Opportunity Hub people will get the support they need to keep their lives on track and get ready for work."

Queensland senator Jan McLucas said the hub would also provide an opportunity for five young Indigenous women to undertake a landscaping project that will count towards their certificates in Conservation and Land Management.

Gateway

While visiting Mossman Gorge, Ms Macklin also saw progress on the \$19 million Gateway Tourism Centre, which is being built by the Indigenous Land Corporation in partnership with local group Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunku and the people of Mossman Gorge.

The eco-tourism development aims to provide greater access to the Mossman Gorge rainforest, as well as ongoing employment opportunities in retail, hospitality, tourism and maintenance for local Indigenous people.

Ms Macklin said it was anticipated the development would provide 40 jobs for local people during the tourism low season and up to 70 jobs in the high season.

Currently, 15 Indigenous people are working on the construction of the centre.

Through the development of the Gateway Tourism Centre at Mossman Gorge, the ILC is partnering with local leadership group Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunku and the people of Mossman Gorge to create economic benefits for the local community and region.



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- Able to stay home for at least 12 months (This is an essential requirement for the primary carer).
- A creative and active person with a sense of humour.
- Live in the Sydney, Central Coast or Wollongong area.

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9833 8877.



SA organisations at meeting



ABOUT 50 people attended a community meeting in Adelaide earlier this month aimed at creating stronger dialogue around representation, information-sharing and cultural awareness.

The meeting, at Nunkuwarrin Yunti, brought together the Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA), Reconciliation SA, TURKINDI (Indigenous Information Network of SA), Indigenous Community Engagement Strategy at the Australian



At the meeting, from left, Ivan Copley, Nicola Butler, Aunty May Wilson, Aunty Sandy Trevorow, Uncle Brian Butler, Leon Colson, Aunty Marlene Trevorow, Greg McCulloch and Douglas Turner. Aunty Dawn Trevorow is in front.

Bureau of Statistics, State Records of SA, Link-Up and the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

National Congress director Brian Butler told those gathered of the organisation's efforts to increase 'grassroots'

community understanding of democracy and governance and broker improved relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.

It was the second in a series of meetings aimed at encouraging input into the activities of organisations.

The next such meeting has been scheduled for noon - 2pm on 29 November at Rymill Park (also known as Park 14 or Mulla Wirraburka) in Adelaide.

For further information, call Brian Butler on 0419 801 085 or email brian.butler@nationalcongress.com.au



Children from Nyngan Public School, Nyngan High School, St Joseph Catholic School, Hermidale Public School, Girilambone Public School and Nyngan Pre-school were part of a giant, living Aboriginal flag.

Warm feeling at Nyngan NAIDOC



NAIDOC Week can be unforgivingly cold in some parts of the

country, so some communities defer their celebrations until later in the year.

And things had warmed up by the time the Aboriginal community at Nyngan in central-western NSW held theirs last month.

The week of celebrations began with a flagraising at Bogan Shire Council by Nyngan LALC chairperson Sheila Couley and NSWALC chairperson Stephen Ryan.

Mid-week, a NAIDOC Day in the Park at Larkin Oval drew together children from Nyngan Public School, Nyngan High School, St Joseph Catholic School, Hermidale Public School, Girilambone Public School and Nyngan Pre-school.

The kids made johnny cakes and jewellery, decorated 600 cupcakes whipped up by Nyngan High School, danced and played music, painted everything from a mural, faces and bandanas, and played traditional Indigenous games with local Sport & Rec and touch footy with the NSW Country Rugby League.

They had visits from the Road Traffic Authority (RTA), the Aboriginal Housing Office, CMA, Centrelink, NSW Fire & Rescue, Triton Mines and Bogan Bush Mobile.

Natasha Sheather, Karen Hawley, Chicko and Kerrin Stern operated a canteen, raising money for students taking part in this year's School Spectacular. Terry Johnson and Nugget and Crew cooked a sausage sizzle supplied by the Bogan Aboriginal Corporation,

At a closing ceremony on the Friday, Lesly Ryan gave out prizes for a colouring-in



Nyngan LALC chairperson Sheila Couley and NSWALC chairperson Cr Stephen Ryan raised the flag at Bogan Shire Council to kick off Nyngan's NAIDOC celebrations.



Kids from Nyngan Pre-school at the celebration.

competition, and Veneta Dutton and Marie Johnson did the honours, lowering the flag with pride.

The Nyngan NAIDOC Week Committee thanked local businesses, services organisations and individuals

who helped to make the celebrations a success, especially the Day in the Park, which drew many donations.



Marie Johnson lends a hand to Coby Parry.



Lesly Ryan showed the youngsters how to make Johnny cakes.



Jack Sinclair chilling out.



Amber Dutton in safe hands.



Veneta Dutton and Marie Johnson lowered the flag at the end of the celebrations.

Graduates on right course

By Townsville correspondent
ALF WILSON



SIXTY Palm Island men and women took a giant step forward towards gaining meaningful and sustainable employment when

they graduated recently with a certificate in work preparation.

Before graduating and receiving their certificates from MP Mandy Johnstone, the islanders completed a nine-week training course in foundation skills.

Three groups of 20 took part in the program at the Palm Island Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC).

The course was chosen as a pre-requisite for an Indigenous employment program (IEP) run by Palm Island's Coolgaree Aboriginal Corporation CDEP which employs many locals. It had a success rate of more than 90 per cent.

The program was offered by Jobfind Australia and funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

Participants developed a range of skills required by employers such as literacy and numeracy for work, the ability to communicate effectively with co-workers, workplace safety, cleanliness and hygiene, nutrition, and how to search for and apply for jobs.

They also completed a number of Jobfind training



The Palm Island job-seekers who graduated from the course, with local MP Mandy Johnstone.

programs, including the Indigenous work and life skills program 'Budda-Jitja', and the confidence and motivation building 'Ready4Work' employment preparation course.

Those who graduated from this foundation course and join the CDEP will then work towards a Certificate II in either Automotive Mechanics, Construction or Hospitality – preparing them for apprenticeships and traineeships in skill shortage areas on the island.

Jobfind Centres in Queensland general manager

Stewart Williams said the graduations were a fantastic result not only for these job-seekers and local employers but also Palm's entire community.

Skills

"The graduates of this course now have the skills they need to improve their own well-being, while also helping to assist employers who are looking to hire Palm Island locals when filling vacancies in much-needed skill shortage areas," he said.

Keith Jarby, from Jarby's Logistics Pty Ltd, partnered with Jobfind and National Job

Link to prepare the participants.

"As an Indigenous Australian, I understand that training on its own is not enough," Mr Jarby said. "Many of our participants have a range of issues that may affect their ability to complete training."

"These may be drug, alcohol or even abuse issues. By treating everyone in my classes like individuals and addressing all their problems, I am setting them up to succeed – not just in getting a job, but in improving all areas of their lives."

Participants agreed that it had been essential to have an

Indigenous trainer with the cultural knowledge and awareness necessary to translate the training information in to their language.

One certificate recipient had previously tried unsuccessfully to complete courses.

"The only reason I succeeded in the training this time is because of Keith being Indigenous," he said.

"Because of that, I could trust him and ask for his help in my personal life. Keith helped me to sort out my problems and I'm now feeling confident enough to do a mechanics course."

Healthy results for Hope Vale



A GROUP of Indigenous people in Hope Vale on Cape York in Queensland have been working in the local market garden, while completing Certificates I and II training in asset maintenance courses.

The Garden Market Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) has been operating since 1999, and is operated by Jobfind Centres Australia and funded by the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

With the recent addition of eight weeks of formal training in asset maintenance, CDEP participants are gaining training in maintaining, cleaning and managing their workplace and its equipment, as well as planning and management of safety when maintaining equipment used in the workplace.

Jobfind CDEP operations general manager Simon Rodgers said the Garden Market CDEP has helped develop the skills of many Hope Vale residents while improving local services, particularly with regards to fresh fruit and vegetables.

Mr Rodgers said that with their new qualifications in maintaining construction equipment, recent participants would be better placed to apply for upcoming positions making



Participants in the Garden Market CDEP at Hope Vale, north Queensland.

a local sports field and BMX track and the building of a dam.

"The skills obtained from the training are not only beneficial to the Hope Vale community in terms of helping to maintain the market

garden and its tractors, mowers and tools, but the program is also helping CDEP participants to improve their employment prospects, self-esteem and self-worth," Mr Rodgers said.

Ideas call for park



THE South Australian Government wants ideas on how to use a remote park that's home to fossils and rare

animals. Public comment is being sought on the future management of Bimbowrie Conservation Park, a 72,000 hectare area of the Olary Ranges near Broken Hill.

Renowned for its geological history and fossil remains, Bimbowrie also provides an important refuge for arid land species such as the map gecko lizard, Forrest's mouse and the yellow-footed rock wallaby.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) director of national parks and wildlife Greg Leaman says the area also has a rich cultural history "Several Aboriginal groups have traditional associations with this region," he said.

"It also contains several pastoral buildings of heritage significance, including the old Boolcoomata homestead and the hut that (explorer) Sir Douglas Mawson used as a base for geological field trips."

DENR says it has worked with Aboriginal groups and local landowners to draft a management plan, to restore and protect the park's native flora and fauna. – AAP

Brisbane Indigenous Rugby League Carnival



Sha-taya Grant, 3, from Brisbane, proud to be a young Bowen River Bronco.



Staying cool in the heat at the Brisbane football carnival were, from left, Kerry, Yula, Leah, Darnah, Tracy and Jess.

Hot day, hot action



Photos by NAOMI MORAN

THE weather was warm and the action was hot on the first day of the annual Brisbane Indigenous Rugby League Carnival, played last weekend. A large crowd turned out to watch six teams – Cherbourg Hornets, Purga Wagtails, Bundjalung

Warriors, Carina All Blacks, Inala and Bowen River Broncos – battle for the title.

Sprint races were another feature of the carnival. The finals were played last Sunday as the *Koori Mail* went to press, so check our website – www.koorimail.com – for details.

● Carnival action photos – Pages 90-91



Young Cherbourg supporters getting amongst the action.



Inala girls, from left, Madison Dargin, Melissa Hill and Elizabeth Nicolaidis.



The Murray family came down from Cherbourg for the carnival.



Catching up at the footy were mates, from left, Mulliky Bligh, Graham Ross and Tyran Reid.



Catherine Carroll and Joanne Yorston, from Brisbane, were all smiles for the Bowen River team at the carnival.

Cairns All Blacks Rugby League Carnival



Michael Bon and Michael Mosby catch up at the carnival.



William Munns, Madeleine Gooda, Rose Kris and George Jarrett having a good time.



Budding footballer Lester Adams, aged 2.

Feast of top action

Photos by MAHALA STROHFELDT



THOUSANDS of football fans flocked to Cairns last weekend for the city's annual All Blacks Rugby League Carnival. They enjoyed a feast of football action, with 26 men's

sides, five women's and 10 under-18s from across north Queensland taking to the field. They braved hot weather on the opening day until a cooling afternoon shower. The finals were being played as the *Koori Mail* went to press. Check our website – www.koorimail.com – for the results.
● Action photos – P88-89



Peter Diamond with his granddaughter Mia.



Jamaine Munns, from Woorabinda, catches up with Cherbourg's Kalchiri Jacobs.



Winston Ganaia, Thomas Banu and William Aruba, all from Boigu Island in the Torres Strait.



Dennis Mallie, from Cape York, used his head when it came to beating the hot weather.

41st NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout



Carol Duke of Moree with Donna Taylor and Yeena Thompson, holding her great nephew Brooklyn Tighe, five months.



Catching up, from left, Denny Packer of Marrickville, Ron Shaky of Mindaribba, Neil and Eric Kinchela of Moree, and Greg Griffiths of Gunnedah.



Redfern ladies, from left, Kiara Maza, Sara Hamilton and Jennah Dungay.



Moree cousins, Allan McKenzie, 13, and Craig McKenzie, 11.

Crowd enjoys action

Photos by THERESA DALTON



IT started out cold and wet, but the action was hot during all four days of this year's NSW

Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, held in the central-western city of Bathurst.

More than 50 teams lined-up in what is one of the largest Indigenous sports carnivals anywhere.

This year's winners were the

Mindaribba Warriors, who downed South Coast team Yuin Monaro 56-22 in the final. In the women's decider, Redfern All Blacks were too good, beating Tingha 48-0.

Thousands of people from across NSW and further afield braved the conditions to enjoy the event, which included live entertainment.

Next year's 42nd Knockout will be held in the NSW Hunter Valley, most likely in Maitland.

● Turn to our sports section for more on the Knockout.



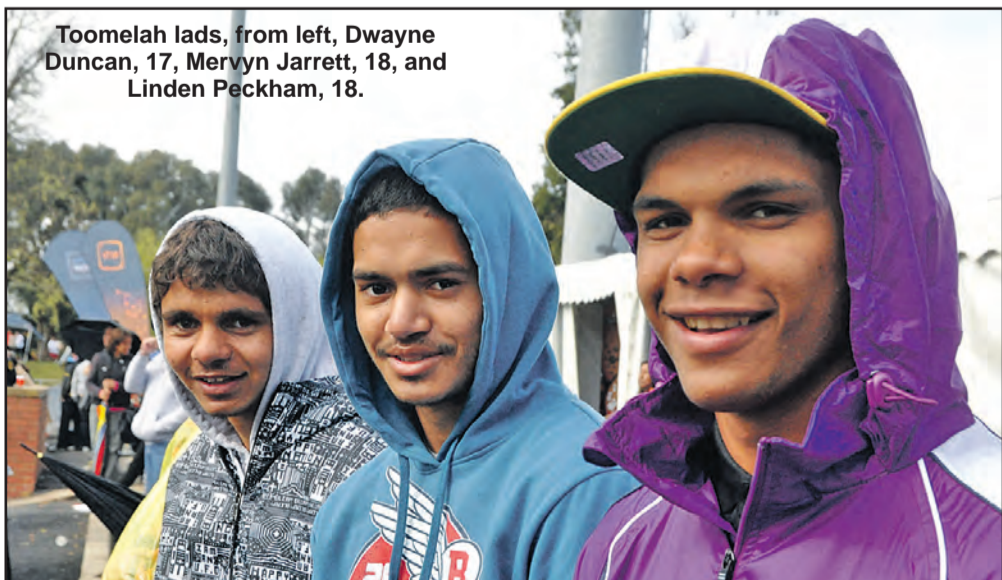
Kelly Griffiths of Maitland with Val Pitt of Moree and her daughter Melody Priestley. In front are Melody's children, Savannah, 2, and 10-month-old Montaya.



Carmen Simpson, from Wellington, with Erika Carr, of Dubbo, in her Aboriginal design quilt (Bush Tucker Black) from Neeka Dreaming.



From left, Kalil Lockwood, 9, of Kempsey, Robbie Smith, 16, from Sydney, Katrina Riley of Kempsey, Allira Riley, 13, from Gilgandra and Alicia Riley of Sydney.



Toomelah lads, from left, Dwayne Duncan, 17, Mervyn Jarrett, 18, and Linden Peckham, 18.

● More Knockout coverage on the next two pages and in our sports section

41st NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout



Rebecca Merritt, centre, with members of Wee Waa's Huggy Bear Security and Condobolin's Dodgson & Son Pty Ltd Security.



Kempsey locals, back from left, Jay Cohen, Adam Dixon, Raymond Quinlan, 16, and Jerome Anderson. Front, Denise Dixon, Christine Wright holding Adam Dixon Jrn, four months, and Cheryl-Lee Dixon.



Janelle Clarke of Legal Aid NSW and Christine Robinson from Wirringa Baiya women's legal centre.



South Kempsey girls, Cecilia Donovan, 15, Stephanie Donovan, 17, Patricia Donovan, 16 and Leahar Morris, 19.



Kempsey locals, back from left, Darrel Donovan, Fred Kelly and Noel Lockwood. Front, Patricia Riley-Sines, 5, David Scholes, Windrayne Riley-Sines, 3, and Loretta Riley.



From Bega on the NSW south coast, from left, Joy Kelly, Nellie Dixon and Faith Aldridge.



● ABOVE: Dubbo Plains and Central West Division of General Practice workers in front of their stall, from left, Colleen Allen, Brian Grant and Melissa Mills.



Kempsey brothers Adrian and Alfred Cohen.



● Left: Moree locals Barry McGrady, Lance Tighe, Jodie Johnson, Carol Tighe and her son Paul and nephew Floyd.

All photos by Theresa Dalton

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Rebecca Sampson, 17, of Moree, Adina Moran, 16, of Inverell, and Nikara Trotter, 15, of Moree.



Toomelah lads Liam McGrady, 16, with Warren Jarrett, 20, and Jason McGrady, 21.



Ursula Kim from Armidale with Sharon and her partner Darren Sutherland. In front, from left, Lachlan Toomey, 9, and Sharon and Darren's children Caleb, 8, Joshua, 7, and Isaac, 10.



Tingha Cubs players, from left, Ebony Flanders, 16, and Cassie Toomey, 17, with her cousin Jasmin Toomey, 9.



Mount Druitt lad Tai Tuivasa, who was representing South West Metro.



Colin Walker with his son Djikorra, 2, and Buddy Matthews, son of the late Dave Matthews.



Orange residents, far right, Debbie Rose, 18, with her cousins, Mervyn, 11, Tayla, 13, Taniesha, 15 and Talara Croaker, 5.



Coraki Mob, from left, Vanessa Kapeen, Gertie Kapeen, Victoria Robinson, 16 and in front Aunty Alvina Kapeen.



Roy and Narelle Whitton from Moree.



The Matthews sisters, from left, Marlie, 17, Shaylee, 22 and Tamika, 21.



Arthur Wellington from Jerrinja mission at Nowra with Mervyn Dickson of Kempsey.



NSW Governor Marie Bashir with the mob from Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation.

Quitting goal of campaign

Photos by JOSEPH MAYERS



WHEN Gail Griffith began smoking in her 20s she had no idea that it would eventually result in her needing a new pair of lungs.

Diagnosed with emphysema in her early 50s, Ms Griffith was lucky enough to have the life-saving operation just 15 months ago.

But not everyone is so lucky.

At a launch of an anti-smoking project in Redfern, Sydney, last week, Ms Griffith shared her harrowing story, and also revealed that the pain brought about by smoking continued to affect her life.

"I'm young, 55, but a lot of my people younger than me have died," Ms Griffith told the gathering.

"Tomorrow we are burying my twin brother Griff who died of emphysema."

"I quit two-and-a-half years ago before my lung transplant. I almost died, so I quit. I was in a wheelchair and now I'm independent thanks to my new set of lungs."

Ms Griffith was speaking at the launch of the Aboriginal Tobacco Control Project, which aims to reduce smoking in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities by five per cent by 2013.

The project is a collaboration between several key community groups in and around Redfern and follows new research that found the overwhelming majority of Indigenous smokers in south-west and inner-west Sydney would like to quit if they had the right support.

NSW Governor Marie Bashir launched the project,



GAIL GRIFFITH



SEAN CHOOLBURRA



Emily McCluskey, Dulcie Flowers, Mark Spinks and Wei Zhuang Jiang at the launch.

saying it was an exceptionally important day.

"You are going to win this challenge. We know how cruel and destructive smoking can be to families and communities," Prof Bashir said.

She praised Ms Griffith for sharing her story, and also spoke broadly on the impacts of smoking on Indigenous people.

"This campaign is a great investment because Aboriginal people are vulnerable to this condition," the Governor said.

"You were the healthiest people on this planet. It was the germs and smoking they introduced that struck so deeply into a great people who didn't need immunity."

The campaign will use billboards, bus advertising, radio and newspaper advertisements, and a website, providing information for smokers wanting to quit, and inspirational stories from those that have.

Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern chair Sol Belleair said smoking among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was twice the rate as other people.

"Smoking is also responsible for the higher mortality rate for many cancers among the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation chair Christine

Carriage said the project partners had completed extensive research, including nearly 700 surveys, before designing the campaign.

"Close to half (48 per cent) of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community currently smokes, but 71 per cent of those we interviewed know smoking is really bad for their health and want to stop in the next six months," she said.

"There is evidence that people want to gain enough confidence to be able to quit on their own, so we have developed a campaign using members of the community like you and me who have taken the plunge, done the hard yards and quit."

"We came up with the slogan Quit smoking and let your body heal."

Ray Minniecon, from Redfern's Babana Men's Group, said Babana was behind the campaign because his members knew how bad the consequences of smoking had been for the community.

"The message is clear — smoking is a killer — and we have to do everything we can to encourage and support our people to cut it out," Rev Minniecon said.

"Our campaign is a wake-up call for everyone. We ask people to visit their local Aboriginal medical service, doctor or health worker."

"Most people don't know your GP can prescribe subsidised nicotine replacement therapy patches to help you quit."

The project's website www.iqutbecause.org.au has plenty of information and suggestions on how to quit smoking, as well as the full stories of those who quit.



Dorris Slabb and Hector Terare.



Milly Ingram and Darryl Wright.



Tracey Duroux and Allan Colliss.



Dulcie Flowers, Vic Simms and Naomi Mayers.



Kerry Welsh and Mandy Williams.



Governor Marie Bashir and Uncle Max Eulo.

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Mental health focus for Tamworth clinic



A NEW mental health drop-in clinic operating from the Coledale Community Centre in Tamworth, northern NSW, aims to prevent the escalation of mental health issues by providing easy access to a culturally appropriate service.

The Coledale clinic is an initiative of Hunter New England Mental Health and has been developed in partnership with local Elders and the community.

It will operate for half a day each fortnight and is open to all members of the Coledale community, about a third of whom are Aboriginal.

Aboriginal clinical leader with HNE Mental Health Bronwyn Pascoe said about one in five people will have mental illness at some stage in their lives.

"There is no shame in that," she said.

"However, we know that Aboriginal people in the Coledale community don't generally access existing mental health services, so we are taking the service to them."

Support

The team of mental health nurses, clinicians and a psychiatrist will provide prevention, promotion and early intervention activities, education and advice to support families and carers, specialist clinical services, and support for people recovering from mental illness.

"This is a very exciting project for us," Ms Pascoe said.

"The clinic is not a crisis service. Instead, it gives us a chance to sit down and yarn with local people, hear their stories, support them and respond to their needs."

Hunter New England Mental Health acting general manager David McLeod said the service



Hunter New England Mental Health Aboriginal clinical leader Bronwyn Pascoe at the official launch of the Coledale clinic earlier this month with Peel mental health manager Trish Blackman, trainee Aboriginal mental health clinician Rachel Goodchild, Aboriginal mental health officer Karen Winters, mental health co-ordinator Joe Miller, psychologist Mahendra Nepal and consumer consultant Yarif Freestone. Photo: Geoff O'Neill/Fairfax Syndication

worked with Elders to develop the clinic.

"They stressed the need for an accessible and culturally

appropriate service that could meet the community's needs in a setting and way that could reduce the stigma and shame often

attached to having a mental illness," Mr McLeod said.

"Hunter New England Health is committed to closing the gap in

life expectancy and health outcomes for Aboriginal people, and this is one way we can help do that."

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Quit for 15 years



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Quit for 2 years



Colin
Quit for 19 years



Barbara
Quit for 3 years

Visit your local Aboriginal Medical Service, Doctor (GP), Health Worker. Ask about affordable patches (Nicotine Replacement Therapy)

An initiative of the Aboriginal Tobacco Control Project



Aboriginal award to SA worker



A WOMAN who works to help people overcome gambling addictions has received a top mental health award in South Australia.

Sue Bertossa, who works at the SA Statewide Gambling Therapy Service, received the Aboriginal Award – Excellence in the Provision of Mental Health Services for those most in need or most at risk – a category of the state's annual Dr Margaret Tobin Awards. The awards marked the start of Mental Health Week activities in South Australia.

The Statewide Gambling Therapy Service provides behavioural therapy to help people to overcome gambling addictions. An integral part of the program is the Aboriginal project

component of the service, which was implemented in 2008.

The award citation said that Ms Bertossa was central to the work of the service, conducting community based information sessions, which increased the number of Aboriginal people attending the service.

"Sue has also been involved in preparing and delivering training for other therapists to enable them to work more effectively with Aboriginal people," the citation said.

"(She) has been central to the work of the service the achievements demonstrated and the potential to extend treatment and research work into the wider arena of Aboriginal health and well-being."

The awards were presented by SA Health Minister John Hill and SA Health chief executive David Swan.



Award recipient Sue Bertossa. Photo: SA Health

Conference in Fremantle



THE second national alcohol and other drugs conference will be held from 6-8 June next year in Fremantle, Western Australia.

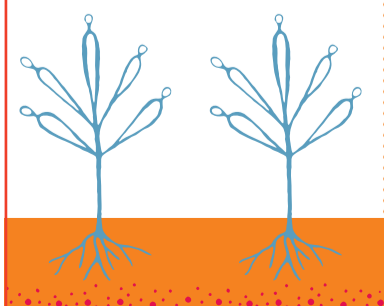
Conference hosts the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) say the focus will be on leading the way to address the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs, and its associated impact on Indigenous communities.

NIDAC says it will provide opportunities to showcase innovative programs, explore ideas and ways forward, learn about new evidenced-based interventions, and develop strongly connected networks.

The committee is also seeking to have a particular focus on what works for Indigenous people in a range of harm reduction, treatment and prevention areas and more.

The period for abstract submissions has been extended and now closes on 11 November.

To submit an abstract and for registration information, visit nidaconference.com.au, or contact (07) 3334 4400.



Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship and Scholarship Program



Want to earn while you learn

NSW Department of Health offers financial assistance for Aboriginal people enrolled or enrolling in Nursing or Midwifery studies through cadetships and scholarships.

Cadetship positions are offered within the following areas of full-time study:

- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Midwifery
- Diploma or Certificate IV in Enrolled Nursing

What the Cadetship offers:

- Study allowance of \$600 per fortnight
- Employment of up to 12 weeks in a Public Hospital
- Receive clinical support and mentoring
- Ongoing employment once graduated

Cadetship applications open Monday 5 September 2011 and close on Monday 31 October 2011

What Scholarships are on offer?

- Aboriginal Post enrolment Scholarships are open all year
- Aboriginal Undergraduate Scholarships open September 2011 and close November 2011
- Aboriginal Postgraduate Scholarships open December 2011 and close March 2012

Scholarship application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarships.asp>

Eligibility criteria applies for both cadetship position and scholarships

Please contact one of our Aboriginal Project Officers on **1800 155 325** or email: aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au to find out if you meet the eligibility criteria.



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ACIKE group meets



THE body that will steer a new partnership in what's been hailed as 'a new era of Indigenous Australian participation in higher education' has met for the first time.

The Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education (ACIKE) is a joint initiative between Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) and Charles Darwin University (CDU).

The centre's Governance Committee, chaired by former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Dr Tom Calma, met in Darwin last week.

During a break in the two-day meeting, Dr Calma said ACIKE held one of the keys to 'closing the gap' on Indigenous disadvantage.

"The establishment of ACIKE recognises the importance of providing Indigenous education that is effective and sustainable. It has to be a key priority if we are to 'close the gap'," he said.

"The centre combines the considerable resources and skills that BIITE and CDU direct to Indigenous higher education to create undergraduate and postgraduate programs that

increase the focus on the areas of greatest need in our communities.

"We want to achieve Indigenous leadership in health, education, policy and governance."

ACIKE's main education hub will be located in a \$30 million building funded by the Australian Government and under construction on CDU's Casuarina campus in Darwin.

The Centre delivers ACIKE study programs at three locations across the NT in Darwin, Batchelor and Alice Springs. These include BIITE's two main campuses at Batchelor, 100 km south of Darwin, and at the Desert Peoples Centre at Alice Springs, and CDU campuses at Casuarina and Alice Springs.

ACIKE's Governance Committee has equal representation of CDU and BIITE members and comprises Dr Calma, Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson, Russell Taylor, Professor Steve Larkin, Dr Scott Snyder, Trish Angus, Adrian Mitchell, Professor Yvonne Cadet-James, and Dr Patricia Miller.

The Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education is led by interim inaugural director, Associate Professor Terry Dunbar, and will be fully operational next year.



Pictured at the inaugural meeting of the ACIKE Governance Committee in Darwin were Prof Steve Larkin, Russell Taylor, Prof Yvonne Cadet-James, Trish Angus, ACIKE Inaugural Director Assoc Prof Terry Dunbar, Committee Secretary Karen McLean, Dr Tom Calma and Adrian Mitchell.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Awards for a brighter Remote Australia



Want to be part of research projects that will directly benefit jobs, lives, enterprise and the communities of Remote Australia?

Between 2011 and 2014 the Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation will offer at least 24 postgraduate students at doctoral, masters and honours level scholarships. This is a great opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to gain qualifications and work with an extended group of researchers on issues relevant to Remote Australia.

The closing date for Australian Postgraduate Awards is 31 October 2011.



The CRC for Remote Economic Participation will accept application forms up to this date and in early 2012.



NINTI ONE REMOTE ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

For more information about the scholarships visit

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TAFE has action plan



SUNSHINE Coast TAFE says it has an action plan to improve educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. It wants a 20 per cent increase in Indigenous students, cultural awareness training for 70 per cent of its staff by 2012, Indigenous electives in Pathways programs and improved completion rates.

Those targets are included in the TAFE's new Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), launched at the institute's Mooloolaba campus and the first to be implemented by a Queensland TAFE.

Bush tucker teacher Dale Chapman, who was a member of the TAFE Indigenous Advisory Committee that helped develop the plan, said the RAP would benefit students as well

as the broader community.

Ms Chapman said the plan would provide Indigenous students with opportunities to participate in education and achieve positive outcomes.

"It will also bring a continued appreciation and greater understanding of Indigenous cultures and its people, fostered by TAFE's commitment to engage and build strong relationships with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community," she said.

Consultation

"The RAP was the result of three years of comprehensive community consultation with organisations such as Reconciliation Australia, Indigenous community groups and the Indigenous Advisory Board."

Ms Chapman said she was particularly impressed with the dialogue TAFE

developed with the Indigenous community to produce the plan.

"The consultative process is the most crucial part of working with the Indigenous community," she said.

"Asking us first to participate in the process and engage as equals shows Indigenous people our knowledge is valued and appreciated, which raises aspirations within our community."

Sunshine Coast TAFE currently has 480 Indigenous students, including 214 enrolled in community services training, 69 in business, and 40 in hospitality and retail.

Sunshine Coast TAFE Director Ross Hepworth said the commitment to a 20 per cent annual increase in enrolments, to be measured from July this year, was an indication of the institute's high aspirations for Indigenous student achievement.



Sunshine Coast TAFE director Ross Hepworth and marketing manager Wendy Hornsby join Indigenous Advisory Board member Dale Chapman at the RAP release.



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ACIKE offers flexible study options to meet your commitments and personal needs. Study full-time/part-time, online from home or on-campus in three different locations in the Northern Territory.

A strong academic support program based on individual and course needs will help you to be successful at university.

ACIKE has a variety of scholarships available to students, and courses are eligible for government HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP.

Courses available in Semester One, 2012:

- Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Knowledges
- Diploma of Creative and Indigenous Writing
- Bachelor of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advocacy
- Bachelor of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Knowledges (Honours)
- Bachelor of Indigenous Languages and Linguistics
- Bachelor of Nursing Pre-Registration
- Bachelor of Health Science
- Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Pre Service)
- Bachelor of Teaching and Learning Early Childhood
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- Graduate Certificate in Yolngu Studies
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Engineering this summer



ABORIGINAL students from around Australia will have the opportunity to experience a week in the life of an engineering student as

part of Curtin University's third Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAESS).

The annual program, held each January, gives Indigenous students the opportunity to take part in a combination of engineering and industry networking activities, including hands-on laboratories, site visits, competitions and information seminars, providing a taste of engineering studies and a potential career in the field.

IAESS program manager Larissa Andrews said Indigenous people were under-represented in the engineering profession and the program provided an opportunity for students with demonstrated interest and academic potential to pursue a career in engineering.

"Engineers design and advise on drinking water, roads, hospitals, schools, radio, television,

communication networks and all the fabric of modern society," Ms Andrews said.

"Remote communities and regional Australia are in significant need of infrastructure development, a process that can only be undertaken with the contribution of engineering professionals educated in our universities.

"Engineers may be the most valuable resource these communities can have and it is important that Indigenous Australians are represented in our cohorts of graduating engineers."

Ms Andrews said that with the support and recommendation of their teachers, chosen students were fully financially supported to participate in the IAESS and received automatic eligibility for assistance in gaining entry to study engineering at Curtin through new study pathway programs.

The IAESS is a five-day, live-in program established by Engineering Aid Australia 15 years ago.

Applications for the IAESS close next Friday, 27 October.

Melbourne Girls Grammar
an Anglican school

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



Course a confidence boost



FIFTEEN Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers (AIEO) from around Fremantle and Rockingham in Western Australia

have experienced a boost to both their confidence and their formal qualifications.

The group, who are all employed at local government schools, completed a Certificate III in Education Support through the Challenger Institute of TAFE.

The workforce development program was over one day a week for 20 weeks and was supported by school principals, enabling participants the opportunity to advance their current knowledge, skills and competencies.

Challenger Institute Leadership and Aboriginal Workforce Development Program manager Noelene Mantellato said the course provided participants with tools and training to use in the classroom and, importantly, to gain formal recognition in their workplace.

"This program has been such a positive experience for the participants who are both genders and of various ages and backgrounds," she said.



Challenger Institute of Technology Certificate III in Education Support course participants and, right, participant William Borsi speaking about his experiences. Photos: Leigh Blackwell.



"The group have embraced the new learning and have really come out of their comfort zones. It's great to see such a diverse group of educators complete this first stage of the program."

Ms Mantellato said the institute hoped the group would continue

into the Certificate IV course next year and, afterwards, perhaps pursue further education such as a university teaching degree.

Course participant William Borsi said he was excited to use what he had learnt in the course. "I am just about to present my

pre-school students with a poster of the human body, complete with the names of body parts in both Noongar and English," he said.

"This will be a great interactive project for the class, who will learn through sound, sight and touch.

"The course has given me more than just a qualification; it has given me new-found confidence in my abilities and a real passion for teaching."

The training forms part of the Department of Education AIEO professional learning program.

Conference was a first

By DARREN COYNE



THE first national conference to focus exclusively on teachers working in remote Indigenous communities has been held in Alice Springs.

The conference was organised to provide research for participants, generate new ideas and raise the profile of remote teaching.

Hosted by the NT Department of Education and Training, the conference was the focal point for the new Teach Remote initiative supported by the National Alliance for Remote Indigenous Schools (NARIS).

The initiative covers more than 170 Indigenous schools in four states and the Northern Territory, and aims to boost the quality of teaching in Indigenous communities. The first of its kind, NARIS was formed by the heads of education in the NT, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and NSW, and in conjunction with the Stronger Smarter Institute and the Australian Government.

A major focus of the Teach Remote initiative is to encourage teachers to commit to a minimum two-year placement in remote communities.

NT Parliamentary Secretary

for Education Lynne Walker opened the conference, saying the NARIS project was led by the NT Department of Education and Training, with support from the Australian Government, with the aim of attracting, recruiting, retaining and developing quality teachers and school leaders in the most challenging remote schools.

"The Territory Government is proud to be a driving force behind this exciting national initiative and we are committed to providing a quality education for all children in the Territory and support and development for all of our teachers," Ms Walker said.

Prosperity

"As a former teacher, I know that education is the key to economic prosperity in the Northern Territory and indeed all remote communities across Australia.

"This conference is also a great way to raise the professional profile of teaching in remote communities so we can continue to attract quality teachers to these challenging, rewarding and vital roles."

Keynote speaker Pauline Kent, a teacher at Yarrabah State School, told the conference how she had developed a financial literacy program to engage students in real-life learning. The MilbaDjunga Smart

Money initiative sees Yarrabah students receive pay packets of mock money at the end of each fortnight worked out by how well they perform jobs at school and how often they attend.

The students are required to budget their money, pay bills such as classroom costs, clock on and off at the beginning and end of each day, and bad behaviour sees their pay docked.

"It's a hands-on program that can be used in primary and secondary schools, and is developing real life experience with paying bills," she said.

"And the secondary component leads to how they can start their own business in their own community."

NT Department of Education and Training chief executive Gary Barnes, who instigated the alliance, said all remote Indigenous schools grappled with similar problems and it made sense to share resources at such a conference.

He said the NARIS conference also helped teachers establish professional networks enabling teachers in Cape York in Queensland to swap notes with those in the Kimberley or the Central Australian desert areas.

The conference is set to become an annual event, hosted each year by a different NARIS jurisdiction with Queensland set to host the 2012 conference.



Achieve, Share, Enhance

Are you a mature-aged Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person? Are financial constraints affecting your decision to obtain a higher educational qualification?

The IBA Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to enable recipients to achieve nationally recognised qualifications. The fund supports courses related to business, commerce, accounting, financial management and economic leadership. IBA is seeking applicants who can share their qualifications to enhance their community's economic and financial development.

IBA's Scholarship Fund is taking applications from 17 October until 18 November 2011 from applicants who will be studying in 2012.

For more information visit www.iba.gov.au/scholarships or contact IBA.

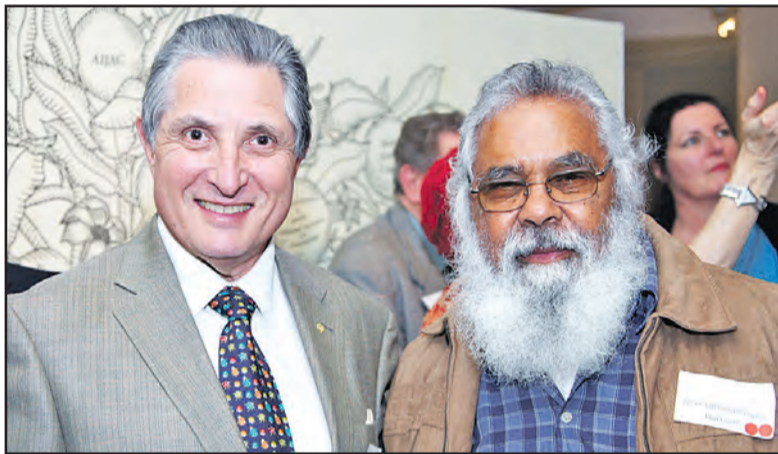


From left, Bruce Symonds, Lorraine McGee-Sippel, Nina Schoulal, Jennifer Symonds, Allene Symonds at the anniversary celebration. All photos courtesy RTT



Dancers Guppie and Dubs Yunupingu perform.

A matter of Trust



Robert Schneider and 2007 awardee Max Dulumunmun Harrison.



Lola Forester with Margaret Gutman, whose idea it was to link the two communities through oral history recording.

20 years on, long-term friendships celebrated



DEEP and abiding friendships and connections forged between members of Sydney's

Aboriginal and Jewish communities were clearly evident last month during celebrations marking the 20th anniversary of the Rona Tranby Trust (RTT).

The trust was set up 20 years ago as a partnership between the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies and Tranby Aboriginal College, using a bequest in the will of Thomas Paul Rona.

It gives awards for Indigenous Australian Oral History projects, many of which were showcased at an event held at the Sydney Jewish Museum to mark the milestone.

Attending the anniversary celebrations were NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor



An historic photo of Eva and Thomas Rona.

Dominello and many Jewish and Indigenous leaders, past Rona Tranby Award recipients and others.

Speakers included some of the many people involved in 11 Rona Tranby Awards presented over two decades; Debbie Evans from Wagga Wagga in regional NSW, Lorraine McGee-Sippel from Sydney, and Elverina Johnson from Yarrabah near Cairns. And there were performances by Moriah College Woodwind Ensemble, dancers Guppie and Dubs Yunupingu and singer/songwriter Nadeena Dixon.

Trustee Jennifer Symonds, representing the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, said the most important benefit of the awards

had been the process of creating the recordings and 'making the links with country, with the past and with other community members'.

One of the projects, the Yarrabah Brass Band Story, which Elverina Johnson spoke about, became a museum exhibition, a play that ran for four years, and now there are plans for a movie.

Some projects were completed in a few months, others over a few years, and some are still ongoing. Some centred around one person, others around a group or a community. For example, Lucy Porter, from the Older Women's Network, was inspired to interview well-known Aboriginal women in Sydney and guided a whole team to interview 15 women and publish the book *Steppin' Out and Speakin' Up*.

Ms Symonds acknowledged those who had the vision and were involved in setting up the trust 20 years ago including Margaret Gutman, Roland Gridiger, Kevin Cook, Jerry Levy and Kevin Tory.

She said the evening had been 'joyous', creating an opportunity for Jewish and Indigenous community members to meet and building momentum for the trust's work into the future.

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THEY'RE only small but there are those who have high hopes and big plans for these youngsters.

They were part of a 'graduation' held last week at KARI Aboriginal Resource Inc, a community organisation in the Sydney suburb of Liverpool, which runs out-of-home care programs.

Nine youngsters completed KARI's most recent Transition to School Program, a 10-week program that began last year and delivers structured activities promoting communication, social and literacy development in the year before Kindergarten.

The program is run by a speech pathologist and focuses on building each child's receptive (understanding) and expressive (talking) language, pre literacy and social skills in order to best prepare them for the academic and social demands of the school environment. There's also a cultural element, encouraging the children to explore their identity.

"The year prior to the commencement of kindergarten is thought of as a key time in laying a solid foundation for further academic and social growth," said KARI's senior speech pathologist Stephanie Ruston.

"This is especially true for Aboriginal children in Out of Home Care, where 54 per cent have been identified as having communication difficulties (Ramen, Reynolds & Kahn, 2011) which can often lead to poorer educational outcomes," Miss Ruston continues.

"In 2010 we saw 10 children graduate the program. This year will see a further nine children graduate all showing fantastic growth and development in the core language, literacy and social



Scenes above and below from a 'graduation' held last week at KARI Aboriginal Resource Inc.

domains this program sets to promote.

"Early results have shown that on average the children's communication skills have risen by 25 per cent.

"These are very exciting results as this ensures that each child will enter kindergarten with improved communication skills to enable

classroom success."

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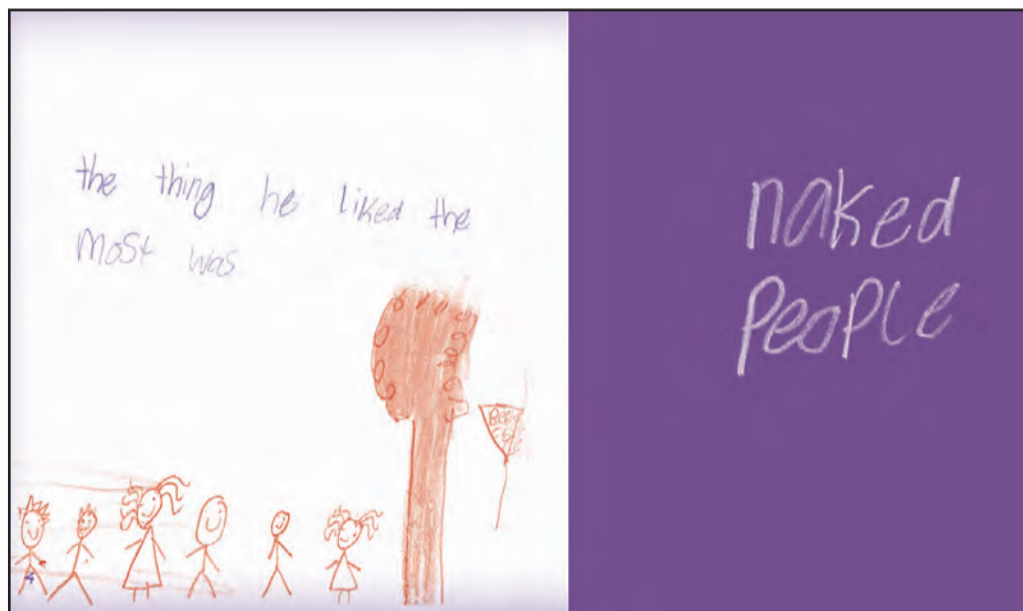
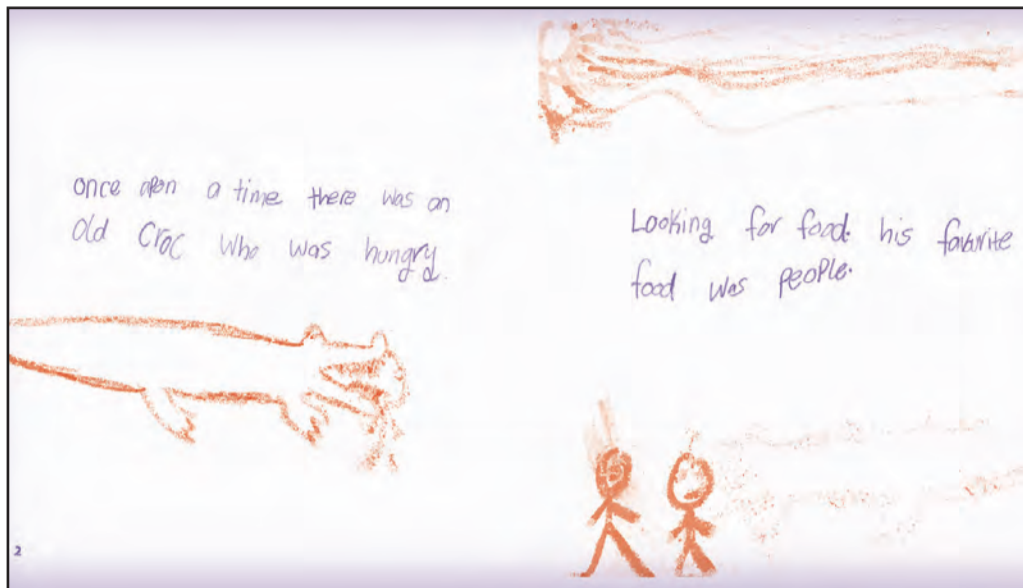
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Kids' stories in print



Extracts from the book's title story *The Naked Boy and the Crocodile*, which was written by Lazarus Edwards.

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



A BOOK of 13 stories written by Aboriginal kids from some of the remotest parts of Australia has already gone into its second re-print, after being officially launched on Indigenous Literacy Day last month.

The book is named after the first story in the collection – *The Naked Boy and the Crocodile* – and is edited by best-selling children's author Andy Griffiths, with proceeds going towards the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF).

The stories are the result of workshops run by Griffiths in places like Manyallaluk, Beswick and Daly River in the Northern Territory; Wyndham, Fitzroy Crossing and Warburton in Western Australia; and Wilcannia in NSW.

During the workshops, Griffiths gave the children small blank 'books' and invited them to fill them with words and pictures based on their own lives.

These stories could be true or fictional or a mixture of both. They could be dramatic, funny or simply about an activity they love, he said.

Griffiths, who is an ILF ambassador, said that in some remote Indigenous communities only one in five children could read at the accepted minimum level.

"(In *The Naked Boy and the Crocodile*) there are stories about the simple pleasures of playing with friends, riding motorbikes, picking berries and hunting for emu eggs and wild pigs, sitting alongside tales of terrifying turkeys, angry mamus, farcical football matches and crocodiles with an unfortunate – but completely understandable – preference for eating naked people," he said in the book's introduction.

"What makes these stories all the more remarkable is that, due to the difficulties of getting to and from remote communities, the books were all produced

in sessions of 90 minutes or less by students for whom English is often a second, third or even fourth language."

The city-dwelling Griffiths said that, by visiting the communities, he had been constantly reminded of how much reading and writing were taken for granted in Australia's 'print-soaked culture' and of just how much he doesn't know.

"Sharing stories is a two-way street," he said.

ILF executive director Karen Williams said after launching the first print-run of 5000 books on 7 September that the foundation was already doing a second re-print – an indication of the high level of interest.

"It's bush kids showing city kids what they can do," she said.

"The stories are so beautifully illustrated. These kids are amazing."

Williams said Griffiths, who has written 20 books including such renowned titles as *The Day My Bum Went Psycho*, had been travelling out to remote communities with ILF for the past three years.

"Every community that I've been in with him... all the kids know his work," she said.

"(Griffiths) has an amazing manner with them. They might start off a little bit shy, but then his flexes his arms and shows off his collection of tattoos, and that's the end of all shyness."

"He explains to the kids how he would get a tattoo done as a reward whenever he finished a book, but he had to stop because he was running out of arm."

Funds raised through sales of *The Naked Boy and the Crocodile* go towards the ILF, which has sent more than 70,000 books to more than 200 communities in the remotest parts of Australia, launched an early literacy project in three communities and worked with remote communities on literacy projects including language translations and recording of local stories.

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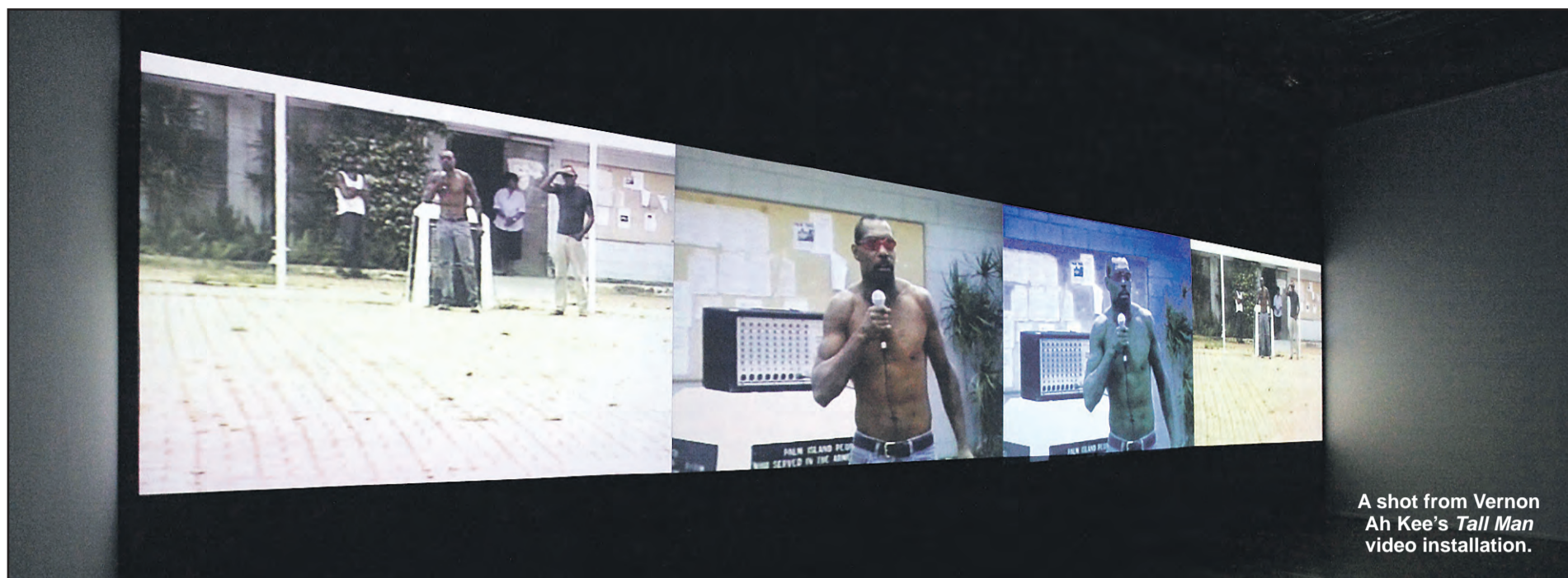
Bennett (pictured) has won the Indigenous category of the 2011 WAM Song of the Year Awards.

The emerging star had three entries before the judges but it was his song *Wangkaja* that took the prize.

Bennett was up against the Bartlett Brothers in the Indigenous award category, presented by Abmusic.

Non-Indigenous folk popster Timothy Nelson won the WAM Song of the Year Grand Prize for his song, *Speak the Truth in Love*.

The awards were announced in Perth last Wednesday.



A shot from Vernon Ah Kee's *Tall Man* video installation.

Art is looking closer

By GREG BURCHALL



IT started with a conversation in a bar. Daniel King's excitement about getting an Indigenous arts grant was punctured by the incredulous comment: "But you're not Aboriginal." Things didn't get nasty. They turned into art.

What are the boundaries of subtle racism? And how best to reveal entrenched attitudes towards those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent?

Lazy. Nomadic. Uneducated. Love a handout. Metho. Sport. Petrol. Violent.

"A lot of the ideas came to me while riding my bike to work," says King, who is Indigenous arts officer with Port Phillip Council, based at St Kilda.

"But I also wanted it to be fun, not too political. It was important there was no blame. The images had to educate if you wanted to learn and to understand – not be hit over the head."

And so the large, serio-comic, black-and-white photos of King's *Look Closer* show – part of the Melbourne Festival – puts some familiar faces (Gary Foley, Aaron Pederson, Richard Frankland, Pauline Whyman) and some lesser-known identities in unsettling, often hilarious, settings.

"Only when you see through the stereotypes can you get the message and confront the real attitude," says King.

Meanwhile, across town, in the small front gallery of Gertrude Contemporary in Fitzroy, the anger, pain and tragedy of Palm Island erupts across the wall on continuous loop.

The 12-minute, four-screen work *Tall Man* was created by Brisbane-based Vernon Ah Kee, using footage from video cameras, mobile phones and news clips.

Much of the material was used to convict Ah Kee's cousin, Lex Wotton, who copped

six years' jail in 2008 for leading the riots that followed the inquest finding of 'accidental death' over Mulrunji Doomadgee, who died in police custody two years earlier.

Stand in the darkened room and you feel caught up in the conflict as it jumps from island idyll to courthouse to burning building to protest rally to grieving family.

"This is the place where they took your manhood away!" wails an old woman as she watches the police and court compound burn.

Disorientating and mesmerising – you can view it several times and always see a different narrative angle.

Again, it's about looking closer, looking beneath media surfaces.

Ah Kee, whose grandmother was sent to Palm Island as a child and whose mother was born there, feels tied to the place and went through many emotions as he trawled the footage.

"But I just wanted to do something about it," he says. "Showing the footage not only opens people's eyes up to those events but for many it will also be the first time they have seen images of an Aboriginal community in this country."

The Palm Island story has already been the subject of an award-winning book by Chloe Hooper and a documentary by Tony Krawitz, both called *The Tall Man*. Next year events on the island will be depicted in *Beautiful One Day*, an Ilbjerri Theatre production at Sydney's Belvoir, directed by Rachael Maza Long, whose revered father Bob Maza was an islander.

Also on stage at this year's Melbourne Festival is a rehearsed reading of Deborah Mailman and Wesley Enoch's 1995 success *The Seven Stages of Grieving*, which has moved audiences from London to Zurich.

The Indigenous presence at this year's Melbourne Festival mingled with Indian music theatre, German drama, South African percussion and Lithuanian chamber works.



Daniel King alongside a younger version of himself in *Look Closer*.

Saltwater Women display the fabric of culture



WORKS by the 'Saltwater Women' from Ballina, 'People Of The Reeds' from Cabbage Tree Island and 'The Wake-Up Time' women from Casino are on show at the Roxy Gallery in Kyogle, northern NSW.

The exhibition, titled *Getting Out There, Coming Back*, follows the success of their exhibition *Fabric Of Our Culture* at the Boomalli Aboriginal Art Gallery in Sydney.

The Kyogle exhibition, which continues until 29 October, features traditional weaving, fibre

art, silk dying and textile design by women artists from the three northern NSW community groups.

Weaving and textile

The work includes a range of artisan homeware products incorporating the artists' weaving and textile designs.

Individual pieces for the show have been in development since January, as part of an artisan initiative managed by Arts Northern Rivers Indigenous arts development officer Robert Appo, with input from fashion and textile consultant Wendy Powitt. "The women have woven their stories,

both traditional and contemporary into the textile pieces and are excited to have the opportunity to share their unique experiences of Aboriginal life in Northern NSW with the broader community," Mr Appo said.

For details, call (02) 6632 1611.

Humour from tragedy

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



AWARD-winning actor and director Leah Purcell has taken the serious subject of the Stolen Generation and set about bringing out some humour for this year's major annual performance by students from the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts (ACPA).

As director of this most recent staging of Jane Harrison's play *Stolen* in Brisbane on 2-5 November, Purcell said she was interested in the vital role that humour played in the context of survival.

"Drama and comedy go together. The harder you laugh, the harder you cry," she said.

"The humour is partially there in the piece. But I'm enhancing it and finding more, and trying to look at it from a blackfella perspective.

"Our survival has been about laughter, otherwise you cry a river. (The approach I've taken is) if mob was sitting around, how would they yarn it up, being such a serious topic... it's just me as a director bringing my eye to it.

"I always go for more than what's obvious on the page with levels and motifs."

Purcell said she tested the water earlier in the year with a workshop version at the Sydney Theatre Company, to see whether enhancing the comedy would work.

"People might have thought 'no, you can't be laughing about that stuff,'" she said.

"But you just say the word 'stolen' and if they're not Indigenous people, the majority of the audience turn off. You've got to find ways to grab on and keep them in there. Then when those moments of truth hit, they are willing to accept it and have a cry with you.

"The reactions from the (STC) audiences was it was a good way to view something that's quite politicised."



Actors Kaleenah Edwards and Jeremy Ambrum during a rehearsal for *Stolen*.

Purcell said *Stolen* was originally a straight dramatic work, but because ACPA students also learn singing, dancing and music, this latest presentation incorporated all these elements to showcase the students' various skills.

In preparing for the show she said the students had to look at their own backgrounds to see how their family might have been affected by the show's subject matter.

Research

"Part of our research process was for them to go home and talk to their old people," she said.

"They don't do that any more; it's all iPhone, iPad, there's no eye to eye contact."

Purcell said that for many of the students it was the first time they had delved into this part of their family history.

"It was a massive eye-opener

for some of the students," she said.

"We shared beautiful times and hard emotional times.

"At the start of rehearsals a lot were like 'I don't know if anybody in my family was stolen'. Then they find out that their grandmother was stolen. And they're the first one to ask her about it.

"I told them 'if you are sincere, and the old people trust you, they will give you their stories. It's part of our Dreamtime process of today'.

"It was a beautiful journey for a lot of the students. *Stolen* brings up a lotta, lotta stuff, just looking at their history from a blackfella perspective."

The ACPA season of *Stolen* is on at QPAC's Cremorne Theatre in Brisbane from 2-5 November. For more info go to www.qpac.com.au/event//Stolen_11.aspx



Tulli Narkle who is majoring in opera at ACPA sings all her dialogue in her role of Ruby in *Stolen*.



Tamara Knox who plays the younger version of the character Shirley and Douglas Maybir in the role of Jimmy with dancers.

Revealed program for artsworkers



A SHOW of talent from emerging Aboriginal artists from across Western Australia, is coming together for the *Revealed* exhibition which opens at Perth's Gallery Central –

Central Institute of Technology next Monday 24 October. Artists and art centres will be selling direct to the public on 28-29 October.

The program has also given three women the chance to participate in the Revealed Artsworker program, which has seen them learning about all areas of the project, from selection through to administration.

Natalie Hunter comes from a family of artists and works as Bidadanga Artists' centre administrator. She is also studying a management program at Curtin University.

She said she felt proud when she learnt that her application for *Revealed*

had been accepted, as it was the first time she had participated in something so big and she knew it would give her good experience.

Kathleen Sorensen from Martumili Artists said she was disappointed not to have had her artwork selected for the exhibition, however it had been good to be part of the organizing of *Revealed*.

"When the next *Revealed* show is on, I'll know what to do, to get my art work in as an emerging artist," she said.

"All the artists of Western Australia entered beautiful art. I'm really happy for those artists who did well in getting accepted. I reckon *Revealed* will encourage more artists to open up with their art and show them anything is possible when you believe in yourself."

Deborah Bonar is based in Perth and works with Kidogo Art Institute as well as managing her own design consultancy Scribblebark.

She said it was exciting to unpack

boxes of paintings, sculptures and 3D works such as woven baskets and wooden artefacts. She also assisted with the photography and recording the artwork details into the catalogue.

She said she learned a lot from working on *Revealed*, including practical skills like how to use spreadsheets to record and catalogue artworks.

"The Revealed program has been a wonderful experience for my professional development," she said. "It's given me an opportunity to build on my existing skills in art, business and marketing. It's connecting me to other art professionals such as curators and consultants, giving me insight into their job roles. I am very grateful that they shared their knowledge and experience with me."

Indigenous art curator and selection panel member Carly Lane said an event like *Revealed* offered artists and other arts professionals real opportunity for professional growth.

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Dion's art a success

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



A FASCINATION with camp dogs has turned into artistic success for 20-year-old Dion Beasley who lives in Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory.

Profoundly deaf and suffering from muscular dystrophy, Dion's artworks began as a tool of communication, but are now reaching a much wider audience. His art was most recently seen at the finalists' exhibition at this year's Togart Contemporary Art Award in Darwin, which closed on Sunday.

He was the only artist to have two works selected for the show – one of which was a collaboration with printmaker, Rob Brown.

The title of the work *Cheeky 'T' Shirt* is a nod to a range of T-shirts and other merchandise bearing Dion's 'Cheeky Dog' designs which can be found on the website www.cheekydogs.com.au

There are also a couple of outlets in Tennant Creek, Darwin and Alice Springs that stock the



Dion Beasley's limited edition print *Cats 2010-2011* which was selected as one of the finalist works in this year's Togart Contemporary Art Award in Darwin.

Cheeky Dog range.

A trust fund has been established to help provide for his future, and Dion receives royalty payments for the use of all his drawings.

Last year he won the Charles Darwin University Arts Award at the NT Young Achiever Awards, receiving \$2000.

For the first 11 years of his life Dion lived in communities in the Barkly region around Tennant Creek, mostly in Alpururulum and Canteen Creek.

His carer Joie Boulter said when he moved to Tennant Creek he couldn't speak or communicate with anybody and he began drawing.

"He was drawing the things around him, and these little dogs seemed to be popping up," she said.

"And that's what he mostly draws. None of the dogs are made up, they are actual dogs that he's seen in all the places he's been living.

He's got favourite dogs and he draws groups of dogs and makes up stories about them."

Joie said that while his muscular dystrophy had worsened, Dion had 'a wicked sense of humour' and



DION BEASLEY

enjoyed 'tootling around' on his electric scooter.

He also loves swimming, spending several hours each day in the pool during the summer.

He is now using sign language more frequently and is beginning to engage more with others.

"He's not fussed with people," Joie said.

"He's in his own world with his dogs, although he is getting better at enjoying people's company, and his world has widened considerably.

"We talk about lots of things through signing. I tell him that people like his drawings and love his pictures.

"The message has got through to him that he's important and talented. It's boosted his self-esteem."



Cheeky 'T' Shirt, a lithographic print by Rob Brown and Dion Beasley, was one of the works selected for the finalists' exhibition in the Togart Contemporary Art Award in Darwin.

Yunupingu's art on show



Award-winning East Arnhem Land artist Nyapanyapa Yunupingu at her latest show in Sydney.

Photo by Will Stubbs



NYAPANYAPA YUNUPINGU is holding her second exhibition of the year, at Sydney's Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery.

Called *Birrka'*, it features a selection of her natural earth pigment works on bark.

Yunupingu is of the Gumatj clan and lives in Yirrkala. She was selected as a finalist in this year's Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards and won the 2008 Wandjuk Marika Memorial 3D Prize at the Telstra Art Awards for her work *Incident at Mutpi (1975)*. The installation consisted

of a bark painting and accompanying film based on an incident from Yunupingu's life in the 1970s when she was badly gored by a buffalo requiring her medical evacuation to Darwin.

Birrka' is on at Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery until 29 October.



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Until 30 October: 28th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award exhibition 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

Until 28 October: Victorian Indigenous Art Awards open for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to submit works. Prizes valued at \$50,000. Free and all welcome. Details: (03) 9662 9966 or email viaa@fortyfivedownstairs.com or visit www.arts.vic.gov.au/vaiientry

5 November: Warrior March from Coolangatta to Tweed Heads. Aimed to show solidarity amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males. Starting at Point Danger, Tweed Tce, Coolangatta. Details: 0416 173 975 or email admin@mibbinbah.org or visit www.mibbinbah.org

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Until 20 October: Bloodwood Totem, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing 30 paintings and sculptures by Indigenous artist Ian Waldron. Held at Coo-ee Aboriginal Art Gallery, 31 Lamrock Ave, Bondi Beach. Details: (02) 9300 9233 or email info@cooeeart.com.au

Until 22 October: Annual Outreach Exhibition 2011. Featuring works produced in Pine Street's 2011 Outreach programs, including 2D and 3D mediums painting, drawing, printmaking, ceramics, mosaics, and jewellery. Held at Carriageworks, 245 Wilson St, Eveleigh. Details: (02) 9265 9910 or email jminus@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Until 13 November: *Bloodland*, an Aboriginal performing exhibition showcasing drama, dance and song telling the stories of Aboriginal culture fighting to remain strong. Held at the Wharf Theatre, Sydney. Details: (02) 9250 1777 or visit www.sydneystheatre.com.au/blodland

Until 20 November: Yellomundee Aboriginal Bushcare Group tree-planting and weed-pulling, as well as a fishing competition and more. Free barbecue lunch. Yellomundee Regional Park, Springwood Rd, Yarramundi.

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Until 30 November: Youth Week 2012 in NSW Design Competition. Seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youths to design posters and other promotional materials to help create the look for the Youth Week 2012. Details: (02) 9995 0533 or email youthweek@youthweek.nsw.gov.au or visit www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au

Until 4 December: 'Niu Warrior', an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing modern-day warriors who are leaders in theatre, Pacific culture, rugby league, food and art. Held at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, 1 Casula Rd, Casula. Details: (02) 9824 1121 or email reception@casulapowerhouse.com or visit www.casulapowerhouse.com

20 October: The Vibe 3on3 at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, 180 George St, Redfern. Details: (1800) 623 430 or visit www.vibe.com.au

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20 October- 20 November: 'Synchronicity', an Aboriginal exhibition show of photographic work by artist Wayne Quilliam. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or email boomalliart@gmail.com

25 October-22 November: Goori Parent Success Workshops, to provide information on the importance of learning at home with family, in schools and language use in school. Held at Jumbunna, 60 High St, Casino. Details: (02) 6662 2866 or email jumbunna@jumbunna.com.au

27 October: Klub Koori hip-hop night featuring D Whitehouse and Duke Bailey. Special guest 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

28-29 October: Ladies of Jazz 2011. Christine Anu, Grace Knight and Paulini come together to pay homage to greats in one show. Held at The Basement, Sydney, and Roths Wine Bar, Mudgee. Details: (03) 9014 1096 or publicity@hottoffthepress.com.au

29 October: 2011 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. At the Liverpool Catholic Club, corner Joadja and Hoxton Park roads, Liverpool West. Details: (02)



Kevin Kropinyeri on stage at this year's Deadlys.

Comedian is coming to Redfern



ABORIGINAL stand-up comedian Kevin Kropinyeri is appearing this Friday, 21 October, at the Redfern Community Centre for one night only.

Kropinyeri has had a short but successful career as a stand-up, appearing at community events and festivals around Australia, from Penrith to Perth.

He was a hit at the 2011 Deadly Awards at the Sydney Opera House last month, and has performed at the Dreaming Festival and compered the Long Walk. But this is the first time he's had a full show of his own in Sydney.

Dubbed a 'one-man whirlwind', Kropinyeri shares tales of growing up, marriage and the intricacies associated with life as an Aboriginal Australian (as well as life in general), mixing observational stand-up with physical comedy.

In a review of his title-winning performance at the 2008 Deadly Funny competition, British comedy guide website chortle.co.uk called him 'a comic natural' and noted that the crowd adored him.

"His strong, animated delivery ensured the audience was in the palm of his hand as he talked about his hairiness and his domestic life... there would have been uproar had he not taken the crown," the review said.

Kevin Kropinyeri performs this Friday, 21 October at the Redfern Community Centre at 6.30pm and 8pm. Tickets \$15/\$12. Go to www.trybooking.com/XOR for bookings. For more info go to the website www.kevinkropinyeri.com.au

8782 0300 or email cheryl.raph@kari.org.au

4 November: Youth Interagency Alcohol and Other Drug Training. Held at Goonellabah Community Centre, 27 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah. Details: (1300) 87 83 87 or email lizette.twisleton@lismore.nsw.gov.au

24 November: Social

Inclusion Market Place Day at the Lismore Neighborhood Centre, 76 Carrington Street, Lismore. Details: (02) 66 217 397 or email communityhub@lnci.org.au

2 December: 2011 Col Dillon Cup. An Oztag challenge between Aboriginal sides and local police. Held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, 180 George St, Redfern. Details: (0425) 819

340 or email rndsilva@optusnet.com.au

31 December: New Year's Eve 2011 cruise, celebrating the New Year on Sydney Harbour with the Tribal Warrior Association. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Sydney Fish Market, Darling Harbour, Sydney. Details: (02) 9699 3491 or email sales@tribalwarrior.org or visit www.tribalwarrior.org

Victoria

Until 30 October: Ritual and Ceremony – Aboriginal art exhibition. Works by Indigenous artist Maree Clarke, showcasing mourning experienced by Victorian Koori communities. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum. Details: 13 11 02 or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au

27-29 October: Marruk-Marruk Project showcasing an ancient platypus dreaming story through drama, culture dance, lighting and projection with performances. Held at Riverside Park, Swan Hill. Details: 0433 911 766 or email KBennett@rav.net.au or visit www.rav.net.au

17-20 November: Australian World Music Expo 2011, including Australian artists such as Blue King Brown, Lotek, Yung Warriors, Noriko Tadano and more. 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. Held at The Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9870 2611 or visit www.yulkuumjerrang.com.au

Queensland

Until 23 October: Celebration showcasing the arts and culture of Torres Strait Islanders, include workshops, talks, food, dancing and music, with performances by artists and groups from the Torres Strait Islands and local community groups. 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 three-week cultural program open to all with the emphasis on developing a traditional dance troupe for Zillmere and surrounding communities. 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. Three-day music festival showcasing reggae, soul and dub with an extensive line-up of artists, bands and DJs. Held at Point Lookout, Stradbroke Island. Details: (07) 3876 5596 or email admin@heapsaflash.com.au or visit www.heapsaflash.com.au

2-5 November: *Stolen*, a

tapestry of original music, dance and drama from the Aboriginal Centre of Performing Arts. Held at the Cremorne Theatre, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, Melbourne St, Brisbane. Details: 136 246 or visit www.qpac.com.au

12-13 November: Bush Tucker Day 2011. In fact two days of bush tucker and cooking demonstration workshops, food sampling and more. Featuring guest chefs live entertainment and more. Held at Scarborough Rd, Redcliffe. Details: (07) 3880 1320 or email Kullilla@dreamtime.auz.net or visit www.dreamtime.au.net

Western Australia

Until 31 January: Yarns of the Heart, an Aboriginal exhibition showcasing Noongar dolls which tell the Dreamtime and contemporary stories for the women who made them from the Southern Wheatbelt region. Featuring a documentary film screening, and more. Held at the West Australian Museum, Perth Cultural Centre, James St Mall, Perth. Details: (08) 9226 2422 or email emma@canwa.com.au

24-29 October: 'Revealed', a two-day professional development program, art workshops, forum and art exhibition. Aimed for emerging artists to take part in the media project to promote their works. Held at Gallery Central – Central Institute of Technology, Perth. Details: (08) 94271318 or email gallary@central.wa.edu.au or visit the website www.gallerycentral.com.au

South Australia

4 November: Nunga touch football carnival. Held at Henley Beach High School, Cudmore Tce, Henley Beach. Details: 0437 919 957 or email rtanimu@centacare.org.au

5-6 November: Tribal Punishment is holding the Warrior Tournament. Aimed at testing the skill and strength of our warriors and as a passage to rights for young men and women. Featuring a welcoming ceremony and barbecue. Held at Kangaroo Island. Details: visit www.facebook.com/pages/Tribal-Punishment/209120702472245

Northern Territory

27 October: Hoops 4 Health. Facilitating a number of programs and physical and cultural activities aimed at increasing awareness of chronic disease, benefits of regular health checks and engaging in physical activity as a preventative measure in reducing the risk of chronic disease in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Held at Maningrida Sport and Recreation Hall, Maningrida. Details: (0431) 428 767 or visit www.hoops4health.com.au

Foundation help for Cherbourg workers



EIGHT men from the Queensland Aboriginal community of Cherbourg are now employed after completing training with Australian Agriculture College Corporation (AACC) through the Silver Lining Foundation.

The Silver Lining Foundation aims to train and make job-ready Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in south-east Queensland.

General manager Danny Hoogstraten says the foundation then offers course graduates long-term job opportunities.

"We had eight guys start at Cherbourg and they all graduated, which is a great outcome," he said.

"Five of these graduates have full-time work to start with Cherbourg Shire Council and three are working part-time for Iron Bark Ridge Environmental and Rural Services.

"The program has been geared towards getting people who haven't been in the workforce for some time back into the routine of work, supporting and encouraging them into employment that suits them."

Over the course of the project, the group built 6000 metres of new and flood-recovery fencing, cut 1000 split posts for the fencing and erected a 500m security fence around the new Cherbourg recycling plant.

'Practical projects'

"These practical projects were celebrated by the community and there was a lot of pride in the group that they had completed all these tasks safely and effectively," Mr Hoogstraten said.

The foundation has work contracts with energy and forestry groups where graduates have the opportunity of long-term jobs, and is in consultation with a coal seam gas company for fencing services.

"For us, it's about long-term, sustainable employment tailored to the individual," Mr Hoogstraten said.

AACC trainers provided assistance with matters such as submitting written assessments and more during the course.

AACC business development officer Jillian Condell said she hoped there would be more partnerships of this kind with the foundation.

"The group underwent accredited training in a wide range of skills including heavy machinery tickets, maintenance, chainsaw



● **ABOVE:** Michael Bond gets time on the tractor during the 14-week training initiative while, from left, Dwayne Bond and Cyril Albury get busy fencing.

● **RIGHT:** Graduating with jobs from the AACC and Silver Lining Foundation training are, back from left, William Purcell, Tod Purcell, Donald George, Raymond Skinner, Dwayne Bond and Michael Bond with, front, Shane Dynevor, Danny Hoogstraten, Troy Fisher and Cyril Albury.

use and safety training," she said.

"This group is skilled and ready to be successful in their new careers or even go on to further study."

As well as the team from AACC and The Silver Lining Foundation, an Indigenous mentor was on-site throughout the training.



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Queensland Government

Careers with Queensland Health

Nursing

Director of Nursing (Facility Manager) - Joyce Palmer Health Service, Institute of Primary Health and Ambulatory Care, Palm Island, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$128 298 p.a., comprising salary between \$107 227 - \$112 447 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (Nurse Grade 10 (2)) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) **Duties/Abilities:** Provide effective strategic leadership and direction within the Joyce Palmer Health Service in decision making, planning, implementation and performance evaluation. Manage an integrated hospital/community facility by ensuring cost effective utilisation of financial, human and material resources. Work in partnership with the Medical Superintendent position to provide clinical governance and leadership across the disciplines and spectrum of care.
Enquiries: Judith Sellen (07) 4755 6300.
Job Ad Reference: H11TV09754.
Application Kit: (07) 4750 6778 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus.
Closing Date: Monday, 28 November 2011.

Enrolled Nurse - Heart Failure and Cardiac Patient Education, Institute of Cardiac Services, The Townsville Hospital, Townsville Health Service District. Salary between \$48 597 - \$51 777 p.a. (Nurse Grade 3) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) **Duties/Abilities:** Provide education related to lifestyle management to reduce the risk of adverse cardiac events - promoting self management is a key factor in cardiac education and rehabilitation. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.
Enquiries: Jerrie Hutchison (07) 4796 1837.
Job Ad Reference: H11TV09776.
Application Kit: (07) 4750 6775 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 24 October 2011.

Assistant in Nursing (Identified) - Cleveland Youth Detention Centre, Institute of Women's and Children's Health, Townsville, Townsville Health Service District. Salary between \$44 516 - \$49 223 p.a. (Nurse Grade 1) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) **Duties/Abilities:** Assist and provide nursing support to the clinical nurses to provide nursing care and health promotion to young people under the direct supervision of the clinical nurse. 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: Jennifer Hetherington (07) 4729 9136.
Job Ad Reference: H11TV09662.
Application Kit: (07) 4750 6772 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 31 October 2011.

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Health Worker Coordinator (Hearing) - Deadly Ears Program, The Statewide Ear Health Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children, Community Child, Youth and Family Health Services, Brisbane, Children's Health Services. Remuneration value up to \$84 761 p.a., comprising salary between \$70 476 - \$74 289 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (007) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) **Duties/Abilities:** You will be responsible for the planning, development, delivery, establishment and evaluation of ear and hearing health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities within Queensland. This is achieved through a combination of community development, primary health care, direct clinical service delivery and education of other service providers. It is a genuine occupational requirement that an Identified position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by and arguable under Section 25, 104 and 105 of the *Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act (1991)*. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.
Enquiries: Kirsti Trevor (07) 3250 8506.
Job Ad Reference: H11RCH10192.
Application Kit: (07) 3170 4255 or (07) 3170 4256 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 7 November 2011.

Social Worker (Youth Worker) - Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs Service, Division of Community Health, Cherbourg, Darling Downs Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$87 458 p.a., comprising salary between \$52 151 - \$76 653 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (HP3) (Temporary full time position up to 30 June 2013. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) **Duties/Abilities:** Provide psychosocial therapeutic counselling and interventions to assist indigenous youth in addressing causative factors behind their substance abuse, primarily in support of (but not restricted to) youth clientele of the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs Service. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.
Enquiries: Melanie Butler (07) 4169 8900.
Job Ad Reference: H11DD09849.
Application Kit: (07) 4616 6258 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 31 October 2011.

Allied Health Clinical Support continued...

Advanced Health Worker (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Health Worker) - Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service, Division of Community Health, Cherbourg, Darling Downs 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 up to 30 June 2013. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) **Duties/Abilities:** Demonstrate an advanced level of clinical practice in delivering high quality alcohol and other drug services to clients and the community. You will work collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team setting to deliver culturally appropriate services to Indigenous clients and the community. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.
Enquiries: Melanie Butler (07) 4169 8900.
Job Ad Reference: H11DD09866.
Application Kit: (07) 4616 6258 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 31 October 2011.

Advanced Health Worker (Child and Youth Health) -Young Peoples Health, Child and Family Health Service (CAFHS), Ipswich, West Moreton Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$61 632 p.a., comprising salary between \$49 108 - \$54 018 p.a. (f/t) or salary rates: \$24.76 - \$27.24 p.h. (p/t), employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (One full time or two part time positions, 38 hrs p.f. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) **Duties/Abilities:** Assist in providing community based, culturally appropriate child and youth health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and their families in rural and urban environments in conjunction with child and youth health nurses. Assist in providing culturally appropriate maternal and infant care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young women (aged 18 years and under), their partner/family during the antenatal, post-natal and early parenting period. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.
Enquiries: Ann Helen Walker (07) 3817 2347.
Job Ad Reference: H11WM09784.
Application Kit: (07) 3136 5616 or (07) 3121 1411 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 31 October 2011.

Mental Health

Senior Health Worker (Child and Youth Mental Health) - Integrated Mental Health Services, Ipswich, West Moreton Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$76 944 p.a., comprising salary between \$63 958 - \$67 438 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (006) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) **Duties/Abilities:** Provide high level culturally sensitive social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people with mental health issues, including their families and community. You will work as a member of a mental health multidisciplinary team in the provision of co-case management and advice to staff on social and cultural aspects of assessment and treatment. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.
Enquiries: Myfanwy Pitcher (07) 3817 2360.
Job Ad Reference: H11WM09807.
Application Kit: (07) 3136 5616 or (07) 3121 1411 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 31 October 2011.

You can apply online at www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



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Inquiries: Stacey Naden (02) 4984 8223

Information Packages contact: (02) 4984 8223 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

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Closing Date: Sunday, 13 November 2011

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Contact Hannah Gillespie on (02) 6212 2009.

Application Documents

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- Demonstrated experience working with Indigenous communities in cross-cultural project implementation, preferably related to land and natural resource management projects.
- Experience developing strategic plans, governance, operational protocols and organisational management documents, preferably for public organisations or statutory agencies.
- Demonstrated experience in project management including producing detailed project plans with clearly defined objectives and action steps for achieving them; monitoring performance against objectives and managing project risks and issues; ensuring project objectives are met.
- Demonstrated ability to gain agreement to proposals and ideas including building behind-the-scenes support for ideas through supporting collaboration and consensus.
- Demonstrated achievement in building mutually beneficial partnerships and in finding innovative solutions to resolve challenges that can confront partnerships involving government agencies and Aboriginal people.
- An appropriate qualification in law, anthropology, community development, natural resource management or public policy would be desirable.

If you would like to find out more about this position, please obtain a copy of the position descriptions by visiting www.parks.vic.gov.au.

For further information please contact **Penny Middleton** by calling **Parks Victoria** on **13 1963**. To apply, please email your application, addressing the selection criteria including a resume to applications@parks.vic.gov.au.

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To obtain a copy of the Position Brief please contact Linqage International on 03 9654 1410 or email linqage@iinet.net.au

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Applicants require an information package for selection criteria and application form from: Employee Services, (02) 9700 3048.

Applications to: recruit@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

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Chief Executive Officer



Since 1998, Malabam has been providing primary health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Maningrida region. Comprising of 8 tribal regions and 34 outstations, Maningrida has a population of approximately 3000 people and has been identified as a growth town in Arnhem Land. The Malabam Health Board aims to provide advocacy, policy and administrative support to health organisations in the community through self-determination and building on the community's capacity to plan for its own development.

Reporting to a Board of Directors that represents the local communities, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will lead the organisation in strategy and service delivery, and ensure the effective use of business assets and human resources. The CEO will oversee the management of all functions of the organisation through the executive team, to achieve its patient-centric vision. Ensuring that policies and plans are culturally appropriate and comply with OATSIH funding requirements, is an important aspect of the role.

You have led a community organisation, operated at senior executive level, and as a CEO, you have reported to a Board. Experience in running an Aboriginal community-controlled health organisation is highly desirable. Strong competence in strategic and business planning, budget preparation and financial management needs to be balanced by sound interpersonal and change management skills. Values-based leadership that has a focus on achieving commercial outcomes, will be your key to success in this role.

To apply, send your request for additional documentation and application forms to recsyd@kpmg.com.au quoting Ref. No. 74672. For further enquiries, please contact Erin Schielzeth at KPMG's Executive Search & Selection in our Sydney office on 02 9335 8614.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are strongly urged to apply for this position. Applications close on Wednesday 16 November 5pm. Interviews for successful candidates will take place in Maningrida week commencing 28 November 2011.



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2012 REGIONAL INDIGENOUS CADETSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Are you an Indigenous person studying a diploma, advanced diploma or degree full-time at a Victorian TAFE or University?

The Department of Justice are offering regional, state-wide Indigenous Cadetships.

As a Department of Justice Indigenous Cadet, you will receive:

- A fortnightly study allowance;
- Gain on the job experience through an annual 12 week work experience;
- Opportunities to participate in the departments Koori Staff Networks and conferences;
- Ongoing support from the Koori Employment Team; and
- Ongoing Employment upon successful completion of your Cadetship

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER 2011

To find out more or to get a copy of the 2012 Guidelines and an Application Form, contact the Koori Employment Team on (03) 8684 1753 or email: koori.employment@justice.vic.gov.au

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



Case Worker - Aboriginal Tenancy Support Service

- Marrickville location
- Fixed term full time till June 2013
- Attractive salary package + benefits

Mission Australia believes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders should enjoy a quality of life with every opportunity to succeed.

Mission Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians past and present upon whose ancestral lands we are gathered today. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land.

In a new initiative to support Aboriginal people who are at risk of homelessness, Mission Australia has set up a Coastal Sydney Aboriginal Tenancy Support Service. The purpose of this service is to lay the foundations for Aboriginal people to help Aboriginal people through early intervention rather than at the point of crisis. Mission Australia will help and support the establishment of the service for the next 2 years, linking it in with an alliance of services already in existence to support Aboriginal people.

We are currently recruiting for an experienced Community Service Case Worker to support clients facing homelessness and long term challenging issues, providing them with creative, flexible and persistent outreach welfare support through structured case management.

To be successful in this role you will have the ability to build and effectively manage relationships with your clients, co-workers and other services. You are passionate about the opportunity to ensure that Aboriginal people have access to goods and services and positive experiences that give them choice and hope from their involvement in their communities.

A relevant tertiary qualification and experience in the Human Services are required for this role. A current valid Drivers Licence and a First Aid Certificate are also necessary.

Applications close on Sunday 30th October 2011. For more information visit www.transformlives.com.au and apply online. Enquiries can be directed to Cara Dobinson on 02 9219 2020.

"We support closing the gap in living standards and opportunities between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Full details of Mission Australia's Reconciliation Action Plan can be located on our Mission Australia website at <http://www.missionaustralia.com.au/community-services/aboriginal-torres-strait-island>

* In order to perform this role you must be of Aboriginal Descent (An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977, NSW).

Transform your career at www.transformlives.com.au



QBuild Apprenticeships / Traineeships

QBuild is a commercialised business unit of the Queensland Department of Public Works. It provides a wide range of services such as maintenance and construction, as well as in-house cleaning, security, furniture manufacture and horticultural services.

QBuild is committed to providing quality training to Queensland's next generation.

FULL TIME APPRENTICESHIPS

QBuild invites applications for the following apprenticeships, to commence in February 2012:
Brisbane area

Carpentry, Plumbing, Fitting, Electrical Mechanical, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanics, Stonemasonry, Horticulture (Parks and Gardens RTF30703).

Atherton – Carpentry

Ayr – Carpentry and Plumbing

Barcaldine – Carpentry

Beenleigh – Carpentry and Painting

Bundaberg – Painting

Cairns – Carpentry, Painting and Plumbing

Charleville – Plumbing and Carpentry

Charters Towers – Refrigeration/Air Conditioning Mechanics, Painting, Electrical Mechanical and Carpentry

Emerald – Plumbing and Carpentry

Caboolture – Painting

Cloncurry – Carpentry

Gympie – Painting

Innisfail – Carpentry

Kingaroy – Carpentry

Longreach – Painting

Mackay – Carpentry and Refrigeration/Air Conditioning Mechanics

Maroochydore – Carpentry

Rockhampton – Carpentry, Painting and Electrical Mechanical

Toowoomba – Carpentry and Painting

Townsville – Electrical Mechanical and Carpentry

Warwick – Carpentry

FULL TIME INDIGENOUS APPRENTICESHIPS

QBuild invites applications for the following Indigenous apprenticeships, to commence in February 2012:

Brisbane area – Electrical Mechanical and Carpentry

Bamaga – Construction Worker Trainee

Beenleigh – Carpentry

Townsville – Electrical Mechanical

Cairns – Carpenter

Cunnamulla – Carpentry

Maryborough – Painting

Mornington Island – Carpentry

Palm Island – Painter, Carpentry and Construction Worker Trainees

Woorabinda – Construction Worker Trainees

ELIGIBILITY

QBuild is an equal opportunity employer with a diverse range of employees. Female and male applicants are encouraged to apply, including people who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, people with disabilities and those from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Applicants must be a minimum of 15 years of age by February 2012.

Applicants may be required to produce evidence of their eligibility to work in Australia.

To enable your apprenticeship application to progress you must be eligible to apply for and hold a current **'Blue Card (working with children)'**.

Important eligibility information can be obtained by contacting the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian www.ccydpcg.qld.gov.au.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can only be accessed and submitted online at www.qbuild.qld.gov.au.

For general enquiries please call on 07 3224 5273.

If applying for more than one position, a separate online application must be submitted for each.

CLOSING DATE: Online applications must be received by Monday 14 November 2011.

LATE ONLINE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED.



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Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Care Worker

Grade 2

Permanent Part-Time (15 hpw)

Aboriginal Home Care Service of NSW

Job Reference: 00000LIQ

- Location: Hunter Region, Central Coast
- Total remuneration package valued up to \$43,147 per annum (Salary: \$39,100 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Full-Time salary quoted. Hourly rate: \$19.72 ph

Aboriginal Home Care Service of NSW is a state-wide service providing household support to Aboriginal people who are frail aged people or people with disabilities to enable them to live independently in their own homes. Support is also provided to their carers.

We are seeking to employ one permanent part-time Grade 2 Aboriginal Care Worker to provide basic personal care and domestic assistance (housekeeping) services to our clients in their homes. Flexible days and hours of work Monday to Sunday available based on a minimum 30 hour contract per fortnight.

Are You

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Caring and understanding
- Able to engage with the aged, people with disabilities and people from all backgrounds
- Able to work varying hours including early mornings, evenings, some weekends and public holidays

In Return We Will Offer You

- Good rates of pay and kilometre allowance
- Ongoing paid training
- Supportive work environment
- Rewarding career

Job Notes: There is one (1) Permanent Part-Time (15 hpw) position available, working in various locations within the Central Coast area. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Qualifications in community care, aged care or disability would be well regarded but not essential.

Closing Date: Friday 11 November 2011

For enquiries: Kristy Bissaker on (02) 4321 7215

Thank you for your interest in this position.

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EXECUTIVE MANAGER

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
Community Health Service Mackay
Limited.



Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons for the above full-time position.

Purpose of the Position:

- Provide and encourage leadership in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care and regional services provision through the business model.
- Ensure the operations and activities of the business model are conducted in compliance with relevant legislative frameworks, accreditation standards, applicable by-laws, regulations, governance arrangements, policies and sound business practices.
- Provide executive level management that protects and enhances the reputation of the ATSICHS, Mky Ltd as a leader in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Care.

Applicants **must** complete an Application for Advertised Position and **return** it to:

Attn: THE CHAIRPERSON c/-:

ATSICHS, Mky Ltd
31-33 Victoria Street
OR Fax: (07) 4951 0683,
OR c/- PO Box 1099 Mackay QLD 4740

Applications for Advertised Position and further information can be obtained from:

Mrs Pamela Viti-Tomarra - A/Executive Manager

Pam Viti-Tomarra - (07) 4957 9400.

31-33 Victoria Street, Mackay, QLD, 4740

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Closing date: 5.00pm on Friday 4th November 2011.



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.

Aboriginal Maternal & Infant Health Strategy Registered Midwife

Muswellbrook District Health Service

Applicants must be Female - An applicant's gender is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Midwives encouraged to apply.

Enquiries: Wendy Horden 02 6542 2013 or Helen Scott 02 6542 2023

Reference ID: 49887

Project Officer

Population Health, Wallsend

Enquiries: Todd Heard 02 4924 6244

Reference ID: 50888

Closing Date for above positions: 13 November 2011

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Care Goondiwindi Assoc Inc

Family Support Worker

Care Goondiwindi Assoc Inc has a full time position for an Family Support Worker working across the communities of Toomelah, Boggabilla and Goondiwindi. The service objective is to increase access to, and timely provision of integrated services for families particularly, vulnerable and at risk families, to improve child development, safety and family functioning.

Family Support Worker will be employed to assist families overcome barriers to good family relationships and support, through transitions to child care, pre-school and primary school, to actively address social, cultural, personal, historical, financial and health factors than can present barriers to effective parenting. The target group for this service will be families with children aged between 0-12 years.

This is not an identified position, however Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Indigenous Early Childhood Worker

Care Goondiwindi Assoc. Inc. has a part time position for an Indigenous Early Childhood Worker, employed to deliver services across the communities of Toomelah, Boggabilla and Goondiwindi. The service objective is to increase access to, and timely provision of integrated services for families particularly, vulnerable and at risk families, to improve child development, safety and family functioning.

Early Childhood Worker will be employed to assist Indigenous families with support and training skills on early childhood development and parenting. Also assist parents/care givers to provide age appropriate social, emotional, developmental and educational experiences. The target group for this service will be families with children aged between 0-2 years.

The successful applicants for both positions will require well developed oral and written communication skills, high level of interpersonal and negotiation skills, time management skills and the ability to work effectively as a team member.

A current Blue Card and Criminal History Check are also requirements of this position.

To obtain a Application Kit or to get more information, please contact Tracy MacDonald at Care Goondiwindi phone (07) 46 700 700 or e-mail manager@caregoondiwindi.org.au

Applications close 5pm Monday, 28th October 2011



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation is a national, Indigenous-controlled, not-for-profit organisation established to support community-based healing initiatives. The Healing Foundation achieves this aim by funding healing initiatives and capacity building projects; providing health promotion and public education in relation to healing; and contributing to an evidence base for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healing through community-driven and culturally-appropriate research and evaluation.

This position has been created to provide operational leadership to the organisation through its next phase of growth. Reporting to the CEO, and as a member of the senior leadership team, the Operations Director will be responsible for ensuring the operational effectiveness of the organisation, and assisting the CEO to ensure that the Healing Foundation achieves the strategic vision of the Board. Key accountabilities will include management of finance and administration, budgeting and reporting activities; developing and managing business

Please apply quoting Ref. No. 5937 to Watermark Search International.

Email: search@watermarksearch.com.au (we will reply to the email address used for your application). GPO Box 2708, Sydney NSW 2001. Tel: (02) 9233 1200.

• Executive Search

• Board Appointments

• Interim Management



ACADEMIC DIRECTOR

Applications for the position of Academic Director, Tranby Aboriginal College are currently being sought. Tranby Aboriginal College is Australia's oldest provider of innovative and creative Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education and training services. The successful applicant will supervise, oversee and further develop the academic programs of the College.



RESPONSIBILITIES

The Academic Director will be responsible for identifying and achieving Tranby's academic, strategic and operational objectives through designing and implementing effective management and administration methods relating to the academic and operational functions of the College. This also involves the promotion of Tranby's values and an ongoing commitment to social justice issues as they affect Indigenous communities in Australia and internationally.

Specific duties include but are not limited to:

- Leading Tranby's academic team in the design, development and delivery of intellectually enriching and culturally affirming academic programs;
- Ensuring that all academic positions are resourced with competent, culturally aware and appropriately qualified staff and conduct regular reviews of staff performance against agreed objectives, identifying learning and development opportunities as required;
- Assisting with maintaining effective and efficient management of the financial position of the College and reporting on the financial status of the College to the Board on a regular basis;
- Negotiating with government and non-government agencies regarding funding programs to ensure ongoing financial support for the College's academic and other related activities;
- Building on the College's ability to advocate for the rights and freedoms of Indigenous people;
- Developing and maintaining key partnerships with multiple stakeholders from different sectors in line with the College's strategic and operational objectives;
- Developing innovative strategies that build the College's capacity to strengthen its financial position;
- Assisting the Executive Director with managing the College's financial investment portfolio;
- Ensuring that Tranby complies with all statutory requirements in relation to relevant employment practices in general and in particular with the Occupational Health and Safety (NSW) Act (1983), and Equal Employment Opportunity provisions;
- Ensuring that relevant Commonwealth and State legislative and regulatory reporting requirements are maintained in relation to Tranby's status as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO); and
- Ensuring that Tranby is compliant with Australian Quality Training Framework, the NSW Vocational Education and Training Act and other relevant statutory obligations.

DESIRABLE SELECTION CRITERIA

- Applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders who can demonstrate descent and identify with and are accepted by the community are especially encouraged to apply. (Exemption pursuant to Section 14D of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act.)
- Have 5 to 10 years experience in senior academic leadership roles
- Possess relevant tertiary qualifications or equivalent professional experience

REMUNERATION PACKAGE

An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the successful candidate. Special tax concessions will apply in line with the not-for-profit status of the College.

Applications including a detailed Resume should be sent to **Executive Director**, Dr. Bob Morgan, Tranby Aboriginal College, 13 Mansfield Street Glebe, or emailed to r.morgan@tranby.edu.au If you have any questions in relation to the position, please contact Bob Morgan on telephone number (02) 9660 3444.

Applications should be received no later than close of business **Friday 11 November, 2011.**

Operations Director

- Newly created leadership position
- Location: Canberra

systems and processes; liaison with a range of stakeholders including funding bodies and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; and providing governance support to the CEO and the Board. The Operations Director will lead a multidisciplinary team, and contribute to the development, implementation and monitoring of business objectives, representing the CEO to Government, key stakeholders and communities when required.

We are seeking applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with proven organisational management experience, combined with excellent communication, stakeholder engagement and representational capabilities. Strong team leadership skills will be essential, as well as the ability to operate effectively as a member of the senior leadership team. The capacity to be successful within complex cultural and political contexts will also be important, as will the ability to relate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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KOORI PRISON OFFICERS

Make a Difference in Your Community

Valuing workplace diversity, the Department of Justice has a growing number of Koori staff working across Victoria, including Koori Prison Officers. This career step will have you working with people and families from different backgrounds and communities. Your work will make a real difference.

Margoneet Correctional Centre and **Barwon Prison** are recruiting now. To find out more information about these positions, please call the Department's Koori Employment Team on **(03) 8684 1753**.

Alternatively, you can visit **www.cvcareers.com.au** for more information or to apply online.

Applications close Monday 31st October 2011.

PRISON OFFICERS - OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE NOW



Koori staff currently working in the Department of Justice

VCAT has ruled that these positions be filled by **Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only** (VCAT exemption number: A293/2010)



Strategic Indigenous Adviser

Location: Brisbane

Vacancy Reference Number: 65458

Closing date:

5pm Monday 31 October 2011

Apply online:

queenslandrail.com.au/careers

Queensland Rail is a powerfully integrated passenger and rail infrastructure business. Our people are highly valued, integral to our success and driven to become leaders in safety and customer service. With a history of over 140 years we are proud to have a newly energised culture and brand.

This newly created position will be responsible for the Indigenous employment strategy for Queensland Rail. This will involve consulting, developing, implementing, and

embedding processes and procedures across the broad HR spectrum.

This position will suit someone with significant understanding and experience in developing employment initiatives specific for Indigenous people.

An attractive salary package is available for your experience in strategy development with a strong focus on building strong relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

Apply to position number **65458** by clicking onto the 'apply' button and submitting a resume and covering letter outlining relevant experience.

To learn more about this Queensland Rail career opportunity, visit queenslandrail.com.au/careers or call Matt Petrie on (07) 3235 5704.



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Trainers - Language, Literacy & Numeracy Darwin & remote communities, NT

* Rewarding roles with a great work/life balance!

* Enjoy career growth + a host of outstanding benefits!



STEPS has a great opportunity for flexible **Trainers - Language, Literacy and Numeracy** in Darwin and surrounding remote communities. In these challenging, yet rewarding roles, you will be responsible for **developing and delivering accredited Language, Literacy and Numeracy training programs to Indigenous students** that are customised to meet the needs of the community. You will be rewarded with an **attractive salary circa \$58,000 - \$62,000 + super + generous leave provisions + remote location allowances + much more!**



ApplyNow.com.au/Job23409
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573

NEW HORIZONS enterprises limited

Support Workers (Justice Program)

New Horizons has an exciting opportunity for a motivated, experienced and well presented **Support Workers** to join their Armidale team on a full time, part time or casual basis. The Community Justice Program aims to prevent clients from reoffending and to allow clients to live independently in the community. The role will be to support clients with an intellectual disability who have recently been released from prison.

To view further details and to submit an application, please visit www.newhorizons.applynow.net.au and refer to job number **N8**



Health

CHILD & FAMILY HEALTH NURSE (BSF)

Registered Nurse, Registered Midwife – PFT, PPT

Salary: \$26.68–\$37.47 ph

Enquiries: Cheryl Feeney, (02) 4730 5100

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Ref No: 49534

Close Date: 08.11.11

Being female is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW)

For further information and to apply visit: <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=49534>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health

Are you looking for a Life-Style Change or Career Progression?

This is one of the opportunities within our Health Service:

GRIFFITH

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Position No: 47939

Salary: \$835.80–\$1,231 pw

Enquiries: Kylie Charles, (02) 6969 5646

Close Date: 2 November 2011

This is a designated position for persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, New South Wales.

Log-on to <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au> for further information on these and other opportunities.

APPLY ONLINE NOW!

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health
Murrumbidgee
Local Health District

Are you looking for a Life-Style Change or Career Progression?

This is one of the opportunities within our Health Service:

LAKE CARGELLIGO

Aboriginal Education Officer/Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

Position No: 47166

Salary: \$43,610–\$64,231 pa

Enquiries: Diann Tremain, (02) 6058 1725

Close Date: 2 November 2011

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BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Course Coordinator – General Construction, Carpentry and Asset Maintenance

Position No: 14692

Fixed term appointment commencing Nov 2011 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 and carpentry 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.

Applications close: Friday, 28th 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.



Attorney General & Justice

COURT SERVICES, LOCAL COURTS

Assistant Client Service Officer, Wollongong (Targeted Aboriginal)

JAG11/1196

Clerk General Scale

Wollongong, Temporary full time

Salary range: \$29,229 - \$49,384

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$54,495

Provide a range of Clerical and Client support services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, courtroom assistance, daily correspondence, data entry and records management.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Good Clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation, filing and operating office equipment;
- Strong commitment to client service;
- Good interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- Capacity to work effectively in a team;
- Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards;
- Knowledge and understanding of ethical practice as it relates to the court environment.

Job notes:

These positions are open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy 2006 – 2011.

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*) means a person who:

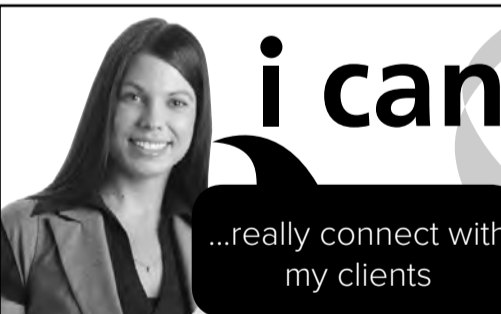
- is a member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
- identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person

An eligibility list may be created to fill any future Permanent, Temporary, Full-time and Part-time positions as they arise within the South Region. Currently there is one Temporary Full-time position Wollongong up to 27 April 2012.

Applicants must address all selection criteria in the advertisement and apply on line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries: Tina McKenna (02) 4223 3622 tina_mckenna@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 4 November 2011



I can develop the therapeutic environment my clients and colleagues need to thrive. Being able to really listen to and understand my clients' circumstances, I can make a genuine difference to their lives. At SA Health, I can find the perfect career through rewarding interactions with both clients and colleagues.

Chronic Disease Coordinator Aboriginal Health

Port Pirie Regional Health Service

Job Ref: 498279

www.health.sa.gov.au/careers

1300 882 992

South Australia. Make the move.



Government of South Australia
SA Health



Wuchopperen Health Service was established in 1979 and today provides a comprehensive suite of health services in the Cairns and Atherton regions with the aim of improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes through excellence in service delivery.

Cairns Children and Family Centre Manager Based in Cairns

In conjunction with our partner, The Benevolent Society, there is an exciting opportunity as a Manager on offer in the new Cairns Children and Family Centre. This position will play a key role in community engagement activities and manage the development, direction and performance of the new Centre.

Benefits of working with Wuchopperen:

- Generous salary sacrifice benefits
- Five weeks annual leave
- Commitment to professional development

How to apply:

Ideally applicants for the above position will:

- Demonstrate relevant experience and/or qualifications
- Possess a current driver's licence (essential)
- Possess, or be eligible for, a Blue Card (for suitability to work with children and young people)
- Consent to a broader criminal history check, where relevant

For information about this position, or for a recruitment package, please email hr@wuchopperen.com

To be eligible for interview, applicants must respond to the selection criteria in the position description.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

**Closing date for applications:
Monday 31 October 2011 at 5 pm.**



Health
Health Reform Transitional
Organisation Western

MENTAL HEALTH

Broken Hill

Aboriginal Mental Health Trainee Clinicians – CAMHS & MM (Non-Graduate) x 2

TFT (up to 31/12/14), **Salary:** \$43,610–\$48,719 pa,
Recruitment Nos: 38052 & 38076, **Enquiries:** Verina Crawford,
(08) 8080 1502 or vcrawford@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Close: 21/10/11.

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification for this position and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.

For an Application Kit or to apply online please go to
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.



Health
Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health District

Closing Date: 30 October 2011

Drug and Alcohol Worker Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Service (AMIHS)

Shellharbour

Temporary Full Time (up to 30/06/2014)

Enquiries: David Reid 02 4223 8341

Ref No: 50375

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

or email application quoting Ref. No. to:
jobs@hss.health.nsw.gov.au or
send application to:
Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 6004,
HRMC NSW 2310.

NSW Health Service:
employer of choice

Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Career Development Program Solicitor, Aboriginal Identified Legal Officer I-III, Various Locations

We are looking for a bright, hard working newly admitted solicitor to join our two-year rotational Career Development Program working as a legal practitioner in two practice areas in our Criminal, Family and Civil divisions.

Inquiries: Natasha Marcuccio on
natasha.marcuccio@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Applications/Packages: online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: Friday 28 October 2011.

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KEY SUPPORT WORKER

MEA LEVEL 5 Pay point 1-3
One permanent position (32 hours/week)

Coming Home Program has been developed by the feminist alliance between Beryl Women Inc., Toora Women Inc. and Canberra Rape Crisis Centre. The aim of the Program is to provide pre and post release support, housing, transitional and outreach support to women who are exiting the ACT correctional facility, Alexander Machonichie Centre (AMC).

Beryl Women Inc., is seeking an experienced Community Service Worker with experience relating specifically to domestic violence to support women accessing the Program.

Beryl Women Inc. is an equal opportunity employer and encourages women who are Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, from a non-English speaking background, have a disability, are ex-service users, or have relevant life experience, to apply.

A copy of the position description and selection criteria can be obtained by contacting Beryl Women Inc. on (02) 6288 1622 or e-mail: beryl_women@bigpond.com

It is a genuine occupational requirement to be female for this position.

Applications close: 5pm, 4 November 2011

Jobs that make a difference

Aboriginal Graduate Recruitment Program 2012 Intake

Various locations

Full time - ongoing

\$44,909 + Super

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.
- Good benefits and conditions.
- 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



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ENERGEX



Come join the Positive Power Mob

Applications close:
Monday 21st
November 2011
Courses
begin early
next year



Some of the 2011 Power Mob graduates at their
ENERGEX Apprentice Induction Day

"We are holding an Information Day on Thursday, 27th October 2011 at 1pm at Springwood Community Centre, (cnr. Cinderella Drive and Vanessa Boulevard). All interested applicants along with their families are invited to attend."

ENERGEX is seeking Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons to build their future toward working in the electrical distribution industry.

This is your opportunity to complete a pre-employment course approximately 15 weeks duration, designed to help you become an apprentice in a sought after trade with excellent career prospects. The course will be held at a Brisbane southside location.

No trade experience required just the ability to gain a driver's licence, be 17 years or older at time of commencement, be dedicated with a keen interest to learn.

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Darren Wright, Indigenous Employment & Training
Support Officer from the Department of Employment,
Economic Development and Innovation on
07 3872 0066

or

ENERGEX Resource Development Team on
(07) 3664 6723

or apply online at: <http://www.energex.com.au/powermob>



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Accountant

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An exciting new Indigenous tourism business is building momentum in Far North Queensland. Mossman Gorge Centre has a focus through sustainable tourism on creating local Indigenous Employment and Training opportunities. This is an outstanding role for an experienced and professional Accountant to join our friendly pre-opening team. You will manage the accounting and purchasing functions, full reporting and auditing. Reporting directly to the General Manager this is a unique opportunity to establish systems and protocols for the business. Essential for this role are: qualifications/commensurate experience; good working knowledge of GST and taxation issues; superior attention to detail; and the ability to be a team player. To apply, or for a confidential discussion, please contact the Human Resources Manager hannah.asher@mossmangorge.com.au

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Jobs that make a difference

Regional Coordinator, Indigenous Family Violence

Children, Youth and Families

Gippsland Region

Work Location: Bairnsdale

Ongoing/Full Time

\$66,235 - \$75,151 p.a. (+ Superannuation)

The Regional Indigenous Family Violence Support Worker reporting to the Manager, Aboriginal and Community Services will work directly with Indigenous communities and a range of community-based organisations to co-ordinate and support the development and implementation of the Indigenous Family Violence Strategy in the Gippsland Region.

The coordinator will support the operations of the Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group and local action groups situated in regional locations. The role of the Regional Action Group is to empower and support communities to examine issues of family violence, develop local solutions and responses appropriate to local needs and raise awareness of the impact of family violence in Aboriginal communities.

Please note: An exemption has been granted under section 83 of the Equal Opportunities Act 1995 (No. A255/2004). **Only Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.**

If this position appeals to you please view the position description via the website below.

For further information contact Kerrie White on (03) 51 362400

Please quote position no DHS/GIP/49666.

Closing date for applications is Sunday 30 October 2011

Police Checks form part of the Department of Human Services recruitment process. Aboriginal Australians are encouraged to apply. For information and support contact 1300 092 406 or aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

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To apply online and view the job description, visit
www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers
For other Victorian Government opportunities,
please visit **www.careers.vic.gov.au**



Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Service Centre Manager

Grade 13/14 (HCS Admin)

Western Region

Nyngan

Permanent Full-Time

Job Reference No. 00000KJO

Total remuneration package valued up to \$102,088 per annum (Salary: \$84,711 pa - \$92,513 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Manage the delivery of Home Care Services within a designated geographical area to achieve service objectives, especially cost effectiveness, efficiency and service quality. Maintain the highest level of customer satisfaction. Ensure standards of public accountability and prudential financial management are maintained.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in management of an operational unit within a service delivery environment, including managing financial performance and human resources within an allocated budget.
- Superior knowledge of the complexities of business planning and total quality management application.
- Demonstrated skills in critical thinking, planning and implementing organisational change, and the ability to analyse and interpret financial and management reports.
- Demonstrated knowledge of OHS policies and practices including injury/claims management, hazard identification and control, workers compensation policies and practices and relevant legislation.
- Demonstrated skills in leadership of small groups who may be remotely located.
- Demonstrated knowledge of statutory responsibilities under the *Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act, 1998* and working knowledge of records management and archival principles.
- Demonstrated written and verbal communication skills, including public speaking, formal presentations.
- Experience in dealing with a wide group of people with differing priorities and cultural backgrounds and EEO target groups.

Job Notes: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from a non-English speaking background are encouraged to apply. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains complete details about the position and information about the Department. The successful applicant will be subject to a Criminal Records Check.

Enquiries: Michael Evans – Ph (02) 6041 7700

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000KJO

Closing Date: 4 November 2011

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BUNGREE ABORIGINAL
Intensive Family Based Service

Step Down Worker

Overview of Position:

The position holder will work as a member of a cooperative team in order to provide practical, supportive post intervention pathways which support families who have just completed the IFBS intervention. The successful candidate will need knowledge and experience of the Local Aboriginal community as well as experience and knowledge within the community welfare sector.

This is an identified position under section 9A of the *NSW Ant1 Discrimination Act 1977*.

Learn More:

For further information & to obtain an employment package Please contact Bungree Aboriginal IFBS (02) 4351 0633

Applicants must obtain an employment pack, complete all relevant paperwork and address the selection criteria

Enquires:

Belinda Field on (02) 4351 0633 or
belinda.field@bungreeifbs.com



Health
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MENTAL HEALTH

Broken Hill

Aboriginal Mental Health Trainee Clinicians – CAMHS & MM (Non-Graduate) x 2

TFT (up to 31/12/14), **Salary:** \$43,610–\$48,719 pa,
Recruitment Nos: 38052 & 38076, **Enquiries:** Verina Crawford, (08) 8080 1502 or vcrawford@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Close: 21/10/11.

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification for this position and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.

For an Application Kit or to apply online please go to
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.



Community Services Officer – Aboriginal Development

3-year fixed term

Working together for a stronger community

Tweed Shire Council is one of the largest employers in the Shire – in one of the fastest growing areas in NSW. Our employees are pivotal in creating successful community outcomes and we are committed to creating a friendly and professional work environment where staff have access to career development opportunities and excellent employment conditions.

The position:

The position is the key point of contact between Council, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) community, service providers and government agencies. Dealing with a specialised client group, you will have a strong community development and advisory function. There will be particular responsibility to maximise the use of available resources with equitable distribution of services and facilities throughout the Shire. It is essential that you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and able to provide a Certificate/Confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Island Descent. Your experience in Community Development related to ATSI issues will be essential.

The successful candidate will hold Tertiary qualifications in Humanities, Social Science or a Community Service related discipline. You will have a demonstrated capacity to network, communicate and develop cooperative working relationships with a wide range of community groups and services, relevant to the ATSI community.

The term of the position is 3-year fixed term, with the possibility of conversion to permanent tenure based on funding availability.

What's on offer:

- An attractive salary, ranging from \$67,218 and \$77,360 per annum, plus 9% super
- A 9-day fortnight, 35-hour working week
- Training and development opportunities
- Flexible work options for a healthy work/life balance.

Where it's located:

The position will be based at Murwillumbah but you may be required to work out of any of Council's administrative offices, depots or any other location within the Shire as directed.

How to apply – make your move today:

Visit Council's website **www.tweed.nsw.gov.au** or contact Human Resources on (02) 6670 2495.

Applications close: 12 noon (NSW daylight saving time) on Friday 28 October 2011.

The position incumbent will undergo a three month probationary period.

Tweed Shire Council supports Equal Employment Opportunity and has a smoke free workplace policy

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Community Support Worker

New Horizons has an exciting opportunity for an experienced & well presented **Indigenous male Case Worker** to join their Tweed Heads team on a 3 day p/wk basis. The role will cover the development of relationships with other service providers & promoting access & pathways to their services. With a specific male case load, a key part of the program will be the provision of internet to aboriginal community members as a means of accessing information, resources & supports. If you are looking for a diverse role in a friendly workplace this is the job for you.



To view further details and to submit an application, please visit **www.newhorizons.applynow.net.au** and refer to job number **N11**



Social Inclusion Consultant

- **\$70,000-75,000 full time equivalent (FTE), plus benefits**
- **Full time or part time opportunity**

An experienced Social Inclusion Consultant required to facilitate the development of local initiatives designed to maximise outcomes for difficult to reach young people; special focus on Indigenous outcomes, educational and vocational engagement and recovery, and rural and regional issues.

For more information and application process, please go to www.headspace.org.au/jobs.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.



Government of
Western Australia
Department of Corrective Services

Prison Officer

Adult Custodial

Web Search No: Pool Ref 9098

Level/Salary: POA, \$46,048 - \$69,838 pa pro rata
(Including shift)

Interested in a rewarding career, with promotional opportunities? We are currently accepting applications from residents in the Kimberley region to fill Prison Officer positions for the West Kimberley Regional Prison in Derby, due to open mid 2012. We are looking for people who can work with the unique philosophy of the prison, which is specifically designed, built and operated to reflect Aboriginal culture and values. You'll enjoy great benefits - paid training, job security, generous leave entitlements, and additional regional housing subsidies.

To Access Detailed Information: Please visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: (08) 9264 1562 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact DCS Recruiting on (08) 9264 9615.

Location: West Kimberley Regional Prison

Closing Date: Monday, 31 October 2011 at 4.30pm.



EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/ ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Ngunnawal Centre

UC Level 4 Salary Range: \$51,377 to \$55,039 pa, plus Super

This is a continuing full-time position
Vacancy Reference No: 11/2155

The Ngunnawal Centre exists to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled at the University of Canberra, and this is central to the work of the entire team.

Due to recent growth, we are seeking an enthusiastic, reliable and friendly person to join our team.

The Administrative Officer will provide support to the Director, and be the first point of contact for the Ngunnawal Centre

For further information, please contact Wendy Brady on (02) 6201 5894.

CLOSING DATE: 23 OCTOBER 2011



The University is an E0 employer offering excellent conditions and benefits including generous superannuation.

Suitably qualified Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For more information on this position and how to apply, go to our website at **<http://www.canberra.edu.au/jobs>**

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Health Northern Sydney Local Health District

Aboriginal Employment & EEO Officer

Macquarie

Permanent Full Time

Enquiries: Judy Cooper 0411 118 803

Ref ID:48513

Closing Date: 6 November 2011

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Education & Communities

Local Facilitator, SaCC

Clerk Grade 7

Temporary Part-time

Bonnyrigg Public School

Position number 138673

Salary package to: \$91,029 pro-rata per annum

Inquiries: Julie Killiby

Phone: (02) 9266 8728

Mobile No: 0421 617 652

To apply for this position, please visit our website

www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs and refer to position number 138673.

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Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service Victoria (FVPLS Victoria)

VACANCIES

- Full time or part-time **paralegal support worker** to provide assistance to regional lawyer & client support in Mildura office (email paralegal@fvpls.org for PD)

- Part-time (.8) **program coordinator** at Collingwood head office, undertaking a stimulating & varied role inc HR, board support & operations management (email vacancy@fvpls.org for PD)

Check website for details of these and other positions to be advertised shortly

1800 105 303

www.fvpls.org



Family & Community Services Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Care Worker

Grade 1

Permanent Part-Time, (2 Positions - 15 hpw)

Aboriginal Home Care Services of NSW

Job Reference: 00000LIM

- **Location:** Hunter Region, Central Coast
- **Total remuneration package valued up to \$41,091 per annum (Salary: \$37,237 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Full-Time salary quoted. Hourly rate: \$18.78 ph**

Aboriginal Home Care Service of NSW is a state-wide service providing household support to Aboriginal people who are frail aged people, people with disabilities and their carers to enable them to live independently in their own homes.

We are seeking to employ two (2) permanent part-time Grade 1 Aboriginal Care Workers to provide domestic assistance (housekeeping) services to our clients in their homes. Flexible days and hours of work Monday to Friday available based on a minimum 30 hour contract per fortnight.

Are You

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Caring and understanding
- Able to work independently and within a team
- Able to engage with the aged, people with disabilities and people from all backgrounds

In Return We Will Offer You

- Good rates of pay and kilometre allowance
- Ongoing paid training
- Flexible working hours
- Supportive work environment
- No weekend work

Job Notes: There are two (2) permanent part-time (15 hpw) positions available, working in various locations within the Central Coast area. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date: Friday 11 November 2011

For enquiries: Kristy Bissaker on (02) 4321 7215

Thank you for your interest in this position.

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EVOLUTION MINING



TRAINING and DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FOR BIRRI TRADITIONAL OWNER DESCENDANTS and KUDJALA TRADITIONAL OWNER DESCENDANTS

In accordance with Native Title and Indigenous Land Use Agreements between Evolution Mining and the above Traditional Owner Groups, Evolution Mining (formally Conquest Mining) is seeking applications for Secondary and Tertiary Scholarships.

The terms, conditions and benefits of the scholarships will be discussed with applicants at interview.

Evolution Mining is also seeking interested applicants for Traineeships / Apprenticeships.

The occupational streams can be mine related or in the professional, technical or administrative areas within the company.

All applicants need to be committed in undertaking the training and development as full time positions will be available to applicants on successful completion of the training and passing mandatory company and industry requirements.

All interested Birri or Kudjala Descendants should contact Tammie Mitchell or Gerry De La Cruz **by close of business, Friday 28th October 2011.**

Contact Person: Tammie Mitchell (HR Officer)

Phone: (07) 4750 0204

E-mail: tammie.mitchell@conquestmining.com.au

Contact Person: Gerry De La Cruz

(Community Liaison Officer)

Phone: (07) 4750 0221

E-mail: gerry.delacruz@conquestmining.com.au

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Advanced Public Health Officer (HIV, Hepatitis, Sexual and Reproductive Health - Indigenous)

Cairns Public Health Unit, Tropical Regional
Services, Cairns, Division of the Chief Health Officer.

You will require a higher degree (masters or doctorate) in public health or a related field and extensive professional experience in cross-cultural contexts. Lead the delivery of specialised public health and health promotion services and initiatives addressing the sexual health gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

You will also possess the skills and attributes to coordinate, train and mentor a growing statewide network of Public Health Officers in delivering these services and initiatives at local levels. While not a requirement of this position, persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage with suitable qualifications and professional experience are especially encouraged to apply.

Remuneration value up to \$113 869 p.a., comprising salary between \$95 650 - \$99 801 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (HP5) (Temporary position up to 30 June 2013. Applications will remain current for 12 months.)

If you are not a Queensland Health employee, a criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job.

Job Ad Reference: H11HL09757.

Enquiries: Dr Alan Crouch (07) 4226 5559.

Application Kit: (07) 3170 4244 or
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 31 October 2011.

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The future is BHP Billiton.
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Indigenous Employment Opportunities – Port & Rail Port Hedland

BHP Billiton is the world's largest diversified resources company and is an industry leader in the supply of iron ore to the global steel industry from our Western Australian Iron Ore operations. With seven mines, two ports and processing facilities and an award winning 1000+km rail system, BHP Billiton Iron Ore is more than equipped to meet the demands of the global iron ore market. We are expanding our Iron Ore business as we develop new ways to deliver competitive advantages to our customers. Join our exciting business and give your career the challenge it deserves.

Due to our sustained growth, we currently have a number of opportunities for motivated and safety-conscious tradespeople in the following disciplines to join our Iron Ore operations in Port Hedland:

- **Qualified Mechanical Fitters (Ref No: 50022528)**
- **Qualified Electricians (Ref No: 50860870)**
- **Qualified Machinists (Ref No: 50288177)**

Skills and Experience

Applicants must hold current trade qualifications, relevant trade tickets/licences and a current manual full 'C' Class licence.

Location

These roles are based in Port Hedland in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. Located on the coast, Port Hedland is the largest regional centre in the North West, close to Broome, Karratha and the Karijini National Park and is host to well-established education services, entertainment, sporting, shopping and medical facilities and a strong community spirit. Relocation to Port Hedland will be offered for residential roles.

A competitive remuneration package is offered commensurate with experience including performance incentives, housing subsidies and a generous superannuation scheme, among other benefits.

How to Apply

To submit your application, please apply online at jobs.bhpbilliton.com before **Friday 28th October 2011**. Alternatively you can contact the Indigenous Employment Team:

Marilee Liddell – (08) 9173 6809 / 0437 615 201 or email Marilee.Liddell@bhpbilliton.com

Mick Little – (08) 9173 6740 / 0457 561 976 or email Mick.Little@bhpbilliton.com

We reserve the right to commence recruitment proceedings prior to the stated closing date.

BHP Billiton Iron Ore is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

Apply online at jobs.bhpbilliton.com



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
Mining Lease	30/248	INTERNICKEL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	2825.34HA	102km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 52' S Long: 120° 0' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	30/249-I	INTERNICKEL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	3815.95HA	106km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 48' S Long: 119° 57' E	MENZIES 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: 19 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 **19 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. 19 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.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of WA

Notification day: 2 November 2011



National
Native Title
Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30 Perth WA 6837 on or before 1 February 2012. After 1 February 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Albert Puenmora & Ors v State of Western Australia (Uunguu Part B)

Federal Court File No: WAD119/2011

Date filed: 19 April 2011

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration.

Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application to the Tribunal or another body or person for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 4.5 square kilometres and is located approximately 260 kilometres north west of Wyndham as shown on the locality diagram.

The application falls within the local government authority of the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Landgate (WA).

For assistance and further information about this application, call Imogen Jeffreys on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 2 November 2011

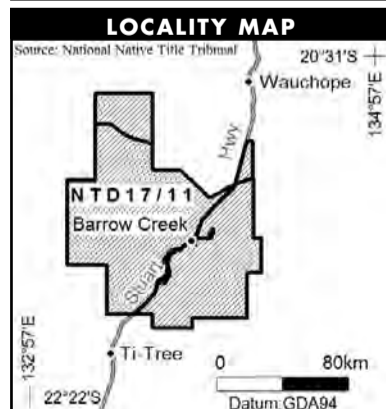


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Native Title
Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 1806, Darwin, Northern Territory, 0801 on or before 1 February 2012. After 1 February 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Stirling and Neutral Junction

Federal Court File No: NTD17/2011

Date filed: 19 July 2011

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **accepted** this application for registration.

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 10,450 square kilometres and is located approximately 190km north of Alice Springs in the vicinity of Barrow Creek as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Barkly and Central Desert Shires.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Department of Planning and Infrastructure (NT).

For assistance and further information about this application, call Monica Khouri on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Facilitating timely and effective outcomes.



LABOUR HIRE MANAGER

Northern Project Contracting (NPC) is 100% Aboriginal owned and is looking for a motivated and proficient labour hire manager to work on their major contracts on Century Mine in north-west Queensland.

The successful applicant will preferably have experience in the civil or mining industries. They will be responsible for the management and mentoring of NPC's labour crew. Applicants must hold a drivers licence.

Applicants must be available to fly in and out of Townsville, Cairns or Mount Isa. The roster and wage is negotiable based on the applicants experience.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should apply directly to pekeri@rby.net.au including a current resume and a cover letter outlining why they would be most suited to this management and mentor position.

Applications close Friday 28th October at 12.00pm.



Aboriginal Cultural Liaison Officer

Salary Package \$ 58,829

(Inclusive of \$50,000 base salary, leave loading, superannuation and salary sacrifice opportunities)

KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is the largest accredited Aboriginal Out of Home Care (OOHC) service in NSW. There is currently the opportunity to join this ever growing service located in Liverpool.

Do you want a job that will give you the opportunity to make a real difference in the day to day lives of Aboriginal children of all ages who are in need of support?

The Cultural Liaison Officer is an integral member of the OOHC team. As an active member of the Aboriginal community this worker will provide the OOHC team with support in following Aboriginal Placement Principles, locating possible kinship placements for children and young people as well as assisting to identify other cultural opportunities that may provide the child, young person and family with a strong cultural heritage.

If you have experience working with Aboriginal children, young people, families or communities, we want to hear from you. We are looking for dedicated and motivated people to join our team and help us make a difference to the lives of children and families in their time of need.

For more information on the Aboriginal Cultural Liaison Officer position, or to apply, please contact Nicole Alexander on (02) 8782 0300 or email nicole.alexander@kari.org.au



Education &
Communities

Teacher Literacy & Numeracy

Aboriginal identified position

Permanent Full-time

Mount Druitt College

Job Reference No: WS/2011/246B

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification authorised under section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants should obtain an information package for further information.

The maximum salary package for TAFE NSW full time teaching positions is valued at \$93,531 pa, including salary of \$71,469 - \$84,759 per annum (salary level dependent on qualifications and experience), contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Duties: As listed in the Statement of Duties for Teachers (available in the information package)

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality (as defined under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977).
- Recognised degree or equivalent including the equivalent of 1 year's full time study in the teaching of English Language and/or Literacy and/or Numeracy in adult basic education.
- Two years (post degree) relevant and current vocational/community experience including a minimum of 800 hours experience teaching Literacy and/or Numeracy to adults.
- Knowledge of issues related to learning and adult literacy and numeracy education.
- Demonstrated ability to design and implement programs of training and assessment in more than one delivery context.
- Current knowledge and awareness of access and equity issues relevant to students' needs arising from a variety of different factors including: socio-economic status; disability status; ethnic background; race; family differences; sexual preference and sex specific differences.
- High level written and verbal communication skills in English.
- Demonstrated commitment to maintaining professional/technical currency. Commitment and ability to teach and facilitate adult learning in a vocational environment.
- Demonstrated commitment to implementing quality customer service. Demonstrated ability to work within and contribute to a team environment.
- Proven strengths to solve problems and adapt to/manage change in an educational, industrial and/or workplace environment. Demonstrated planning and organisational skills applicable to an industrial and/or teacher, learning and assessment environment.
- Evidence of successful completion of Certificate IV in Training and Assessment or a demonstrated commitment to undertake a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment or demonstrated equivalent competencies. Other education qualifications will be considered on application.
- Commitment and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statements, Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) as they relate to the position.

NOTE: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a registrable offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Information package: Recruitment Officer phone (02) 9208 9294 or email ws.recruitment@tafensw.edu.au or visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications (quoting Job Reference No) must be returned to: Recruitment Officer via email: ws.recruitment@tafensw.edu.au or via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 28 October 2011

BUBUP WILAM

Early Childhood Educators

Description: Bubup Wilam for Early Learning Inc is an Aboriginal Children and Family Centre controlled and managed by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal children, families and community in the City of Whittlesea, and surrounding areas. From January 2012 Bubup Wilam for Early Learning will be housed in a brand new custom built facility in Thomastown, and will provide a long day early education and care service with integrated kindergarten.

Expression of Interest: We are seeking expressions of interest from qualified Early Childhood Teachers, Diploma qualified, and Certificate III qualified early childhood educators, with experience in early childhood education and care, to join our Team.

To receive a position description: email admin@bubupwilam.org.au,
or phone Janet McLean on

(03) 9465 4937

Badu Art Centre - Badhulgaw Kuthinaw Mudh

Torres Strait Islander Art from Badu Island

Torres Strait Art Centre Manager Required

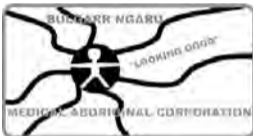
Badu Art Centre - a recently established Torres Strait Islander Indigenous Art Centre operating from Badu Island requires a suitably experienced, dynamic and enthusiastic Manager to lead and manage the organisation.

Attractive salary package \$72,500 plus super, salary sacrifice, vehicle for work purposes and rent free accommodation.

Contact: Shaun Clough on (0409) 499 975 or email admin@baduartcentre.com.au

Full PD and information available at www.baduartcentre.com.au

Applications close:
2 November 2011.



Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation

GRAFTON, NSW

Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation, Grafton has
5 positions vacant:

3 positions located at Grafton:

- **Aboriginal Family Health Worker**
(Aboriginal Identified) - readvertised
- **Dental Therapist** - readvertised
- **Bookkeeper**

2 positions located at Casino:

- **Aboriginal Health Worker**
- **Clinical Nurse consultant/Nurse Practitioner**

Information kits, including the Position Description and Selection Criteria are available by
calling (02) 6643 2199 or emailing bulgarr@bigpond.com

CLOSING DATE: 11 November 2011

World Vision

Project Managers and Project Facilitators

- **Use your experience in international community development in Australia**
- **Work for Australia's largest international NGO**
- **Contribute to the well being of Indigenous communities**

World Vision is Australia's largest international NGO and helps over 20 million people every year, thanks to the support of more than 400,000 Australians. Our mission is to engage Australians in the effort to eliminate poverty and its causes.

Our Australia Program partners with Indigenous communities, community based organisations, relevant corporations and government agencies to design and implement projects that tackle the causes of disadvantage and transform the lives of children and communities.

We currently have a number of opportunities to work in remote and rural areas of Australia for Project Managers and Project Facilitators. You will have experience in one of the following fields:

- Nursing
- Early Childhood Development
- Public Health
- Nutrition
- Maternal Health
- Aboriginal Health
- Community Development
- International Development

We are currently inviting Expressions of Interest as well as direct applications to vacant positions. To submit your interest, please visit the careers page on the World Vision Australia website www.worldvision.com.au/AboutUs/Careers. For any questions please contact Fiona Simpson on 03 9287 2601

World Vision Australia is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
77/1568	HR FORRESTANIA PTY LTD	380722	2.90 HA	77km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 25' S Long: 119° 40' E	KONDININ SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 19 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 the applications. The 3 month period closes on **19 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 amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 19 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.

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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: 2 November 2011



National
Native Title
Tribunal



Q12011/051 Ewamian People - Etheridge Shire Council - Ten Mile Landfill ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers approximately 7.3 hectares and is located approximately 9.5 kilometres south of Georgetown and east of Forsayth Road as shown on the locality map.

This agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Etheridge Shire Council.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Etheridge Shire Council
C/- Preston Law
PO Box 707N
NORTH CAIRNS QLD 4870

Barry Fisher, Katie Georgetown, David Hudson,
Noel Lacey and Ron Richards on their own behalf
and on behalf of the Ewamian People #3
C/- Otium Consulting and Legal Pty Ltd
28 Golding Street
TOOWONG QLD 4066

State of Queensland
C/- Executive Director
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Land Services
Department of Environment and Resource
Management
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE QLD 4001

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

4.4 Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to any Future Acts for which the Native Title Parties have given consent under this ILUA

7.1 The Native Title Parties consent to Council accessing the ILUA Area and the undertaking of works within the ILUA Area associated with the design and construction of the Landfill including geotechnical investigations, survey and earthworks associated with establishment, construction and operation of the Landfill and access thereto.

7.2 The Parties agree to validating the class of future acts set out in clause 7.1 under section 24EBA(1) of the NTA that may have been done invalidly from the Commencement Date to Registration of this ILUA on the Register.

8.1 For the purposes of section 24EB(1)(b), the Native Title Parties consent to the Surrender and the doing of the Future Acts described in clause 7. [*'Surrender' means the surrender of Native Title by the Native Title Parties in relation to the ILUA area.*]

8.2 The parties intend that the Surrender will extinguish the Application insofar as it relates to the ILUA area. [*'Application' means Native Title Determination Application QUID6018/01 Ewamian People #3 made by the Native Title Parties on their own behalf and on behalf of the Ewamian People #3.*]

8.3 Surrender will take effect upon Registration.

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 2 February 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, PO Box 9973, CAIRNS, QLD, 4870 by 2 February 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 Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Notice of an applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 2 November 2011



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2011/049 Iron Range, Portland Roads and Islands ILUA

Description of the agreement area:
The area subject to this agreement covers about 575 square kilometres, located in the vicinity of Portland Roads and includes Quoin, Forbes and Piper Islands as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Cook Shire Council.



QI2011/052 Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park (CYPAL) ILUA

Description of the agreement area:
The area subject to this agreement covers about 5451 square kilometres, located approximately 65 km west north-west of Cooktown and north of Laura as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Cook Shire Council.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

State of Queensland
Department of Environment and Resource Management
Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution Branch
PO Box 2066
CAIRNS QLD 4870
Northern Kuuku Ya'u Kanthanampu Aboriginal Corporation
RNTBC
C/- Post Office
LOCKHART QLD 4871
Lucy May Hobson, Jasmine Ray Accoom, Ivy Hobson and Greta Accoom
C/- Cape York Land Council
PO Box 2496
CAIRNS QLD 4870

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

State of Queensland
Department of Environment and Resource Management
Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution Branch
PO Box 2066
CAIRNS QLD 4870
Tommy George (Snr), Eric Harrigan (Snr), Elizabeth Lakefield,
Francis Lee Cheu, Lewis Musgrave, Hans Pearson and Paul Turpin
C/- Cape York Land Council
PO Box 2496
CAIRNS QLD 4870

The agreements contain the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

QI2011/049 Iron Range, Portland Roads and Islands ILUA

6.1 The parties –

- (a) consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts; and
- (b) agree to the validating of any invalid Agreed Acts done on the Agreement Area prior to the Registration Date, to the extent that they are Future Acts.

“Agreed Acts” means all acts necessary to give effect to this Agreement, the IMA [an indigenous management agreement under the ALA between the Northern Kuuku Ya'u Kanthanampu Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC Land Trust (Land Trust) and the State over the proposed National Park (CYPAL) areas] and the Conservation Agreement [an agreement between the Land Trust and the State over the Proposed Nature Refuge Area] including –

- (a) the grant of the Proposed ALA Areas and any Proposed Additional ALA Areas as Aboriginal Land to the Land Trust;
- (b) the State and the Land Trust entering into and complying with the IMA;
- (c) dedication, use and management of the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Areas and any Proposed Additional National Park (CYPAL) Areas as national parks (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land) under the NCA;
- (d) entering into and complying with the Conservation Agreement;
- (e) declaration, use and management of the Proposed Nature Refuge Area as a nature refuge under the NCA;
- (f) dedication, use and management of the Proposed Reserve Areas as reserves under the Land Act for the following community purposes:
 - (i) Area A for drainage purposes under the trusteeship of the Cook Shire Council;
 - (ii) Area B for coastal management purposes under the joint trusteeship of the Corporation and the State;
 - (iii) Area C for strategic land management purposes under the trusteeship of the Cook Shire Council.
- (g) dedication under the Land Act of new roads listed in Schedule 1;
- (h) the Surrender; and
- (i) the grant of freehold over the Proposed Rubbish Dump Area in favour of the Cook Shire Council.

“ALA” means the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* (Qld). [Further information about the specific areas covered by the Agreed Acts may be obtained from the Tribunal.]

7. Right to Negotiate - To avoid any doubt, Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA does not apply to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

9.1 The Surrender [of native title rights and interests by the Native Title Parties in relation to the Surrender Area] is intended to permanently relinquish any Native Title Rights and Interests that may exist in relation to the Surrender Area.

9.2 The Surrender will take effect immediately before the deed of grant is issued to the Cook Shire Council over the Surrender Area.

“Surrender Area” means lot 21 on SP241413 as shown on the plan in Schedule 2 [a copy of the plan may be obtained from the Tribunal].

QI2011/052 Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park (CYPAL) ILUA

6.1 The parties –

- (a) consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts; and
- (b) agree to the validating of any invalid Agreed Acts done on the Agreement Area Prior to the Registration Date, to the extent that they are Future Acts.

“Agreed Acts” means all acts necessary to give effect to this Agreement and the IMA [an indigenous management agreement under the ALA between Rinyirru (Lakefield) Land Trust (Land Trust) and the State over the proposed National Park (CYPAL) area] including the –

- (a) grant of the Proposed ALA Area and any Additional ALA Areas as Aboriginal Land to the Land Trust;
- (b) State and the Land Trust entering into and complying with the IMA;
- (c) dedication, use and management of the Proposed National Park (CYPAL) Area and any Additional National Park (CYPAL) Areas as a national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land) under the NCA;
- (d) dedication, use and management of the Proposed Resources Reserve Area as a Resources Reserve under the NCA; and
- (e) variation of the IMA to cover any Additional National Park (CYPAL) Areas when dedicated. [Further information about the specific areas covered by the Agreed Acts may be obtained from the Tribunal.]

7. Right to Negotiate - To avoid any doubt, Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA does not apply to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

Because these applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements have not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body/ies for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to the registration of the agreements. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by any of these agreements, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area covered by the agreements. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to the relevant agreement before it can be registered. **The native title determination application must be made by 2 February 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, PO Box 9973, CAIRNS, QLD, 4870 by 2 February 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 on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water, Queensland. 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 Rachelle Christian on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Male Aboriginal Youth Health Education Officer (HEO)

Ref: 50064

Salary: \$42,610–\$74,380 pa, F/T at Fairfield Community Health Services

Enq: Judith Minty

Ph: 8717 1718

Closing Date: 4 November 2011

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Being Male is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Please apply online by visiting:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Government of
Western Australia
Department for Child Protection

Family Resource Employee 50d

Metropolitan Services

Web Search No: 008688

Level/Salary: Level 1, \$20,394 - \$49,022 pa

The Family Resource Employee, in accordance with the principles of engagement, inclusiveness, collaboration and capacity building is responsible:

- Providing supervision and transport services for families, children and young people.
- Providing information and support to families, children and young people about accessing Department and community resources.
- Providing administrative assistance as required.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: 9222 2901 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact
Karen Martin on 9274 9411.

Location: Midland

Closing Date: 24 October 2011 at 5:00pm



Community Restorative Centre (CRC)

is seeking

Transitional Support Workers

The Community Restorative Centre (CRC) is a community based agency providing assistance to people affected by the criminal justice system.

We are seeking to employ several Support Workers for our Parramatta office:

One permanent, full-time THASS Support Worker

- This worker will provide a broad range of casework services to women with complex needs, exiting NSW Correctional Centres who are at risk of homelessness.

Two temporary, full time PSI Support Workers

- These workers will provide a broad range of casework services to men and women with complex needs (, exiting NSW Correctional Centres and on parole
- Temporary positions, up to 30 June 2012. May be extended or made permanent, subject to funding

These positions are all 38 hours per week, SACS Award G4 Yr4+ salary packaging.

Casework services are delivered on an outreach basis, between the hours of 8.00am to 8.00pm. Mon - Fri.

Although Aboriginality is not a specific criterion for eligibility for these projects, it is anticipated that a high proportion of the client group will be Aboriginal.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander persons, especially women, are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications must include a Resume and Statement Addressing the Selection Criteria.

For selection criteria and information package contact CRC on (02) 9288 8700 or email info@crcnsw.org.au or visit CRC at www.crcnsw.org.au.

Mark your application to the attention of Alison Churchill.

Applications may be:

Emailed to: info@crcnsw.org.au

Faxed to: (02) 9211 6518 or

Posted to:

174 Broadway (corner Shepherd Street)
Broadway NSW, 2007.

Applications close on Monday 31 October 2011



MANAGER OF PROGRAMS Hunter / Northern Region

changing lives
reducing crime

The Community Restorative Centre (CRC) is a non-government organisation providing a range of support services to prisoners, ex-prisoners, their families and friends. Our Mission is to Change Lives and Reduce Crime.

CRC is seeking a skilled, knowledgeable, dynamic individual to become part of our Management Team. The position will be based in our Newcastle Office. Responsible for overseeing and establishing new projects supporting men and women with intellectual disability and / or complex needs transitioning from prison to the community or who are at risk of offending. The Manager will also have opportunities to work across all areas of the organisation.

- 38hrs per wk
- Based at CRC's Newcastle Office
- Rates of pay as per SACS Award Grade 6 year 2 + FBT
- Terms & conditions of employment as per SCHADS Award 2010

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications MUST include a resume and address the Selection Criteria

For further information and Employment Package, including Selection Criteria Email: info@crcnsw.org.au, visit our website at www.crcnsw.org.au or Phone: 02 9288 8700

Applications close Monday 7th November 2011

Mark applications to the attention of the CEO

Applications may be:

Emailled to: info@crcnsw.org.au

Faxed to: 02 9211 6518 or

Posted to: Community Restorative Centre
174 Broadway, (Cnr Shepherd St) Broadway NSW 2007



Aboriginal Case Manager & Community Support Workers

New Horizons is a not for profit organisation that provides support services to people with a mental health issue. We require **1 Full Time Aboriginal Case Manager and Full Time Community Support Workers** to join our new Aboriginal Tribal Dreaming program located at our Guildford office.

The program is for Aboriginal males and females who have been in contact with the criminal justice system. The aim of the program is to prevent clients from reoffending and to live independently in the community. All applicants must identify themselves as having Aboriginal identity. New Horizons is willing to support and train the right applicants in this role.

In this position an applicants race and gender is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 and section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997, as amended.

Essential Criteria for Case Management:

- Aboriginal identity
- Experience in case management and coordination of services
- Tertiary qualifications in Criminology, Social Sciences, Psychology, Mental Health, or related field.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Current NSW drivers licence and own vehicle

Enquiries to:

Luana Bates, State Manager Community Justice Program
(02) 9490 0048 or 0409 314 377

Please send your applications to: Nhu Nguyen, HR Assistant Manager.
Email: recruit@newhorizons.net.au



Community Support Workers

New Horizons is a not for profit organisation that provides support services to people with a mental and intellectual disability.

We have an exciting opportunity for **Full Time Aboriginal Community Support Workers** to join our Aboriginal Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) team based at Miller.

The successful person will assist people with a mental health issue to access services, maximise their independence and participation in the community and assist with daily living.

To be successful, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply. In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997, as amended.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identity
- Commitment to working with people with mental health illness and/or disability
- Experience in working with Aboriginal people in the community
- Current NSW Driver's Licence

Having a Certificate 3 level qualification in Disability, Mental Health or Community Services will be highly desirable, but is not essential. New Horizons will support the right person in this role by providing training and mentoring.

Enquiries to:

Natalie Ellis –HASI Regional Coordinator
Lot 4 Lady Woodward Rd Miller NSW 2168
Telephone (02) 8784 3711 Mobile 0410 082 574

or:
Des Smith – HASI Case Manager
Telephone: (02) 8784 3700

Please email or post your applications to:

Marianne Klobuchar - Human Resources Officer
15 Twin Road North Ryde NSW 2113
Telephone (02) 9490 0027 | Fax (02) 9887 2823
Email: recruit@newhorizons.net.au



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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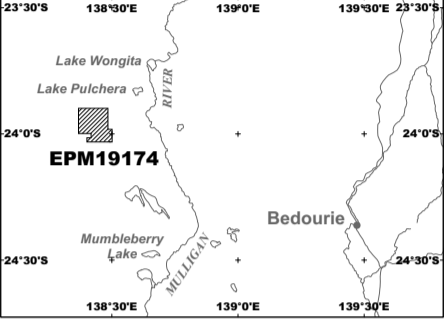
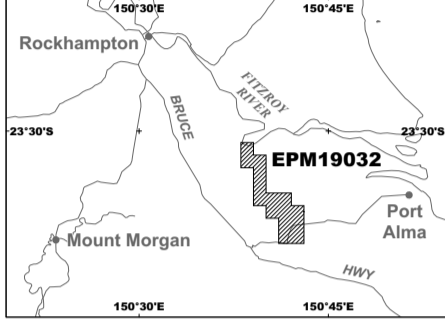
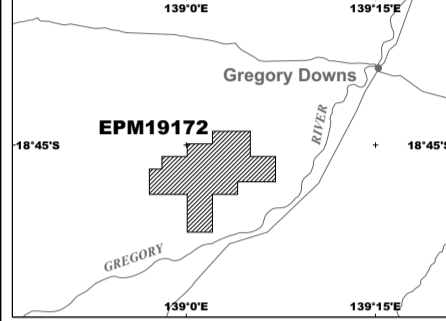
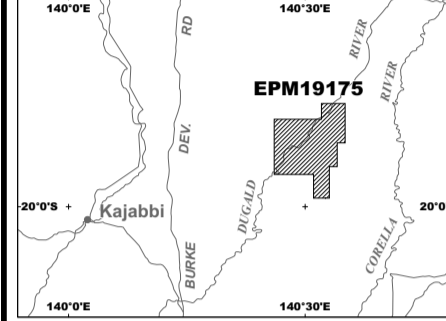
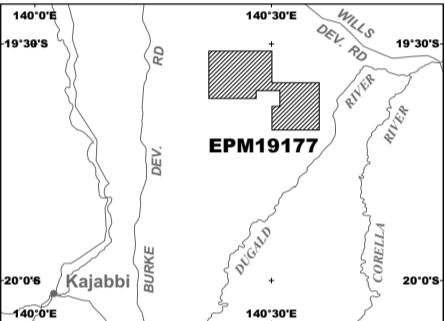
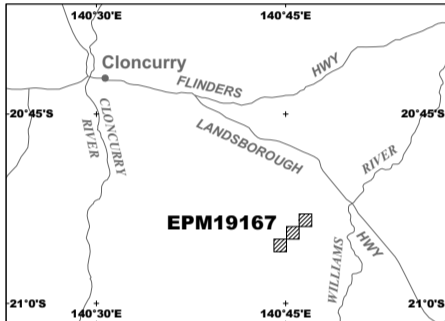
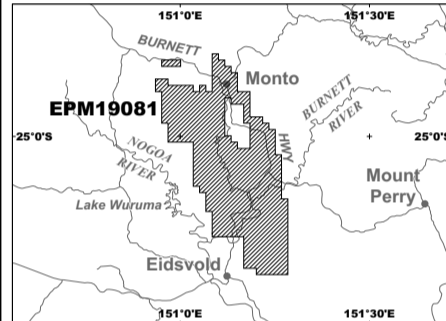
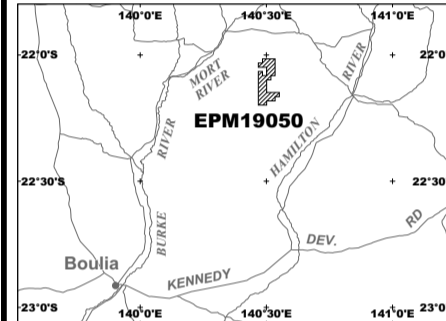
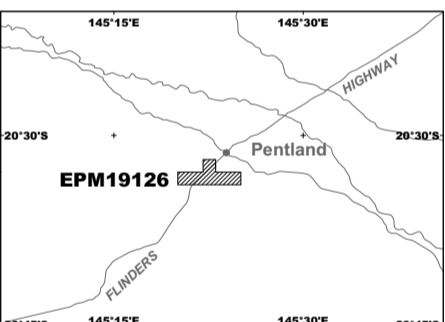
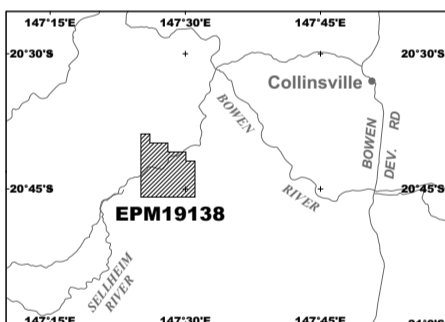
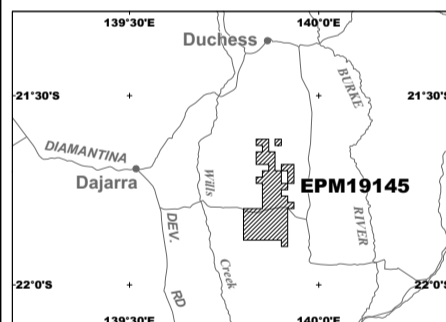
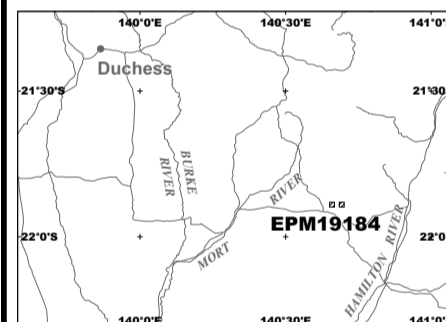
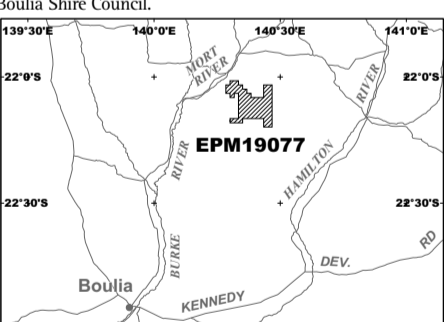
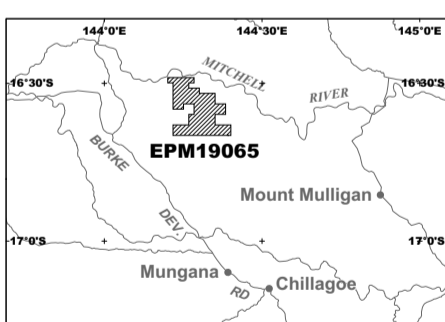
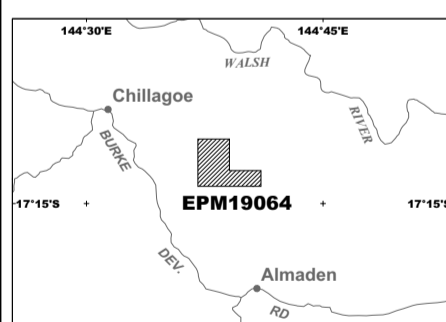
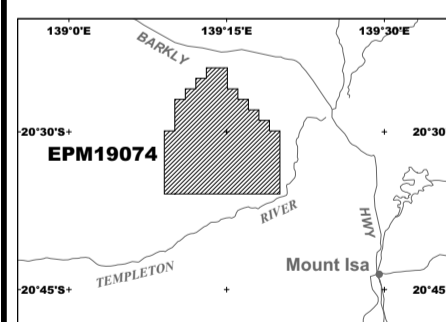
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Exploration Licence	04/2147	ASF RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	81BL	78km SE'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 37' S Long: 124° 16' E	DENMARK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1871	FMG MAGNETITE PTY LTD	10BL	178km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 26° 4' S Long: 116° 34' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1886	STATE RESOURCES PTY LTD	27BL	126km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 115° 39' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	27/465	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	46km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Exploration Licence	37/1121	ROSSITER MINERALS LTD	9BL	86km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 27' S Long: 121° 24' E	LEONORA SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	38/2607	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	15BL	43km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 13' S Long: 122° 25' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	59/1780	CORPORATE & RESOURCE CONSULTANTS PTY LTD	50BL	78km NE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 118° 18' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1496	TE JOHNSTON & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	31BL	104km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 1' S Long: 122° 45' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	70/3115	GOLDGRUSH CORPORATION PTY LTD	200BL	67km NE'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 19' S Long: 118° 17' E	ALBANY CITY, GNOWANGERUP SHIRE, PLANTAGENET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4064	SALAZAR GOLD PTY LIMITED	200BL	42km E'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 36' S Long: 118° 7' E	ALBANY CITY, PLANTAGENET SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	53/161	CREASY, Mark Gareth	16000.85HA	97km NW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 14' S Long: 120° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
THE PURPOSES OF L 53/161 ARE: SEARCH FOR GROUNDWATER						
Miscellaneous Licence	53/173	BHP BILLITON YEELEIRRIE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	14139.64HA	44km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 120° 47' E	WILUNA SHIRE
THE PURPOSES OF L 53/173 ARE: A SEARCH FOR GROUNDWATER						
Prospecting Licence	09/470	BHP BILLITON NICKEL WEST PTY LTD	135.60HA	157km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 14' S Long: 116° 28' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5604, 15/5606-8 & 15/5619-20	LETTNER, Christian	1057.66HA	22km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 120° 56' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2209-S	GOLDEN EAGLE MINING LTD	4.86HA	22km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 121° 41' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2210-S	BLOOMFIELD, Geoffrey Edward	8.99HA	21km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2217	BLOOMFIELD, Geoffrey Edward	6.00HA	30km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 56' S Long: 121° 7' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	30/1094	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	108.72HA	58km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 58' S Long: 120° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1769-71	ROXBURY TRADING PTY LTD	412.11HA	69km N'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 19' S Long: 120° 55' E	LEONORA SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	37/8084-9	RAJANDER, John Michael	995.97HA	14km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 121° 27' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8090	METALMINER PTY LTD	9.64HA	59km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 121° 1' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/3971	JAGUAR PROJECT PTY LTD	89.04HA	3km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/3972	MAGNETIC MINERALS PTY LTD	74.41HA	23km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 35' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	39/5220-2	STEWART, Sydney, George	586.79HA	56 km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 53' E	LEONORA SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	47/1605	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	23.40HA	46km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 50' S Long: 117° 22' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1606	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	23.41HA	43km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 53' S Long: 117° 25' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1607	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	122.28HA	40km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 54' S Long: 117° 26' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1608	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	23.42HA	44km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 54' S Long: 117° 23' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2731-3	WYADUP GOLD PTY LTD	560.81HA	13km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 39' S Long: 118° 23' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	52/1406	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	176.69HA	53km E'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 27' S Long: 120° 14' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1879	CHAKU, Surrender	110.45HA	88km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 6' S Long: 123° 1' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1884-5	TATTERSON, Timothy Vincent	203.61HA	27km S'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 26' S Long: 121° 49' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1886	GOLDGRUSH CORPORATION PTY LTD	23.45HA	21km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 5' S Long: 121° 58' E	DUNDAS SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of miscellaneous licences

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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 19174 sought by Ausquest Limited, ACN 091 542 451, over an area of 54 sub-blocks (169 km²), centred approximately 114km NW of Bedourie, in the locality of Diamantina Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19032 sought by Mulgundawa Investments Pty Ltd, ACN 093 255 111, over an area of 15 sub-blocks (47km²), centred approximately 28km SE of Rockhampton, in the locality of Rockhampton Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19172 sought by Sunlander Nominees Pty Ltd, ACN 146 831 567, over an area of 40 sub-blocks (130 km²), centred approximately 27km SW of Gregory Downs, in the locality of Burke Shire Council and Mount Isa City.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19175 sought by Mount Isa Mines Limited, ACN 009 661 447, over an area of 70 sub-blocks (225 km²), centred approximately 51km NE of Kajibbi, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 19177 sought by Mount Isa Mines Limited, ACN 009 661 447, over an area of 80 sub-blocks (258 km²), centred approximately 66km NE of Kajibbi, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19167 sought by QMC Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 144 948 907, over an area of 3 sub-blocks (10km²), centred approximately 34km SE of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19081 sought by Dysart Coal Mine Management Pty Ltd, ACN 132 954 351, over an area of 364 sub-blocks (1131km²), centred approximately 33km North of Eidsvold, in the locality of North Burnett Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19050 sought by Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 108 925 284, over an area of 32 sub-blocks (101km²), centred approximately 106km NE of Boulia in the locality of Boulia Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 19126 sought by Celco Solutions Pty Ltd, ACN 136 795 616 over an area of 6 sub-blocks (19km²), centred approximately 4km SW of Pentland, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19138 sought by Liontown Resources Limited, ACN 118 153 825 over an area of 33 sub-blocks (106km²), centred approximately 43km SW of Collinsville, in the locality of Whitsunday Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19145 sought by Krucible Metals Limited, ACN 118 788 846 over an area of 74 sub-blocks (235km²), centred approximately 37km ESE of Dajarra, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19184 sought by QMC Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 144 948 907, over an area of 2 sub-blocks (6 km²), centred approximately 102km SE of Duchess, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 19077 sought by Ivanhoe Cloncurry Mines Pty Ltd, ACN 106 255 216, over an area of 68 sub-blocks (216km²), centred approximately 100km NE of Boulia in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council and Boulia Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19065 sought by Mungana Goldmines Ltd, ACN 136 606 338, over an area of 75 sub-blocks (246km²), centred approximately 68km NNW of Chillagoe in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19064 sought by Mungana Goldmines Ltd, ACN 136 606 338, over an area of 8 sub-blocks (26km²), centred approximately 15km SE of Chillagoe in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19074 sought by Red Metal Limited, ACN 103 367 684, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (321km²), centred approximately 35km NW of Mount Isa in the locality of Mount Isa City.</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.

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: 9 November 2011



Inglis confident for Four Nations game



GREG INGLIS was last week confident he would be fit for Australia's Four Nations rugby league opener against New Zealand in England on 28 October. But the national side will still be without fellow Indigenous star Justin Hodges.

Inglis was passed fit to travel to Britain after meeting with his surgeon and joined the Kangaroos squad in Newcastle, England. He was not expected to play in last Sunday's warm-up game.

Inglis admitted he feared missing the Four Nations for a second year in succession after undergoing minor surgery to clean

out his right knee in addition to battling an ankle injury sustained in Souths' clash with Brisbane in round 25 of the NRL competition.

"Missing out last year was hard, I was all over the shop pre-season but I finally found my straps," the 23-year-old said.

"There was a bit of doubt before I went to see the surgeon, but I

went for a gallop which made me confident that he'd give me the nod."

Inglis said he was in regular contact with Tim Sheens, with the Australia coach making no secret of his desire to have him on the plane to London.

Inglis is one of only three full-time centres, alongside Willie

Tonga and Chris Lawrence, in the squad, and although he's full of admiration for the pair, he made no secret of his desire to get back his place in the side.

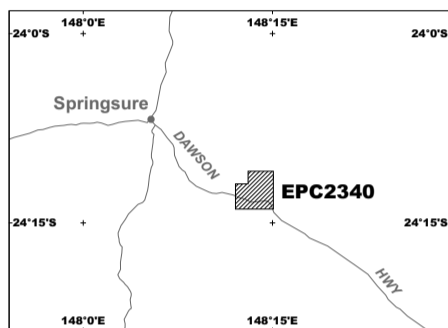
Australia halfback Johnathan Thurston – the new Indigenous All Stars captain – is also part of the Australian team for the Four Nations. – AAP

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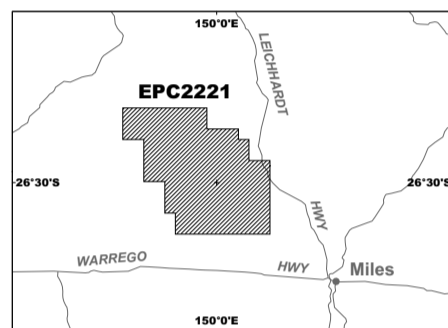
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 for Coal shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

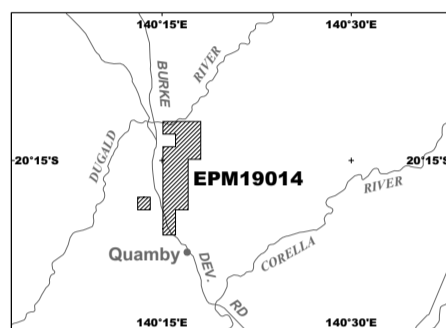
Exploration Permit 2340 sought by Mincor Coal Holdings Pty Ltd, ACN 147 717 726, over an area of 8 sub-blocks (25km²) centred approximately 17km SE of Springsure, in the locality of Central Highlands Regional Council.



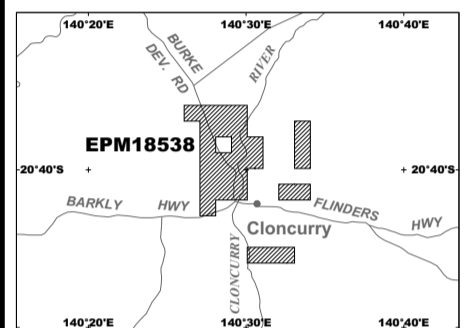
Exploration Permit 2221 sought by Lejxy Pty Ltd, ACN 115 895 102, over an area of 119 sub-blocks (365km²) centred approximately 29km NW of Miles, in the locality of Western Downs Regional Council.



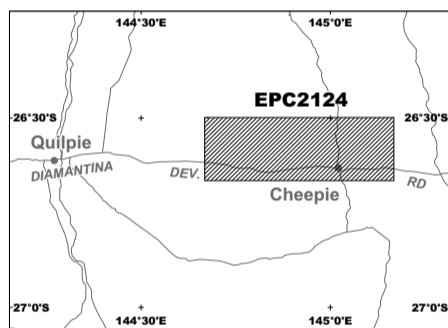
Exploration Permit 19014 sought by Elementos Limited, ACN 138 468 756, over an area of 19 sub-blocks (61km²), centred approximately 10km NNE of Quamby, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



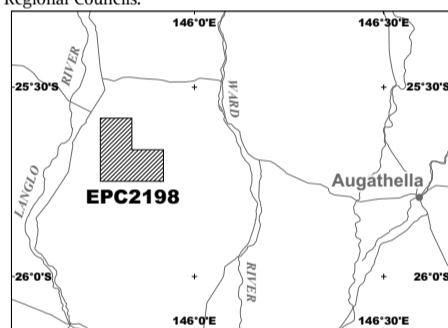
Exploration Permit 18538 sought by Copperchem Limited, ACN 130 641 691, over an area of 29 sub-blocks (93km²), centred approximately 3km North of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



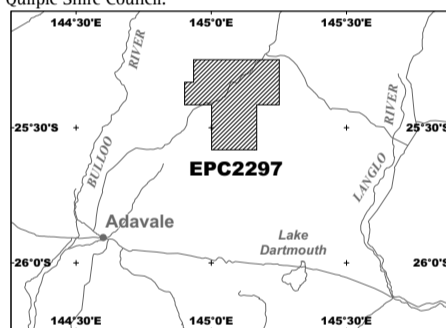
Exploration Permit 2124 sought by Carabella Resources Limited, ACN 143 355 471 over an area of 300 sub-blocks (920 km²), centred approximately 10km East of Quilpie in the locality of Quilpie Shire Council.



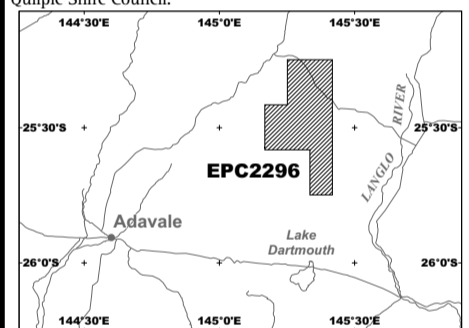
Exploration Permit 2198 sought by Birmanee Nominees Pty Ltd, ACN 124 253 792 over an area of 75 sub-blocks (232 km²), centred approximately 76km WNW of Augathella in the locality of Blackall Tambo and Murweh Regional Councils.



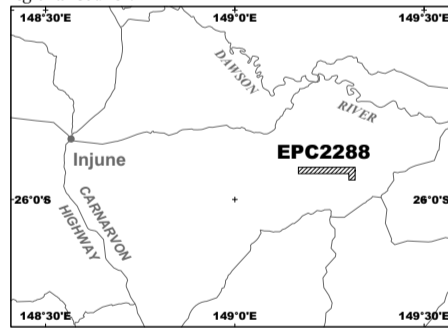
Exploration Permit 2297 sought by Coal Face Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 141 781 884, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (928km²) centred approximately 73km NE of Adavale, in the locality of Blackall Tambo Regional Council and Quilpie Shire Council.



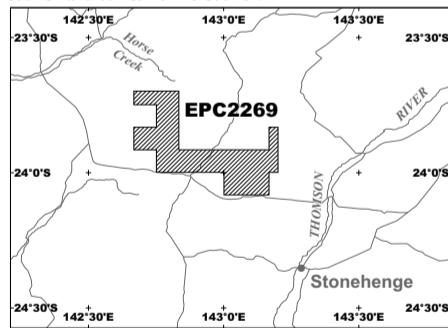
Exploration Permit 2296 sought by Coal Face Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 141 781 884, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (928km²) centred approximately 83km NE of Adavale, in the locality of Blackall Tambo Regional Council and Quilpie Shire Council.



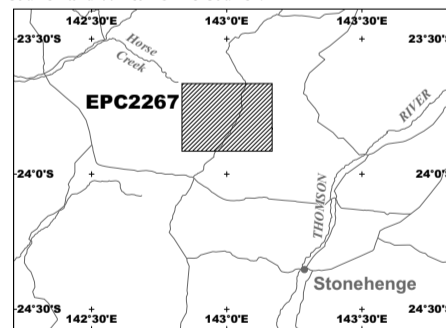
Exploration Permit 2288 sought by Coal Face Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 141 781 884, over an area of 10 sub-blocks (31km²) centred approximately 69km East of Injune, in the locality of Banana Shire Council and Western Downs Regional Council.



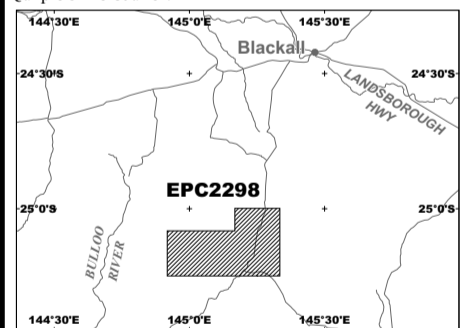
Exploration Permit 2269 sought by Coal Face Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 141 781 884, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (939km²) centred approximately 61km NW of Stonehenge, in the locality of Longreach Regional Council, Barcoo Shire Council and Winton Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 2267 sought by Coal Face Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 141 781 884, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (939km²) centred approximately 69km NW of Stonehenge, in the locality of Longreach Regional Council, Barcoo Shire Council and Winton Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 2298 sought by Coal Face Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 141 781 884, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (932km²) centred approximately 85km SW of Blackall in the locality of Blackall Tambo Regional Council and Quilpie Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified and for 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.

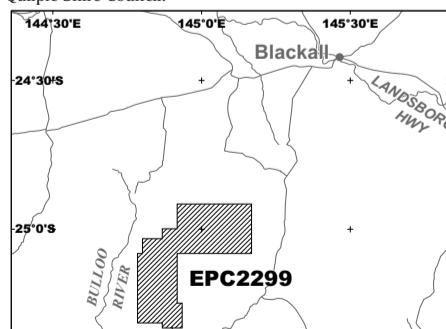
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification 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.

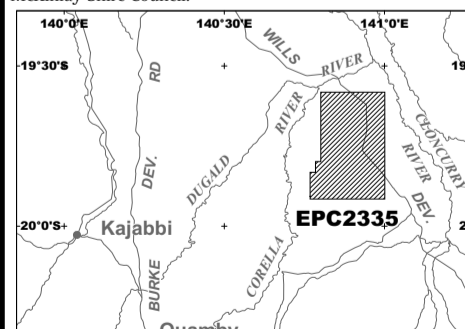
Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Notification Day: 9 November 2011

Exploration Permit 2299 sought by Coal Face Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 141 781 884, over an area of 297 sub-blocks (923km²) centred approximately 90km SW of Blackall in the locality of Blackall Tambo Regional Council and Quilpie Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 2335 sought by Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd, ACN 144 920 187, over an area of 252 sub-blocks (805km²) centred approximately 95km ENE of Kajabbi, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council.





SHE was a top soccer player, and now Jamara Maza has been recognised as a great coach. Maza, who runs the Indigenous Football Development Program at Worawa Aboriginal College in Victoria, was named Australian Female Coach of the Year at the Australian Football Awards, held in Sydney. Maza coached the Victorian Girls team at the National Indigenous Football Festival in Alice Springs during July.

She's a top coach

The former championship winning captain with Heidelberg United in the Women's Premier League was also named Female Coach of the Year at Football Federation Victoria's (FFV) Gold Medal Night in August.

"It is quite fitting for Jamara to get recognition for her efforts on a national stage," FFV CEO Mark Rendell said. "We have known about her dedication, hard work and unique ability to connect with

the Indigenous community for some time, and it is testament to what she has achieved in such a short coaching career so far that she has been named 2011 Female Coach of the Year. It is a proud moment for Jamara, Victorian football and the Indigenous community.

"We look forward to working together in the future to ensure genuine access to football in Victoria for all members of the community regardless of age, background and gender."

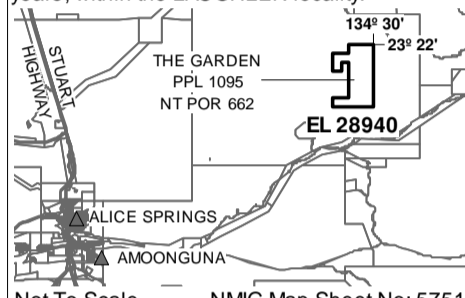
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

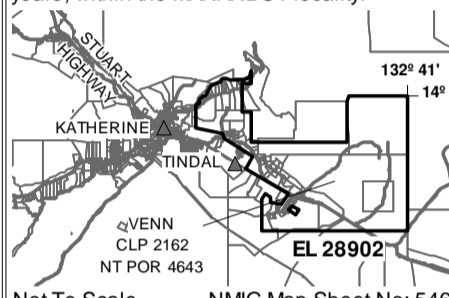
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

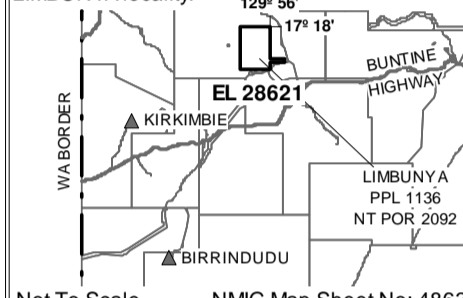
Exploration Licence 28940 sought by ALISTAIR MACKIE and BRALICH HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 060 990 632 over an area of 26 Blocks (82 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LAUGHLEN locality.



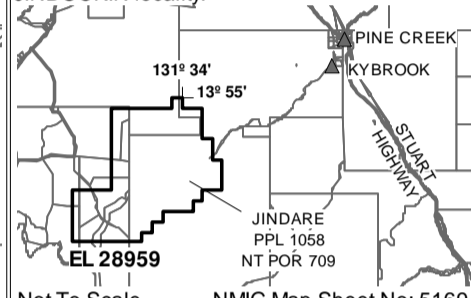
Exploration Licence 28902 sought by CROCODILE GOLD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 136 505 587 over an area of 224 Blocks (653 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MARANBOY locality.



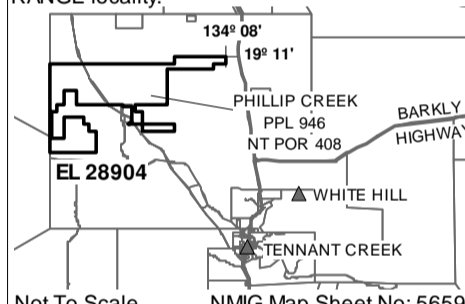
Exploration Licence 28621 sought by GEOCRYSTAL LIMITED, ACN 122 958 810 over an area of 112 Blocks (367 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LIMBUNYA locality.



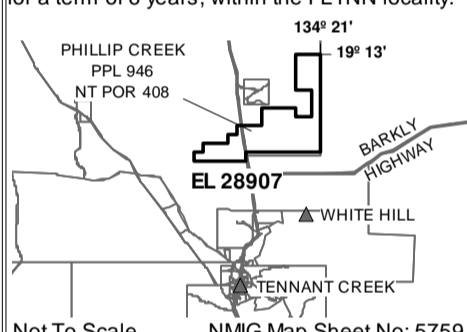
Exploration Licence 28959 sought by KINLOCH RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 139 285 975 over an area of 130 Blocks (433 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JINDUCKIN locality.



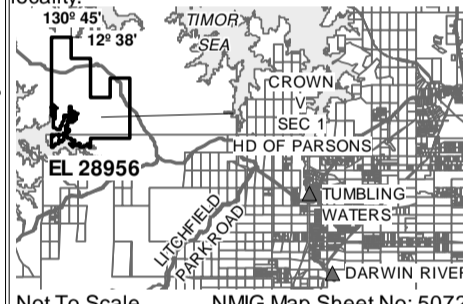
Exploration Licence 28904 sought by MANTO MINING PTY LTD, ACN 152 392 562 over an area of 170 Blocks (513 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SHORT RANGE locality.



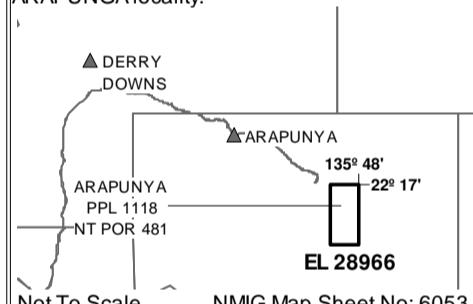
Exploration Licence 28907 sought by MANTO MINING PTY LTD, ACN 152 392 562 over an area of 67 Blocks (217 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FLYNN locality.



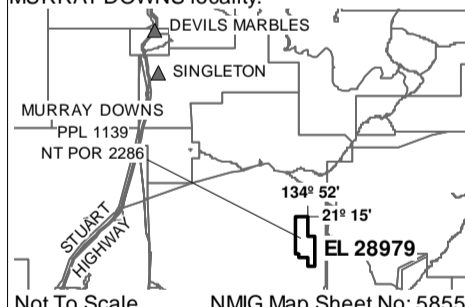
Exploration Licence 28956 sought by NT RESEARCH PTY LTD, ACN 121 296 455 over an area of 16 Blocks (46 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BYNOE locality.



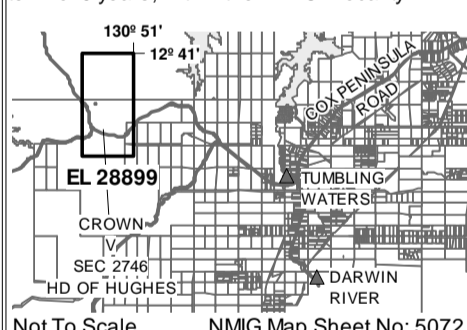
Exploration Licence 28966 sought by ROX RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 107 202 602 over an area of 18 Blocks (57 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ARAPUNGA locality.



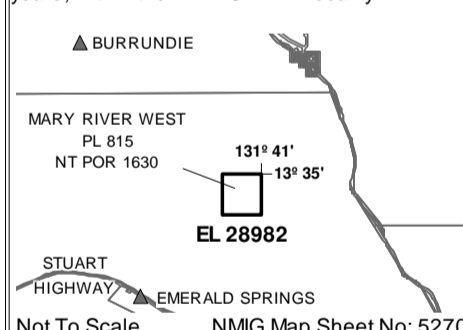
Exploration Licence 28979 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 40 Blocks (128 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MURRAY DOWNS locality.



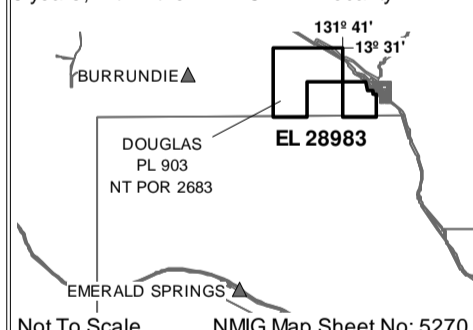
Exploration Licence 28899 sought by TIERRA RICA PTY LTD, ACN 139 563 536 over an area of 8 Blocks (27 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BYNOE locality.



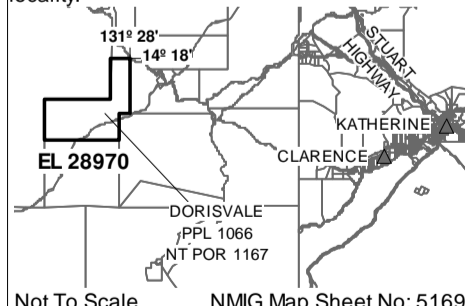
Exploration Licence 28982 sought by TM GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 143 126 710 over an area of 1 Block (3 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



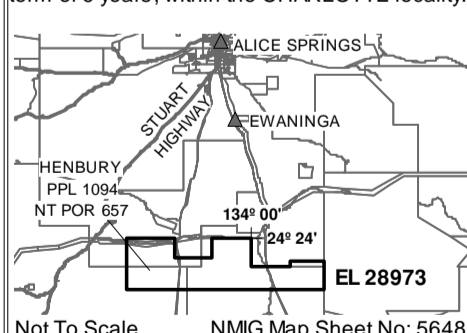
Exploration Licence 28983 sought by TM GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 143 126 710 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



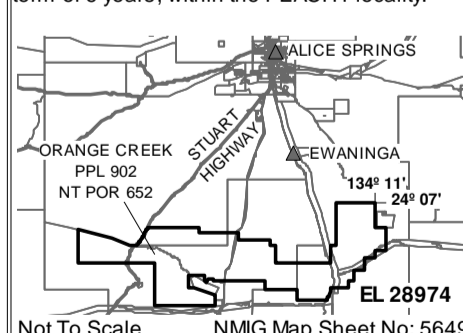
Exploration Licence 28970 sought by TUC RESOURCES LTD, ACN 115 770 226 over an area of 93 Blocks (292 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JINDUCKIN locality.



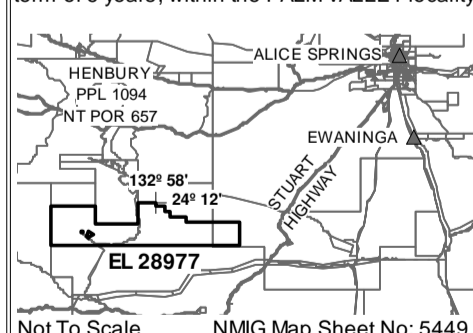
Exploration Licence 28973 sought by USI NT PTY LTD, ACN 152 441 668 over an area of 376 Blocks (1177 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CHARLOTTE locality.



Exploration Licence 28974 sought by USI NT PTY LTD, ACN 152 441 668 over an area of 441 Blocks (1321 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PEACHY locality.



Exploration Licence 28977 sought by USI NT PTY LTD, ACN 152 441 668 over an area of 280 Blocks (837 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PALM VALLEY locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 Adelaide SA 5001, or telephone (08) 8306 1230.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 19 October 2011

Reggie a chance



REGGIE PALM
ISLAND

By ALF WILSON



STAR Aboriginal boxer Reggie Palm Island will still get a chance to represent Australia at the next Olympic Games, even though a training injury prevented him from representing his country at the World Amateur Boxing Titles in Azerbaijan. The world titles, from 22 September to 10 October, was the first boxing qualification event for 2012 London Olympic Games selection.

Reggie left Palm Island on 28 August to travel to the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra for training. But he was shattered when he had to return to North Queensland with a painful wrist injury on the day the team left for Azerbaijan.

Palm Island boxing head trainer Ray Dennis told the *Koori Mail* Reggie returned to Palm Island very unhappy.

"He was disappointed, but I am told Reggie impressed them at the institute with his power punches. This setback won't affect his chances of gaining Olympic selection," Dennis said.

It's now official: Cathy Freeman is a legend



ATHLETICS great Cathy Freeman is now officially an Australian sport legend. The Sydney 2000

Olympic Games gold medallist was named an Australian sport legend – the 33rd person to be recognised with the honour – at the Sport Australia Hall of Fame function in Melbourne

last Thursday night.

Cyclist Cadel Evans took out this year's top honour, The Don Award, for his victory in the Tour de France.

Cricketer Glenn McGrath, surfing champion Layne Beachley, boxer Kostya Tszyu, triathlete Greg Welch and cricketer Belinda Clark were named new members of the sports Hall of Fame. – with AAP

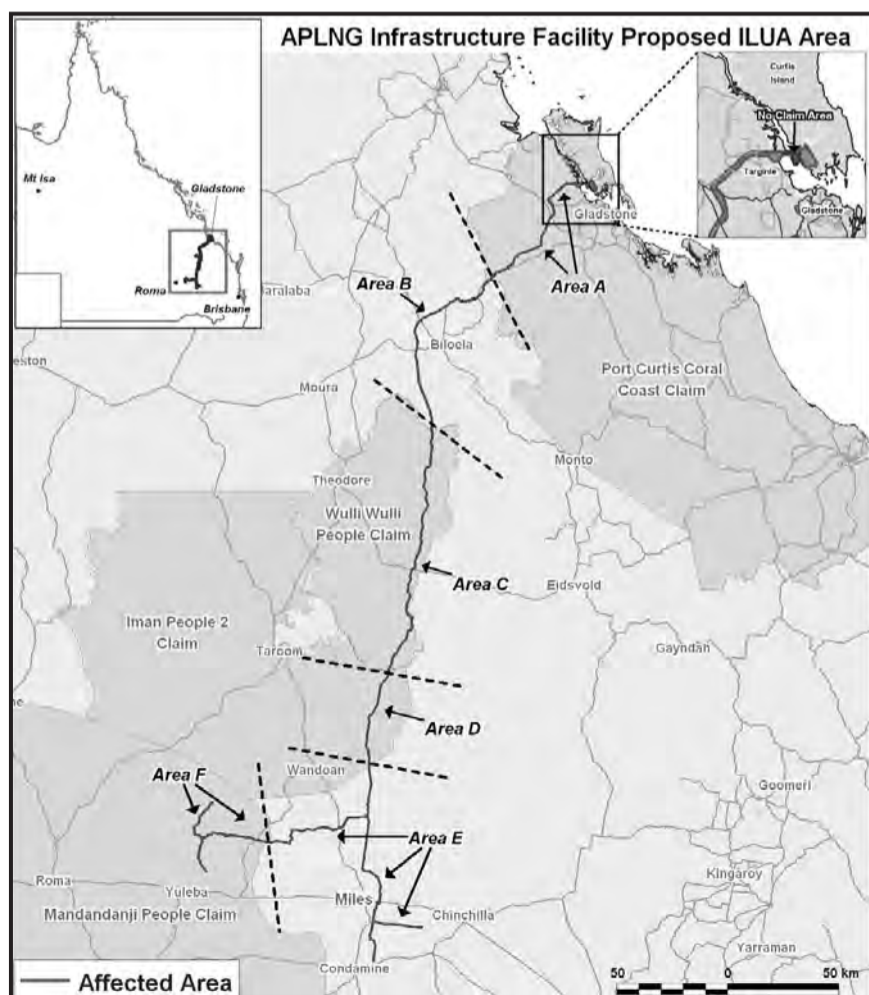
Australia Pacific LNG Project

FURTHER EXTENSION OF CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION PERIOD AND CONTINUATION OF ILUA NEGOTIATION PROCESS

The Governor in Council has approved by Gazette Notice elements of the proposed Australia Pacific LNG Project (**Facility**), in accordance with section 125(1)(f) of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (SDPWO Act)*, as an infrastructure facility having the significance mentioned in section 125(1)(f)(i) of the SDPWO Act. The decision was published in the Queensland Government Gazette on 27 August 2010.

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited (**APLNG**) is the proponent of the Facility. The Facility comprises the construction and operation of both a high pressure underground gas transmission pipeline system (from APLNG's gas fields in South Central Queensland to the LNG facility on Curtis Island near Gladstone) and an LNG plant and associated marine infrastructure on and off the coast of Curtis Island near Gladstone to enable the gas to be liquefied and exported to international markets. The area of the Facility consists of a nominal 40 to 50 metre wide corridor for the gas transmission pipeline system, involving approximately 2,350 hectares, and a site of approximately 270 hectares on Curtis Island for the LNG plant and associated marine infrastructure.

The land and waters affected by the Facility (**Affected Area**) are shown on the map in this notice.



In this regard, and in accordance with the requirements of the Guidelines for consultation and negotiation with native title interests, made pursuant to section 174 of the SDPWO Act, APLNG gave a written notice about the Facility (dated 2 September 2010) to all registered native title claimants and the representative Aboriginal body in relation to the Affected Area. APLNG also caused a public notice containing the information contained in the written notice to be published in a range of newspapers circulating generally in the Affected Area, and in *The Koori Mail*, in the week beginning 6 September 2010.

In accordance with those notices, APLNG has been consulting and negotiating with the Native Title Parties in relation to the Affected Area with a view to entering into a series of registered indigenous land use agreements (**ILUAs**), pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (NTA)*, that incorporate the non-extinguishment principle. It is proposed that the ILUAs will provide for the consent of the Native Title Parties to certain Agreed Acts to be set out in the ILUAs, including the grant of all approvals and land tenure for the Facility. APLNG has been conducting separate consultation and negotiation processes in respect of each of the Areas labelled A - F on the map in this notice.

The consultation and negotiation period for entering into the proposed ILUAs for the Facility, as notified in September 2010, commenced on 15 October 2010 and was due to conclude on 28 February 2011. To allow additional time for the completion of the consultation and negotiation processes, APLNG gave to all registered native title claimants and the representative Aboriginal body in relation to the Affected Area written notice of an extension of the consultation and negotiation period until 31 October 2011. APLNG also caused a public notice containing the information contained in the written notice to be published in a range of newspapers circulating generally in the Affected Area, and in *The Koori Mail*, in the week beginning 19 February 2011.

APLNG now gives notice of a further extension of the consultation and negotiation period until **30 June 2012**.

Native Title Parties affected by the Facility have a right to:

- be consulted about the proposed infrastructure development;
- (to the extent that they are registered native title claimants) object to a compulsory acquisition process; and
- negotiate with a view to reaching agreement about the proposed infrastructure development.

In this regard, APLNG proposes to continue consultation and negotiation with the relevant Native Title Parties in relation to the Affected Area with a view to entering into a series of registered ILUAs that will allow the building and operation of the Facility.

It is the intention of APLNG to reach agreement and obtain registration for each such ILUA through consultation and negotiation with relevant Native Title Parties. However, if APLNG is unable, despite taking reasonable steps, to secure the agreement or registration of any of the proposed ILUAs, APLNG may apply to the Coordinator-General for the compulsory acquisition of any of the native title rights and interests in relation to the Affected Area in accordance with the NTA, the SDPWO Act and the Acquisition of Land Act 1967.

Further information

Further information about the proposed Project can be obtained by contacting:

Ms Melissa Anapo
Native Title and Cultural Heritage Co-ordinator
Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited
GPO Box 148
BRISBANE QLD 4001
Telephone: (07) 3867 0550
Facsimile: (07) 3369 7840



APLNG is committed to holding good faith negotiations with Native Title Parties (that is, registered native title claimants and other persons who claim to hold native title in relation to the Affected Area) about the impact of the Facility on their claimed native title rights and interests.

Richmond honours Maurice Rioli

By PETER ARGENT



REGARDED by many as Richmond's most distinguished Aboriginal player, Maurice Rioli has been given a special honour.

At a grand final eve function, Richmond unveiled The Maurice Rioli Room in the new Korin Gamadji Institute (KGI) as a lasting tribute to the Tigers champion of the 1980s who passed away late last year.

Maurice's son Gavin was at the unveiling of a portrait of the three-

state football champion. Other members of the Rioli family were also on hand to witness the honour.

"At Richmond, we are extremely proud of our history and of those individuals, players and volunteers who have built the club into what it is," Tigers CEO Brendon Gale said.

"There's no doubt Maurice Rioli was a very significant figure in the history of our club, so we have a responsibility to celebrate his legacy.

"Maurice was a champion of this football club, but he was also a champion of his people.

"He worked hard to close the

gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia and create opportunities for young Indigenous people.

"We believe this is a place that Maurice would be really proud of – a place embedded in Richmond Football Club that is dedicated to supporting Indigenous youth.

"Naming this The Maurice Rioli Room is entirely appropriate, given his life transcended this football club and everything this Institute stands for."

A portrait of the dual Jack Dyer Medallist now hangs in the room, on the third level of Richmond's new centre at Punt Road Oval.

Coming from Darwin, via South Fremantle in Western Australia, Rioli played 118 games and kicked 80 goals for Richmond between 1982 and 1987, and was a dual winner of the Tigers' best and fairest award in 1982 and 1983.

Rioli won the Norm Smith Medal (best on ground in the grand final) in 1982, despite the Tigers' loss to Carlton in the VFL season decider by three goals, was named All-Australian three times and is a selection in the Indigenous Team of the Century.

After his football career, Rioli had a successful political career in the Northern Territory.



The portrait of the late Maurice Rioli in Richmond colours.

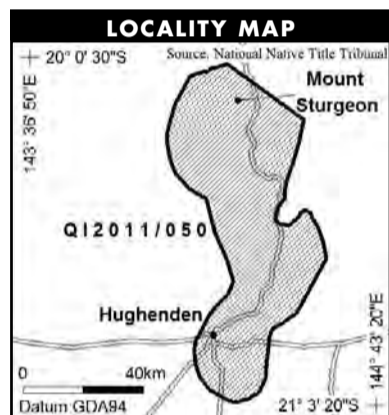
Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 2 November 2011



National Native Title Tribunal



QI2011/050 - Windlab Developments Pty Ltd and Yirendali People ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers approximately 3,316 square kilometres and is located in the vicinity of Hughenden as shown on the locality map.

This agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Flinders Shire Council.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Windland Developments Pty Ltd
301/55 Blackall Street
BARTON ACT 2600

James Hill, Martina Jacobs and Jeffrey Lammermoor on their own behalf and on behalf of the Yirendali People
C/- Dillon Lawyers
PO Box 626
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

6.1 Consents

- (a) The Native Title Parties agree to and consent to:- (i) the Agreed Acts; and (ii) the undertaking of the Project.
(d) Windlab 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.

1.1 Definitions

"Agreed Acts" means the Grant, variation, extension or renewal of any Approval which Windlab, acting reasonably, considers necessary or desirable for the undertaking of the Project on any part of the ILUA Area, including any Approval granted under legislation [a non-exclusive list of legislation follows].
"Project" means the installation of equipment for the purpose of renewable energy generation, which includes:

- (a) the construction and operation of wind turbine generators [including associated infrastructure];
(b) the construction and maintenance of an electricity transmission lines to connect the Wind Farm stages to the electricity grid at Hughenden (Transmission Line);
(c) any other works or operations within the ILUA Area necessary for or ancillary to the Project to allow connection to the electricity grid (Substation); and
(d) any other commercial scale Solar Generation and / or Biomass Generation plant deemed suitable within the ILUA Area that will be connected to the Hughenden Substation or any other substation (Renewable Energy Generation Plant).

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 2 February 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, PO Box 9973, CAIRNS, QLD, 4870 by 2 February 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 Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Pfitzer Medal to Stengle

By PETER ARGENT



FORMER Central District league footballer Alex Stengle has become the first Gepps Cross Rams player to win the South Australian Amateur

Football League's (SAAFL) highest honour, the Pfitzer Medal.

Stengle, 24, who lives in the northern Adelaide suburb of Salisbury, polled 16 votes to take the Eric Pfitzer Memorial Medal at the league's presentation night, held at the Thebarton Oval headquarters.

An apprentice carpenter who started his season with Port Adelaide's reserves in the SANFL, he returned to the Rams full-time during the season.

"I had a pretty consistent year when I came back to Gepps Cross," Stengle told the *Koori Mail*.

"The coaching staff had me playing as a ruck-rover, swapping off a half forward flank.

"There was a good understanding with our ruckman

Brodie Hudson – we were out at Central District together, so I have known him for a few years now.

"I've signed with Gepps Cross for next season but we'll see what happens," was Stengle's reply when asked about any chance of returning to an SANFL club for another crack.

In the club award, Brodie Hudson collected the best and fairest, while Stengle had a minor placing.

Stengle comes from strong

football bloodlines. His father Alex senior was a talented country footballer, playing for clubs like Mallee Park in Port Lincoln to the Yorke Peninsula, and his older brother is recently retired Sydney Swans superstar and *Koori Mail* columnist Michael O'Loughlin.

Last year, Stengle was a member of the SA amateur league state under-23 side which went to Perth, and he was further honoured with All-Australian selection in defence after his performances for his state.

This saw Stengle travelling to South Africa as a part of the national amateur side, which the 177cm, 77kg utility regarded as one of the highlights of his career so far.

"Alex is a huge talent who works very hard on the field," Stengle's team mate Daniel Capogreco said.

"During the season, he won the majority of the clearances from any stoppages.

"He's capable of still playing SANFL league football if he really wanted to."

In the 101 years of SAAFL league football, Stengle had been touted on

many forums as the first known Indigenous Pfitzer Medallist. But further research has confirmed that Stengle is in fact the second confirmed Indigenous winner of SA amateur football's top individual honour, behind Kilburn's Dwayne Wilson in 1998.

Along with playing at Central District, Stengle also played for fellow division one amateur league club Salisbury North.



Alex Stengle wearing his Pfitzer Medal.



Brad Hill in action ... following in the footsteps of his brother Stephen.

Top talents on display at Combine

By PETER ARGENT



ABORIGINAL talents Brad Hill and Shannon Taylor, from Western Australia, and

South Australia's Chad Wingard led the way in different aspects of the AFL 18th annual Draft Combine held in Melbourne.

After being top of the class in the gruelling beep test – shuttle run, Hill also had a sub-10 minute effort in the 3km time trial.

From the Joondalup Kinross Junior Football Club, Hill is a younger brother of Fremantle top-three draft pick of 2008 Stephen.

Brad Hill's performances mean he will have considerably boosted his chances of selection at next month's AFL Draft.

"Brad's older brother Stephen has the agility record and now he (Brad) has the endurance title. That is a brilliant duo," AFL talent manager Kevin Sheehan said.

"For a young guy to do that (is impressive). There will be even more improvement in him in an AFL environment."

Athleticism

Expected top-three draft selection Chad Wingard, from the Sturt Football Club, showed his athleticism by being the leader in running vertical jump category, with a height of 92cm.

Noted as a player with all the attributes, Wingard was a top-ten performer in this year's agility run. Wingard, the SA under-18 captain, was equal fourth in the 'clean-hands' test, with 26 from 30 at an impressive percentage of 87.

Eligible only for the Greater Western Sydney side to trade this year, 17-year-old small forward Shannon Taylor also displayed plenty of explosive speed. He was the number-one performer in the 20m sprint, third in the agility run and fifth in the 30m repeat sprints.

Top performers in kicking disciplines were Queensland left-footer Peter Yagmoor, who spent the 2010 pre-season with the Suns, and Swans Districts lad Dayle Garlett.

Northern Territory lad Louis Egger also was in the top 10 with an 83 per cent performance in what is called the 'kicking assessment' test.

The 2011 National Draft will be held on either 23 or 24 November, and the rookie and pre-season drafts follow on 13 December.

It's a Giant challenge

DESPITE the AFL grand final being fresh in our minds, the focus of all clubs has moved to next year.

Even Geelong cannot afford the luxury of savouring premiership victory as we move towards the annual draft.

One interesting feature of the draft given the concessions granted to the two new clubs will be to see the number of young Indigenous players that the GWS (Greater Western Sydney) Giants side ends up with on their list.

AFL is a ruthless business and clubs do not recruit on the basis of a player's background – talent is the key criterion and always will be.

But there are always the situations where if the talent is considered to be equal that they will look at other determining factors.

And the determining factor here is how strongly GWS wants to market itself to the largest Indigenous community in Australia. And Western Sydney is exactly that – it has the largest Indigenous population of any region in Australia.

It is a market both in terms of fan support and talent identification and development that is a natural fit for our game.

Without a doubt rugby league is still the most popular sport for a lot of these kids, but the AFL has been working away for over a decade

since they appointed six Indigenous trainees with Blacktown Council.

These seeds are already starting to bear fruit with the further work in education and game development academies building on this.

The arrival of Kevin Sheedy also provided additional impetus to the marketing of the game to the local Indigenous community.

Sheeds is a natural salesman.

I remember doing a presentation with him to a group of Indigenous kids.

"All I want to see from you is if you're willing to put your hand up and have a go. And I'll find out which of you are dedicated and want to have a go," he said.

The message is so simple it gets through.

I talked the kids through a video of Brett Kirk getting smashed by Byron Pickett in a finals match.

Kirk jumped to his feet, got back into the game and the Swans won.

The point is, if you get knocked down, get back up, don't give up.

We send the message to these kids that, yes, they are going to be influenced by others to go out and party, get on the grog, to skip school, but that they've got the chance to choose how they live their life.

Not just football, but their life.

We also explain why getting the chance to play AFL is the easy part. Staying there is harder.

It takes courage, discipline,

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dedication and character.

The rewards can be great.

But nothing comes easily in life.

Some kids will be smart enough to take opportunities presented to them. Some won't, but footy gives great opportunities to those willing to go the distance.

Nearly 200 Indigenous footballers have made careers in AFL.

We want more, and Western Sydney is an area we need to tap in to.

Indigenous carnivals have been held across Australia for years.

The AFL has Indigenous and Multicultural Academies in Blacktown and Campbelltown, with about 100 enrolments.

There are plans to extend to the Riverina and Illawarra.

With a second Sydney team entering the league in 2012, a new generation of NSW footballers can create a life like the one I have been fortunate to live.

But it's not just about being a successful footballer.

It's about being a successful person and the AFL certainly can deliver some tough lessons in life.

Despite playing for the Swans, Adam Goodes can see the broader benefit of having GWS in the competition as well as the specific benefits to potential young Indigenous players.

"Sydney's a tough market to do business in – for players, for sponsors and for fans," he said.

"But once you're in, you're in. Sydneysiders love their red-and-white and support us week-in, week-out. But the bottom line is we want as many people watching, playing and participating in AFL as we can.

"The new Greater Western Sydney side next year will help a lot with that.

"Sydney wants GWS to be

successful – if there are two great clubs in this city, the game's successful and clubs, communities and fans reap the benefit.

"We all want that so we'll work together to get it.

"As for the Indigenous players at GWS, we'll go out of our way to form a bond with those guys. We come from the same place inside."

This will be the platform to engage with the Indigenous kids from Western Sydney.

It is speaking to them as equals and making the game a welcoming place.

The biggest challenge young Aboriginal players face is moving away from home and finding people to talk to and trust in the city.

But even if they play in their home city as some of the Western Sydney kids may have the opportunity to given the concessions given to GWS, there are still many hurdles.

In a professional environment like footy, the pressure of training, playing, eating right and behaving appropriately can defeat you before you've even begun.

The challenges are there but so too are the opportunities.

There will be many interesting aspects to the growth of the GWS Giants. Their relationship with Indigenous Australia will be a compelling part of their story.

Until next time... Keep Dreaming!

Bindal Sharks Allblacks



Yunga Boongi players wrap up a Cairns United attacker.



A Southern Balas player scores against Palm Island Barracudas.



The Australian Murungal Indigenous Defence side made their debut at the carnival.



The Bowen Stingers side that won the under-18 grand final.

10,000 turn out for top football

By ALF WILSON



CANNONBALLS celebrated the Indigenous club's 25th birthday in style when they easily won the grand final of the Bindal Sharks Allblacks

carnival played in Townsville.

The star-studded Cannonballs defeated Bindal Sharks 42-4 in the decider at the Jack Manski Oval at Townsville's Brothers Leagues Club on 9 October.

Former Brisbane Broncos, Queensland State of Origin and Test back Colin Scott was co-coach of the Bindal Sharks.

More than 10,000 spectators from around north and central Queensland watched the two-day carnival.

Men's sides contesting the carnival included Bowen Stingers, Murungal Defence, Towers Knights, GH United Memorial side from Mackay, Black Jacks, Barkey Warriors, Yunga Boongi, Southern Balas, Bowen River Broncos, Bwgcolman Hornets, Palm Island Barracudas, Wuppa Balaz, Blood Brothers, Walkabouts, Girringun Pirates from Cardwell and Cairns United.

Cannonballs were set up originally as a social club and held carnivals in Townsville and participated in others across Queensland.

Leader

By 1995, Cannonball Sports Corporation had become a solely rugby league team participating in sporting carnivals. 'Cannonball' is named after the late local Aboriginal leader Archie John Smallwood.

At this year's carnival, Cannonballs were coached by former champion Australian rules footballer Morris Bowman and captained by his son Nathaniel.

They had the final won at half time when they led 18-0.

Try-scorers for Cannonballs were winger Anthony Raymond, Nathaniel Bowman, former NQ Cowboys player

Obe Geia jnr, Vernon Bourne, Ricky Norris, Darryl Pearson, Clifton Tildora and Fred Haines jnr.

Speedster Raymond was named player of the carnival, and Tildora the best forward.

Les Aldridge scored the sole try for Bindal Sharks.

"We have put together 25 years and it has been a long journey which hasn't always been smooth sailing – but our club has brought together Murri families and this has been a good win for us," Morris Bowman told the *Koori Mail*.

It was an emotional time after the win as many supporters soaked up the atmosphere.

To qualify for the final, Cannonballs rolled another top team, Southern Balas, 16-12 in arguably the best game of the carnival.

Southern Balas had many representative players including 2011 North Queensland Marlin stars Tremayne Bowie and Roy Baira, with several other Foley Shield players including Jimmy Baira and Teleke Kofe travelling from Weipa.

Nail-biting

Bindal Sharks scored a nail-biting 18-16 victory over Bowen Stingers in the other semi-final after the lead changed several times.

In the plate grand final, Bowen River Broncos scored a handsome 38-18 win over GH United Memorial team.

And in the under-18 decider, a Bowen Stingers side rolled Palm Island Barracudas 72-6.

Stingers were too big and strong for a Barracudas side which included many 15 and 16-year-olds.

After the final, Stingers coach Errol Power nominated Troy Querro, John Henry Hero, Dion Geesu, Karmen Power, Kevin Tamwoy, Shawn O'Brien, Corey Jensen and Luke McIntyre as his best players in what he described a great team effort.

Six teams contested the under-18 grade, with Girringun Pirates, Walkabouts, GH United Invitational and Woorabinda the others.

carnival in Townsville



Players, family and supporters from winning team Cannonballs celebrate their success.



A Cannonballs back about to score against Barkley Warriors.



Star Bwgcolman Hornets back Rob Snyder has his leg injury worked on by trainer Russell Sarabo.



Bwgcolman Hornets from Palm Island with Dairy Farmers Stadium, the home of the NRL Cowboys, in the background.



Former Newcastle Knights NRL star Milton Thaiday played with Southern Balas.



● Above: Southern Balas player Roy Baira, left, from Townsville, and his brother Jimmy Baira, from Weipa, with their uncle, David Baira, from Palm Island.

● Left: Bina Dallachy, left, and Talia Alberts, from Charters Towers.



Couldn't do it without her ... carnival organiser Jenny Pryor.



Former Queensland State of Origin, Test and Brisbane Broncos back Colin Scott co-coached Bindal Sharks at the carnival.



Tala Nona Snr travelled from Badu Island in the Torres Strait to see his son Tala Nona Jnr, from Weipa, play with Southern Balas.



NRL champion Ben Barba runs on to the field at Thursday Island in the grand final for Malu Kiai.

NRL star among winners

By ALF WILSON



ELITE NRL back Ben Barba was a member of the winning Malu Kiai team from Boigu Island in the Zenadth Kes rugby league carnival played on Thursday Island.

Ten men's and four women's sides contested the carnival held at the Ken Brown Oval this month and organised by the TI-based Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL). In the men's grand final, Malu Kiai defeated Badu Baiywa 36-18 before a large crowd.

In the semi-finals, Badu Baiywa rolled Darnley side Saam Karem Beizam and Malu Kiai defeated Mabuig Island team Goemu Bau Raiders.

The women's grand final was won 32-18 by St Paul's team Dedeyal Gammas over Dreamtime

Ropeyarn Razors.

Barba, who plays for Sydney Bulldogs, added interest to an already popular carnival which this year had twice the number of men's teams as the Island of Origin carnival on Badu Island during June.

Dashing back Barba is one of the rising stars of the NRL and is already considered an elite player despite his youth. Barba was the

equal top try-scorer in the 2011 NRL season with Rabbitohs star Nathan Merritt – both scoring 23.

KRL president Marsat Ketchell said the organisers couldn't have asked for a better carnival.

"It was the biggest rugby carnival ever held in the Torres Strait.

I'm absolutely chuffed about the turnout," he said.

"The talent shown across the field should justify our proposal to the Queensland Rugby League to give us a go on our own for the Foley Shield."

'The talent shown across the field should justify our proposal to the Queensland Rugby League to give us a go on our own for the Foley Shield'

Cairns All Blacks



Just warming up ... Papuan Blacks get ready for their game.



Papuan Blacks attacking against the East Coast Eagles.



● ABOVE: Palm Island Barracudas (green and gold) taking on the Edmonton Lightning in a hard-fought women's game.



● LEFT: Innisfail's Waru (black, red and green) against Kantok in an under-18s clash.

Rugby League Carnival 2011



Palm Island Barracudas (green and gold) and Edmonton Lightning in a women's clash. Photos: MAHALA STROHFELDT

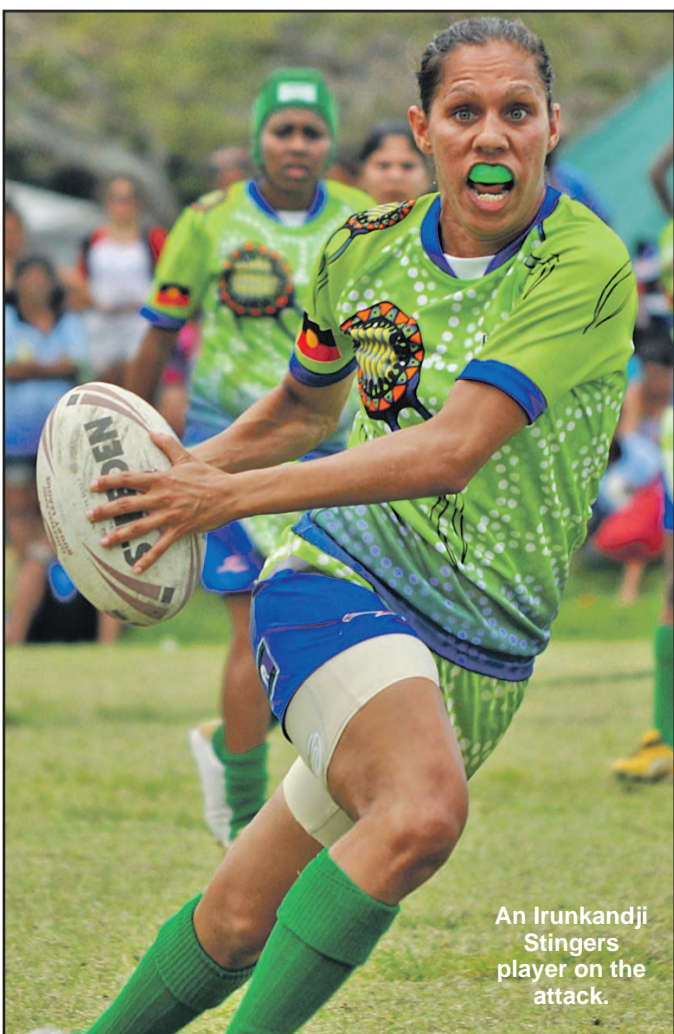


Innisfail under-18s playing Waru.



Lightning Storm women (white) taking on the Irunkandji Stingers.

A feast for footy lovers



An Irunkandji Stingers player on the attack.



THOUSANDS of football lovers packed Cairns last weekend for the city's annual All Blacks Rugby League Carnival. A total of 26 men's teams from across north Queensland and the Torres Strait took part, as well as five women's sides and 10 under-18 teams.

The finals had not been decided as the *Koori Mail* went to press, but check our website – www.koorimail.com – for details.

Organisers were pleased with the turnout, with the first day played in warm weather until a cooling afternoon shower. The carnival, one of the biggest in Queensland, started in 1972.

● See our crowd photos on Page 49



Dharraba Bulls (blue and white) taking on the Wagadagam Storm.



Rain provided welcome relief from the heat as the Yarrabah Sea Hawks (maroon) played Cairns Northern Cyclones.



Palm Island Barracudas (yellow and green) against Coconut Island's Poruma.

2011 Brisbane Indigenous



Try time for Cherbourg in their game against the Bundjalung Warriors.



Above, Bowen's Jake Nicholls breaks away and, below, scores despite the despairing dive of a Cherbourg defender. Photos: NAOMI MORAN



Action from the Purga versus Cherbourg clash on the opening day of the carnival.

Large crowd enjoys action



A LARGE crowd turned out for the Brisbane Indigenous Rugby League Carnival last weekend. Just six teams took to the field this year – Cherbourg Hornets, Purga

Wagtails, Bundjalung Warriors, Carina All Blacks, Inala and Bowen River Broncos.

Players at the invitational event braved warm weather. Sprint races were another

feature of the annual carnival.

The finals were being played on Sunday as the *Koori Mail* went to press. Go to www.koorimail.com to find out the winners.



Action from the Purga versus Inala game.



No you don't, brother ... Bundjalung Warriors' Roy Bell tackled by a Cherbourg opponent.

Footy Carnival



Above and below, action from the Purga versus Inala clash, with Penrith Panther Yileen Gordon ready to offload for Purga in the shot below.



● Above: Brenton Cochrane palms off a Cherbourg defender and heads to the try line for Bundjalung.

● Right: Can't do it without them ... Referees, from left, Clinton Kyle, David MacColl and 'Walshy'.



JT right to lead All Stars

THE announcement of the squad from which the NRL Indigenous All Stars will be chosen sent a shiver of anticipation up my spine.

As anticipated, Johnathan Thurston was named as captain and I am certain all the boys will follow him because he is a natural competitor who leads by example.

He did a great job last year and the young players in particular were in awe of his talents.

But what is not often acknowledged is that one of JT's great strengths is his humility.

His competitive passion shines through on the field and sometimes his raw emotion can get him into trouble.

Off the field, however, I most often find him to be comparatively shy and just wanting to be one of the boys.

He has a great sense of humour and an infectious laugh, but when he speaks he commands respect because he is a passionate ambassador for our people and he gives every ounce of his body and spirit to the game on the field.

The true mark of JT's character was shown last year when I had to pull out of the game through injury.

Both he and Scott Prince approached team management and requested that I still lead the boys on to Skilled Park.

I was embarrassed by the generosity of the offer, but ultimately was honoured to be able to still feel part of the team. I will always be obliged to JT because I know how much the actual honour of captaining the side means to him.

At the launch of the on-line voting for the team he expressed the importance of the game and the week for so many of us.

"It was a massive honour to captain the side last year and I am really looking forward to leading the team again in 2012," JT said.

"This game means so much to all of the players and I know blokes like Greg Inglis are really looking forward to the opportunity to play in the All Stars for the first time.

"It means a lot to our people and our families and we feel very privileged to be part of such a great week of celebrations."

I am in awe of his talents as a player and respect him for who he is and what he does for our mob.

He will be a perfect leader and I hope he is joined for the first time by another player who is immediately recognised

by his initials in Greg Inglis.

Greg was at the launch along with JT and fellow Indigenous members of Kangaroos Four Nations squad, including Sam Thaiday, Willie Tonga and Jharal Yow Yeh ahead of the Test against New Zealand in Newcastle.

There was a lot of comment and speculation about Greg's unavailability to play in the first two All Stars clashes.

Nobody in the team doubted his desire to play and equally nobody in the team questioned the need to protect his season by risking aggravating his injuries.

I have known Greg for a long time and I can assure you it hurt him to be watching the team from the benches.

If it hurt him in the first year when we won the inaugural game, it caused him even greater pain when he watched with me as the boys went down fighting last year.

I am certain that if he comes through the Four Nations series unscathed he will be firing on all cylinders for the match next year.

His presence alone will take the team to new heights and I am certain if he is joined by another All Stars debutant in Justin Hodges that we will be ready to take back the trophy.

It is important that we get the right team and I encourage all Indigenous rugby league followers to have their say by voting through the NRL website.

Voting will close on 28 November for the Indigenous team for the 2012 Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars, which will be played on February 4 at Skilled

Park, on the Gold Coast, providing a spectacular springboard to the NRL season.

The 20-man squad will be made up of Thurston (who is an automatic selection as captain), the 16 publicly-voted players and three remaining players to be determined by Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council selectors and Indigenous All Stars coach Laurie Daley once public voting has closed.

Last year 37,000 complete teams were submitted by the public, with over 940,000 votes cast across the two teams.

Indigenous All Stars Coach Laurie Daley said he was incredibly proud to be involved with the All Stars match.

I will be casting my vote as a fan, but I wish every Indigenous player could have the opportunity to play in this special event.

It is the experience of a lifetime.

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout



Redfern All Blacks on the attack against Tingha in the women's final.



A Mindaribba Warriors player tackled in the final against Yuin Monaro.

Warriors too good



Mindaribba Warriors celebrate their victory at the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout played this year in Bathurst. Photos by NAOMI MORAN



Players, management and supporters from women's winners Redfern All Blacks.



PLANNING is already under way for next year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League

Knockout, which will almost certainly be held at Maitland in the Hunter Valley.

Organisers from this year's winners, Mindaribba Warriors, are already working on a program for the event – one of the biggest Indigenous sports carnivals anywhere.

The Warriors were too strong for Yuin Monaro (South Coast) taking this year's final 56-22 in front of a crowd at Bathurst.

Redfern All Blacks downed Tingha 48-0 in the women's decider.

What started as a wet and miserable Knockout improved, with better conditions in Bathurst for the final day.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail* after his team's success, Warriors coach Ronald Griffiths praised his side's performance.

"The win was 11 years in the making," he said.

"That's how long the Warriors have been our own entity and the victory is very sweet.

"Now we're looking forward to hosting another great carnival, and we've already got a committee on the job.

"We'll certainly be holding it within the boundaries of the Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land



Mindaribba's Alfred Whaleboat celebrates being number one.



Player of the NSW Aboriginal Knockout Series Mick Young.

Council, which has been an outstanding supporter of the Warriors."



Winners are grinners ... Mindaribba Warriors celebrate.

Turn to pages 50-52 for more photos from the Knockout in Bathurst

Mundine says he's ready for Mexican



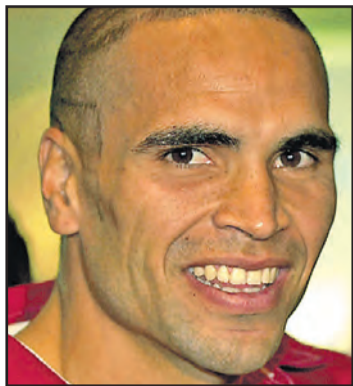
BEARING the scars of yet another setback, Anthony Mundine says he is ready to unleash when

he finally takes on Mexican Rigoberto Alvarez for the interim WBA junior middleweight title tonight.

Mundine was forced to postpone the bout scheduled for 21 September after suffering a cut above his eye in training early last month.

After being unable to train for five days Mundine returned to training only to get a blood infection that derailed his preparation even further.

And with the physical wounds on display, Mundine admits the mental ones were just as challenging to overcome.



ANTHONY MUNDINE

"It does get you down a little bit," Mundine said at his final sparring session ahead of the clash at Newcastle Entertainment Centre.

"I was definitely a bit depressed there when I got the eye injury and then the

infection, so I was pretty upset.

"But you just have to deal with it and lucky I'm a bit seasoned so I can get my fitness back pretty quick."

Mundine had lined up to fight the 33-year-old Mexican in February, but the former rugby league star's shock fifth-round knockout by fellow Australian Garth Wood in December put an end to the world title bout.

Should 36-year-old Mundine get past Alvarez, who boasts an impressive record of 27 wins and three losses, he will get the chance to fight American Austin Trout for the WBA junior middleweight title.

It would leave him with a chance of becoming the first boxer to win world titles in three weight classes in descending order. — AAP

Pain, joy in footy finals

By PETER ARGENT



INDIGENOUS players Eddie Sansbury and Luke Barmby have endured the agony of the wrong side of a close grand

final clash. They were members of the Central District Bulldogs who went down by just three points to Woodville-West Torrens in this year's South Australian National Football League (SANFL) decider.

Favourites going into the contest in Adelaide, the Bulldogs were looking for a 10th premiership in a stunning run where they have played in 12 consecutive SANFL grand finals.

But it was not to be, despite a desperate charge home.

Sansbury, a veteran of the game including 40 AFL games with North Melbourne, was solid without being a telling influence on the game.

Rookie Barmby, playing in his first senior season decider, won praise from Central's senior coach Roy Laird.

"Luke was one of the few players over the course of the game that played with real composure and desire," he said.

"In a match where many of his team mates fumbled, Luke was sure-handed and gave plenty of rebound from defence."

At reserves level, Indigenous player Daniel Scott-Collings was a part of a Glenelg side which turned around a 14-goal second semi-final loss against Norwood to take premiership glory.



Port Adelaide Magpies brothers Anthony and Luke Wilson with their SANFL Under 18 Maccas Cup premiership medals.



Glenelg's Daniel Scott-Collings with his medal.

The Bays kept in touch with the inaccurate Redlegs during the first half, and gained the ascendancy after half time.

Scott-Collings was a part of the final 2008 under-19 title when Glenelg beat the Double Blues by 18 points.

The following winter, when the SANFL reverted to the current under-18s competition, Scott-Collings played in the title win over Port Adelaide.

His work in close and creative handball was a big part of his performance.

Aboriginal siblings Anthony and Luke Wilson tasted success as a part of the Port Adelaide Magpies victory in the SANFL Under 18 Maccas Cup title.

"Luke and Anthony have really explosive pace," under-18s coaching staff member Mark Moody said.

"Their real strength is the ability to run and carry the ball, and break games open. Both are very similar in their game style."

Younger brother Luke has been highly touted as a strong AFL draft prospect.

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Shantelle Thompson with her Pan Pacific medals ...
"Jiu-jitsu is a great way to keep fit, and a sport for the mind as much as the body."

More jiu-jitsu success for mum-of-three



JIU-JITSU exponent Shantelle Thompson has had more

success, this time at the Pan Pacific Titles held recently in Melbourne. The Barkindji mother-of-three took two gold medals and a silver in her divisions at the titles, which attracted competitors from across Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands.

Jiu-jitsu is a martial art focusing on grappling and holds.

Thompson's latest success follows medal-winning performances earlier this year at the South Australian titles.

The 27-year-old is now stepping up her training for

the Victorian titles in March.

Thompson, an education student at Deakin University, says she will move closer to Melbourne from her home in the Dareton area on the NSW-Victorian border.

"With my partner George, I've been involved with jiu-jitsu since I was 20, having a break to have the kids," she said.

"Jiu-jitsu is a great way to keep fit, and a sport for the mind as much as the body. I think it's especially good for women, providing fitness as well as a good form of self-defence."

Thompson also trains in mixed martial arts, which involves competitors from a range of backgrounds, such as karate and judo.



Australian Masters Games action in Adelaide, with the Boomerangs 35-plus taking a shot for goal and, right, wing attack Cecilia Wilson preparing to pass the ball.



The Boomerangs 35-plus side, from left, Bina Milera, Melissa Walker, Andrea Pitson, Winnie Warrior, Glenys Wanganeen, Doretta Weston, Dorothy Wanganeen, Kendall Fitzgerald, Cynthia Fielding, Valerie Gollan, Cecilia Wilson and manager Annette Buckskin. Former Australian captain Michelle Den Dekker is in front.



The Boomerangs 45-plus side, from left, manager Glennis Warrior, Nadine Bilney, Roxanne Ware, Margy Sumner, Thora Buckskin, Eunice Aston, Julie Wells, Yvonne Clark, Jennifer Johncock and Lee Wanganeen.



The Boomerangs 30s side, from left, Emily Gollan, Robyn Coulthard, coach Debra Walker, Natasha McKenzie, Lydia Agius, Rebecca Walker, Natasha Sumner, Kelly Wilson, Leah Torzyn, Tanya Rigney, Megan Waters, Katy Agius (manager) and Vanessa Wilson. Inset: Jaki Banks.

They're netball masters



SA BOOMERANGS Aboriginal netball teams had some expert help at this year's Australian Masters Games, in Adelaide.

Former Australian netball captain Michelle Den Dekker was on hand to coach the three sides during the competition, which drew teams from around Australia.

Den Dekker is one of the greats of netball, captaining Australia from 1988-95 and playing in 84 tests.

The Boomerangs have been playing netball for many years, but have been competing at the Masters Games since 2007.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail* in Adelaide, Warrior said players in the 30 years, 35-plus and 45-plus teams competing this year had been inspired by Den Dekker.

"It was great to have her help, and I think we passed a few things on to her about our culture as well," Warrior said.

The Boomerangs have been playing netball for many years, but have been competing at the Masters Games since 2007.

"Two of our stalwarts, Deb Walker and Katie Agius, decided to set up a masters team back then. They talked it over with me and Jennifer Johncock, and the rest is history.

"This year is the first time the Boomerangs have had three teams at



Andrea Pitson on court in Adelaide for the Boomerangs.

the Masters, and we're looking to go even further in coming years.

"Our 30s are very competitive, while the older ladies are in it for the enjoyment as much as anything else. "We all love our netball."

The Boomerangs have special uniforms, with seven boomerangs on the skirts representing seven strong sisters on court, and circles on the shirts representing yarning circles.



Amanda Fowler with her latest medal haul. Photo: Swimming Australia

Paralympics dream closer for Amanda



TEEN swimmer Amanda Fowler is closer to her goal of joining the Australian Paralympic team following recent stunning performances at home and overseas.

The 14-year-old from Blaxland, west of Sydney, has just returned home from the Third INAS Global Games in Italy with seven gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

Just before that she took more medals – and five records – in the National School Swimming Titles.

And just this month the young Wemba Wemba girl took seven more golds at the State Multi-Class Age Titles in Sydney.

Proud mum Kate says

her daughter has now qualified for the Australian Paralympic Trials next March in Adelaide.

While swimming is her sport of choice, Amanda is also talented at athletics, rollerblading, cycling, water polo and soccer, among other sports.

But Kate says her daughter is concentrating on a place at the Paralympics, in London next year.

"She's training hard and now she's been chosen in the Australian Youth Development Squad," she told the *Koori Mail*. "It's hard work – for her and me – but it's all worth it."

Kate says the intense schedule is a drain on family finances. Those who can help should email k1f_111@yahoo.com

Jacob has a soccer goal

By JILLIAN MUNDY



IT seems NAIDOC Tasmanian Aboriginal Sportsman of the Year Jacob Corcoran has what it takes to excel in whatever sport he chooses. Despite having represented Tasmania in the 2009 Australian Little Athletics Competition and being part of a relay team which holds two state records, he has quit athletics to concentrate on soccer – a sport he dreams of one day becoming his career.

"I didn't enjoy it as much as I did soccer," Jacob said of athletics.

"I'm fast on the field from being a runner though, I'm normally a lot faster than the other players."

For the past three years, Launceston-based Jacob has played school and regional soccer, moving up to the under-18s Prospect Knights the season just finished.

Last month, he added the team's 2011 coach's award to his trophy and medallion collection – and quite an extensive collection it is for a 16-year-old.

Coach Nathan Balyan, who gave him the award because of his unwavering dedication and improvement over the season, can't speak highly enough of Jacob.

"Attitude-wise, I'd have 11 of him in the team if I could, he's a good little player and has the attitude of an adult," Balyan told the *Koori Mail*.

"I reckon by next year he could see himself in the senior reserves."

Balyan reckons there's a big future in soccer for Jacob, and the coach believes Jacob would do well in any sport he tried.

Succeed

"Anything you put in his hand he could do it, if he put his mind to it he would succeed – a tennis racquet, a football, a cricket bat," he said.

"But I wouldn't want to lose him."

"First year in under-18s is a big step and he played better than most second year players."

Jacob is determined to eat plenty over summer in preparation for the 2012 season.

"I copped a bit from the coach for being skinny," the midfielder said with a laugh.

"I have a fast metabolism.

"I'd like to get better, my dream is to play in the Australian A League."

Recently he's also tried his hand at coaching primary school soccer, something he says helps him with his game.

Away from the soccer field, Jacob concentrates on his studies, at Kings Meadows High, where he is a prefect and one of four Aboriginal ambassadors.

He is also the captain of his school soccer team and plans on continuing on to university to study teaching and become a PE teacher.

Jacob attributes his determination and good attitude to his greatest influences – his parents.

"My Dad played when he was young, he was a real good player, but then he started drinking and smoking, and that put him off," he said.

"He's been teaching me not to go down that path and stick to soccer."

"And Mum, she taught me how to act and not be inconsiderate and all that kind of stuff."

"To be grateful for what you have and have respect."

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Tasmanian Aboriginal Sportsman of the Year Jacob Corcoran... Dreaming of soccer's A League.



Amanda is closer to Paralympic selection

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Doretta Wilson for the Boomerangs 35-plus team.

Boomerangs the Masters



WHEN it comes to netball, there are very few as committed as the Boomerangs. This year the Aboriginal club had three teams competing at the Australian Masters Games, held in Adelaide. Turn to Page 94 for more on these veterans of the game.



Thora Buckskin keeping goal for the Boomerangs 45-plus side.



Photo by MAHALA STROHFELDT

Crunch time!



THIS Kuranda United attacker is well and truly tackled

by defenders from Thursday Island's Kugu during the Cairns All Blacks Rugby League Carnival at the weekend. See pages 88-89 for more.

Thurston in charge



JOHNATHAN THURSTON has been named captain of the Indigenous All Stars rugby league team for next year. His selection

came as online public voting opened for the 2012 Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars clash on 4 February at Skilled Park on the Gold Coast.

Fans can vote at www.nrl.com/allstars for the 16 publicly-voted players in the 2012 Indigenous All Stars, with the list of eligible players featuring some of the best athletes in rugby league.

Voting for the Indigenous team will close on 28 November.

The 20-man squad will be made up of Thurston (who is an automatic selection as captain), the 16 publicly-voted players and three remaining players to be determined by Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council selectors and Indigenous All Stars coach Laurie Daley once public voting has closed.

"It was a massive honour to captain the side last year in Preston Campbell's absence and I am really looking forward to leading the team again in 2012," said Thurston.

"This game means so much to all of the players and I know blokes like Greg Inglis are really looking forward to the opportunity to play in the All Stars for the first time.

"It means a lot to our people and our families and we feel very privileged to

Who's eligible

Nominated players eligible for the Indigenous All Stars are:

- **Broncos:** Kurt Baptiste, Dane Gagai, Justin Hodges, Josh Hoffman, Corey Norman, Sam Thaiday and Jharal Yow Yeh.
- **Bulldogs:** Ben Barba, Jake Foster, Michael Lett, Joel Romelo and Jonathan Wright.
- **Cowboys:** Matt Bowen, Ben Jones, Cory Patterson and Ray Thompson.
- **Dragons:** Jamie Soward.
- **Knights:** Tyrone Roberts and Timana Tahu.
- **Panthers:** Yileen Gordon, Brad Tighe and Luke Walsh.
- **Parramatta:** Chris Sandow, Esikeli Tonga and Willie Tonga.
- **Rabbitohs:** Dylan Farrell, Greg Inglis, Nathan Merritt, Nathan Peats and James Roberts.

How you can vote

Fans can vote online at www.nrl.com/allstars Voting closes on 28 November.

be part of such a great week of celebrations."

It will be the third time the game's best Indigenous and other players

have been brought together under the All Stars umbrella.

Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council chairman William 'Smiley' Johnstone said the All Stars concept continued to grow and capture the hearts and imaginations of people across Australia.

"A national television audience of almost one million watched the 2011 event, which attracted a sell-out crowd," he said.

"The Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars is one of the most significant events in rugby league's history and the only representative match in Australian sport where the public picks the teams."

The NRL says that last year 37,000 complete teams were submitted by the public, with more than 940,000 votes cast across the two teams.

Indigenous All Stars Coach Laurie Daley said he was incredibly proud to be involved with the All Stars match and that he was again looking forward to working with the team hand-picked by the fans.

"We have so many incredibly gifted athletes with freakish ability so it's going to be a really tough job choosing who to vote for," he said.

"The list of eligible players includes some of the best talent in Rugby League and they are all very keen to represent their people, their heritage and Indigenous Australia."

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