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SOME of our mob rolled out the welcome mat. Others cried 'hypocrisy' and 'shame, shame, shame', and would have liked to have ripped that welcome mat right out from under delegates' feet. Such was the response of our mob to last week's Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Perth, which included a visit by Queen Elizabeth. Pictured above in Perth are, from left, Richard Walley dancing at the CHOGM 2011 Opening Ceremony, The Queen checking out some kangaroo stew being made at Clontarf Aboriginal Academy (she declined a taste) and Whadjuk woman Marianne Mackay making herself heard during CHOGM demonstrations in Perth. Turn to Page 9 for our coverage of CHOGM and the royal visit and Page 20 for Eastwood's View.



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My FAMILY

BISSETTE MORGAN - Melbourne



This is me and some of my family at the Wominjeka (Welcome) Festival which was held in Melbourne recently. In the back row is Ngyrulla my sister, myself, our mother Wendy, my niece Alngyriah, her mother Swa, and in the front are her other kids Mychael and Kyndan, our youngest sister Celeste and our cousin Mary Briggs.

We were there because Alngyriah was performing with the Gathering Place, the Western Suburbs Health Service. She did gymnastics to a story about the Duck and the Water Rat, told by Uncle Larry Walsh.

We all got our Yorta Yorta T-shirts printed up on the day, which was pretty cool, and everybody looked really good in them. We like to get out to these types of events so that the kids can learn about their culture and also get involved with their community. These days, with work and school, it's sometimes hard to keep in touch

and interact with your community, so these gatherings are really good.

It's a bit of fun for the kids and we all get to catch up with friends.

We're all originally from Echuca, and then Shepparton, but now everyone is living in different parts of Melbourne. We try to get together as often as possible.

They have a lot of events here throughout the year and we get along to most of them.

Celeste is an upcoming singer so we also travel around to see her whenever we can. She sings acappella but soon we're going to get her into guitar or piano.

I've got nine brothers and sisters from my mum Wendy. She's a grandmother of 14 grandchildren and she loves being a nan. We're all proud of our heritage and our culture, and we're hoping that our kids will pass that pride along to their kids one day.

Share your family with our readers

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

OUR CHILDREN



Young dancers Jayden Warren, Hayden Warren, Khan James-Parker, Tyson Deblasis and Izack Warren, in the yellow shirt, performing in Melbourne.

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They're jolly fine Fellows



INDIGENOUS doctors Catherine Henderson, Jamie Fernando and Sarah Jane McEwan receive decorated stethoscopes as part of a special ceremony at this year's Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association symposium, held in Broome. The stethoscopes were awarded by APY Lands ngangkari (traditional healers) Rupert Peters and Toby Ginger (centre) in a ceremony to honour the doctors' achievement of being named Fellows in their chosen fields of medicine. Turn to Pages 40-41 for more on the symposium. Photo: LEON MEAD

Palm Island health plan is welcomed



PALM Island's Indigenous community will help design their own health services under a new agreement

with the Queensland and Federal governments.

The Palm Island Statement of Intent aims for equality in health status and life expectancy between Indigenous and other people by 2030.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey joined Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon and Queensland Health Minister Geoff Wilson to sign the agreement at Parliament House, Brisbane.

It commits the parties to work with the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council on a comprehensive, long-term action plan addressing the inequities in health



ALF LACEY

services for Palm Islanders.

"To get this right, we're asking Palm Islanders to be fully involved in the design and the delivery of those services and that's an important step forward," Mr Wilson said.

"The plan matters because it

has a strong focus on the prevention of illness and early intervention as well as better treatment of illness."

The Minister said culturally effective services were important.

Mr Wilson used the event to also launch a Palm Island Health Action Plan, which he says will deliver extra services to the island.

The State Government has given \$1.8 million over three years for additional midwifery and family support workers for new parents, and funding to extend the Deadly Ears program that prevents hearing problems for Indigenous children.

Mr Lacey welcomed the 'ground-breaking' plan.

"A healthy Palm Island is a part of our community's vision and this is just the first step towards achieving good health for our people," the mayor said. – AAP



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Yarrabah marks silver anniversary



Steven 'Bully' Canando leads local students in Torres Strait Islander song and dance during celebrations to mark the silver anniversary of north Queensland centre of Yarrabah officially becoming a Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) community. Turn to Page 43 for more coverage. Photo: MAHALA STROHFELDT

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'Warriors' to march in city



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander men will be taking to the streets in Melbourne this Saturday (5 November) for what is being billed as the 1000 Warrior March.

The purpose of the march is to show solidarity among Aboriginal and Islander men, to reinforce their place in family and community, and to reinforce culture as a way forward.

Marchers are also out to show they are role models to their families and young people, to make a stand for healing country, and to commit to the rights of Aboriginal people.

One of the organisers, Richard Frankland, said the idea was first raised during a lateral violence session a few years back, and although it was put to

the side for some time, it was now 'spreading like wildfire'.

"People love the idea of not being victims but being seen as achievers and contributors to society," he said.

"We are marching in the footsteps of 1500 generations of our grandfathers."

Pledge

Mr Frankland said all marchers would be asked to make a pledge, the wording of which is being kept secret until the day of the march.

Men taking part in the Melbourne march will gather at 10am at the Fig Tree at the top of Gertrude Street, on the corner of Nicholson Street, Fitzroy.

They will march to Birrarung Marr, at the back of Federation Square, where their families and supporters will join them.

For more information on the 1000 Warrior March, contact Alan Brown on 0413 045 536, Richard Frankland on 0408 486 603 or Phil Cooper on 0417 112 422.

On the same day, Aboriginal and Islander men from northern New South Wales and south-east Queensland will march from Point Danger in Coolangatta to Tweed Heads at 10am Queensland time.

There will be a family barbecue at the end of the march at the Jack Evans Boat Harbour.

The Qld event is being billed as the Warrior March.

For more information contact Jack Bulman on 0416 173 975, Peter Coombes on 0401 882 554 or Charlie Fay on 0428 237 038.

Men interested in taking part in either of the marches are being urged to get painted up for the occasion.

Constitution survey chance to have a say

THE Expert Panel looking at ways to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Australian Constitution is running a survey to help narrow down options for its recommendations to government.

The survey is the final stage of nationwide consultations being undertaken by the Expert Panel, due to advise the Australian Government before the end of the year.

Respondents have until 5pm next Tuesday, 8 November, to take part, and the National Congress

of Australia's First Peoples is amongst those encouraging its members to have a say.

Congress Co-Chairs Jody Broun and Les Malezer, both ex-officio members of the Expert Panel, said the survey would help to see where there was more or less support on the different views that came out of consultations and submissions.

The survey can be found online at <http://youmeunity.org.au/surveys/constitutional-recognition.au>

We'll have to wait for this gem



UNFORTUNATELY, we'll have to wait the best part of a year to see the results, but filming of *The Sapphires* – the movie – has now

wrapped. Based upon the popular stage play by Tony Briggs, who also co-wrote the screenplay with Keith Thompson, the film was shot on location on the Murray River at Albury, at Sydney and in Vietnam.

It is set in 1969 and tells the story of the McCrae sisters, four Aboriginal singers from country Victoria whose biggest dream is to become as famous as their Motown idols.

There were Indigenous stars on both sides of the camera during filming, with AFI winning actor Deborah Mailman and chart-topping singer Jessica Mauboy joined by Shari Sebbens and Miranda Tapsell as key cast members, Wayne Blair as director, Stephen Page as choreographer and Warwick Thornton as director of photography.

The Sapphires is due for major cinema release in the second half of 2012.

The stage version starred Christine Anu and Casey Donovan.

● **Pictured:** Shining bright, from left, Shari Sebbens as 'Kay', Jessica Mauboy as 'Julie', Deborah Mailman as 'Gail', and Miranda Tapsell as 'Cynthia'.

Photo by LISA TOMASETTI

Priorities listed in economic strategy



A STRATEGY to increase the participation of Indigenous people in the economy has identified five

priority areas.

They are education, strengthening foundations, skills development and jobs, business and entrepreneurship, and financial security and independence.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin launched the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy 2011-2018, together with the Minerals Council of Australia's own strategy on 19 October.

Ms Macklin said the Government was committed to increasing economic opportunities for Indigenous Australians, so that

they could fully share in the opportunities of the nation's strong economy and enjoy the financial and social benefits of work.

NTSCORP chief executive Warren Mundine welcomed the co-operation between business and Government, saying it was a major shift in the way Government and industry tackled the gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

"This really is a fundamental shift in the way that we approach Indigenous Affairs, and how we think about Indigenous people as workers and business people," Mr Mundine said.

He said the skills shortage highlighted the need to harness the talents of Indigenous people in the workforce.

"Indigenous people have so much to offer the Australian



WARREN MUNDINE

economy, but we've been sitting on the sidelines for too long time. That has to change," he said. "They say that innovation is

shaped by constraint. Well, Indigenous people know a thing or two about that. And we're ready to show you what we can do."

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Mark Arbib said the priority areas included detailed objectives which would guide Australian Government decision making, policy and program development over the next eight years.

Federal Minister for Skills and Jobs Chris Evans said the Government was working with the private and non-government sectors, state, territory and local government as well as Indigenous communities and individuals to increase Indigenous economic development.

"The Minerals Industry Indigenous Economic Development Strategy also

launched here is an example of the important role the private sector plays in Indigenous economic development," Senator Evans said.

"The minerals industry is working with communities around Australia to create training and job opportunities for local Indigenous communities."

Mr Mundine said he was pleased to see the mining industry take a proactive role in developing a strategy to engage with Aboriginal communities, especially in rural and remote Australia, to employ Aboriginal workers.

"Eighty per cent of mining in Australia takes place on Aboriginal land, so the mining sector has an important role to play in making sure Aboriginal communities receive the economic benefit from these resources," he said.



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Artwork is on the walls at National Museum



LOWITJA O'DONOGHUE is happier knowing the Indigenous artwork that once adorned the walls of government offices is on view in a new exhibition. The retired public administrator's anger is still raw over how the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) was disbanded in 2005 and the contents of its offices carted away.

Prof O'Donoghue, a former chair of ATSIC, was not at the organisation when it was abolished by the Howard Government.

But when she heard about the removalist trucks sent to metropolitan and regional ATSIC offices around the country to collect the contents, including artworks donated by Aboriginal artists, she was enraged.

"They took all the paintings off



Former ATSIC chair Lowitja O'Donoghue at the opening of the exhibition *Off the Walls: Art from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Agencies 1967-2005*. Photo: Jason McCarthy, National Museum of Australia

the walls," she said. "I didn't know where they'd gone.

"I've been very angry about that. I feel a bit better now."

Prof O'Donoghue was speaking at the launch of the exhibition at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra of more than 2000 artworks and objects collected from government agencies responsible

for Aboriginal affairs between 1967 and 2005.

The *Off The Walls* exhibition includes work by Lily Karadada and Roy Dadaynga Marika, along with a 1993 poster announcing the Year of Indigenous Peoples and another marking the handback of Ayers Rock to traditional owners in 1985.

"We've tried to show what was

happening politically and socially over four profoundly important decades for Indigenous Australians," museum spokesman Dennis Grant said at the launch last Thursday.

The works have come from former agencies including ATSIC, the Council for Aboriginal Affairs, and the Aboriginal Development Commission.

Prof O'Donoghue insists ATSIC was not all bad.

"Every organisation has people who don't do the right thing," she said.

She described the *Off The Walls* exhibition as 'beautiful', although it told only part of the ATSIC story.

Off the Walls runs until 10 June next year. —AAP

Price, Sarra trade intervention barbs



EDUCATOR Chris Sarra says he hopes negative reaction to his recent references to 'pet Aborigines' doesn't detract from pursuit of a 'high expectation agenda' for Indigenous Australians.

Mr Sarra, head of the Stronger Smarter Institute at QUT in Brisbane, used the term in a speech in London last month to describe some supporters of the Northern Territory Intervention.

He says he did so out of frustration, but is disappointed in himself and wishes he hadn't given the likes of discredited newspaper columnist and commentator Andrew Bolt a 'free kick' against Indigenous Australians.

Bess Price, head of the NT Government's Indigenous advisory body and a staunch supporter of key Intervention measures including compulsory income management, went on the offensive over Dr Sarra's initial comments, railing against them at a national education conference in Darwin and even appearing on the Ten Network's *Bolt Report*.

Last month, Mr Bolt was convicted of breaching the Racial Discrimination Act by attacking a list of 'fair-skinned' Aborigines and his employer, the Herald & Weekly Times, was forced to publish an embarrassing correction to his commentary.

But on his show last week, the commentator accused Mr Sarra of his own racial slur.



CHRIS SARRA

"When you put up your head as an Aboriginal leader to advocate things like this, boy do you sometimes get kicked," he said.

Ms Price responded by saying that she'd previously 'really supported' what Mr Sarra had been about and had been grateful to have people like him fighting for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people.

"...but to say that about people like myself is downright, well, it's worse than what — you know — you've been through, I guess for myself," Ms Price said, apparently



BESS PRICE

referring to Mr Bolt's recent legal tribulations.

"Because, coming from a fellow Aboriginal person and academic, it's made me feel as if we don't — you know — have brains in our head to decide for ourselves what's best for our people here on the ground."

'Positive'

Mr Sarra said last week that most of the reaction to his London speech had been 'tremendously positive'.

"But I am disappointed with myself for

letting my frustrations get the better of me and resorting to the use of such terminology," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"That said, I think it is important to name the kind of behaviour that is not constructive in the pursuit of a high expectation agenda for Indigenous people.

"As Aborigines, there's no point us fighting with each other because we have to all fight against low expectations and attacks on the humanity of our people.

"I know Bess reasonably well and I'm sorry that she was offended by that commentary and, as I said, I'm disappointed in myself as well.

"But I was disappointed, too, to read the commentary, those efforts of some people to claim great offence against hard luck or victim status. I can swap stories about the tough challenges I faced at Cherbourg that are up there with anything that could be faced in the NT, but that would only serve to amplify some of the things that are not so positive about our community and I don't see the point in dwelling on or over-emphasising those things.

"Because when we do that, we just play into the hands of white people who are willing to sink the boot into us even more."

Ms Price backed the Federal Government's announcement that it would extend the Intervention, including compulsory income management, and cut welfare payment to parents who didn't get their kids to school.

"It is great news," she said.

Leaders ACCELERATE to Britain

By RACHEL SCOLLAY

ONLY four of the eight arts leaders chosen as finalists for the ACCELERATE Indigenous Australian Creative Leadership Program were supposed to be departing for Britain last week.

But the calibre of the finalists was so high that State Government partners offered extra funding to enable all of them to go.

ACCELERATE is an initiative supported by the British Council and some of Australia's largest cultural organisations, which seeks to address the lack of representation of Indigenous Australians in positions of influence within the creative sector and mainstream media.

ACCELERATE draws on the British Council's connection to Britain's creative industries, providing tailored residencies with cultural organisations and mentors. With exports totaling 17.3 billion pounds, Britain has the largest creative industries sector in the world, providing employment for almost 1.3 million people last year.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail* just after a gala send-off at the Sydney Opera House last



2011 ACCELERATE participants at the Sydney Opera House last week, seen here with Carclew Youth Arts community program manager Lee-Ann Tjunypa Buckskin (far left) and British Council director Nick Marchand (third from left). The participants are, from left, Francis Rings, Sharon Paten, Kyle Morrison, Alick Tipoti, Kevin O'Brien, Barbara Matters and Marilyn Miller.

week, Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company artistic director and ACCELERATE participant Kyle Morrison was particularly excited as it would be his first time travelling overseas.

During his three weeks in

Britain he will meet with one of the producers at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London, spending a day with a theatre company that focuses on the London Indian and Pakistani communities,

and a week with the national theatre company of Wales.

"It will give me a chance to broaden my horizons," he said.

"It will give me a chance to spend time in a place where

the arts industry is a big part of the social fabric, where it is a recognised industry. You don't get that sense in Australia... especially in WA. Perth is a sporting town. We're still trying to claw our

way into the mind-set of everybody around us."

Mr Morrison said he would probably 'soak up the most' during his week with National Theatre Wales.

"I'm going to get a sense of what's possible," he said.

"It's a major theatre company that produces high quality work and they do shows in their own language, in the old Welsh.

"That's similar to what we're going to be doing at Yirra Yaakin.

"Having seen *Bloodland* this week, it's really inspired me to look at telling stories in our own language."

Fellow ACCELERATE participant Sharon Paten is the CEO of the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne. She'll be spending time with the Arts Council of England, Museum Galleries Scotland, The Tate Gallery in Liverpool and Whitechapel Gallery in London.

She said she would be looking to bring back an 'excellence in arts' strategy for the Koorie Heritage Trust.

"I'll be looking at how to attract more people," she said. "We're a little bit on the fringes of the Melbourne CBD and I want to know what you can do to attract tourists in and how to have blockbuster exhibitions."

Remains are back home



THE remains of six Aboriginal ancestors from north-east New South Wales are now safely back on country, about a century after ending up in the University of Sydney.

A ceremony was held at the University's Shellshear Museum of Anatomy last month to hand five Gamilaroi ancestors from around Tamworth and one Anaiwan ancestor from around Armidale back to community Elders. It was the 250th repatriation of Australian Indigenous ancestral remains by the university, and the largest ever undertaken by any Australian university.

The remains were wrapped in bark from their home country before a smoking ceremony using tree leaves from there too.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Research) Professor Shane Houston, who hosted the ceremony, said the university began the process to return the six remains in 1994.

Since the late 1800s ancestral remains at the university have been held in the collections of the Macleay and Shellshear museums.

Many ancestral remains that have ended up in the university's care were found during construction and roadwork, or by farmers after floods and drought. Records of two of the

ancestral remains in last month's repatriation ceremony showed they were known to be male with one being given to the University Museum in 1929 after being found in a shallow grave during the demolition of the old Armidale Jail. Another was exhumed in Tamworth in 1880 and subsequently donated to the Shellshear Museum at the University in 1920.

Prof Houston told the *Koori Mail* the university had started out with 311 remains, leaving just over 60 yet to be repatriated.

Respectful

He said that some remains had come to the university through good ways, because people had said 'it's proper that we act in a respectful way'.

However, others had come through historic means 'where we look back now and say that wasn't right'. "Some came to us through historical anthropological processes, where anthropologists have collected them, because Aboriginal people were different, they were considered curiosities," Prof Houston said.

"That's part of our history. We can't change what happened long ago but we can act properly and respectfully now."

Barry Cain, the Aboriginal heritage conservation officer with the Office of Environment and Heritage at Armidale, said the handover ceremony had been

humbling and moving.

"We waited a really long time for these remains to come home. These people were taken away and you can only speculate what happened to them," he said.

"Being a Gamilaroi person myself, some of the remains were of my ancestors and they needed to be afforded the same respect as any other ancestors.

"We have them back on country now – that was our first priority – and we're negotiating with the three different areas about possible places for the repatriation ceremonies, which will take place by the end of November."

Meanwhile, the Federal Government has launched a new policy on Indigenous repatriation.

Its Indigenous Repatriation Program, which underpins the policy, facilitates the return of Indigenous ancestral remains held overseas and remains and secret sacred objects held within Australian museums to their communities of origin.

Arts Minister Simon Crean said in Perth last week that funding for the program would be streamlined and previous domestic and international repatriation programs would be consolidated.

It is understood there are about 10,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ancestral remains still in institutions overseas, some 6000 in the United Kingdom alone.

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'Big stick' policies win Govt few fans

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has joined a barrage of criticism of Federal Government plans to continue and ramp up the controversial Northern Territory Intervention, by cutting welfare payments to parents who don't send their kids to school.

The representative body has described key one-size-fits-all measures underpinning the Intervention – including compulsory income management – as 'big stick' policies that should be gotten rid of.

"It's time to get rid of the destructive approaches of the old Interventions," Congress co-chair Les Malezer said.

His co-chair Jodi Broun encouraged the Government to involve communities and representative groups such as the National Congress, which she said would scrutinise the Government's bill when it was released.

Also calling for a different approach, were the Australian Greens and health, social service, human rights organisations.

There was widespread scepticism about the Government's interpretation and representation of what it had been told in the consultations, and a belief that the outcomes had been a foregone conclusion.

At the other end of the spectrum, chair of the Territory's Indigenous Advisory Council, Bess Price, described the Government's plans as 'great news' and something that should be extended nationwide.

Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion criticised the Government, too, but effectively for being too soft and for failing to adhere to a tougher Intervention as designed by the former Coalition Government.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon announced on 18 October that the Government would continue income management and introduce, by the end of the year, legislation to enable it to cut welfare payments to NT parents whose children are continually truant.

The ministers said that in more than 100 community consultations on the future of the Intervention earlier this year, Aboriginal Territorians had spoken and the Government had listened.

"Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory have told the Australian Government that having their kids go to school and get a decent education, having jobs for local people and tackling alcohol abuse are the priority issues for them in building a stronger future," the ministers said in a statement. "...These were strong voices for change."

"People have been very clear about the huge levels of need they face, and about the expectations they have of government and of themselves.

"We will continue to talk and work with Aboriginal people as we develop the legislation and respond to what we have already heard. We know Government cannot do this alone."

The ministers said the consultations were overseen by the independent Cultural and Indigenous Research Centre Australia (CIRCA) and assessed as 'fair, open and accountable'.

Senator Scullion said the Government could have saved four lost years and 'another lost generation of uneducated Aboriginal children' if it had realised earlier that programs implemented by the former Coalition Government could work.



National Congress co-chair Les Malezer at Bagot Community in Darwin speaking out against the Commonwealth Intervention plans with, from left, Bagot resident Anita Cooper-Bagot, Bagot Community president Helen Fejo-Frith and North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency chair Dorothy Fox.

"Labor have finally decided to go and talk with people in remote Indigenous communities rather than city leaders or lobbyists in comfy Canberra offices and found that compulsory income management schemes, alcohol bans and improved education and housing programs initiated under the Howard Government need to be fully implemented and supported," he said.

But the Greens said the Government was pursuing top-down punitive measures that would not get results, a view backed by the NT Council of Social Service (NTCOSS).

upon communities when the Intervention began.

The Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney (STICS) blasted the Government's consultations as 'a sham' and the resulting report 'a dishonest whitewash'.

"This report on the consultations whitewashes the deep anger felt towards the Intervention and the profound damage it has done to communities," said spokesman Paddy Gibson.

He said linking welfare payments had, in fact, been linked to school attendance through the income management system since 2009 and had done nothing to

employed as teachers and support staff.

"Centrelink payments are already well below the poverty line, withdrawing a family's sole income will create greater instability and it will be the whole household that suffers."

But Ms Macklin insisted that people 'in the main' were very supportive of ongoing income management.

"They can see that it really makes a difference to their families lives," she said in a press conference.

She deflected a journalist's question about what evidence there was that tying welfare payments to school attendance worked.

"The message loud and clear from Aboriginal people, from parents and grandparents is that they want this," the minister said.

Meanwhile, the Alice Springs-based People's Alcohol Action Coalition (PAAC) expressed disappointment that the Government had ignored evidence from the World

Health Organisation and others in deciding not to introduce an alcohol floor price as a means of addressing alcohol abuse problems in communities.

"Despite an espoused liking for evidence-based policy, Minister Macklin has avoided taking this simple action that would help to deal with the cause of many of our problems," said PAAC spokesman Dr John Boffa.

"...While the minister has indicated a willingness to continue to intervene in individual NT residents' lives on the one hand, through measures such as income quarantining, she has shied away from taking the cheapest, easiest and potentially most effective measure by intervening in public policy at a population level."

'It's time to get rid of the destructive approaches of the old Interventions'

– National Congress co-chair Les Malezer

"The School Enrolment and Attendance through Welfare Reform Measure (SEAM) trial is a sanctions-based approach which causes further harm to families and doesn't address the underlying causes of alienation from the education system," said Senator Rachel Siewert.

She said community controlled, evidence-based measures and reforms such as working with parents and ensuring a commitment to bilingual approach to education would achieve more.

Amnesty International Australia Indigenous rights campaigner Rodney Dillon said the Government must recognise that local issues needed local solutions rather than the failed one-size-fits-all Intervention policies that were imposed

increase student numbers.

The Intervention Rollback Action Group (IRAG) in Alice Springs also said the Government's plans flew in the face of widespread condemnation of Intervention measures across NT communities and mounting evidence of growing social crises arising from the Intervention.

"At the consultations I attended, Aboriginal people called for more support to raise school attendance levels – not a bigger stick with which to beat struggling families," said spokesperson Lauren Mellor.

"Parents and educators are calling for a lifting of the ban on bilingual education to re-engage the community in the curriculum, better resources and access for remote schools and more local Aboriginal people

Focus on CHOGM and the royal visit



Nyungar Elder Ben Taylor looking on at the anti-CHOGM rally in the centre of Perth last Friday. AAP Image



Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation leader Robert Eggington (also inset) looks on as the Queen visits Clontarf College – but not Dumbartung's Kyana Gallery.

Loud and proud

By KIRSTIE PARKER, with additional reporting by AAP



SOME of our mob rolled out the welcome mat. Others cried 'hypocrisy' and 'shame, shame, shame', and would have liked to have ripped that welcome mat right out from

under delegates' feet.

But there's no doubting that an Aboriginal presence was felt by those at the 2011 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) held in Perth from Friday through to Sunday last week.

Amidst tight security, the leaders of more than 50 Commonwealth nations attended the three-day forum at the Perth Convention Centre, preceded by a week-long business forum and a foreign ministers' meeting.

Attendees included 25 prime ministers, 10 presidents, two deputy prime ministers and five vice-presidents. The theme was Building National Resilience, Building Global Resilience.

It was the third time Australia had hosted CHOGM, previously in Melbourne in 1981 and in Coolumb, Queensland, in 2002.

This year's agenda encompassed climate change, poverty, the global economic situation and trade agreements but was dominated firmly by human rights, both inside official venues and out on the streets.

The event saw Perth's city centre locked down by the biggest police operation in the state's history, with 700 police enforcing an 'excluded persons' list in key CHOGM zones. People camped out on the streets and parks, including many homeless, were moved on. A brace of protests and demonstrations were held amidst road closures and traffic snarls.

Queen

Queen Elizabeth II was a star attraction at CHOGM for a fawning media and the general public.

After whirlwind visits to Canberra, where Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu sang for her, and to Brisbane, the 85-year-old monarch jetted over to Perth.

Last Thursday, she visited Clontarf Aboriginal College in the southern suburbs (see separate story), watching AFL and basketball games and chatting with students over cooking classes.

On Friday morning, during a lavish hour-long ceremony, leaders and guests heard a rendition of *Advance Australia Fair* and then



The official photo taken of Queen Elizabeth II (front, second from left) and CHOGM leaders in Perth on Friday. Prime Minister Julia Gillard is seated next to the Queen.

watched a Noongar welcome to country and an Aboriginal dance performance which referenced the Noongar seasons.

Local Elders presented the Queen with a message stick before the words 'Bless you all and hope your meeting goes well' appeared on a giant onstage screen.

Declaring CHOGM officially open, the Queen urged leaders to pursue reforms that 'respond boldly to the aspirations of today and that keep the Commonwealth fresh and fit for tomorrow'.

"We should not forget that this is an association not only of governments but also of peoples," she said.

"That is what makes it so relevant in this age of global information and communication."

The Queen said the meeting promised to bring new vibrancy to the Commonwealth, which she'd reportedly earlier dubbed 'original world wide web'.

She ended her speech with what she said was an Aboriginal proverb: "We are all visitors to this time, this place. We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love... and then we return home."

Protests

But alongside the pomp and ceremony of CHOGM, there were also plenty of protests.

A 'United March on CHOGM' saw hundreds of people rally and then march Perth streets for justice, peace and land rights; an end to deaths in custody, recognition of refugee rights; and action on

global warming, uranium mining, corporate greed, homelessness and human rights.

Sri Lanka, Malaysia and the Congo came in for especially strident criticism on the latter.

The march also kicked off the Perth version of the Occupy Together movement, which has spread throughout the world – including to Melbourne and Sydney – since it began in Wall Street, New York, in September.

Amongst those who gathered at Forrest Place were more than 100 people who took part in the final leg of a 1200km, 10-week long protest walk from Wiluna to Perth against uranium mining in the state (see separate story).

WA Nuclear Free Alliance spokesman Kado Muir told media that Australian companies were also looking to explore and mine for uranium in third world Commonwealth countries.

"And the message that we need to send is that we do not want our country to be responsible for those countries to be further polluted by this nasty, toxic industry," he said.

Other speakers included Whadjuk woman and deaths in custody campaigner Marianne Mackay, Nyungar Elder Uncle Ben Taylor, and outspoken opponent of the proposed gas hub at James Price Point near Broome Anne Poelina.

There were chants of 'Always was, always will be, Aboriginal land' as Ms Mackay, stopped by police from entering a security zone, demanded to know why as a sovereign Aboriginal person she couldn't walk on her grandfather's country.

"We are going to occupy Perth the same way they're occupying Australia. And if they try to remove us, they need to remove themselves," she told journalists.

"We are sovereign and we maintain our sovereignty to this day so the law of the jurisdiction that they try and place us under doesn't exist, it's not valid."

"If more of our people stand up and fight against it, we will prove it to these mob."

Ms Mackay said she'd be pushing laws as far as she could, 'in a peaceful way because I don't believe in violence'.

"I believe in talking, discussion, and I believe in action as well, peaceful action," she said.

"Here in Western Australia, we live under a dictatorship. (Ours) is a racist police force, which is dictated to by the Government. The police force is not here for the people, they're here to protect those above us and that's not right. They are public servants, they should start acting like it."

"Shame, shame, shame," Ms Mackay told police as she left the area.

Nyungar Elder Ben Taylor spoke at the beginning of the rally and march, telling those gathered that he'd rejected an invitation to be a part of Aboriginal elements of CHOGM.

"Why would I bow down to them?" Indy Media reported him as saying.

"I will not be a token Aborigine for them and bow down to world leaders, heads of government who commit one human rights abuse after another, including genocide."

Hypocrisy

Amongst the most strident critics of both CHOGM and especially the Queen's visit was the head of Perth's Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation, Robert Eggington.

Dumbartung is located in the same precinct as Clontarf Aboriginal College, which the Queen visited. He rejected an invitation to meet and make a brief presentation to the Queen, instead declaring the visit 'a travesty' and 'the most sorrowful day in the history of Clontarf'.

"I declined the whole thing because I believe that by being presented to the Queen of England and having to curtsy and bow down to the monarch condones the past policies of genocide against our ancestors, the dispossession, disinheritance of Aboriginal people from our traditional Aboriginal grounds, and the continued trauma and suffering of our people through the Stolen

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Roo stew, Ma'am?



THE Queen was surrounded by didgeridoos, AFL footballs and kangaroo stew as Aboriginal Australia took centre stage on her visit to Perth.

The monarch seemed bemused by the odd shape of an AFL football, a far cry from the soccer ball of her homeland, when it was presented to her at Clontarf Aboriginal College Perth on last Thursday.

She inspected it with interest before handing it – no thought of a handball – to an aide.

She also visited a cookery class where kangaroo stew was on the menu.

She did not sample the exotic fare but remarked, 'Smells good'.

On being presented with a small pot of stew, she asked, 'Recently made?'

She watched three members of the Wadumbah dance troupe, who performed to the sound of a didgeridoo.

As the 85-year-old monarch watched boys playing AFL football, she said: "They look very energetic. Do they do that every day?"

Gerard Neesham, director of the Clontarf college's foundation, replied: "We make them do that every day," and explained how the school used football to encourage students to attend.

The Queen also watched the school's female basketballers, who owe their training to a non-profit group run by Ricky Grace, a former Australian Olympian and Perth Wildcats basketballer.

"It was a great morale boost for the girls, for the Queen to acknowledge them with her presence," Grace said.

"They've been practising their curtsy just in case they get the chance to use it."

One student who got that chance was



Queen Elizabeth receives an Australian rules football from Ben Ward during her visit to Clontarf College. AAP Image

Bella Slater, 17, who presented the Queen with a school photo album.

"The first time I did it (curtsy) practising this morning I used the wrong leg and I fell over. But that was my first time," she said.

Asked to score her curtsy when it really mattered, she smiled and said: "Ten out of 10."

Program manager Marita Payne, a former WNBL player, said: "It's a massive opportunity allowing her to meet the kids."

"It's like a pinch-yourself moment. It's very exciting, this doesn't happen every day, the Queen coming to our little school."

"We have a few students who show the potential to be professional players, but really it's about getting them engaged in any sport."

"A lot of the girls come from really remote communities, like Halls Creek and the

Kimberley, so for them to meet the head of our country is a great experience."

Brother Laurie Negus, a teacher at the Catholic school, said: "It's wonderful for the Queen to be here. One of the best things for the kids is that they are seeing themselves as worthy people."

"They know they are worthwhile."

About 200 children from 20 local schools lined the long driveway into the school and waved flags as the Queen was driven by in a large black Range Rover.

She emerged to loud cheers, dressed in a coat and dress of turquoise lace mounted on white satin with a matching white and turquoise hat, an outfit she has worn previously at Royal Ascot races.

Clontarf board chairman, Robert Isaacs, a Nyongar Elder, performed an Aboriginal

welcome to country and presented her with a glass plate.

At the school's literacy centre, the Queen showed interest in the fact that students from different regions spoke different Aboriginal languages and had different beliefs and customs.

She unveiled a plaque to open the school's new boarding facility, Ngulla Mia (Nyongar for 'our place'), which will cater for 120 students.

The Queen was attending a reception at Government House in Perth on Thursday afternoon and opened the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting on Friday.

A community barbecue in Perth on Saturday was the last event on her 11-day Australian tour before she flew out on Saturday night. — AAP



Guess who...The Queen stands next to young Aboriginal footballers during her visit to Clontarf. AAP Image

Mixed reactions to royal visit

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Generations," he said, speaking to the *Koori Mail* on Saturday.

Mr Eggington was scathing of 'Aboriginal Elders, leaders and cultural entertainers who vied for the closest seats at the banquet for the Queen'.

"What I think some of our people have forgotten is when they're presented to the Queen, they're acknowledging and bowing down to that monarchy which, for the past 200 years, has been totally responsible for the policies that have caused the dispossession of our people," he said.

"Each to their own, but there's a political hypocrisy in relation to serving two interests."

Mr Eggington said his heart sank and his spirit 'died that little bit more when I saw our young kids at Clontarf being used the way they were'.

"The kids were all holding the Australian flag but there wasn't one Aboriginal flag to be seen," he said.

"Our Elders in particular need to open their eyes to what their actions say to our young people."

Mr Eggington said all of the Aboriginal leaseholders in the precinct had asked that the Queen visit Dumbartung's Kyana Gallery to learn the truth about Aboriginal history, but authorities chose instead for her to watch demonstration games of AFL and basketball and then walk straight past the gallery to open a new student hostel. He said WA's media was only showcasing 'the glitzy or positive side of CHOGM and the Queen's visit, and not covering the social or political controversy'.

But the Aboriginal organisation that co-ordinated the CHOGM opening

ceremony welcome to country strongly rejected Mr Eggington's comments.

South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) CEO Glen Kelly said many of the Elders involved were initially reluctant because 'the Commonwealth symbolises invasion and the Queen symbolises the Commonwealth'.

"But early on in the piece we decided that we needed to make a public statement about Noongar country, people and culture," Mr Kelly told the *Koori Mail* at the weekend.

"Although the tone of voice wasn't shrill in the ceremony, there were many elements in it that – while subtle – were also defiant and people should rest assured that the Elders were never going to acquiesce in the way that has been suggested, bowing and scraping to the Queen."

"They were making a very definite statement about themselves and whose land this is."

Late on Saturday, hopes that CHOGM would agree to the appointment of a commissioner to pursue human rights, democracy and the rule of law in member nations were dashed.

Delegates at the Indigenous Peoples Workshop of the Commonwealth Peoples Forum, held in the days before CHOGM began, had earlier expressed disappointment that the eminent persons report had been suppressed and they'd been unable to consider whether there were recommendations relating to Indigenous Peoples of the Commonwealth.

The group met with foreign ministers on issues including Indigenous peoples, women, gay and

lesbian rights, rights of peoples with disabilities and people affected by HIV.

At the end of the workshop, Noongar Elder Margaret Colbung read a statement on behalf of participants calling for the Commonwealth to put in place 'mechanisms for increased solidarity between Indigenous Peoples of the Commonwealth, who all have similar journeys of invasion, dispossession and oppression, and the need for healing and self-determination'. The statement said that age-long connections between Indigenous peoples' cultures, lands, environments and families was expert knowledge and should be harnessed, and that special attention needed to be paid to the destruction of many Indigenous languages.

It said there needed to be special focus on empowering Indigenous young people, as well as greater protection of human rights within various international treaties and declarations.

"That brings us to the theme of resourcing. There is an urgent need to address the inter-generational trauma and poverty that have resulted from our common dispossession and oppression through the resourcing of programs, institutions and mechanisms," the statement said.

"It is important, as a principle of self-determination, that initiatives about us, are done with us, and ultimately, by us. We must be the drivers of our own destiny and call on the Commonwealth to support us in these endeavors."

CHOGM 2011 wound up on Sunday, not long after news of the grounding of all Qantas domestic and international flights.



Demonstrators staged a sit-down in a city street as the CHOGM meeting began in Perth on Friday. AFP Photo



Aboriginal protesters lead the rally.

Rally focus for protest

By LIZ MURRAY



THE Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) Action Network rally in Perth went

smoothly. But activists, hamstrung by tough exclusion laws around parts of Perth, struggled to get across their message that not all people living under Australian government were treated well and fairly.

The 1200km Walk Away from Uranium Mining protest culminated at the rally, with participants welcomed as the frontline for the protest.

Footprints for Peace activist Marcus Atkinson said the group organised the walk in solidarity with traditional owners from Wiluna and Yeelirrie areas where there are proposed uranium mines, because many of them are opposed to the mines but have no legal recourse.

Walk Away from Uranium Mining spokesperson Bilbo Taylor said the walk was 'about common people from around the world who have walked together with the Indigenous peoples of this land in respect for their sovereign rights, and with a simple message Wanti – uranium, leave it in the ground'.

When marching protesters were confronted by police blockades, they staged a peaceful sit-in protest.

Whadjuk traditional owner Marianne McKay said: "Today, we remain sovereign Aboriginal people.

"They have no jurisdiction



The 1200km Walk Away from Uranium Mining protest arrives in Perth for the CHOGM protest.

over us as a people, all the system we live under is invalid and we want it dismantled immediately."

Ms McKay vowed to cross the blockade and bring any arrest to an international court to test the validity of Australia's government, but organisers then re-directed the rally back to the secure zone in Forrest Place.

Noongar Elder Ben Taylor said: "All these world leaders here want to hear the cries of the Aboriginal people.

"We have been massacred for 200 years and now the jails are full of Aboriginal people.

"Take this back to your countries – we are still suffering and downtrodden.

"We want self-determination and our own government... we want Aboriginal people with more

education to get into Parliament, doctors, lawyers – our kids are still falling through the cracks."

Fitzroy River traditional owner Anne Poelina called on protesters to protect the Kimberley and to protect the country, and said the stories of Aboriginal spirituality tried to teach people the meaning of the water and the meaning of the land.

She said the companies and government were working hand in glove to destroy the Kimberley, and people of many cultures needed to join together.

"CHOGM will become irrelevant if it does not listen to the people," she said.

The CHOGM Action Network put Aboriginal protesters first in the march, to show the strength of the support behind them.



Whadjuk woman Marianne Mackay made herself heard during CHOGM demonstrations in Perth. AFP Photo

Nigerian First Lady meets women

MANY Commonwealth leaders were accompanied by their wives, husbands and partners to CHOGM 2011.

These included the First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dame Dr Patience Goodluck Jonathan, who met with local Aboriginal women at Murdoch University.

Murdoch Vice-Chancellor Professor Richard Higgott, Professor Bev Thiele, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) and Director of the university's Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre Professor Rhonda Marriott welcomed Dr Goodluck and her entourage.

"Given the prominence of Human Rights on the agenda of the CHOGM meeting, we were pleased to create an opportunity for African and Indigenous women to talk with each other about Australia's most pressing social justice and equity issue," Prof Thiele said.

"In Australia, our greatest challenges arise from the impact of poor education opportunities and poor health outcomes



The First Lady of Nigeria, Dame Dr Patience Goodluck Jonathan, second from left, meets with local Aboriginal women at Murdoch University. Photo: Murdoch University

on the capacity of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to drive the agenda of change," said Prof Marriott.

"While we come from African and Australian Aboriginal nations and the wadjella community, we share troubling

concerns about issues of education, health, justice, community capacity, politics and economics.

"There are differences in how those issues play out in our respective countries but we have much in common and can learn from one another for the challenges we each face on a daily basis.

"As women, we have important and highly influential roles in our communities. As grandmothers, mothers and sisters, we influence and strengthen our families.

"As community members and leaders, we have a strong voice to positively build the capacity and direction of our communities."

Prof Marriott added that as women with much to learn from one another, great strength could be achieved when there were opportunities to come together to yarn and talk.

"Sharing ideas and comparing experiences on commonly faced issues presents opportunities for further discussions that will endure beyond this event," she said.

Art, culture on show



ABORIGINAL art and culture also featured throughout other CHOGM related events. The Commonwealth Festival Perth was a Western Australian Government initiative, staged from 23-30 October, to run alongside the forum.

An Aboriginal welcome to country kicked off the festival, which featured dozens of activities, including live music, street theatre, a speakers' corner and stalls and displays

The Revealed 2011 project combined an exhibition featuring the work of more than 50 emerging Indigenous artists, a two-day public marketplace at the Perth Cultural Centre and professional development for artists and arts workers.

The *Revealed* exhibition opened on 24 October at Gallery Central at the Central Institute of Technology and will run until 12 November.

The National Museum of Australia's record-breaking exhibition *Yiwarra Kuju: The Canning Stock Route*, featuring paintings and stories from the deserts of WA, served as a cultural centrepiece for CHOGM visitors.

Opened for international guests at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on 24 October by Federal Arts Minister Simon Crean, the exhibition 'reclaims' the Aboriginal history of the century-old Canning Stock Route, an ultimately unsuccessful cattle track stretching from Halls Creek to Wiluna in WA.

"*Yiwarra Kuju* is a collection of national significance to all Australians, because it is a place where Indigenous and non-Indigenous histories



Dora Booth, from Martumili Artists, in a ceramics workshop.

Photo: Tim Acker



Co-curator Murungkurr Terry Murray and cultural adviser Putuparri Tom Lawford, from Fitzroy Crossing, show Federal Arts Minister Simon Crean some highlights of the *Yiwarra Kuju: The Canning Stock Route* exhibition.

intersect," Mr Crean said.

"What makes this exhibition unique is that for the first time the story of the Canning Stock Route is being told by Indigenous Australians."

NMA director Andrew Sayers said there couldn't have been a better cultural introduction to Australia.

"Visitors to the exhibition in Canberra responded very



Tom Hayden and May McGuire from the South West land and Sea Council perform the welcome to country at the opening celebration of the Commonwealth Festival Perth on 23 October.

Photo by Nicolle Versteeg, Commonwealth Festival Perth



The Martumili Artists' stand at the Revealed Marketplace.

Photo: Tim Acker

positively to the way *Yiwarra Kuju* tells Indigenous stories with vibrant art, authentic voices and multi-media engagements," Mr Sayers said. "CHOGM visitors will come away from the exhibition

with a deeper appreciation of contemporary Indigenous art and culture."

Yiwarra Kuju opens to the public today and runs until 27 November.

Exhibition a 'portrait of diversity'

THE *Nomad Two Worlds: Portrait of Diversity* exhibition was a feature at the CHOGM Festival in Perth.

The exhibition was hosted at a Northbridge gallery, but it also included an outdoor display that spread between the Hay and Murray Street malls.

Photographer Russell James was commissioned by the West Australian Government to develop the outdoor exhibition on his original idea – *Nomad Two Worlds*, a collaborative art project which has a reconciliation theme.

He recruited local artists and produced 50 canvasses that were then recreated for the outdoor installations, on display in the city malls.

Mr James' website says the Federal Government apology to the Stolen Generations was central to the progression of the art project's development, which had originally been a photographic and film exhibition.

He 'joined forces' with traditional owners and the collaboration followed in 2009, with the latest exhibition *Portrait of Diversity* utilising years of groundwork.

Indigenous artists whose work is on display include Clifton Biendurruy,



An exhibition artwork by featured artist Bessie Daylight.

Lance Chadd, Bessie Daylight, Rebecca Morgan, Nathan Mundraby and Archibald Prize finalist Susan Cooper Wyatt.

Featured artist Bessie Daylight is a

member of the Warmun Arts Centre in the East Kimberley and uses ochres in her work that she gets from home and fellow artist Rebecca Morgan also hails from the Kimberley. – Liz Murray



Rebecca Morgan's work on show in the exhibition.

Rio Tinto to close Aboriginal fund



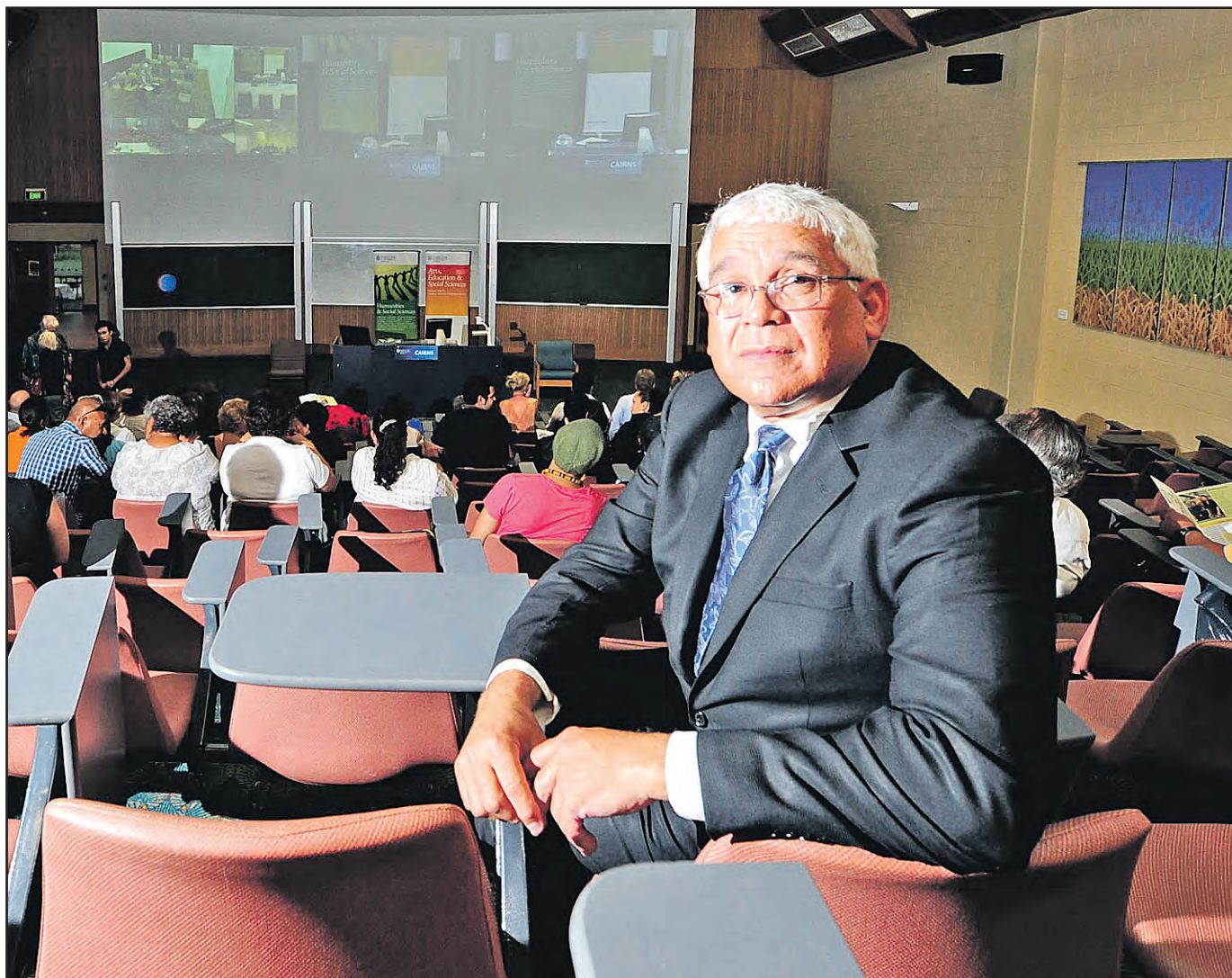
A PHILANTHROPIC fund that has contributed tens of millions of dollars to Indigenous community initiatives is to close. Mining giant Rio Tinto announced last week that its Rio Tinto Aboriginal Fund would

wind up by mid-2012, with a final round of submissions considered this month for once-off grants. But the company says that it will continue to work directly with Indigenous communities to overcome socio-economic disadvantage. The Rio Tinto Aboriginal Fund was established in 1996 and has

provided around \$1.8 million a year to Indigenous initiatives throughout the country, especially in the areas of health, education, youth and leadership, social justice, and cultural celebration. Rio Tinto, which has a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), says it took the decision to close

the fund last month, following a strategic review. "The fund has pioneered Rio Tinto's engagement with Indigenous Australians and it has been incredibly successful in demonstrating Rio Tinto's commitment to Indigenous Australia. The RTAF has created a strong legacy for Rio Tinto to

build on," said an announcement on its website. "Rio Tinto will continue to work in collaboration with Indigenous Australians to overcome socio-economic disadvantage. Rio Tinto will work in partnership with communities to create sustainable regions and positive futures."



Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda before the lecture. Photo by Sue Wellwood, courtesy of James Cook University.

Laws 'feeding' violence: Gooda



HARSH native title laws and feelings of dispossession are feeding a culture of bullying among Indigenous communities, according to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda. In Cairns to deliver the annual Eddie Mabo Lecture at James Cook University (JCU) last Monday, Mr Gooda said 'lateral violence' was a major problem in Indigenous communities.

It occurs when people who are both victims of a situation of dominance, turn on each other instead of confronting the system that oppresses them both. "Lateral violence happens in organisations everywhere – people gossiping and backstabbing – but within Aboriginal communities, it's particularly sharp and particularly acute," he said.

"What we're seeing in Indigenous communities is lots of disputes and issues of serious bullying."

Cyber-bullying, he said, was also

becoming a major problem.

"Things like texting and social networking are adding to the grief," he said. "I met a lady once and when we explained lateral violence, she broke down and cried and said 'that's what caused my husband to kill himself'."

Mr Gooda said governments could not hope to fix the issue by themselves.

'The solution has got to come from within Aboriginal communities, people taking control, people addressing lateral violence themselves'

– Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda

"The solution has got to come from within Aboriginal communities, people taking control, people addressing lateral violence themselves," he said.

"The Government can't go out there and create a program called 'Addressing Lateral Violence', because it just won't work."

However, Mr Gooda said native title

laws were also contributing to identity issues and feelings of dispossession.

"Under the current system, we've got to prove our identity time and time again, to a level that's required under the Federal Court, and some people can't do that because of past policies of dispersal," he said.

"Victoria is actually changing the burden of proof to say it's up to Aboriginal groups to say who belongs here and anyone who wants to dispute it – be it government or mining companies – they've got to disprove that."

"While lateral violence has got to be addressed by our communities, the Government has got to look at some of the processes they have which increase the chances of it."

JCU hosts the Mabo lecture each year to honour the life and work of Eddie Koiki Mabo, who worked as a gardener at the university's Townsville campus, and to signal its commitment to social justice. –AAP

More health services being used, AIHW finds



A NEW report shows there has been a significant increase in the use of health services targeted at Indigenous people.

The report, by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), was comparing services usage in 2009-10 compared with the previous year.

These Commonwealth-funded services, most of which are community controlled, include primary health care services (such as access to doctors, nurses and medical specialists), stand-alone substance use rehabilitation and treatment services, and Bringing Them Home and Link Up counselling services.

The *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services report, 2009-10: OATSIH Services Reporting-key results*, shows primary health care services targeted at Indigenous Australians provided 2.4 million episodes of care in 2009-10.

"This was a 14 per cent increase in episodes of primary health care compared with 2008-09," said AIHW spokesperson Dr Norbert Zmijewski.

More than three-quarters of clients (78 per cent or 357,000) were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; this is a similar estimated proportion to the previous year.

Critical

"Access to primary health care is critical for preventing ill health, effectively managing chronic disease and improving health outcomes to close the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

Substance use services provided treatment and assistance to around 26,300 clients in 2009-10 – an increase of 14 per cent compared with 2008-09.

"Tobacco, alcohol and substance misuse are major risk factors for chronic disease and can have a significant effect on the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities," Dr Zmijewski said.

In 2009-10, Bringing Them Home and Link Up counselling services provided counselling to about 10,700 clients – an increase of about 27 per cent compared with 2008-09.

"These services provide counselling to help individuals, families and communities affected by past practices of the forced removal of children from Indigenous families to unite with their families, culture and community, and to restore their social and emotional wellbeing," Dr Zmijewski said.

Indigenous staff made up over half of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health centre workforce in primary health care and substance use (57 per cent and 59 per cent respectively), while the majority of Bringing Them Home and Link Up counselling services had at least one Indigenous counsellor.

"These staffing ratios are consistent with findings in last year's report," Dr Zmijewski said.

The AIHW is a major national agency set up by the Federal Government to provide reliable, regular and relevant information and statistics on Australia's health and welfare.

'Deeply personal' work wins rich Parlt Art Prize



A DEEPLY personal painting by Darug artist Leanne Tobin has been named the winner of this year's \$40,000 NSW Parliament Aboriginal Art Prize. Tobin said the painting, called *Defending Country*, was done four months ago in direct response to an email circulated by a prominent Aboriginal organisation denying Darug people were Aboriginal and calling them 'pretenders to say the least'.

She said the work also tied in with the recent controversy surrounding newspaper columnist Andrew Bolt, and his comments about 'fair-skinned' Aboriginal people. "That wasn't in my thinking (in creating the work)," she said. "But it all ties in."

According to her artist's statement, *Defending Country* depicts a pale-skinned, blue-eyed woman who is a traditional custodian, standing amidst her ancestors – both living and those who have died.

"They stand united as Darug people; coming together from the many clans that share the Sydney region to uphold the right to custodianship of their land. They have stood unheard for so long but now the people have united in protesting the selling and destruction of country by the many people who came to this country later," it says.

"Today the colour of the traditional people's skin may vary, but the woman's story and her connections to country continue to run deep."

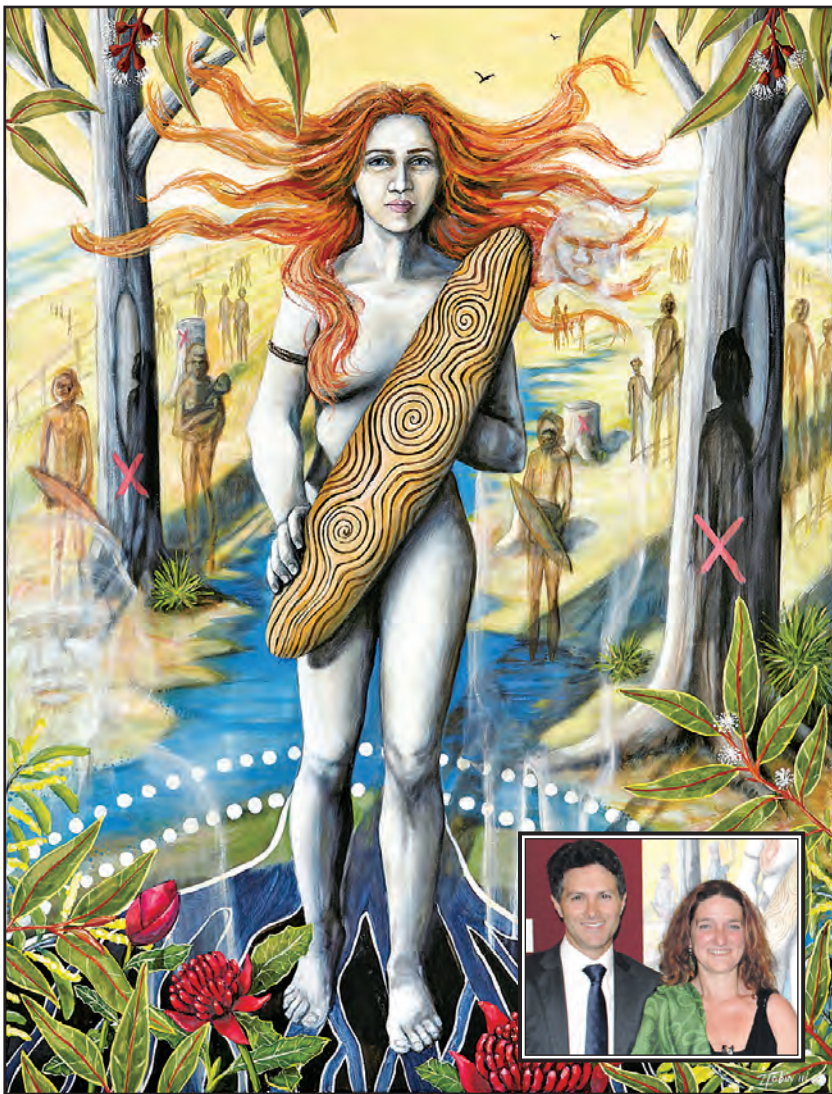
Speaking to the *Koori Mail*, Tobin said creating the work had been very healing.

"I've had unbelievable response," she said. "I've even had Darug aunties crying. I feel it's a celebration, not just for me, but for all Darug people... to have it acquired by Parliament, they are all just ecstatic..."

"It's like a reward for all the hard things I've had to go through, as well as a reward for the Darug people. It's speaking for my mother, my grandmother and many others who weren't allowed to speak up before."

"My best work comes when I don't have the ego involved, when I've got a story to tell that's about social justice."

Tobin said she was 'gob-smacked'



The winning artwork and, inset, Leanne Tobin with NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello at the award ceremony.

to realise the prize had doubled this year to \$40,000 thanks to sponsorship from mining company Coal & Allied, which is managed by Rio Tinto.

"The painting is directed at those such as developers, miners and land councils," she said. "Others who have come here since colonisation and taken our land and sold it with total disregard for us as the traditional custodians."

In addition to the main art prize, the awards ceremony on 19 October also encompassed the 2011 College of

Fine Arts Professional Development Award, which includes an artist residency at COFA, a solo exhibition at EPS Gallery, COFA and up to \$500 worth of art materials, travel expenses and per diems.

The winner this year was David Nolan, for his work *Flash Box* – a digital print reminiscing about flash cards the artists used when learning to read.

The winners of two additional student grants will be announced in the coming weeks.

Bowraville families want action



THE families of three murdered Aboriginal children from Bowraville in New South Wales say they're being ignored and treated with contempt by a judicial system that would have acted differently if their children had been white.

They've launched a petition – 21 years after the deaths – to ask the State Parliament for more action.

The three victims were 16-year-old Colleen Walker, Colleen's four-year-old cousin Evelyn Greenup, and 16-year-old Clinton Speedy-Duroux – all reported missing between September 1990 and February 1991, after parties at Bowraville Mission on the state's mid north coast.

Both Evelyn and Clinton's bodies were found, showing signs of trauma. Colleen's body is still missing, although her clothes were recovered in the Nambucca River.

A local labourer tried separately for Clinton and Evelyn's murders was acquitted, but the families want Attorney-General Greg Smith to exercise his powers to apply to the Court of Criminal Appeal to have the man retried and for all three cases to be tried together.

They say Mr Smith has had the second application for five months but has yet to consult with their law firm or the investigating police. "We no longer have any faith in the justice system," the families said in a statement being circulated with the petition.

Faith eroded

"Our faith has been eroded over the years by what appears to be a total lack of interest and empathy in our fight for justice by the decision makers within the legal system and the politicians who were elected to serve us."

"We believe we know what happened to our children. We believe the matters are related, to suggest otherwise is to ignore the circumstances surrounding their murders."

The statement said Mr Smith seemed oblivious to the fact that three grieving families were awaiting his decision.

"The only time the families are updated is when we make contact with the Attorney-General," it read.

"...It appears the murder of three Aboriginal children is not high on the priority list of the Attorney-General. We understand these matters might seem historical, but we are living with the pain every day. What should have more priority than the murder of three children?"

"It is abundantly clear to us that if it was three white children from an affluent suburb in Sydney who were murdered there would be a totally different response from the judicial system. We defy anyone to suggest otherwise."

The petition contains a list of questions, including whether the NSW Government considers it acceptable to take so long with his decision, how the previous Attorney-General made a decision on the application without consulting the law firm, investigating police or visiting the Bowraville area, and whether the Police Minister is satisfied with police investigations into the murders.

For more information, contact Leonie Duroux, C/- PO Bowraville, Bowraville NSW 2449 or (0429) 312 436.

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Court win for Hickey family



FAMILY members of T J Hickey, the young man whose death by impalement on a fence led to riots in Sydney's Redfern in 2004, have had most criminal charges against them dropped by a Sydney court.

The charges had been laid after police responded to a noise complaint at a house in Riverstone, in Sydney's north-west, on September 4 last year.

Members of the Hickey family had been celebrating Letisha Hickey's 21st birthday when police arrived.

Letisha, Robyn Hickey, 54, Jade Hickey, 31, Karen Bell, 40,

and Jodie McBride, 26, were charged with offences ranging from assaulting police to using offensive language and resisting arrest. Two juveniles were also charged.

Magistrate Alison Viney handed down her ruling in Parramatta Local Court, dismissing all six charges against Letisha Hickey.

Dismissed

Four charges against Robyn Hickey were also dismissed, but she was convicted on two counts of assaulting police and given a six-month good behaviour bond.

Jade Hickey had five charges against her dismissed but was convicted on two charges of

resisting a police officer.

She was placed on a 12-month good behaviour bond.

Karen Bell was found not guilty on four charges. She was convicted of using offensive language in a public place, but did not receive a penalty.

Jodie McBride was convicted of resisting a police officer and placed on a 12-month good behaviour bond.

But the magistrate dismissed or found her not guilty on four other charges.

Thomas 'T J' Hickey, 17, died in 2004 after losing control of his bicycle and becoming impaled on a metal fence while fleeing from a police car in Redfern in inner Sydney.



ACT delegates, from left, Rebecca Hanrahan, Irene Lind, Phill Nean, Lyle Swan and Judy Pettiford.



Back, from left, Aboriginal community liaison officer Daisy Ward, AIEOs Elaine Jones and Anthony Meredith and Students Services Coordinator at Ngaanyatjarra Lands School Shane Wilson. Front, from left, Dorothy Richards from Jameson, teacher Sandra Spring, and Ngaanyatjarra Lands School AIEO Cushia Holland.

Focus on education



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander teachers and students came together with researchers, policy-makers and administrators at the 2011 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Conference (NATSIEC) in Darwin last month.

The event was seen as an opportunity to review progress, celebrate achievements and map future pathways for closing the gap between the educational outcomes of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

The conference theme of 'Strong Start, Bright Future' emphasised the importance of focusing on educational opportunities and outcomes from birth to employment.

Key speakers included the Federal Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth Peter Garrett, Aboriginal educator Chris Sarra, and Professor Colleen Hayward, from Edith Cowan University.

There were also panel discussions on the links between the NT Intervention and school attendances and outcomes, and the role of schools and family/community in the teaching of language and culture.

Minister Garrett told delegates that the Government wanted to see big efforts go



The crew from NSW AECG.



Prof Colleen Hayward from ECU and Prof Sven Silburn from the Menzies Centre for Child Health and Development.

towards lifting opportunities for Aboriginal kids in education, but attendance was 'main game'.

"...If kids don't go to school, then it doesn't matter how much resources we've got in the education system, we won't get the education results we need,"

he told reporters afterwards.

"I know that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are capable of anything they set their minds to, but in order to get the education they need, they have to go to school, and we need to send a message to

everybody, including parents, that attendance is the main game."

Dr Sarra called for a 'high expectation' relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia, where both had 'a belief in the capacity of our children and that Aboriginal children deserve the very best that will enable them to develop to their fullest potential'.

He said the NT Intervention signalled a lack of belief in the sense of capacity and worth of Aboriginal Australians, and failed to acknowledge and honour the humanity of Aboriginal Territorians.

● See page 38 for social photos from the conference dinner.



Richard Hayes from DET Darwin and Arnold Von Senden, Indigenous cultural coordinator at McFarlane Primary School in Katherine.



Principal of Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic School on Bathurst Island, Leah Kerinaia, and Fran Murray from DET Darwin.



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With the new poster, from left, Ian Lancaster, Andrew Campbell, John Childs, Michael Douglas, Jabal Huddleston, Mona Liddy, Lizzie Sullivan and Lenny Liddy. Photo courtesy TRaCK

New fish poster helps put Wagiman on a good track



TRADITIONAL owners from the Pine Creek area in the Northern Territory have released a poster which documents cultural and scientific knowledge about fish species in the

Daly River. Launching the poster near the Daly River in the heartland of Wagiman country, the owners were joined by researchers from Charles Darwin University, the NT Government, and about 40 other visitors.

Wagiman traditional owner Mona Liddy said the Wagiman and researchers from the Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge (TRaCK) program had benefitted from the project, now in its sixth year.

"It's been really good to bring young and old people back together on country, and documenting the names of fish in a language which fewer people are speaking nowadays is a way of keeping that language and culture strong," she said.

"There have been other benefits for the Wagiman people in terms of employment and education, whether it was TAFE training for the rangers involved, people using the work towards their own studies, or kids using it as part of their high school projects.

"It's also been a learning curve for both groups, coming up with techniques for documenting that knowledge, to provide something that can be really useful for government."

Since 2006 the project has included fish surveys twice a year among many other workshops and events, and TRaCK aims to continue the work to provide a long-term data set for the Daly River.

TRaCK director Michael Douglas said information gathered through the project is already being used by the Northern Territory Government and results from the fish surveys will be used to monitor changes in the river over time.

"It's a real breakthrough in terms of combining Indigenous and Western science knowledge and giving recognition to and getting greater appreciation for the value of Indigenous knowledge," Prof Douglas said.

\$144,000 for 'lost' artwork



A 'LOST' Clifford Possum artwork (pictured below) has sold for \$144,000 at Sotheby's recent 'Important Aboriginal and Oceanic Art' sale.

The work, *Untitled (Emu Corroboree)*, had hung for almost 40 years in a New York home.

The daughter of the original recipient of the work said the family was unaware of its significance, nor the name of the artist, or even if it was African or Australian.

But as soon as Sotheby's Australia Indigenous art expert D'Lan Davidson saw it, he was certain it was a Clifford Possum, probably painted in 1972, at the same time as *Emu Corroboree Man* (which sold at auction in 2005 for \$412,000).

The work has still not been officially authenticated.

The 51cm x 35cm acrylic-on-board was lot 53 or 136 and was the highest-priced sale of the auction night.

Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri was born around 1932, north-west of Alice Springs, and took up painting after a life of droving and some early carving work.

One of the early members of the Western Desert art movement, he was later chairman of Papunya Tula Artists and travelled the world with exhibitions of his and his fellow artists' works.



New Aboriginal Affairs Minister is appointed



SOUTH Australian Environment Minister Paul Caica has added Aboriginal Affairs to his portfolio responsibilities following a Cabinet reshuffle by new Premier Jay Weatherill.

Minister Grace Portolesi has been promoted from Aboriginal Affairs, where she has come under constant attack from the Opposition in recent months, to the Education and Child Development portfolios.



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Court orders correction



THE *Herald Sun* newspaper has been ordered to publish a

correction beside Andrew Bolt's column, after the conservative commentator was found to have 'insulted, humiliated or intimidated' fair-skinned Aboriginal people.

The Federal Court ruled that two of Bolt's articles contained 'errors of fact, distortions of the truth and inflammatory and provocative language' and contravened the Racial Discrimination Act.

Justice Mordy Bromberg ordered the Melbourne paper to twice publish the corrective notice beside Bolt's column.

The 500-plus word notice outlines the court's ruling and

must be published in print and online and be of similar size to Bolt's column.

"The articles were reasonably likely to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate some Aboriginal persons of mixed descent who have fairer, rather than darker skin," the court-prepared notice reads.

Bolt's articles, which were published in 2009, were headlined 'It's so hip to be black' and 'White fellas in the black'.

Benefits

The articles suggested a number of fair-skinned Aboriginal people had chosen to identify as Aboriginal so they could gain benefits.

Bolt did not make an appearance at the ruling.

Outside court, members of

the group that took action against Bolt saw the order as a good outcome, but criticised his decision not to personally apologise.

Wayne Atkinson suggested Bolt's refusal to apologise could weigh on him forever.

"We're quite happy with the outcome, but for me personally, yes I think the (need for an) apology is still there, it will sit in the conscience of those people forever probably," he said.

Mr Atkinson's brother, Graham, said Bolt's articles had caused him stress.

"Why should I have to justify my identity to anybody?" he said.

"I've lived as an Aboriginal person all my life and for him to question that was way over the top." — AAP

ABS missed opportunity – Scullion



THE Australian Bureau of Statistics 'missed an opportunity' by excluding Aboriginal children from voluntary medical tests in the national health survey, a Senate hearing has been told.

The survey became embroiled in a racism row when it emerged Indigenous children would be excluded automatically from the voluntary medical testing element.

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Nigel Scullion asked officials from the ABS and Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health to justify their decision.

The national survey involves 50,000 randomly-sampled adults and children across the country and provides a snapshot of the health of Australians.

For the first time, the survey includes a voluntary collection of blood and urine samples to gauge chronic disease risk factors, such as high cholesterol and levels of nutrients such as iron or B vitamins.

The ABS is due to begin surveying 13,500 Indigenous people next April.

Senator Scullion said he was disappointed Indigenous children had

been excluded and called for the decision to be reversed.

"Given we are spending some \$2 billion on closing the gap in Indigenous health... I would have thought this was a fantastic opportunity to get some base line health data," he told a Senate estimates hearing in Canberra.

It also would help identify those deficient in nutrients such as vitamin D and folic acid.

ABS official Gemma Van Halderen said the decision had been made after consulting widely with Indigenous health experts who thought it inappropriate to attempt to test Indigenous kids.

Expected low participation rates would affect the quality of data.

"We were concerned about the response rates we would get from (Indigenous communities) and whether we would get meaningful results," Ms Van Halderen told the hearing.

Senator Scullion said there was only one way to find out how useful the information would be and that was to collect it in the first place.

"It would appear to me that you've made the decision before you have the information to make the decision," he said. – AAP



Territory Alliance workers with Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

Scholarships on offer



ABORIGINAL apprentices in Alice Springs are being given the chance to win one of four

\$1000 scholarships from Territory Alliance, which has been delivering housing works in the Alice Springs Town Camps as part of the Australian and Northern Territory Government \$150 million Alice Springs Transformation Plan.

Territory Alliance, a consortium led by Sitzler Pty Ltd, Laing O'Rourke and McMahon Services, has been working in Alice Springs for the past two years.

The scholarship, to be administered by the Master Builders Association, will be presented to local Aboriginal apprentices, with a \$1000 scholarship awarded each

year over the next four years towards apprenticeship costs such as tools, travel and accommodation.

During the alliance's time working in Alice Springs it has employed 62 Aboriginal workers, placed another 27 with sub-contractors and worked closely with organisations such as Ingkerreke Outstation Resources and Tangentyere Council. Eight young people were recruited through a partnership with the Clontarf Foundation.

"Through KLI Services, Territory Alliance ran four comprehensive pre-employment training courses for local people in late 2009 and early 2010 with more than 50 participants," Sitzler managing director Steve Margetic said. "Successful graduates were offered jobs starting in February 2010.

Tangentyere Employment Services were supportive of the process, arranging suitable local people for employment and training.

"Territory Alliance then developed career plans for each worker and engaged with registered training provider Advanced Training International to provide training in construction, carpentry, plumbing and civil construction.

"When we started, lots of people told us that Aboriginal people didn't want to work. The results speak for themselves. By providing a supportive work environment, the right training and a workplace mentor, we now have a pool of local Aboriginal people who have a good work ethic and the skills to go on to trade jobs in their home town of Alice Springs."

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Top honour to Centre of Excellence



FOR the energetic crew at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern,

Sydney, it's simply what they do.

But the difference their work is making to the lives of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people drew international praise last week when the flagship community, education, sport and recreation hub received the prestigious International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Trophy for Sport and Social Responsibility.

Each year the IOC launches a trophy, with each National Olympic Committee having the responsibility of identifying and selecting a recipient in its country.

The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) nominated NCIE for the 2011 trophy, which recognises people and organisations that have worked for social and education development within their communities.

AOC president John Coates said Indigenous athletes had played and continued to play a vital role in Australia's Olympic history through their membership of the country's Olympic teams over many years and sports.

"We know what an important role sport can play in enriching the lives of young Australians and the AOC joins the IOC in commending the NCIE for its work in encouraging young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to include sport in their lives and generally," he said.

Olympians

Nearly 40 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes have been selected for Olympic competition over the years, including swimmer Samantha Riley, hockey player turned athlete Nova Peris and, of course, runner Cathy Freeman, who won silver in the 400m at the 1996 Atlanta Games and backed it up with gold in the same event at the Sydney Olympic Games after lighting the Olympic Flame at the Opening Ceremony.

"Programs that provide access for Indigenous communities are crucial to promoting ideas and aspirations for Indigenous people," Ms Freeman said, upon learning of the NCIE's award.

"It is inspiring that the NCIE empowers Indigenous communities to involve themselves in programs that open up pathways and opportunities for them."

Federal Sport Minister Mark Arbib said the NCIE has clearly positioned itself at the forefront of the important area of social development.

"The NCIE has made an



Indigenous Olympians Nova Peris, Samantha Riley and Kyle Vander-Kuyp at NCIE with the International Olympic Committee 2011 Sport and Social Responsibility Award and Australian Olympic Committee endorsement.



NCIE board director Sol Bellea, Minister Mark Arbib, NCIE CEO Jason Glanville, NCIE co-chair Sam Jeffries, Australian Olympic Committee president John Coates and NCIE staff members PJ Borrell and Sara Hamilton with the International Olympic Committee 2011 Sport and Social Responsibility trophy and endorsement from the AOC.



The Olympic Trophy awarded to the NCIE.

incredible impact since it was opened in 2010, with thousands of Indigenous people from across Australia having accessed its fantastic facilities," he said.

"...The NCIE's programs promote an active and healthy lifestyle, while also giving each

participant a clear pathway to achieving improved learning, recreation and employment outcomes."

NCIE chief executive officer Jason Glanville said his team was thrilled with the recognition, and he thanked the AOC for their vote of confidence.

"Since our opening in February last year the NCIE has worked with our pathway partners to develop and deliver life-changing programs to more than 10,000 young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians," he said.

"I look forward to continuing our close relationship with the AOC to encourage and grow a new generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes."

The NCIE was officially opened in February last year. Its stated values of excellence, inclusiveness, growth and integrity complement those of the Olympic movement.

Yarning with Aboriginal Communities about Disability

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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	Gannambara Limited 32 Chaston St, Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga
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Tuesday 29th November	TBC	Condobolin (Damian)
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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
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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



KAREN HALL

Education worker, Brisbane

Favourite food?
Prawns.

Favourite bushtucker?
Riberries, straight off the bush.

Favourite drink?
Asti Martini.

What are you reading?
Anything by Stephen King.

What are you watching on TV?
True crime shows.

Favourite movie?
The first film that moved me was *The Sound of Music*. I didn't realise it at the time, but it was about the connection to land and space.

Favourite holiday destination?
'The Bay' – Hervey Bay, Qld. Nothing beats walking that beach.

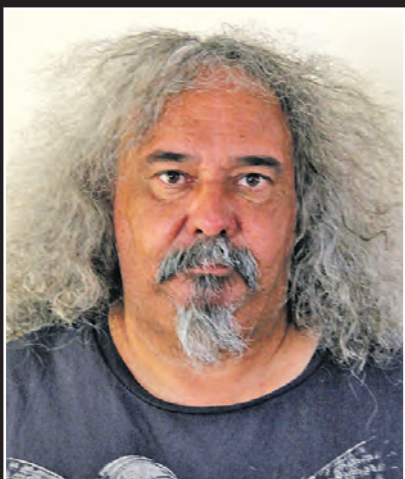
Favourite music?
Anything by Patsy Cline, Jim Reeves and Roy Orbison.

Favourite song?
Crazy, by Patsy Cline.

If you could have some people around the campfire for a feed and a yarn, who would you choose?
Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, (former Israeli prime minister) Golda Meir and Oodgeroo Noonuccal.

If there was one thing you could do to help our mob, what would it be?
To every child and adult who ever says 'I'm a bit Aboriginal', I would say 'Your Aboriginal blood flows through your whole body so you're Aboriginal!'

Quote



'What I think some of our people have forgotten is when they're presented to the Queen, they're acknowledging and bowing down to that monarchy which, for the past 200 years, has been totally responsible for the policies that have caused the dispossession of our people'

– Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation leader Robert Eggington on the Queen's visit

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Unquote

Different ways to take a stand

NOTWITHSTANDING the frustrations of Perth motorists inconvenienced on their runs to and from their city, last week's Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was much more than a traffic, parking and security nightmare.

It also threw up some difficult and complex questions for the local traditional owners, the Noongar people.

As you may have read, the level and extent of Noongar engagement in the official proceedings and the visit to Perth by the head of the Commonwealth Queen Elizabeth were hotly debated.

On one side, people like Robert Eggington and Elder Ben Taylor rallied against what they saw as 'bowing down' to a monarch who represents the forces that have dispossessed, marginalised and disadvantaged our people.

Both men were invited to take part in official proceedings but voted with their feet and declined.

On the other side, there were other Noongar Elders and leaders like Angus Wallam, Kenny Kickett and Veronica McGuire who decided they'd prefer to be inside the CHOGM tent. But, far from sucking up to the political and regal powers that be, they insist theirs was a principled stand.

We're reliably informed that some of those involved in various welcomes to country also attended the rally and march against CHOGM, as was their right.

Their approach was not unlike that taken by some Aboriginal people in 2001 when Australia marked the



OUR SAY

Centenary of the nation's Federation.

Efforts were made then to involve Aboriginal communities in the milestone. At first blush, these seemed incongruous, given that at the time of Federation Aboriginal people were considered little more than flora and fauna.

But some of our mob determined that, if they weren't involved in the celebrations, no-one would miss them; that later arrivals to this place could continue to turn a blind eye to the nation's unconscionable treatment of the First Australians.

Instead, they got involved and used the event as an opportunity to raise awareness of the need for truth and to involve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in all of the nation's affairs. Of course the two perspectives outlined here are very different from each other. But, in fact, both are important, entirely valid and staunch in their own way.

Thoughtfully and passionately articulated, they show that Aboriginal people have what it takes to stand alongside any head of state from anywhere.

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‘I’ve always wanted to dance my life away. But dancing is also a healing for me, it’s a beautiful way to express myself, my culture and my people.’ – Kathy Balngayngu Marika

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

KATHY BALNGAYNGU MARIKA was born with the Arnhem Land dust in her veins and her heart beat drumming to the song lines of her ancestors.

While she has spent much of her life away from Yirrkala in the Northern Territory, it is here she always returns. More than just a spiritual base, it is the place of belonging.

But Kathy Marika – senior Yolngu woman, Bangarra Dance Theatre artist-in-residence and 2011 Deadly Awards Dancer of the Year – admits her journey hasn’t always followed a straight line.

A carefree bush kid like her six siblings, Kathy spent her childhood running around the outskirts of Yirrkala, in Arnhem Land.

She learnt to hunt as soon as she could walk and by the time she was eight she was gathering food and interpreting Yolngu stories through song and dance.

Kathy’s earliest memories are sitting around the campfire with her mother and aunties practising her weaving and listening to the stories she now passes on to her own grandchildren. As a young child, she instinctively knew the importance of staying quiet and listening well.

“I come from a very strong family. My parents raised seven children and gave us a lot of respect and love as well as discipline. But they also had a lot of patience for our learning,” she said.

When Kathy returns home to the Northern Territory these days, it’s a welcome step back to the old world.

“I still go out hunting when I go home. I remember watching the seasons and how they change. I was taught to hunt from my father and survive on the land. It’s not just our way of life it’s an important survival lesson for us,” she says.

“When I think about my parents I understand how important it is to be strong and carry your culture with you wherever you go.”

It was this connection to country so deeply ingrained that saw Kathy – along with her four sisters and first cousin, the late Dr Marika – establish the Dhimurru Land Care Council in 1987.

“Nhulunbuy is a mining town but it used to be a very beautiful place and a special area for my father,” she says.

“He loved that place very much and held the stories that belonged to that area.

“When the mines came it destroyed everything, our habitats and land. We came together and talked about a land-care project to regenerate the flora and fauna, to get it back to where it was before.”

Tragedy

Kathy knows the tragedy that comes from disconnecting Aboriginal people from land and country. Her father lived long enough to see the destruction the mines were wreaking on the land and it devastated him.

“I was only about eight or nine when he died and I didn’t understand where he’d gone,” she recalls.

“My father was a hero to me and a very important man in our community. When I got a bit older my sisters told me our father died of a heartbreak of the land, because of the mines.”

When Kathy left Yirrkala in 1996 with her family she was searching for a change. First moving to Newcastle for



Kathy Marika in *Spirit*.
Photo by Leo Bonne

Strong in her culture

three years, she worked as an Aboriginal consultant for universities and TAFEs across the Hunter Valley, sharing her culture.

Kathy knows that no matter where you go, you hold your culture deep within you, and that’s what she’s taught her three children and four grandchildren.

But nothing could have prepared her for the devastating cycle of domestic

violence, threatening to break her spirit before divine guidance appeared in the form of a beer and a prayer.

“I went through a domestic violence relationship. I had my children through domestic violence and that became something in my head that never went away,” she said.

“I started drinking and you can’t turn your back on it, it’s so strong, the smell of

it, that craving that tells you drink, drink, come back tomorrow and have another one,” she remembers.

“You don’t worry about food, just getting money for more drink. I’m not joking. I used to beg for money so I could drink.”

Kathy knew something had to change.

“I went to the pub one day in 2004, I ordered a schooner of New and when I sat down on the table I put it down and I prayed for that schooner, I asked to please take away this smell, the craving and the taste from this beer right now,” she said.

“And when I took the first sip it turned into a water, like it had no taste at all. I walked out of the pub and I haven’t had a drink since.”

While Kathy believes there was a higher power at hand, she also knows the power of the mind cannot be underestimated.

“It’s like playing with your will-power, it’s a very strong mind connection that you make and it’s there all the time but we don’t know how to use it. You have to think about who you really want to be,” she says.

After so long looking through the haze of alcohol, Kathy is now clear-headed and more determined than ever.

“Who am I now? I’m Kathy Balngayngu Marika. Not the Kathy that used to be a drinker, not the Kathy that used to think about drinking first and going out with friends,” she says.

“Drinking drains all the culture and the knowledge out of you. I spend more time with the special people in my life. I’m happier and more caring.”

“I want to be there like a picture for my grandchildren, so they can see me, that I’m not gone and the alcohol hasn’t taken me away.”

Turning point

That year was a turning point for Kathy in more ways than one. What she didn’t realise at the time was that closing the door on domestic violence and alcohol opened up the door to a whole other world.

“It was very hard coming down from Yirrkala to Sydney, there was nothing for me down here at first, just living on sit-down money. No-one knew I was here or who I was,” she said.

Feelings of isolation and loneliness set in but, just when she needed it, a call came in from her Auntie Janet Munyarryun who had been working with students at NAISDA and Bangarra.

“She rang me and asked me to take over from her work because she was going home. I was so touched by her words, that she would pass on her work to me,” Kathy said.

At 54, Kathy is a senior woman of her clan and knows that to hold on to her stories she must pass them on to others. And that’s exactly what she’s been doing as Bangarra’s Artist-in-Residence, teaching the songs, stories and weaving traditions of her Yolngu people.

But it has taken a leap of faith to be able to share the sacred traditions entrusted upon her by her parents and community – something she doesn’t take lightly.

“The only time we can share is when we completely trust a person. I’ve known (Bangarra artistic director) Stephen (Page) for a very long time, 25 years. We’ve got to trust someone completely

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Public Notice

Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless and Rehabilitation Community Services

Annual General Meeting

Friday 25th November 2011 At 12:00 p.m.

At Yarra Bay Sailing Club Yarra Rd
Phillip Bay 2036

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Previous Minutes
3. Audit Reports
4. Elections of Office Bearers
5. General Business

Yours sincerely

Mr Ray Longbottom President

Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless
and Rehabilitation Community Services



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- Facilitate carer support groups and activities
- Provide support and advice to both community services and carers to improve the communication, support and training of Aboriginal Carers
- Support network opportunities for foster carers
- Provide access to appropriate training, community and cultural activities and events
- Information and advice

If you are an Aboriginal Carer, non-Aboriginal carer caring for Aboriginal children or are interested in becoming a carer;

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Grandmum Lucy an ambassador

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



FOUR years ago, at the age of 75, long-time Aboriginal resident of La Perouse Lucy Porter became the primary carer to her four grandchildren, which she says has been both rewarding and challenging.

Her change in role came at a time when she had become ill, and had been fitted with a pacemaker.

"All of a sudden you're doing all the washing, cooking and cleaning, getting the kids to school on time," she said.

"I was very tired. The boys said to me 'why don't you go on a holiday Nan?' I said 'there's too much to do, and what would I do with you boys?' And they said 'Oh we'll come with you'."

Having always lived in La Perouse, Lucy describes herself as lucky.

"It's changing now, but La Perouse was kind of like a village, so I've had community support, and terrific support from friends and family and the school," she said. "The saying that it takes a village to raise a child is true."

Lucy's also incredibly grateful to the Kool Kids Club, which provides after school and holiday programs to mostly Aboriginal kids from the La Perouse and Maroubra area.

"I'm 79 so I haven't got the energy to spread myself around," she says.

"There's a lot of things I can't do with the kids. I can't play football with them.... The Kool Kids Club takes them after school two or three times a week.

"They take them on Aboriginal surf camps most holidays... in my case it's kept me sane, that bit of extra time.

"You've got to entertain the kids somehow, and they don't miss out on things. Without the Kool Kids Club they would be missing out on a lot. They are



LUCY PORTER

such good role models."

Lucy said about 30 per cent of kids that the Kool Kids Club catered for were being raised by grandparents, and while the NSW Department of Community Services always used to provide funding, these days the situation was more precarious

"It's such an essential service," she said. "This year we've got funding again, and the Bendigo Bank have been fantastic. But there's no guarantee we'll get it again next year.

"(The Government) have put money into newborns up to the age of six, then there's money for kids over 13, but there's nothing for the seven to 13-year-olds (the age-group which the Kool Kids Club caters for), and this is the age when you really need to get hold of the kids, and educate them, and talk to them and set up role models for them, and spark their initiative.

"So many grandparents rearing their grandchildren are just exhausted putting

the food on the table in a lot of cases."

Lucy said the other thing she had found tough was the feeling of isolation.

"Any school or sporting event you go to you find that you are the oldest one there," she said. "You lose your own friends, and the younger generation (of parents), they've got different things to talk about, so you become socially isolated.

"My friends still ring me, and I ring them, but you don't go out any more."

Lucy has been named an ambassador to help promote the inaugural NSW Grandparents Day, which was celebrated last Sunday (30 October).

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, grandparents are now the largest provider of child care in the state, responsible for 40 per cent of all care, enabling parents to remain in or return to the workforce.

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell said grandparents were the unsung heroes in the community, and it was 'only appropriate' that they were recognised with a day in their honour.

He said the NSW Government had committed \$1 million over four years for the introduction of Grandparents Day.

"We understand the invaluable role grandparents have in families, enriching the lives of their grandchildren and other children in the community by providing care, mentoring and stability," he said.

"The role of grandparents are now more varied and diverse than ever before, with an increasing number providing informal care and formal out-of-home care.

"The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that the community views its older citizens in a positive light and recognises their capacity for independence. NSW Grandparents Day will be just one way in which we strive to achieve that aim."

Strong in her culture

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before we share our knowledge," she says.

"We see Stephen as a caretaker, and we're proud to have him."

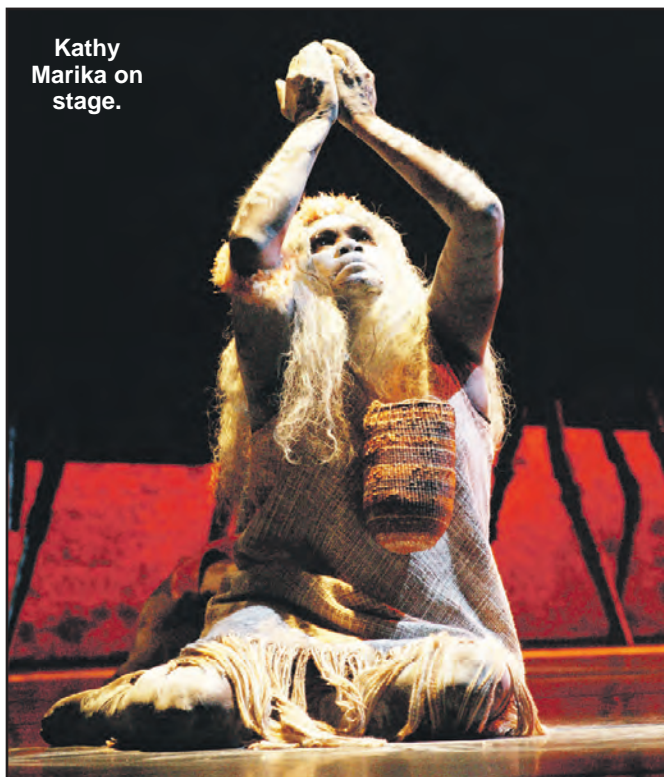
When Kathy walked onto the stage for Bangarra's production of *Bush* to a packed audience for the first time, it was with some trepidation. She had danced under the stars with her feet firmly planted in Yirrkala dirt hundreds of times before, but this was something completely different.

Bush marked her performance debut in contemporary dance theatre and she went on to perform in *Clan* in 2004, the *Bush* 2004 US tour and *Spirit* in 2006, both here and abroad. It's been a whirlwind journey.

"Sometimes you go with a shaky leg on the stage, it's a strange feeling not seeing the audience but knowing they can see you," she said.

"I've always wanted to dance my life away. But dancing is also a healing for me, it's a beautiful way to express myself, my culture

Kathy
Marika on
stage.



and my people."

Kathy says that for the Yolngu, to dance is everything.

"We dance when there's a big ceremony like an initiation

ceremony for young boys becoming men, we dance for joy at this. We dance when there's death in the family. We celebrate life and death through dance," she says.

If Kathy epitomises strength and grace, she knows it comes from a long line of strong cultural men and women who have taught her everything she knows. She silently acknowledges them each and every time she steps onto the stage to dance in their footsteps.

While Kathy was rewarded at this year's Deadly Awards with Dancer of the Year, she is modest about the honour. She is driven to share her culture because it is her life's purpose.

"I'm proud to be a Yolngu woman who carries my culture within me and teaches it down here. I know who I am and I don't have to pretend," she says.

"I just want to leave something beautiful behind for people to carry on for our next generation.

"Leaving something that is unique in the hands of someone who'll cradle it like a baby and keep it in their hearts, keep that knowledge in their minds and keep sharing and telling the stories."



Uncertainty over the first Aboriginal jockey to ride in the Melbourne Cup

IT is uncertain who was the first Aboriginal jockey to ride in a Melbourne Cup.

It was believed to be John Cutts who won the first and second cups in 1861 and 1862 riding Archer.

He was reputedly an Aboriginal stockman born in the same area where Archer was trained.

John Cutts Dillon was the son of a Sydney clerk, who rode for many trainers in his long career.

He was a well-liked gentlemen and also

a respected jockey in New South Wales.

It was also thought by some that Peter St Albans was the first Aboriginal jockey to win the Cup, on Briseis in 1876.

However, because St Albans was not quite 13-years-old he was too young to ride in the cup. And because his birth date and parents were unknown, the legend of him being Aboriginal grew.

It seems both of these legends were later disproved.

It appears history had to wait nearly another 100 years for a second (but first in

the modern era) jockey of Indigenous heritage to ride a Melbourne Cup winner. This was Frank Reys in 1973 on Gala Supreme. He had a Filipino father and a part-Aboriginal mother.

Aboriginal people are still questioning why the Aboriginal Jockeys who rode in the first Melbourne Cup in 1861 weren't officially named and recognised so that it was down on record and people could see what they achieved.

JENNIFER LYONS
La Perouse, NSW

POETRY

The Imparja Cup

The mighty MacDonnell Ranges watch the action unfold the Imparja Cup is under way what a sight to behold.

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A game rich with tradition bound by chance and skill a truthful form of expression the ultimate test of one's will.

Towering straight sixes elegant cover drives lion-hearted bowling spells defying the heat and flies.

The audience comprises many different mobs cheering out their lungs proud of where they're from.

This festival of cricket a jewel in the calendar year a celebration of our beloved game and the cultures that were first here.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

A Blessing Under A Curse

From a faraway country, the stranger came, Looking to colonise, was their aim.

With strength of disease, the gun and Bible in hand, They took us captive, also our land.

Changing the ordinance in the land There was no fear. Transgressing the Law of the Land They had no fear! Innocent blood spilt, has defiled our sacred ground, What was built up, they tore down.

The blessing that was, has been taken away, And in its place, a curse still remain. For to break the Law, we all must pay, And that is suffering and death As it is this day.

ELVINA PALMER
By email

Where's justice for Bellottis?

Rex Bellotti supporters take action

Group in protest march to police station

By LIZ MURRAY



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

Rex Bellotti Jnr, who was a promising young footballer, was hit by a police vehicle in Albany on 6 March, 2008 and badly injured. He did not receive necessary treatment for many hours after the event.

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

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

The Bellotti Support Group stages the rally at Albany's Museum Park on 23 July aimed at pressing the government for justice.



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



thing about the incident," he said. A local newspaper report published four days after the incident became the catalyst for the rally.

Mr. George said that in the report, police commented "it appeared the teenager had deliberately walked in front of the oncoming car."

He said the officer's suggestion that Rex Bellotti Jnr was killed in

I HAVE written previously on the social and cultural disaster that arose from a dangerously driven West Australian police car driving on the wrong side of a curve/corner and smashing into the lower body of Rex Bellotti Jnr. This occurred some two-and-a-half years ago but still the Bellotti family, and especially Rex Jnr, are no nearer to a justice outcome, or even some proper compensation.

Neither the WA police nor the WA Government, their employer, will come to a justifiably satisfactory result that will allow the Bellotti family, especially Rex Jnr, to be able to move on with their lives. He will need specialist accommodation to suit his future needs, but it seems that the WA Government is only willing to suggest that Rex Jnr can move into an Elders accommodation unit or some other style of nursing home.

This putrid reply from a Government drowning in mining dollars is nothing but an insult, not only to the Bellotti family but to all Aboriginal people throughout this country.

Is it any wonder that the family are angered by such an answer?

How long is the family expected to be on the receiving end of this racist treatment. Where is the apology from both the WA police and the WA government?

Where is the rightful compensation for the family brought about by this criminal act of the police?

Where is the justice?

The family have every right to show their righteous anger and frustration at the callous treatment being forced upon them because of actions of the WA police.

That Rex Jnr was not killed in

this dangerous driving event is a real miracle. That he and his family are absolutely due their rightful apology and compensation goes without question.

Again it seems that the police are able to call the shots and dictate to WA Police Minister Rob Johnson how this case is to be dealt with. I very much doubt that the Bellotti family will receive an apology from the WA police. That being so, we need to put pressure on to Rob Johnson to settle this case fairly and with just compensation. Write or post to Rob Johnson calling for real justice for the Bellotti family.

Join your anger at the family's racist disrespect shown by the WA police and the WA Government.

RAY JACKSON
President
Indigenous Social
Justice Association

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Day to remember

ON the 11th day of the 11th month in this, the year 2011, Australians around the country and the world will pause for a moment of silence to remember all those who have given so much in service to our nation.

This moment of silence honours those who have been affected by war, especially the more than 102,000 Australians who have made the ultimate sacrifice – including the families of 29 young diggers who have lost their lives in Afghanistan.

I encourage all Australians – no matter where you are, or what you are doing – to wear a red poppy and pause for a moment of reflection this Remembrance Day.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) has a range of tools freely available for those holding a Remembrance Day ceremony, including a step-by-step guide and audio files of the National Anthem and the Last Post.

This year also marks the centenary of the formation of the Royal Australian Navy,



Photo: Wayne Quilliam

and to honour this significant milestone a commemorative poster has been produced and distributed to schools and ex-service organisations.

All of these resources

are available on the DVA website at www.dva.gov.au/remembranceday.htm

I urge all Australians to take the time to remember our courageous servicemen and

women, past and present, this 11 November.

WARREN SNOWDON MP
Federal Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Judgment is not fair

I WRITE in reply to a letter in Your Say (5 October) titled Feeling Let Down.

I know how that person feels – it does hurt to have our own mob judge you because of colour ... or lack of it.

To Andrew Bolt, I say shame. Read your history on the invasions.

To the people who judge me and say 'you don't look Aboriginal', well, what is an Aboriginal supposed to look like?

Some of us are fair. Some of us are olive or dark skin.

But we have our culture and Dreaming inside. We know who we are.

To the people who say there are no Indigenous people in Tasmania, put a sock in it.

There are, and I am one of them.

Read your history. I know who I am, and my culture too.

I lived bush way in a remote area in Tasmania – no power, shops etc.

I loved it.

I feel judged. People like me are all over Australia, but we can't win.

If people are black-skin Aboriginal, White people call them black bastards. If like me they have paler skin, it's 'you're Aboriginal, one of us, you're joking'.

NAJELLA GREEN
by email



Four afternoons a week at the Kids Future Club in Derby WA, children can share a meal while learning about literacy, health and nutrition. In turn, this knowledge is passed on to their families. It's a program based on kinship and it's supported by you through the Lotterywest games you play.



Catchment Management Authority
Sydney Metropolitan

Board Member

Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority

The Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority (SMCMA) is seeking expressions of interest for three part-time Board members. Each member will be appointed for a term of up to three years and be eligible for reappointment. The Board is responsible to the Minister for Primary Industries for coordinating natural resource management programs within the catchment.

Essential criteria:

- Board members should reside within the catchment and be able to demonstrate:
- Active community involvement and appreciation of the diverse range of community values and sensitivities
- Understanding of key environmental and natural resource management issues
- Working knowledge of land use and a capacity to encourage sustainable developments within the catchment
- A proven track record in building relationships and working collaboratively with others
- Broad knowledge and practical skills in one or more of the following areas:
 - Local and NSW Government administration
 - Consultation, negotiation and facilitation
 - Environmental, social and economic analysis
 - Aboriginal cultural heritage
 - Community leadership
 - Biodiversity conservation
 - Business administration
 - Water quality
 - Primary production

Board members are expected to attend 11 Board meetings and other sub-committee meetings each year and are expected to hold Australian Institute of Company Directors qualifications, or attain them within 12 months of appointment.

Board members are entitled to a remuneration package of \$20,600. Applications addressing the selection criteria close **Monday, November 21, 2011**

Enquiries: John Carse (02) 9895 6272 or email:
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www.sydneycma.nsw.gov.au

Aboriginal rock art expert

PROFESSOR George Chaloupka, an expert in Aboriginal art, has died in Darwin aged 79.

Prof Chaloupka extensively studied Aboriginal rock art in Arnhem Land.

He believed the art was the longest continuing tradition of its type in the world, and he catalogued more than 3500 art sites.

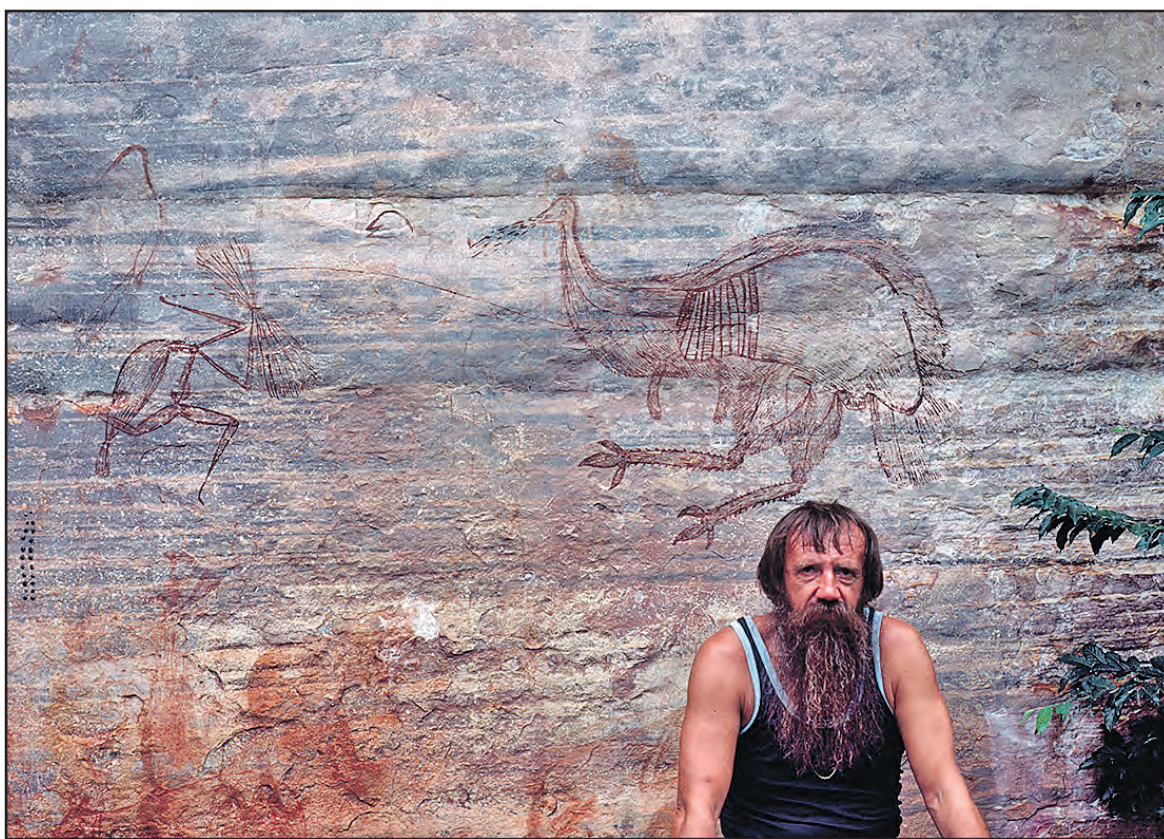
His insights have been seen as a trigger that changed perceptions of Aboriginal settlement of the region.

Prof Chaloupka will be honoured by the Northern Territory Government with a state funeral.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) chairperson Mick Dodson paid tribute to Prof Chaloupka.

“Dr Chaloupka made a magnificent contribution to the identification, documentation and interpretation of Aboriginal rock art in the Northern Territory,” he said.

“He saw his first rock paintings in 1958 – the year he settled in the Top End from communist Czechoslovakia – and is credited to having discovered and documented more than 3500



A file photo of the late Professor George Chaloupka with rock art in the Northern Territory.

Aboriginal rock art sites in Arnhem land.”

Prof Dodson said that Dr Chaloupka, who was awarded the

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), established a sympathetic rapport with the Aboriginal communities across Arnhem Land

so that his site recordings became more meaningful in terms of present traditional Aboriginal land ownership.

“He assisted Aboriginal people in recording their site objectively, with his work later becoming of considerable assistance to prehistorians and other research workers in the Top End,” Prof Dodson said.

“Dr Chaloupka reminded the world that Australian Aboriginal rock art, as practised in Arnhem Land, is the world’s longest continuing art tradition – a heritage of the First Australians and a unique treasure of universal importance.

“He noted that Aboriginal rock art is a tradition that is not merely decorative, but provides a journey in time – a pictorial record of the longest surviving culture on earth.”

Northern Territory Chief Minister Paul Henderson also praised Prof Chaloupka.

“He used examples of the ancient artworks as evidence of Territory Aboriginal people’s continuing attachment to their homelands in submissions to the Fox Report that led to Australia’s first land rights claim and the establishment of Kakadu National Park,” he said.

Prof Chaloupka is survived by his wife Pina Giuliani and three children from a previous marriage. – with AAP

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The National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander, Music, Sport, Entertainment & Community Awards

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Indigenous culture, languages, visual arts and broadcasting funding for 2012-13

Is your organisation or community group involved in an Indigenous arts or culture project?

You can apply for funding in 2012-13 through these Australian Government programs:

- Indigenous Culture Support
- Indigenous Languages Support (formerly Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records program)
- Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support (formerly National Arts and Crafts Industry Support program)
- Indigenous Broadcasting Program

For more information about the programs and how to apply, visit www.arts.gov.au/indigenous or call 1800 006 992

Applications close 5:00pm AEDST Friday, 3 February 2012

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Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

End of year checklist for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations

Now that the 2010-11 financial year has closed it's time to prepare your reports and hold your annual general meeting (AGM).

Do it now. Don't be late!

- ☒ Call and hold AGM

Due between 1 July and 30 November

- ☒ Lodge 2010-11 reports with the Registrar*

Due between 1 July and 31 December

*All corporations must lodge their 2010-11 reports with the Registrar according to their registered size and income.

Lodge your 2010-11 reports online!

It's easy and it will save you time.

Register at <https://online.oric.gov.au>.

The Registrar may take action against any corporation that does not report by 31 December 2011. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* the maximum penalties for each report not lodged are: corporations—\$13 750, secretaries—\$550.

NEED HELP?

If you need help filling in your reports, are not sure what to lodge or you just need extra time, contact the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC).

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Mansell ire over killing of Gaddafi

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL activist and lawyer Michael Mansell has criticised the Western media's 'gloating and rejoicing' over the execution of his 'old friend', Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

"I see nothing to rejoice in a human being murdered," he said.

"Even if Libyans wanted him removed that does not justify an assassination."

"The rule of law should prevail, not the rule of the gun."

In 1987, in a bid to highlight the treatment of Aborigines in Australia, Mr Mansell and a delegation of Aborigines went to meet Colonel Gaddafi in Misrata, Libya.

It was the lead-up to Australian Bicentennial celebrations, and the trip caused a media frenzy, condemnation from the then Prime Minister Bob Hawke, and made Mr Mansell a household name.

He travelled using an Aboriginal Provisional Government passport and said he openly supported Libyan funding of the IRA and would have accepted Libyan money had it been offered.

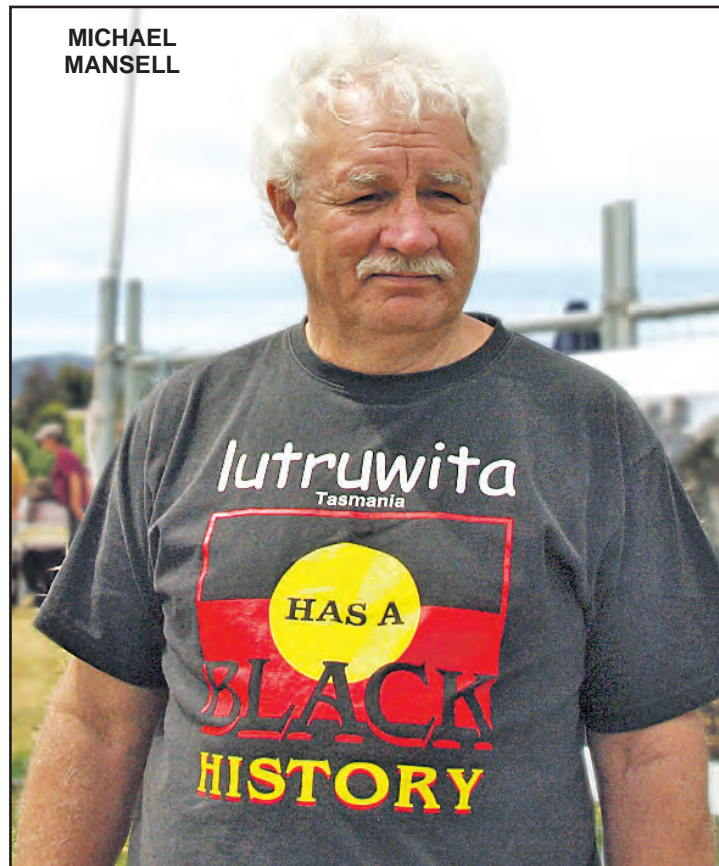
Mr Mansell said, at the time, Colonel Gaddafi, whom he described as charismatic, was adored by the Libyan people and was making a difference. Mr Mansell believes Col Gaddafi lost touch with his people and failed to keep pace with social change.

"I have often been asked what I thought of Mr Gaddafi," Mr Mansell said.

"I guess one has to compare him with other world leaders.

"Mr Gaddafi did not kill as many innocent women and

MICHAEL MANSELL



children in Afghanistan and Iraq as (US President) Barack Obama has.

"Nor did Mr Gaddafi supply Israel with the phosphorous bombs or the planes to drop them from on Palestinian civilians in 2009 as Obama did.

"Nor did Mr Gaddafi threaten

Court. "Americans are now able to replace leaders in Serbia, Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya without challenge or scrutiny," he said.

"Assassination is the American modus operandi as we saw in Pakistan with Osama Bin Laden and the earlier lynching of Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

"No foreign leader out of step with the US is safe, especially when oil is involved.

"Yet the Western media continue to operate as an extension of Western government

propaganda, being 'entrenched' with the western forces and in the case of Libya, openly rejoicing at Gaddafi's death."

Human Rights Watch has also criticised the killing of Col Gaddafi and his son.

'Mr Gaddafi did not kill as many innocent women and children in Afghanistan and Iraq as (US President) Barack Obama has'

to invade North Korea and Iran as Mr Obama has."

Mr Mansell believes Mr Obama should be arrested for crimes against humanity and war crimes, and brought to trial in the International Criminal



ABORIGINAL community leader Robert Bropho, who was jailed for child sexual assault, has died aged 81.

In 2008, the West Australian District Court convicted him on five counts of unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl under 13 years between 1990 and 1991.

He pleaded not guilty to seven charges but was acquitted of two because the

victim's age had not been clear at the time of the alleged offences.

Bropho's victim told the court she was paid to have sex with him from the age of 11.

He was jailed for three years but in 2009 he had his sentence for child sex offences doubled to six years after failing in a bid to have his conviction dismissed.

The Aboriginal leader, who compared himself to Martin Luther King and Gandhi during

his trial, was head of the Swan Valley Nyoongar community for more than 40 years.

He led a protest in the late 1980s against the redevelopment of Perth's Swan Brewery site.

The camp was closed by the WA Government in 2003 amid allegations of violence, child abuse and suspicious deaths.

Bropho died from natural causes at Royal Perth Hospital. — AAP

Robert Bropho dead at 81

Competition winners named



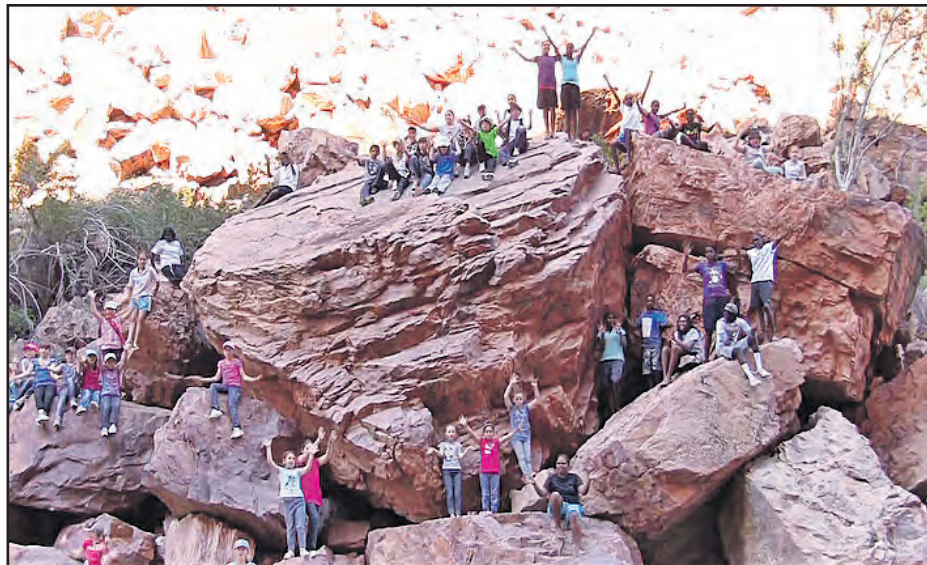
YIRARA College and Living Waters School in Alice Springs and Collarenebri Central School, NSW, are the winners of GenerationOne's Hands Across Australia School Competition for 2011.

Across Australia School Competition for 2011.

Partnering with the Australian School of Performing Arts, the competition encourages teachers and students to engage with Indigenous education, employment and training and ending the disparity between Indigenous and other Australians in one generation.

Both entries into the competition have been awarded a GenerationOne – Hands Across Australia Education Award valued at \$15,000. A record 130 schools entered the competition this year, with video entries from schools as diverse as inner city Sydney to the outback of Queensland and Western Australia.

A partnership between Yirara and Living Waters Lutheran Colleges won the top prize in the performance category, which saw the school perform and film a



A image from the winning Yirara College and Living Waters School entry.
version of the *GenerationOne – Hands Across Australia* theme song in its original format.
The students met at Simpsons Gap just outside of Alice Springs to film parts of their entry which they called 'Closing the Gap!'
Collarenebri Central School took the

prize in the reform category, a filmed school performance of an artistic interpretation of the song – a new category for 2011. The school community joined together to produce a rap which addressed the issues of employment and education in Aboriginal communities.

GenerationOne CEO Tim Gartrell also awarded a CEO's commendation this year to the schools which demonstrated a strong partnership. Hume Public School and North Sydney Demonstration School were the winners of this \$1000 prize.

This year, GenerationOne founders Andrew and Nicola Forrest, Kerry Stokes and James Packer awarded a Founders Prize to Lightning Ridge Central School. Mr Forrest said the Lightning Ridge clip showed 'great musical talent that got the message across that working together we can all beat the disparity through the performance of these kids'.

The competition also included a People's Choice Award based on popular votes, with the prize of an Apple Macbook Pro pack valued at \$3000. This went to Kaliana Special School in Victoria.

Blueprint for health



THE QUEENSLAND Government now has a blueprint for reforming the Indigenous health sector. Developed by Indigenous people,

the blueprint outlines seven changes that need to be done to improve Indigenous health and 'close the gap'.

They include the implementation of the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council Comprehensive Primary Health Care model and the establishment of a function in the National Health Performance Authority that specifically monitors Indigenous people.

The establishment of three regional institutes for Indigenous health in Queensland and the establishment of a Queensland Aboriginal and Islander health reform council are also recommended.

And it also includes the transfer to community control in remote and regional Queensland under

"There is a shared will to make real and rapid inroads into closing the gap and I'm confident that the blueprint provides a constructive way to achieve those changes."

– QAIHC CEO Selwyn Button



the institutes and reform council and funding reform and enhanced community controlled sector self-regulation.

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Curtis Pitt launched the blueprint, saying it was a landmark event.

The Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC), the State and

Commonwealth governments and General Practice Queensland developed the paper.

QAIHC chief executive Selwyn Button said Indigenous Queenslanders developed the blueprint for Indigenous Queenslanders.

"It details seven tangible and actionable reform initiatives that will go a long way to closing the gap," he said.

"We are all too familiar with the statistics that shine a light on the gap between the health of Indigenous Australians and that of the rest of the Australian community.

"It's a daunting task closing the gap and this blueprint maps the way forward through real, robust reforms."

The blueprint comes amid reforms throughout Australia's

health system.

"There's no better time than now to capitalise on the momentum of reform and begin realising the blueprint and bring these seven reform initiatives to life," Mr Button said.

"The first step is to implement QAIHC's Comprehensive Primary Health Care Model.

"At the core of this model is community controlled care – an approach that is proving to yield great results in improving Aboriginal and Islander Health wherever it is in operation.

"To implement the blueprint QAIHC looks to its strategic partnerships with the Queensland Government, Commonwealth Government and General Practice Queensland.

"There is a shared will to make real and rapid inroads into closing the gap and I'm confident that the blueprint provides a constructive way to achieve those changes.

"I'm very proud of the blueprint. It provides QAIHC and our partners with a clear way forward."

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2:00 Chocolate Martini PG
5:00 Yeyekerte G
6:00 Letter Box G
6:30 Like, Me Like You G
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G
7:30 Lil Elvis G
8:00 Waabiny Time G
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G
9:00 Bizou G
9:30 Go Lingo G
10:00 The Dreaming G
10:30 A Thousand Suns PG
11:00 On The Edge PG
11:30 Not a Willing Participant PG
12:00 Whare Maori PG
12:30 Segments and Short Films PG
1:00 When Colin Met Joyce PG
2:00 Drinking for Two PG
2:30 Bizou G
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6:00 Whare Maori PG
6:30 Life of the Town PG
7:00 NITV News NC
7:30 The Dreaming G
8:00 Surfing the Healing Wave PG
8:30 Navajo Springtime PG
9:30 2011 Island of Origin Doc NC
10:00 Mer Rikwer-akert G
10:30 Ella 7's G
11:00 NITV News NC
11:30 Searching for God PG

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Roots Music PG
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10:00 Opinion Piece NC
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11:00 NITV News NC
11:30 Searching for God PG

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Volumz 2 PG
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G
6:30 Lil Elvis G
7:00 Waabiny Time G
7:30 Yarramundi Kids G
8:00 Bizou G
8:30 Go Lingo G
9:00 Letter Box G
9:30 Black Pearls G
10:30 YAARNZ 3 PG
11:30 Source to Sea PG
12:00 NITV News in Review NC
12:30 Lore Poles PG
1:00 Memory Tree PG
2:00 Black Tracks NY PG
2:30 Black Tracks NY PG
3:00 Thanks for All the Fish PG
3:30 Five Seasons PG
4:30 Finding Our Talk PG
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG
5:30 NITV News in Review NC
6:00 When Colin Met Joyce PG
7:00 Red Rock Earth PG
7:30 A Thousand Suns PG
8:00 Navajo Springtime PG
9:00 Source to Sea PG
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6:30 Black Tracks ImagiNative PG
7:00 Portrait of a Distant Land PG
7:30 My Brother Vinnie PG
8:00 Night Cries: A Rural Tragedy PG
8:30 Crossing the Line PG
9:30 Hypothetical: Closing the Gap PG
10:30 Yarning Up: Behind the Scenes PG
11:00 Black Pearls PG

MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Roots Music PG
1:00 InTunes PG
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG
5:00 Yeyekerte G
6:00 Letter Box G
6:30 Like, Me Like You G
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G
7:30 Lil Elvis G
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8:30 Yarramundi Kids G
9:00 Bizou G
9:30 Go Lingo G
10:00 The Dreaming G
10:30 Apekathe PG
11:00 Buffalo Legends PG
12:00 Whare Maori PG
12:30 Aeroplane Dance PG
1:30 Lore Poles PG
2:00 Source to Sea PG
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5:00 Grounded G
5:30 NITV News NC
6:00 Whare Maori PG
6:30 Life of the Town PG
7:00 NITV News NC
7:30 The Dreaming G
8:00 Ravens and Eagles PG
8:30 Global Voice PG
9:30 Finding Our Talk PG
10:00 Finding Our Talk PG
10:30 Wrap me Up in Paperbark PG
11:00 NITV News in Review NC
11:30 Searching for God PG

TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Roots Music PG
1:00 InTunes PG
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG
5:00 Yeyekerte PG
6:00 Letter Box G
6:30 Like, Me Like You G
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G
7:30 Lil Elvis G
8:00 Waabiny Time G
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G
9:00 Bizou G
9:30 Go Lingo G
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8:00 Message Stick PG
8:30 Crook Hat PG
9:00 Living Black NC
9:30 Opinion Piece NC
10:00 Opinion Piece NC
10:30 Going Bush PG
11:00 NITV News NC
11:30 Searching for God PG

WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

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8:30 Crook Hat PG
9:00 Not a Willing Participant PG
9:30 On the Edge PG
9:00 On the Up and Up PG
10:00 Women of the Sun: 25 Years On PG
11:00 NITV News NC
11:30 Searching for God PG

THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Roots Music PG
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4:00 Waabiny Time G
4:30 Go Lingo G
5:00 Grounded G
5:30 NITV News NC
6:00 Whare Maori PG
6:30 Life of the Town PG
7:00 NITV News NC
7:30 The Dreaming G
8:00 Black Tracks PG
8:30 Whale Dreamers PG
10:00 Gang Girls PG
11:00 NITV News NC
11:30 Searching for God PG

FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Roots Music PG
1:00 InTunes PG
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG
5:00 Yeyekerte PG
6:00 Letter Box G
6:30 Like, Me Like You G
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G
7:30 Lil Elvis G
8:00 Waabiny Time G
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G
9:00 Bizou G
9:30 Go Lingo G
10:00 The Dreaming G
10:30 Living Strong PG
11:00 Kulka PG
12:00 Whare Maori PG
12:30 Whale Dreamers PG
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5:00 Grounded G
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6:00 Whare Maori PG
6:30 Life of the Town PG
7:00 NITV News NC
7:30 The Dreaming G
8:00 Pacifica PG
8:30 The Forgotten PG
9:00 Yaarnz PG
10:00 Global Voice PG
11:00 NITV News NC
11:30 Searching for God PG

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Volumz 2 PG
6:00 Wapos Bay G
6:30 Lil Elvis G
7:00 Waabiny Time G
7:30 Yarramundi Kids G
8:00 Bizou G
8:30 Go Lingo G
9:00 Letterbox Pro G
9:30 Black Pearl PG
10:30 Yaarnz PG
11:30 Source to Sea PG
12:00 NITV News in Review NC
12:30 Lore Poles PG
1:00 Memory Tree PG
2:00 Black Tracks NY PG
2:30 Black Tracks NY PG
3:00 Thanks for All the Fish PG
3:30 Five Seasons PG
4:30 Finding our Talk PG
5:00 Tales of Oceania PG
5:30 NITV News in Review NC
6:00 Women of the Sun: 25 Years On PG
7:00 Red Earth PG
7:30 Urban Clan PG
8:30 Whale Dreamers PG
10:00 Edge of America PG
11:30 Tortilla Soup M

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

01:30 Volumz PG
7:30 Waabiny Time G
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G
8:30 Bizou G
9:00 Go Lingo G
9:30 Yeyekerte G
10:30 Yaarnz G
11:00 Black Pearl PG
12:00 NITV News in Review NC
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5:30 NITV News in Review NC
6:00 My Bush Tukka Adventures PG
6:30 Black Tracks PG
7:00 Rosalie's Story PG
7:30 Mr Patterns PG
8:30 Boomalli: 5 Koori Artists PG
9:00 Here's My Hand PG
9:30 Lore Poles PG
10:00 Fringe Dwellers PG

MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Roots Music PG
1:00 InTunes PG
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG
5:00 Yeyekerte G
6:00 Letter Box G
6:30 Like, Me Like You G
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G
7:30 Lil Elvis G
8:00 Waabiny Time G
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G
9:00 Bizou G
9:30 Go Lingo G
10:00 The Dreaming G
10:30 The Golden Cord PG
11:30 Taa Moko PG
12:00 Whare Maori PG
12:30 Kulka PG
1:30 Six Crossroads PG
2:00 Poi PG
2:15 Yota Dreaming PG
2:30 Bizou G
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G
3:30 Lil Elvis G
4:00 Waabiny Time G
4:30 Go Lingo G
5:00 Grounded G
5:30 NITV News NC
6:00 Whare Maori PG
6:30 Life of the Town PG
7:00 NITV News NC
7:30 The Dreaming G
8:00 Ravens and Eagles PG
8:30 Suddenly Sami PG
9:30 Finding our Talk PG
10:00 Finding our Talk PG
10:30 Turn Back PG
10:45 Poi PG
11:00 NITV News in Review NC
11:30 Searching for God PG

TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

12:00 The Last Explorer PG
12:30 Red Earth PG
1:00 InTunes PG
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG
5:00 Yeyekerte PG
6:00 Letter Box G
6:30 Like, Me Like You G
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G
7:30 Lil Elvis G
8:00 Waabiny Time G
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G
9:00 Bizou G
9:30 Go Lingo G
10:00 The Dreaming G
10:30 Yaarnz G
11:00 Kulka PG
12:00 Whare Maori PG
12:30 Suddenly Sami PG
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2:30 Bizou G
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3:30 Lil Elvis G
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5:00 Grounded G
5:30 NITV News NC
6:00 Whare Maori PG
6:30 Life of the Town PG
7:00 NITV News NC
7:30 The Dreaming G
8:00 Message Stick PG
8:30 My Colour PG
8:45 Yota Dreaming PG
9:00 Living Black NC
9:30 Opinion Piece NC
10:00 Opinion Piece NC
10:30 Opinion Piece NC
11:00 NITV News in Review NC
11:30 Searching for God PG

WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Roots Music PG
1:00 InTunes PG
2:00 Chocolate Martini PG
5:00 Yeyekerte G
6:00 Letter Box G
6:30 Like, Me Like You G
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G
7:30 Lil Elvis G
8:00 Waabiny Time G
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G
9:00 Bizou G
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10:30 Rosalie's Story PG
11:00 NITV News NC
11:30 Searching for God PG



Abbott warns over welfare trap



TONY ABBOTT



FEDERAL Opposition Leader Tony Abbott says any rise in Indigenous living conditions will only come from individuals improving their own lives.

Mr Abbott spent four days in Cape York, north Queensland, last month with his daughter Frances, on a trip he originally

planned for July but was forced to postpone.

He took part in the Bush Owner-Builder program at Billy Boil, 80kms from Cooktown.

The program, run by Indigenous leader Noel Pearson, provides a loan of up to \$25,000 to Indigenous families who want to build their own homes on traditional land. The loan is expected to be paid off in three

years and the family must provide some of the labour to build the house from bush materials milled on site.

Mr Abbott said lifting Aboriginal people out of passive welfare could not be done through government spending on a 'geographic' basis.

"The focus for economic development has to be individual rather than

geographic," he said.

"Fostering an entrepreneurial mindset in people can work, while subsidising particular developments in specific places is almost certain to fail."

He said those who had lifted themselves out of the welfare trap were prepared to travel to work in mines and other projects to 'make the most of economic opportunities'. - AAP

Stolen pay fears raised



CHILDREN of stolen wages claimants who die before they receive payments may not be eligible for the money, a meeting in Townsville has been told.

About 80 people attended the meeting at St Teresa's Church which was organised by the Queensland Council of Unions (QCU). The theme of the meeting was 'It Is Time To Settle'.

QCU has finalised its statement of claim for the test trial which is being held on behalf of stolen wages claimant Uncle Conrad Yeatman.

A date for the hearing is expected soon.

Uncle Conrad was a former carpenter and labourer in Queensland who had his wages withheld since he began work at 14. His story is one of hundreds the QCU has heard in its travels around Indigenous communities from some of the 7500 claimants.

QCU secretary Ron Monaghan said the setting of a trial date was a welcome step towards justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers in making the Queensland Government move toward addressing injustices of the past.

From 1904 to 1972 the wages and savings of Indigenous workers were forcibly controlled by the state.

"These workers, some as young as 10 when they started, were denied the basic entitlements all workers take for granted. Workers were not paid their wages, paid more tax than other Queenslanders and were denied the right to use their savings as they saw fit. For some, this system was imposed for over a decade of employment," Mr Monaghan said.

"Stolen wages claimants have fought long and hard for wages justice, and the QCU will continue to offer them every possible assistance to achieve their goal."

During question time from the audience, Mr Monaghan was asked by local Townsville and Aboriginal Islander Health Service stolen wages counsellor Genevieve Meldrum whether entitlements would be passed on to children of claimants if they died before receiving the money.

"It is a grey area but the indications point to that they will not," Mr Monaghan said.



QCU Indigenous industrial officer Gwen Taylor with Paul Ahwang and Ron Monaghan.



● ABOVE: Russell Butler and son Darren at the meeting.

● LEFT: Patrick Neliman and Loretta Zaro were there.

That prompted other members of the audience to express in strong terms that in such cases, money owed should be treated as normal inheritances.

Darren Butler, who was there with his father Russell, said in the case of claimants dying, the payments should go to the next of kin. "It is an inheritance," Darren said.

Aunt Mary Twaddle, 82, says she is owed stolen wages from her time on Palm Island

and working on stations.

"I fear all of us older people will die before the money is paid," she said.

The *Koori Mail* attended the meeting and was told of one unusual case in which Thursday Island man Paul Ahwang had been paid some of his stolen wages claim.

However his 77-year-old identical twin Arthur Ahwang had worked on the same job at the same time and had not been paid. - By Alf Wilson



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Australian Government

Appointment as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia and President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal

The Attorney-General of Australia, the Hon Robert McClelland MP, invites expressions of interest, or nominations of suitable persons, for appointment as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia who will also serve as the President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The successful appointee will be based in one of the Tribunal's registries on mainland Australia.

The Federal Court of Australia is a superior court of record with original jurisdiction under more than 150 Acts of Parliament and a substantial and diverse appellate jurisdiction.

The Administrative Appeals Tribunal is an independent body that reviews a broad range of administrative decisions made by Australian Government Ministers, officers, authorities and tribunals.

The President of the Tribunal must be a judge of the Federal Court. Accordingly, a current judge may be appointed as the next President. Alternatively, the next President could be selected from outside the judiciary and appointed as a judge prior to being appointed as the President.

The successful appointee will have high-level legal and management expertise and must have been enrolled as a legal practitioner of the High Court of Australia or the Supreme Court of a State or Territory for at least five years.

Information about the position and how to lodge an expression of interest or nomination is available at www.ag.gov.au/aatemployment or by emailing aat.appointments@ag.gov.au. After considering this information: for specific enquiries about the position please contact the Tribunal by e-mail at Philip.Kellow@aat.gov.au or by phone on (02) 9391 2497. For general enquiries relating to the lodgement of an expression of interest or nomination please contact the Attorney-General's Department by e-mail at aat.appointments@ag.gov.au or by phone on (02) 6141 3350.

Further information about the Federal Court is available at www.fedcourt.gov.au.

Further information about the Tribunal is available at www.aat.gov.au.

Expressions of interest and nominations are requested by close of business on Monday 21 November 2011.

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Deadly Dancer nominee Medika Thorpe with winners of the girls breakoff dance competition Raquel Brown (second), Aqueleh Toefy (first) and Makelesi Nakiovu (third).

Great vibe at Redfern



MORE THAN 300 people attended the second Vibe 3on3 at the

National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Referrn for what organisers say was an 'awesome' day. "This was the second time the Vibe 3on3 has been at the NCIE and it was an extremely successful day," event producer Mayrah Sonter said.

South Sydney Rabbitoh and Redfern boy Nathan Merritt was there. "He was our role model and he was a huge hit with the kids," Ms Sonter said. "Nathan ran footy workshops along with former South Sydney player Claude Williams – so there was a mix of younger and older Souths' players and the kids loved it."

The NSW Police sent a couple of mounted officers during the lunch break, as well as a police car. The Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service was also there passing on tips for healthy living.

"There was some serious competition across the events from a good spread of schools, with over 50 teams attending," Ms Sonter said.

"Dancers Medika Thorpe and Ben Fraietta ran really awesome dance workshops and the Darlington Aboriginal Dance Group performed at the opening ceremony. They are a bunch of kids from a local primary school, and they were beautifully dressed in their costumes and they danced very professionally. "Rapper Yung Nooky, who has recorded a song with the Black-Eyed Peas in Los Angeles, brought his own set-up and blew everyone away with his talent."

Sydney City councillor John McInerny presented the Puggy Hunter Award and Federal Member for Sydney Tanya Plibersek also presented an award at the closing ceremony.



Koori Radio live broadcast host Paulette Whitton and South Sydney NRL star Nathan Merritt. Photos by Andrew Rosenfeldt



Claude Williams, Puggy Award Hunter winner Ethan Broome and Sydney City councillor John McInerny.

Redfern competition winners:
Boys Junior: Darlington Dingoes (Tyson Stale, Andrew Torrens, Joey Exton Laseilo).

Boys Middle: Darlo Boys (Alec Tuitauake, Cuciano Suagell, Tom O'Rourke).

Boys High: Endeavour Pirates Boys 2 (Hayden Charles, Kane Pettit, Michael Cahe).

Girls Junior: Darlington Foalas (Maya Svagelli, Nina Goc, Olivia Vanos).

Girls Middle: Alex Park Middle Girls (Diamond Smith), Serika Shillingsworth, Aaliyah Parnell, Shyona Cummins).

Girls High: PLC 11 (Mirella Carayannis, Maddison Dezuarra, Charlotte Cottle).

Rap competition: Deadly Soldiers (Lare Jennings, Akira Kelly, Jade Telfer).

Arthouse: Darlington Goanas (Alice Holle, Nikita Saric, Akila Toefy).

Breakoff Competition: Vibe Australia Girls (Aqueleh Toefy 1, Raquel Brown 2, Makelesi Nakiovu 3). Vibe Australia Boys (Jarin Towney 1, Craig McKenzie 2, Kane Pettit 3).

The Puggy Hunter Awards went to Ethan Broome.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PITTA PITTA PEOPLE

INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT AUTHORISATION MEETING

The PITTA PITTA PEOPLE have made an application to the Federal Court of Australia for a determination recognising their native title (QUD 6025 of 1999).

This Notice INVITES the following people to attend the PITTA PITTA PEOPLE INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT AUTHORISATION MEETING at the times and location set out below:

1. The PITTA PITTA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP being those people who are descended from King Bob of Boulia, Dinah Craigie, Linda Craigie (nee Allen), Jacob Cameron and Joe Allen; and
2. Any other person who asserts that they hold native title in relation to the Pitta Pitta People's claim area ("the ILUA area") (as illustrated in the map below)

MEETING DETAILS

Date: Saturday, 19 November 2011

Place: QSNTS Mt Isa Office, 31-33 Commercial Road, Mt Isa, QLD

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

The purpose of the authorisation meeting is to:

1. authorise an Indigenous Land Use Agreement ('ILUA') between the Pitta Pitta People and the following Local Governments: Boulia Shire Council, Diamantina Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council ('Pitta Pitta / Local Governments ILUA'). The ILUA will provide, among other things:
(i) a mechanism for resolving native title issues with the Local Governments within the ILUA area;
(ii) for the mutual recognition of the rights and interests of the Pitta Pitta People and the Local Governments within the ILUA area; and
(iii) a protocol for dealing with future acts and Aboriginal cultural heritage issues within the ILUA area.

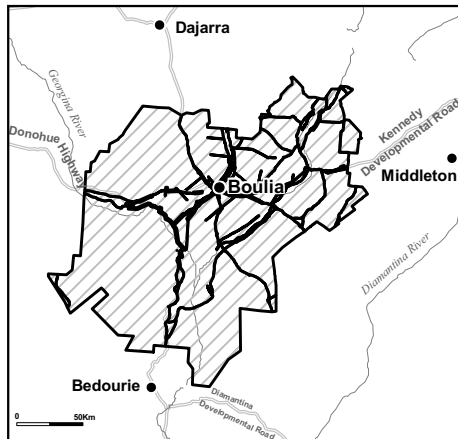
The area covering the Pitta Pitta / Local Governments ILUA is the area of the Pitta Pitta claim (QUD6025 of 1999) as illustrated in the map below;

2. authorise an ILUA between the Pitta Pitta People and Ergon Energy Corporation Limited ('Pitta Pitta / Ergon Energy ILUA') which provides, among other things:
(i) a mechanism for resolving native title issues with Ergon Energy;
(ii) for the mutual recognition of the rights and interests of the Pitta Pitta People and Ergon Energy in the ILUA area; and
(iii) a protocol for dealing with Aboriginal cultural heritage issues within the ILUA area.

The area covering the Pitta Pitta / Ergon Energy ILUA is the area of the Pitta Pitta claim (QUD6025 of 1999) as illustrated in the accompanying map; and

3. discuss and develop rules of the Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) for the Pitta Pitta People.

The area for each ILUA described above includes the town of Boulia and other areas shown on the map below:



Any persons who are not PITTA PITTA PEOPLE but claim to hold native title over the area subject to the ILUAs described above and wish to attend the meeting should contact Kieran Gibbs, Community Relations Officer, of Queensland South Native Title Services ('QSNTS') on (07) 4743 1322 or 1800 663 693.

All Pitta Pitta People are encouraged to contact Kieran Gibbs, Community Relations Officer, of QSNTS on (07) 4743 1322 or 1800 663 693 to register their intention to attend the authorisation meeting.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with travel and/or accommodation costs but morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided at the meeting.





Rosalie Kunoth-Monks addresses the luncheon in Melbourne.



The scene at this year's Melbourne Long Walk Women's Luncheon. On screen, giving a welcome to country, are Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Diane Kerr and Boonwurrung Elder Aunty Carolyn Briggs.

Women unite at Long Luncheon

Photos by JAMES HENRY



WHEN former AFL great Michael Long walked from Melbourne to Canberra in 2004 to get the lives of Indigenous people back on the national agenda, he was joined by some remarkable women.

One of those was Arrernte woman Merryn Apma who, along with non-Indigenous businesswoman Sue Davies, initiated the first Long Walk Women's Luncheon in 2006.

The uplifting event brings Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal women together to celebrate the role of women in our community, network and have a good time.

The luncheon was held in Melbourne for the sixth time this year, with more than 540 guests gathering on 14 October to hear Aboriginal Elder Rosalie Kunoth-Monks and Wiradjuri woman Fay June Ball speak about current issues that concern them.

As Mayor of Barkly Shire in the Northern Territory, Ms Kunoth-Monks is responsible for an area of land bigger than the state of Victoria. While many people in the shire live in abject poverty, she related that people want to be able to make decisions about their own lives and not depend on welfare.

Fay Ball talked about The Long Walk Schools program Walk the Talk and made a moving tribute to her aunty the late Ruby Langford Ginibi through a performance of her song *Woman*.

The event was MCed by film-maker and actor Pauline Whyman and guests were entertained by Emma Donovan, Deline Briscoe and Jessie Lloyd who came together as the Sunshine Sisters.

The event raised \$10,000 for the Long Walk Cultural Exchange, which will go to the Koorie Heritage Trust for cultural exchange between Victorian and Tasmanian Aboriginal weavers.

This year, the Long Walk Women's Luncheon will be held for the first time in Adelaide (on 11 November) and Darwin (on 19 November).

Adelaide special guests will include 2011 NAIDOC Person of the Year Terri Janke,



Michael Long with presenters of the ARTS UP! Weekly program on Radio 3KND Janina Harding and Kim Kruger. Kim is also project manager for the Long Walk.



Marjorie Thorpe and her daughter Lydia Thorpe, Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, Janina Harding and Kylie Belling and Kim Kruger.

Karina Lester, Sonya Rankine and Shelley Ware and Leila Gurrawiwi from *Marngrook Footy Show*.

Ms Gurrawiwi will also MC the Darwin event, with former Olympian and Territorian Nova Peris and the founders of the luncheon

Merryn Apma and Sue Davies as speakers. Shellie Morris will perform.

Michael Long will attend the Adelaide and Darwin events.

Details of all events are at the website www.thelongwalk.com.au



Lesley Turner, patron of the Women's Luncheon, addresses guests.



Fay Ball, who presents the Long Walk Schools Program 'Walk the Talk'.



Luncheon MC, film-maker and actor Pauline Whyman with former Essendon AFL great Michael Long.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LOCATION: Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation - Gongolgon

DATE: 30.11.2011

START TIME: 11am

AGENDA

1. Welcome To Country
2. Confirmation of minutes of previous annual general meeting.
3. Presentation of general report by directors.
4. Presentation of the financial statements and audit report for 2010-11
5. Election of directors*.
6. Appointment and remuneration of an auditor.
7. Other business:
 - a) Feedback on Membership

Proxies: Under rule 4.12 of the corporation's rules a member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting by proxy.

* Note that the corporation's rule book states at rule 5.4 that the board of directors (excluding non member directors appointed under 5.7) of the corporation will be made up as follows:

- no more than two directors who are resident in a single town within the "Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation Membership Zone" may be directors at the same time.
- no more than five directors who are resident in Brewarrina, Walgett and Bourke can serve as directors simultaneously.
- not more than one person of an *immediate family* can be appointed as a director at the same time (notwithstanding that they may reside in a different towns within the Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation Membership Zone").

Immediate family means any living person related in any of the following ways: grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, husband, wife, defacto partner, son, daughter, sister, brother or step-children.

A decade on, Arakwal people celebrate ILUA



ABOUT 350 people turned out to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the formal recognition of the Arakwal people's rights to land at Byron Bay, northern NSW. The Arakwal won their rights through an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA), the first of its kind.

Arakwal dancers entertained the crowd, Elder Dulcie Nichols unveiled a new sign and family members planted a lillipilli tree to commemorate the occasion, held at The Pass in Cape Byron State Conservation Area.

Arakwal Management Committee chair Yvonne Stewart said the new sign provided a timeline of the history

of the Bundjalung of Byron Bay (Arakwal) people between the time of creation and the present day.

"The midden at The Pass shows that Aboriginal people have lived in this area for more than 1500 years. The new sign shows the significant milestones between this time and the present, including the ILUA, which was signed in 2001," Ms Stewart said.

Hard years

"The ILUA was the result of seven hard years of negotiation by Arakwal Elders and community members. As well as the creation of Arakwal National Park, it provided other lands and employment for Arakwal people.

"Through joint management we now care for our country and protect the significant cultural, natural and recreation values of Arakwal National Park for the whole community to enjoy."

National Parks and Wildlife Service Byron Coast area manager Sue Walker said that the ILUA led the way for other similar agreements across Australia.

"The success of the Arakwal ILUA has been internationally recognised with an award from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. The community of Byron Bay should feel proud to be a part of this ground-breaking endeavour," Ms Walker said.



Arakwal people and supporters at the tenth anniversary celebrations.

WA Coroner rules over Balgo deaths



PETROL-SNIFFING has been partly blamed for a small Aboriginal community in Western

Australia's far north having a suicide rate 100 times greater than the general population.

WA Coroner Alistair Hope handed down his findings into the deaths of five young Aboriginal males, including a 13-year-old boy, in the remote Kimberley community of Balgo.

Four of the young men, including the 13-year-old, were found to have committed suicide within the space of 12 months.

The fifth death, of petrol-sniffer Liam Tchooga, 18, was ruled most likely to have been an accident linked to solvent abuse.

Mr Hope said in his

findings that although the suicide rate among Kimberley Indigenous people was 6.25 times higher than that of the general WA population, it was 100 times higher in Balgo.

"The case of (Mr Tchooga's death) highlights the unfortunate fact that there are currently no avenues available to the authorities to compulsorily require a solvent abuser to undergo suitable treatment, even when that solvent abuser is committing offences," the coroner said.

Addiction

Mr Hope added there were 'no suitable residential rehabilitation centres in WA available throughout the year for young Aboriginal people who sniff volatile substances or who suffer from other forms of drug addiction'.

He noted the Northern Territory had effectively

tackled solvent abuse through legislation and recommended the WA Government introduce similar laws.

"The *Volatile Substance Abuse Prevention Act 2005 (NT)* has been an effective tool in the NT for ensuring that chronic solvent users who are at risk of severe harm undergo suitable treatment at appropriate facilities," the coroner said.

Mr Hope made four other recommendations to the Government to tackle solvent abuse, improve education, and provide more mental health services for remote communities in the Kimberley.

"While it may be difficult and expensive to provide a secure location for young acutely ill mental health patients in the Kimberley, this is an important issue which should be addressed," he said. — AAP

Grog law working, says Govt



THE Northern Territory Government says new figures show its alcohol

reforms are cutting crime. Minister for Alcohol Policy Delia Lawrie says preliminary data indicated the Territory Government's 'Enough is Enough' alcohol reforms had led to a 15 per cent fall in alcohol-related assaults.

"In the three months since the Banned Drinker Register began, more than 1500 people have been banned," she said.

"In Darwin and Palmerston the effect has been even greater, with alcohol-related assaults down 20 and 23 per cent respectively.

"There is still a lot of work to do, but already the register is stopping problem drinkers hurting their families, community and themselves, by turning them off tap and into treatment."

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the Government was 'headed in the right direction'.



Upgrading the Pacific Highway Ballina bypass

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has formed an alliance with Leighton Contractors, AECOM, SMEC and Coffey Geotechnics to design and construct the Ballina bypass.

The northern end of the project from Cumbalum to Ross Lane was opened in March 2011. The bypass section between Teven Road to Cumbalum will be open by Christmas 2011, with the remaining section from Bruxner Highway to Teven Road opening in early 2012, weather permitting.

Construction update November 2011 to January 2012

Bruxner Highway to Cumbalum

- Open the bypass section from the Teven Road interchange to Cumbalum by Christmas.
- Complete placement of asphalt and commence finishing works on the section from the Bruxner Highway to the Teven Road interchange.
- Continue pavement placement for the new Bruxner Highway alignment and commence finishing works.
- Complete construction of a major culvert underneath a section of the old Pacific Highway south of the Teven Road interchange to form the southbound carriageway.
- Complete all finishing works including signage installation, guard rail and wire rope, street lighting, line marking and landscaping works.
- Commence future planning wick drain and surcharge works near Emigrant Creek.

Cumbalum to Ross Lane

- Reopen Tamarind Drive (old Pacific Highway) at Tintenbar to traffic.
- Place asphalt layer on existing concrete pavement from Cumbalum for approximately 1km north of the bridge.
- Complete rehabilitation of concrete batch plant site at Tintenbar.
- Commence construction of the Cumbalum interchange eastern roundabout.

Construction hours are Monday to Friday from 7am until 6pm and Saturday from 8am until 1pm. Nearby residents will be advised of any construction works to occur outside normal working hours.

For more information contact the project information line on 1800 209 484 (toll free), write to PO Box 303, Ballina NSW 2478, email community.enquiries@ballina.incite.com.au or visit the website www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific

Woorabinda on the job



ORGANISERS have hailed the Central Queensland Aboriginal community of Woorabinda's

second annual Jobs Expo as a success.

More than 50 exhibitors were at the expo to showcase their businesses to the hundreds of locals who attended.

Major exhibitors included Anglo Coal, Blue Care, Bunnings, Compass Group, JBS Australia, John Holland, Peabody Energy Australia, QR National, Thiess, Wesfarmers – Curragh Mine, Gladstone Ports Corporation, QBuild, Defence Force Recruiting, Australian Agricultural College and Central Queensland University.

Support

Woorabinda Mayor Paulie Adams opened the expo and thanked the exhibitors and guests for their support for the event.

He said Woorabinda's unacceptably high unemployment rate was of great concern to the community, especially as



A smoking ceremony at the start of the expo and people checking out exhibitors at the Woorabinda event. Photos courtesy Woorabinda Council



the Central Queensland economy was growing rapidly and local employers were calling out for more workers.

He noted that although there were a number of

jobs and careers expos each year in Central Queensland, the Woorabinda expo was unique in that it brought employment services providers, training

companies and employers right into the community.

One of the main features of this year's expo was a special one-stop job shop where jobseekers were able to check out a jobs

vacancies board and get help with their resumes and job applications from CDEP staff and Job Services Australia providers.

CDEP co-ordinator Kylie

Major-Oakley said job shop staff had been busy throughout the day fielding enquiries from jobseekers looking to enrol in training courses and apply for jobs.

'Dream Shield' proves a winner



AN Australian Government program designed to help Indigenous businesses improve their awareness of intellectual property issues and develop ideas has won an award.

The Dream Shield Program, run by IP Australia, beat competition from the private sector to win the Australian Marketing Institute (AMI) Award for Social Responsibility.

Dream Shield, launched by Innovation Minister Senator Kim Carr in November last year, impressed expert judges for its strategic approach and measurable impact.

It also won praise for its social contribution – for raising intellectual property awareness amongst Australia's Indigenous business community.



PARLIAMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
ABORIGINAL LANDS PARLIAMENTARY
STANDING COMMITTEE

INQUIRY INTO THE STOLEN
GENERATIONS REPARATIONS
TRIBUNAL BILL 2010

The Legislative Council of South Australia has referred the *Stolen Generations Reparations Tribunal Bill 2010* to the Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee for Inquiry and Report.

The Bill provides for the establishment of the Stolen Generations Reparations Tribunal and defines its functions and powers and establishes the Stolen Generations Fund for reparation or ex gratia payment for eligible claimants.

Written submissions should be forwarded to:
Executive Officer, Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing
Committee, Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000 or
alpsc@parliament.sa.gov.au

Copies of the Bill are available on the Committee's website.

Written submissions should be received by **Friday 9 December 2011**.

Please direct any inquiries to the Executive Officer on telephone
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Nursing home alarm



A FEDERAL MP says patients could die at a trouble-plagued Torres Strait nursing home unless the facility undergoes urgent upgrades. Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch in September wrote a letter to Prime Minister Julia Gillard calling on her to provide emergency funding to the Star of the Sea aged-care facility on Thursday Island. He said he had not received a response

late last week, although a spokesman for Ageing Minister Mark Butler said the Government was preparing a response. The letter warns that the poor state of the facility, including structurally unsound gutters, rusting doors and louvres and the absence of secure units for dementia patients, could lead to patient deaths. "This unacceptable situation requires everyone's urgent attention in my view as it could be seen as an elder abuse issue," the

letter says. "My greatest fear is that someone will die before this problem is properly addressed." The facility has received two sanctions from the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency relating to risks to the health and well-being of residents. In October last year a former nurse went public to denounce the 'squalid conditions' at the Star of the Sea. "The moment I stepped through the door I

was assaulted by the filth – it was shocking," Jeremy Clarke told ABC Radio. "Foodstuffs lying (on) the ground everywhere, mess everywhere you looked, pads lying on the floor which had been left there a while ...". Mr Entsch said the situation had improved since the Townsville-based Congress Community Development and Education Unit took over management of the facility in June, but an urgent upgrade was still required. – AAP



On Track Community Programs Ltd
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If you would like to help people "connect to their communities" please submit an expression of interest and a résumé to:-

The Secretary
PO Box 1112 Coolangatta QLD 4225

If you do not have the time to serve immediately, you may want to be considered to join our "reserve" list for any future opportunities with On Track. If you would like further information, or wish to discuss your interest, please contact Leone Crayden - CEO on 07 5536 9851 or email leone@ontrack.ngo.org.au.

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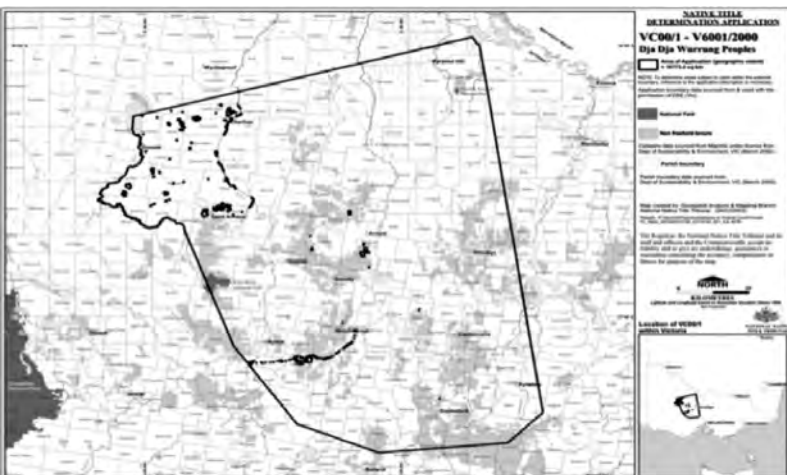
NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP MEETING

For all people who hold or may hold native title interests to the land and waters of native title claim VID6001/00 in Central Victoria

All people who hold or may hold native title rights and interest to the land and waters of native title claim VID6001/00 as shown in the map below are encouraged to attend a native title claim group (full group) meeting on:

Date: Saturday 19th November 2011
Venue: The Foundry, 366 High Street, Bendigo, Victoria
Time: 9.00am – 4:00pm

The meeting will be to discuss the progress of native title claim negotiations, update on the boundary negotiations, definition of native title claim group, future act matters and trusts.



Native Title Services Victoria is the organisation that assists native title holders in relation to native title matters across Victoria, including negotiating native title settlements. Native Title Services Victoria is organising this meeting. If you would like more information about this meeting, including assistance to attend the meeting, please call **Drew Berick (Community Liaison Officer)** at Native Title Services Victoria on **1800 791 779**.



Christine Hooper with NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet official Bill Tatnell, who nominated her for the award.

Christine's flood work recognised



GOODOOGA
Community Working Party leader
Christine

Hooper has been awarded the Australian Safer Communities Award.

The award recognises Ms Hooper's role when the small Aboriginal township in north-west NSW was cut off during major flooding early this year.

In co-operation with the State Emergency Service, Ms Hooper worked every day over six weeks to address issues arising from the floods.

In presenting the award, NSW Minister for Police and

Emergency Services Michael Gallacher said Ms Hooper provided local leadership, keeping the flow of information going between the community and authorities.

"This included attending meetings of the Brewarrina Shire Emergency Management Committee, Goodooga Flood Committee and working alongside SES, Council, Health, Community Services and other agencies to resolve community issues, ensuring that all areas of the township were secured and that residents were able to access health services and receive basic provisions," he

said. "Council management and workers relied upon Christine's and local assistance to identify areas of concern to enable the taking of appropriate action to secure critical infrastructure. She continued her close liaison with the SES and all participating agencies until road access was restored in early March and continued her role as part of the SES After Action Review process."

Ms Hooper's efforts resulted in the formation of a local Goodooga SES team, which now has 15 local members.

Health website gets award



AN Indigenous health website has won an award at the 2011 Diversity Australia New

Zealand Internet awards.

The HealthInfoNet site won the Diversity category of the awards, which were announced at a gala dinner in Melbourne.

HealthInfoNet founder and director Professor Neil Thomson said he was delighted with the acknowledgment.

"For 14 years we have been providing the evidence base to inform decision making for

those working or studying in Indigenous health by making high quality relevant information about Australian Indigenous health freely accessible via the Internet," he said.

"We work in the area of knowledge translation and make academic literature more accessible to Indigenous health workers and Indigenous environmental health workers in remote, rural and regional areas of the country."

Prof Thomson thanked the site's 'committed team of 26 staff', along with core funders the Federal Department of

Health and Ageing.

The HealthInfoNet received \$2500 as the award winner.

Prof Thomson said the prizemoney would be used to develop materials specifically for the Indigenous health worker section on the website.

He said the HealthInfoNet was helping to 'close the gap' in health between Indigenous and other Australians.

"It is a one-stop info-shop for people interested in improving the health and wellbeing of Indigenous Australians," he said.



Darryl White with Elder Irene Nangala at Kintore in the Western Desert.

Visit scores with Kintore



A TEAM from AFL Northern Territory headed to the Western Desert centre of Kintore last month to host a clinic and meet the community as part of the 'Proud to be Pintupi' Kintore/Walungurru 30th year anniversary of the Pintupi group's return to their traditional homelands.

The anniversary event was held over three days and more than 1000 people enjoyed art displays, Pintupi cultural dance and stories, desert bands, historical documentaries and AFL football clinics and drills.

Three-time Brisbane Lions AFL premiership player and Indigenous Team of the Century fullback Darryl White was part of the AFL delegation at the celebrations.

"It's great to be part of the AFL program to work with communities. The love for footy in remote communities is unbelievable, with the Hawks owning one town and the Lions owning the next," White said.

Connected

"I'm originally an Alice Springs boy so I have connected with a lot of old friends and family here. We've spotted some future Liam

Jurrahs and can't wait to come back and work with them."

Pintupi community leader Irene Nangala was thrilled with the outcomes.

"Friends and family came from near and far to support and participate and we really enjoyed the festival," she said.

"The videos and photos made our people remember what life was like in the 1970s at the mission in Papunya, and the importance of the move back to Kintore.

"It was important for the AFL to come to help our people understand that football is a part of our past and also a big part of our future."



Darryl White meets the Kintore Hawks Aussie rules players and fans.

PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

A full time **General Assistant** vacancy exists at **Orange High School**. We invite applications from Aboriginal people who may be interested in this position.

Duties may include minor maintenance of buildings, plant and equipment; moving school lawns and playing fields; receipt and distribution of stores and other duties as directed.

For further information contact the Principal on **(02) 6362 3364**

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Effective communication skills. Ability to perform tasks in one or more of the following areas: stores duties, minor maintenance of buildings and equipment, gardening duties. Ability to work with minimal supervision.

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Remuneration Package valued up to \$47,724 pa includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading (annual salary range \$28,287 to \$43,428).

To apply for this position online go to **www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au**.
Closing date for applications is **18 November 2011**.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETINGS TO AUTHORISE INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENTS

The **KALKADOON PEOPLE** are currently described as the descendants of the following persons:

Lardie Roberts (Moonlight)	Charlie Caldwell (Snr)	Dolly Prosser
Ida (aka Ada) Elston	Nellie Monkira	Leichardt Toby
Carbine	Kitty Frogg	Polly Wilson (nee Hopkins) Marajundu
Jack Elston	Willy Malcolm	Jessie Frogg (Snr)
Nancy Daniels	Nobie Clay	Polly Aloy (George)
Spider	Maggie Sautelle	Fanny (Nellie) McLennan
Daisy Barton (nee McLean)	Sophie MacDonald	Mundi MacDonald (King Mundi)
Annie Whip (mother of Martin Connelly Snr)	Gypsy Reid (Gypsy Ryan)	Julie (mother of Eulie and Lizzie Hickson)
Bessie Ah Fat	Rosie Waddibungera (mother of George Thorpe)	Jimmy Rolleston and Louisa Muni (parents of Bessie Mowbray)

Nellie and Jimmy (parents of Topsy Harry, Annie Sam and Jack Kippen)

This Notice invites the **Kalkadoon People** (as described above) to attend authorisation meetings at the times and location below.

Any persons who claim to hold native title over the area subject to the Indigenous Land Use Agreements **other than as a member of the Kalkadoon People** should contact Kieren Gibbs, QSNTS on **1800 663 693**.

Authorisation Meeting

Date of Meeting: Saturday 19 November 2011
Venue of Meeting: Terrace Gardens, 4 Duchess Road, Mt Isa
Time of Meeting: Registration 9.00am
Meeting 9.30am – 3.00pm

The purpose of the authorisation meetings on Saturday 19 November 2011 is to authorise ILUAs between the Kalkadoon People and Telstra ("Telstra ILUA") and between the Kalkadoon People and the following pastoral parties:

- AA Company (**Alcala, Canobie**)
- Lorraine Pastoral Company Pty Ltd (**Lorraine/Talawanta**);
- Mr Peter Woollett (**Nardoo, Berguna**);
- Ms Mabel Spreadborough (**Lagoon Creek**);
- Mr Peter Hacon (**Granada**)
- Hacon Holdings (**Buckingham Downs**)
- North Australian Pastoral Company Pty Ltd (**Boomara, Colullah**)

The purpose of these Pastoral agreements is to:

- Provide for the mutual recognition of the rights and interests of the Kalkadoon and the pastoral parties in the ILUA areas;
- To establish arrangements for access to and use of the pastoral lease and to manage associated risks.

These pastoral properties will be subject to the ILUAs to the extent that they fall within the external boundaries of the Kalkadoon # 4 claim as depicted in the map to the right.

The **Telstra ILUA** provides for, among other things:

- The relationship between the rights and interests of both the Kalkadoon People and Telstra in the ILUA area; and
- Agreement to the grant or doing of specified future acts.

The area subject to the Telstra ILUA is the area within the Kalkadoon People #4 claim boundary as depicted in the map above.

Authorisation Meeting

Date of Meeting: Sunday 20 November 2011
Venue of Meeting: Terrace Gardens, 4 Duchess Road, Mt Isa
Time of Meeting: Registration 9.00am
Meeting 9.30am – 3.30pm

The purpose of the meeting on Sunday 20 November 2011 is to authorise an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) between the Kalkadoon People and Xstrata ("Xstrata ILUA").

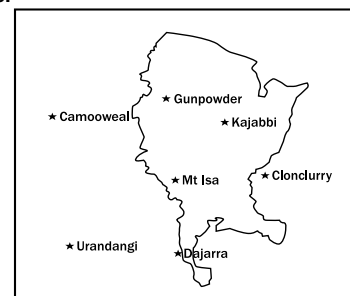
The Xstrata ILUA provides for, among other things:

- The mutual recognition of the rights and interests of the Kalkadoon People and Xstrata;
- The management of Exploration Permits and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in the area covered by the ILUA;
- Other policies and program initiatives relating to issues that affect the lives and values of the Kalkadoon.

The area subject to the Xstrata ILUA is the area within the Kalkadoon People #4 claim boundary as depicted in the map above.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meeting or with accommodation costs. However, morning tea and lunch will be provided to participants at the meeting.

Kalkadoon People intending to attend the meeting must register their attendance with Kieren Gibbs, QSNTS on 1800 663 693.



Wominjeka Festival



The Jindiworabak (join and unite) dance group.



Chance Charles, 4, has his face painted by Rianne Hood, an employee of the Victorian Aboriginal Childcare Agency. Photos by DARREN COYNE



Robby Peden with his 11-month-old daughter Jedda Peden.



Tahlia Chilly, 8, Cherylyn Chilly 10 and Carolyn Robertson, 10, enjoyed watching the hip hop dancers.



Jayke Baldwin with singer Kutcha Edwards.



Cherish McGuinness, Kyesha McGuinness, Nancy Odwyer and Dion Patten in the puzzle tent.



Uncle Phil Ahwang from the Torres Strait shares some damper with Melissa Slater-Burns, 9.



Deniece Hudson and Ngawaiata Prodger were kept busy cooking for the Melbourne mob.



B Boy Ugly Betty, B Girl Barramundi and B Boy Puppet getting all hip and hoppy for the youngsters.

is all about the kids



Uncle Herb Patten explains the intricacies of gum leaf blowing to Janaya Riley-Brown.

By gum, it works

By GREG BURCHALL



It was an awesome and impromptu game of 'name that tune' being played in the main foyer of the Aboriginal Advancement League as the rain spattered down outside.

Old MacDonald. Waltzing Matilda. Even Happy Birthday. Footy club songs. Then the bird calls – magpie, parrot, mopoke.

The kids were rapt, entertained, fascinated, as they gathered around Uncle Herb Patten.

Frustrated. They knew how to get a song out of an iPod but be blown if they could get one out of a gum leaf.

Then – sqwaaaaaaak.

"You got it!" laughs Uncle Herb.

"You see, hold him this way – don't puff out your cheeks," he instructs. "There are so many ways you can make a sound. And then a song."

Outside, kids, with adults in their wake, brave Melbourne's drizzle to play traditional games, make jewellery, grab some tucker or get a language T-shirt printed – "Which is your mob?"

"Can I get Wurundjeri on the front and Gunditjmara on the back?" Of course.

White mob kids were happy with Wominjeka (welcome).

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency's Wominjeka Festival was all about the kids and they were there in force, dancing and singing – whether they were in an official performance or not. Just try to stop them.

In her welcome to country speech, Aunty Di Kerr reminded everyone that: "We need to look to the future but never forget to look behind –

there might be someone who needs help, you can pick them up and help them on their way."

The rain persisted and the outdoor stage stood abandoned.

Inside, Paola Balla was creating a giant Bunjil canvas with paint-smattered children while hip hop dancers thundered overhead.

VACCA chief executive Murial Bamblett paid tribute to the many Elders involved.

"Culture and knowledge need to be passed on," she said.

"We know that for children who know who they are and where they came from do better in life – nothing can be more significant than that."

Kutcha Edwards sang with the kids he's mentored and the fresh mob showed their circus skills as they danced How the Platypus Came to Be. The Koorie Tiddas sang a Richard Frankland song – with added language.

There were other great performances from Reservoir High, Ballert Mooroop College, Monica Weightman, Jesse Lloyd and Lee Morgan. When the adults handed things over to the confident youth MCs, things really started to jump.

Self-esteem, a sense of identity and community make strong spirits, Ms Bamblett said, adding that a knowledge of culture, active involvement with the wider world was beneficial for all children, especially those considered to be at risk.

"The Koori community has a very youthful demographic profile, with over 50 per cent of the population being under the age of 20.

"Traditional and contemporary have a lot to learn from each other."

It may have been miserable outside but indoors it was nothing but warm and joyful.



Ruby Herrmann, Kaylar Davis, Oshe Davis, Jesse Lloyd and Gemma Cadd perform a few songs.



Darren Lovett and his son, Jmara Lovett, enjoyed some bark painting.



Liana Liddle, 18 months, with Rieo Ellis.



Gloria Norrey with eight-year-old Kaylara Davis.



Miss Foxy Empire from the Dreamtime Girls.



Sean Choolburra channeling Michael Jackson.



Miss Ellaneous from the Dreamtime Girls.



Bob Morgan, Didimain Uiibo, Paul Hughes, May O'Brien, Kaye Price and Stephen Albert – who were all members of the original National Aboriginal Education Committee in the 1980s.

Educators let their hair down

By KIRSTIE PARKER



AFTER some rigorous discussion around directions in Indigenous education, there was an opportunity for

delegates at this year's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Conference (NATSIEC) to relax.

The event, held at Darwin's Convention Centre, attracted teachers and education workers from every state and territory.

ABC sports guru Charlie King MCed this year's, and there were performances by a string of Territory talents and a few imports.

Ali Mills gave a welcome to country and sang her now-classic *Waltjim Bat Matilda*. Cheeky local drag act the Dream Girls had guests in stitches, as did Sydney-based comedian Sean Choolburra.

Choolburra looked sharp... from his ankles up – confessing that he'd forgotten the shoes to match his suit and had to resort to buying some orthopaedic shoes from the chemist on the way to the event.

The Gawa Christian School dancers from Elcho Island charmed everyone in the room, especially with their own version of *Zorba the Greek*.

There were also speeches by Indigenous education stalwarts Professor Paul Hughes and Didimain Uiibo.



Yalmay and Mandawuy Yunupingu at the dinner in Darwin.



Ali Mills welcomed dinner guests to country.



The Dreamtime Girls turned on the charm to help good sport Neville Atkinson, from Victoria, celebrate his birthday on the night of the dinner.



NTIEC chairman Mark Motlop.

Patsy wins praise as well as carers award

By DARREN COYNE



PATSY Bundjulahm Nagas, of Kyogle, has been recognised with a Carers Award during Carers Week 2011.

But at the award ceremony at the Kyogle Seniors Centre, Ms Nagas was also lauded for her long-standing contributions to her community.

Originally from Tabulam in Bundjalung country, northern New South Wales, Ms Nagas moved to nearby Kyogle 35 years ago and settled.

She had five children, Joelene (dec), Arminell, Matthew, Gabriel and Courtney, and began visiting schools to share her culture and to promote reconciliation.

A few years back, she took over the care of her 17-year-old nephew Johnny Walker, after his parents and another sister passed away, despite battling renal disease herself.

Despite some learning difficulties, Johnny recently finished Year 12 and was there to see Ms Nagas receive her award from Federal Member for Page Janelle Saffin, who described Ms Nagas as a bridge between two cultures.

"She cares about her people and her culture and is a role model to all of us. We value you, care about you and we love you," Ms Saffin told Ms Nagas, prompting applause from the gathering at the seniors centre.

Ms Nagas said that when she arrived in Kyogle 35 years ago she knew she had found where she wanted to settle down.

"I went to 21 schools because father had to travel around for work. He was a non-drinker and smoker but back in the 1950s-60s it was hard for an Aboriginal man to get regular work so he would do seasonal work, travelling from Queensland to Victoria," she said.

"We never settled anywhere, but then when I married I made a vow to stop."



Patsy Bundjulahm Nagas with her nephew Johnny Walker.

As well as being a mother, she got involved in the Gugin Gudduba Aboriginal Land Council 27 years ago, and before that was involved with the Aboriginal Development Council.

She is a member of the NSW Elders and Youth Forum and has been involved with the local and state reconciliation bodies. She writes a regular column in Kyogle's local newspaper *Talking Turkey*, and has served as deputy mayor on Kyogle Council.

Her secret to success at council meetings?

"I just cried if I wanted something," she joked.

"But if I wore my red, black and yellow they knew I was ready for war."

Ms Nagas has also worked with children at risk, as a court support officer, and with the Kyogle street patrol.

At the award ceremony, the standing Ms Nagas has in her community was apparent, with speakers including current mayor Ross Brown, former mayor Ernie Bennett, and *Koori Mail* director Ron Randall praising her commitment to the Kyogle community.

Re-think call over child protection



A COALITION of community groups has used Anti-Poverty Week to call for a re-think on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child protection in Queensland. The group, calling itself Combined Voices, highlighted statistics showing just 7 per cent of people aged under 17 in Queensland are Indigenous, but the group accounts for more 37 per cent of children in state care.

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak chair Lizzie Adams said the issue was not about people unable to parent. "It's about poverty, poor housing, poor health care, poor educational and employment opportunities," she said.

"These issues are faced daily by hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. Non-Indigenous families faced with these same difficulties also struggle to provide care.

"The real challenge for governments is to listen to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, support the solutions they propose and work with communities to remove the impact of poverty."

Professor Clare Tilbury, from Griffith University, said studies had clearly found that economic factors such as poverty were more significant than race in determining the involvement of children with child protection systems.

Executive director of PeakCare Lindsay Wegener said: "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families cannot be held responsible for what is outside of their control. No-one should think that the social and economic disadvantage that continues to be experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents is fair to them or their children."

And Qld Council of Social Services president Karyn Walsh said poverty was the major contributing factor to child neglect.

"But how can we say it is neglect when families cannot afford to buy enough food? Or that it is neglect when there is no affordable housing available?" she asked.

Anti-Poverty Week (14-20 October) was established in Australia as an expansion of the United Nations' annual International Anti-Poverty Day on October 17.

We'll pick up kids, says WA's top cop



KNOWN juvenile offenders found unsupervised on Perth's streets this summer will be picked up by police and taken to care centres, in a bid to cut burglaries and car thefts.

West Australian Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan says a crime spike occurs yearly between November and April when children are off school and the weather is warm.

He said that under a new police plan, children known to have committed multiple offences would be picked up by police if they were found unsupervised on the streets.

Mr O'Callaghan said police had identified 384 youths in Perth aged 17 or under as 'priority prolific offenders', 58 per cent of whom were Aboriginal.

"If they're in circumstances where we think they might be at risk of offending, we will take them to a crisis care centre and get them placed either back with their family or in some safe place," he said.

Crisis care centres, to be run by police, are planned for the inner-city suburb of Northbridge and for Perth's south.

Mr O'Callaghan said police wanted to connect the children with services that could help them and were ready to engage with the Aboriginal community to address the problem of juvenile offending.

He said that about 50 per cent of burglaries in Perth were committed by juveniles who also committed a high number of car thefts, other stealing offences and vandalism. — AAP

Mayala people celebrate deal



MAYALA traditional owners have held a traditional ceremony to celebrate a deal made with Pluton

Resources for construction of an iron ore mine in the north Kimberley.

The agreement was signed in June and provides for significant employment, training and business opportunities for Mayala people while protecting environmental and cultural heritage standards.

Kimberley Land Council CEO Nolan Hunter said the deal would create life-changing benefits for the Mayala community and ensure their

children had opportunities in the future.

"This agreement will ensure the Mayala people have an economic base from which they can create opportunities for their people; opportunities to ensure people have an education and training so they can create businesses and jobs for themselves," he said.

"This deal highlights Indigenous decision-making at its best. The Mayala people are taking control of their own future by stepping up and doing something for themselves.

"Our people are on a path to self-determination. We have relied on Government welfare for too long and, through negotiating strong agreements

like this, Kimberley Aboriginal people are showing that they are more than capable of identifying, negotiating and providing an economic future for themselves.

"The KLC has a long history of negotiating complex commercial agreements that secure significant and positive outcomes for traditional owners. This agreement is yet another example of this."

The agreement includes compensation and royalty payments for the Mayala community as well as equity in Pluton Resources and regional benefits for all Kimberley Aboriginal people.

Mayala traditional owner Phillip McCarthy said his people were supportive of the

agreement because it would ensure the Mayala community would be able to grow and prosper into the future.

"This is a good agreement for our people. We had lots of discussion about it and in the end we had a very good deal that will help Mayala people and Aboriginal people across the Kimberley," he said.

The agreement was the first major deal finalised by KRED Enterprises, the economic development arm of the Ambooriny Burru Foundation — a charitable venture owned by Kimberley Aboriginal people that works to enhance and strengthen law and culture, land management, language and economic development in the Kimberley.

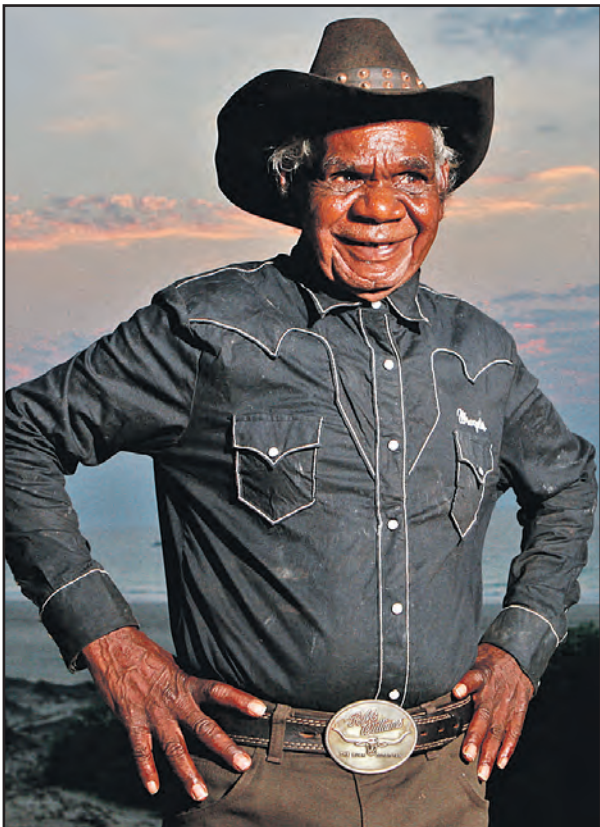
Australian Indigenous Doctors'



APY Lands ngangkari (traditional healer) Toby Ginger in Broome.



AIDA Student Representative Committee members with AIDA medical education officer Jasmin Hunter.



Ngangkari Rupert Peters.



Broome Aboriginal Medical Service CEO Chris Bin Kali at the symposium.

Praise – and a warning...

Photos by LEON MEAD



THE Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) has won praise from the country's first Aboriginal medico.

Professor Helen Milroy was speaking at the association's annual five-day symposium, held this year in the Kimberley town of Broome.

More than 200 doctors and health professionals from across Australia and New Zealand attended the symposium, with the theme 'Our Doctors Making a Difference'.

Dr Milroy, the director and Winthrop Professor at the University of Western Australia's Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health, said she was 'staggered and humbled by what had been achieved over the past decade'.

She told delegates she believed 'wise practice' – a method which combines Indigenous and Western medical knowledge – will come to benefit the whole country.

AIDA president Peter O'Mara said Indigenous doctors were leading the way.

But he warned there was a growing gap in the number of non-Indigenous doctors compared with Indigenous doctors. "This needs to be addressed by a proper political, policy and resource commitment – not more policy papers, meetings and roundtables," he said.

Professional and leadership development courses were held during the symposium, and special stethoscopes were awarded to new medical school graduates and fellows by ngangkari (traditional healers) from the APY Lands Rupert Peters and Toby Ginger.



AIDA president Associate Professor Peter O'Mara and National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation chair Justin Mohamed.



The Yawuru dancers performed for AIDA delegates.



Bilawara Lee and Professor Ngiare Brown in Broome.

Association annual symposium



The Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association Board members, back from left, Ray Warner, Dana Slape, Danielle Arabena, Tammy Klimpton and Sean White; middle, Latisha Petterson, Della Yarnold, Catherine Henderson and Tanya Schramm, and front, president Peter O'Mara.



Gregory Phillips and Dr Kim Isaacs were there.



ABC Kimberley's Robert Mailer with Dr Kim Isaacs and AIDA President Associate Professor Peter O'Mara.



Outgoing AIDA board director (student) Alicia Veasey.



Professor Helen Milroy during a radio interview.



University of Western Sydney medical students Haylee Solomons and Jess Wade.



University of Western Sydney medical students Jay Dargan, Melissa Von Senden, Ethan Johnson and Artiene Tatian.



Dr Mark Wenitong makes a point.

Judges hear ideas



NEW South Wales' top judge has emphasised the need for

judicial officers to educate themselves on issues relevant to the social and legal circumstances of Aboriginal people.

Chief Justice Tom Bathurst was speaking at the Judicial Commission's recent 'Exchanging Ideas II' conference, held in Sydney.

The conference attracted more than 30 judicial officers from NSW, the Northern Territory, Victoria and Western Australia.

Also attending were Aboriginal Elders, community members and organisational leaders, as well as leading academics and professionals in the areas of legal service, justice delivery and social science.

Conference speaker Professor Megan Davis, the first Aboriginal woman appointed to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, spoke on the importance, not just for the judiciary but also for the wider community, of examining



At the 'Exchanging Ideas II' conference, from left, Rowena Lawrie, Professor Megan Davis and Professor Elena Marchetti and, at right, former judge Hal Wotten, Shane Phillips and Judge Stephen Norrish.



the reasons for the manner in which Aboriginal people were dealt with by the criminal justice system.

Conference presenters included former Human

Rights Commissioner Tom Calma, former judges Hal Wootten QC and Geoff Eames QC, Aboriginal leader Shane Phillips and a former resident from the

Balund-a Residential Centre for Aboriginal prisoners.

Judge Stephen Norrish QC, who chairs the Judicial Commission's Ngara Yura

Committee, said the conference provided 'a wonderful opportunity for judges, magistrates, Aboriginal Elders and community members to

meet to exchange ideas and be informed about matters relevant to the current position of Aboriginal people in the justice system'.



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Violence focus of court display



ABORIGINAL women pegged their hopes – literally – for an end to family

violence on a display at the Melbourne Magistrates Court.

They hung colourful T-Shirts painted with messages of hope, inspiration and determination from a clothesline at the court building.

The display was one of several clothesline exhibits held across Melbourne's Northern suburbs during the week.

Each T-shirt at the court had been painted by either an Aboriginal woman whose life has been affected by family violence, or by women who provide support to Aboriginal victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault.

"This display is a great way for women to express themselves through art and words about the violence that affects Aboriginal communities and their lives," Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria CEO Antoinette Braybrook said.

"This project allows Aboriginal women affected by family violence to share their thoughts and emotions with the hope that this will encourage other community members to commit to standing firm against family violence."



A woman works on one of the T-Shirts

Research has shown that Aboriginal women are 40 times more likely than other women to be victims of family violence than other women, and 35 times more likely to be hospitalised due to family violence.

The display at the Melbourne Magistrates Court came out of a partnership between Elizabeth Hoffman House, the Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria and the Koori Family Violence Support Service at the Melbourne Magistrate's Court.

"Many Aboriginal women may have been reluctant in the past to seek protection through

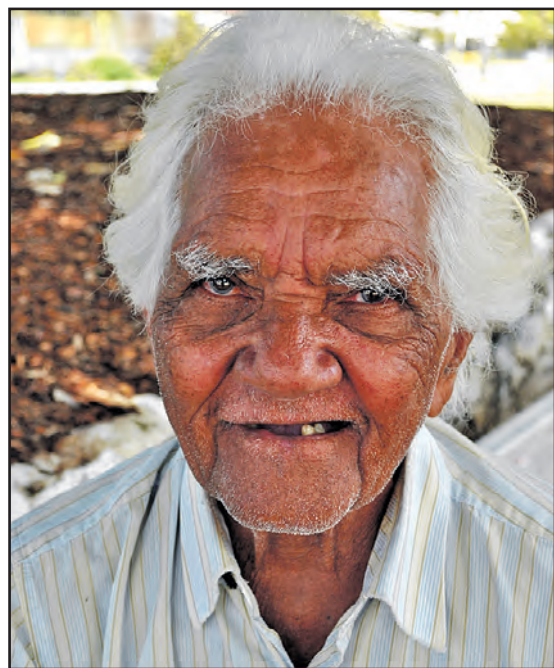
the justice system, but we want our women to know that there are culturally specific services available to support them through every step of the process," Ms Braybrook said.

The Clothesline project is an international initiative that began in 1990 and has been adopted by family violence networks in Melbourne's northern regions as a creative way of raising awareness of the effects of violence on women, children and communities.

Aboriginal victims of family violence needing assistance can contact the Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service on 1800 105 303.



Yarrabah girls, back from left, Aileen Murgha, Maegan Fourmile and Carol Keyes with , front, Laquarna Keys, John Bracio and Tasciarna Keyes.



Uncle Alfred Neal was an early pioneer for Yarrabah's move to become a Deed of Grant in Trust community and a strong leader for self-determination.



MC for the day and all-round entertainer Barry Cedric pumped out some tunes.

Celebrations at Yarrabah

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



UNCLE Alfred Neal has seen a lot of changes in his seaside community of Yarrabah, near Cairns, over the years. But none so important as the day Yarrabah officially became a Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) community on 31 October 1986.

Fast-forward 25 years and the silver jubilee celebrations of the DOGIT anniversary started with a trip down memory lane, bringing together past mayors and councillors, community leaders and politicians including the Australian Party's Bob Katter.

The celebrations rounded off last Thursday with a community day at the park with entertainment, prize giveaways, food and community stalls.

The theme for the jubilee was 'Acknowledging the past – Celebrating the future' and Yarrabah Council's transition manager, Peter Lenoy, marked the occasion with a call for increased traction on community development.

"It's about being a recognised council in our own right with the principles of self-determination," he said.

"Inalienable freehold land, trustees, governance model, all of those words are still talked about today some twenty five-years later, but back in 1986 it was cutting edge policy.

"What we need now is strong economic development. We're a community without industry and what we need is strong economic development, and out of that comes employment, business, houses, people getting on with their lives and having a purpose in life.

"My vision is to see this place become a thriving community with its own economy."

Uncle Alfred Neal was only two when he was taken and brought to Yarrabah,



The Yarrabah dance group put on a deadly performance.



Members of the Defence Indigenous Development Program hosted some children's activities, including a football game and making model navy ships.

and he has called it home ever since. He lobbied the State Government in 1986 and believes Aboriginal people are still fighting for their rights to land and recognition.

"I'd like to see our land handed back to us, the land belongs to Aboriginal people but we still don't own it," he said.

"They hold you back but we've still got

to stand up and fight for our rights."

"I'm about 89. I don't really know how old I am. I love this place and I'm proud to be here today. They talk about opportunities, well you've just got to give Aboriginal people a go," he said.

"All we want is independence and our own rights."



Jason Fourmile with his son Tyler.



Kara Yeatman and her daughter Evie, 21 months.



Jacinta Davidson, 2, shows her artwork.

\$1 million donation will help children



ABORIGINAL children and young people in South Australia are set to benefit from a \$1 million donation to one of Australia's largest not-for-profit community services providers. Life Without Barriers established the Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Children's Fund to support programs and activities of direct benefit to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and young people across Australia, in line with the wishes of the anonymous donor.

Seven young Aboriginal people participated in a cultural camp in the Flinders Ranges that brought them together with Elders and allowed them to learn about Aboriginal culture and heritage and participate in a number of cultural activities. Life Without Barriers spokesperson Malcolm Gollan said that knowing and being connected to culture helped give the kids a sense of pride in who they were, their culture and their history.

Qld award goes to mentoring service



AN Indigenous mentoring service that helps young people express their problems through art has won a Queensland award.

Children Of The Dreaming encourages healthy lifestyles among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and strives to break cycles of offending often linked to substance abuse or mental health problems.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Curtis Pitt presented the award on behalf of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation Queensland to Rosie Connors, the founder and director of Children Of The Dreaming.

"We are really proud to accept this award," she said. "Our work seeks to give young people who are on the wrong path the chance to change their behaviour."

ANTaR Queensland's Kitty Carra said the award was a chance to thank the group for a vital service that had touched many people. —AAP

\$34,000 in fines for illegal money loans



A MOTEL owner from a remote West Australian town has been ordered to pay \$34,000 in fines for illegally lending money to Aboriginal clients at exorbitant interest rates.

It comes on top of \$150,000 the man has already been ordered to pay out in compensation for charging illegal interest.

In the Kalgoorlie Magistrates Court, Salvatore Tomarchio was found guilty of providing credit while not being the holder of a credit provider's licence. The court heard that Tomarchio, from Laverton in WA's Goldfields region, took his clients' bank cards and PINs and would use them to recoup the interest he charged, at rates up to 50 per cent.

In sentencing him, Magistrate Greg Benn said Tomarchio's clients were disadvantaged and powerless in dealing with him and he had taken advantage of their vulnerability and relative naivety. —AAP

Business council gets new directors



THE Indigenous Business Council of Australia has appointed four new directors to its board.

Following its recent annual general meeting on 20 October, IBCA chairman Neil Willmet welcomed the new directors.

Toni Ah-Sam (NT), Dwayne Good (Qld), Neville Poelina (WA) and Yodie Batzke (Qld) joined re-appointed directors Debbie Barwick (NSW) and William (Smiley) Johnstone (ACT) on the board.

Mr Willmet said IBCA was well equipped with the skills, knowledge and experience to advance the economic interests of Indigenous business owners and the Indigenous business sector.

Law and Justice medal to service chief legal officer



THIRTY years of service has been recognised with John McKenzie, the chief legal officer at the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT), being

awarded the Law and Justice Foundation Justice Medal.

Mr McKenzie began his legal career as a junior lawyer in Moree, northern NSW, with the Aboriginal Legal Service, some three decades ago.

He received his medal from former High Court Chief Justice Sir Anthony Mason.

"Where many others have fought and then moved on, John remains dedicated and passionate to law reform, and he retains a fresh, innovative approach to legal service delivery," Sir Anthony told the large audience at Parliament House.

"John is known for his unwavering commitment to ensuring that Aboriginal people receive proper legal representation and that the underlying issues causing the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system in NSW are strategically pursued."

Sir Anthony specifically cited Mr McKenzie's contribution to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in



Former High Court Chief Justice Sir Anthony Mason presents the Law and Justice Foundation Justice Medal to Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) chief legal officer John McKenzie.

Custody. "John continues to be committed to ensuring the recommendations of the commission remain at the forefront of law reform," he said.

Legal service CEO Gerry Moore said

Mr McKenzie's medal was 'wonderful and a well-deserved accolade'.

"This is an outstanding honour and even more impressive considering that John was one of ten distinguished nominees," Mr Moore said.

Three named to important roles



A NUMBER of high-level appointments have been announced for leading roles in

Indigenous organisations and government.

Aboriginal Hostels (AHL) has welcomed Joy Savage as new chief executive officer, while Dr Dawn Casey has been appointed chairperson of the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC). And in the Northern Territory, Olga Havnen has been appointed as the new Coordinator-General for Remote Service Delivery, and has also joined the board of the ILC.

Ms Savage's appointment to AHL followed the retirement of Roger Barson.

AHL chairperson Kevin Smith said the board was looking forward to working with Ms Savage to ensure Indigenous people around the country continued to have access to safe, comfortable, culturally appropriate and affordable accommodation.

Ms Savage is an Aboriginal woman from Cairns in north Queensland and she has links to the Kandju people on Cape York and family connections to Yarrabah.

She has worked in non-government and government roles, with her most recent



OLGA HAVNEN

position as manager of the Indigenous Policy and Immigration branch in the social policy division of the Prime Minister's Department.

Dr Dawn Casey takes up the chairperson's role at the ILC, with Ian Trust as her deputy.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said Dr Casey's career encompassed senior academic, managerial, cultural and government positions, and she was instrumental in the establishment of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation.

"As current chairperson of Indigenous Business Australia (IBA), her appointment will strengthen collaboration between the two organisations and their common goal to pursue sustainable businesses



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and economic development," Ms Macklin said.

"This is further supported by Ian Trust who is deputy chairperson of both the IBA and now the ILC."

Other appointments to the ILC board included Olga Havnen, Graham Atkinson and Neil Westbury, while Sam Jeffries and David Baffsky retained their seats.

Mrs Macklin thanked outgoing chairperson Shirley McPherson, and directors Kevin Driscoll, Evonne Goolagong-Cawley and Max Gorringer.

Meanwhile, Olga Havnen's appointment as NT Coordinator-General for Remote Services was announced by Indigenous Development Minister Malarndirri McCarthy.



JOY SAVAGE

Minister McCarthy said Ms Havnen had a wealth of experience and was most recently the national head of Indigenous strategy at the Red Cross.

She has also held several senior positions in government and non-government sectors, including the Department of Chief Minister, the Central and Northern Land Councils, the Fred Hollows Foundation and the Red Cross.

The NT Coordinator-General for Remote Service Delivery oversees, monitors, assesses and provides independent advice on the delivery of remote services directly to the Minister, and was established in 2009 simultaneously with the Government's Working Future policy.



City of Sydney Council adviser on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and Tongoa descendant Shireen Malamoo with, from left, Chief Vincent Boulekone, Hendon Kalsakau, MP Paul Telukluk and Marcellino Telukluk.

Islanders seek own rep body



A CAMPAIGN to establish a dedicated national representative body for Australian South Sea Islanders (ASSI) is gathering momentum, following an historic meeting earlier this month.

Delegates from Sydney and throughout much of Queensland presented a statement of intent to establish such a body and will hold a national congress in Bundaberg at Easter next year to advance their aspirations.

Supported by some high-level invited guests from the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, they say they want their kids to know their history.

Relatively few non-Indigenous Australians are aware that South Sea Islanders were 'blackbirded', or brought across to Australia from Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands in the 1800s to work as slave labour in sugar and other industries.

In the early 1890s, the White Australia policy saw thousands of South Sea Islanders sent back to their homes but others were dumped on islands in the Torres Strait.

Often encountering the kind of treatment and attitudes experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, many stayed on in communities and intermarried with local Indigenous people.

"Our kids need to know what it is to be a South Sea Islander, there is so much confusion out there as they know they are but not what it means," said Sydney delegate Lola Forrester.

Tanna descendant Emelda Davis said next year would be the 20th anniversary of a call for recognition made in 1992, 'and we need to

revitalise ourselves on this momentous occasion'.

"Our board has been working diligently and consistently refining our strategies with the support and lobbying of State and Federal parliamentarians who have all embraced and endorsed our cause, including the securing of some seed funding from the City of Sydney towards development of our draft Strategy in 2010," Ms Davis said.

Aboriginal Kanak descendant from Tongoa and former ATSIC commissioner Shireen Malamoo declared it an issue about 'identity and

'Our kids need to know what it is to be a South Sea Islander, there is so much confusion out there as they know they are, but not what it means'

recognition of our forefathers'.

"We are now in the 21st Century and the footprints are still here," she said.

"So many don't know of the blackbirding era or that the primary industries, in particular the sugar industries, were built on the backs of Kanaka slave labor.

"The white Australia policy was bought in by the Labour Party of the day in the early 1890s sending back 7000-odd.

"Historians have referred to it as a form of ethnic cleansing. Many were dumped up on the Torres Strait Islands in particular St Pauls and have been referred to as the 'forgotten people'.

This period in Australian history has been buried."

Also attending was a high-level delegation from Vanuatu, included a state minister, parliamentarians and chiefs from Vanuatu and representatives from organisations working to reconnect the descendants of so-called 'blackbirders'.

The gathering was part of a broader program of engagement between Vanuatu and Australian individuals and organisations and encompassed the chiefly ordination of Brisbane-based ASSI and community leader Chief Colin Tarere; a meeting of Queensland

and Vanuatu government and arts representatives and the Vanuatu Historical Council of Chiefs on collaborative research and other means to strengthen relations and community development in both countries, especially around the issues of recognition and reconciliation; visits to sites in south-east Queensland which hold historical significance for ASSI people; and presentation of the Vanuatu coat of arms by

the Vanuatu delegation to the Queensland Government, on behalf of the Australian Government, and to the Elders of the ASSI community in Australia.

Vanuatu Justice and Community Services Minister Ralph Regenvanu said many different relationships were now being forged between communities in Vanuatu and Australian South Sea Islanders but these could not take the place of an ASSI representative body.

"You have all come here to work together," he told delegates.

"You have all come here for the same reason.

"Now is the time!"

Youth jailing 'must be a last resort'



A REVIEW into the youth justice system in the Northern Territory has recognised that 'detention must be a last resort'. Released by the NT Attorney-General Delia Lawrie and review chair Jodeen Carney on 24 October, the independent review

delivered nine recommendations, all of which have the support of the Government.

Ms Lawrie described the review as a 'watershed moment' for juvenile justice in the Northern Territory.

"Tackling crime and preventing re-offending by our young people is vital to the future of Territory communities and supports this Government's commitment to achieve the Territory 2030 target to ensure citizens feel safe from the risk of assault and property crime," Ms Lawrie said.

"The report is the first time a Territory Government has commissioned a comprehensive independent review of the youth justice system, with 246 individual consultations across all parts of the Territory, and 40 formal submissions received.

Committed

"Nine key recommendations are contained in the report, all of which the Territory Government has committed to implementing, including the immediate formation of a designated Youth Justice Unit and an increase in youth diversionary programs.

"As the report articulates, prevention and early intervention is crucial and I am pleased to announce \$500,000 in funding for a Youth Justice Unit and formal Youth Diversion Services in Katherine and Tennant Creek."

Ms Carney, a lawyer who chaired the review, said that the report presented challenges and opportunities for government in the Territory.

"The key themes are that a focus on prevention, early intervention and diversion are key to tackling youth offending and that government agencies must work together and share information on at-risk youth to prevent them slipping through the cracks," Ms Carney said.

"However, the report also recognises that because of the size of the Territory, the actual number of offenders is small and much easier to identify, monitor and support than in larger jurisdictions.

"This means that with a designated agency, the right data collection systems in place and a commitment to diversionary programs, we have a real chance to identify these kids, get them the help and training they need and turn their lives around before they move into the adult corrections system."

Forum hears of vital water role



TRADITIONAL owners must continue to be consulted about decisions regarding water planning and management, a major NT forum has been told. Wagiman traditional owner Mona Liddy was speaking at the Ooloo Indigenous Water Forum held recently south of Darwin.

The forum heard that Indigenous people played an important role in managing water resources and must be engaged in water allocation planning to capitalise on future economic development opportunities and to protect environmental and cultural values for generations to come.

"It is comforting to see the NT Government here listening to the concerns we have about water in the Ooloo aquifer," Ms Liddy said.

"It is crucial that the NT Government continues to listen to traditional owners and ensure that our interests and concerns are addressed in the Draft Ooloo Water Allocation Plan."

North Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) and the Northern Land Council hosted the forum, which included a closed meeting for traditional owners from Wagiman, Wardaman, Larbagunyan and Dagoman language groups and key Indigenous leaders. Later, key NT Government representatives, Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) and Daly River Management Advisory Committee (DRMAC) officials were invited to join the discussion and tell traditional owners about their plans.

Red Cross joins in Qld job campaign



FOUR Indigenous community organisations have teamed up with the Australian Red Cross in south-east Queensland to offer mentoring, training and employment for up to 300 job-seekers.

The Kurbingui Youth Development Association, North West Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Association, Inala Wangara, and Beenleigh Housing and Development Company are part of a new approach aimed at assisting with Indigenous employment in the area.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Employment Mark Arbib said the project was providing Indigenous participants with the opportunity to undertake job-search activities and pre-employment training in a supportive setting. "I congratulate the Australian Red Cross and the project partners for their innovative approach to Indigenous employment services and for their commitment to assisting Indigenous people in their community," he said.

Engineers praise Budj Bim system



THE ancient Aboriginal fish trapping works at Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape in Victoria's south-west have won an engineering honour.

The aquaculture system dating back 6600 years at Lake Condah has been dedicated as an Engineering Heritage National Landmark by major group Engineers Australia.

The works feature an elaborate system of excavated stone channels built by local Aboriginal people for the aquaculture of eels and other fish. The site is sacred to the Gunditjmara people.

Victoria Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell said the recognition illustrated the significance of the site.

"The (works) demonstrate the ingenuity, forward-thinking and sophisticated understanding of local ecosystems of Aboriginal people thousands of years ago," she said. "By its existence, the Budj Bim landscape challenges common preconceptions of traditional Aboriginal ways and allows us to recognise that, prior to European settlement, Aboriginal people lived by a complex system of aquaculture, resource use, kinship networks and trade."

Indigenous faces at Broome council



BROOME'S council now has a majority of Indigenous councillors.

Five of the nine members on the Kimberley council are Indigenous following recent elections in Western Australia.

Indigenous candidates Anne Poelina, Mark Manado and Philip Matsumoto became first-time councillors at the election, resulting in the majority. — AAP

Indigenous staff for Ngukurr motel



INDIGENOUS people in the NT community of Ngukurr are to receive hospitality training for a new motel in the Arnhem Land community. The training, to be provided by Jobfind Centres Australia, follows funding from the Northern Territory Government.

This month, 18 Ngukurr locals will begin hospitality training to provide essential staff for the motel that is currently being built at Ngukurr.

The development of the motel is expected to help to further improve the social and economic standing of the remote community, by providing a place to stay for guests who visit the community.



Christine Anu on stage.

Festive time at Wagga Wagga



MORE than 20 schools from the Wagga Wagga region took part in the inaugural Ngiyaginya Aboriginal Festival on 14-15 October. Ngiyaginya is a Wiradjuri world meaning 'To Revive', and the festival explored the history of the area through arts and culture.

In the lead-up to the festival, workshops were held to teach video making, dancing, music and arts, much of which was showcased at the festival.

Included in the program was a film produced by inmates at Junee Jail aimed at sending positive messages about the importance of staying in school.

Indigenous Junee inmate Kingi said the week filming the play was one of the best he had had in jail.

"The message we are sending to the kids is that you lose a lot when you come to jail. It's important they think twice before they make a stupid decision, because if it's the wrong one, they will not only pay, but their close ones will too," Kingi said.

Another Indigenous Junee inmate, Joe Graff, said the project had helped him to unveil his own artistic talents.

'Follow your dreams'

"I would like to say to the kids to always follow your dreams and don't let anyone say you can't do it," he said.

Young people were engaged in creative activities at school in the lead-up to the festival, including song writing and storytelling based on their own cultures, including in their own languages.

Wagga Wagga High School principal Leonie Atkinson said the festival had created a buzz among her students.

Students Sarah and Eliza Levett said the music and video workshops were fantastic and they enjoyed creating their own original compositions.

Other key event features included a performance by local students in an empty housing commission centre at Koorringal, the airing of a local Indigenous produced documentary *The Black Suns*, and a performance by didgeridoo player William Barton.

Students attending the festival also listened to inspirational talks by role



The band Way Street perform in Wagga Wagga.



The Maliyaa Dance Group were among the many entertainers at the Ngiyaginya Aboriginal Festival.



Didgeridoo maestro William Barton on stage with local students.

models, participated in skills workshops, and creative arts activities, and discovered career pathways.

Federal School Education Minister Peter Garrett said the festival aimed to share positive messages with Indigenous children about staying in school, discovering future career pathways, and living healthy, positive lifestyles.

He said Wagga Wagga City Council had taken a unique approach to connecting Indigenous kids with education and the arts.

The Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) funded the festival through the Community Festivals for Education Engagement.

Focus on the Ella 7s rugby carnival



Face painting was popular with kids at the carnival.



From Tamworth were Percy Duncan Snr and son Percy Jnr, and from Toowoomba were Alan Wilson and kids Alan Jnr, Sienna and Taleah.



Dr Ajay Bhall, from Kambu Medical Services, checks Aunty Laverne Murphy in the mobile clinic at the carnival.

Ipswich scores!

Photos by NAOMI MORAN



THERE was plenty of interest in this year's Ella 7s rugby carnival, played at Ipswich, near Brisbane.

A good crowd turned out for the carnival late last month, which attracted teams from south-east Queensland and NSW.

The Boomanulla Night Riders defeated the Illawarra South Coast Black Cockatoos 38-10 in the Cup final, while the Purga Wagtails won the Plate final 31-24 against the Kambu Warriors, and the Natural Talents beat South Coast 31-17 in the Bowl final.

One Mob took out the women's final, downing Murri Magic.

● See Pages 84-85 for sport coverage of the competition.



Joey Gordon and Jack Purcell await their call to the field for the Natural Talents.



Natasha White, Esther Lawaniyasana and Anna Nasalo had a great day.



Ray Nagas scores a health check from Kambu Health Services nurse Emily Morton.



Brian King, from Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development, fired up the barbecue.



Liz Wilson and Cathy Craigie from ANZ Bank and carnival organiser Trevor Fourmile.



Peter and Bill Bashford from the Boomanulla Knight Riders crew at the Ipswich carnival.



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UTS policy is a new approach



UNIVERSITY of Technology, Sydney has launched a new policy

which will mandate jobs for Indigenous people and aims to boost the number of Indigenous students entering higher education.

UTS says the new Indigenous Education and Employment Policy (IEEP) will make Indigenous strategy a 'core business' for the university.

UTS Vice-Chancellor Professor Ross Milbourne said that while previous policies had reflected UTS's commitment to reconciliation and equity, the IEEP aligned UTS with national Indigenous higher education objectives.

"With our new policy, UTS hopes to be ahead of the curve nationally in committing to a whole-of-university approach to Indigenous employment and education," he said.

Commitment

"We know we need to lift our numbers to have real representation across the whole of the university and we have backed our commitment to this policy with significant resources and strategic support.

"To help us deliver on our commitment, I have directed each faculty and division to nominate at least one vacancy per year that should be targeted to be filled by an Indigenous Australian. Very importantly, these are to be mainstream university positions - not 'Indigenous-specific' positions.

"This is on top of a



Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning director Professor Michael McDaniel and Federal Human Services Minister Tanya Plibersek at the launch.

commitment to providing opportunities for UTS Indigenous students to consider cadetships, internships and traineeships as part of their studies, with a view to ongoing employment at UTS."

The man behind the policy, UTS Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning director Professor Michael McDaniel, said it was built on the idea that Indigenous development should hold a status within

the university similar to research, teaching and learning, and 'internationalisation'.

"The higher education sector has long shown leadership in changing the perception and reality of the place of Indigenous people in Australian society, but now it is time to take these efforts beyond the confines of university Indigenous and equity units," Prof McDaniel said.

"There's often a

misunderstanding that Indigenous education is just for Indigenous people, where in fact it is relevant to every student at university. That's certainly how we should be thinking about it... it's about nation building."

UTS says the IEEP also includes the development of Indigenous-specific subjects and content and 'embeds acts of Indigenous recognition and partnership into the public and ceremonial life of UTS'.



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Daniel leading the way



KAMILAROI/GAMILARAAY university student Daniel Allan has been named the first recipient of a scholarship aimed at producing more Indigenous engineers.

Mr Allan is studying a Bachelor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (Chile) at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

The scholarship was organised by infrastructure advisory consultancy Evans & Peck, with the support of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations' (DEEWR) Indigenous Cadetship Support (ICS).

Mr Allan will receive financial support for his tuition and accommodation from Evans & Peck and the ICS. In addition he will participate in Evans & Peck's undergraduate development program each summer and work part-time for the firm throughout the duration of his studies.

The introduction of Evans & Peck's Indigenous Scholarship was influenced by the work of Engineering Aid Australia's (EAA) Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School.

The seven day live-in Summer School features a combination of engineering and social activities and provides potential engineers with a taste of the profession and what a career could look like.

While Mr Allan didn't attend EAA's summer school, his advice to Year 11 and 12 students with an interest in the profession is to find out more about it and participate.



Evans & Peck Indigenous Scholarship recipient Daniel Allan (second from left) with, from left, DEEWR's Michael Norman, Evans & Peck managing director Rob Aldis and Evans and Peck principal and operations manager Kay Salvair Smith.

He also suggests using the internet to explore other graduate opportunities and not to be afraid of making big changes in their lives.

"The Evans & Peck undergraduate scholarship has given me more of a purpose in respect to my life and career plan," he said.

"I'm working and studying hard and am

motivated to be the best I can be. It's also changed my perception of engineering as a profession and I've realised how much I'm interested in project management and the processes that support infrastructure development."

Evans & Peck managing director Rob Aldis said it made good business sense to expand the firm's undergraduate recruitment

efforts into the Indigenous community given its untapped potential as a source of future engineers.

"Indigenous Australians are under-represented in our profession compared to others such as health and education," he said.

"The future sustainability of our firm and the broader engineering profession depends on our ability to attract the best and brightest young people, which is why we have invested in an undergraduate strategy to reach more students at the critical career planning time during Years 11 and 12."

Principal and operations manager Kay Salvair Smith has been one of the key driving forces behind Evans & Peck's inaugural Indigenous Scholarship. The scholarship itself has been almost three years in the making, and is part of a much broader commitment by the firm to undergraduate and graduate recruitment.

She said EAA, DEEWR and universities such as UTS, the University of Sydney, the University of NSW and Curtin University had been important partners for the firm as it developed and launched its first Indigenous Scholarship.

"Collectively we are all trying to achieve the same goals of identifying and developing talent and increasing the proportion of Indigenous Australians in a profession which has a lot to offer bright young people," she said.

"Engineering is not a common career path for Indigenous students and we're doing our best to highlight the opportunities it presents for a diverse and very rewarding career."



GET ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE: WITH IBIS INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

For o experiences are a rewarding part of the journey toward her career choice.

With three uncles in nursing, it's not surprising that Samantha Hoskins, a young member of the Dunghutti tribe around Kempsey, ended up doing a nursing degree at the University of Newcastle.

Ultimately, Samantha sees herself pursuing a career working with children in paediatrics or possibly midwifery, but for now she's focused on finishing her degree and enjoying the hands-on experience she gets through the wide range of practical placements at hospitals such as The Royal Newcastle Centre.

"We get 12 weeks a year in a hospital setting," says Samantha, "which is giving me great insights into all the different facets of a career in nursing, such as a surgery environment and pre-op and post-op."

Samantha's valuable industry experience is largely thanks to her Industry Based Indigenous Scholarship (IBIS) in collaboration with Hunter New England Health, which supports Indigenous students by providing sponsorship and a link back to their workplace via industry placements.

Apart from the obvious benefits of financial support (up to \$17,000 a year, tax-free), the IBIS industry placements give Indigenous students real responsibility and the opportunity to contribute to the organisation while developing the skills necessary to be successful in their chosen profession.

For more information on IBIS scholarships, please contact the Industry Scholarship Liaison Officer, Bill Fisher on bill.fisher@newcastle.edu.au or (02) 4985 4931.

Applications for enrolment at the University of Newcastle for 2012 are now open through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC). Make sure you indicate that you are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander to be eligible for the Alternative Entry Program. If you are looking for advice on career and UAC choices, contact Wollotuka on (02) 4921 6863 or email wollotuka@newcastle.edu.au



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IBA scholarships on offer



INDIGENOUS Business Australia (IBA) has opened its 2012 Scholarship

Fund round for mature-aged Indigenous students.

The IBA Scholarship Fund provides mature-aged Indigenous people with the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in business, finance and commerce through higher education.

IBA chair Dawn Casey said the fund was seeking applicants who could use their new knowledge and skills to enhance their community's economic and financial development.

"This is an important step to help build economic development within our Indigenous communities," she said.

The fund provides financial assistance to successful scholarship applicants to support them with study-related expenses up to the value of \$20,000. This allows successful applicants the opportunity to develop their skills not only

for their own future success but that of their family, peers and community.

Alan Holt, a business student from the Northern Territory currently assisted by the IBA Scholarship Fund, says his degree will allow him to provide sound advice and assist communities in business development and possibly some form of a mentoring role.

Empowerment

"I am a great believer that education brings knowledge, understanding and empowerment, you can make a contribution and self-direct your vision in making a difference in society today," he said.

Applications for an IBA Scholarship, open to mature-aged Indigenous students for the 2012 academic year, close on 18 November.

Application forms, eligibility criteria and further information are available at www.iba.gov.au/scholarships. Alternatively people can email scholarships@iba.gov.au or call 1800 107 107 for further information or an application form.



IBA Scholarship Fund beneficiary Alan Holt ... "I am a great believer that education brings knowledge, understanding and empowerment."

Making an impact



NAB state general manager SA/NT Joanna White (left) with WA State Impact winners Clontarf Aboriginal College's Anne Oliver and ERTECH Training Academy's Colin Hunt.



NT Impact winners Elspeth Hulse, of Millner Primary School, and Save The Children's Betty Shepherd.



SCHOOLS with major Indigenous programs around Australia are richer in more ways than one after being named winners in a national scheme.

Cooktown (Qld), Clontarf Aboriginal College (Western Australia) and Millner Primary School (Northern Territory) were all taking part in the 2011 National Australia Bank Schools First Impact Awards. NAB Schools First is a partnership between the bank, the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) and the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) which recognises and rewards outstanding school-community partnerships that lead to improved student outcomes.

Each of the schools above has now received \$100,000 under the program and is in the running for up to \$500,000 in prizes at the national Schools First Impact Awards, to be announced on 23 November.

NAB says that by the end of the year, Schools First will have awarded more than \$15 million to 310 school-community partnerships around Australia.

Cooktown State School's Aunties and Uncles program, a partnership designed to engage, empower and develop healthy and confident social and personal skills for students, was the 2011 Qld winner.

The program teaches through culture and, as a result, students are learning through dance, motivational speakers, mentoring and many other activities. This in turn helps empower students to make healthy and sensible decisions, developing healthy and confident social and personal skills and improving school outcomes.



Cooktown police liaison officer Joseph McIvor plays the didgeridoo for the kids as part of the weekly cultural Aunties and Uncles program. Mr McIvor is also a local traditional owner and was one of the school's Indigenous education workers before switching to the police. Photo by BEN KING

Millner Primary School's winning ERICUS (Educating Remote Indigenous Children in Urban Settings) Program works to improve school attendance, engagement, well-being and achievement by providing support for Indigenous children from remote communities.

The school and five partner organisations, including Save The Children, work to provide opportunities for the students.

Clontarf Aboriginal College partnered with ERTECH Holdings and Polytechnic West for its winning Training and

Employment Opportunities in Civil Construction project.

Clontarf caters for 120 Aboriginal students from Years 7-12. ERTECH runs a youth training scheme two days a week at a purpose-built construction facility. Students who attend the work experience or training days are participating in a nationally accredited program that contributes to their completion of the Western Australian Certificate of Education.

For more details on NAB's program, go to www.schoolsfirst.edu.au

Students dare to aspire



Members of the Harristown State High School DARE champion team, from left, Tiarni Rowe, Taya Hynch, Shane O'Conner, Jordan Kuhn, Damon Anderson, Brody Sedee and Jordan Kussrow.



THEY came, they saw, and they DARED.

They were more than 100 Indigenous students who met at the University of Southern Queensland's Toowoomba Campus to compete in the DARE (Dream Aspire Reach Experience) Indigenous Secondary School Mentoring Program, Traditional Indigenous Games School Competition.

The competition marked the launch of the university's DARE (Dream Aspire Reach Experience) Indigenous Secondary School Mentoring Program. DARE is aimed at addressing the barriers to participation in higher education by Indigenous students. It focuses on developing aspirations of students through face-to-face mentoring and engagement with parents, teachers and the Indigenous community.

The program targets low socio-economic status schools around the three university campuses – Toowoomba, Springfield and Fraser Coast.

DARE is being run for the duration of a semester where each mentor will conduct a one-hour face-to-face session with their mentee in their school.

Leadership

Sessions are constructed around an online classroom. Each session is based around a specific task related to self-esteem, leadership, citizenship, career planning, goal building, culture and identity.

The program also includes cross-cultural awareness training for the mentors, on-campus activities and tours, a three-day camp focusing on leadership, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and career guidance and planning, and an award ceremony featuring

special guest speakers.

The university says DARE involves parents and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by extending invitations to attend an official launch and meet and greet, on-campus activities and awards ceremonies.

The traditional Indigenous games have been developed as a way of continuing the sharing of traditional cultures.

DARE project manager from USQ's Centre for Indigenous Knowledges Megan Darr said the day-long competition had been developed around The Yulunga: Traditional Indigenous Games resource project, which integrates Indigenous Australian perspectives across the education curriculum.

The games were developed to provide a greater understanding and appreciation of Indigenous culture – the way it was many thousands of years ago and still is today.

Pilot program at CSU



CHARLES Sturt University (CSU) is gearing up for a pilot program early next year aimed at allowing Aboriginal teaching students to stay and study on their own communities.

The program, which has the support of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, follows a study which found strong support for such a scheme.

Under the plan, participants would undertake the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood

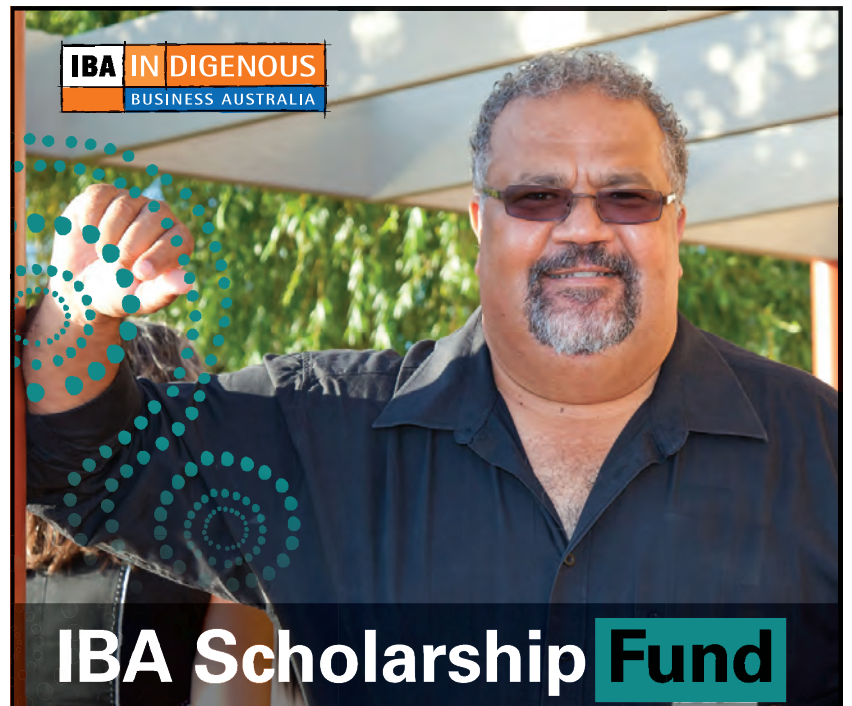
and Primary), offered by CSU in Dubbo.

Associate Dean at the CSU Faculty of Education Professor Jo-Anne Reid said a survey had been completed into the viability of a model of delivery that would allow Aboriginal people in regional communities to study at home, with regular support by staff at the CSU School of Teacher Education in Dubbo.

CSU says the survey responses indicated more than 120 Aboriginal people from communities around inland NSW were interested in

enrolling in the degree course – a four-year mainstream program accredited by the NSW Institute of Teachers to graduate teachers who are qualified to teach in early childhood settings and primary schools.

"This proposal includes a strong partnership with the western region of the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC), and the Remote Service Delivery (RSD) hubs in Walgett and Wilcannia, where the trial program will commence in 2012," Prof Reid said.



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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.



Australian Government

Review of Higher Education Access and Outcomes

for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

A review of higher education access and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was announced by the Australian Government in April 2011. The review is being led by an expert panel, chaired by Professor Larissa Behrendt, Professor of Law and Indigenous Studies at the University of Technology, Sydney.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Review Panel wants to hear from organisations and individuals about what's working, what isn't working and what needs to change to improve higher education access and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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Janice and Juanita Baggow at Canterbury Hospital.



JANICE BAGGOW and her daughter Juanita know the value of mammograms.

Both from Riverwood in Sydney, they experienced the tragedy of breast cancer when Janice's cousin died from the disease.

Janice and Juanita, who both work at Canterbury Hospital, are firm believers in regular breast-screening mammograms.

"I've been having mammograms for the last six years, when I turned 50, after I had been working at Canterbury Hospital for a year," Janice said.

"Working in a hospital, you get to see how much you can do yourself to prevent illness and disease. It's something I've been teaching my family and friends.

"My cousin's passing was a wake-up call. She was the first member of our family to die from cancer.

"There is an alarming number of women aged between 50 and 69 who have not been screened in the last two years. I strongly

encourage Aboriginal women to visit a breast screening centre and have a mammogram."

"Early detection gives women up to a 98 per cent survival rate and mammograms for women in this age bracket are the best defence against cancer."

The latest figures from the Cancer Institute NSW show that more than 4600 women across NSW will have been diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011.

Detection

Because of early detection, new research and advances in treatment, breast cancer is no longer as fatal as it used to be. There has been an 11 per cent decline in deaths from breast cancer over the past 10 years.

Pink Ribbon Day, on 24 October, was the most important day in the year for raising funds for research and treatment of breast cancer but also served as a timely reminder for women in this age bracket about the importance of mammographic screening.

BreastScreen NSW Sydney local health district acting

director Genevieve Wallace said a mammogram could detect the early signs of breast cancer.

"The best time to treat breast cancer is when it is very small. Without screening, cancers are more likely to be noticed or felt when they are much more advanced – at around the size of a small cherry," she said.

"Mammograms can locate cancers as small as a pea so the 20 minutes of your time it takes could be life-saving."

BreastScreen NSW is a screening service that ensures two specially trained doctors independently examined each woman's x-rays.

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More workers across Australia



THE Federal Government has announced 41 new positions aimed at benefitting Indigenous health.

They include outreach workers, practice managers and health professionals to be based in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services in every state and territory.

Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon said the new workers would boost national efforts to close the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and other Australians within a generation.

"The new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander outreach workers will work with their communities to encourage more

people to access health services and have health checks, and to identify people who would benefit from improved access to health services," he said.

"The new positions build on the work of 127 outreach workers already funded in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services and Divisions of General Practice across Australia, as well as funding for front-line staff in Aboriginal community-controlled health services."

Positions

The Federal Government says it is providing \$13.1 million to fund the new positions, as part of its \$805.5 million Indigenous Chronic Disease Package.

Mr Snowdon said outreach workers already funded under the Indigenous Chronic Disease Package were making 'a real difference on the ground'.

"The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service in Brisbane has employed four outreach workers working across its four clinics, establishing vital connections with the community and building partnerships with organisations across metropolitan Brisbane, such as schools and the Murri Court," he said.

"Over the past 12 months, the outreach workers have contributed to the health service completing more than 1300 health checks, with more than 2000 new patients

visiting the clinics and a nearly threefold increase in the number of management plans developed for patients with a chronic disease.

"These workers have been essential in promoting health checks and getting the message out there about how important it is for people to manage their health."

The Government says the outreach workers will have access to nationally accredited basic-level training through vocational education and training.

"This will enable them to develop career paths in health, if they choose, by undertaking more advanced training, such as that for Aboriginal health workers or enrolled nurses," Mr Snowdon said.

Brisbane gets new Indigenous clinics



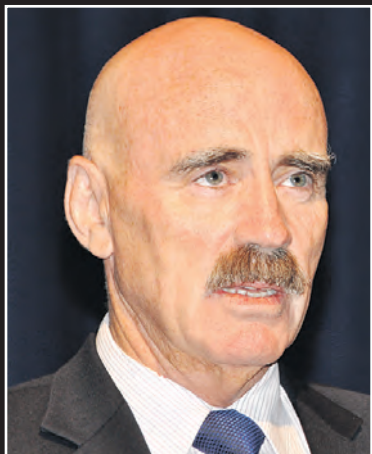
ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander communities in south-east Queensland have two new health clinics in Brisbane.

The clinics aim to provide better access to health checks, general practice services, dental health, allied health and follow-up care.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon said the Logan primary health care clinic and Mums and Bubs Clinic would significantly expand services for more than 6000 people in the region.

"The population in the south-east Queensland region served by the clinics is growing rapidly, and the provision of facilities and services has often not kept up with the steady increase in demand for such services," Mr Snowdon said.

"These clinics are helping the



'These clinics are helping the health workforce to expand and meet the increasing need for vital primary health care services in this region, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people'

– Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon

health workforce to expand and meet the increasing need for vital primary health care services in this region, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Three doctors, a registered nurse and an Aboriginal health

worker at the Logan clinic provided services to almost 400 new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients in the first three months of operation.

The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH) and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Community Health Service, Brisbane, jointly established the clinics.

The IUIH has partnered with the University of Queensland to also operate a dental clinic at the site, at 41 Station Road, Logan.

Mr Snowdon also announced

funding of \$1.23 million to the IUIH to employ a second team of tobacco action and healthy lifestyle workers for the Regional Tackling Smoking and Healthy Lifestyle Program for south-east Queensland.

Mr Snowdon said the new clinics and the new funding for the tobacco and healthy lifestyle workers would continue the Federal Government's commitment to closing the gap in health status and life expectancy between Indigenous and other people by 2030.

"The second Healthy Lifestyle team – a regional tobacco co-ordinator, a tobacco action worker and two new healthy lifestyle workers – will run local smoking prevention and quit campaigns," he said.

"Their work will complement the existing team which is already helping to improve nutrition and physical activity in Indigenous communities in the region."

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Transient care the focus of research



INDIGENOUS children are less likely to have a regular family doctor than other

Australian children, researchers at The Australian National University Medical School have found.

Lead author and Professor of General Practice Marjan Kljakovic said the study involved more than 30,000 parents in the ACT and it looked at how many children had a regular GP and therefore received continuity of care.

"Our research aimed to find out the proportion of doctors displaying continuous and transient care over time and also to describe the equity of access to GP care for children in the ACT," he said.

"Patient continuity of care can be defined in a number of different ways in relation to continuity over time, passing on of information and the continuous personal relationship with the health-care provider.

"In this eight-year study, we also considered whether GPs stayed in one place long enough to provide that continuity, which is something that hasn't been examined before.

Frequency

"We found that the frequency of GPs displaying continuity of care varied over time, with 19 per cent being present in the ACT in only one year and 39 per cent of GPs being present in every year of the study.

"We also discovered that in each year, an average of 77 per cent of parents could name both the GP and the practice, an average of 11 per cent could name only the practice, and an average of 12 per cent couldn't name either."

Prof Kljakovic said that 25 per cent of parents of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids and children born outside Australia could not name a usual GP, compared to 10 per cent of all other children.

"In Australia, there is no formal process where patients voluntarily register with individual GPs or their practices," he said.

"The inequity of access to a nominated GP for Indigenous and overseas-born children might disappear if voluntary registration of children was adopted in Australian general practice."

Prof Kljakovic said continuity of care resulted in better personal service because it meant doctors were familiar with their patients' history and it helped build rapport.

Liverpool Hospital on the job for Indigenous people



LIVERPOOL Hospital has a good track record when it comes to employing

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

But the hospital is hoping to do even better, and recently held an open day to highlight jobs and career paths.

The hospital's acting general manager, Anthony Schembri, said 13 positions were currently available, and more would come online as the hospital continued to expand.

"In 2009 the former Sydney South West Area Health Service set out to recruit, train and retain Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff across all occupational groups – health professions, administration, human resources, as well as support roles – and establish career pathways for them," Mr Schembri said.

"Results so far have been excellent. We have recruited and trained 79 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and placed them in positions within the hospitals and services of the Sydney and South Western Sydney Local Health Districts, including 29 at Liverpool Hospital.

"What we are most proud of is that after one year, our staff retention rate has remained at 97 per cent, which is the highest figure nationally."

Mr Schembri said one of the reasons for the high retention was the partnership developed between the Centre for Education and Workforce Development



Acting general manager at Liverpool Hospital Anthony Schembri and Claire Thibaud, left, a trainee administration officer in his office. They are with Jackie Gallagher, of Green Valley, who came to the open day to find out more about career opportunities for Aboriginal people at Liverpool Hospital.

(CEWD), Yarn'n Aboriginal Employment Services and the two districts, resulting in a substantial growth in the Aboriginal workforce.

"At Liverpool Hospital, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff are offered traineeships, advice on career development and, most

importantly, ongoing support at their workplace," he said.

Michael Dunstone, from Yarn'n, and Jodie Ekholm, from the CEWD, visit Liverpool Hospital every fortnight.

"Having this ongoing link with their managers and the health services has meant staff don't feel alone and are able to resolve

problems quickly," Mr Dunstone said. "There is also an Aboriginal kinship network at the hospital – this is the traditional Aboriginal way of resolving issues.

"Like family, new and existing staff get together to provide support and I believe this is another reason retention is so high."

Grants aim for better health



THE Federal Government has allocated \$39.8 million for research aimed at improving the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon said 53 National Health and Medical Research grants would be focused on Indigenous health.

He said the research grants would provide important information to clinicians, policy makers and patients.

"The research will cover a range of areas, including engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in accessing mental health treatment, interventions to reduce the 20 per cent of Indigenous children who will experience perforated eardrums and assist in the

management of chronic lower back pain experienced by Aboriginal people in remote and regional areas of Western Australia," Mr Snowdon said.

Under the funding:

● Professor Elizabeth Elliott, of the University of Sydney, will receive \$448,908 to establish the prevalence of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and help affected children and their carers in Fitzroy Valley's remote Aboriginal communities in Western Australia.

● Professor Emily Banks, of Australian National University, will receive \$1,727,460 to investigate health trajectories in urban Aboriginal children through the SEARCH Study. SEARCH is Australia's largest prospective longitudinal study of urban Aboriginal children and will provide, for the first time, comprehensive information on the causes of health and illness

in a large group of urban Aboriginal children. SEARCH is a partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. It aims to identify the factors that can be changed in early childhood to prevent later disease, to reduce the gap in Aboriginal health.

A total of 17 funding grants worth more than \$17 million will be made in the Northern Territory through the Menzies School of Health Research, which is undertaking a number of studies to assist Indigenous people.

"This health research funding also adds to the Government's commitment of \$805.5 million to improve the prevention, early detection and ongoing management of chronic disease among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Mr Snowdon said.

Further information on all NHMRC grants can be found at www.nhmrc.gov.au

Bright future ahead

By GREG BURCHALL



Just who – or what is – Vicki Couzens? Sometimes she doesn't even know herself.

The painter, printmaker, textile worker and linguist keeps getting deeper and deeper into the region of 'who knows?'

"It took me a long time to feel comfortable with calling myself an 'artist' but now I've gone off it a bit," she says.

"I use what I have acquired to do what I do. Community cultural development? Don't know about that either. I'm a creator – a builder – if there are things to explore, then I explore them."

Nevertheless, Couzens was named Outstanding Indigenous Artist at Melbourne's recent Fringe Festival for her work in *Re:Appropriate*, at East Brunswick's new Blak Spot Gallery.

That work looked at death and the grieving process, something about which Couzens holds powerful views.

"There must be a meeting of culture," she says. "You'd be lucky to get a day off [in Western culture] for your aunt's funeral, let alone a week or two for sorry business."

The other death that concerns Couzens is that of language.

Her dad, Uncle Ivan, compiled



VICKI COUZENS

a respected language dictionary, although Couzens grew up knowing 'only a few rude words'.

"There is a great degree of loss, but the interest is building and it's a very exciting time."

Couzens works part-time as a regional community trainer for the

Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages, which currently gets no state funding.

"It's exciting to see welcome to country and smoking ceremonies now being a natural part of official proceedings," she says.

"But we need language also."

We have had delegates going to Indigenous conferences overseas say 'Quick, quick – can you put my speech into language please' – they are getting worried about that. And proud."

The other happy burden Couzens carries for herself is

possum skin cloak making, which began with a project to replicate those held in local museums and grew to helping every Victorian community to create their own to bring to the opening of the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Now Couzens is involved in helping other communities revive and reclaim a practice that has been lost and duplicate those in overseas museums: such as the Hunter Valley cloak in Washington's Smithsonian.

Which doesn't leave her with a lot of time for art and the inner world of personal expression. Not to mention her PhD studies.

"There's never enough time, or funding, for the important things to do," she says.

"Land, language, identity underpin everything I work on and I never forget my four Rs – reclaim, revive, regenerate, remember."

"We all have it. That's a DNA and spirit thing. Just waiting to be awakened."

Couzens's Fringe award gives her the choice of a Victorian College of the Arts short course, through the Wilin Centre at Melbourne University.

But what, if anything, would Couzens need instruction in?

"Maybe something with sound engineering – or multimedia – sound, projection and lighting. I don't know," she says.

"A new direction? It's very exciting."

Keeping it in the family at the Togart awards



THE 2011 Togart Contemporary Art Award turned out to be something of a family affair, with 19-year-old Jessie Bonson last month named the winner

of the \$5000 People's Choice Award for a photographic portrait of her cousin.

A month earlier Jessie's brother Joshua Bonson, had already taken out the overall Togart Award of \$15,000 for his painting *Skin*, which alludes to his saltwater people and his totem the crocodile.

With a passion for family, community and culture, Jessie said she creates photographs as visual journals to share her personal journey and heritage with the viewer.

Her winning work *Same Blood* is a portrait of her cousin Thomas.

"But grandma said that while people may say we're only cousins, our blood is the same, which makes him my brother," she said.

Now in its fifth year, the Togart Contemporary Art Award is an initiative of the Toga Group, and is open to all artists who have a strong connection to the Northern Territory or have chosen to base their practice there.

Out of the 40 artists short-listed for this year's award, 21 were Indigenous artists.

● LEFT: Darwin emerging artist Jessie Bonson with her artwork *Same Blood*.



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Over the last 30 years we have supported and promoted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and organisations including Archie Roach, Christine Anu, Deborah Mailman, Doris Pilkington, Ken Thaiday, Bangarra, Banduk Marika, Leah Purcell, Yirra Yaakin and Yothu Yindi. The new generations of young and creative artists such as Wire MC, Emma Donovan, Alick Tipoti, Shakaya and Jason Pitt have been recognised by the Board as well. You could be next!

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Melbourne exhibition to give alternative view



EMERGING artists from Utopia will be showcased in a new exhibition called *Another Perspective: Emerging Artists from the Irrulja community, Utopia*, which opens at DACOU in Melbourne on 15

November.

The exhibition features 22 new paintings from the children and extended family of the famed Pwerle sisters including Lizzie Pwerle, Janie and Katie Petyarre Morgan, Susie, Jessie and Annie Petyarre Hunter, and William and Patrick Pwerle Ross.

All the artists featured in *Another Perspective* are related not only to each other, but also to DACOU's director Fred Torres.

Torres said that having encouraged these artists for many years, he was proud to present this exhibition of 'unique, visionary and affordable works'.

DACOU (Dreaming At Centre of Utopia) is at 35 Spring St (cnr Flinders Lane) and the exhibition runs until 18 December.

Program announced for 2012 Adelaide Festival



THE program for next year's Adelaide Festival, which runs from 2-18 March has been announced. Sydney Theatre Company and Adelaide Festival in association with Bangarra Dance Theatre will present *Bloodland*, which features an Indigenous cast of 12 –

consisting of both urban actors and traditional Yolngu storytellers.

Meanwhile installation, moving image, painting, fibre, sculpture and glass will all be showcased in *Deadly* at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute as part of Adelaide Festival's visual art program. Co-curated by Fulvia Mantelli and Renee Johnson, the newly-commissioned works in *Deadly* are from eight leading Australian First Nation artists and communities – Lorraine Connelly-Northey (NSW), Julie Gough (Tas), Beaver Lennon (SA), Trevor Nickolls (SA), Sandra Saunders (SA), Yhonnie Scarce (Vic/SA), Tjunga Palya: Keith Stevens and Ginger Wikilyiri (Nyapari, APY Lands (SA), Tjanpi Desert Weavers (NT/SA).

In partnership with Adelaide Festival, the Art Gallery of South Australia will present the 2012 Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art: Parallel Collisions, with 21 commissioned works from some of Australia's leading artists including Richard Bell, Timothy Cook and Yvonne Koolmatrie.

Indigenous filmmakers sought for 'break' funds



FUNDING for both emerging and experienced Indigenous filmmakers who are resident in NSW is available through Metro Screen's First Break and Indigenous Breakthrough programs.

An information session about the funding programs will be held next Saturday, 12 November, at 2.30pm as part of an open day at Metro Screen in Sydney's Paddington.

First Break provides applicants with a cash budget of \$4000 for production and crew fees and \$1000 towards production equipment and post-production facilities, as well as training and mentor support. Three of the ten placements available through the First Break program are specifically reserved for applicants of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Projects can be up to 10 minutes in length and can be drama, documentary, a series pilot, experimental or cross-platform.

The Indigenous Breakthrough program is for experienced filmmakers who identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and will see one project of up to 20 minutes in length funded.

The program provides a cash budget of \$22,000 for production and crew fees and \$3,500 towards production equipment and post-production facilities. The applicant must have at least one produced screen credit in their respective role which has been released, broadcast or screened at a recognized film festival.

Applicants with feature film or substantial television drama experience are not eligible. For more info go to www.metroscreen.org.au

Art memorial opens in Perth



AN exhibition in memory of the victims of the Pinjarra Massacre on 28 October 1834 opened at the Western Australian Museum in Perth last Friday, marking the

177th anniversary.

The *Pinjarra Massacre Memorial Exhibition* has come about as a way for Nyungar people to share this story.

Through research over many years, extensive information has been accumulated about the massacre of the Bindjareb Nyungars at the hands of a group led by Governor James Stirling in the small WA town of Pinjarra, just over 80kms south of Perth.

Exhibition co-ordinator Karrie-Anne Kearing said research using soldier and surveyor notes made after the massacre had revealed 21 names of people who were killed, 'although Aboriginal people know there were many more victims'.



This carved emu egg by Barry Bellotti was created for Nyatch.

She said 17 Nyungar artists and one non-Indigenous artist were invited to participate, and each artist adopted one or more of these names, giving each of the 21 artworks a special significance, standing as a monument



Nyungar artist Lance Chadd (Tjyllyungoo) with sculptor Ron Gomboc.

to honour that person.

Also on show as part of the exhibition is a scale model or maquette of a proposed 5m statue for the site (pictured right). The WIRIN (spirit) statue has been a collaborative project by senior Nyungar artist Lance Chadd (Tjyllyungoo) and sculptor Ron Gomboc.

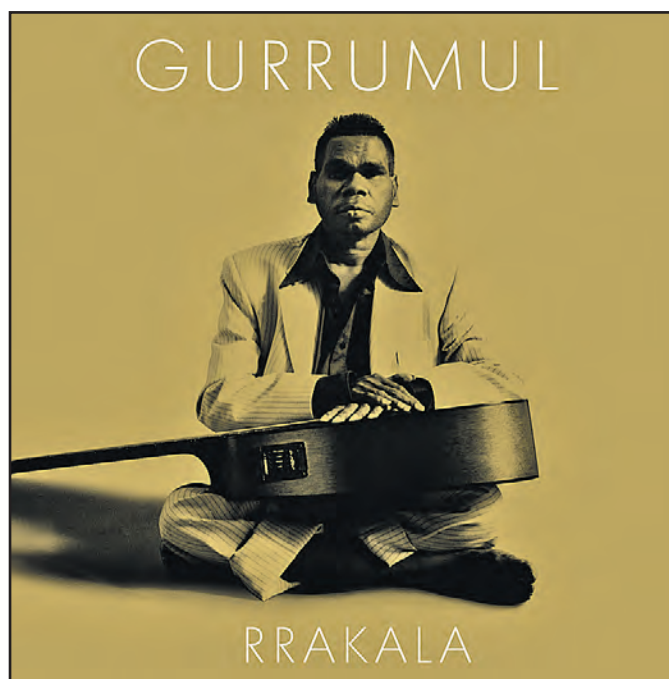
Ms Kearing said the statue would stand as a guardian figure over the site and depicted Noonar, who was one of the men at the camp at the time of the massacre.

"He ran forward to get the attention of the soldiers so that women and children could get away," she said. The maquette, which is 1/10th the size of the proposed memorial statue, is made from solid bronze and will be sold as a limited edition of 20. Retailing at \$4000, half the money from each sale will go directly towards the public memorial fund. For more information go to www.pinjarra-massacresite.com

The exhibition continues at the WA Museum in Perth until February 2012.



Third ARIA award for Gurrumul



Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu's *Rrakala* album won this year's Best World Music Album ARIA Award. Gurrumul is still in the running for Best Independent Release, Best Male Artist and Album of the Year.

GAMATJ singer-songwriter Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu has taken out his third ARIA Award for his follow-up album *Rrakala* winning this year's Best World Music Album category.

Also in the running for the title was Saltwater Band (of which Gurrumul is a member) for their latest album *Malk*.

The announcement was made last month in Sydney, where the nominees in all categories were announced, along with the winners of four ARIA Artisan Award categories.

Carlo Santone of Blue King Brown fame featured amongst the nominees for Best Video for Gurrumul's single *Gopuru*, and Best Cover Art for *Rrakala* (pictured left).

Also announced last week were the winners of four ARIA Fine Arts categories, which included not only Best World Music Album, but also Best

Original Soundtrack/Cast/Show Album, which saw brothers Stephen and Alan Pigram and Alex Lloyd as contenders for the film *Mad Bastards*.

Gurrumul is still in the running for Best Independent Release, Best Male Artist and Album of the Year, with the winners of these categories announced at the 25th anniversary ARIA Awards on Sunday 27 November at Allphones Arena, Sydney Olympic Park.

Meanwhile Aboriginal songbird Jessica Mauboy is amongst the contenders for the Highest Selling Single category for *Saturday Night (featuring Ludacris)* and also for Most Popular Australian Artist (which is one of three categories to be determined by popular vote).

To cast your vote across all three categories go to www.ariaawards.com.au/hpmostpopular

Toomelah goes national

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



FILMMAKER Ivan Sen had his first experience at the Cannes Film Festival on the French Riviera earlier this year, after his film *Toomelah* was chosen to screen in the Un Certain

Regard category.

The film was shot entirely on location in Toomelah by Sen himself, with no crew – just local people helping out where possible.

Apart from actor Dean Daly-Jones, who made a splash this year in the lead role in *Mad Bastards*, the entire cast consisted of first-time actors drawn from the local community.

Sen's mother and her family grew up at Toomelah Mission, an Aboriginal community of around 300 on the Queensland/NSW border, and Sen jokes that if you dig down far enough, he's pretty much related to almost everyone there.

The script was written directly from his experiences and memoirs of the place.

"Because I was so short of hands, when there was a scene with two actors talking to each other, the actor not on camera would be holding a reflector or a light," he said.

"It was a real community effort at times."

Sen said his unusual approach meant that he was able to capture a very intimate, raw and unique perspective of an Indigenous community.

"By doing that I put a lot of stress on myself as well. Something I don't think I'll ever do again," he said.

"But I knew that (if there was a crew), when it came to saying the lines, the actors would totally clam up and be shame, unless you are prepared to have the crew in there for a long time and let (the actors) get used to it.

"In a place like Toomelah... that has that history of people coming in to dictate to them how they live their lives, I guess initially there's that fear, or perhaps more mistrust, of people coming in from the outside.

"And if you are trying to do something that's difficult, like capturing the sensitivities of the way of life, it's hard to apply that conventional way of film-making.

"The alternative would be to create your own community and use professional actors and professional crew. That would be the opposite."

Toomelah tells the story of Daniel, played by 10-year-old local lad Daniel Connors who

yearns to be a 'gangster' like the male role models in his life.

Daniel's real-life father Michael Connors plays his film father, and they, along with Christopher Edwards who plays drug-dealing gang leader Linden, all accompanied Sen to Cannes.

Sen said it was an overwhelming experience for the three of them, who were travelling outside of Australia for the first time.

"Landing in the (French) Riviera, getting acclimatised, putting on suits, everything was so foreign from the experience of Toomelah. So they were pretty nervous," he said.

"It was a bit hard to read the audience during the screening, but at the end there was major applause for about 10 minutes, then the spot light went up on Daniel and his father and Christopher.

"Daniel's father broke down first, then Daniel started crying, then Christopher, then I started crying. Then everybody started crying.

"And then we had to move outside and a lot of the audience stayed around to take photos and talk to Daniel, and then the applause started again outside.

"At that stage the emotions were pretty high."

While it was Sen's first time at Cannes, his documentary *Yellow Fella* based on actor/musician Tommy E Lewis was also picked to screen at the festival in the Un Certain Regard category in 2005.

But at that time Sen chose not to attend.

"I've never been that into going to festivals," he said. "But after going to Cannes (this year) I found out that it was something pretty special, and maybe I should have gone the first time.

"I've never had an audience response like that, one that was so strong."

Toomelah opens nationally on 24 November.

Double pass to win

Screenworks in NSW's Northern Rivers region will be hosting an advance screening of *Toomelah* on 13 November at 4pm at Lismore's Star Court Theatre. The screening will be followed by a Q&A session with writer/director Ivan Sen.

The *Koori Mail* has two double passes to give away to the Lismore screening of *Toomelah*, courtesy of Screenworks.

To win, be one of the first two people to call our office on (02) 6622 2666 on Tuesday 8 November after 2pm (NSW time).



Daniel Connors is the star of Ivan Sen's latest film *Toomelah*.



Actor Daniel Connors with writer/director Ivan Sen on location in Toomelah.

Our Children, Our Future the message of Melbourne show



A painting by one of the children.



An exhibition by Koorie children and youth that celebrates Victorian

Aboriginal culture opens at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum, on 11 November.

Over the past year, Aboriginal children in the northern and western suburbs of Melbourne have spent time with Elders, artists and community members to learn about their culture and what it means to them. This was achieved through a series of art and culture workshops that culminated in the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA)

Cultural and Arts Festival held on 22 October.

Throughout the process, the children re-interpreted traditional and contemporary expressions of culture. They wrote songs, learnt dances and performed at festivals, learnt traditional language, created paintings that reflect what their culture means to them and created a possum skin cloak.

Many of these elements will be shown in the exhibition *Our Children Our Future*, which will celebrate the children's achievements.

The exhibition runs at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre until 5 February. Adults \$10, children and concessions free.

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Exhibition speaks to difficult years



Yours Forever, 2003, mixed media by Karla Dickens.



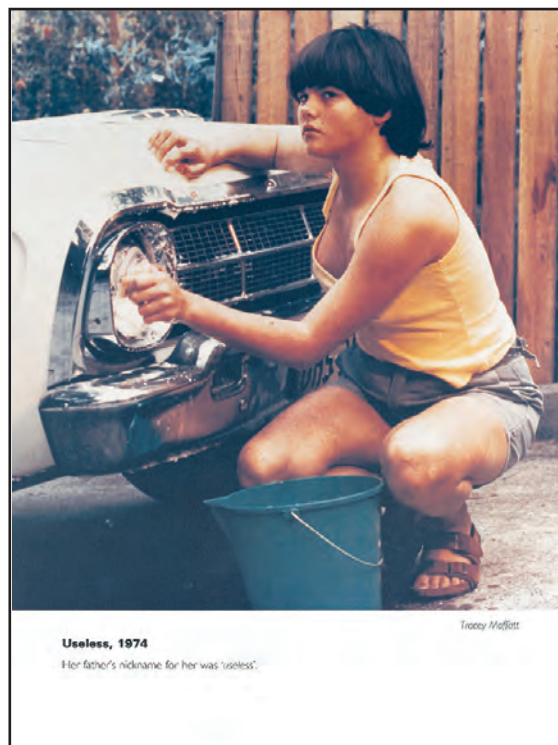
BUNDJALUNG curator Djon Mundine

has assembled a collection of works that speak of the difficult teenage years in a new exhibition at the Lismore Regional Gallery, which opened last week.

Aboriginal artists featured in *Thank You for the Days: My Teenage Years* include Gary Lee, Karla Dickens, Bindu Cole, Michael Philp and Digby Moran.

The exhibition includes a number of film projects including Wayne Blair's short film *The Djarn Djarns*, that views the world through the eyes of a young dancer at an Aboriginal cultural centre, Dennis O'Rourke's documentary *Cunnamulla*, and Dunghutti filmmaker Darlene Johnson's short film *Two Bob Mermaid*.

The exhibition also includes work from one of Tracey Moffatt's best-known series *Scarred for*



Useless, 1974
If her father's nickname for her was 'useless'.

Useless, 1974 by Tracey Moffatt, from the series Scarred for life I, 1994, off-set print.

Life I and II. Moffatt is widely regarded as one of Australia's premier artists, and has worked out of New York for the past decade. In her

Scarred for Life series, Moffatt recreates a vision of upbringings in decades past, exploring the uncomfortableness of growing up. The

works are presented as magazine pages and titled with sometimes witty, sometimes subversive text.

Lismore-based Wiradjuri artist Karla Dickens uses old dresses, aprons, gloves and dolls from the 1950s that suggest feminine domesticity, however she adds text that undercuts this innocence by articulating the sometimes conflicting (and once common) attitudes towards women, often felt most intensely during the teenage years.

Mundine has also commissioned a new film for the exhibition where his contemporaries from the Northern Rivers, including his brother Ray Mundine and Lismore-born John von Sturmer, reflect on their teenage years in the region.

Thank You for the Days: My Teenage Years runs at Lismore Regional Gallery until 10 December.

Warmun to benefit



THE Aboriginal Benefits Foundation is hosting an auction of artworks next

Sunday, 13 November, at Stills Gallery in Sydney's Paddington to raise money to restore the flood damaged Warmun Art Centre in WA's Kimberley region and for Cape York Indigenous Education.

Artworks to go under the hammer include those by major artists from the Warmun Art Centre as well as by other Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists.

The art centre at Warmun became an internationally known hub for the start of the east Kimberley painting movement. Paddy Jaminji, Rover Thomas, Jack Britten, Henry Wambini, Hector Jandany, George Mung and Queenie McKenzie all painted at Warmun.

A new facility was built alongside the old historic art centre after 2000.

In March this year, the Warmun community was inundated by floodwaters and the community was declared a natural disaster zone, with people airlifted 200km from their homes to Kununurra.

The Warmun Art Centre also housed a keeping place for its historic art collection, with flood waters washing away paintings



Warambany (Warmun Flood) by Roberta Daylight, natural ochre and pigments on canvas.

and doing irreparable damage to the buildings.

A conservation program is being developed for the historic collection through the University of Melbourne, but Aboriginal Benefits Foundation board member Jennifer Isaacs says the community and art centre remain in dire need of further financial assistance to buy equipment and materials for painters.

'Chance to help'

"This is Sydney's chance to help," she said.

The auction will also be raising money towards a bursary fund allowing western Cape York Indigenous students to receive further education or training outside their communities. The bursary fund was set up by renowned Queensland Indigenous

artist Dr Tapich Gloria Fletcher who left a legacy towards this aim, which the ABF is supporting.

The Queensland Arts Minister has promised dollar-for-dollar backing for the funds raised for the initiative this year. Several artists, including Ray Crooke, Arone Meeks and printers from the Torres Strait, have donated works to be auctioned to raise money for the bursary.

Sculptures by the late Dr Tapich will also be on sale.

The Aboriginal Benefits Foundation Fundraising Art Auction is on Sunday 13 November, 2-4pm, at Stills Gallery, 36 Gosbell St, Paddington, Sydney.

Entertainment will be provided by NAISDA dancers and a tax deductible donation can be made at the door.



Top and above: Flooding this year at the Warmun Art Centre.

Production 'a very personal work'



PERFORMANCE
troupe My Darling Patricia in association with Moogahlin

Performing Arts are set to premiere a new work called *Posts in the Paddock*, which has been dubbed 'a very personal work of reconciliation'.

Combining sculpture, animation, puppetry, performance and oral histories, *Posts in the Paddock* is a collaboration between Indigenous and other artists with a direct family connection to the Aboriginal bushranger Jimmy Governor.

Jimmy Governor is the real-life person on which Thomas Keneally's controversial book *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith* and Fred Schepisi's subsequent film was based.

The work takes its name from

the ruins of the house where My Darling Patricia member Clare Britton's relatives were murdered on a property in the Hunter Valley more than 100 years ago.

In creating the work, My Darling Patricia have collaborated with Jimmy Governor's great great grandson LeRoy Parsons and Elder Auntie Rhonda Dixon Governor who also shares a family connection.

Posts in the Paddock is presented as part of Performance Space's Exchange season from 9-19 November at 8pm at CarriageWorks, Sydney, with a 2pm matinee on 19 November.

Tickets \$30/\$20 and \$15 for the 9 November preview at 8pm and student rush tickets.

For more info and bookings go to www.performancespace.com.au



A photo taken in 2009 by Michelle Blakeney of the ruins of the house, which has lent its name to the new show *Posts in the Paddock*.

'Stand alone' for Dreaming



DREAMING Festival programming director Sam Cook has confirmed that the festival will return as a stand-alone format.

Due to flood damage at Woodfordia (the festival site on the Sunshine Coast hinterland), this year's Dreaming Festival has combined with the Woodford Folk Festival, which runs from 27 December through to 1 January.

When speaking to the *Koori Mail* Cook was not able to confirm whether the Dreaming would return in its own right by next year, but said an announcement would be made at the Woodford Folk Festival, about when that would be.

"It will return as a stand-alone event," she said.

Cook said the festival site suffered about \$2 million worth of damage, but initially they had been optimistic about running the Dreaming Festival as per normal over the long weekend in June.

Disasters

But due to a number of international natural disasters, there was a shortage of world-wide insurance assessors available at the time, she said.

"That held up the process," Cook said. "We couldn't move on to the site because we didn't have clearance. There were all these compounding factors."

"Then reality kicked in, and we needed to find a new date. And for the second half of the year there was no logical date other than to have it alongside the (Woodford) festival."

Cook said there would be a separate Dreaming precinct within the Woodford festival, with six dedicated venues.



Gambirra, who hails from Arnhem Land.

This would provide the Dreaming immersion experience, however she said the event was not being 'siloed' to the fringes, and Dreaming Festival acts would also be taking place amongst the Woodford spaces.

She said when she was putting together the program for this year, the thing that jumped out at her was how strong the Indigenous women artists were.

"So this year we're profiling who we think will have a long future in the industry – Gambirra from Arnhem Land, Sue Ray from Brisbane and Jess

Beck from South Australia.

"We're promoting them because we feel strongly that they are three of the most emergent artists in the country."

Sue Ray's music style has been described as alternative country, while Jess Beck, a descendant of the Arrente people, has come from a session musician background.

Yolngu artist Gambirra's music is described as a fusion of soul, funk and dub.

For more information on this year's Dreaming program, or for tickets go to www.woodfordfolkfestival.com



Jess Beck ... to play at Woodford this year.



Alternative country performer Sue Ray.

We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Keep them brief and email them to calendar@koorimail.com or fax them to (02) 66 222 666. Ensure a contact phone number is included for checking purposes.

National

Until 31 January: Black and Write Indigenous Writing and Editing Project is calling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to submit a story for the 2012 Kuril Dahagun Indigenous Writing Fellowships. Details: (07) 3842 9484 or email indigenous.writing@slq.qld.gov.au or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/comps

5 November: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males invited to participate in the the South East Queensland and Northern NSW Warrior March from Coolangatta to Tweed Heads. Details: (0416) 173 975 or email admin@mibbinbah.org or visit www.mibbinbah.org

NSW-ACT

Until 13 November: *Bloodland*, an Aboriginal performing exhibition showcasing drama, dance and song telling. Held at the Wharf Theatre, Sydney. Details: (02) 9250 1777 or visit www.sydneystheatre.com.au/bloodland

Until 20 November: Yellomundee Aboriginal Bushcare Group tree planting and weed pulling. Also a fishing competition and more. All welcome. Yellomundee Regional Park, Springwood Rd, Yarramundi. Details: (02) 4588 2400 or (02) 4588 5144.

Until 30 November: Youth Week 2012 in NSW Design Competition. Aimed at providing young people with the opportunity to showcase their talent as a designer and to win \$1000. 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 theater, 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

3 November: Foster Care Information Session, to provide information for those who are considering becoming a foster carer. Held in the Multi Purpose Room, Redfern Community Centre, 29 Hugo St, Redfern. Details: (02) 8303 7644 or visit www.fosteringnsw.com.au

4 November: Youth Interagency Alcohol and Other Drug Training. Held at Goonellabah Community Centre, 27 Oliver Avenue, Lismore. Details: (1300) 87 83 87 or email lizette.twisleton@lismore.nsw.gov.au

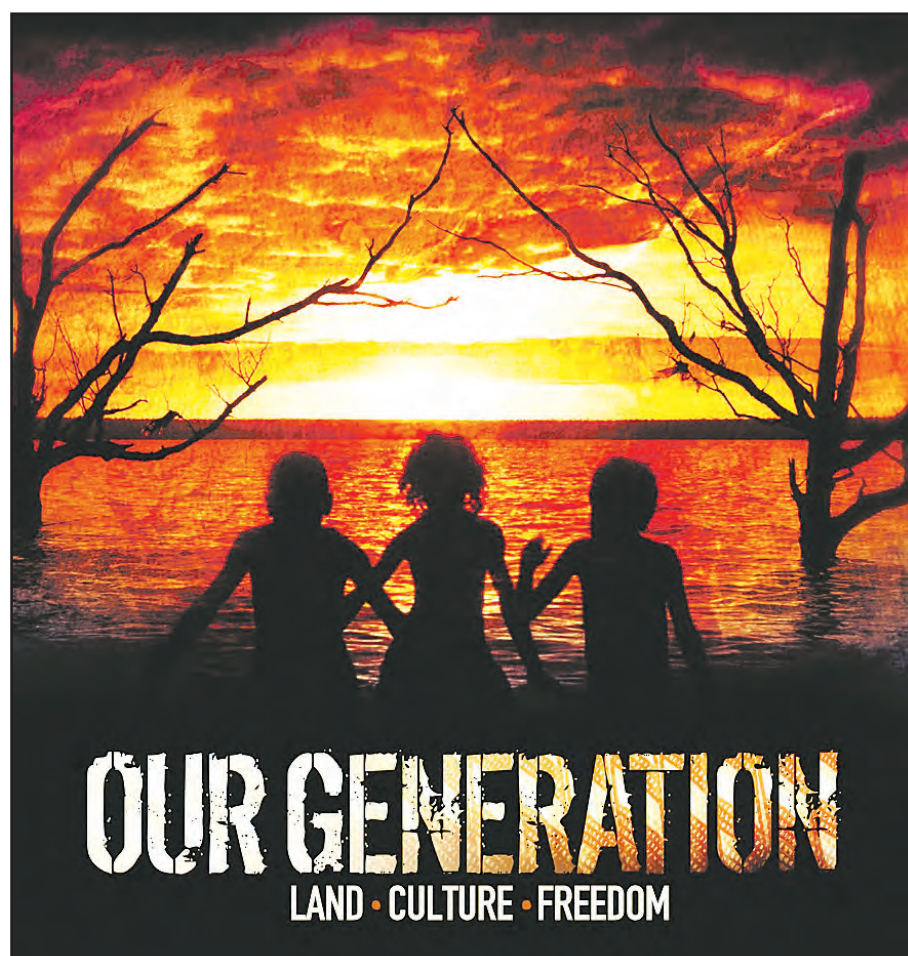
9 November: Business Workshops. A self-paced workshop program for Indigenous people starting a business, buying a business or thinking about it. Aimed at increasing business skills. Held at Zulus Restaurant, Zebra Motel, 27 Grafton St, Coffs Harbour. Details: (02) 6643 2422 or email narelle.webb@iba.gov.au or visit www.iba.gov.au

11 November: Tranby Aboriginal College celebration, featuring a graduation ceremony, dinner, entertainment and more. Cost involved, all welcome. At 13 Mansfield St, Glebe. Dinner and dance held at NSW Rugby Leagues Club, 165 Phillip St, Sydney. Details: (02) 9660 3444 or email reception@tranby.edu.au

11-13 November: The Living Country Culture Camp 2011. Three days of camping, workshops, activities, music and cultural dance performances, children programs, including story telling and more. Held at Bents Basin State Conservation Area, Wolstenholme Ave, Greendale. Details: (02) 4784 7309 or email dennis.barber@environment.nsw.gov.au or visit www.livingcountry.com.au

19 November: Northern NSW Mixed Aboriginal Touch Football Knockout. A community program targeting skill development and participation opportunity for Aboriginal youth, men and women. Held at Advocate Park, Coffs Harbour. Details: (02) 6618 0400 or email sarah.lugnan@hotmail.com

24 November: Social Inclusion Market Place Day at the Lismore Neighborhood Centre, 76 Carrington St, Lismore. Details: (02) 66 217 397 or email communityhub@lnci.org.au



Movie focus on NT intervention



THE St George and Sutherland Shire group of Amnesty International Australia will screen the film *Our Generation* at the Hustville Entertainment Centre Civic Theatre on Tuesday 8 November from 7pm as part of its Homelands campaign.

ANTAR national director Jacqui Phillips will speak at the event on the future of remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.

Our Generation traces the impact of government policies on Indigenous people in the Northern Territory since the Emergency Response was rolled out in 2007.

Amnesty says the film draws on the history of colonisation and past laws as context to the current climate. It examines

how the basic rights of Indigenous peoples living in the Northern Territory are being undermined, particularly the right to live free from discrimination, to an adequate standard of living, to culture, traditional homelands and to be involved in decision-making processes.

The film gives a first-hand account of the day-to-day reality for those Indigenous people living in the NT and a taste of aspirations for the future.

Tickets will be \$15 with profits to be donated to Amnesty International Australia and Thulli Dreaming. RSVP to amnesty.sutherlandshire@gmail.com

For more about Amnesty International's work, go to <http://www.amnesty.org.au/indigenous-rights/>

For more about *Our Generation*, go to <http://ourgeneration.org.au/>

29 November: Smokecheck Training Workshop for health and community workers who provide services to Aboriginal people to help make smoke-free communities. Held at Invercauld House, 161 Invercauld Rd, Goonellabah. Details: (02) 9351 7431 or email smokecheck@sydney.edu.au or visit www.smokecheck.com.au

2 December: 2011 Col Dillon Cup. An Oztag challenge between the four teams of the local the Aboriginal communities 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

2 December: Rediscovering Indigenous Languages. A new partnership to revive and preserve surviving records of Indigenous vocabularies and word lists, from 1788 to the late 1930s, showcasing all archives from the Mitchell Library, featuring a special performance by the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir, including other live performances and a cocktail party. Cost involved. Held Mitchell Library, state Library of NSW, Macquarie St, Sydney. Details: (02) 9273 1517 or email foundation@sl.nsw.gov.au

7-9 December: AbSec Conference 2011. Focus on child protection, out-of-home care, education, partnership development and

Aboriginal capacity building. Featuring keynote speakers Mick Gooda, Dale Tolland and Muriel Bamblett. All welcome, cost involved, must register to attend. Held at Penrith Panthers Leagues Club, Penrith. Details: (02) 9559 5299 or visit www.absec.org.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

2-4 November: Yulkuum-Jerrang third Victorian Indigenous Economic Development Conference. Focusing on Indigenous economic development issues and opportunities. Featuring keynote speakers, innovative workshops, a showcase of Indigenous talent and more.

Held at The Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9870 2611 or visit the website www.yulkuumjerrang.com.au

17-20 November: Australian World Music Expo 2011. Showcasing roots music from around the world. All welcome, cost involved. Held at the

Arts Centre, Melbourne Recital Centre, 31 Sturt Street, Southbank. Details: (0400) 527 365 or visit www.awme.com.au

Queensland

Until 10 November: Zillmere cultural night. Held at Kurbingui, 425 Zillmere Rd, Zillmere. Details: (07) 3265 2055 or email cultural.worker@kurbingui.org.au

2-5 November: *Stolen*, a tapestry of original music, dance and drama from the Aboriginal Centre of Performing Arts. All welcome, cost involved. Held at the Cremorne Theatre, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, Melbourne St, Brisbane. Details: 136 246 or visit www.qpac.com.au

5 November: 'I am' Aboriginal art exhibition, showcasing the works of Indigenous students as aspiring artists. The display includes works by mentors Aunty Pat King, Laurie Nilson and David Riley who are professional artists. Held at Elorac Place, Carole Park Community Centre, 11a Southampton Rd, Ellen Grove. Details: (07) 3271 3592 or email centrocoordinator@elorac.org

12-13 November: Bush Tucker Day 2011, two days of bush tucker and cooking demonstration workshops, food sampling and more. Held at Scarborough Road, Redcliffe. Details: (07) 3880 1320 or email kullilla@dreamtime.auz.net or visit www.dreamtime.au.net

16 November: Little Birung Opening Night. A theatrical performance by Megan Sarmardin telling the story of six generations of Indigenous women. Cost involved and all welcome. Held at Performance Space, The Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts, 420 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley. Details: (07) 3872 9000 or email boxoffice@jwcoca.qld.gov.au or visit www.judithwrightcentre.com

4-10 December: 'Life, Spirit and Breath', an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing the new traditional and contemporary works from the internationally recognised artisans of Tiwi Designs, featuring paintings, artifacts, carvings fabric works and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or email email@wag.com.au or visit www.wag.com.au

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 of WA. Featuring a documentary film screening, and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the West Australian Museum, Perth Cultural Centre, James St Mall, Perth. Details: (08) 9226 2422 or email emma@canwa.com.au

7 November: Nyungar Language Strategy Planning Workshop to develop training packages in Nyungar language. Free and all welcome. Held at Beanang Kuuurt Institute, 188 Treasure Rd, Queens Park. Details: (0468) 963 916

28 November: ECU Indigenous Alumni celebrating the 60th anniversary of Edith Cowan University's first Aboriginal graduate. ECU wants to connect with its Indigenous Australian graduates to develop a strong Indigenous Alumni. Held at Kurongkurl Katitjin, Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, ECU, Mount Lawley Campus, 270 Joondalup Dr, Joondalup. Details: (08) 9370 6689 or email j.goldfinch@ecu.edu.au or visit www.kk.ecu.edu.au

South Australia

4 November: Nunga touch football carnival. Free and all welcome. 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 calling all warriors to represent their tribes at the Warrior Tournament to help keep the traditional tournament alive and respected. Aimed to test the skill and strength of warriors and as a passage to rights for our young men and women. Free and all welcome. Held at Kangaroo Island. Details: visit www.facebook.com/pages/Tribal-Punishment/209120702472245

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Tagai TAFE head of campus Mark Hutton with Inspirational Employee in Training Award winner Serena Marou and her mum Gagee at the Torres Strait Recognition Awards held on Thursday Island. Inset: Serena Marou at work in Suzie's Stylez Salon on Thursday Island. Enjoying the service is Bronya Mach.

Cut above the rest



TORRES Strait Islander woman Serena Marou has always wanted a career in hairdressing.

Now the Tropical North Queensland TAFE success story is well on her way after becoming the first young woman to complete her hairdressing apprenticeship in the Torres Strait.

After completing her

Certificate III in Hairdressing by flying to Cairns to attend block training at the TAFE campus there, Serena has gone on to win the inaugural Inspirational Employee in Training Award in the 2011 Torres Strait Recognition Awards.

Serena received her award at a ceremony on Thursday Island during National Skills Week.

She told the *Koori Mail* she was looking forward to a career in the industry.

"I'm happy working on Thursday Island right now, but down the track I'll probably start looking further afield," the soon-to-be-21-year-old said.

Inspiration

TNQT Institute director Joann Pyne said that Serena's 'is a wonderful success story which highlights the accessibility of quality TAFE education and is an inspiration for young women in the Torres Strait'.

"This young woman knew she wanted to be a hairdresser and committed herself to her trade and education," Ms Pyne said.

"Her dedication to achieve her goal has been truly inspirational to others."

"Attending block training at the TAFE campus in Cairns allowed Serena to develop her skills and grow in confidence."

Serena's employer, Suzie Winington-Martin from Suzie's Stylez Salon on Thursday

Island, was especially proud of Serena's achievements.

"We tried to be as flexible as possible and were committed to Serena's on- and off-the-job training," she said.

"Serena has worked so hard and really deserved this award."

Increasing numbers of students are participating in the block training, video conferencing and e-learning that make TAFE training more accessible.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

DISABILITY SUPPORT WORKER

Level 1/2
Various Casual Positions available
Kempsey
Position Number: 00000NOU

Salary: Total remuneration package valued up to \$59,336 per annum including salary (\$44,214 - \$54,437) and employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. For casual positions, rates commence at \$22.30 (plus loadings and penalties).

Job Description:

There are few jobs as personally rewarding as those that help improve the quality of life of other people. As a Disability Support Worker with Ageing, Disability and Home Care, you will provide care and support to people with a disability living in community-based group homes. The work is not always easy but the rewards are great and it will bring out the best in you. The needs of the people we care for vary, so you'll need to remain flexible, adaptable and positive in everything you do.

A current NSW Driver's Licence and an Emergency Response Certificate or First Aid Certificate is required for this role.

Job Notes: There are various casual positions available in Kempsey. All applicants must read the Job Information Package that is available on the ADHC website, prior to applying.

Inquiries: 1800 185 466

How to apply: please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications close on Friday 11th November 2011

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Department of Education and
Early Childhood Development

Koorie Engagement Support Officer – ES2.4

Salary Range \$67,434 to \$79,513 (48/52)

Full Time / Ongoing position

Barwon South West Region (Portland)

The Victorian Department of Education & Early Childhood Development is seeking a suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to work in the Barwon South West Region as a Koorie Engagement Support Officer.

The successful applicant will work as member of the regional Koorie Education Workforce responsible for the implementation of the Wannik Education Strategy. The successful applicant will be responsible for facilitating and managing the delivery of programs for Koorie children and young people through early childhood to school completion.

The successful applicant will possess strong leadership skills to ensure the successful delivery of educational support services, provide advice to schools, kindergartens, families and the Koorie community on strategies aimed at improving educational outcomes for Koorie children and young people, have a high level of understanding of Koorie education and community needs and have suitable qualification/s.

This role is an identified position and is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. VCAT exemption # A195/2009.

Please contact Kathy Travis on (03) 5215 5409 for further details.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THIS POSITION

To obtain further information and to apply please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/schooljobs

For further details regarding the Wannik Education Strategy, please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/wannik

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SENIOR LECTURER / ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit

The University of Queensland (UQ) is one of Australia's premier learning and research institutions. It is consistently ranked in the world's top 1% of universities and belongs to the Group of Eight, an alliance of research-intensive universities committed to ensuring that Australia has world-class higher education institutions.

The University is committed to 'Closing the Gap' through customised, high quality and innovative higher education, flexible tertiary pathways, and research programs for Indigenous Australian peoples. We have recently appointed Professor Cindy Shannon as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Education) to provide leadership in this area across the University and in our interactions with government, industry and the Community. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit reports to the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Education).

A critical function of the Deputy Director role is to assist the PVC (Indigenous Education) to bring about critical change in our activities in this important area. Additionally, the Deputy Director will be instrumental in developing, delivering, implementing and monitoring an operational plan for the Unit, observant of the recommendations of the Calma review and UQ's Indigenous strategy. The Deputy Director will provide day-to-day leadership, management and guidance within the Unit to ensure our Community engagement, teaching and research programs are of the highest standard.

The successful applicant for the Deputy Director role will have a background in Indigenous research, a history of teaching and a demonstrated capacity to take on an academic leadership role. A PhD and extensive professional and/or academic experience is required. Knowledge of strategic planning, HR and financial management should ideally be coupled with a solid understanding of academic governance.

For further enquiries and a confidential discussion call Professor Cindy Shannon, telephone (07) 3346-0627. Applications must be submitted through UQ Jobs at www.uq.edu.au/jobs, supplying a cover letter, your resume and selection criteria responses. The level of appointment will be commensurate with the level of experience of the successful candidate.

Applications close 14 November 2011

Reference No. 492481

CRICOS Provider Number 00025B



THE UNIVERSITY
OF QUEENSLAND
AUSTRALIA



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

No smoking in the workplace is Office policy

It is the policy of the Office to encourage applications from persons of Aboriginal descent for all positions.

The Office is committed to equal employment opportunity, occupational health and safety, ethical practices and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. All applicants are expected to demonstrate an understanding and commitment in these areas.

The Office welcomes applications from Indigenous Australians, people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with a disability and provides an environment that values diversity and supports all staff to reach their full potential. If you have individual requirements that need to be accommodated in order to participate in the selection process and join the ODPP team, please indicate this in your application.

A criminal record check and Working with Children check is undertaken on applicants prior to an offer of employment being made. This check will also disclose spent convictions under the *Criminal Records Act 1991*. The submission of an application to the ODPP is an acknowledgement that you consent to the ODPP arranging for such a check to be conducted.

WITNESS ASSISTANCE OFFICER (INDIGENOUS IDENTIFIED)

Prosecution Officer (Administrative) Level 4, Dubbo. Pos No: 2011/42. Total remuneration package valued at up to \$85,815 p.a. including salary (\$70,480 - \$77,767 p.a.), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Provide professional support and assistance to victims of crime, witnesses and their families in matters prosecuted by the Office with a focus on victims and witnesses from an Indigenous background. The Dubbo Office services a large area of central west NSW which extends from Bathurst and Forbes to Moree and Lightning Ridge and west to Broken Hill. Country travel is expected.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander with an understanding of the needs of victims and witnesses in the context of the criminal justice system. Demonstrated high level communication, interpersonal, consultation, negotiation and assessment skills. Capacity to listen/refer to community services, with experience as a helping professional in a health or welfare services environment. Counselling experience in adult and child sexual assault, domestic violence or grief and loss. Knowledge of NSW criminal justice system and the ability to work independently within a mainstream team environment. Current driver's licence and willingness to travel throughout NSW. Relevant tertiary qualifications (e.g. social work, psychology, welfare/health related areas) and familiarity with disability issues.

Note: This is an identified position for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. This is a temporary vacancy for a period up to 4 December 2012.

Inquiries: Roger Montgomery (02) 6881 3323.

Applications together with contact details of two Referees:

Apply online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au **Job Reference Number 00000NW1**

Closing Date: 14 November 2011.

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Life Without Barriers

Life Without Barriers is a not-for-profit organisation operating throughout Australia and New Zealand. Our innovative care and support services deliver meaningful outcomes for children, young people, families and communities, promoting rights and valuing relationships.



There is currently an opportunity for a Manager, Carer Support - Aboriginal to join our Rockdale based Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Team. Responsibilities of this position include:

- Coordinate and manage the daily operations of a team of Supporters of Carers (SOC) including allocation of SOC caseloads.
- Coordinate and monitor the delivery of Carer Assessments, Carer Reviews, Carer Recruitment, Carer Training and Carer Support.
- Provide regular supervision and support to SOCs.
- Promote and develop a cohesive team which contributes to the overall care of clients.
- Participate directly in SOC functions, such as recruitment, assessment, training and support when required.

LWB offers an attractive remuneration package that includes salary sacrifice, a fully maintained motor vehicle with private use, laptop and mobile phone.

For all enquiries, please contact Adrienne Nally on (02) 9508 4077.

Applications close Friday, 11 November 2011.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake suitability checks. LWB is committed to the principles of EEO and we encourage people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background or people with disabilities to apply for the position.

www.lwb.org.au



NACCHO
National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

PROJECT OFFICER RESEARCH EXCELLENCE IN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONTROLLED HEALTH (REACCH) PROJECT

Do you want to be a part of a growing and dynamic research team with the potential to make a real difference to people's lives?

The Research Excellence in Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health (REACCH) collaboration is a virtual organisation focussing on research in sexually transmitted and blood borne viral infections. The collaboration is made up of members from The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and the Kirby Institute of the University of NSW, five Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) and four state-based Affiliates of NACCHO.

REACCH will enhance clinical research capacity at individual ACCHS participating in the program, as well as developing a new clinical research network involving services that will have the ability to expand its scope of activities beyond the initial funding period.

The position is a full time role based at the NACCHO Secretariat in Canberra.

Base Salary \$70,000 - \$75,000 pa
Plus 9% Super, Annual Leave Loading & Salary Packaging
(based on qualifications & experience)

Further information can be obtained through www.naccho.org.au or contacting contact Mark Saunders on 02 6248 0644 or email mark@naccho.org.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close on COB 11th November, 2011.

Applications marked 'Confidential' to:

Donna Ah Chee
CEO - NACCHO

PO BOX 5120 BRADDON ACT 2612
Or by email to: donna@naccho.org.au



Project Coordinator

NovaSkill is currently seeking applications from results driven individuals to assist Indigenous Australians access employment & training opportunities.

This newly created Full Time position will be based in Singleton and focused on delivering the outcomes of an exciting and unique NovaSkill and Coal & Allied partnership.

To be Successful in the role you will need:

- Experience in implementing & supervising projects
- Supervisory experience with indigenous employment &/or training programs
- Superior communication skills
- Knowledge of the VET sector
- A current NSW drivers licence

Highly desirable:

- Experience in Natural Resource or Asset Management
- Industries

NovaSkill and Coal & Allied actively promote equal opportunity in the workplace. Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

This position will require a Working with Children & AFP Check.

To be considered please send a cover letter & resume to:

NovaSkill Recruitment - careers@novaskill.com.au

Applications Close: 11th November 2011



**WIRRAKA MAYA
HEALTH SERVICE
ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION**

Wirraka Maya Health Service is an exciting, innovative Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service which offers comprehensive primary health, social support and training services to Aboriginal people in Hedland and surrounding areas. The organisation is experiencing a period of significant growth and we are seeking enthusiastic, self-starting professionals to join our team. The following vacancies currently exist within the organisation:

- Deputy Medical Director
- RTO Trainer & Assessor
- RTO Support Officer
- Health Promotions Officers
- Indigenous Family Healing - Project Officers
- Transition to Adulthood Project Officer
- Domestic Asset Officer
- Transport Officer
- Youth Counsellor / Mentor (P/T)

We offer a professional working environment with above award wages, no weekend or out of hours work plus additional benefits including an annual return flight to Perth, a District Allowance and Salary Packaging.

Position Descriptions are available by contacting Amber Marsh on 08 9172 0400 or emailing amherm@wmhsac.com or visiting 1-5 Hamilton Road, South Hedland 6722.

If you have any questions then contact the CEO, Dr Harry Randhawa on 0407 047 694.

Applications including a cover letter and resume close on Monday 14th November 2011 5pm.



New National Aboriginal Smoking Project

Do you want to be a part of a growing and dynamic research team with the potential to make a real difference to people's lives? Smoking is responsible for 20% of Aboriginal deaths and one sixth of the health gap between Aboriginal and other Australians.

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and the Menzies School of Health Research will be undertaking a Project named "Talking About the Smokes". This project will look at what works to reduce smoking for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people using the framework of the International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project, which runs in 20 countries around the world.

Talking About the Smokes is a national project which will involve sites from all over Australia commencing in August 2011 to December 2013.

Three new positions are available at the NACCHO Secretariat in Canberra:

COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR (TATS)

2 year Contract - Base Salary \$70,000 - \$74,000 pa
Plus 9% Super, Annual Leave Loading & Salary Packaging
(based on qualifications & experience)

REGIONAL COORDINATOR (TATS) (2 Positions)

2 year Contract - Salary \$65,000 - \$68,000 pa
Plus 9% Super, Annual Leave Loading & Salary Packaging
(based on qualifications & experience)

Further information can be obtained through www.naccho.org.au or contact Mark Saunders on 02 6248 0644 or email mark@naccho.org.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications marked 'Confidential' to:

Donna Ah Chee
CEO - NACCHO

PO BOX 5120 BRADDON ACT 2612
Or by email to: donna@naccho.org.au

3 x Indigenous Mentor | Apprenticeship Services Industry

Sarina Russo Apprenticeship Services is currently seeking customer focused Mentors to support our Indigenous Australian Apprentices and Trainees. This is a full time role based at Stones Corner; however you will be travelling across South East Queensland visiting apprentices in their workplace to support and mentor them during the duration of their apprenticeship.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Mentor and Coach Indigenous Australian Apprentices
- Support employers with any queries they have relating to their apprentices and address issues that may affect their employment
- Build trust and rapport with each employers and apprentices
- Promote SRAS services and programs to the community and employers

To be successful you will need to demonstrate:

- Knowledge and experience in working with Indigenous Australians
- Excellent presentation and customer service skills
- Highly developed interpersonal and communication skills
- Results oriented with the ability to achieve targets
- Strong computer skills; including proficiency in word, excel, email, internet and database

If you are seeking a position that offers job satisfaction and an attractive remuneration package, a fully maintained motor vehicle and mobile then this is a fantastic opportunity to make your mark.

**Please note you will be required to complete a police check if successful in your application.*

Interested? Email your application to -

recruitment@sarinarusso.com.au

quoting Vacancy ID: 539.



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VACCA'S

Early Intervention and Family Support Service

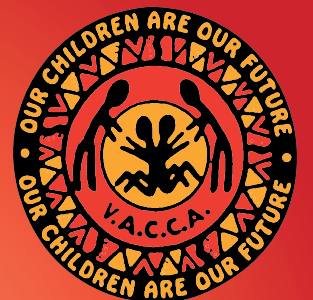
The **Early Intervention and Family Support Service** offers family services across a range of program areas designed to support and assist families.

Please contact **Paul Ferris** for more information:

Ph: (03) 8388 1855

Email: paulf@vacca.org

Website: www.vacca.org



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family services.

Benefits of working at VACCA:

- Flexible working arrangements
- Family friendly environment
- Commitment to Staff Well Being
- Generous Salary Packaging
- Professional training & development



Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Service Coordinator (Transport)

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Metro South Region
Alexandria
Permanent Full-Time
Requisition No. 00000MTL

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$70,899 per annum (Salary: \$58,249 pa - \$64,249 pa) includes annual leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: This position co-ordinates resources to provide client-centred services and provides leadership and support to a team of Care Workers.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the home and community care context and service provider network and relevant program standards, community care and welfare systems, and health, aged care and disability care systems.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the support needs of Aboriginal frail aged, people with a disability and their carers.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights issues including confidentiality, privacy, advocacy and complaints mechanisms.
- Strong facilitation, negotiation, conflict resolution, problem solving, written and oral communications.
- Significant experience in a similar role in a community service setting and/or tertiary qualifications in the behavioural, social and health science.
- Demonstrated experience in information technology to support client service delivery, creation and maintenance of client records and basic accounting practices to monitor and work to a budget.
- Understanding of and commitment to Aboriginal Access. Driver's Licence, own vehicle and ability to travel.

Job Notes: This is a Permanent Full-Time position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains complete details of the advertisement and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

For Enquiries and Information Package: Judith Murray (02) 8344 2800 or (02) 4629 1703

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Judith Murray, 12A Dadley Street, Alexandria NSW 2015

Closing Date: Wednesday, 9 November 2011

Thank you for your interest in this position. (Requisition No. 00000MTL)

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Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Service Coordinator (HACC)

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Metro South Region
Alexandria
Permanent Full-Time
Requisition No. 00000MTZ

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$70,899 per annum (Salary: \$58,249 pa - \$64,249 pa) includes annual leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation.

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UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA
AUSTRALIA'S CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

LIBRARIAN/INFORMATION OFFICER

Library
UC Level 6 Salary Range: \$63,461 to \$68,314 pa, plus Super

This is a continuing full-time position

Vacancy Reference No: 11/2157

Do you have experience in coordinating information services in a Library environment? Have you provided reference services or developed and delivered information literacy programs to clients in an educational context? Have you contributed to collection development or the training of other staff? If so, then this position could be the one for you!

As well as performing these duties in a team, the successful applicant will be assigned a professional area (for example, bibliographic management, reference/research service, information literacy), monitoring external influences/ developments, and advise other staff about standards, best practice, and interpretation of policy and implications for current/planned services.

For further information, please contact Kathryn Ginn on (02) 6201 5632.

CLOSING DATE: 6 NOVEMBER 2011

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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>



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
(Aboriginal targeted position)
Western Region, Field Operations
Clerk General Scale
Permanent Full-Time
Dubbo
Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 11/296

Salary Package: \$55,858. **Salary:** \$25,860 - \$50,619. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:
Provide administrative, reception, clerical and keyboard support within the Western Region Command.

Job Notes:

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.
- Applications must address all selection criteria in writing. If not, the application will be rejected.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Broad knowledge of computer keyboard and word processing skills, including Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Maintain accurate filing and recording system.
- Ability to prepare routine correspondence.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Possession of high integrity standards and able to maintain confidentiality.

Enquiries/Information Pack: Roy Butler on (02) 6883 1703

Applicants are encouraged to submitted their applications via www.job.nsw.gov.au

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000OM4

CLOSING DATE: Friday, 25 November 2011



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Link-Up (QLD) Aboriginal Corporation exists to enhance the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by reuniting those who have experienced separation from their families and communities through adoption, fostering, removal and institutionalisation.

Social and Emotional Wellbeing Worker (Brisbane)

Salary \$54,907 - \$66,042 (depending on qualifications & experience)

The Position: The Social and Emotional Wellbeing worker will focus on reuniting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults with their families, culture, community and country. The role involves providing support around the issues of grief, loss and trauma resulting from removal. The position also involves delivery of healing initiatives such as camps, support groups, art workshops and gatherings.

Caseworker Cairns

(6 month position with possible extension)

Salary \$46,891 - \$59,691 (depending on qualifications & experience)

The Position: Link Up caseworkers focus on the reunification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults with their families and communities. A key focus is to undertake family history research and facilitate family reunions; provide information about the impacts of past removal policies to the whole of the community; establish networks and referral services appropriate to clients' needs; and work in partnership with other case workers, counsellors and administrative staff.

To apply: Position descriptions can be accessed via the website <http://www.link-upqld.org.au/employment.html>

All applicants must address the Selection Criteria and provide a CV by 5.00pm Sunday 20th November 2011. Email your applications to: bmarsall@qld.link-up.org.au or post to: PO Box 3229 West End Q 4101

If you have any queries please call **Brian Marshall** on (07) 3034 8444 or **FREECALL** 1800 200 855 or **mobile** 0410 639 645.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Career Opportunities at the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-op Ltd



The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) is Victoria's leading and only dedicated Aboriginal Child and Family Services provider. We are state-wide, community-based, Aboriginal organisation with extensive experience in the management and delivery of a range of child and family welfare programs and link-up services for members of the Stolen Generation.

We are looking for suitably qualified people for three new senior management roles to join our dynamic team. You will be committed to Aboriginal self-determination and community advancement and capacity building as well as to a high quality of services delivery and organisational excellence.

Applications are invited for three positions:

Director Client Services

to lead our suite of client services programs that constitute our core business. You will have extensive service delivery experience in the child and family welfare field as well as demonstrated experience in service management, planning, financial and in leadership.

Director Corporate Services

to lead our corporate services and contracts in activities of Finance, HR, Asset Management, Information Technology and Document Management. You will demonstrate experience and tertiary qualifications in business administration and finance or show a senior level of management in corporate services. G4620338AA

Director

Strategic Development and Research

to lead a diverse program including training, quality improvement, research, innovation and, cultural programs and resource development. You will have demonstrated experience and qualifications at a senior management level including strong project management and leadership skills.

All positions will be part of our senior management team contributing to the ongoing development and attainment of our strategic direction.

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful applicant. All positions are located in East Brunswick.

For more information contact Connie Salamone on 0425 830 480 or email connie@vacca.org or Nigel D'Souza 0400 978 015 or email nigeld@vacca.org

Applications should be submitted by 11 November 2011 and addressed to the "Chief Executive Officer" by email to vacca@vacca.org.au or via postal address, PO Box 494, Northcote Plaza, Northcote, 3070.

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Consultant

Sydney-based Indigenous Affairs consultancy is looking for a Consultant to join our growing team.

We need an enthusiastic and experienced person to help manage and support our client projects, ranging from community-focussed events to media and stakeholder relations.

We value a partnership approach, so the successful candidate will need to demonstrate strong written and verbal skills and the ability to communicate with diverse groups.

This is a full time position based in our Sydney office however the role will involve interstate travel as required. Salary range will be commensurate with experience.

For a full Position Description, please contact:

Fiona Dewar
Group Account Director Phone: 02 8204 3856
Cox Inall Ridgeway fionad@coxinalldridgeway.com.au

Interested applicants should apply in writing with a cover letter addressing the position criteria and their CV by **Friday 18 November at 5pm.**



NACCHO
National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

Senior Aboriginal Public Health and Medical Officer

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) is the peak body in Aboriginal health, representing over 150 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in urban, regional and remote Australia. The Secretariat in Canberra has responsibility for the coordination and development of policies and programs under the direction of the NACCHO Board.

See <http://www.naccho.org.au/>

NACCHO is seeking to appoint a Senior Aboriginal Public Health and Medical Officer based at the NACCHO Secretariat in Canberra. The role will be responsible for co-ordinating national sector activity related to public health measures. National public health coordination being a core business of the NACCHO Secretariat.

The role is broad and encompasses leading and promoting the public health network within NACCHO as well as providing Aboriginal leadership and coordination to the National Public Health Medical Officer's Group.

Salary: An attractive remuneration package including salary packaging is offered.

Further information can be obtained through www.naccho.org.au or contact Donna Ah Chee, CEO on 02 6248 0644 or email donna@naccho.org.au.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications for this position close at COB on 18th November 2011.

Applications marked 'Confidential' to:

Donna Ah Chee
CEO - NACCHO
PO Box 5120 BRADDON ACT 2612
Or by email to: donna@naccho.org.au



**LA PEROUSE LOCAL
ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council (LPLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO will be required to assist and support the LPLALC Board in implementing the LPLALC's Community Land Business Plan.

The successful applicant will have to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW), the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. An in-depth knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues, including culture and heritage and social housing, would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the position description, selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

Recruitment package - Christie Ryan P: (02) 9311 4282 or E: cryan@laperouselalc.com

Inquiries - Marcia Ella-Duncan P: 0404 355 644 or E: chairperson@laperouselalc.com

Applications can be forwarded to chairperson@laperouselalc.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson
La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 365 Matraville, NSW 2036

Applications close Monday 21 November 2011

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Jobs that make a difference

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The Aboriginal Study-to-Work Program offers Aboriginal people an opportunity to complete a nationally recognised qualification at the Certificate IV level whilst working. Once you successfully complete the program you will be offered a position.

This is a Department of Human Services and Department of Health pathway-to-employment initiative.

Six positions are now available:

Housing Services Officer, Level 1

Region: Southern Metropolitan.

Disability Services Officer, Level 1

Region: Southern Metropolitan.

Child Protection Case Support Worker, Level 1

Region: Southern Metropolitan.

Child Protection Case Support Worker, Level 1

Region: Eastern Metropolitan.

Disability Development & Support Officer Level 1

Two positions available

Region: Gippsland Region.

These positions have been exempted for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. VCAT Exemption Number: A067/A068/2010.

For more information or to apply PHONE: 1300 092 406 or email: aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

Applications close: 2 December 2011

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Department of
Human Services



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.
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- The opportunity to be part of a vibrant and diverse workforce.

The department's size and variety means lots of opportunities to grow your career without the hassle of moving employers.

The positions have been designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. VCAT exemption number: A067/A068/2010.

Aboriginal people seeking support in applying for these positions please contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on 1300 092 406 or via email: aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and complete the questionnaire, please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Reference: VG/DHS/AGRP2012

Applications close 18 November 2011

www.careers.vic.gov.au



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Health



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Human Services



Grants Management

6 Months Fix Term Appointment

BGLC is a Native Title Prescribed Body Corporate and Registered Aboriginal Party in Horsham Victoria.

The Traditional Owners of these lands are looking for an experienced person to provide high level research, application and submission writing. This role will contribute to BGLC's financial sustainability and assist the corporation in meeting its obligations under legislative requirements and the Corporations' Objectives and Business/Strategic plans.

Applicants must address the Selection Criteria below. No more than half a page per criteria in Arial 12 font please.

Essential:

1. Demonstrated experience and knowledge of the Grant application process,
2. Extensive knowledge of at least two of the following areas;
 - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage,
 - Land & Property Management,
 - Natural Resource Management
 - Tourism
 - Museum / Keeping Places
 - Closing the Gap Initiatives
 - Caring for Country programs
3. Technical knowledge and functions of a PBC,
4. Demonstrated Superior writing skills,
5. Superior communications skills,
6. Extensive research skills,
7. Capacity to work independently and without supervision,
8. Superior time management skills and the ability to meet competing deadlines,
9. Demonstrated exceptional organisational and administrative skills,
10. Drivers Licence,

Desirable:

1. Aboriginality

The position location can be based remotely from the Corporation Office in Horsham VIC. Hours are negotiable. This role may suit a retiree, consultant, part-timer or someone undertaking post graduate studies.

For further information regarding this position please contact BGLC on 03 5381 0977 or email ceo@bglc.com.au

All applications are to be submitted via email to finance@bglc.com.au.

Closing date: COB Thursday 17 November 2011

No late applications will be accepted.



Health
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ABORIGINAL HASI PROJECT OFFICER – GRADUATE

PPT, Salary: \$25.33–\$41.29 ph.

Enquiries: Senthil Muthuswamy, (02) 9840 3769.

Mt Druitt Hospital

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For further information and to apply visit:

<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=38330>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



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Aboriginal Mental Health Coordinator

Web Search No: 614168

Level/Salary: HSU Level G7 \$85,512 - \$91,070 pa

This is a Fixed Term Full Time appointment until 30/06/2013.

Eligibility to Apply: Pursuant of Section 50(d) of the Equal Employment Opportunities Act 1984, the occupant of this position must be of Aboriginal descent.

Position Profile: We are currently seeking to appoint a Aboriginal Mental Health Coordinator for the Pilbara Mental Health and Drug Service.

In this role you will work with the Regional Mental Health Service management team in the development, planning and implementation of the state wide Specialised Aboriginal Mental Health Service undertaking stakeholder consultation and liaison and providing mentoring and support to Aboriginal mental health professionals and workers. In this role, you will provide cultural leadership to the MH service and provide clinical input as part of the multidisciplinary team.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: 08 9480 9307 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact
Dennise Allen on 08 9174 1240

Location: Port Hedland

Closing Date: Monday, 14 November 2011 at 4.00pm.



NSW Police Force
www.police.nsw.gov.au

Intelligence Analyst – Aboriginal Targeted Position

Intelligence Directorate, State Crime Command, Specialist Operations

Clerk Grade 3/4

Permanent Full-Time

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NSWPF 11/271

Salary Package: \$72,142. **Salary:** \$59,705 - \$65,376. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

This position provides tactical and strategic research and analytical support for Crime Squads and the State Crime Command.

Job Notes:

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

- Willingness to work under a flexible arrangement, however there is a requirement during operations/special events, which may involve nights and weekend work.

- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details. If you have any further queries, after reading the information package, please contact the Enquiries Officer.

- Applications must address all Selection Criteria. If not, the application will be rejected.

- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record and other relevant checks prior to commencement.

- Appointment will be subject to psychometric assessment.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated research, and analytical skills.
- Demonstrated written and oral communication skills.
- Sound knowledge of project planning, research and analytical skills.
- High level of computer literacy.
- Understanding of tactical and strategic intelligence concepts.
- Understanding of risk management concepts.
- Willingness to undertake an approved Intelligence/Analyst course.

Enquiries: Karen Frizelle on (02) 8835 9613

Information Pack: State Crime Command Reception on (02) 8835 8599

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications via www.job.nsw.gov.au

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000007

CLOSING DATE: Friday 11 November 2011

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Further information can
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either **Karina Duffey**
or **Tricia Searson** on
(02) 6232 2200.

Applications close on
15 November 2011.

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is a commercially focused organisation delivering programs that provide the means for Indigenous Australians to create wealth and accumulate assets, take up mainstream investment opportunities, create business enterprises that provide additional employment opportunities, and purchase homes. IBA strives to achieve the goal of closing the gap between the living standards of Indigenous and other Australians.

Chief Operating Officer (SES Band 2) – Ref. No. 266

This position is responsible for assisting the CEO to manage IBA's operations. You will provide operational and strategic leadership to over 200 staff across Australia to deliver client services in home and business lending, business development and joint venture partnerships in investments across industry sectors.

Assistant General Manager, Investments (SES Band 1) – Ref. No. 267

This position is responsible for leading a team of acquisitions specialists, financial analysts, portfolio managers and support staff, with the key objective of assisting Indigenous organisations and communities to participate in commercial ventures. You will liaise with the private sector, and Indigenous organisations and individuals.

Assistant General Manager, Enterprises (SES Band 1) – Ref. No. 268

This position is responsible for leading a team of staff across Australia to deliver products and services that make a contribution to Indigenous self-sufficiency. You will contribute to the strategic direction and management of the organisation and liaise with the public and private sectors to aid the economic development of Indigenous Australians.

To be a strong contender for these challenging roles you will have a strong appreciation of the needs of Indigenous people and the issues facing Indigenous Australians. You will be forward thinking, an outstanding leader and have an impressive strategic perspective. Your excellent stakeholder relationship and team building skills together with your ability to engender trust and respect will be complemented by sound judgement, a strong focus on results and the ability to solve complex issues.

IBA welcomes and encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

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Tricia Searson | Karina Duffey

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Leadership Roles in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research



- Chief Executive
- Director of Research

The Lowitja Institute is a national organisation dedicated to producing health research and research implementation strategies that improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Lowitja Institute has a record of influencing policy and delivering practical outcomes, through its many programs.

The Institute and our predecessor Cooperative Research Centres have a strong record of over 14 years of developing research approaches that respond to community need, are designed with communities and have strong knowledge translation elements.

The central office of the Lowitja Institute is in Melbourne and the two positions are based in Melbourne.

Chief Executive:

- Will lead the organisation in a period of transition to a new funding model.
- Will build strong relationships with associated organisations and critical partners.
- Will inspire and lead our team.

Director of Research:

- A new full time role at the Institute.
- Will be an eminent researcher of Professorial standing.
- Will innovate, shape and lead a research agenda suitable for the Institute.
- Remuneration will be commensurate with University Academic Level E.
- An adjunct Professorial appointment at a relevant university will be organised.

These are both exciting and rewarding opportunities for dynamic individuals with leadership skills to work with diverse stakeholders and direct teams that will make a real difference in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. Both positions will be under contracts to 30 June 2014.

Please email applications to cyg1@carlyleyoung.com.au

Position descriptions are available at www.carlyleyoung.com.au

Specific queries can be made to Colin Young on (03) 9600 0866.

Please note that details of all candidates will be presented to the Board of The Lowitja Institute.

CarlyleYoung Group

Level 5, 461 Bourke Street, Melbourne Vic 3000. Telephone (03) 9600 0866



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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



Aboriginal HACC Development Officer

Position x 3

Permanent/Full Time for 12-18 months (35 hours per week) Grade 5, Year 2 (SACS Award) \$64,446 per year (package including Superannuation, and salary negotiable depending on experience)
Location: Rhodes NSW

The Aged & Community Services Association of NSW & ACT (ACS), invites applications from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to fill three (3) vacant positions of Aboriginal HACC Development Officer to be initially located at our Rhodes office in North West Sydney.

ACS, who is a peak aged care organisation providing leadership to the aged and community service sector, has received NSW government funding from the Department of Family & Community Services, Ageing, Disability & Home Care (ADHC), to initially auspice these 3 positions for a 12-18 month period, with view to then transferring these positions over to an Aboriginal non-Government organisation (NGO) in the Metro South ADHC region as ongoing full time permanent HACC funded positions in the future.

These new Aboriginal HACC Development Officer positions provide a great opportunity to work with Aboriginal communities and organisations, including mainstream HACC agencies to help build relationships that will be strong, ongoing and resilient to enable the delivery of culturally appropriate, flexible and responsive services to Aboriginal people and communities in the ADHC Metro South region.

The Aboriginal HACC Development Officer positions are funded by ADHC, through the HACC program to:

- To investigate the needs of the Aboriginal community in the Inner West, South East Sydney and South West Sydney Local Planning Areas (LPA's) within the ADHC Metro South region.
- Build the capacity of Aboriginal people residing in the ADHC Metro South region to access the HACC service system through support, information and education.
- Provide support regarding appropriate service development to Aboriginal and mainstream HACC services.
- Develop and maintain appropriate networks to further the objectives of the project.
- Build the capacity of the HACC service system to better meet the needs of Aboriginal people/communities in the ADHC Metro South region.
- Provide cross sector information to Aboriginal communities.
- Advocate on behalf of the needs of Aboriginal people and organisations.

Essential Criteria

1. Aboriginality
2. Worked successfully with Aboriginal people/communities and/or service providers.
3. Know about the Home & Community Care (HACC) Program, including the Community Care Common Standards.
4. Demonstrated experience of having worked successfully with many different people, organisations and groups (including government departments) to achieve better partnerships and results for Aboriginal people.
5. Ability to develop and maintain networks.
6. High level verbal and written communication skills, including report writing.
7. Skills using computers and related software.
8. A commitment to reconciliation and building cultural competency and awareness of all HACC services.
9. Understanding and commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity, Access & Equity, Occupational Health & Safety, and Ethical Working Practices.
10. Current Drivers licence.

Desirable Criteria

1. Certificate IV in Workplace Training & Assessment (or commitment to undertake)
2. Relevant social welfare or related qualifications and/or relevant industry experience.

Information Package

For an information package and further information, please contact Black Pages Recruitment Agency, Contact Person, Paul Newman on Business Mobile: (0418) 440 210 or via email on: paulnewman@blackpages.com.au or Sue Findlay, HACC Program Transition Manager, ACS on (0414) 373 744 or email: suef@agedservices.asn.au

Written applications addressing both the Essential and Desirable selection criteria, and the contact details of 2 referees, must be sent to Attention: Paul Newman - Black Pages Recruitment Agency: PO BOX 23, Revesby North, NSW 2212.

Applications Close: 14 November 2011.

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Murrijabree A&TSI Assoc. Inc. is a not for profit organisation delivering services on a daily basis to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Deception Bay and surrounds.

Murrijabree is looking for the right person to join our dynamic and hard working team as the Business Development Officer (BDO). The BDO position is a one year fulltime contract starting January 2012 (*this is an identified position).

The purpose of the Business Development Officer is to work with the CEO to ensure Murrijabree's long term sustainability. The BDO will take responsibility for the day to day running of the Murrijabree Project Office. The BDO will be responsible for identifying funding opportunities that will continue to build upon the programs and services Murrijabree delivers.

For a detailed Position Description and Key Selection Criteria, please call Murrijabree on: 07 3293 1539 or email reception.murrijabree@iinet.net.au

Applications close by 5pm 18th November 2011

**(It is a genuine occupational requirement that an Identified position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted under section 25 of the QLD Anti-Discrimination Act 1991)*



Learning for Life Worker

- **Full time**
- **Turvey Park location**
- **Potential package up to \$59,505 pa**

The Smith Family is a children's charity helping disadvantaged Australian children to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves.

We are looking for a committed and organised individual able to contribute to the development and success of our work with schools and communities in the area.

To be successful, you will need and be able to demonstrate:

- Experience in community development and in facilitating community programs
- Knowledge of the community and the ability to establish and maintain effective networks
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both written and oral
- An ability to undertake administrative and reporting tasks
- A capacity to work in a changing environment

The commencement package for this role is \$59,505 pa pro rata.

Due to the nature of this role, the successful candidate must be prepared to undertake a National Police Check, Working with Children Check and have a current driver's licence and insured vehicle.

More information on the position is in our application pack and all applications must address the essential criteria. To obtain an application pack, please go to www.thesmithfamily.com.au and click on 'Careers' then 'Current Vacancies'. For further information, please contact **Olga Srbovski**, Team Leader on **02 6283 7626**.

Closing date: Wednesday, 16 November 2011

The Smith Family is an EEO employer and is committed to principles of cultural diversity.

thesmithfamily.com.au



Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Koorie Engagement Support Officer, Education Support Level 2 Range 4

HUME REGION

2 POSITIONS

Applications are invited from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders for these full time positions which cover the Alpine and Ovens & Murray Networks and the Southern Network, Hume Region. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 16 November 2011.

A POSITION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION is available from the following website link:

https://schooljobs.education.vic.gov.au/psp/ROLPRD_EA/APPLICANT/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL

All applications should be made on this website and must address the key Selection Criteria. For further information, contact Kate Atkin on (03) 5761 2104 during office hours.

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INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR - PERTH

Due to ongoing expansion of our services we are looking for an Indigenous Programs Coordinator to join our team in WA. This position will be responsible for assisting in the development and delivery of programs and projects for Indigenous people under the MAXEmployment banner.

We are looking for someone who has research and developmental abilities, contractual composition skills and has a demonstrated understanding of the Australian Indigenous population, their culture, lifestyle, barriers to education, training and employment. As an integral part of our Indigenous Employment Unit, you will be responsible for:

- **Developing and implementing Indigenous Employment Programs**
- **Promotion of IEP's to Industry leaders/organizations, employers and the Indigenous community**
- **Providing mentoring and coaching to program participants.**

The benefits and rewards for you are very competitive.

This Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) is operating under the Max Indigenous Employment Strategy and is funded by the Australian Government and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. It is a genuine occupational requirement that this position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by and arguable under Section 25 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1991.

Confidential enquiries and applications to Judith Kavanagh at jkreuit@maxnetwork.com.au quoting Indigenous Employment Programs Coordinator Perth in the subject line. www.maxemployment.com.au



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Contract Management Support Officer Northern Territory (NT) State Office Darwin & Alice Springs

APS 4 \$58,780 - \$62,107

Northern Territory Ref Number: 11-1384

NT Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) is seeking a motivated Contract Management Support Officer who will work under general direction and supervision to provide advice, assistance and review of financial management issues within the OATSIH NT branch in order to ensure compliance and administration with departmental funding requirements. They will be required to work independently but also operate as part of a team. A good understanding of accounting principles and practices and well developed administrative, writing and organising skills are also required.

Contact officer: Kim Gates (08) 8919 3474 kim.gates@health.gov.au

Applications close Thursday 17 November 2011, 7pm AEDT.

Selection Documentation: An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>

Diversity is important to us. Information about working for the department and workplace diversity is available on the Health website.

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**Family &
Community Services**
Community Services

Senior Customer Service Officer, Aboriginal

Clerk Grade 3/4

**Redfern, Yallamundi Intensive Family Based Service (IFBS)
Permanent Full-Time**

Reference No. 00000NHF

Total remuneration package valued up to \$72,142 per annum (Salary: \$59,705 pa - \$65,376 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Intensive Family Based Service (IFBS) provides an intensive home based program for Aboriginal families in crisis whose children are at risk of out of home placement, due to protective concerns.

The Senior Customer Service Officer will provide administrative and clerical support across a complete range of functions to management and team of the Intensive Family Based Service.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality.
2. Well developed interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to provide quality client counter and switch services in a high volume office.
3. Demonstrated experience in coordinating and delivering administrative services across a range of administrative, clerical and client service functions.
4. Capacity to work well in a team with fluctuating workloads and changing priorities.
5. Demonstrated capacity to understand and implement departmental policy and adhere to relevant legislative or regulatory requirements e.g. obligations under the *State Records Act 1998*.
6. Demonstrated computer application skills including Microsoft Office, and ability to use data management systems (e.g. SAP etc).

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

It is an offence under the *Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* (section 33) for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. The *Commission for Children & Young People Act 1998* require that all recommended candidates are screened for national criminal records, relevant Apprehended Violence Orders (AVOs), and relevant employment proceedings.

Enquiries: For information about the position, please call Robert Stewart on (02) 9207 8968

Information Packages and to apply on-line: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Refer to Reference No: 00000NHF

Closing Date: Wednesday 16 November 2011

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER (Aboriginal targeted position)

St George Local Area Command, Central Metropolitan Region, Field Operations

Clerk Grade 1/2

Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months

Kogarah

Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 11/242

Salary Package: \$64,069. **Salary:** \$53,407 - \$58,060. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Supports front line policing within the St George Local Area Command by providing quality administrative services and high level customer service to the public and NSW Police Force.

Job Notes:

- Temporary employment/appointment under *Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990* for up to 12 months.
- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with *Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with flexible rostering guidelines.
- Applications must address all Selection Criteria. If not, the application will be rejected.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated computer keyboard, data entry and word processing skills.
- Ability to prepare routine/minor correspondence.
- Ability to operate the corporate records management system.
- Effective communication and customer service skills.
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures, including workings of the local court system.

Enquiries: Debra Lee on (02) 8566 7401

Information Pack: Margaret Stubbs on (02) 8566 7420

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000059

Applicants are encouraged to submitted their applications via www.job.nsw.gov.au

CLOSING DATE: Friday, 11 November 2011

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BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Lecturer – Social Housing and Environmental Health

Position No: 31783

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

Remuneration: Academic Level C - \$88,780 - \$102,371

BIITE is seeking a keen, self-motivated individual with a background or potential in Vocational Education and Training (VET) in the social housing or Indigenous environmental health field. BIITE is an educational institution for the tertiary education of Indigenous people of Australia. The position provides an exciting and challenging opportunity in the community services field. Training is delivered remotely to Aboriginal people on country in remote communities and on Batchelor campus. Key responsibilities will include delivery of approved VET programs in social housing and environmental health; teaching, management and facilitation of culturally appropriate teaching and learning activities; student assessments, maintenance of student records, supervision of students, and monitoring student progression. You will possess excellent verbal and written communication skills. A tertiary qualification equivalent of five years' higher education relevant to teaching/training in community services or a qualification with five years' practical experience relevant to the position is required. Possession of the Certificate IV Training and Assessment or ability to obtain within three months will be regarded.

Senior Lecturer – Construction and Maintenance

Position No: 24325

Fixed term appointment commencing Nov 2011 to Sept 2012 – Batchelor, NT

Remuneration: Academic Level C - \$88,780 - \$102,371

This position is responsible for managing academic program delivery in VET sectors including: Management and coordination of delivery of courses; validation and moderation of delivery and assessment; maintenance of Faculty teaching standards and educational analysis of construction, carpentry; maintenance of student records; management of Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) standards for course development and delivery; supervision of staff and management of staff performance; management of budget programs; undertaking of professional activities and research relevant to the professional area; and promotion of good public relations including liaison between communities, professional organisations' and Faculty.

Applications close: Friday, 11th November 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.

Aboriginal Population Health Trainee – Registered Nurse

Salary: \$1,014–\$1,424 pw

Ref: 46835. Temp F/T up to December 2013 at RPAH

Enq: Patrick Maywood

Ph: 9515 9469

Closing Date: 18 November 2011

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.

Please apply online by visiting:
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Advanced Health Workers – Recovery and Resilience Team, Statewide Recovery and Resilience Program, Central Queensland Mental Health Service, Rockhampton, Emerald or Biloela (Negotiable), Central Queensland Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$69 812 p.a., comprising salary between \$55 492 – \$61 187 p.a. (f/t) or salary rates: \$27.98 – \$30.85 p.h. (p/t), employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Several temporary or part time positions until 30 June 2013, hours negotiable. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) **Duties/Abilities:** Responsible for the coordination of Therapy Assistants employed by the Recovery and Resilience Team in the District. Assist in coordinating the delivery of support to consumers affected by natural disasters to access a range of clinical and community support services which are specific to meeting their individual needs. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* (Qld), it is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community. 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: Paul Tyler (07) 4920 6100.

Job Ad Reference: H11RK10266.

Application Kit: (07) 4920 7000 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 14 November 2011.

Mental Health

Advanced Health Worker – Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Service, Community Health Services, Cherbourg, Darling Downs Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$69 812 p.a., comprising salary between \$55 492 – \$61 187 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) **Duties/Abilities:** Assess the needs in the Cherbourg community in relation to alcohol and drug abuse and develop and implement strategies to respond to these needs. Use primary health care methods, involving the coordination and development of preventative and educational activities, rehabilitation and support programs and individual communication with clients. 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: Christine Stewart (07) 4169 8900.

Job Ad Reference: H11DD10398.

Application Kit: (07) 4616 6258 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 21 November 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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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE WAGGA WAGGA



Education Officer Aboriginal Education

Full time permanent (Secondment may be negotiated)

This is a designated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position.

Closing date: 9th November 2011

Full details of all vacant positions available at
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Executive Support / Personal Assistant

Full time, based in Brisbane \$55,000 – \$60,000 plus 10% super

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees are encouraged to apply.

This is an exciting opportunity to use your excellent secretarial and executive support skills to make a real difference for Queenslanders experiencing poverty and inequality. Working in our West End office, this role will suit an experienced Personal Assistant who can juggle the diary and other support needs of an extremely busy chief executive and his deputy, provide travel and administrative support to our Board, and do it all with a smile!

Position description or further info available at www.qcoss.org.au. For more info please contact Ana Barassi on 3004 6900. Applicants should supply a resume, and letter of application of no more than two pages outlining how they meet the selection criteria.

Closing Date: COB Monday 14 November 2011



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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Capacity Building Officer

Ref No. 139/11

As part of a dynamic team you will work to increase and support the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across the Local Government Area, with a particular emphasis on developing and strengthening communities and the not-for-profit sector.

You will work with communities, the not-for-profit sector and other Council officers to identify community issues and use a strengths-based approach to develop sustainable social outcomes. You will develop a collaborative working relationship with local and regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community leaders, community organisations, networks and community members. This is an identified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander position.

Starting Salary: \$100,297 + Super + Participation in Council's Motor Vehicle Scheme will be discussed with the successful applicant.

Closing Date: 4pm Monday, 21 November 2011.

HOW TO APPLY: Quoting the relevant Ref No., candidates MUST address the selection criteria outlined on our website at www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/council/employment OR call our Customer Contact Centre on 9806 5050.



www.parracity.nsw.gov.au

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER 2011

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INDIGENOUS LEADING COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER

Ongoing - Full Time

\$53,502 – \$61,524 plus super

Position No : 3835

Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officers (LCCOs) monitor and supervise complex and high profile Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders who have been sentenced by the Courts to serve community based orders or have been released from prison on parole by the Adult Parole Board.

This position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department of Justice Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

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Closing date for applications is 6 November 2011

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Applicants will require:

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- Demonstrated ability to lead and manage people; develop and maintain motivated, professional and effective work teams.

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Apply online at our website or for more information please call David Ryan on 6885 5010
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LINK-UP (NSW)
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Link-Up (NSW) Aboriginal Corporation supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were removed or separated from their families due to previous government policies and practices, and fostered, adopted or institutionalised. We assist our clients through provision of Reunification, Counseling, Out of Home Care and Family Link programmes, funded through a number of government agencies.

This is a diverse and stimulating role that will challenge. The successful applicant will possess experience in managing service delivery organisations, preferably in the not for profit sector, a proven track record in income development and experience in setting and

leading strategic direction. Through innovation and leadership you will manage Link-Up NSW operations and effectively deliver a range of quality professional services. You will also have extensive experience in building relationships within the government, corporate and community sectors. You will possess strong business acumen, be a team player and display excellent communication and representational skills. Relevant tertiary qualifications are essential to successfully undertake this role.

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977 and confirmation of Aboriginality must be provided with your application.

In return a competitive salary package will be negotiated to attract the calibre of individual we seek for this key role, in addition to ongoing professional development, access to tax effective salary packaging, on-site parking, flexible working hours, a friendly team & a supportive work environment.

For an information pack contact
Scott Price on 02 4759 1911 or 1800 624 332.

Applications must address the selection criteria and include your Confirmation of Aboriginality and can be sent to employment@nsw.link-up.org.au before 5pm 27 November 2011.

Indigenous Training Coordinator

Myuma Pty Ltd is nationally-recognised as a best practice provider of Indigenous training and employment programs. We are seeking a talented and motivated person to join our team as Coordinator for a range of prevocational, trade and higher-level training courses that we deliver to Indigenous trainees and our permanent staff.

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This is an integral role, where you will be responsible for:

- coordinating key functions within our training programs, including allocation of resources and scheduling of all training and practical work-based activities
- planning, monitoring and recording training and mentoring delivery
- preparing and submitting progress claims to funding agencies
- working closely with contract and staff trainers, external RTOs, industry and community representatives
- communicating effectively with our training staff and participants, and
- maintaining the integrity and reputation of our training services.

The position is based at our residential facility at Camooweal in northwest Queensland, with accommodation and meals provided. A generous salary package, flexible working roster and, fly-in/fly-out arrangement if appropriate, will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

About us:

The Myuma Group of not-for-profit corporations is owned and managed by the Indjalandji-Dhidhanu Aboriginal traditional owners of the Camooweal region. Over the last decade, we have established successful civil construction, hospitality, training, land and heritage management enterprises. Our core enterprises employ over 50 people (65% of whom are Indigenous) and provide the context for our Award-winning prevocational training programs, which since 2007 have delivered training and employment outcomes to over 260 Indigenous people from communities throughout Queensland. We work closely with mining, construction and rail employers, and with government and community stakeholders, to ensure that Indigenous people do not miss out on opportunities to participate in Queensland's growth.

About you:

To excel in this role, you will:

- hold a sound existing knowledge of Indigenous Australian cultures and a passion for Indigenous Australian social advancement
- possess excellent administrative and organisational skills, with superior lateral-thinking abilities
- maintain exceptional attention to detail and commitment to accuracy and quality standards
- be a strong team player, with well-developed communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to relate to and work with a diverse range of people
- have the focus and stamina to perform well under pressure and to go the extra mile during peak training delivery periods.

To apply for or enquire about this position:

Please contact Caryn van Niekerk by email at carynvanniekerk@myuma.org.au or on (07) 4748 2064. The closing date for applications is **Friday 18 November 2011**.

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As an Accounts Officer- Payable, you will be responsible for preparing and entering all Accounts Payables into the system, settle all payments and rent, daily payment reconciliation and cash position on a weekly and monthly basis. You must have at least 2-3 years previous accounts payable experience with a good understanding of basic accounting principles, attention to detail, possess fast and accurate data entry skills along with a flexible attitude. Previous community housing experience would be ideal but is not essential.

To find out more about this opportunity, contact Kristin Shi at BRC Recruitment on 02 9299 2399 or send your CV to kristin@brcrecruitment.com.au.

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Project Leader - Tobacco Control

**Full time temporary for 12 months,
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Responsible for planning, developing and implementing appropriate tobacco prevention programs, specifically focussing on young people and pregnant women in the Maari Ma region. The position is also responsible for the continued development and implementation of the Smokers Program that is delivered through the local health services as part of the Maari Ma Chronic Disease Strategy.

Salary dependant on qualifications and experience or Health Education Officer, range \$45K to \$73k.

To talk about the work, please contact Fiona Burrows phone 08 80829888 or email fiona.burrows@maarima.com.au

Clinical Nurse Consultant - Diabetes Education

An interesting and challenging balance of leadership, education and clinical consulting within a GP-led multidisciplinary team; an opportunity to work with front line clinicians to build capacity and expertise in our region.

Salary range \$96K to \$99K gross per annum.

To talk about the work, please contact Lesley Woolf phone 0400 481 534 or email Lesley.Woolf@maarima.com.au

Talk to us about conditions and flexible employment packages including 5 weeks annual leave, salary packaging, superannuation and supported development.

TO APPLY: Application packages are available from Renae Roach email renae.roach@maarima.com.au
Closing date is Thursday 10th November 2011

Maari Ma has a smoke free health care workplace policy and relevant criminal record checks are required prior to appointment.



Health
Sydney
Local Health District



Dental Assistant (Grade 2) – Aboriginal Oral Health

Ref: 48354

Salary: \$969.20–\$1,067.10 pw. Temp F/T (up to October 2012) at Sydney Dental Hospital
Enq: Marianne Weston **Ph:** (02) 9293 3262

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.

Closing Date: 25 November 2011

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Temporary full-time

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Phone: (02) 9266 8728

To apply for this position, please visit our website

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Frankston Integrated Health

Aboriginal Health Promotion Worker

Permanent Part Time

Closes: 09/11/2011 Ref No. 10744

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Regional Administrative Officer

APS Level 5

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Duties

- Responsible for the day to day administration of the Regional Office.
- Supervise and identify training and development needs of regional staff.
- Recruitment, personnel/payroll administration and liaising with Central Office.
- Financial returns and preparation of regional budgets.

Want to know more?

Contact Karen Brown on (02) 9310 2777.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Helen Brown on (02) 9310 2777.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN ACT 2606 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm, 18 November 2011.

Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

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Aboriginal Cultural Competence Project Worker

Aboriginal people encouraged to apply

CDW Class 3, three days per week, (negotiable) for 9 months.

This project is to assist agencies in the Ballarat and surrounding area to develop joint cultural competence plan and implementation strategy. Ideally an Aboriginal person is sought for this role, or someone with the demonstrated ability to work effectively with Aboriginal people and organisations and with a clear understanding of culturally competent practice.

For enquires or position description contact Sharon Fecteau, Chair of the Family Services Alliance (Greater Grampians), on 03 5337 3333; or Tim Sands, Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative, on 03 5331 5344.

Applications addressed to Sharon Fecteau, and addressing key selection criteria, should be emailed to sfecteau@cafs.org.au by midnight Sunday 20 November 2011.



Aboriginal Health Worker required for the role of Care Coordinator

P01-1- salary \$57,920.36 per annum

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION:

The Care Coordinator will be responsible for working in a collaborative manner with patients, general practitioners (GP), practice staff, and Aboriginal health services in order to facilitate provision of appropriate multidisciplinary care and services for Aboriginal people with chronic health conditions. All care coordination functions will be in accordance with the care plan developed by a referring GP with the Care Coordinator primarily responsible for driving the implementation of the care coordination model at a local level, utilising existing resources and infrastructure and partnerships to link patients with services required by patients.

The role will focus on the following aims of the program:

- Enhance the quality and consistency of health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with chronic conditions and complex care needs who are living in the ACT community by helping to facilitate and coordinate the management of their chronic condition(s) in a way that will contribute to optimal health outcomes for them.
- Support Indigenous people with chronic conditions and complex care needs to access a range of culturally appropriate services in both clinical and community settings that are tailored to meet the needs of the individual patient.
- Increase the capacity of General Practice to support Aboriginal people with significant chronic health issues in the community by working towards increasing cultural awareness and quality of service delivery.
- Improve communication, collaboration, networks and referral pathways between general practice and other relevant clinicians and services to achieve a more integrated system of care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.

AREAS OF ACTIVITY:

Key Responsibilities:

- Increase knowledge of the Care Coordination and Supplementary Services Program associated with the Closing the Gap initiative. Disseminate information to health professionals and patients in a timely manner to ensure cultural awareness and health related information is current and appropriate.
- Work closely with general practitioners and practice staff, specialists and Allied Health Professionals to support improved care planning (including compliance) and continuity of care across service boundaries.
- Work closely with patients, carers, and the patient's primary health care team, actively contributing to the development of individualised care plans and team care arrangements.
- Work collaboratively with the Indigenous Health Program Officer, the Indigenous Outreach Worker and other Care Coordinators, along with health professionals and community organisations to promote the value and viability of the program to the wider community.
- Ensure that all information provided to the patient and carers is given in a culturally sensitive manner and in terms that are understood by all parties as demonstrated by their improved health literacy.
- Increase practice and patient awareness and knowledge around self-management of chronic disease, including health care options and the values of medication compliance.
- Improve the quality and consistency of follow-up care for patients managing a chronic health condition.

Other:

- Work collaboratively as part of a team to ensure the ACTML's ethos is maintained.
- Adhere to all ACTML Policies and Procedures.
- Observe and promote best practice principles within Occupational Health and Safety at all times.

To be considered for this you will have a minimum of Cert III in Aboriginal Primary Health Care (or equivalent).

For further information please call Jessy McGowan (Program Director) on 02 6287 8099.

To apply for this position please email your CV and the addressed selection criteria to j.mcgowan@actml.com.au

Please refer to the ACT Medicare Local website for a brief selection criteria that needs to be addressed www.actml.com.au

Closing date for the application is COB, **Friday November 11, 2011.**



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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**



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Your key responsibilities will include clerical work, customer service, statistics and data entry. The program comprises four days per week practical work experience, and one day attending training towards completion of a Certificate III in Business Administration.

Designated positions are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Enquiries about all our Traineeship opportunities can be made on (02) 9551 9649 or traineeships@rba.gov.au

Applications should be made online at www.rba.gov.au and must include a supporting statement and resume. Applicants with a qualification higher than a Certificate II are not eligible to apply.

Applications close on 23 November 2011.



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As well as on-the-job learning, Lee attends interstate training as part of her apprenticeship. ‘I travel to Melbourne four times a year.’

Lee's advice to anyone thinking of starting an apprenticeship is ‘Go for it! You learn new skills for a start and it's never too late to improve on your skills and knowledge.’

Apprenticeships are available across the Northern Territory in a wide variety of fields and trades within the Northern Territory Public Sector. The Apprenticeship Program provides a great support mechanism for further education and training to build the skills of Territorians.

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- business, clerical and financial services
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- environment (plants, animals, conservation)
- health, care and community services
- marketing and customer services
- science
- sport and recreation
- tourism and hospitality.

Information sessions will be held in Alice Springs, Darwin and Katherine. Bookings are essential. To book or for further information please contact Darwin office on 8999 3708, Alice Springs office on 8951 6478 or the Katherine office on 8973 8588.

The Northern Territory Government is aiming for an inclusive and diverse workforce. All equal employment opportunity (EEO) groups are encouraged to apply.

Quote vacancy number: 211013
Closing date: 11 November 2011



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Chief Minister and Cabinet

Workforce Capability and Governance Public Sector Management Strategic HR

Senior Policy Officer

Senior Officer Grade C

Salary Range: \$83,816 - \$90,372 (PN: 55503)

Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate's Workforce Capability and Governance Division has a permanent vacancy for either an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander or Person with Disability. The position has a significant role in the implementation of the Employment Strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and People with Disability. The successful applicant will be required to build productive relationships with stakeholders and provide expertise and assistance in formulating and planning for the implementation of strategic issues relating to employment and human resource policy for the ACT Public Service. The successful applicant will require excellent communication and liaison skills with demonstrated high quality written and verbal communication and self management skills.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Identified Position for People with Disability or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander People.

Contact Officer: Leanne Martens (02) 6207 8700 leanne.martens@act.gov.au

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*.

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
37/847	NEWMONT YANDAL OPERATIONS PTY LTD	371656	86.74HA	63km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 28' S Long: 121° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/848	NEWMONT YANDAL OPERATIONS PTY LTD	377546	269.09HA	73km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 19' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
57/576-I	TROY RESOURCES NL	375514	31.09HA	34km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 12' S Long: 119° 32' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/584-I	TROY RESOURCES NL	375509	23.80HA	25km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 13' S Long: 119° 24' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/703-I	TROY RESOURCES NL	375513	2.01HA	27km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 12' S Long: 119° 23' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 2 November 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 **2 February 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. 2 March 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 applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of South Australia
Notification day: 16 November 2011



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The areas subject to the agreements, as shown on the locality map: **SI2011/019 – Mt Clarence (PE 2508) Pastoral ILUA** covers about 1790 square kilometres over Pastoral Lease number 2508 and is located west and south of Coober Pedy.

SI2011/020 – Mt Barry (PE 2411) Pastoral ILUA covers about 4320 square kilometres over Pastoral Lease number 2411 and is located north of Coober Pedy.

SI2011/021 – Mt Willoughby (PE 2515) Pastoral ILUA covers about 4800 square kilometres over Pastoral Lease number 2515 and is located northwest of Coober Pedy.

The agreements fall within the unincorporated local government area.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

State of South of Australia
c/- Crown Solicitor's Office, Native Title Claim Resolution Unit
GPO Box 464
Adelaide SA 5001

Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara Aboriginal Corporation;
William Herbert Lennon Snr, Ian Crombie and David Brown;
Walarintja Landholding Inc. (*party to SI2011/019 only*); and
Tjirilya Aboriginal Corporation (*party to SI2011/021 only*)
c/- Tim Wooley
PO Box 10009 Gouger Street Post Office
Adelaide SA 5000

Ronwill Pty Ltd (*party to SI2011/020 only*)
c/- Piper Alderman
167 Flinders Street
Adelaide SA 5000

The agreements do not contain any statements of the kind mentioned in either s. 24EB(1)(b), (c) or (d) or s. 24EBA(1)(a) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) ('the Act').

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

These applications for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) have been certified by the South Australian Native Title Service, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by the ILUAs may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of one or more of these agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Act.

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Adelaide, SA, 5000 by 16 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 for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of Department of Environment and Heritage, SA (May 2006).

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 Monica Khouri on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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To be successful you will have demonstrated ability to build and maintain positive and productive working relationships with DOT internal and external stakeholders; establish networks across government and the community to facilitate departmental objectives; identify and balance the unique needs of individuals, groups and DOT to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes. You will also have proven knowledge, appreciation and understanding of Aboriginal culture, social and economic issues along with community aspirations and attitudes. You will have the ability to identify with and be accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Australian Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person.

Applications are sought from people who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in accordance with VCAT application number A49/2011, allowing exemption from the Equal Opportunity Act 1995.

For further information, please contact Jamie Williamson (03) 9655 3373

Reference: 350236871

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Community Services

Office for Children, Youth and Family Support Youth Services Bimberi Youth Justice Centre

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Eligibility/Other Requirements: Completion or partial completion of the Youth Worker Level 3 or 4 certificate or qualification in the behavioural sciences desirable. Possession of a current driver's licence and Senior First Aid Certificate. Applicants will be required to undergo psychometric testing as part of the recruitment process.

Note: Bimberi will be hosting two information sessions for all prospective applicants. The sessions will be held on-site on Tuesday 8th November at 12:30pm and 6:30pm. Please contact the contact officer, Leanne Rourke, for further information. This position involves both day and night shifts as well as weekend work. This recruitment round will offer full-time, part-time and casual positions. Previous applicant are welcome to reapply.

Contact Officer: Leanne Rourke (02) 6207 3384 leanne.rourke@act.gov.au

Applicants should note that a Joint Selection Committee (JSC) established in accordance with the collective/enterprise agreement provisions will assess all applications for this position.

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To be considered for this role you must be an Australian Citizen, Permanent Resident or New Zealand citizen and be over 18 years of age. Applicants will need to complete merit based selection activities and will be subject to satisfactory medical, drug & alcohol and a criminal record checks as part of the selection process. RailCorp is an equal opportunity employer. Women are encouraged to apply.



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The UWS Office of Partnerships and Public Affairs leads activity to develop the image, branding, student recruitment and marketing of the University.

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The successful applicant will have a strong commitment to, and record of achievement in customer service and will have well-developed interpersonal, written and oral communication skills. An understanding of the NSW education system and experience in the university sector would be well regarded.

Remuneration Package: HEW Level 6 \$71,174 to \$76,318 (comprising Salary \$64,503 to \$69,165 plus 9% Superannuation and Leave Loading).

Position Enquiries: Maree Graham, Manager,
Indigenous Outreach 0424 156 537 or email:
me.graham@uws.edu.au

Applications Close: 13 November 2011

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Employment Officer

Human Resource Services

The University of New England is seeking an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Officer. The successful applicant will be responsible for the review and implementation of the draft UNE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. They will also provide advice to the University of New England in collaboration with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access and Participation Committee and with the Oorala Aboriginal Centre. They will coordinate partnerships between employment agencies, government departments and local community organisations to establish effective employment opportunities, career development and academic pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The University of New England, according to Strategy 2 of the Equal Opportunity Management Plan, has identified this position specifically for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples in accordance with section 122K of Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977(NSW).

Applicants must have high level communication, planning and organisational skills; the ability to work independently, as a leader and as part of a team; high level interpersonal skills including proven consultation and negotiation skills at various levels and with diverse groups and excellent skills in the writing of policy and procedures.

Informal enquiries may be directed to Chris Lloyd, phone: (02) 6773 3242
or e-mail: staff.equity@une.edu.au.

For further information about the position visit <http://www.une.edu.au/recruit/>.

Salary: \$68,811 to \$77,045 per annum (HEO Level 7)
plus 17% employer superannuation and optional salary packaging

Closing Date: 25 November 2011

Reference No: 211/087

An application package, including selection criteria that must be addressed, may be obtained from www.une.edu.au/recruit or by phoning Human Resource Services, (02) 6773 3972

www.une.edu.au

Equity principles underpin all UNE policies and procedures.

The University of New England, according to Strategy 2 of the Equal Opportunity Management Plan, has identified this position specifically for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples in accordance with section 122K of Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977(NSW).

PUBLIC NOTICE

ARROW LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PROJECT

Proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

Arrow Energy Pty Ltd ACN 078 521 936 (**Arrow**) proposes to develop a liquefied natural gas (**LNG**) project involving the development of gas fields and the construction and operation of a pipeline and associated infrastructure for Arrow to export LNG from Curtis Island, near Gladstone (**Arrow LNG Project**).

Following from a Preliminary Meeting held by **Arrow** in Toowoomba on 8 October 2011, **Arrow** will be holding a further meeting regarding the **Arrow LNG Project**.

Persons who consider they hold or may hold native title in relation to land or waters that are subject to the Arrow LNG project, shown on the map below (**ILUA Area**), are invited to attend this Pre-Negotiation Meeting, regardless of whether they attended the Preliminary Meeting on 8 October 2011.

The Pre-Negotiation Meeting will be held:

Date and Time: 10.00am
Saturday 19 November

2011

9.00am
Sunday 20 November 2011
(breakfast provided
at 8.00am)

Place: Toowoomba Motel & Events
Centre
2 Burnage Street
Toowoomba Qld 4350

The purpose of the Pre-Negotiation Meeting is to provide interested persons with further information regarding Arrow's LNG project and the opportunity to form a Negotiation Forum to work with Arrow to develop and enter into the proposed **ILUA** for the **Arrow LNG project**.

No sitting fees will be paid for the Pre-Negotiation Meeting. Some travel reimbursement will be available for persons travelling more than 50km one way to attend the meeting. To be eligible for reimbursement, attendees **MUST provide prior notice** of their intention to attend the meeting. Reimbursement is only paid on production of receipts at the meeting. Other travel expenses and arrangements may be considered, **but only on prior approval**.

Attendees must register their intention to attend with **Kym** or **Alan** on **(07) 3277 4801**. If you would like to make an enquiry regarding the Pre-Negotiation Meeting please contact **Kym** or **Alan**.



Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

Notification day: 16 November 2011



This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves but, rather, they are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in the area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 15 February 2012. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before **15 February 2012**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to this non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000**, on or before **15 February 2012**. After 15 February 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Warren William Hill
Federal Court File No: NSD1587/11

Non-native title interest*: Licence 484186 for the occupation of the land in relation to a pipeline, a tank for access and in relation to encroachments located on the land.

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination of no native title.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 1260 square metres over part of Lot 5 DP755800 and is located approximately 2.7 kilometres west of Sofala as shown on the locality diagram.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Bathurst Regional Council.

[*The applicant has indicated that if the non-claimant application is unopposed by a native title claimant application they intend to seek the protection of section 24FA of the Act to validly undertake the proposed act and then withdraw the non-claimant application.]

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT.

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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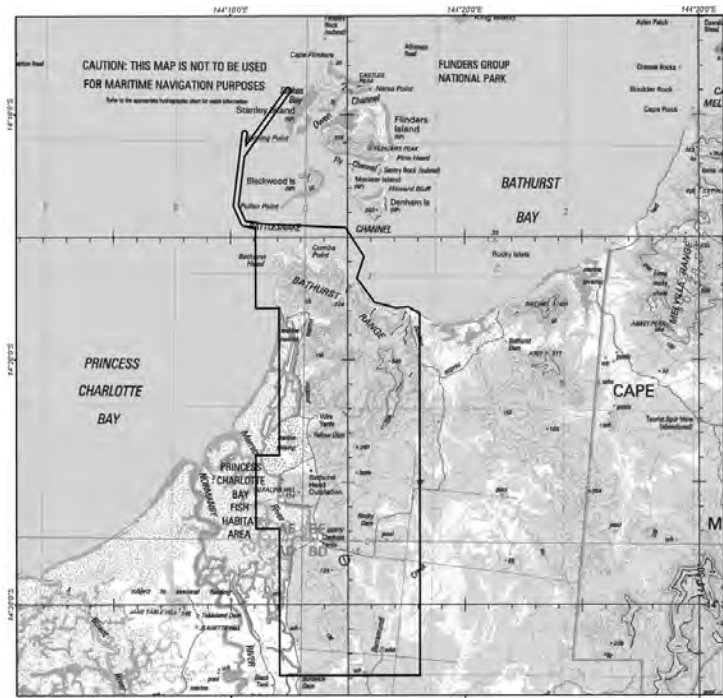


NOTICE OF MEETING

TO ALL THOSE WHO HOLD OR MAY HOLD NATIVE TITLE OVER PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT AREA, KALPOWAR, CAPE YORK PENINSULA

Cape York Land Council WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2011 – KALPOWAR CROSSING

All persons who are members of the native title claim group in the native title determination application filed in the Federal Court and referred to as Kalpowar Holdings (QG6155/98) and all other persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to land and waters in the proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement Area (ILUA Area) as shown on the following map are invited to attend a meeting convened by the Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (CYLC) and Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation. The proposed ILUA Area is located 150 kilometres north-west of Cooktown and 320 kilometres north of Cairns. It is situated on the eastern side of Princess Charlotte Bay between Lakefield National Park and Cape Melville National Park predominantly on Aboriginal freehold land owned by the Aboriginal Kalpowar Land Trust comprising Lot 7 on SP156403. The proposed ILUA Area includes some waters and land extending around Bathurst Heads.



On Wednesday 23rd November 2011 at Kalpowar Crossing, Cape York Peninsula, a meeting will be held to:

Authorise the making of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) pursuant to the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) with Aust-Pac Capital Pty Ltd (APC), the Kalpowar People (the Kalpowar Holdings QG6155/98 native title claim group), Kalpowar Aboriginal Land Trust, the Kalpowar Land Act

Reserves Limited and the Aba Dhalpirjwarra, Aba Yeerrkoyiwarra, Bagaarmuguwarra and Muundhiwarra Peoples.

The ILUA will provide for consent by native title holders to certain future acts in the ILUA Area including the grant of all approvals for the planning, design, development, construction, operation and maintenance of APC's underground coal mine for coking coal.

Date: 9am Wednesday 23rd November 2011 (lunch included)
Venue: Kalpowar Crossing, Cape York Peninsula

CYLC is only able to provide limited assistance with transport to the meeting. To request assistance call Kristel Pukallus at CYLC on Freecall 1800 623 548 no later than 5pm Friday 11th November 2011.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (AREA AGREEMENT) UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

Rio Tinto Coal Australia Pty Ltd ACN 010 542 140 and its related entities propose to develop Indigenous Land Use Agreement/s (ILUA) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The purpose of the ILUA is to authorise proposed future activities within the area of land shaded and outlined in bold in the map below (ILUA Area).



The ILUA Area is that area of the former Kangoulu People registered native title claim (QUD6195/98) west of the MacKenzie River. In 2008, Rio Tinto Coal Australia Pty Ltd and Kestrel Coal Pty Limited entered into an agreement with the former Applicants of the Kangoulu People registered native title claim in relation to this area. The ILUA Area does not overlap any registered or unregistered native title claims. It adjoins two native title claims: Wangan and Jagalingou (QC04/6/QUD85/2004) in the west and Bidjara (QC08/05/QUD216/2008) in the south. Barada Barna (QC08/11/QUD380/2008), Karingbal (QC06/05/QUD23/06) and Karingbal People (QC06/19/QUD473/2006) are respectively to the north and south east of the ILUA Area, but do not adjoin it.

A meeting to discuss an ILUA proposal will be held at the time and location below:

Date: 26 and 27 November 2011
Time: Commencing 9.00am on 26 November 2011
Venue: Emerald Maraboon Tavern, Cnr Hospital Rd and Esmond St, Emerald

Any persons who hold or may hold native title in the ILUA Area and who are interested in participating in a proposed ILUA are invited to attend the meeting.

If you consider that you hold or may hold native title interests in the ILUA Area and wish to attend the meeting, please register by **Friday 18 November 2011** by calling (within business hours):

Contact Person: Kylie Delaney
Phone no: freecall 1800 706 533 (Calls from mobile phones may be charged)

All persons attending the meeting will need to arrange their own travel and accommodation, however **Rio Tinto Coal Australia Pty Ltd** will reimburse reasonable travel and accommodation expenses to a limited amount on provision of receipts. To ensure reimbursement for these expenses is available at the meeting you must register. Further details about the available travel and accommodation assistance and what you need to do to receive reimbursement at the meeting can be obtained by contacting the Contact Person above.

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This is an Identified position in accordance with the Department of Justice Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

To apply online and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

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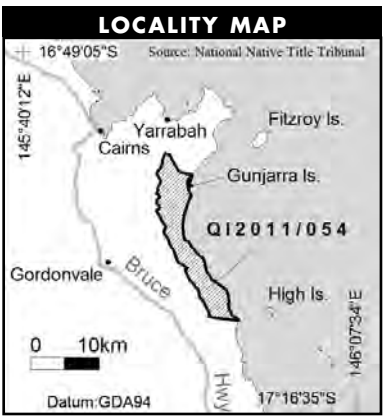
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CHRIS OR STUART IN THE ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT ON
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Notice of applications to register area agreements on the
Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland
Notification day: 16 November 2011



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**QI2011/054 Combined Mandingalbay Yidinji Gunggandji
Yarrabah Blockholders ILUA**

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 80 square kilometres, located approximately 10 kilometres south east of Cairns and includes Gunjarra Island as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.

Parties to the agreements and their contact address:

State of Queensland [Party to QI2011/054 and QI2011/055]
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Services
Department of Environment and Resource
Management
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Les Murgha and Charles Garling on their own
behalf and on behalf of the Gunggandji People
and Vincent Mundraby on his own behalf and
on behalf of the Mandingalbay Yidinji People
[Party to QI2011/054 and QI2011/055]
C/- North Queensland Land Council
PO Box 679N
CAIRNS QLD 4870

Les Murgha, Vincent Mundraby and
Charles Garling on behalf of the Combined
Mandingalbay Yidinji Gunggandji People
for Native Title Determination Application
QUD6016/01 [Party to QI2011/057]
C/- North Queensland Land Council
PO Box 679N
CAIRNS QLD 4870

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council [Party to
QI2011/054, QI2011/055 and QI2011/057]
C/- Bottoms English Lawyers
PO Box 5196
CAIRNS QLD 4870

The agreements contain the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

**QI2011/054 Combined Mandingalbay Yidinji Gunggandji
Yarrabah Blockholders ILUA**

[References below to:

‘Blockholder’ means a person listed in column 5 of Schedule 4
‘Trustee’ means the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council as the trustee
of the land included in the Yarrabah DOGIT dated 27 October 1986
‘Booklet’ means the booklet of aerial photographs produced by the
National Native Title Tribunal
‘Lease’ means a lease, on the same or substantially similar terms to that
contained in Schedule 3, to be granted under the Aboriginal Land Act
1991 for a term of 30 years
‘Opt in Deed’ means the Deed set out in Schedule 2].

5.4 The parties consent, in accordance with the NTA, to
the Trustee granting a Lease within the Agreement Area
to a Blockholder: (a) for the purpose corresponding to that
Blockholder as set out in column 9 of Schedule 4; (b) to a
maximum lease area corresponding to that Blockholder as
shown in column 8 of Schedule 4; and (c) consistent with the
area for the Blockholder shown in the Booklet, if the Native
Title Parties, the Trustee, the State and the relevant Blockholder
execute the Opt in Deed.

5.5 The parties consent, in accordance with the NTA, to the
Trustee granting a Lease, over land within the Agreement Area if
the process [for consent] set out in clause 11 [of the Agreement] has
been followed and the Native Title Parties, or their nominated
entity have provided the consent or there is a deemed consent
pursuant to clause 11.5 or clause 11.6 [of the Agreement].

5.6 The parties consent, in accordance with the NTA, to those
Blockholder Parties who are granted a Lease, using and
maintaining existing forms of access to those lease areas.

5.10 Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA [which deals with the
right to negotiate] is not intended to apply to the grant of Leases.



**QI2011/055 Combined Mandingalbay Yidinji Gunggandji
Yarrabah DOGIT Transfer ILUA**

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 80 square kilometres, located approximately 10 kilometres south east of Cairns and includes Gunjarra Island as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.

Les Murgha, Vincent Mundraby and
Charles Garling on behalf of the Combined
Mandingalbay Yidinji Gunggandji People
for Native Title Determination Application
QUD6016/01 [Party to QI2011/057]
C/- North Queensland Land Council
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Yarrabah DOGIT Transfer ILUA**

[References below to:

‘ALA’ means the Aboriginal Land Act 1991 (Qld)
‘ALA Transfer Area’ means the area of land and waters described and
shown on the map in Schedule 2 of the Agreement
‘Aboriginal Land’ has the meaning given in the ALA].

5.1 The parties consent, in accordance with the NTA, to the ALA
Transfer Area being granted as Aboriginal Land.

5.9 Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA [which deals with
the right to negotiate] is not intended to apply to the grant of the
ALA Transfer Area as Aboriginal Land.

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Yarrabah Local Government ILUA**

[References below to:

‘Execution Date’ means the date that the last Party signs the Agreement
‘Natural Resources’ includes Quarry Materials, timber and water].

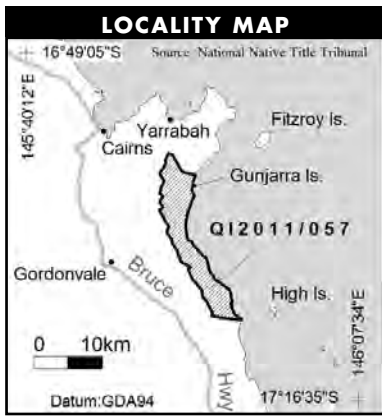
27.2 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act
(which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any
Future Acts or Activities covered by this Agreement.

31.1 The Native Title Party consents to a Low Native Title
Impact Activity (they are described in Schedule 6).

32.1 Where the conditions in [sub-clause 32.2 of the Agreement] are
satisfied, the Native Title Party consents to a High Native Title
Impact Activity (they are described in Schedule 7).

33.1 Where a condition applicable to a Particular Future Act is
satisfied, the Native Title Party consent to the Particular Future
Act (they are described in Schedule 8).

34.1 The Parties agree that Acts Already Done in the classes
described in Schedule 9: (a) have been done validly and are
valid for Native Title purposes: and (b) have not Extinguished
any Native Title.



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Description of the agreement area:

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The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council [Party to
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34.2 A Future Act which was invalidly done before the
Execution Date and which is not an Intermediate Period Act
under the Native Title Act, is validated.

35.2 The Native Title Party consents to the continued operation,
use, access to and maintenance of the existing Non-extinguishing
Infrastructure and Extinguishing Infrastructure provided that
the Local Government complies with Part 4 [of the Agreement].

35.3 The Native Title Party consents to the continued use of:
(a) the land or waters on which existing Non-extinguishing
Infrastructure and Extinguishing Infrastructure is located;
and (b) any land or waters which is adjacent to the land on
which existing Non-extinguishing Infrastructure is located
which is necessary for, or incidental to, the operation, use and
maintenance of the Non-extinguishing Infrastructure and
Extinguishing Infrastructure.

36.1 The Native Title Party consents to: (a) the operation and
maintenance by or on behalf of the Local Government; (b) the
use by the public; and c) the dedication by the Minister of all
Constructed Roads within the ILUA Area as at the Execution
Date to a width up to thirty (30) metres.

36.3 The Native Title Party Consents to: (a) the operation and
maintenance by or on behalf of the Local Government; (b) the use
by the public; and (c) to the extent that the off-alignment roads
are constructed outside of the area of land dedicated, declared,
notified or taken for public use as a road, the dedication by the
Minister, of the area of land over which the off-alignment roads
are constructed to a width up to thirty (30) metres.

[The roads and tracks shown on the map in Schedule 18 are the subject
of clauses 36.1 and 36.3]

39.1 The Native Title Party consents to the Local Government
taking Natural Resources within the ILUA Area for the
purposes of the Activities conducted by the Local Government.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

These three applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the North Queensland Land Council, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown in the respective maps. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, PO Box 9973, Cairns, Qld, 4870 by 16 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 for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Environment and Resource Management. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Louise Doyle on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

TENEMENT TYPE	NO.	APPLICANT	AREA*	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2124	STATE RESOURCES PTY LTD	50BL	86km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 13' S Long: 124° 47' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2125	STATE RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL	87km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 3' S Long: 124° 46' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2147	ASF RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	81BL	78km SE'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 37' S Long: 124° 17' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1872	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL	148km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 52' S Long: 115° 54' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	12/4	WESFARMERS PREMIER COAL LTD	4BL	8km SE'ly of Collie	Lat: 33° 23' S Long: 116° 14' E	COLLIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1285	KIMBA RESOURCES PTY LTD	29BL	19km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 22' S Long: 121° 26' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	24/180	MAGMA GOLD PTY LTD	31BL	61km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 121° 19' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	27/457	FRAKA INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	10BL	28km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/464	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	20BL	53km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 121° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2155	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	77BL	95km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 40' S Long: 123° 28' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2157	MAGMA GOLD PTY LTD	68BL	131km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 122° 29' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2160-1	NBX PTY LTD	400BL	65km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 52' S Long: 123° 56' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2163	NBX PTY LTD	200BL	104km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 124° 11' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/838-1 & 29/842	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	125BL	39km N'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 121° 0' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/839	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	70BL	37km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 32' S Long: 121° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/844	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	34BL	55km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 33' S Long: 121° 35' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/986	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	70BL	131km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 122° 49' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/991-1	MINGS MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	142km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 53' S Long: 122° 37' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/992	STRINDBERG, Maxwell Peter	1BL	94km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 37' S Long: 122° 0' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3573	BIRLA NIFTY PTY LTD	150BL	107km NW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 121° 21' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3575	BIRLA NIFTY PTY LTD	101BL	98km NW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 10' S Long: 121° 29' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3577	BIRLA NIFTY PTY LTD	22BL	56km W'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 50' S Long: 121° 42' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1471	WHITE CLIFF NICKEL LIMITED	66BL	131km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 9' S Long: 120° 23' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1493	GOLDCRUSH CORPORATION PTY LTD	43BL	46km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 43' S Long: 121° 16' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1494	GOLDCRUSH CORPORATION PTY LTD	8BL	32km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 50' S Long: 121° 20' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1495	GOLDCRUSH CORPORATION PTY LTD	4BL	24km S'ly of Noseman	Lat: 32° 24' S Long: 121° 44' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1500	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	10BL	49km W'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 49' S Long: 121° 9' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1501	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	20BL	40km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 47' S Long: 121° 17' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1502	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL	26km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 48' S Long: 121° 28' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1503	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	28km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 45' S Long: 121° 29' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1504	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	29km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 44' S Long: 121° 30' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2919	EMERGENT RESOURCES LIMITED	8BL	172km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 51' S Long: 120° 11' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2929	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	200BL	119km SE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 47' S Long: 120° 48' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2930	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	200BL	128km E'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 36' S Long: 120° 57' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2938	DELGARE PTY LTD	5BL	165km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 12' S Long: 120° 13' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2953	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	27BL	99km SW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 33° 12' S Long: 123° 17' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2954 & 69/2956	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	115BL	66km SW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 49' S Long: 123° 19' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2955	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	67BL	67km SW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 56' S Long: 123° 25' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2964	STRATEGIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	41BL	203km N'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 125° 7' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3112	CREASY, Mark Gareth	200BL	58km SW'ly of Kojonup	Lat: 34° 16' S Long: 116° 49' E	BOYUP BROOK SHIRE, CRANBROOK SHIRE, KOJONUP SHIRE, MANJIMUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3113	CREASY, Mark Gareth	200BL	54km S'ly of Kojonup	Lat: 34° 19' S Long: 117° 9' E	CRANBROOK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3114	CREASY, Mark Gareth	200BL	34km N'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 19' S Long: 117° 36' E	CRANBROOK SHIRE, PLANTAGENET SHIRE, TAMBELLUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3116	CREASY, Mark Gareth	154BL	46km SE'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 34° 19' S Long: 119° 6' E	JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3117	CREASY, Mark Gareth	168BL	20km SE'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 34° 4' S Long: 119° 4' E	JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4073	UNITED OROGEN LIMITED	15BL	24km S'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 50' S Long: 117° 36' E	ALBANY CITY, PLANTAGENET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4074	COTTAGE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	11BL	54km SE'ly of Cervantes	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 115° 24' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE, GINGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4089	TOP IRON PTY LTD	38BL	6km NW'ly of Wongan Hills	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 116° 39' E	WONGAN-BALLIDU SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4098	MAGMA GOLD PTY LTD	150BL	28km NW'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 32° 59' S Long: 118° 11' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4099	COMET RESOURCES LTD	70BL	60km N'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 117° 44' E	MOUNT MARSHALL SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4100	COMET RESOURCES LTD	70BL	36km NW'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 117° 36' E	KOORDA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4103	HOOD, Clinton Dean	4BL	45km SE'ly of Cervantes	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 115° 29' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4117	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LTD	10BL	29km SE'ly of Geraldton	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 114° 50' E	GERALDTON CITY
Exploration Licence	70/4121-2	MAGMA GOLD PTY LTD	360BL	13km E'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 8' S Long: 118° 36' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4127	MAGMA GOLD PTY LTD	175BL	48km SE'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 36' S Long: 118° 16' E	KONDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4128	MAGMA GOLD PTY LTD	200BL	26km N'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 32° 52' S Long: 118° 29' E	KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/509	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	69BL	51km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 8' S Long: 119° 56' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE, RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/510	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	68BL	24km NE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 24' S Long: 120° 11' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/511	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	41BL	65km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 0' S Long: 120° 7' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/512	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	46BL	58km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 4' S Long: 120° 8' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE, RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/513-4	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	118BL	52km NE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 9' S Long: 120° 16' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE, RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/515	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	70BL	47km NE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 23' S Long: 120° 30' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1787	CAZALY IRON PTY LTD	2BL	58km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 42' S Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1788	CAZALY IRON PTY LTD	3BL	58km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 42' S Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1789	CAZALY IRON PTY LTD	2BL	53km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 36' S Long: 119° 40' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1831	LOPRESTI, Stephen	1BL	57km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 119° 54' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1899	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	70km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 119° 18' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1916	CONVERGENT MINERALS LTD	2BL	84km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 119° 17' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1936	YILGARN IRON PTY LTD	70BL	14km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 41' S Long: 119° 29' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1950-1	HR FORRESTANIA PTY LTD	108BL	45km S'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 119° 15' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1956	MUSKETEEER MINERALS PTY LTD	37BL	31km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 26' S Long: 119° 32' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1957	GOLDEN MINING AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1BL	41km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 118° 54' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1958	GOLDEN MINING AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	3BL	37km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 118° 53' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1961	HERON RESOURCES LTD	3BL	127km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 119° 17' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1962	HARD ROCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	80km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 36' S Long: 119° 41' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1963	CENTRAL IRON ORE LTD	2BL	106km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 57' S Long: 119° 3' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1964	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	16km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 119° 0' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1965	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	7BL	55km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 35' S Long: 119° 43' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1969	INTERNICKEL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	62BL	121km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 119° 45' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1971	PARTISAN RESOURCES PTY LTD	7BL	132km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 119° 38' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1974	AFL RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	93km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 8' S Long: 119° 46' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4320	MACLEOD, Malcolm	25BL	96km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 38' S Long: 128° 36' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4621	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	28BL	69km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 37' S Long: 127° 50' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4622	LODESTAR MINERALS LIMITED	52BL	106km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 21' S Long: 127° 15' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE, HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4632	NEWERA URANIUM LTD	42BL	133km NW'ly of Balgo	Lat: 19° 20' S Long: 127° 1' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5643	MEARS, Janet	199.98HA	11km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2739	STONE, Graeme John	8.93HA	27km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2174	WESTERN MINING PTY LTD	196.42HA	3km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 117° 53' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2208	BULONG MINING PTY LTD	199.64HA	33km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 47' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	46/1757-8	MILLENNIUM MINERALS LTD	254.54HA	34km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 48' S Long: 120° 25' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1510	DOURADO RESOURCES LTD	106.70HA	11km N'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 117° 48' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1517	MONEY, Nickolas John Powell	120.04HA	13km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 117° 44' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1518	MONEY, Nickolas John Powell	126.12HA	10km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 117° 46' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1523	MONEY, Nickolas John Powell	104.57HA	10km NW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 58' S Long: 117° 48' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1566	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	128.54HA	69km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 16' S Long: 118° 30' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1961	ZEN MINERALS PTY LTD	9.02HA	16km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 11' S Long: 116° 41' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1962	ZEN MINERALS PTY LTD	26.80HA	15km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 12' S Long: 116° 42' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1967	EXTENSION HILL PTY LTD	28.76HA	65km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 36' S Long: 117° 8' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1968	ROYAL RESOURCES LTD	2.71HA	34km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 117° 26' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1969	ROYAL RESOURCES LTD	3.23HA	33km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 117° 27' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1970	ROYAL RESOURCES LTD	5.59HA	32km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 117° 27' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1971	MILLS, David Joshua Stuart	6.26HA	58km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 117° 7' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1880-S	STOCKDALE, Lindsay	6.88HA	31km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 57' S Long: 121° 56' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1881-S	GREEN, David Wylie				
Prospecting Licence		HALL, Barry John				
Prospecting Licence		STOCKDALE, Lindsay	5.58HA	31km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 57' S Long: 121° 56' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence		GREEN, David Wylie				
Prospecting Licence		HALL, Barry John				
Prospecting Licence	77/4041	MAMBA GOLDFIELDS	206.05HA	87km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 10' S Long: 119° 43' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4064	O'CONNOR, Raymond James	95.80HA	126km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 119° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4068	AFL RESOURCES PTY LTD	51.14HA	92km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 9' S Long: 119° 46' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 2 November 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 **2 February 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 2 March 2012**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km2

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PROPOSAL TO GRANT EXPLORATION PERMIT

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Exploration Permit application/s applied for under section 31 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA) .

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0020	BURU ENERGY LIMITED	3408.97km ²	The Application comprises 42 graticular blocks of the 1 million map sheets SE51 (Broome) and is located in the Canning Basin. The north-east corner of the application is situated approximately 45 kilometres west-south-west of the town of Fitzroy Crossing. The coordinates starting at the NW corner (Lat 18°14'54.98"S, Long 124°40'4.52"E) then east to (Lat 18°14'54.97"S, Long 124°45'4.52"E) then south to (Lat 18°19'54.97"S, Long 124°45'4.52"E) then east to (Lat 18°19'54.96"S, Long 125°10'4.51"E) then south to (Lat 18°24'54.96"S, Long 125°10'4.52"E) then east to (Lat 18°24'54.96"S, Long 125°15'4.52"E) then south to (Lat 18°29'54.96"S, Long 125°15'4.52"E) then east to (Lat 18°29'54.96"S, Long 125°20'4.52"E) then south to (Lat 18°34'54.96"S, Long 125°20'4.52"E) then east to (Lat 18°34'54.96"S, Long 125°25'4.52"E) then south to (Lat 18°39'54.96"S, Long 125°25'4.52"E) then east to (Lat 18°39'54.95"S, Long 125°30'4.52"E) then south to (Lat 18°44'54.96"S, Long 125°30'4.52"E) then west to (Lat 18°44'54.96"S, Long 125°15'4.53"E) then south to (Lat 18°49'54.96"S, Long 125°15'4.54"E) then west to (Lat 18°49'54.98"S, Long 124°50'4.56"E) then north to (Lat 18°34'54.97"S, Long 124°50'4.53"E) then west to (Lat 18°34'54.98"S, Long 124°40'4.54"E) then north to the commencement point (Lat 18°14'54.98"S, Long 124°40'4.52"E)	Derby-West Kimberley (100%)
STP-EPA-0021	BURU ENERGY LIMITED	3968.59km ²	The Application comprises 49 graticular blocks of the 1 million map sheets SE51 (Broome) and is located in the Canning Basin. The north-west corner of the application (Block 7443) is situated approximately 61 kilometres south of the town of Fitzroy Crossing. The coordinated starting at the NW corner (Lat 18°49'54.97"S, Long 124°55'4.55"E) then east to (Lat 18°49'54.96"S, Long 125°15'4.54"E) then north to (Lat 18°44'54.96"S, Long 125°15'4.53"E) then east to (Lat 18°44'54.96"S, Long 125°35'4.52"E) then south to (Lat 18°49'54.96"S, Long 125°35'4.52"E) then east to (Lat 18°49'54.96"S, Long 125°40'4.52"E) then south to (Lat 18°59'54.96"S, Long 125°40'4.53"E) then east to (Lat 18°59'54.96"S, Long 125°50'4.52"E) then south to (Lat 19°9'54.96"S, Long 125°50'4.53"E) then west to (Lat 19°9'54.97"S, Long 125°40'4.54"E) then south to (Lat 19°14'54.97"S, Long 125°40'4.55"E) then west to (Lat 19°14'54.97"S, Long 125°15'4.58"E) then north to (Lat 19°9'54.97"S, Long 125°15'4.57"E) then west to (Lat 19°9'54.98"S, Long 124°55'4.58"E) then north to the commencement point (Lat 18°49'54.97"S, Long 124°55'4.55"E).	Derby-West Kimberley (100%)

Nature of the Act: Grant of exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further 5 years.

Notification Day: 2 November 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 any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **2 February 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*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 2 March 2012**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of South Australia
Notification day: 16 November 2011



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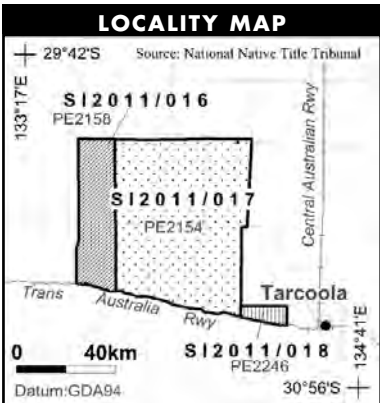


The areas subject to these agreements, as shown on the locality map:
SI2011/013 – Pinding Pastoral ILUA covers about 110 square kilometres over Pastoral Lease number 2201 and is located west of Tarcoola.
SI2011/015 – Collading Pastoral ILUA covers about 90 square kilometres over Pastoral Lease number 2526 and is located north of Tarcoola.

The agreements fall within the unincorporated local government area.



The areas subject to these agreements, as shown on the locality map:
SI2011/012 – Wilgena Pastoral ILUA covers about 4630 square kilometres over Pastoral Lease number 2364 and is located north of Tarcoola.
SI2011/014 – Carnding Well Pastoral ILUA covers about 460 square kilometres over Pastoral Lease number 2375 and is located northwest of Tarcoola.
The agreements fall within the unincorporated local government area.



The areas subject to these agreements, as shown on the locality map:
SI2011/016 – Mulgathing (PE 2158) Pastoral ILUA covers about 920 square kilometres over Pastoral Lease number 2158.
SI2011/017 – Muckanippie Pastoral ILUA covers about 3560 square kilometres over Pastoral Lease number 2154.
SI2011/018 – Malbooma Part (PE 2246) Pastoral ILUA covers about 120 square kilometres over Pastoral Lease number 2246.

The agreements are located northwest of Tarcoola and fall within the unincorporated local government area.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

State of South of Australia
c/- Crown Solicitor's Office,
Native Title Claim Resolution Unit
GPO Box 464
Adelaide SA 5001

Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara
Aboriginal Corporation; and
William Herbert Lennon Snr, Ian Crombie
and David Brown
c/- Tim Wooley
PO Box 10009 Gouger Street Post Office
Adelaide SA 5000

A.J. and P.A. McBride Pty Ltd (*Party to SI2011/012, SI2011/013, SI2011/014 and SI2011/015 only*); and
Mulgathing Pty Ltd (*Party to SI2011/016, SI2011/017 and SI2011/018 only*)
c/- Piper Alderman
167 Flinders Street
Adelaide SA 5000

The agreements do not contain any statements of the kind mentioned in either s. 24EB(1)(b), (c) or (d) or s. 24EBA(1)(a) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) ('the Act').

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

These applications for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) have been certified by the South Australian Native Title Service, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by the ILUAs may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of one or more of these agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Act.

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Adelaide, SA, 5000 by 16 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 for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of Department of Environment and Heritage, SA (May 2006).

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 **Monica Khouri on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.**

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Sport

Tennis has another Goolagong



ANOTHER Goolagong is aiming to return Australian tennis to its former glory with Ian, younger brother of legend Evonne Goolagong Cawley, joining the official coaching ranks.

Goolagong has been employed by Tennis Australia in the role of national Indigenous coach.

During his professional playing career, Ian Goolagong became the only Indigenous Australian male to play at Wimbledon when he partnered Evonne, who won seven grand slam singles titles, in the mixed doubles in 1982.

He then worked with Australian tennis heroes John Newcombe and Harry Hopman at their respective tennis camps in the United States.

Ian has also worked with Evonne at her Goolagong National Development Tennis Camps for Indigenous youth over the past seven years.

In his new role, Goolagong will visit remote communities and schools to uncover new tennis talent, and oversee coaching and scholarship programs.

And the name Goolagong might live on in playing circles, with Ian also overseeing the career of his 12-year-old son Jaidyn. – AAP



Trade & Investment
Resources & Energy

EXPLORATION LICENCE NO. 7461 – (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land

An area of 27 units situated approximately 50.71 kilometres north-north-east of Mount Hope, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Peel Mining Limited (ACN 119 343 734) is the holder of exploration licence No. 7461 – (Act 1992) for Group one minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Resources and Energy. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

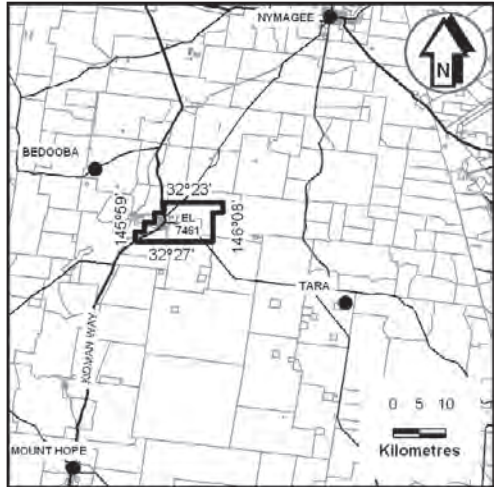
Chris Hartcher MP, Minister for Resources and Energy,
PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from **Wayne D. McDonald**, Western Region, Mineral Titles; NSW Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, phone **(02) 6360 5341** fax **(02) 6360 5363**.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **17 November 2011**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



TSI Foley Shield bid

By ALF WILSON



THE Torres Strait Islands wants a stand-alone team in the 2012 Foley Shield rugby league competition, which covers north Queensland. Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) runs the Thursday Island-based club competition and also organised the successful Zenadth Kes carnival there in early October, which attracted 10 men's teams.

After that carnival, KRL president Marsat Ketchell said the talent on show justified a proposal to the Queensland Rugby League Northern Division to let the Torres Strait field its own Foley Shield team.

"It was the biggest rugby carnival ever held in the Torres Strait. I'm absolutely chuffed about the turnout. 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," he said.

At last May's competition held in Townsville, KRL and Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) players were picked as part of



The RARL side which contested the 2011 Foley Shield competition in Townsville.

the Remote Area Rugby League (RARL) team for the Foley Shield competition.

RARL lost to Townsville Country 36-10, to Mackay 42-10 and finally to Innisfail

Eacham 30-22 to finish at the bottom of the table. But teams including TSI players have performed well in previous years.

In the wake of calls by Mr Ketchell for a

Torres Strait team, the *Koori Mail* asked QRL Northern Division manager Scott Nosworthy if there had been any change in Northern Division planning for the next Foley Shield.

"There are a lot of issues around the RARL. In an ideal world we would be allowing the Cape and the Torres Strait to go it alone in the Foley Shield," he said.

"In previous years, the QRL has fully funded remote area teams to compete.

"The game cannot support that in the long term. They'll need to find ways to fund themselves.

"However, we are looking at avenues to allow them to continue to compete. QRL is supportive of what happens in remote area rugby league.

"In the next few weeks the QRL will have a board meeting, but we are waiting to see what happens."

Before the past three Foley Shield campaigns there has been considerable debate in the Torres Strait and NPA about whether the best available players have been selected.

The 2012 Foley Shield will be held next May in Townsville.



The Swan Hill Murray Cods with their medals.

Murray Cods way too good



THE Swan Hill Murray Cods took out the Australian rules grand final at this year's Indigenous State Wide Football/Netball Carnival in Mildura. The Cods, comprising players from Swan Hill, Geelong, Darwin, Melbourne and surrounding areas, proved too

strong, downing Budja Budja Boys (Warrnambool) 123-23 in the final.

The side also defeated Wimmera Eagles on the way to the decider.

Andrew Cameron coached the Cods, who were managed by Joe Kelly.

Swan Hill also had success in the netball competition.



Swan Hill netballers and footballers celebrate.

Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of South Australia



National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 16 November 2011

These are applications by native title claim groups who are asking the Federal Court to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 1350, Adelaide, SA, 5001 on or before 15 February 2012. After 15 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 any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.



Application name: Tjayiwara Unmuru Native Title Claim

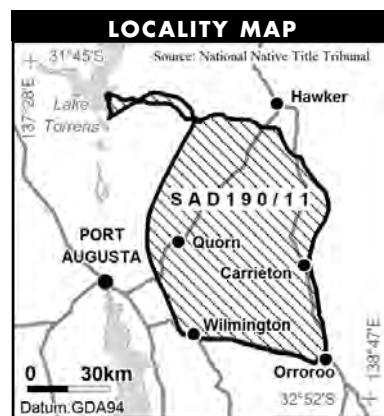
Federal Court File No: SAD208/10

Date filed: 17 December 2010

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 4,406 square kilometres and is located south of the South Australian – Northern Territory state border and north of Marla as shown on the locality map.

The application area falls within the Unincorporated Local Government Area.



Application name: Adnyamathanha #4 Native Title Claim

Federal Court File No: SAD190/11

Date lodged: 3 August 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.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 4,570 square kilometres and is located to the east of Port Augusta extending to Carrieton and from Orroroo in the south to Hawker in the north as shown on the locality diagram.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of Flinders Ranges, Mount Remarkable and Orroroo/Carrieton District Councils and the Unincorporated area.

Data statement: claimant application boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Dept of Environment and Heritage (SA) and Geoscience Australia.

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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Melissa Parter, Clayton Parter, tournament participant Noel Blair and Craig Jackson with the pool of prizes they won at the recent Dreamtime Golf Tournament.

Golf perfect fit for pair



EMERALD Aboriginal health worker Craig Jackson and his partner Melissa Parter have turned to golf to help keep

fit and healthy, with both taking home top prizes at the four-day Dreamtime Golf Tournament played in Yeppoon.

Along with Melissa's cousin Clayton Parter, the trio participated in the Indigenous tournament thanks to support of more than \$1700 in funding from the Kestrel Aboriginal Community Development Fund.

Mr Jackson, who works for Central Queensland Rural Division of General Practice (CQRDGP) in Emerald, said the trio were the first Aboriginal golf players from the central Queensland town to participate in the annual tournament, which has been an initiative of the Dreamtime Cultural Centre for

the past 11 years. "Melissa and I both took up golf around 18 months ago because both of us had suffered serious injuries yet we still wanted to keep active and healthy," Mr Jackson said.

"Before I began working as an Aboriginal health worker I was a stonemason for many years, which involved a lot of heavy lifting.

and am really enjoying it.

"Melissa used to play touch football and indoor cricket but had to give up both after having three knee reconstructions.

"We're both very competitive and wanted to get involved in another sport, so we joined the Emerald Golf Club and we've been playing there almost every weekend ever since.

"It's really changed our lives because we're saving money by not going out as often, we're keeping up our fitness levels, and we're enjoying learning new skills.

"The Dreamtime tournament was a great opportunity to compete and socialise with Aboriginal men and women from other Aboriginal communities.

"I came first in the B Grade men's competition, Clayton came second, and Melissa won two closest to pins and a long drive in the women's competition."

'The Dreamtime tournament was a great opportunity to compete and socialise with Aboriginal men and women from other Aboriginal communities'

"In the end, the physical nature of the job took a toll on my body and I had to have a shoulder reconstruction as well as quit playing rugby league.

"I also had to think about starting a career where I could use my brain instead of my body, and so 12 months ago I began work with CQRDGP

Cairns All



Coastal Tiddas on the charge against Lightning Storm in the women's grand final at Cairns.



A Curacao Crusaders player well and truly tacked by Kulpiyam.



Kantok on the attack against Badu United in the Under-18 final.

Blacks football carnival



Argun Warriors players and supporters celebrate their victory in Cairns. All photos by MAHALA STROHFELDT



Coconut Island's Poruma (blue) playing the Gulf Bulls.

Argun win thriller



THIS year's Cairns All Blacks Rugby League Carnival was another major success, attracting thousands of fans from across north Queensland and the Torres Strait.

Torres Strait team Argun Warriors won a thrilling men's grand final, downing Townsville Dolphins 32-24 in

a high-scoring affair. Dolphins beat Yarrabah Gold to secure their final place, while Argun downed Curacoa Crusaders from Palm Island in their semi-final.

The women's final also featured some big hits, with Coastal Tiddas finally prevailing 18-6 over Lightning Storm.

And in the under-18s decider, Kantok downed first-timers Badu Island 31-18.



Player of the Tournament Andrew Ward, from the East Coast Dolphins.



The Mr Jack Hankin Ahmat Memorial Trophy held by Keiji Bowie.



Players and supporters from women's grand final winner Coastal Tiddas.



Action from the women's grand final with a Coastal Tiddas player attacking against Lightning Storm.



Players from under-18s grand final winner Kantok. They beat Badu Island 31-18.

Indigenous players in club trades

By PETER ARGENT



IN this year where the two newest AFL franchises are having an impact on all parts of the game, this was especially notable during the recently completed trade period where four Indigenous players were among a host of movements.

Two new faces, Port Adelaide Magpie Terry Milera and Queensland zone option by the Gold Coast Suns Peter Yagmoor have found homes – on the St Kilda and Collingwood lists respectively.

Josh Hill, who was originally from Claremont and Trinity College in the WAFL, has been picked up by the West Coast Eagles after 66 games with the Western Bulldogs.

And disgruntled Adelaide Crows half back Tony Armstrong is returning to his home state after just 14 senior games since his arrival in Adelaide during 2008. He has become a Sydney Swan and is seen as a ready-made replacement for retiring Irishman Tadhg Kennelly.

Milera, now 23, has taken a long road to get his opportunity in the top competition.

He enlisted the help of AFL Hall of Famer Gavin Wanganeen and after a consistent season in the SANFL, playing mainly as a wingman, is being exchanged by new club the GWS Giants.

As a part of the GWS establishment rules, the club was allowed to take or trade 10 players who had previously been nominated for the draft or had previously been on AFL lists.

Promise

Wanganeen's promise to Milera about training him up has paid off and the former Koonibba junior from the far west coast of the South Australia, known for his silky skills, has a two-year contract at the Saints.

"Speed and versatility is what the St Kilda list needs and this young player has that in spades," St Kilda Football Club general manager of the player list Ameet Bains said.

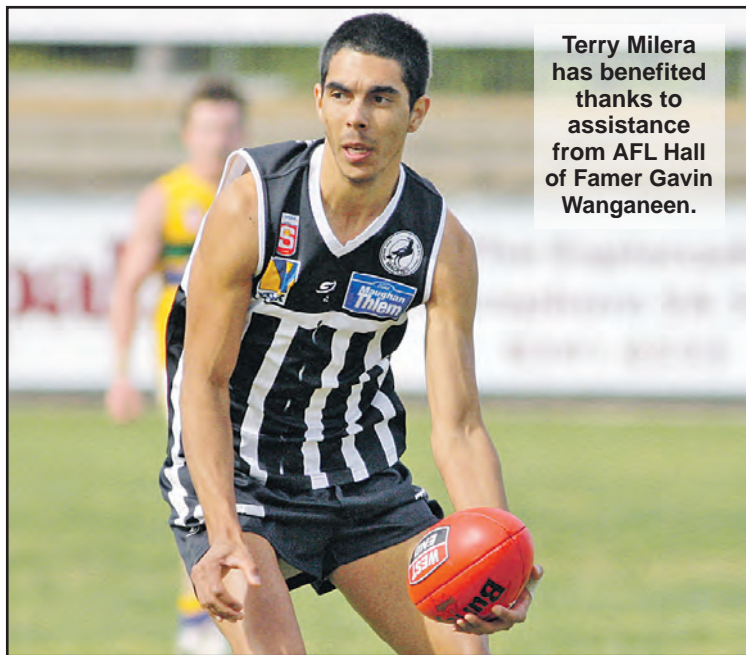
"Terry has shown improvement in his running and consistency throughout the year.

"With very good pace and excellent skills both sides, Milera can play through the midfield as well as forward."

Yagmoor impressed with Queensland in the 2011 national under-18 championships as an athletic defender, being able to take a big mark and be



Tony Armstrong is returning to the Sydney Swans.



Terry Milera has benefited thanks to assistance from AFL Hall of Famer Gavin Wanganeen.

creative from the back half.

Like Milera, Yagmoor's quick elevation to a senior AFL list was because he was about to be collected or traded out of the Gold Coast-zoned Queensland area.

He played for the Morningside Panthers senior team this year, losing in the grand final to the Northern Territory Thunder.

"I love that I am going to Collingwood," Yagmoor said.

"Bucks (Magpies senior coach Nathan Buckley) gave me a call after the trade went through and said he was really looking forward to getting me down to the club."

Tony Armstrong, 22, a huge Swans fan in his youth, has returned to the Bloods in a trade where Sydney relinquished their second and fourth round selections.

Back in 2007 Sydney were going to pre-list Armstrong as a rookie, but Adelaide snatched him.

"I'm excited to get up to

Sydney and play for the club I supported," Armstrong said.

"Also I was really lucky that the SANFL is such a strong competition

"You grow up pretty quickly as a footballer playing in that league, because you're up against some guys who are right on the cusp of the AFL, so that is a pretty good proving ground."

West coast recruit Josh Hill was relieved when he got the news he was returning to his home state, as a part of a protracted agreement that saw players move to four different states.

"I am really looking forward to a new start," he said.

"This is a great opportunity for me. The Eagles did very well this season and I hope I can settle in next year and help the team push for a premiership."

The next big date on the AFL calendar is the 2011 AFL draft on 24 November.

The hunger starts now

THE AFL has just announced its draw for 2012 and already I can't wait for that first official bounce of the ball for the season.

And what a unique start it will be with a one-off game in Sydney that will mark the beginning of a new AFL rivalry between the entrenched Sydney Swans and the GWS Giants.

But every club will be primed for the start of the season, with some clubs already starting their pre-season efforts with a sense of optimism and the splash of some new blood.

The change of coach at a large number of clubs will be interesting to observe as the coach is still the true custodian of the team's approach to the game. A new coach can either be seen as the new broom or a breath of fresh air depending on how secure a player or coaching staff member feels in his position.

To change a playing style or to change the culture of the club needs the buy-in of all involved and even then success is not assured.

And I am not just talking about success on the field. A successful team culture is reflected in so many ways.

Unfortunately, however, in professional sport success is almost solely measured by results.

And so, no matter how much work Kevin Sheedy and his staff have put into the team's preparation, they will be judged harshly by a national TV audience if they are not at the very least competitive against the Swans in the opening of the season.

And don't for a moment believe that the Swans will show them any leniency or mercy.

It will be a case of witnessing the birth of a new local derby.

We'll watch because it's meaningful footy and because we'll get our first proper look at Kevin Sheedy and the Giants. It's a gutsy move by the AFL to move the start of the season forward by a week to take on the NRL's opening week, and in its own back yard.

There are a number of other matches across the season that will be required watching because of a special competitive element.

Hawthorn v Collingwood in Round 1 is a game in point.

Hawthorn could (and probably should) have beaten Collingwood in the preliminary final and will spend the summer stewing over the one that got away.

The Hawks' chance to atone comes straight away in a season-opener at the MCG.

They couldn't beat either Geelong or Collingwood in 2011 and must rectify this in 2012.

Round 2 sees North Melbourne play Greater Western Sydney at the picturesque Bellerive Oval.

The home of Tasmanian cricket has now gone corporate as well and in round two it will become the 38th venue in League history to host a match for premiership points as part of North's deal to play two matches a year in Hobart.

Round 4 and the St Kilda v Fremantle match will have a special edge to it.

The architect of 'Saints Footy' and the Saints 'bubble' will now be trying to bring it all down.

Ross Lyon stunned St Kilda by walking out on the club to take over at Fremantle and the battle of wits between him and Scott Watters (himself a Fremantle boy) will be fascinating.

What sort of reception will Saints fans offer the man who nearly led them to two flags?

This will be followed in Round 5 by one of the great traditional games in Collingwood v Essendon on Anzac Day. A great day and arguably the best day at the footy other than finals.

Round 8 brings Collingwood and Geelong together in the grand final re-match.

What more needs to be said?

Round 9 sees Greater Western Sydney play Essendon in their first home game at Skoda Stadium.

The Giants will be the wandering gypsies of the AFL for the first half of the season.

But they finally land at their proper home in round nine when they host Essendon at Skoda Stadium, formerly the Sydney Showgrounds.

It will be Giants coach Kevin Sheedy against the club he led for 27 years

and coached to four premierships and a coaching battle with his long-time captain James Hird.

The Round 14 game between St Kilda and North Melbourne will also be worth the wait.

These two sides just plain don't like each other. Not sure why – not sure of the background.

But the Kangas always build themselves to play the Saints, and are then put back in their box once more. Fair to say that if North can finally get over St Kilda this time, they might be on their way back to the finals.

And when Geelong play my mates the Swans in Round 23 revenge will be on the menu.

Geelong's average winning margin on their own track in 2011 before the Swans ventured down there was 99 points and the Cats hadn't lost at home in 30 games.

But in round 23, the Swans won by 13 points to snap the streak and they will head down there again for the final round of the 2012 with no fear of the venue whatsoever.

I hope the above whets your appetite as much as it has mine.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Magic's Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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The Purga Wagtails celebrate their win at the Brisbane Indigenous Rugby League Carnival.

Purga score second win



Photos by
NAOMI MORAN

THE Purga Wagtails have taken back-to-back victories in the Brisbane

Indigenous Rugby League Carnival, beating the Cherbourg Hornets 22-18 in the final.

The event was played in warm weather before a good crowd. Despite just six teams taking

part, organisers were pleased with the attendance and are now looking to extend the event and attract teams from further afield.

Foot races were another feature of the carnival.



Bundjalung Warriors (Blue) playing the Purga Wagtails.



Cherbourg Hornets versus Wagtails finals action.



A Purga player tackled by Hornets.



There were some big hits at the carnival.



Roy Bell in action for the Bundjalung Warriors.

Geale in move to take on Russian



AN unexpectedly quick shot at a unification world title bout in the fight capital of the world has IBF middleweight boxing world champion Daniel Geale primed to suspend his Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations.

Geale (26-1, 15 KOs) was last week keen to accept an offer to fight Russia's WBO middleweight world title holder Dmitry Pirog (19-0, 15 KOs) on 31 January, possibly in Las Vegas.

"It seems their camp are very keen and we're very keen as well," Geale said.

"My management asked me whether I wanted to go over and fight him and I said 'let's get on the plane and do it'.

"I didn't expect that sort of knocking on the door quite so quickly and it's pretty exciting that those guys are interested.

"To unify the WBO and IBF titles is something that you dream about and definitely going over there to Las Vegas to fight as well is a huge incentive."

Pirog, 31, won the title in July 2010 with a fifth-round stoppage of previously unbeaten American Danny Jacobs in Las Vegas, in his only professional bout outside Europe, and has made two successful defences in Russia.

"He's a skillful, tough sort of guy, so we're expecting a hard fight," Geale said.

"The big thing now is to fight the big-name fighters and he's up there, he's one of the world champions, so he's one that we want to knock off."

Geale says he is prepared to train through the Christmas-New Year period.

"I told my wife we'll have a bit of a late Christmas this year and make up for it," he said.

The Pirog bout would be more profitable for 30-year-old Geale than his first defence against Eromosele Albert in Hobart last August, when he sacrificed money to fight in the state of his birth.

"That's not the biggest motivating factor for me, the money when it comes along is good, but for me winning titles and beating these fighters is my real goal," Geale said.

While he focuses on the big name international fighters, Geale hasn't ruled out fighting fellow Australians including Anthony Mundine and Garth Wood.

"If they do have their ranking up high enough then maybe I'll take an optional defence against one of those guys and give them an opportunity," Geale said.

He said the right hand he injured a few weeks before the Albert fight had healed and was no longer a problem. — AAP



'To unify the WBO and IBF titles is something that you dream about...'
— Daniel Geale

Ipswich venue for Ella



Kambu No 1 against Sunshine Coast in a semi-final game.



Andrew Walker in action for the Knight Riders. He was named player of the carnival.

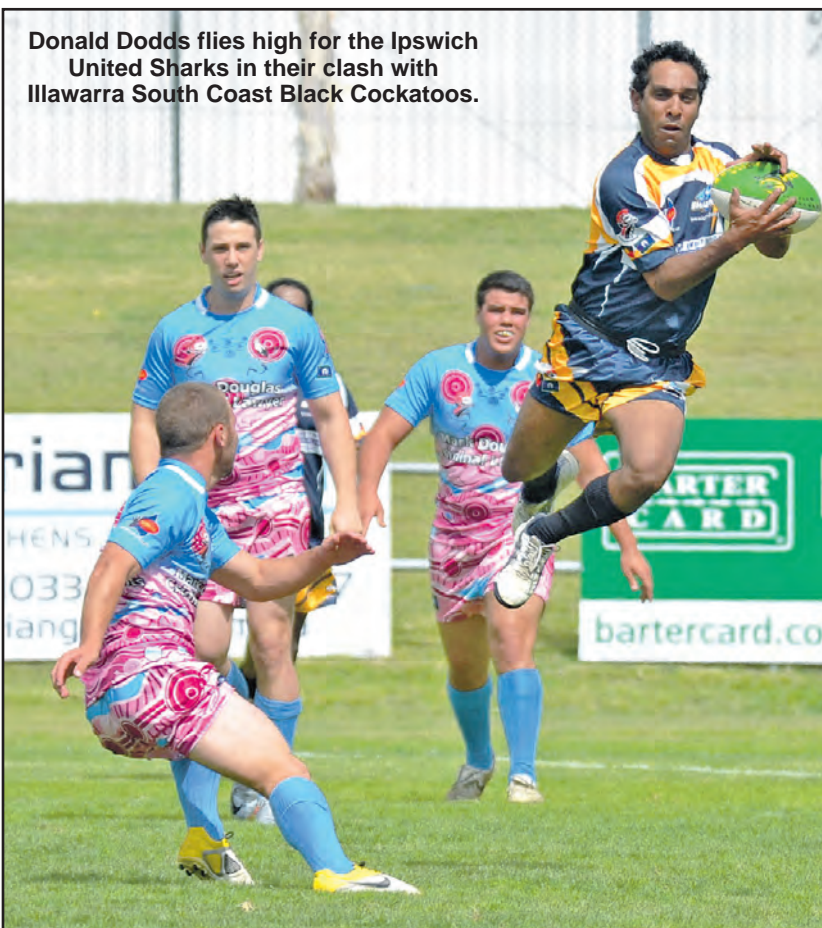


Silas Telford for the Kamilaroi Young Guns against the Purga Wagtails.



Ipswich Suns playing One Mob in the women's division.

Donald Dodds flies high for the Ipswich United Sharks in their clash with Illawarra South Coast Black Cockatoos.



Victory to Night Riders

Photos by NAOMI MORAN



THE Boomanulla Night Riders won the main event at this year's Ella 7s rugby carnival, played in Ipswich, near Brisbane.

The Night Riders defeated the Illawarra South Coast Black

Cockatoos 38-10 in the Cup final.

The Purga Wagtails won the Plate final 31-24 against the Kambu Warriors, while the Natural Talents beat South Coast 31-17 in the Bowl final.

One Mob won the women's final, downing Murri Magic. Sevens teams from across the south-east of Queensland and NSW took part in the event.



Murri Magic in action against the Pass Australia women's side.



Action from the women's semi-final between Murri Magic and the Ipswich Suns.



A Kambu defender moves to tackle an Illawarra South Coast Black Cockatoos attacker.



Gotcha sister ... A One Mob defender tackles a Murri Magic attacker in the final.



The two Natural Talents teams in action against each other.

7s carnival



Ella 7s Cup winners the Boomanulla Knight Riders.



Ella 7s Women's Cup winners One Mob.



● ABOVE: Players from the Natural Talents, who took out the Bowl final.

● LEFT: The Purga Wagtails, who won the Plate final.



Noby Clay after one of her wins.

Boxer says her best is yet to come

By ALF WILSON



QLD DIMINUTIVE Aboriginal mother Noby Clay has made a comeback to boxing after the birth of her fourth baby, Rosina Marlanie Dani-Raye, and confidently predicts her best form is yet to come.

The 28-year-old Noby travelled to Caboolture with four male boxers from Palm Island for the Australian Golden Gloves Amateur Titles held last month.

That was just 13 weeks after her baby was born.

Trainer Ray Dennis said Noby narrowly lost her fight to a heavier opponent.

"Noby fights in the light flyweight which is a 49kg to 51kg division but stepped up a weight class and did very well," he said.

"She was a bit rusty after not having fought for a while due to her pregnancy and birth of the baby, but she will win many more fights in the future."

Noby started boxing as an 18-year-old with the Palm Island

boxing club and has had 12 fights.

"I would have had many more but couldn't box whilst pregnant with my four children. Now I can concentrate on my boxing," she said.

Three years ago Noby made headlines when she fought at the National Amateur Titles at the Townsville Showgrounds against a much heavier Tasmanian opponent, with baby Lorna Jennifer Anne in a pram beside the ring.

Trainer

These days Noby lives in Townsville where she is trained by Scooter Hooper.

During regular visits backs to Palm Island she trains with the local club at the Palm PCYC and still fights under the Aboriginal community banner.

"I am really looking forward to boxing again regularly and in the past I have fought mainly opponents much heavier than me," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I won't ever shy away from that, but I expect that my future opponents will be mostly in my own weight class."

Zavier riding high after top showing



YOUNG Aboriginal showjumper Xavier Radecker has returned from the Equestrian Australia National Interschool Championships with a third placing.

The soon-to-be-12-year-old from North Dandalup, just south of Perth, won selection for the titles after strong performances in WA showjumping events.

He was third overall in the primary section of the 80cm showjumping, competing against 19 riders from around Australia.

Zavier's mother Rhonda – herself an accomplished horse rider – believes her son may be the first Aboriginal person to compete in showjumping at national level.

'Doing well'

"Zavier loves any competition involving horses, but he's really doing well at showjumping," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"He's now looking forward to competing again next year in the secondary section of the national titles, should he get through."

Mrs Radecker said that while it was still early days, Zavier was looking at a future in showjumping.

"There are professional competitions, and then there's the Olympics down the track," she said. "But right now he's enjoying riding, and there's school work to be done."

Zavier's younger sister Tanaya is also a promising showjumper.



Zavier Radecker with some of his prizes. Photos: Derek O'Leary



Zavier Radecker takes his mount over an obstacle at the Equestrian Australia National Interschool Championships, held in Victoria.

SA netball success

By PETER ARGENT



THE Nunga Netball development pathway for young Aboriginal talents in South Australia has seen success in its inaugural year.

Participants Helena Norton and Nekia Wilson having trialled at Oakdale Netball Club, a feeder to Netball SA Premier League club Phoenix, and will be members of the playing roster over the summer season.

"When you add this to the four players from the program already at premier league and reserves clubs, we are proud of our initial successes," SA Nunga Netball director Vanessa Wilson said.

"Our last training session and presentation were in early September and the program has been great.

"The engagement and commitment from the players and parents was outstanding.

"All the coaches enjoyed the enthusiasm of the players and it was very rewarding, supporting the girls to learn new skills.

"This was not only on the netball court and through their netball pathways, but covered areas including mental toughness and self-esteem and healthy lifestyles."

The SA Nunga Netball program is now partnered with the City of Playford (in the northern suburbs of Adelaide, at Elizabeth) for next year and will continue with the Adelaide Aboriginal Community



The 2011 South Australian Nunga Netball inaugural talent squad together with staff and officials.

Sport and Recreation Association.

"Our second carnival will be held on 19 November this year and we have added the 11-and-under grade and continued with the '13-and-under' and 15-and-under programs," Wilson said.

"We have decided that the program will

be earlier in the year to get players ready for the netball seasons and have the opportunity to support them in trialling for Premier League clubs in early 2012."

The first program was held on 19 February this year with 110 players participating, and Wilson expected there

would be upwards of 160 girls involved in this month's event.

In February the now pregnant 2011 Adelaide Thunderbirds trans-Tasman championship netball player Bianca Giteau (formerly Franklin) presented the trophy winners with their awards.



Stan Lenoy at the Tully Country Club Oval ... "The decision to co-host the carnival was basically to support and cover more widely the area affected by Cyclone Yasi in February."

Rainforest Cup will go ahead

By ALF WILSON



PLANNING is in hand for this year's Rainforest Cricket Carnival, to be played at Tully and Innisfail this weekend (5-6 November).

The Rainforest Cup is Queensland's biggest Indigenous cricket carnival, and this year eight teams will compete in two pools.

Pool one sides, to play in Tully, are defending title-holders Tully Bima as well as Cardwell Kingfishers, Yarrabah Pelicanos and the Townsville Falcons.

Innisfail TAFE Oval and Wright Park will be the venue for pool two, featuring the Innisfail Redbacks, Ghungalu Warriors, Cooktown Crocs and Mandubarra Innisfail.

Finals games will be held on 6 November at Tully.

Cyclone Yasi

Organiser Stan Lenoy told the *Koori Mail* that it was decided to run the carnival despite some doubt in the wake of Cyclone Yasi which devastated the region in February.

"The decision to co-host the carnival was basically to support and cover more widely the area affected by Cyclone Yasi in February," he said.

"There were some question marks over whether the carnival would go ahead following such a natural disaster. But the cancellation of the Charters Towers cricket carnival prompted organisers to go ahead."

The cup will again be played under the Twenty/20 format.

"If it is successful, the two-town hosting may become the format the committee will follow in the future as ground infrastructure has been an issue particularly with the increasing growth of the carnival," Lenoy said.

Looking ahead to a big 2012

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

their intentions on the opening night of the competition with a courageous and determined victory against the Broncos in Brisbane and in the following rounds also thumped Melbourne and beat the Sea Eagles.

In 2011 the Cowboys' big guns, Johnathan Thurston and Matt Bowen, starting firing again, reigniting their electric combination which had led the club to the finals in 2005 and 2007. There is no doubt that this combination is the most potent two-man attacking weapon in the NRL.

I expressed my thoughts about JT in the last column, and although I personally rate him the best player in the game, Matty Bowen is the player I would pay to watch. His skills with the football in his hand are poetry in motion and I hope he continues to enjoy an injury-free run.

That said, there is no doubt of the value of JT to any side he plays in. I believe he played the last part of the season carrying injury despite the enforced time off after the final State of Origin.

Look to Ray Thompson to have an even better year in 2012 after proving he can handle the pressures of NRL football on a consistent basis.

I expect the Cowboys to make the finals series and it would not surprise me to see them close to the Top Four.

Bulldogs

A club who disappointed many in 2011 was the Bulldogs. There is no doubt the early departure of coach Kevin Moore had an impact on their performance, but they just did not appear to gel as a team.

In the final wash-up the Bulldogs finished with enough competition points to be in the finals... but a poor differential ensured it was Newcastle playing on instead.

One positive was the fact that the Bulldogs were the entertainers once more, with some absolutely scintillating long-range tries.

With Ben Barba at fullback the side was deadly from anywhere and he helped the team to 27 tries from inside their own half, 10 more than the nearest NRL rival club. Barba posted 13 tries from distance in a sensational season.

Their problems can be traced heavily to their limited go-forward, and

inability to limit the go-forward of the opposition.

It was obviously a tough season for the Bulldogs, but Ben Barba was a true highlight.

It must be said you can't necessarily call his transition to fullback a complete success, because he had some defensive issues and trouble under some kicks, but in terms of his attack... wow!

A final-round haul of four tries ensured he joined Nathan Merritt as the season's top try-scorer (with 23) and his all-round play produced 30 line-breaks and 117 tackle-breaks.

I'm looking to see Barba's partner in crime Jamal Idris join the Titans next season.

As for the Bulldogs, it will be a case of wait and see, but I do expect them to start the season well under Jim Dymock but don't feel they will threaten for the title.

St George

My final team for this column is the Dragons – a team I believe will struggle in 2012.

The three-year Wayne Bennett stint is over and it ends with three trips to the finals, two minor premierships and one premiership... pretty decent return.

Those who are a little greedy might have expected a little more... with the pain of exits in 2009 and this season still a little fresh.

But the truth is Bennett came, saw and conquered for St George Illawarra.

If you look at the Dragons' 2011 season on paper it appears the tale of two halves.

The reigning premiers looked like world beaters in the opening rounds – in fact they had indeed claimed the World Club Challenge over Wigan in the pre-season – and most people thought back-to-back premierships were almost a lay-down misere.

They won 10 of their opening 11 games, including a nine-game run, but then the onset of the Origin period crippled the side. From that point they mostly looked tired and won just four more games all season, including two straight finals losses.

But their last loss, against the Broncos, was one of the best games they ever played under Bennett and typified the courage and style he injected into the side... the defence was above first class and it took an Immortal in waiting to kill them off.

Jamie Soward was not disgraced in comparison and I predict another big season for him after finally gaining recognition at the State of Origin level.

The Dragons didn't win another one for the 'true believers' but those exact fans should reflect on the year and remain somewhat content.

They didn't win it all, but they remained a team to be proud of, showcased in their final match.

Whether they can continue the rage without the supercoach and Darius Boyd, who move on to Newcastle, remains to be seen.

And of course Mark Gasnier has also retired.

New coach Steve Price will have his work cut out for him and I think the Dragons will struggle to make the finals.

But what sort of judge am I?

I thought the Titans were sure things in 2011!

● See next edition for my thoughts on some more NRL teams

Teams turn out at Gwaba



Local team the Swans and supporters celebrate the victory at the Gwaba carnival in Bunbury.



Great Southern, in black and red, in action against the Swans.



Action from the Colts (in green and red) against Keyen Moort.



A Colts player gets the ball away as he's tackled by a Swans defender.

Bunbury win to the Swans

Photos by LESLEY DESMOND



HOME team Swans downed Perth side Bulldogs to win this year's Gwaba Football Carnival played in Bunbury, Western Australia.

Ten teams – six from Perth and four from WA country areas – took part in the 12th annual carnival, which drew a good crowd. Organiser Lera Bennell was pleased with the event, which also attracted AFL stars Leon Davis and Andrew Krakouer (Collingwood), Nathan

Krakouer (Gold Coast), Neville Jetta (Melbourne), Lewis Jetta (Sydney), Brennan Stack (Western Bulldogs) and Brandon Walters (Fremantle).

The Swans won the Syd Jackson Cup 4.7 (31) to 1.5 (11).

Best and fairest on the day was Jarrod Ninnette,

with runners-up Cameron Kickett and Sam Hart. The Rising Star award went to Cameron Quartermaine, marks of the day went to Terry Farmer and David Little, goals of the day to Rowan Garlett and Arthur Bennell and best on ground in the grand final was Clint Garlett.



The chase is on during the Colts versus Keyen Moort game played at Bunbury.



Action from the Swans (dark jumpers) versus Brown Bombers clash.

footy carnival



High-flying action in the Colts (in green) versus Keyen Moort game.



Great Southern playing the Swans (with the ball) in Bunbury.



Action from the Swans (black jumpers) versus Brown Bombers game.



2011 Norm Russell Medallist Eddie Sansbury in full flight.

Top medal honour to Sansbury

By PETER ARGENT



WHILE competition yardstick Central District failed by just three points to grab their 10th SANFL premiership in 12 years, the team's dominant player in 2011 was Indigenous star Eddie Sansbury.

After being moved to the half back line late in the 2010 campaign, Sansbury produced a stellar 2011 season, culminating in a Norm Russell Medal as the best and fairest footballer at the Bulldogs.

The only other Aboriginal best-and-fairest recipients in the club's history are icon of the pioneering years Sonny Morey and 1989 Magarey Medallist Gilbert McAdam.

Originally from the Yorke Peninsula, Sansbury collected this year's award with 355 votes, 58 more than the runner-up Lee Spurr.

"He went to half back during the 2010 finals series and showed some poise in that role and the change evolved from there," Central District Bulldogs senior coach Roy Laird said.

"After discussions with Eddie and his keenness to continue playing across half back, we played him there during this year's trials and his game continued to develop.

"His ability to run and carry the ball, along with his skill in hitting targets in front of him ensured he played a big role for us this year.

"The general public would underestimate or not even see the amount of work Eddie does off the ball as well. He has developed into a real leader in our defence.

"As a bloke he's quiet off the field,

but equally very popular among the playing group.

"A man of a few words when he speaks, the boys take notice."

Sansbury started training for the recently completed season just three weeks after the 2010 grand final and reaped the rewards for his extra work.

"As I explained to the crowd at the presentation night, winning the Norm Russell Medal was a massive honour for me and my family," Sansbury said to the *Koori Mail*.

"To be recognised alongside Sonny (Morey) and Gilbert (McAdam), along with the many Aboriginal footballers that have come before me at Central District like my uncle Wilbur Wilson is huge."

Key member

After being a member of that 2002 Central District reserves premiership with Laird, Sansbury debuted the following year, quickly becoming a key member of the 2003 senior flag-winning side that defeated West Adelaide.

After Sansbury was drafted by North Melbourne at the end of 2003 he played 42 AFL games over five seasons and was also involved in the North Ballarat's breakthrough VFL title win in 2008.

He returned to Central District in 2009 and played in premiership wins both that year and last winter.

About to turn 28 in November, the Bulldogs are looking for Sansbury to be a key member of their defence for a few years yet.

One of five Bulldogs selected in the SANFL State Team for 2011, Sansbury had now played 76 senior games at the club, having kicked 85 goals.

Mundine in points win over Mexican



ANTHONY MUNDINE claims his decade-old comment that the United States brought the September 11 terrorist attacks 'upon themselves' is still preventing him from getting a big-name fight in America.

Mundine took the WBA interim world light middleweight title in a unanimous points decision over Rigoberto Alvarez in Newcastle on 20 October, paving the way for a potential fight with undefeated American Austin Trout in Australia.

Often accused of dodging the big names, Mundine said the reason why he hadn't had a major US fight was because of his 2001 comment on Channel Nine which was widely reported and condemned.

"Get on to the American people. They're blacklisting me. I'm telling you they're blacklisting me because of the September 11 (comment)," Mundine said.

"I know it. I can feel it in my heart. They don't want me to go over there and kick their butts and make money.

"I don't want their money, I just want to fight the best. Just line them up. I am ready to take on all comers in the super welterweight division. I believe I am the best.

"I'm charismatic, I'm flashy, I'm pretty, I'm a former three-time world champion ... You tell me why they don't want me.

"There's only one reason why and you all know what it is."

Mundine, 36, at least made sure he got the chance to fight another day. A loss would likely have scuppered any hopes of bigger fights in the near future.

Too hungry

He proved far too hungry for the Mexican, coming out strongly before using his quick left jab to take control of the fight.

Two judges had 'The Man' winning comfortably 1117-111 while the third scored a tighter fight, 114-113.

But what was clear was with a host of NRL stars in his corner, Mundine's influence on the fight increased as the rounds ticked over and his opponent tired.

The former rugby league star soon got on top in the bout using the power of his right hand to attack a wound above Alvarez's left eye which opened up during a barrage of blows in the fourth round.

From the beginning it was Mundine who came out firing, claiming honours in the first round before Alvarez awoke and fired back with a series of body blows to take the second.

It only served to spur Mundine on, with the Australian mixing speed and power to earn the judges' respect in rounds three, four and five. Alvarez momentarily wrestled back momentum in the sixth, but it was Mundine who came home the more powerful.

"I produced something a lot of people didn't think I could," Mundine said after the fight. "Sorry there wasn't a knockout. I was going for it."

Trout now appears firmly on his radar, though a deal as to be agreed.

"Bring on that sucker. He was talking crap about me, saying this, saying that ... so bring it on Austin," Mundine said.

Among those in Mundine's camp were Australian Test star Greg Inglis, Newcastle signings Timana Tahu and Kade Snowden as well as Manly's George Rose. — AAP

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Chief admits soccer 'lag'



FOOTBALL Federation Australia chief Ben Buckley admits his organisation can do more to increase Aboriginal involvement in his sport, with the author of a new book on the subject, saying soccer has given the AFL and NRL a 30-year head start.

Buckley was speaking at the launch of *The Aboriginal Soccer Tribe*, written by John Maynard.

While the AFL and NRL have turned out many superstars over the past three decades and rugby has been illuminated by the skills of the three Ella brothers and Kurtley Beale, soccer has lagged behind.

Only six Aboriginal people have played for the Socceroos and just one of those, 1974 World Cup squad member Harry Williams, emerged before the last decade.

"We've given the AFL and NRL a 30-year head start," Maynard said.

"Aboriginal people up to the 1950s and into the 70s, there was barriers preventing them from playing any sport to be truthful.

"Prior to that time there was only a handful of players in the NRL, or the AFL, who actually played up until then.

"The floodgates opened certainly from the 1980s on, when the AFL and NRL subsequently and belatedly really started to target (Aborigines)."

Buckley was well aware of the impact Indigenous players had made on the rival football codes.

'Change for better'

"As I observe Australian rules, rugby league and rugby union I see games that have embraced Indigenous athletes, those Indigenous players have changed those games for the better and may I also say they have changed Australia for the better," Buckley said.

"We know football can do more."

Buckley stressed that when the reform of the code took place in 2004, it was clear the game hadn't done enough to engage Indigenous Australians, but emphasised the FFA was putting programs in place to address the issue.

"Progress has been made, the FFA has developed Indigenous programs, hosted Indigenous football festivals and appointed ambassadors and listened to advisers," Buckley said.

"We have appointed a national Indigenous football co-ordinator." (See below)

Maynard said Australian football legend Johnny Warren had spoken to authorities about the tremendous potential in the Aboriginal communities.

"Sadly John was ignored then and the AFL and the NRL subsequently and belatedly took up the ball and they've produced some of the greatest footballers of those codes over the last 30 years," Maynard said.

"Football Federation Australia are 30 years behind the ball if you like, they have got a lot of catching up to do, which means to tap into Aboriginal communities."

Buckley said the FFA was on the way to achieving a target of having five per cent of the players in the A-League coming from Aboriginal heritage by 2018. — AAP

Challenging goal for new Indigenous co-ordinator

MAYDINA PENRITH has a goal — to make soccer the first choice of sport for the next generation of Indigenous youth.

And while it's not a simple goal, the newly appointed national Indigenous football co-ordinator at Football Federation Australia (FFA) is going to give it her best shot.

That won't be easy given the depth of Indigenous involvement in the other football codes — Aussie rules, rugby league and rugby union.

But 23-year-old Penrith is confident she can 'introduce the World Game to the Indigenous mob out there'.

To that end, she has started work on an ambitious Indigenous Football Development Strategy to be adopted by FFA.

"It's very early days yet — I've only been on the job three weeks," Penrith told the *Koori Mail* from her office at FFA in Sydney last week.

"But already I've found there's plenty of interest.

"And I've also got lots of support from the federation. They're all keen to attract more Indigenous players — male and female — and see the strategy put in place."

Penrith, a Wiradjuri woman, played soccer as a girl and had



Maydina Penrith ... "The future is bright for Indigenous football."

jobs in government and education in NSW and Victoria before applying for her new role.

"It's a fantastic challenge," she said.

"I'll be talking to all the

member football federations around Australia and working on something that I know will really appeal to our mob.

"Football is a great game and ideal for our people.

"There are already some

great players out there and I'll be looking to get their stories out.

"And I know there's plenty more talent we've yet to find.

"The future is bright for Indigenous football."

Ben is a national netballer



NETBALL'S a sport for females, right? Not if you're Ben Maynard (pictured), it isn't. The 23-year-old from Adelaide is a proud member of the Australian men's netball team.

In fact, he's the first Indigenous member of the side, which competes with other men's netball teams from around the world.

While men's netball is not officially sanctioned, Maynard wears the green and gold with pride.

A goal attack, he won his place in the national squad last year after two years in the South Australian team.

"Netball's a great sport – I've played it since I was 11," Maynard, an Aboriginal education officer, told the *Koori Mail*.

"Many men play in male and mixed teams and there's some serious competition. It's a fast and skilful sport – more men should give it a go.

"I've played overseas already, and the Australian squad is off to New York soon for our next international series."

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Teams on target

By ALF WILSON



TEN teams with players from around North Queensland have battled it out in the Crow Johnson Memorial Shield Indigenous darts competition at the Upper Ross PCYC in Townsville. Co-ordinator Graham Roberts said that under the rules, each team of four had to include one female thrower.

Boomerangs, consisting of Mick McCreadie, Venus Miller, Craig Viviers and Craig Miller, won the grand final 5-3 over Tribal Flamez made up of Ben Kudub, Kevin Brooks, Anita Tapau and Lofly Waia.

Old Crows, with players Tom Snary, Rhoda Johnson and Owen McArthur, finished third, beating the Islanders who were made up of William Mosby, Ray Townson, Maureen Homer and Lawrence Townson 5-4 in the play-off.

In the semi-finals, Tribal Flamez beat Islanders 5-4 and Boomerangs defeated Old Crows, also 5-4.

Individual winners

Individual award-winners were: Women's best and fairest – Anita Tapau, 92; men's best and fairest – Owen McArthur, 107; women's highest peg – Anita Tapau; men's highest peg – Owen McArthur.

Veteran darts player and former champion Australian rules footballer David Nogar, who lined up for the Black Crows, said the competition was hot.

"It is also great to catch up with old friends," he said.

Rhoda Johnson, originally from Woorabinda, was in the Old Crows team and she said she enjoyed being there with her three grandchildren Ally Miller, 6, Craig Miller, 4, and Claude Miller, 2.

"This is a real family event for us and many of the others here," she said.



Venus Miller from winning team the Boomerangs.



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Christian's ton



Daniel Christian batting this year.

By PETER ARGENT



HE'S proven himself in the short forms of the game, and now Aboriginal cricketer Daniel Christian is enhancing his reputation at Sheffield Shield level. The South Australia Redbacks all-rounder – currently Australia's foremost Indigenous cricketing talent – scored a career-high 131 not out against a strong NSW attack in the opening BUPA Sheffield Shield game this season.

That ton last month underlined

the Wiradjuri man's potential and did not harm his chances for higher representative honours.

But he will need to continue with the good form and lift his averages – currently 27.7 with the bat and 33.5 as a bowler.

Christian is already highly regarded in one-day cricket, having a very lucrative two-season contract in the Indian Premier League.

Back in 2003 he represented the ATSIC XI in a contest against the Prime Minister's XI at Adelaide Oval, batting in the top order and opening the bowling.

In 2009 he was appointed skipper of a month-long

Aboriginal development tour of England. Christian debuted for his nation in the 2009-2010 summer against the West Indies in a Twenty/20 fixture, and played two more T20 games against New Zealand.

International

In international cricket, Christian has only had one trip to the batting crease, where he scored four not out, and his best figures with the ball were 2/29 against the Kiwis.

Christian started playing one-day cricket with the NSW Blues back in 2006, and then Rod Marsh brought him to Adelaide.

He has now developed into South Australia's premier all-rounder in all forms of the game.

Christian's 131 not out – his second first-class ton – included 14 fours and two sixes off 168 deliveries.

He also opened the bowling with his fast-medium deliveries, taking two wickets in the NSW first innings and collecting the scalp of former test cricketer Simon Katich in the second dig.

Christian's performances in the 2010-11 domestic campaign were rewarded with the Neil Dansie Medal as South Australia's best cricketer during last season.

This Lion is a real high-flyer



Eyes fixed on the ball, Lions player Jarrod Ninnette flies to take a screamer in his side's game against Keyen Moort at this year's Gwaba Football Carnival in Bunbury, Western Australia. See our report and more photos on Pages 88-89. Photo: Lesley Desmond