



Plea by remote women 'We need income management'



THE chorus of opposition to the Federal Government's income management of welfare recipients may be loud, but one influential

Aboriginal women's group is pleading for access to the controversial measure.

The Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council says it surveyed its members, most of whom live in remote South Australia and over the border into Western Australia, and found them firmly of the view that income management – which quarantines half of social security payments for essentials like food, clothes and rent – would help reduce alcohol abuse, violence, gambling, child abuse and neglect in their communities.

The women want a voluntary scheme for their heavily welfare dependent communities, with scope for it to be made compulsory for people who neglect their families, similar to arrangements being trialed on Queensland's Cape York.

They've even asked whether income management could be applied to salary earners in the region.

Compulsory income management was recently extended beyond Northern Territory Aboriginal communities to a number of trial sites elsewhere; namely at Bankstown in New South Wales, Shepparton in Victoria, Playford in South Australia and Logan and Rockhampton in Queensland.

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Is this the year of the Rabbitohs?



SOUTH Sydney's Nathan Merritt celebrates after scoring one of his hat-trick of tries against the St George Dragons in last Saturday night's NRL clash at ANZ Stadium. The in-form Rabbitohs won a tough game 36-14, but are facing a storm after a tackle by star Indigenous back Greg Inglis – who scored a great try – left veteran Dragons forward Dean Young injured. The win confirmed South Sydney's position as one of the main contenders in the lead-up to the NRL finals series. AAP image



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My FAMILY

LENKUNYAR ROBERTS - Ballina, NSW



Lenkunar Roberts at right with her dad Michael Anderson and her daughter Taharni Roberts (who is holding her daughter Nimili).

THIS is my father, Michael Anderson, my daughter 18-year-old Taharni Roberts and my granddaughter Nimili Roberts, who is 18-months-old. We are at the NAIDOC celebrations at Lismore's Southern Cross University last Friday where Dad was invited to speak about the push for sovereignty by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. I have three other daughters, Illarrah, 10, Claire, 7, and Savannah, 6, and a large extended family. I've also got a younger sister Reninya and brothers Dthane, Biaime, Kurru and Mullian.

Family is just so important to all of us.

Dad lives out Goodooga way (in far northern NSW) on a sheep station called Mogila, and we visit there quite often, although I am more of a saltwater person.

We are definitely proud of the way he stands up for what he believes in and just wish there were more people following in his footsteps. I want my kids, nieces and

nephews, to use him as an example for their own lives.

At the moment I am the chairperson of the Aboriginal Family and Child Centre being built in Ballina, and also a board member of the Ngunya Jarjum Family and Child network based in Casino, and also chair/manager of Yarrabee Community Aged Care Packages in Ballina.

I try to help contribute to Dad's cause and will be giving a talk on sovereignty at Woodlawn College in Lismore this week on his behalf.

Apart from those things, as a family we also like to get out every weekend to support the Northern United Rugby League Club, because I've got plenty of family and extended family that we meet up with.

We also have family out Tabulam way, and often go out there to take the kids camping. We teach the girls about their culture and take them out to learn skills like hunting.

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OUR CHILDREN



Nambucca Heads (northern NSW) youngsters six-year-old Ralph and four-year-old Justice Binge let NAIDOC Week go to their heads at Brisbane's Musgrave Park. They were part of a big crowd who turned out for music, dance, stalls and other activities. For more from the NAIDOC celebrations at Musgrave Park, turn to Pages 48 and 49. Photo by THERESA DALTON

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Business win for Winangali



A RESEARCH and communications company with a clear goal of 'leaving a legacy' in Indigenous communities has been named 2012 Telstra Queensland Business of the Year.

Indigenous-owned, managed and staffed business Winangali also won the News Ltd Micro-Business Award at the Telstra Queensland Business Awards announced in Brisbane.

And, as would be expected, the accolades came thick and fast.

Telstra business group managing director and Telstra Business Awards ambassador Will Irving said Winangali had many attributes that made it a stand-out among the 24 finalists in 2012.

"Judges said Winangali shows great balance between a cause-committed business driving positive change and delivering strong revenues and profit," he said.

"They were particularly impressed with the team effort and spirit in the business, its business discipline and focus and the balance in its decision-making between commercial advantage and integrity and values."

Winangali has overseen



At the awards ceremony are, from left, Telstra's Tony Warren, Leonora Adidi, Brian Arley, Nancy Bamaga, Winangali director Noel Niddrie and Queensland Tourism Minister Jann Stuckey.

communications campaigns promoting respectful relationships, health research and voter enrolment.

Founding director Noel Niddrie said Winangali had a goal of 'always leaving a

legacy in the Indigenous communities which we visit in the form of skills, education, employment or financial assistance'.

He established the business seven years ago because he

saw a need to 'change the conversation' with Indigenous Australians on a range of health and social issues.

He told the awards audience in Brisbane on 10 July that Indigenous people were

sophisticated and enthusiastic consumers when messages were clear, appropriate and directed to them.

Winangali is a Kamilaroi word meaning 'to hear, to listen, to know, to remember'.

Act quickly to have a say on reconciliation



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Australians are being asked to have their say on reconciliation in the 2012 Australian Reconciliation Barometer.

But time is running out, with the survey closing this Friday, 27 July.

The barometer is run every two years and examines the attitudes and perceptions affecting reconciliation and how Australians really feel about each other.

The 15-minute survey asks First Australians and other Australians what they think about the relationship between the two groups and what barriers still exist.

Conducted by Auspoll, the complete 'tell all' barometer report was first carried out in 2008 just after the Federal Government's Apology to the Stolen Generations.

The 2010 barometer found



LEAH ARMSTRONG

that relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and other Australians are improving but that there are still low levels of trust and high levels of prejudice.

"Reconciliation is not an easy or straight-forward process, and we're looking for

as many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to share their thoughts," said Reconciliation Australia (RA) chief executive Leah Armstrong.

"This is a unique opportunity to represent the views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and have them heard – and of course all responses will remain confidential.

"...The results from the first two studies showed us what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous Australians had in common and identified areas where we all need to work together to improve the relationship.

"We have used the results to guide Reconciliation Australia's work and to influence politicians, media and the wider Australian community.

The survey can be accessed via the website www.reconciliation.org.au/barometer



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Shedding light on a legend



HE'S mysterious, still, but Australia can now know a little more about the extraordinary historical figure described by some as the first Aboriginal activist.

Last week, three priceless notebooks of Anthony Martin Fernando – who travelled throughout Europe from the 1890s, protesting the exploitation of and discrimination against his people – were donated to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra.

The small handwritten journals were handed over by Griffith University cultural historian Fiona Paisley, author of *The Lone Protestor* – the first full-length study of A M Fernando and his activist career, published by the institute's publishing arm Aboriginal Studies Press earlier this year.

Fernando was little known during his life time and for long after but, gradually, Ms Paisley and others have been able to piece together his story.

There are no known photographs of Fernando but he has been immortalised, of sorts, in portrait and through a Radio National documentary, *Fernando's Ghost*.

According to Ms Paisley's research, the toymaker and street trader turned activist was born in Sydney in 1864 to an Aboriginal mother.

He claimed to have been taken as a

child into the home of a white family who denied him a real education and treated him as little more than a pet. And in later life he complained bitterly about the mission system, describing its settlements as little more than 'murderhouses'.

Fernando proposed in their place an Aboriginal state in Australia's north, one free from British interference but managed under the mandate of a



Historian Fiona Paisley with one of activist A M Fernando's notebooks.

neutral European power.

He left Australia at the turn of the century and was in Austria in 1910. British authorities repeatedly denied his claims to be a British subject.

He was interned in Austria during World War I, in June 1916, stating that he had been born in Australia. He requested prison relief through the consul for the United States of America in Vienna. The British Foreign Office, describing him as 'a negro', referred the

matter to the Australian Government, which found no evidence of his birth, and his appeal was rejected.

Fernando's life of protest overseas encompassed a series of remarkable acts, including leafleting pilgrims in Rome in 1925 and an appeal to the Swiss people in the pages of a Berne newspaper.

However, he is most noted for his one-man, three-year protest outside London's Australia House which culminated with his arrest in 1928, dressed in a dark cloak decorated with tiny toy skeletons, which he said represented Aboriginal people. He died in an aged-care facility in Second World War London.

At a handover ceremony in Canberra last Wednesday, Fiona Paisley said Fernando's notebooks belonged at AIATSIS because they complemented other material within the Institute's vast archival collection relating to the activist. "AIATSIS is the best place for Fernando's notebooks as their archive and their collection is so impressive and invaluable," she said.

In accepting the donation, AIATSIS Principal Russ Taylor noted Paisley's in-depth research work on the activist.

"We will ensure that Fiona's wonderful work on highlighting the extraordinary life of A M Fernando will continue and where we can ensure that these notebooks are accessible so that everyone can learn about his remarkable life," Mr Taylor said.

— By KIRSTIE PARKER



As there are no known photographs of Fernando, artist Raj Nagi did not include the whole face in this portrait, painted in 2007.

Photo courtesy of Raj Nagi

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Jeers won't put me off, says Macklin



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin says the frosty reception she

received from some Tasmanian Aboriginal people at the National NAIDOC Ball in Hobart won't put her off attending Indigenous community events.

Ms Macklin was booed as she gave a speech to present Aboriginal musician Bunna Lawrie with a NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement Award.

Despite an earlier overarching welcome to country from Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) State Secretary Nala Mansell-McKenna, the Minister was heckled with cries of 'You're not welcome in our country'.

The *Koori Mail* sought Ms Macklin's reaction and was told by a spokeswoman that, as in previous years, the Minister had attended the ball by invitation (in this case by the national



Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, left, and Nala Mansell-McKenna in Hobart. Photos by JOSEPH MAYERS

NAIDOC Committee).

"The reception will of course not deter her from attending future events she is invited to," the spokeswoman said.

Tasmanian representatives told the *Koori Mail* their stance



was based on the Federal Government's ongoing intervention in the Northern Territory, entrenched for a further decade just days before the national NAIDOC celebrations.

Bangarra's new work on stage



Ella Havelka in *Terrain*. Photo by Greg Barrett, courtesy of Bangarra

Rings' hymn to country



FRANCES RINGS describes her latest choreographic work for Bangarra Dance Theatre as a 'hymn to country'. *Terrain*, the Kokatha descendent says, is about Aboriginal people's deep connections to land – in her case, to South Australia's Kati Thanda (Lake Eyre), 'a place where time does not exist'.

"Between drought and deluge, Kati Thanda sustains a living history with the Arabunna people who have coexisted in the area, whose living evidence of occupation traces back thousands of years," Rings says.

And the audience at the show's recent opening night at Sydney Opera House (SOH) was transported there. *Terrain* is Rings' first full length choreographic work, created at the invitation of Bangarra artistic director Stephen Page. Previously a dancer with the company, Rings dedicated the work to her father Edgar Theodore Rings, who took her to Lake Eyre as a child. Traditional owner Uncle Reg Dodd is also acknowledged as the cultural consultant for the work.

Terrain opens with dancers emerging from the dry lake like primordial creatures. The

women dancers bring pathos and loss with their costumes conveying dead waiting trees, and the men bring power to a dance calling up the mercurial salt of the dry lake bed.

The spell is then changed dramatically with reminders of the ravages caused by whitefellas through nuclear explosions and mining. In the end, though, the lizards and other desert earth creatures recover, allowing the dancers to perform some of their most poetic and strong movements. The last sections of *Reflect* and *Deluge* bring the rain to fill the lake and heal the earth again.

The show is performed on a wide stage with backdrops designed by Jacob Nash, costumes by Jennifer Irwin and music by David Page.

The opening night audience, including the Governor General, Her Excellency Quentin Bryce, and NSW Governor, Her Excellency Marie Bashir, showed their appreciation with some thunderous applause.

Terrain is on at the Sydney Opera House until 18 August, then in Wollongong 24-25 August, Adelaide 29 August-1 September, Canberra 13-15 September, and Brisbane 3-7 October. – **By MARGARET SMITH**

NPY women ask for income management

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL women in remote South Australia and Western Australia are actively campaigning to be included in the Federal Government's income management scheme, first introduced under the Northern Territory Intervention.

The influential Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council says it has surveyed its members and found they strongly believe income management – which quarantines half of social security payments for essentials like food, clothes and rent – would help reduce alcohol abuse, violence, gambling, child abuse and neglect in their communities.

They have told Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin they want voluntary income management but also support it being imposed on people in the heavily welfare dependent region who failed to provide for their families and children.

"We want this income management to be done. This will help a lot, I think," NPY Women's Council chairwoman Yanyi Bandicha told the ABC last week.

"We need help. This place – it's not the kids are skinny, but the communities are skinny, with nothing. It's empty."

The women have also enquired whether any such scheme could apply to salary earners in their communities, on the basis that such people often came under even greater pressure through 'humbugging' to

share their earnings with extended family.

Minister Macklin has described the latter suggestion as 'not possible for Centrelink to do' but is certain to be buoyed by the women's comments, given the pasting that she and the Government have received over measures under the NT Intervention and its continuation under the new Stronger Futures policy.

At a land handback in Central Australia last Wednesday, Ms Macklin said the women of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands had come back to the Government with 'a very strong message

'We want this income management. This will help a lot, I think ... We need help. This place – it's not the kids are skinny, but the communities are skinny, with nothing. It's empty.'

that they think income management would be very helpful just as another useful tool to help look after their children'.

"There's certainly ways that we help people with money management, financial counselling, we've put some extra resources into the APY Lands to help people with money management," Ms Macklin told journalists. "...So we'll talk with them about the best way that we can work together."

Compulsory income management was recently extended beyond NT Aboriginal communities to a number of trial sites elsewhere; namely at Bankstown in New South Wales, Shepparton in Victoria, Playford in South Australia and Logan and Rockhampton in Queensland (see separate story next page).

It is the first time such a big group of women have publicly stated their support for income management, although the Minister has insisted for years that many women in Aboriginal communities privately support the measure.

The Government says few women speak out for fear of retribution from some men in their communities and opponents of the NT Intervention generally.

It's a view backed by the Women's Council patron, Melbourne-based Aboriginal academic Marcia Langton, and its acting co-ordinator Lisa Balmer.

Prof Langton told the *Koori Mail* at the weekend that most women who wanted income management were also not accustomed to talking to the media, with many speaking English as a second, third or even fourth language.

But she said the Women's Council was speaking out because it was 'very unified and, you know, they did the research and carried out very good consultations and the almost unanimous view is that the women want income management'.

"The largest program the Women's Council runs with the largest number of clients is the domestic violence service," Prof Langton said.

She rejected claims by the Australian Greens and others that income

management was disempowering, punitive and simply didn't work.

"Most of the people commenting on income management are not on it and don't know the facts of the situation and are really driving an ideological agenda that has nothing to do with the problems women want solved, like food security for the family – it's just not a sexy subject but it's a big issue," Prof Langton said.

She said it was hard for many people to manage their incomes if they lived in communities where alcohol, gambling and high mobility 'sucked the income out of the community so that the community is even poorer and unable to provide the basically essentials of life'.

Ms Balmer said it should be noted that the Women's Council and its members did not come to their position on income management

immediately. "They were as shocked as anyone when the income management came, but it was through seeing how it worked for 18 months or two years that they came to this position... It's their right and their choice," she said.

Ms Balmer said the women preferred a voluntary model, but felt compulsory income management could be applied – perhaps through an instrument like Queensland's Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) – to people who didn't look after their kids.

"They are very careful not to cast judgment on people but it's very clear to them that, if you're not looking after your children, that's something that needs to be fixed."

Intervention opponents say the fight will go on

By DARREN COYNE



OPponents of the Federal Government's intervention in Northern Territory Aboriginal

communities narrowly missed out being able to ask Prime Minister Julia Gillard about why the new Stronger Futures legislation had not been subjected to human rights scrutiny.

The Stand For Freedom campaign was hoping its question would be one of three to be answered by Ms Gillard during an international, live web broadcast last Saturday, organised by Deakin University, Google+, Fairfax and OurSay.

Campaign director Damien

Curtis said the group was 'grossly disappointed' that the question would not be asked, despite polling 8944 votes and coming in at fourth from a list of potential questions.

The group had wanted to ask: "How can we call ourselves a country of the 'fair go' if the Government is now refusing to allow a human rights test of the legislation by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, as called for by the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples?"

Despite the setback, Mr Curtis said the fight against the legislation would continue.

Meanwhile, the Australian Greens have announced they will move to disallow place-based income management trials when Parliament resumes in August.

Senator Rachael Siewert said the Government was persisting with its ambition to expand income management across the country. "The Stronger Futures package of legislation that passed through the Senate a fortnight ago expanded the punitive approach of income quarantining to vulnerable individuals to five new sites," she said.

Five sites

They are Bankstown in New South Wales, Shepparton in Victoria, Playford in South Australia and Logan and Rockhampton in Queensland.

"In order to enact these place-based trials, the Government has tabled regulations which I will move to disallow when Parliament resumes in August," Senator

Siewert said. "Given the overwhelming community opposition and mounting evidence that this approach only further disempowers already vulnerable people, I will be asking the Senate to seriously consider this motion and to finally put an end to this punitive welfare practise."

In another development, the NSW ALP State Conference last week resolved to call on the Government to halt compulsory income management in Bankstown and other places.

The conference called for a revision of the Stronger Futures legislation and repeal of current provisions in the *Social Security Act* that facilitate income management.

The conference also called for the redirection of all funds

earmarked for administering compulsory income management into programs that would provide real and much-needed support for people who were vulnerable or struggling, including increased funding for social services and job creation.

As well, the conference called for the right to immediately exit compulsory income management to be granted to all people in the NT, WA and Queensland who were already in the system.

Stop the Intervention spokesman Paddy Gibson said Aboriginal people wanted to see the laws scrapped entirely.

"Many Aboriginal people have suffered under this policy, stripped of control and dignity, for five long years since the NT Intervention," he said.

Costume draws criticism

By KIRSTIE PARKER



AN Aboriginal artist says her part in a contentious 'national

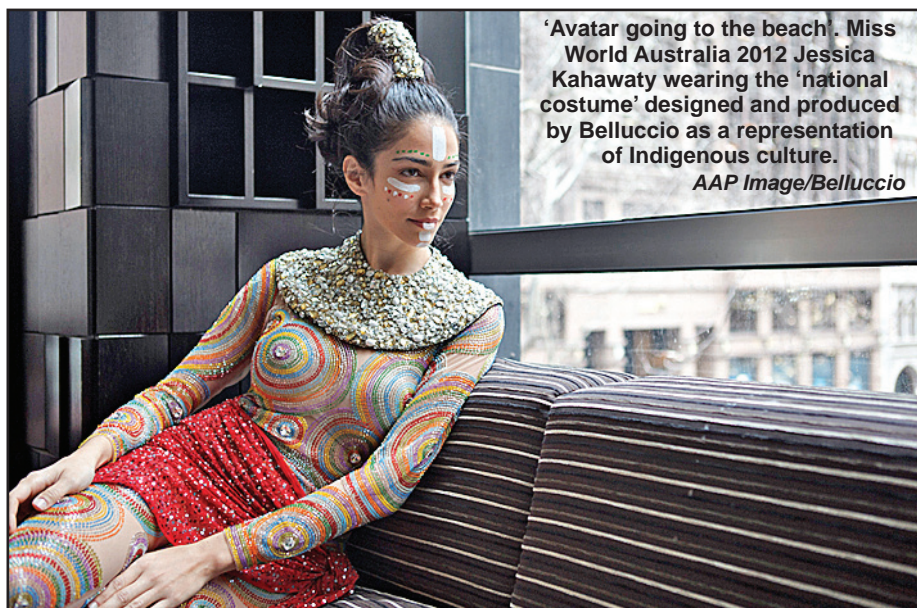
costume' to be worn by Miss World Australia 2012 during the international pageant in Mongolia next month has been overstated.

The bejewelled outfit, one of several to be worn by 23-year-old Jessica Kahawaty, provoked a flurry of comments in the national media and online.

Designed by Melbourne fashion house Belluccio, it features a brightly coloured, sheer and stretchy bodysuit embellished with several kilograms of beading in patterns said to reflect Aboriginal culture, a red sparkly sarong representing Uluru, and a diamante encrusted hairband. Photos of Ms Kahawaty show her made up with curious white face painting.

The pageant contestant said on her Facebook page that it was because Belluccio worked 'so hard' on the outfit with an Indigenous designer that it was 'such an authentic yet modern representation of Australia's national costume'.

However, Eva Wanganeen – an acclaimed silk artist of Kokatha, Wirringu and Arrente descent who lives in far north Queensland – told the *Koori Mail* she had been approached to collaborate with Belluccio's head designer, Julie Sufi, on the outfit but hadn't been able to because of a



'Avatar going to the beach'. Miss World Australia 2012 Jessica Kahawaty wearing the 'national costume' designed and produced by Belluccio as a representation of Indigenous culture. AAP Image/Belluccio

restricted timeframe and because the designer already had a firm idea of what she intended.

Ms Wanganeen said she merely clarified for Ms Sufi what concentric circles commonly denoted in Aboriginal culture, that is 'a camp, waterhole, fruit or fire depending on the content of the story', rather than the sun as Ms Sufi originally believed.

Nevertheless, the artist said she believed Ms Sufi had tried to do 'the right thing' and the costume was 'a showstopper' – simple, bold and told 'beautifully the connection to the Indigenous people of Australia'. She was also pleased to have been able to design a finalist's sash worn by Ms Kahawaty.

Feedback on Belluccio's Facebook page was generally complimentary, but News Ltd quoted celebrity designer Alex Perry as saying he never knew Egyptian sea urchins were Australian.

"The creators of *Avatar* called, they want their catsuit back," he was reported as saying. "I can't see the connection to Australian in this – it has a little too much Cirque du Soleil for my liking."

Another designer, Craig Braybrook, reportedly described the look as 'Avatar going to the beach in a red sarong'.

Damning

Online discussion elsewhere was also damning, with some describing the bodysuit as culturally insensitive, disrespectful and tacky.

One Aboriginal woman posted on Belluccio's site: 'What you have used is culturally insensitive as only someone with the full understanding and cultural backing should use these forms of circles, they represent waterholes'.

But Julie Sufi told the *Koori Mail* she had not intended to offend anyone.

"We wanted to respect

and embrace the Aboriginal culture, the heritage and the roots," she said.

"...At the end of the day Australia doesn't really have an identity so to speak. We wanted to use Indigenous art and to respect everyone. It was a task to do that and that's why we got in contact with the artist Eva Wanganeen and used (concentric circles) with her permission."

Ms Sufi said the beading on the outfit was supposed to look like traditional body paint, bright colours had been used so Ms Kahawaty would stand out on stage, and the 'wrap', as well as representing Uluru, was also for modesty.

However, she insisted that she'd had no input into Ms Kahawaty's makeup on the day of the photo shoot – a makeup artist was responsible for that.

It wasn't the first time an Australian 'national costume' has drawn fire,



Jessica Kahawaty wearing the sash designed by Aboriginal artist Eva Wanganeen.

Images supplied by Belluccio

with Ugg boots and khaki shorts getting a guernsey over the years.

Two years ago, a Russian figure skating duo also made headlines for the wrong reasons, taking to the ice with ceremonial dance steps and dark-toned bodysuits with red loin cloths, white body paint and eucalyptus leaves.

NSW Aboriginal Land

Council representatives described the routine as highly offensive theft and exploitation of Aboriginal culture. Ms Wanganeen said she had the utmost respect for the Miss World Australia organisation and what it sought to achieve through its charitable work. She hoped there'd be genuine opportunities to work with the organisation in the future.

Govt silent over jail closure

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE NSW Government has refused to answer whether findings from the 1991

Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody were taken into account when they made the decision to close Grafton Jail and transfer inmates to Cessnock, 500km away.

One of the findings of the Royal Commission was 'The facilitation of continuing contact with kin network is an important part of care of Aboriginal prisoners'.

Corrections Services NSW policy, provided to the *Koori Mail* by the Attorney-General's Department, states that 'Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) places a priority on placing ATSI inmates in centres that are accessible to visits and other types of support from the inmate's community' and 'Once sentenced, CSNSW will try to place all inmates in a suitable location as it is recognised that successful rehabilitation of all inmates is

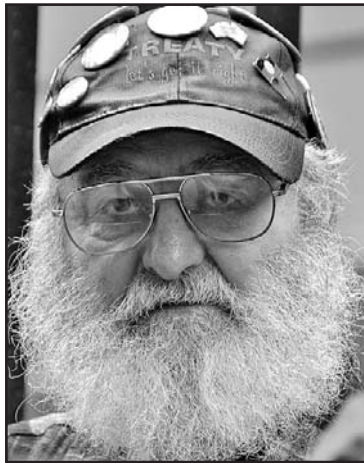
assisted by having a support network through family and friends for regular visits'.

However, neither the Premier, Deputy Premier, Attorney-General or Aboriginal Affairs Minister responded to requests for an interview, nor to emailed questions about whether the royal commission findings had been taken into account or how they were going to follow department policy when inmates were moved to facilities up to 700km away from their families.

Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) president Ray Jackson said the buildings of Grafton Jail would not be missed, but that its closure would cause problems for families.

"Grafton Jail was a very old jail, the jail of the biff, as it was lovingly known, where recalcitrant inmates were sent specifically to be beaten or tortured," Mr Jackson said.

"The older part of Grafton was not a suitable place and, like Bathurst and Goulburn jails, should be phased out, and replaced with newer facilities.



RAY JACKSON

"I don't have much sorrow in seeing old Grafton Jail go, it will cause some problems for families, but conditions at Cessnock are a hell of a lot better and there are more programs available at Cessnock.

"Some prisoners are happy to put up with draconian conditions, as long as they are next to their loved ones, but there are human

rights about how our prisoners must be housed.

"I don't see the shutting down of old Grafton Jail as something we should be sorry about."

Mr Jackson said the decision could have been better handled, with proper consultation.

"But when we have a government such as Barry O'Farrell's and his wish to save money, then they don't give a damn about consulting anybody – and they're certainly not worried about families," he said.

"I do understand the need to have a jail at Grafton, I know they can't knock the old jail down because it's a heritage building – apparently we're supposed to be proud of it or something – but they should build a more modern jail, very much like what they've got at Cessnock.

"However, the O'Farrell Government is not into building jails, it's into closing them and doubling up cells, cutting, slashing and burning, all in the name of their new buzzwords 'justice reinvestment'."

Mr Jackson said justice reinvestment was supposed to be about taking money out of juvenile justice and closing the juvenile remand system and putting the money saved into community projects to stop people going to jail in the first place.

"The O'Farrell Government and Attorney-General Greg Smith have been talking about this for years, but we've seen nothing concrete, nothing in writing about what sort of programs," he said.

"There is no role for the police in these programs, they have destroyed every commonsense program they have seen and we don't want them destroying this one."

Premier O'Farrell told a Sydney press conference that the decision had been made because of 'the costs of looking after prisoners in Grafton compared to the new facility at Cessnock'.

NSW Opposition Leader John Robertson told the NSW Labor conference that if elected in 2015 his government would re-open the prison.

Sea Shepherd joins WA gas hub battle

By DARREN COYNE and AAP



FORMER Greens leader Bob Brown will join activists from the Sea Shepherd group, better known for its battles against Japanese whalers, in the fight to stop a proposed \$30 billion gas hub in Western

Australia's Kimberley region.

Dr Brown announced last week that he would sail on the ship *Steve Irwin* from Broome to James Price Point early next month after meeting with Aboriginal activists from the Goolarabooloo people who are also opposed to the project.

Sea Shepherd recently received a letter from senior law bosses Joseph Roe, Phillip Roe and Richard Hunter of the Goolarabooloo people, inviting the activist group to James Price Point.

"The Goolarabooloo people along with our friends from around the world are fighting to save this country from destruction," they wrote. "Our sea country here is the home of the humpback whale. We have seen the work you have done to protect the whales in the Southern Ocean.

"We would appreciate any support you can give us to protect the humpback in our sea country from the proposal to build an industrial port at James Price Point for LNG export."

Sea Shepherd founder Paul Watson responded from Germany, saying 'we accept in the spirit of eternal friendship with a promise to stand in unity with the Goolarabooloo to defend the beauty and sacredness of this wondrous environment'.

"In honouring the Goolarabooloo people we are naming our visit operation Kimberley Miinimbi, the Goolarabooloo name for humpback whale," Mr Watson wrote.

Meanwhile, Dr Brown spoke out against the project last Tuesday, saying it had divided Indigenous people, and posed major environmental threats.

"Woodside concluded an agreement with the Kimberley Land Council to pay some \$1.3 billion royalties from the project over



Greens Senator Rachel Siewert, Sea Shepherd Australian director Jeff Hansen and former Greens leader Bob Brown in front of the ship, *Steve Irwin*. Photo by Tim Watters



Aboriginal opponents of the proposed James Price Point gas hub Phillip Roe, Richard Hunter and Joseph Roe. Photo courtesy Mike Gray

coming decades (less than 1 per cent of expected sales) and the Indigenous community is split with local traditional

owners vehemently opposed to the deal," he said. Dr Brown said he was particularly concerned about the impact the project's

noise and dredging would have on the ecosystem, arguing that it would impact on whales and dugongs and other marine life.

"Most Australians don't know that this massive whale nursery is off our north-west coast, and it is threatened," he said.

Dr Brown said the WA Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), which has recommended to WA Environment Minister Bill Marmion that the project be approved, had not 'done their homework'.

"The scientists are still studying what it is that makes this whale nursery up," he said.

Both the Greens and The Wilderness Society labelled the EPA assessment a 'sham' because it made its recommendation for the project using only one member of its five-person board, as four had conflicts of interest.

But EPA chairman Dr Paul Vogel, who assessed the project, said the approval process was the largest and most complex yet carried out by the authority.

His report listed 29 conditions that must be met if the development goes ahead, with one being that Woodside Petroleum must steer clear of fossilised dinosaur footprints.

"Creating any industrial undertaking, particularly one of this magnitude, will have an environmental impact," he said.

"However, these impacts and risks can be managed to an acceptable level."

Dr Vogel also admitted that turbidity from dredging, oil spills, industrial discharges, noise, light and vessel strikes could adversely affect whales, dolphins, turtles, dugong and fish.

However, he said the 29 conditions would help limit the impact on marine fauna.

Included in the recommendations were limitations on marine pile-driving and blasting to protect humpback whales, plus other measures to protect seabed habitats and monsoon vine thicket vegetation.

A Woodside spokesman said the company acknowledged that 'some people' were opposed to the project but said, 'there are many people who are looking forward to the employment and economic benefits that would flow if it proceeds'.

Bell resigns as Congress leader



LONG time chief executive officer of Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC) Stephanie Bell has resigned, amidst ongoing probes into the organisation's management of Commonwealth funds.

The Federal Department of Health warned the influential health body in April that it may

seek to recover more than \$2 million in funding after an audit raised concerns about governance, record keeping and spending.

The audit exposed apparent irregularities with the charging of 20 per cent administration fees for projects, transfers of money between projects and unauthorised overseas travel. And the department has alleged Ms Bell used a corporate credit

card for 'what appear to be non-business purposes'.

A financial administrator has been appointed to the Congress and will be conducting further audits.

Statement

The CAAC board accepted Ms Bell's resignation and on 9 July issued a statement thanking her for her hard work and contribution over 30 years of continuous

service, 11 of them as CEO.

"We would like to acknowledge Stephanie for her dedication and commitment to the Aboriginal health sector as an advocate for the development and delivery of Aboriginal community controlled primary health care services across Central Australia, the NT and across the nation more generally, including as a long-term board member of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled

Health Organisation," said Congress president Helen Kantawara.

She said Ms Bell's 'outstanding contribution to primary health care and to Indigenous health in the NT' had been acknowledged when she received last year's Menzies Medallion.

The Congress Board has appointed former NACCHO chief Donna Ah Chee to the position of Acting CEO. — **with AAP**

MPs dismiss ABSTUDY call

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A PUSH by the Queensland Liberal National Party (QLP) to have ABSTUDY scrapped appears to have been nobbled while barely out of the starting gates.

A Young LNP resolution at the party's recent state conference to roll the federal Indigenous study support scheme into the wider Austudy scheme in a bid to end 'positive discrimination' succeeded in a close ballot, but sparked an immediate outcry from within the party's own ranks.

State Member for Hinkler and Nationals Deputy Whip Paul Neville spoke against the resolution, expressing a fear that it would lead to the party being branded bigots.

Later during the conference, other delegates opposed to the resolution succeeded with another one calling instead on the Federal Government to create a new Indigenous study program and opportunities in Indigenous education. But their federal counterparts, Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and far north Qld MP Warren Entsch, still felt it necessary to lambast the original motion.

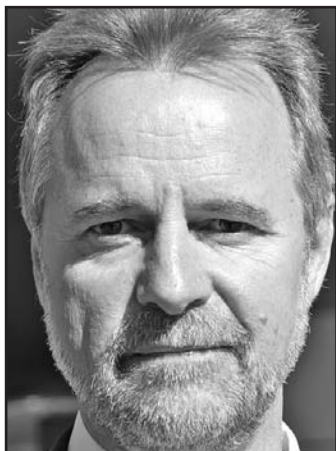
ABSTUDY is a fortnightly means-tested allowance available to eligible part-time and full-time apprentices, secondary school, TAFE and university students to help with education, accommodation, living and travel costs. Payments range from about \$30 a fortnight for a tertiary student aged less than 16 to about \$900 a fortnight for a masters or doctoral student, and recipients can also access other assistance such as tutors.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail* after the state conference, Mr Neville said he couldn't be a party to getting rid of ABSTUDY in the absence of something better.

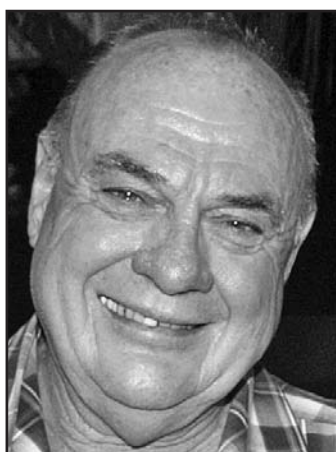
"The appeal to have just one program would be fair



PAUL NEVILLE



NIGEL SCULLION



WARREN ENTSCHE



BENJAMIN GERTZ

enough in an ideal world where everyone was on an equal footing, but that's not the case in Australia and all major political parties have recognised there have to be special measures to improve the lot of Indigenous people, especially in regards to education," he said.

Additional support for Indigenous students was consistent with the Northern Territory Intervention instigated by the former Coalition Government, Mr Neville said, and 'recognising that education was part of the ongoing agenda'.

"If that means we have to have positive discrimination for a short time, I don't think that's a bad thing at all," he said.

"If Indigenous kids are going to escape poverty, disadvantage and disempowerment, the tool they need is education."

Mr Neville said anyone seeking to characterise

ABSTUDY as overly generous or enough to cover all costs of education was wrong.

He said he didn't want the party to take on 'radical agendas' where it would be characterised as bigoted.

"The party is not bigoted nor are the individual members and this is not a criticism of the Young LNP... but these things are a contest of ideas and delegates can contest them," he said.

Senator Scullion, however, was far less collegiate.

'Bite them...'

"I just thought they must have had a bonehead moment," he said of the Young LNP representatives behind the first resolution. "...It was always going to bite them in the arse and it has."

Senator Scullion said ABSTUDY was a federal matter and moves to scrap it outright had 'zero' chance of success because any

proper-thinking person would dismiss them out of hand.

His comments were echoed by Federal Liberal National Member for Leichhardt and Chief Opposition Whip Warren Entsch, who described the Young LNP resolution as poorly conceived, poorly worded and indicative of 'a distinct lack of understanding about what is really needed when dealing with Indigenous disadvantage'.

He said no scheme was perfect, debate should be encouraged, and any student from a low socio-economic background – Indigenous or otherwise – should get the support they needed.

"But it's important that Indigenous kids have every opportunity to get better outcomes and maximise their opportunities.

"It doesn't have an iceberg's hope in hell," Mr Entsch said of the new state policy's prospects higher up the party's food chain.

The National Union of Students (NUS) also expressed concern over the Qld LNP's new policy direction.

The union's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander officer, Benjamin Gertz, said that while the organisation welcomed moves to reform ABSTUDY, abolishing it would only further disadvantage Indigenous tertiary students from remote communities or lower SES backgrounds.

He dismissed suggestions that the scheme was easy to access in comparison to Austudy, with no reporting requirements.

"As someone who has claimed ABSTUDY, I can personally tell you about the difficulty I had applying for it and the regular reporting that came after," Mr Gertz said.

Qld Education, Training and Employment Minister John-Paul Langbroek told the *Koori Mail* that, while he valued the LNP's feedback, the political party was separate to the Government.

He said the motion regarding ABSTUDY was a federal matter.

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Disgruntled TSI leaders in walk out

By DARREN COYNE



TORRES Strait islands leaders last week walked out of a consultation meeting with Queensland Government officials over proposed changes to Queensland's Animal Care and Protection legislation. Torres Strait Regional Authority chairman Toshie Kris, mayor Fred Gela and Torres Strait Council mayor Pedro Stephen led a walkout of about a dozen people who had gathered to discuss the changes.

It's understood they made statements saying that the hastily arranged meeting was not proper consultation at all and that they didn't want to be 'tainted by association'.

"The bureaucrats weren't expecting much better. They had been sent up here to do the dirty work," a source told the *Koori Mail*.

The disgruntled mayors have since written a protest letter to Premier Campbell Newman complaining of the haste in which his Government was trying to ram the legislation through Parliament.

The Bills, which have had their first reading, are still to be passed, and there has been no indication from the Government about when they will again go before Parliament.

It was still to be signed off and forwarded at the time the *Koori Mail* went to press.

'Significant impact'

Earlier this month, the TSRA had called on the Government to consult properly with Torres Strait Islanders over the proposed changes, saying they would have 'significant impact on customary practices for dugong and turtle hunting'.

Mr Kris said the hunting practices had been carried out 'by our ancestors for thousands of years and are vital for our cultural identity and cultural well-being'.

"For this reason it is critical that we are meaningfully consulted and that our views and recommendations are considered in a genuine way as part of this process," he said.

Torres Strait leaders are particular angry about requirements that would prevent turtle or dugong meat being sent for ceremonial purposes to communities in places like Cairns and Townsville.

Queensland Agriculture Minister John McVeigh introduced the legislation to State Parliament late last month to make dugong and turtle hunters meet animal welfare standards. At the time, Mr McVeigh said the current exemption of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to hunt dugongs and turtles was 'too easily exploited by some rogue hunters who have no regard for animal welfare'.

The changes fulfil an LNP election promise made after the ABC aired footage of hunters cutting the flippers off a turtle lying struggling on its back.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Glen Elmes also promised that the Government would work with Indigenous communities to ensure the new standards were met.

Arabunna Elder Kevin Buzzacott with the Lizard's Revenge car.



Protest to stop mine



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PETER Watts has a simple message about major company BHP Billiton's proposed expansion of the Olympic Dam mine

in South Australia: Stop.

Mr Watts, the Arabana Aboriginal Corporation public officer and co-chair of Australian Nuclear Free Alliance, was one of 500 people at the Lizard's Revenge Music and Arts Festival of Resistance camp in central Australia, protesting BHP Billiton's plans to expand Olympic Dam to become one of the world's largest open-pit mines, tripling annual copper production to 750,000 tonnes and increasing uranium oxide production to 19,000 tonnes.

"All the water they use comes from our country, Arabana land," Mr Watts said.

"The Arabana people have just been awarded native title over our country, but we've had to agree to it with a dirty great indenture hanging over our heads – they've got more say over our country than we do.

"There are things that all Australians should be aware of. They are consuming so much water washing dirt, when the uranium side of the mining doesn't make a lot of money anyway.

"Now, there's a lot of money in gold, silver and copper, but we don't need uranium. We're being conned.

"The Brits have been busy making weapons and testing them in our backyard for 40-50 years, poisoning our country and our people."

Arabunna Elder Kevin Buzzacott has mounted several legal challenges to the mine's expansion, which have so far been unsuccessful.

He was also at the Lizard's Revenge protest and extended an invitation to festival participants to

join him on Arabunna country to visit the mound springs in the Lake Eyre region which he says have been affected by the extraction of water from the Artesian Basin for the uranium mine.

Water extraction will increase from an average of 35 million litres a day to 42 million litres a day if the mine expansion goes ahead.

"These springs at one stage were the most important in Australia, they linked Australia back to mother country, and these springs are now getting drained dry by BHP," Mr Watts said.

"They tell you they want to look after heritage, but part of our heritage is the springs and so they say one thing and do another.

'Ongoing saga'

"In the Western world, economics comes before environment and it can't work that way – environment has to come first with some economic gain. This is an ongoing saga that the whole world has got to address right now.

"With Japan, Chernobyl, do we want that here?

"Not so long along (former prime minister) John Howard was saying we needed 20 reactors here in Australia, and we just can't go down that road.

"As Indigenous people we're supposed to be there to look after country, but it's like trying to look after country in handcuffs, if we can't say 'don't poison the groundwater'.

"Big mining corporations tell lies, divide people, destroy the land, wreck the water and leave.

"Not one uranium mine in Australia has ever been cleaned up.

"I'm not totally against all mining, but uranium mining is the worst one, – it's got to be kept in the ground, it's really too dangerous."

Mr Watts said the mine's expansion was a problem for all Australians.

"All Australia should be up in arms, because it's going to be a big open-cut mine blowing dust storms from Arabana country," he said.

"We were in Coober Pedy arguing with other countries about boundaries, big argument and then came the biggest dust storm that blew to Sydney.

"I'm all for looking out for all Australians.

"As Aboriginal people, we have a responsibility now to these people living in our country, we gotta look after people. If someone comes to my country, I've got to look after them, make sure they don't perish, all Australians, black, white, brindle, and look after our land base, because if there's no water then there's no environment, no nothing.

"Australia claims to be responsible, and yet we're selling uranium – it's like giving a drunk man keys to drive."

Anti-nuclear campaigner Dr Helen Caldicott visited Lizard's Revenge to run a workshop addressing health issues relating to uranium, saying there had never been an epidemiological study in Australia to monitor the health effects of radiation exposure on mine workers, and that 50 per cent of uranium mine workers die of cancer-related illness.

Nineteen people were arrested over the protest, with organisers accusing police of heavy-handed tactics.

But police said each time arrests were made the activists had been allowed to occupy roads for a reasonable period before being asked to move.

BHP Billiton has until the end of the year to give the expansion the final go-ahead or face having to renegotiate approvals with the State Government. – **with AAP**

No need to panic, arts sector told

By DARREN COYNE



A SNAPSHOT study into the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts sector

has revealed that the average amount of revenue generated by art sales has more than halved since 2007.

But the message from the authors and industry experts is 'don't panic, the sector remains strong and viable'.

The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) examined 101 corporations operating arts centres as a sample group, and found the global financial crisis had had a major impact on the visual arts sector.

But while sales revenue was falling, paid employment in arts centres across the country had almost doubled, largely as a result of increased Federal Government funding, and governance had been strengthened.

The report, 'At the Heart of Art', says the sector experienced a significant growth in revenue up until 2007, but had since had a noticeable downturn, with sales to overseas visitors declining, and art auction sales falling by about 40 per cent.

The report says that in 2007-08, the total art sales revenue for 47 corporations was \$18,317,204, whereas in 2010-2011, the total sales for 57 corporations was \$10,637,835.

"Corporations in the visual arts sector face significant challenges, such as remoteness and market volatility," Registrar Anthony Beven concluded.

"But the visual art industry also holds a significant potential for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to close the economic gap with non-Indigenous Australians."

Also standing by the strength of the sector, arts management professional John Oster told the *Koori Mail* that people should not be too alarmed, saying the focus on revenue generated in 2007 was 'rubbish'.

Mr Oster, a director of Regional Arts Australia, and chief executive of the Indigenous Art Code, which protects the rights of member artists, said the visual art sector remained strong, and continued to improve its management.

"The evidence of growth in this industry for a long time has been outstanding. You've got to remember that it managed to be

an industry when it had half the sales of 2007 back in 2003 and it can still be a solid industry for Australia, and Aboriginal people," he said.

"The importance of that report is its focus on governance and management, and getting the fundamentals of the industry right."

Mr Oster said art corporations across the country had paid a lot of attention to increasing employment opportunities, especially for women, in art centres during the past five years.

"In the past five years there has been a lot of attention to creating Aboriginal employment in art centres, not just for artists, but for the people running and managing the centres," he said.

The report itself also provides some reassurance that the art market would remain viable.

"It may also be that the 2007 record sales levels are not the norm, but rather the peak of an overheated market and that, as the market matures, consumers are becoming more realistic

regarding the investment potential in Indigenous art," the report says.

The authors found some states were doing better than others. The corporations generating the highest average revenue from art sales were in South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

The top 11 corporations to

have consistently generated more than half a million dollars in art sales were Mutitjulu Community (NT), Amata (SA), Balgo (WA), Yuendumu (NT), Nyapari Community (SA), Maningrida (NT), Groote Eylandt (NT), Bathurst Island (NT), Warmun Community (WA), Mornington Island (Qld) and Kununurra (WA).

Mr Beven said that although times remained tough in some areas, the sector still had great potential, and he urged people to support art centres owned and controlled by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"Art centres registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* are controlled and owned by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and nearly all are not-for-profits," he said.

"Buying art from a *CATSI Act* art centre is therefore more likely to return a fair commission to artists and deliver broader benefits to their communities."

The report is available to download from the ORIC website – www.oric.gov.au



JOHN OSTER

Protesters say 'don't waste the Territory'

Exhibition focus on planned dump site



A NOISY protest was held on Darwin's main wharf earlier this month calling for the Federal Government to rethink plans on a nuclear waste dump in the Northern Territory.

Shouting 'Don't waste the Territory, dump the dump now', about 100 people voiced their anger at plans to build the proposed nuclear waste dump at Muckaty Station, about 100kms north of Tennant Creek. The 12 July protest was organised by the Maritime Union of Australia, which in March passed a resolution supporting traditional owners of Muckaty who are against the waste dump.

Some nuclear waste bound for Muckaty will likely pass through Darwin's wharf where MUA members may be expected to help transport it.

"I implore you all to keep the fight going," said MUA Victorian branch secretary Kevin Bracken.

Lorna Nangala Fejo, who identifies as one of the Stolen Generations and is originally from Tennant Creek, called on the Government to abandon the planned dump at Muckaty.

'Do whatever'

Isobel Phillips, a traditional owner from Muckaty, said she would do whatever she could to stop nuclear waste reaching the proposed dump site.

"I will block the road. I don't care if I get arrested," she said. "I don't care if I get run over."

Another traditional owner from Muckaty, Bunny Nabarula Warramunga, said she thought the fight to stop the dump would eventually be won.

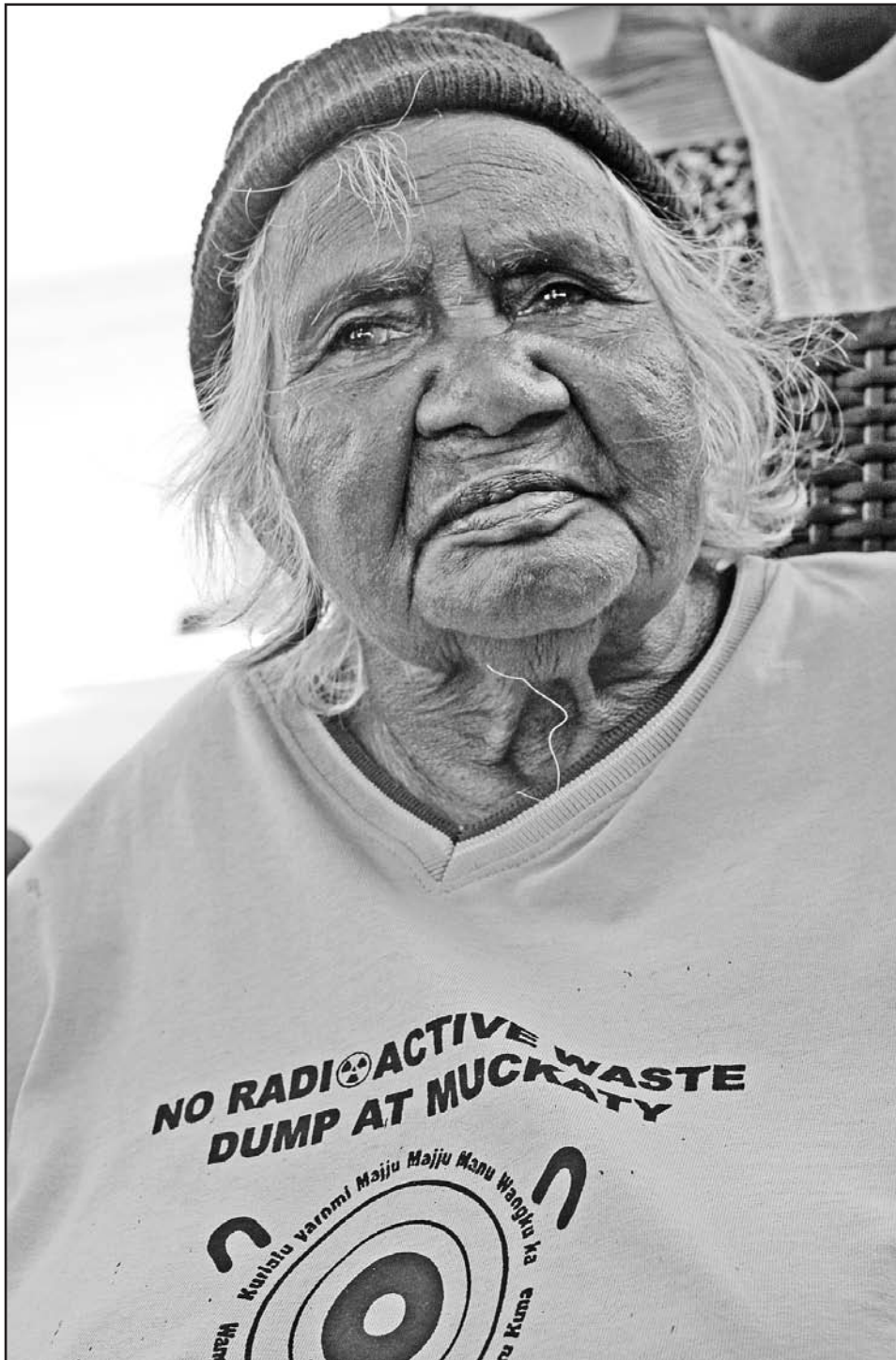
"I just want them (the Government) to listen to us," she said.

Nuclear campaigner at Environment Centre NT Cat Beaton said workers were concerned about dangers from transporting radioactive goods.

"We are also concerned for the health of the Darwin Harbour and don't want nuclear waste crossing it," she said.

A Federal Court challenge to the proposed waste dump is under way in Melbourne.

Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon earlier said there was no guaranteed outcome on what would happen at Muckaty. "If the court determines that things haven't been as they should be, then the site won't go ahead, but I am not going to be interfering in that process," he said. — AAP



Traditional owner Bunny Nabarula Warramunga during a protest in Darwin on 12 July against a planned nuclear waste dump at Muckaty Station, north of Tennant Creek. About 100 protesters joined unionists, environmentalists and traditional owners who are against the proposed dump. AAP Image

THE Northern Territory Government is sponsoring a photographic exhibition of the area proposed for a national nuclear waste dump in the NT.

The exhibition titled *Manuwangku, Under the Nuclear Cloud*, will be one show at the Darwin Festival from 10 August.

NT Arts Minister and Member for Barkly Gerry McCarthy said the NT Government was proud to support the exhibition and its 'stunning portrayal of Barkly region locals and Muckaty Station's raw beauty'.

Mr McCarthy said the exhibition challenged the idea that Muckaty was a suitable dump site in 'the middle of nowhere' and instead portrayed daily life in a vibrant community.

Mr McCarthy said Muckaty was situated on Warlmanpa country, 120kms north of Tennant Creek, and traditional owners called the area Manuwangku.

"...By acclaimed human rights photographer Jagath Dheerasekara, the exhibit will feature 25 works that each capture an intimate and sometimes haunting moment at the station and its surrounds," he said.

A political refugee from Sri Lanka, Mr Dheerasekara received an Amnesty International Human Rights Innovation Grant in 2010 to put together the exhibition.

Mr McCarthy said traditional owners took Mr Dheerasekara on bush trips where they hunted, and they invited him into their homes.

The official opening will take place at the Christ Church Cathedral in Darwin on 10 August and the Waste Dump Discussion will be on 15 August.

As an accompaniment to the exhibit, Muckaty traditional owners will participate in an NT Waste Dump Discussion with the Environment Centre NT and the Beyond Nuclear Initiative.

'Be counted' poll call

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL people are being urged to 'stand up and be counted' by running as

candidates in NSW local government elections in September.

NSW Local Government Minister Don Page wants people from all backgrounds to register as candidates as soon as possible, with nominations closing on 8 August.

"NSW's 152 local government areas include a rich tapestry of communities that reflect the strength of 21st century Australian

diversity," Mr Page said.

"The state's councils should reflect the make-up of their communities – and the only way that will happen is if members of those communities stand up and be counted."

Just 14 councillors, or 1.6 per cent of the State's local representatives, identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders, compared with 2.5 per cent of the population.

Among those, Rod Towney, a councillor with Dubbo Shire Council, and Auntie Gwen Griffen, a councillor with Gunnedah Shire Council, both told the *Koori Mail* their time as councillors had been fulfilling.

Cr Griffen, who is the longest-serving Aboriginal councillor with 17 years' experience in the job, said the way to be elected was to develop a profile in the community.

She also said common-sense was the most important thing for budding councillors, along with a thick skin.

Issues

"When I first got on I had no experience, but learnt a lot through training. I love being on council and focusing on community issues, development applications, management and customer satisfaction," she said.

"It's very rewarding and I would

encourage other Aboriginal people to have a go."

Cr Towney, who has served two terms with Dubbo City Council and will run again in September, also encouraged people to run as councillors, but said more people needed to enrol to vote.

"I'd like to encourage males and females to run and for our people to get behind them by getting on the roll and voting," Cr Towney said.

"It stings me that in places with high populations of Aboriginal people there are still a lot of those people not on the roll."

Cr Towney, who also serves on the NSW Local Government and

Shires Association, said having Aboriginal people on council provided a voice for their communities.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello also said greater representation in local government would enable Aboriginal people to be at the centre of local decision-making.

"With a large youth population, it is important that Aboriginal people make their voices heard and act as role models for the next generation," he said.

Anyone interested in standing in the 8 September poll should visit the Division of Local Government website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au



Wiradjuri/Dunghutti man Blake Tatafu is the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander UNICEF Young Ambassador and caught up with artist Djon Mundine (Bandjalung) and the creator of *Warrane* Brett Leavy at the launch of the virtual reality history immersion project *Warrane II* at Customs House in Sydney.

A virtual tour of Gadigal 'tracks'

By EMILY MURPHY



ABORIGINAL dancers outside Circular Quay in Sydney on Friday

welcomed the opening of the new virtual history project *Virtual Warrane II: Sacred Tracks of the Gadigal* at Customs House.

Created by Kooma man Brett Leavy, the experience takes participants back to the Gadigal landscape before white arrival.

Virtual Warrane II was launched with fanfare and excitement as people took a walk back in time to view the area as it was cared for by the ancestors.

The interactive, computer-generated visualisation of Sydney Harbour provides a fascinating insight into how the Gadigal people lived harmoniously in Sydney Harbour for thousands of years before the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788.

Warrane is a Gadigal name for Sydney Cove and participants can get on to the computers at Customs House



Logan Metcalf, a Ngati Kahuhungu man from New Zealand, caught up with Wiradjuri man Jimmy Smith, from Cowra, and Piers Fontine, from Sydney, at the launch.

and follow the animals that roamed the foreshore and learn what bush foods were harvested in the area.

"This heritage tool provides an opportunity to immerse you in the traditions, customs and heritage of the original custodians of the land," Mr Leavy said.

"You can share in the stories that have been passed from generation to generation, since time immemorial.

"The concrete of this city was built upon a place that, for the Gadigal people and their

neighbours, held a deep spiritual connection that continues to this present day.

"I hope this resource helps educators and teachers explore the potential of immersive heritage environments to inspire the inquiring minds of their students as well as educating the wider community."

The exhibition is open for the next three weeks and entry is free and was made possible with collaboration from Real Serious Games, multi-media artist Peter Murphy, Grafix Garage and BIMA Vision.



At the opening of *Warrane II* are Wyt Raven, Yorta Yorta man Ray Walker, from Sydney, writer Jennifer Cooper-Trent and Birri Gubba woman Evette Morgan, from Rockhampton.



KISSmyBLAKartists director Sam Cook and Southern Cross University's Professor Kerry Brown with Federal Tourism Minister Martin Ferguson at Dreamworld on the Gold Coast.

Cash for tourism projects



FEDERAL Tourism Minister Martin Ferguson has announced more than \$2 million in grants to develop four Indigenous tourism projects.

Gold Coast theme park Dreamworld received a T-QUAL Strategic Tourism Investment Grant (STIG) of \$1.1 million to develop the Australian Aboriginal Wildlife Experience, adding to the \$110,000 it received in the previous year's funding to develop a feasibility study and business plan. Dreamworld owner Ardent Leisure will match the funding with another \$1.1 million.

Southern Cross University received \$86,000 for 'Songlines: Indigenous Musical Journeys', which will link tourists with Indigenous groups who will teach their customs and stories through songs, and 'Nomads Palace', which will create a travelling performance space for Indigenous music and culture to tour regionally, nationally and internationally.

Goolarri Media Enterprises received \$110,000 for a multi-arts performance to highlight the multiculturalism that attracts visitors to Broome.

And Lirwi Yolngu Aboriginal Corporation received \$907,500 to develop a cultural tourism master plan for the Arnhem Land region.

The Yolngu tourism plan aims to create up to 50 high-quality, low-impact cultural tourism businesses across Arnhem Land.

Lirwi Yolngu Tourism Aboriginal Corporation chair Djawa Murrurrnga (Timmy) Burarrwanga said he believed it would help change things for Aboriginal people of the region.

"I think it's really great to actually give the opportunity for Aboriginal people in Arnhem Land to have their own business in country, bringing economic benefits to Arnhem Land and to enable Aboriginal people to see how it's going to work," said Mr Burarrwanga, a Gumatj man from Yirrkala in north-east Arnhem Land.

"During the next 20 years we will

see the creation of many new small businesses which our children will inherit.

"This will help us stay connected to our homelands and our culture, creating employment for hundreds of Yolngu people while providing life-changing experiences for our visitors.

"The master plan talks about new economies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Arnhem Land, talks about working together as a partnership with corporations and other businesses and about how Aboriginal people can bring rights and lands to our own businesses.

"We can work hard and achieve benefits across Arnhem Land, bringing the education to the mainstream, Aboriginal knowledge.

"We want to introduce people from Australia and all over the world to our country, our dance, our music, our ceremonies, our art and our unique way of life."

Direction

A panel of high-profile people is being formed to provide direction and advice to the development of the master plan, led by Yolngu Elder from Elcho Island Rev Djinyini Gondarra.

Minister Ferguson said Dreamworld would use its grant to convert its existing Wildlife Experience into the new Australian Aboriginal Wildlife Experience.

"The theme park's owners have worked closely with local traditional owners who consulted inbound tourism operators, particularly from Asia, to ensure the new attraction meets visitor expectations," he said.

"The development of quality Indigenous tourism experiences, such as that being built here in Dreamworld will help ensure Australia's ongoing competitiveness as a tourism destination.

"As well as showcasing local Indigenous culture, Indigenous tourism products, even more importantly, provide real job opportunities for local Indigenous Australians and will have flow-on benefits for the whole community."

Two receive Churchill Fellowships

By DARREN COYNE



TWO Indigenous people are among 115 Australians to have been awarded 2012 Churchill Fellowships to study overseas.

They are Queenslander Waverley Stanley, the founding director of Yalari which provides scholarships to Indigenous students, and NSW Tenants Union lawyer Gemma McKinnon, from Wilcannia, but now living in Sydney.

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, which was established after the death of Sir Winston Churchill in accordance with his final wishes, has now funded more than 3600 fellowships for Australians.

With an average value of more than \$20,000 per fellowship, recipients have the opportunity to travel overseas to further their passion and return to Australia to implement their findings and share them with others.

Mr Stanley won the Dorothy and Brian Wilson Churchill Fellowship to investigate strategies aimed at making a difference in the lives of disadvantaged children through education and training.

He told the *Koori Mail* that he planned to travel to South Africa in March next year, where he will look at ways that country has implemented scholarship programs for disadvantaged young people.

"I wanted to look at other initiatives around the world that may help us at Yalari advance our own scholarship program," he said.

After seven years, Yalari currently has 190 Indigenous young people on scholarships in 33 boarding schools around the country.

"I will be looking at initiatives that allow our children to get a good education and empower them for life after school," Mr Stanley said.

"I'll be going to Cape Town and a few other places to look at initiatives for black South Africans and I will be visiting boarding schools and black-only townships and schools."

Meanwhile, Gemma McKinnon has her sights set on a trip to Canada, the United States and New Zealand.

Ms McKinnon won the Monash University Churchill Fellowship and will use it to examine programs run by universities and other bodies to assist and support Indigenous people in law schools.

"I'll be going at the end of February or early March for about five to six weeks," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I'll be looking at support programs and entry programs for Indigenous law students because there's a big issue with retention rates of Indigenous students in Australia.

"A lot of that has to do with moving away from families in remote areas to cities where they are not getting the cultural support they need.

"I was lucky that I had a lot of my family living in Sydney (while going to university) and also had good employment and employers."

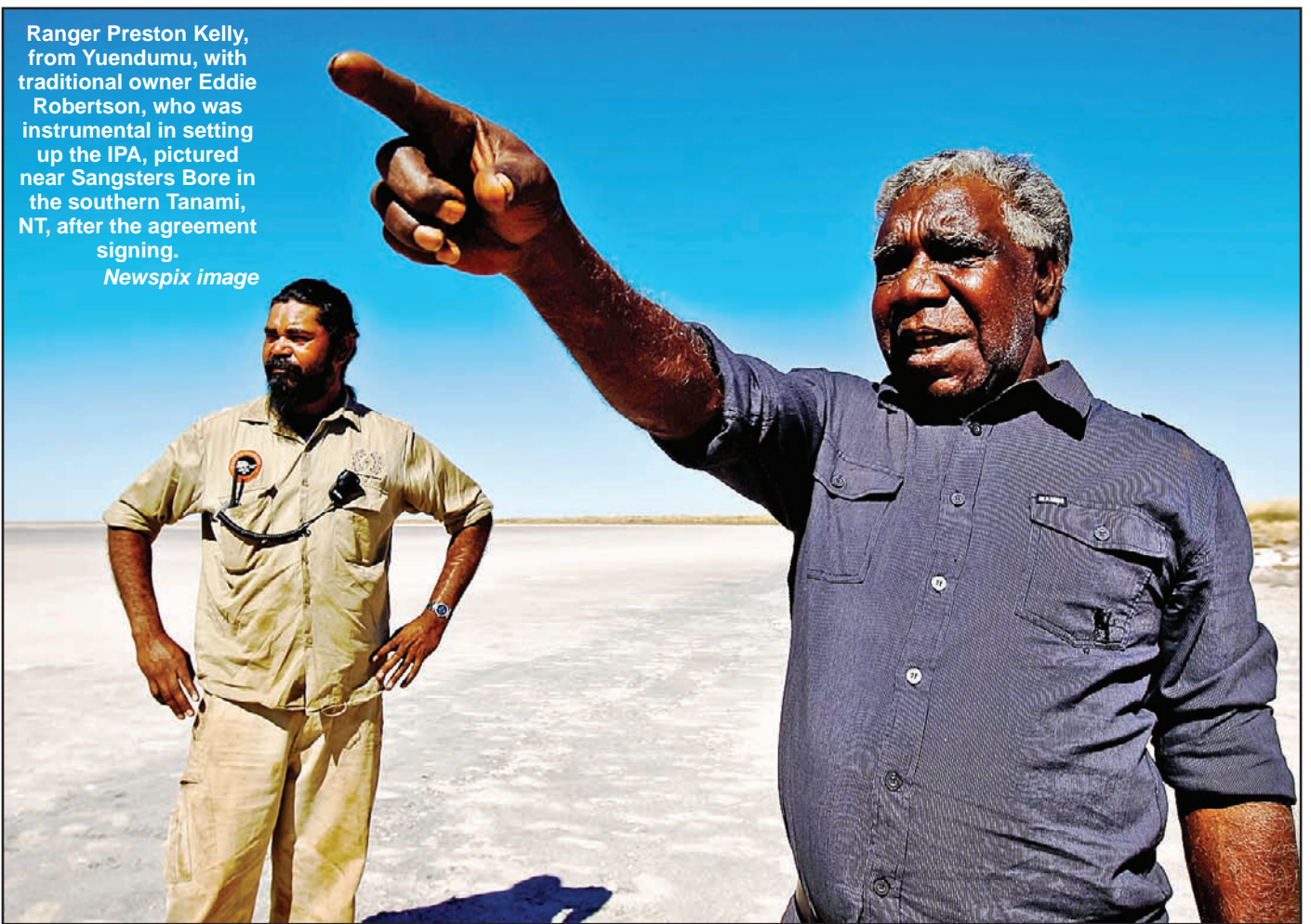
Ms McKinnon said she aimed to formulate a set of guidelines or minimum standards that could be implemented by all universities trying to retain Indigenous students.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust executive officer Paul Tys said each of the recipients had demonstrated dedication and a thirst for knowledge in their area of expertise.

"We can be certain that these Churchill Fellows will make a tangible difference to the lives of every Australian in one way or another in the years to come," he said.

"Improving our knowledge and appreciation for best practice or new and innovative approaches across the many strands of education and training is vital for the country, our economy and Australian society."

Ranger Preston Kelly, from Yuendumu, with traditional owner Eddie Robertson, who was instrumental in setting up the IPA, pictured near Sangsters Bore in the southern Tanami, NT, after the agreement signing.
Newspix image



Celebrations in the Tanami



ABORIGINAL people from the Tanami Desert in Central Australia are celebrating after the Federal Government signed off on a

conservation area the size of Portugal to be cared for by Indigenous rangers.

At a ceremony in the remote outback location of Sangsters Bore, about 600km north-west of Alice Springs, dozens of traditional owners were on hand to welcome the move.

"This is an emotional day. Today really a freedom day," said Eddie Jampijinpa Robertson, a Warlpiri Elder from Yuendumu, on 10 July.

"When we look after the land, it is what our dreaming is."

The 101,500 sq km Southern Tanami Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) forms part of the Trans-Australia Eco-link corridor and stretches from Arnhem Land to the Great Australian Bight, more than 3500km away.

The new conservation zone is the largest single land area ever dedicated to conservation in Australia and stretches from deserts to sub-tropical savannahs.

It is about the same size as Portugal, and takes in a large part of the Tanami Desert and a small section of the Great Sandy Desert.

The IPA means Aboriginal people will have more say in how the land is cared for, culturally and environmentally.

The Federal Government will spend \$1.6 million over the next two years to fund local rangers to look after the Southern Tanami region, and philanthropic group The Nature Conservancy is allocating \$500,000 to help manage the area.

Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said the new conservation area would be an example to all Australia about how the land can be properly cared for.

"What it says to the Australian



A two-way planning session on Tanami country.



Lucy Martin passing on knowledge about Warlpiri plants at Yinapaka.

Photos courtesy of the Central Land Council

community across the country is that not only are we responsible, but we know what to do to look after our country," he said.

Traditional owner Lottie Robertson

said the decision was the result of five years' work and would ensure her people's knowledge was passed down to the next generation.

"The Southern Tanami belongs to Warlpiri people," she told the crowd on hand to welcome the announcement.

"We now have young rangers who learn to look after country."

Central Land Council (CLC) chairman Phillip Wilyuka said the IPA signalled a change from how Indigenous people had been treated by Australian governments in the past.

"I guess the non-Indigenous people have had to learn from Aboriginal people how to look after this country," he said.

Karissa Preuss, an IPA development officer with the CLC, said the new IPA was home to rare creatures such as the great desert skink, bilbies and princess parrots.

"It is an area that is quite rich in some of Australia's threatened species," Ms Preuss said. — AAP

Computers to help show the way



LAW firm Allens has donated six computers and two laptops to the Indigenous mentoring program Show Me The Way, based in Redfern. Young people taking part in a second-chance education program for at-risk teens run by The Exodus Foundation in partnership with SMTW will use the computers.

Exodus Foundation chief executive Rev Bill Crews said the computers would make a huge difference to the lives of the kids taking part in the program.

"Many of these kids have never had a computer before so I expect they'll become a hub of their digital lives," he said.

Mr Crews said the Exodus Foundation's program for Indigenous youth aimed to provide support and education to those who had dropped out of the mainstream school system,

through counselling, tutoring and mentoring.

"These computers will help us to put the Indigenous teens in our program back on the right track to finishing their schooling and give them a positive future," he said.

SMTW general manager Chris Maguire said Allens had been very supportive since SMTW and Exodus teamed up in 2010 for the pilots of SMTW.

"SMTW has since grown to be a national organisation, with programs for the Westpac Group across the country and now teaming up with the National Alliance of Remote Indigenous Schools (NARIS) to support Indigenous students into careers in teaching in 2013," he said.

"In 2012 SMTW and Exodus Youth are working together again to provide an online mentoring program to students in Redfern."



With the computers are Briony Beckett, Rachael Wilson, Chris Maguire, Rev Bill Crews, Lola Forester, Bryce Thompson and Kevin Soo. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS



Federal Minister Jenny Macklin congratulates Henry Bloomfield and family on the return of Loves Creek to the Arletherre Aboriginal Land Trust.



NT Minister and Member for Stuart Karl Hampton and members of the Tyuretye Aboriginal Land Trust sign the lease to the West MacDonnell National Park after traditional owners had received the Deed of Grant to the area. Photos courtesy of Central Land Council

NT land parcels returned



THOUSANDS of square kilometres in the Northern Territory in four parcels of land, including a national park, have been handed back to

traditional owners.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon visited Alice Springs last Wednesday to mark the handbacks.

The Eastern Arrernte people were handed the deeds to the former 3784 square kilometre Loves Creek pastoral lease, which was established in 1896 as a cattle run.

The area was the scene of violent clashes between Aboriginal people and early settlers who warred over ownership. It was also the site of a ruby rush in 1887 that attracted about 150 prospectors, and a later gold find which was mined until 1903.

The traditional owners have agreed to allow an area of the tract to be reserved for public fossicking.

Central and Western Arrernte people were handed back the West MacDonnell Land Claim, comprised of 2566 square kilometres, including the West MacDonnell National Park.

It is the last of a series of NT national parks to be returned to its traditional owners.

The land will be leased to the NT Government for 99 years and will continue to be used as a national park.

It will be run under a joint management arrangement with

mainly Central and Western Arrernte traditional owners.

A further two parcels – the 2972 square kilometre Alcoota Land Claim and the 26.25 hectare Crown Hill Land Claim – were also handed back.

Alcoota is a working pastoral property, which the Federal Government says will provide employment opportunities for Alyawarr and Anmatyerre people to live and work on their country.

Minister Macklin said the handbacks were 'a step toward the future for the Arrernte, Anmatyerre, Warlpiri and Alyawarr traditional owners and their families'.

"A future which recognises the past, steeped in the history of generations and thousands of years; a future for the land, cherished by its traditional owners and respected in the laws of our nation; and a future built with respect for the traditions of our past and our people," she said.

"This is an important part of how we as a nation live and work together and how we chart our future."

Central Land Council chairman Phillip Wilyuka said land handbacks were always the happiest days for Aboriginal people.

"Now this has happened it allows people to move forward because even though they knew they were the traditional owners of their country, they felt it needed to be acknowledged by non-Aboriginal law," Mr Wilyuka said.

"It has removed a barrier for them, it has removed a sense of injustice." – AAP

'Now this has happened it allows people to move forward...'

Signs for Telstra



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander traditional owners are to be acknowledged in Telstra stores

across Australia. The company is installing signs of acknowledgment in every branded Telstra store and business centre.

The stores will also display Telstra's Acknowledgement Statement, as well as artwork created by Riki Salam, the creative director of Brisbane Indigenous design agency, Gilimbaa. The artwork was originally created for Telstra's first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in 2010.

Telstra chief customer officer Gordon Ballantyne unveiled the first of the acknowledgement signs at the newly-opened Edward Street Telstra Store in Brisbane earlier this month.

He said the company had a long and proud commitment to Indigenous Australia.

"We're proud to introduce this official acknowledgement into our stores as a small but genuine sign of our commitment to recognition and reconciliation," he said.

"Telstra's wide-reaching national presence means we are well placed to provide opportunities for Indigenous Australians and we firmly believe that by promoting diversity and



● Above: Telstra chief customer officer Gordon Ballantyne, Dr Jackie Huggins, Uncle Joe Kirk and Gilimbaa creative director Riki Salam.

● Right: The Telstra acknowledgement sign.

inclusion, we enhance the communities we live and work in.

"Through Telstra's Reconciliation Action Plan, we're focused on providing access to communications, employment opportunities, and support for education, the arts, and culture to help secure a brighter future for Indigenous Australians."

Riki Salam said Gilimbaa was

proud to be a part of the initiative and impressed by Telstra's commitment to Indigenous Australians.

"By Telstra using their Reconciliation Action Plan artwork as an acknowledgment of country it brings a greater presence and understanding of Indigenous culture to our everyday lives, which is where it belongs," he said.



Nominations now open for Aussie of Year



NOMINATIONS have now opened for next year's Australian of the Year Awards.

The National Australia Day Council is seeking candidates for the next Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero.

Any person can nominate a fellow Australian whose achievements or contributions they admire until 31 August.

Committee chair Adam Gilchrist urged people to act. "This year, we again call on the Australian community to submit nominations for the people whose achievements they find inspiring, who they identify with as an Australian and who they feel are the true heroes in their community," he said.

Since 1960, eight Aboriginal people have been named Australian of the Year – boxer Lionel Rose in 1968, tennis champ Evonne Goolagong (1971), Aboriginal leader Galarrwuy Yunupingu (jointly with Alan Bond) in 1978, former Senator Neville Bonner (jointly with Harry Butler) in 1979, long-time campaigner Lowitja O'Donoghue (1984), musician and educator Mandawuy Yunupingu (1992), Olympian Cathy Freeman (1998) and human rights campaigner Mick Dodson (2009).

For more information or to submit a nomination go to www.australianoftheyear.org.au



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Abbott backs joint job talks



OPPOSITION
Leader Tony Abbott says he is prepared to work with former ALP president Warren Mundine to develop ways of creating more Indigenous jobs.

The chief executive of Generation One, established by billionaire miner Andrew Forrest to end Indigenous disadvantage through a focus on education,

training, mentoring and employment, reportedly wants Labor and the Coalition to jointly develop an economic package.

Mr Mundine called on Attorney-General Nicola Roxon and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to convene an emergency meeting with the Coalition, *The Australian* reported on 12 July.

"We have to do that because the Greens are anti-development on Aboriginal land, which means

we will stay in poverty our entire lives," he said.

Mr Abbott said he was very happy to work with Mr Mundine, saying he had done a lot of work over the years with the Indigenous leader.

'Door open'

"My door is always open to people who want to do more for Indigenous jobs," he told reporters in Sydney, adding it had been a

'real personal passion' of his for years.

"I'm happy to work with anyone, including the (Gillard) Government."

But Mr Abbott said it was unlikely, given his experience, that he would be getting a call from the Government.

Mr Mundine said he was 'very happy' to chair any bipartisan meeting.

Australian Greens leader

Christine Milne said her party had always supported what Aboriginal people wanted in their communities, including 'a massive investment' in education and training.

The Greens had backed more money being spent on the education of Aboriginal people in their own languages, something not supported by Labor and the Coalition, she told ABC Radio. — **AAP**

Welcome for new NT park



A NATIONAL park spanning more than a million hectares of land and a marine conservation zone have formally been declared in the

Northern Territory, just weeks out from elections.

After a two-decades fight to have the Limmen National Park created, environmentalists and local Aboriginal people welcomed the decision last Tuesday.

"This day means a lot to me," said Emily Evans, 29, a woman from the Marra people who are traditional owners of some of the land at Limmen.

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson and other ministers in his Government travelled to remote Nathan River Homestead to make the announcement.

"This has been an enormous piece of work," Mr Henderson said.

As well as the one million hectare Limmen National Park, a marine park in Limmen Bight, including the culturally sensitive Maria Island, was also declared.

Mr Henderson scoffed at suggestions the decision, which comes less than six weeks out from the NT election, was made to coincide with the poll.

"This was in the too-hard basket. It has been in the too-hard basket for over 15 years," Mr Henderson said.

"These parks are now declared and now we will sit down with the TOs (traditional owners) and work out a management plan that will provide for jobs and opportunities."

Limmen is just below Arnhem Land on the Gulf of Carpentaria and

is home to waterways, beaches, threatened animal species and rock art sites.

Majestic sandstone formations known as Lost Cities are expected to be a tourist drawcard.

Limmen is now one of the largest national parks in Australia, and is about half the size of Kakadu.

Campaigner with the Australian Marine Conservation Society Jess Abrahams welcomed the new park, but said he was concerned with the concessions that had been made to the mining industry.

Limmen is thought to be home to a large iron ore deposit and other minerals.

Western Desert Resources Ltd is well progressed in its iron ore mining plans.

When the park was created, the Government excised several parts of the proposed area that was rich in iron ore from the plans.

Traditional owner Samuel Evans said many of the local Aboriginal people were still concerned some sacred sites could be damaged by roads built by mining companies.

"It might change the land altogether," said Mr Evans, who was at Nathan River.

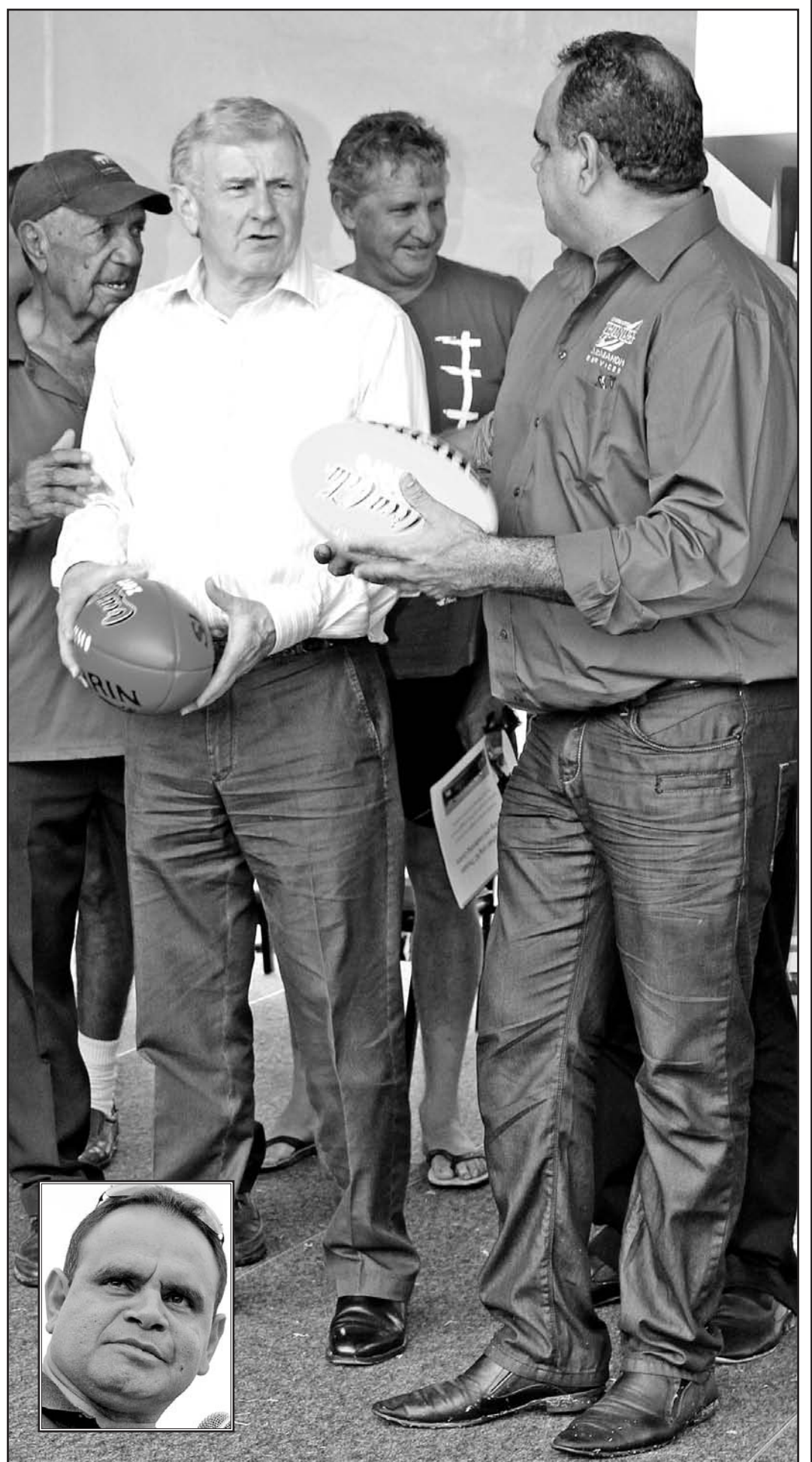
But NT Environment Minister Karl Hampton pledged that no sacred sites would be harmed.

"It (Limmen) has been one of the sleeping giants of the Northern Territory in terms of economic and environmental issues," Mr Hampton said.

"That sleeping giant is well awake, and we have got a world class national park, a marine park as well," he said. — **AAP**



PAUL HENDERSON



Long academy for Darwin



Federal Regional Australia Minister Simon Crean, left, chats with AFL legend Michael Long (also inset) at the announcement of the new \$15 million Michael Long Indigenous Football Academy in Darwin on 12 July. 1000 girls and 1000 boys from remote areas are expected to attend the academy each year. See Page 89 for full details. **AAP Image**

Violence major link to homelessness



DOMESTIC violence remains the most common reason for people accessing specialist homelessness services across Australia, according to a new report released by the Federal Government's Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

The report revealed that from October to December 2011, 25 per cent of the 98,742 clients who accessed specialist homelessness services identified

domestic and family violence as the main reason for seeking support, and a further six per cent as one of the reasons for seeking assistance.

About 16,000 of the people surveyed identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, representing 21.5 per cent of clients.

Interim executive officer for the NSW Women's Refuge Movement Tracy Howe said the report confirmed the big influence domestic violence had on young people and children's risk of becoming homeless.

Between October and December 2011, specialist homelessness services supported 30,166 children and young people under the age of 18. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare reports for this quarter and the September quarter reveal that domestic and family violence is the most common main reason for children and the third most commonly identified main reason for young people presenting alone to homelessness services.

"The NSW Women's Refuge

Movement is acutely aware of the impact that domestic violence and homelessness can have on children and young people with women and children's refugees developing a diverse range of programs to support children and young people accessing their services," Ms Howe said.

"To break the cycle of homelessness, the NSW Women's Refuge Movement continues to build upon this work and advocate for increased co-ordination between homelessness and domestic and family violence service systems."

Our best in the running for Deadlys



THIS year's Deadly Awards finalists feature a host of Indigenous

Australia's best and brightest.

Readers can now vote until 9 September in 26 award categories (see right) across music, sport, the arts and the community, with the winners named during the Deadlys at the Sydney Opera House on 25 September.

There are also three non-voting award categories in the Deadlys Hall of Fame, with new honours the Marcia Langton Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership, and Lifetime Contribution to the Stolen Generations.

This year's finalists were announced at the official launch of the 2012 Deadlys at SBS headquarters in Sydney on Monday, in a celebration that marked 10 years of collaboration between the Deadlys and broadcast partner SBS.

"The Deadlys are all about celebrating the huge contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to our nation and shining a light once year on all the good news," actor Luke Carroll told the audience.

"It's an opportunity to applaud excellence in all areas of our community whether that's in the vital, hands-on work of making sure our kids get the best education possible and lead a healthy life or in the glamorous world of major motion pictures and Olympic gold medals.

"We are particularly proud of the role the Deadlys plays in showcasing new and deadly Aboriginal talent in the Australian music scene."

Indigenous London Olympians are finalists, including discus thrower



Performing at last year's annual Deadly Awards at Sydney Opera House are members of Descendance – Ses Bero (front, centre) with Albert David behind him.

Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

Benn Harradine, boxer Damien Duncan Hooper and basketball star Patrick Mills.

Finalists in the music category include Troy Cassar-Daley, Jess Mauboy, Warren H Williams, Christine Anu, Gurrumul and Casey Donovan. Up and coming talent such as R&B six piece band B2M from the Tiwi Islands, Melbourne-based hip hop duo Yung Warriors and jazz/Indie pop artist Jess Beck are also in the running.

Most Promising

And Tasmanian singer/songwriter Dewayne Everettsmith is a finalist in the Most Promising New Talent in Music category.

In the Film of the Year category, the ABC's *Mabo* is up for a Deadly, as is the documentary retracing the historic the Australian Freedom Ride 40 years ago and another ABC film, *The Tall Man*, which takes a look at deaths in custody.

Queensland State of Origin great Johnathan Thurston, Greg Inglis, Greg Bird, Ben Barba and Sam Thaiday are up for rugby league honours, while Lewis Jetta, Lance 'Buddy' Franklin,

Eddie Betts, Paddy Ryder and Cyrol Rioli are AFL finalists.

Health, education and employment awards also feature finalists who are doing great work for the people and communities.

New awards include Cultural Advancement and Outstanding Contribution to the Stolen Generations.

"The Deadlys recognises on a national stage the incredible, indomitable, creative force and talent of our people – that we can be, and are, role models to all Australians," founder and executive producer Gavin Jones said.

"The Deadlys is above all else a positive, sustainable and very real event, and for part of the year we get to celebrate the achievement and contribution of Indigenous people to their people and communities, and to Australia."

To vote (it closes on 9 September), head to www.vibe.com.au or fill in the voting form in the August edition of *Deadly Vibe* magazine. A voting card will also be distributed in rural and remote areas.

The finalists

Sport

Most Promising New Talent in

Sport: Damien Duncan Hooper (Boxing) - Qld; Clay Waterman (Boxing) - Qld; Paige James (Rhythmic Gymnastics) - WA; Jermaine Miller-Lewis (AFL) - WA; James Brown (Soccer) - NSW.

Male Sports person of the Year: Daniel Geale (Boxing) - TAS; Benn Harradine (Discus) - NSW; Kurtley Beale (Rugby Union) - NSW; Patrick Mills (Basketball) - ACT; Des Abbott (Hockey) - NT.

Female Sports person of the Year: Bo de la Cruz (Rugby) - NT; Stacey Porter (Softball) - NSW; Meghan Rutledge (Motocross) - NSW; Ashleigh Barty (Tennis) - Qld; Kyah Simon (Soccer) - NSW.

Outstanding Achievement in AFL: Lewis Jetta (Sydney) - WA; Lance Franklin (Hawthorn) - WA; Eddie Betts (Carlton) - WA; Paddy Ryder (Essendon) - WA; Cyrol Rioli (Hawthorn) - NT.

Outstanding Achievement in NRL: Johnathan Thurston (North Queensland) - Qld; Ben Barba (Canterbury) - NT; Greg Inglis (South Sydney) - NSW; Sam Thaiday (Brisbane) - Qld; Greg Bird (Gold Coast) - NSW.

Arts

Male Actor of the Year: Aaron Fa'aoso (*The Straits*) - Qld; Jimi Bani (*Mabo*) - WA; Meyne Wyatt (*Buried City*) - WA; Charles Passi (*Mabo*) - Torres Strait; Leon Burchill (*The Krakouer*) - Qld

Female Actor of the Year: Christine Anu (*Outland*) - Qld; Rarriwuy Hick (*Bloodlands*) - NSW; Sandy Greenwood (*Killer Elite*) - NSW; Deborah Mailman (*Mabo*) - Qld; Ursula Yovich (*Bloodlands*) - NT.

Dancer of the Year: Tamara Pearson - Qld; Darren Compton - NSW; Janet Munyarryun - NT; Ghenoa Gela - Qld; Daniel Riley McKinley - NSW.

Visual Artist of the Year: Vernon Ah Kee - Qld; Merv Bishop - NSW; Richard Bell - Qld; Brook Andrew - NSW; Brenda Croft - WA.

Film of the Year: *Mabo*; *Freedom Rides 40 Years On*; *The Tall Man*.

Television Show of the

Year: *Move It Mob Style* (NITV); *Living Black* (SBS); *Barefoot Sports* (NITV); *Yamba's Playtime* (Imparja); *The Straits* (ABC).

Outstanding Achievement in Literature: Ali Cobby Eckermann (*Ruby Moonlight*) - SA; Dub Leffler (*Once There Was A Boy*) - NSW; Chaise Eade (*Second Life*); Sue McPherson (*Grace Beside Me*) - NSW; Professor John Maynard (*The Aboriginal Soccer Tribe*) - NSW.

Music

Most Promising New Talent in Music: Thelma Plum - Qld; Marcus Corowa - Torres Strait; Caper - SA; Dewayne Everettsmith - Tas; Jacinta Price - NT.

Male Artist of the Year: Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu - NT; Frank Yamma - NT; Troy Cassar-Daley - NSW; John Bennett - WA; Dave Arden - Vic.

Female Artist of the Year: Jessica Mauboy - NT; Jess Beck - NSW; Christine Anu - Torres Strait; Casey Donovan - NSW; Emma Donovan - NSW.

Hip Hop Artist of the Year: Briggs - Vic; Yung Warriors - Vic; Sky' High (Skhai Gerrey) - NSW; Knowledge Bones - WA; Maupower - Torres Strait.

Single of the Year: Yabu Band (*Petrol, Paint and Glue*) - WA; Troy Cassar-Daley (*Country Is*) - NSW; Yung Warriors (*Standing Strong*) - Vic; Busby Marou (*I Still Don't Believe*) - Qld; Jessica Mauboy (*Galaxy*) - NT.

Album of the Year: Christine Anu (*Rewind*) - Qld; Troy Cassar-Daley (*Home*) - NSW; The Medics (*Foundations*) - Qld; The Last Kinection (*Next of Kin*) - NSW; Warren H Williams (*Urna Marra*) - NT.

Band of the Year: B2M - Tiwi Islands; Yabu Band - WA; The Medics - Qld; Zennith Boyz - Qld; The Last Kinection - NSW

Community

Aboriginal Health Worker of the Year: Craig Bloxsome - Tas; Brian Doyle - NSW; Karoline Traill - Tas; John Corowa - Qld; Dale Wright-Dennis - NSW.

Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Health: Gandangara

Health Services Ltd - NSW; Aboriginal Oral Health Clinic - NSW; Itha Mari Health and Healing Group - NSW; Boodjarra Yorgas Family Care Program - WA; Yamba's Roadshow - NT.

Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Education: Link Up Qld Aboriginal Corporation and Associate Professor Norman Sheehan - SA; Mumgu-Dhal Tyama-Tiyt Program - Vic; University of Melbourne - Big Dreaming, No Shame - Vic; Napranum Parents and Learning Group (PAL) - Qld; Australian Electoral Commission (AEC).

Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Employment: Aboriginal Employment Strategy - NSW; Gavin Lester - Boomerang Constructions - NSW; Trainees in the SWSLHD Aboriginal Traineeship Program - NSW; Warrigal Employment - NSW; Ronnie Bosuen - WA.

Broadcaster of the Year: Kevin Ebsworth, Top End Aboriginal Broadcasting Association - NT; Brooke Boney, Koori Radio - NSW; Indigenous Hours, Evelyn Lowah Cairns FM - Qld; NITV News, Natalie Ahmat - NSW; Damien Hampton, Umeewarra Media - SA.

Outstanding Achievement in Cultural Advancement: Phil Ah Wang - Torres Strait Islands; The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence - NSW; Tjanpi Desert Weavers - NPY Women's Council - NT; Shaun Edwards - Qld; Djon Mundine - NSW.

Outstanding Contribution to the Stolen Generations: Christine Jacques-Doolan - SA; *Stolen* - Link Up Queensland and Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) - Qld; Heather Kemarre Shearer - NT/SA; AbSec - NSW; Joanne Taylor - Vic.

Hall of Fame

- Lifetime Contribution to the Stolen Generations
- Marcia Langton Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership
- The Ella Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sport
- The Jimmy Little Award for Lifetime Achievement to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Music.

Governor-General in visit



THE Governor-General, Her Excellency Quentin Bryce, paid a visit to Brisbane Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander counselling service Gallang Place on 13 July. The service supports the emotional and social well-being of clients in the greater Brisbane area. It takes its name from a Jagera word for 'healing' and has Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda as its patron. Ms Bryce was briefed on the service's projects before meeting members of the Gallang Place board, counsellors and clients over afternoon tea. Ms Bryce is pictured with Gallang Place office manager Karly Phillips, left, and CEO Noeleen Lopes. Photo by NAOMI MORAN

Feud erupts again at Yuendumu



A VIOLENT feud in the troubled outback centre of Yuendumu flared again last week, with police confronting up to 80 people armed with weapons including axes, nulla nullas and spears.

About 50 people from Yuendumu's south camp, who were outside the town's general store, began threatening about 15 people inside early on Saturday, 14 July, police said.

The four officers who work in the town went to the scene and were able to calm the situation.

But five hours later it was reported that scores of people from south camp were heading towards the rival west camp.

Tensions have been high in the town since a local man died in September 2010 during a fight, with some blaming a denial of traditional Aboriginal justice for the ongoing feud.

In the recent incident, the group allegedly zeroed in on a west camp home and a person inside suffered minor cuts and bruises.

Police said that when they arrived they were confronted by up to 80 people armed with axes, nulla nullas, steel pipes, spears, star pickets, steel wheel braces and axles and rocks.

No officer was injured, although one was allegedly confronted by a man with a tomahawk who backed down after capsicum spray was used.

A group from west camp attempted to flee in a small bus but were attacked and forced to run from the vehicle and take shelter in bushland, police said.

The bus was then allegedly used to ram a structure belonging to west camp, and was later found engulfed in flames near the entrance of south camp.

Eight reinforcements from nearby communities came to the aid of local police the following day, when arrests were made over the incident.

Ten people were arrested, with three women and a 17-year-old boy charged with various offences, and six other alleged offenders still in police custody last week. — AAP

Youth MPs' victory



FOUR members of the Victorian Indigenous Youth Parliament team have celebrated

the passing of their bill 'Increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Parliamentary Representation'.

For three days 120 Victorians aged 16-25 – including the Indigenous team of Senada Aldobasic, John Nagyvian, Mason Peter and Warrick Clinch – took over the chambers of Parliament House in Spring Street, Melbourne.

"This is an important issue for all Indigenous people," said Ms Aldobasic, a 19-year-old Gunditjmara woman.

"As Indigenous people, our voice has been put in a box, this is an important initiative to get our voices heard."

"The main points in the United Nations' declarations of Indigenous rights agree with our bill, and encompasses a lot of what we were saying."

"When I first started speaking I was pretty nervous, but I was confident of support and all our Indigenous team members spoke really well."

The bill was passed by a majority, given the assent of the Youth Governor, handed to Youth Affairs Minister Ryan Smith, who will pass it to the relevant



Victorian Indigenous Youth Parliament team member Warrick Clinch speaks about increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parliamentary representation and, inset, fellow MP Senada Aldobasic.

government ministers for consideration.

Mr Clinch, a 23-year old Yamatji man who has recently

moved to Melbourne, said the Youth Parliament was a great way to engage young Indigenous people in the democratic process.

"We can get Indigenous youth into positions, start showing that young Indigenous people can be involved in parliament and local

government, and show that we can be role models for future generations," he said.

Mr Clinch and Ms Aldobasic also spoke passionately on a debate about the Northern Territory Intervention.

"It's an absolute travesty," Mr Clinch said.

"It might have been a great idea in principle, but the way they went about it was completely wrong, and the fact that so many rights and privileges have been taken away in such a way is detrimental to the Northern Territory and an absolute disgrace."

Since the program began, more than 25 bills that have passed the Youth Parliament have gone on to become Victorian legislation, including drug testing for drivers, over-the-counter availability of the morning-after pill and replacing glass with plastic in nightclubs notorious for glass-related violence.

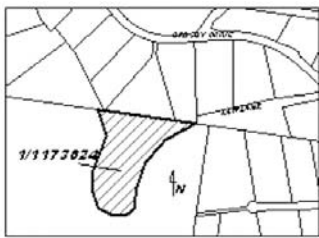
Delivered by YMCA Victoria in conjunction with the State Office for Youth, the nine-day residential program included three days of debate in the Parliamentary Chambers in Spring Street, Melbourne, as well as an official reception at Government House hosted by Governor Alex Chernov and his wife Elizabeth.

Proposed Acquisition Notice Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991

(Reference: E00.4856.W)

The Eurobodalla Shire Council proposes to acquire by compulsory process lands described as follows:

Lot 1 DP 1173024 Parish Bateman
County, St Vincent



The lands are to be acquired for water treatment plant purposes as provided by the *Local Government Act 1993* and acquisition will take place by notification in the NSW Government Gazette which will be published after a period of 90 days from the date of this Notice.

Any person claiming an interest in the land to be acquired in terms of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* may obtain a compensation form and further information by contacting Joanne Marbrow at Eurobodalla Shire Council, PO Box 99, Moruya NSW 2537, telephone (02) 4474 1330.

Community Crime Prevention

Your Community, Your Say

Community Crime Prevention Grants

Applications Open

Community Safety Fund Grants

Local community groups and Victorian councils are invited to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to support local crime prevention initiatives.

Applications close 5:00 pm 31 August 2012

Graffiti Prevention & Removal Grants

Victorian councils only are invited to apply for grants of up to \$25,000 to deliver local graffiti projects in partnership with community stakeholders (including community and sporting groups, schools, small retailers, etc).

Applications close 5:00 pm 14 September 2012

How do I find out more?

Program information, Grant Application Guidelines and links to the application forms for both grants can be found at:

[justice.vic.gov.au/
communitycrimeprevention](http://justice.vic.gov.au/communitycrimeprevention)



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Legal Aid NEW SOUTH WALES

COMMUNITY MEMBER Legal Aid Review Committee

Applications are invited from persons interested in serving as a community member on a Legal Aid Review Committee. Applicants should be persons who are not legal practitioners but who have an appreciation of the problems of the economically and socially disadvantaged and a capacity to absorb and understand legal material and policy issues.

Applicants for legal aid may appeal to a Legal Aid Review Committee appointed under the *Legal Aid Commission Act 1979* NSW against adverse determinations made by Legal Aid NSW officers.

Each of the six Committees consists of a Chairperson, a community member (who is not a legal practitioner) and a joint nominee from the Law Society of NSW and the NSW Bar Association. There is an alternate for each member.

There are current vacancies for members on the Committee. An eligibility list will be created to fill future Committee vacancies.

This is a non-remunerative position.

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply for these roles.

Enquiries: Sally McAtee (02) 9219 5034

Applications in writing are invited and should be addressed to Sally McAtee, Legal Aid NSW, PO Box K847, Haymarket 1238 or via email to sally.mcatee@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 13 August 2012

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Aunty Josie Agius (centre, with certificate) and the Life Without Barriers team, from left, Vickey Charles, Talera Gollan-Davey, Malcolm Gollan, Bob Ferris, Kerrie Clark, Sharon Gollan, Kylie Gwynne, Cindy Turner and Ted Budas.

Kaurna Elder is honoured



SOUTH Australian Aboriginal woman Aunty Josie Agius has been honoured by one of Australia's largest not-for-profit organisations, Life Without Barriers.

The organisation has paid tribute to the Kaurna Elder by naming the main meeting room in its South Australian head office in her honour.

LWB SA director Jane Longbottom said Aunty Josie had worked tirelessly for Aboriginal people and communities.

"Over the past five years, her friendship and support has been

invaluable," Ms Longbottom said.

She said LWB's collaboration with Aunty Josie demonstrated reconciliation in action, and the organisation appreciated her support.

"Aunty Josie has been involved in milestones including the national launch of our Reconciliation Action Plan in 2009 and has generously participated in official welcomes at events through her Acknowledgement of Country at many functions over the years," she said.

"She is a committed supporter of Life Without Barriers' values and our commitment to achieving the goals of our Reconciliation Action Plan and by

contributing her views to the stakeholder feedback component of our quality accreditation review."

The Aunty Josie Yarnin Room features a photo of Aunty Josie, together with the Acknowledgement of Kaurna Country inscribed on a plaque below.

Life Without Barriers began in 1995 and now supports more than 5000 people with high and complex needs in Australia and New Zealand.

Last year it celebrated its tenth anniversary of providing services in SA. Eighteen per cent of the people Life Without Barriers supports in that state are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

New Lifeline program to help Indigenous people



IT'S helped many Australians confront and overcome one of society's

greatest scourges through its Domestic Violence Alert (DV-alert) project.

And now crisis support provider Lifeline has unveiled a program designed specifically to help Indigenous people.

Its Indigenous DV-alert program was officially launched earlier this month in the Kimberley centre of Broome.

On hand were a host of locals and dignitaries, including Federal MP Melissa Parke who pledged continued Government support to target and stop domestic violence.

Lifeline says DV-alert is the only nationally accredited training program that provides skills to recognise, respond and refer cases of domestic violence.

Lifeline implements training across Australia, with the



DV-alert Indigenous program lead trainer Benny Hodges and Indigenous DV-alert reference group member Melissa Martin, right, thank Federal Member for Fremantle Melissa Parke for her speech.

funding and support of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FAHCSIA). The training programs are implemented through face-to-face workshops and online e-learning courses targeting health, allied health and other support and community workers.

Acting CEO Alan Woodward said the Indigenous program was an important

stage in the development of DV-alert.

"One in three Australian women will experience domestic violence at some point in their lives, while Indigenous women are 35 times more likely to be hospitalised due to domestic violence related assaults," he said.

"This new program will target these worrying statistics and we look forward to beginning our training program

with the first workshop participants.

"In the short period of time that Lifeline has been running the DV-alert workshops we have made significant inroads into training people to recognise, respond and refer cases of domestic violence."

Ms Parke, who represented Minister for the Status of Women Julie Collins at the launch event, underscored the importance of DV-alert.

"All forms of violence are unacceptable – against any person, at any time, in any community. And it is everyone's responsibility to reject, prevent and work against violence," she said.

"Supporting and developing health and allied health workers means we are ultimately improving services for those women who suffer the terrible effects of domestic or family violence."

The first DV-alert Indigenous workshop has already been held in Broome, with a further nine planned across Australia this year.



AARON PEDERSEN



ABORIGINAL television and film actor Aaron Pedersen has been named patron for the International Day of People with Disability and the National Disability Awards for 2012.

The awards are part of the Federal Government's celebration of International Day of People with Disability, marked on

3 December each year. Disability Reform Minister Jenny Macklin and the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers Jan McLucas congratulated Mr Pedersen, who they said was well suited to the role, having taken care of his younger brother Vinnie, who has cerebral palsy and a mild intellectual disability.

Pedersen showcased his experiences and the relationship he

has with his brother in the documentary *My Brother Vinnie*.

"Aaron has a wealth of knowledge on what it's like to be a full-time carer. In his 20s, Aaron became his brother's carer for a number years," Ms Macklin said.

"We know everyone has a story to tell, we just have to be ready to listen. It not only gives us an insight into the experiences and challenges people face, but it also gives us a

better understanding of the kind of support and care people with disability need and deserve.

"Aaron is a fantastic advocate for people with disability, their families and carers."

The National Disability Awards recognise organisations and individuals who make positive contributions to the lives of people with disability. This year's recipients will be announced on 28 November.

Ads to target FASD



A CAMPAIGN aimed at tackling Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in the Kimberley and Pilbara regions of Western Australia has been launched.

In a series of television and radio commercials produced by Goolari Media, the faces and voices of 16 women from those regions have been used to deliver the message that there is no safe level of alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

Goolari Media chief executive Jodie Bell said the prevalence of FASD in the region was extremely alarming.

"We know that FASD has a devastating effect, not only on the individual but on their families and their community," she said.

"There is no cure for FASD. I am confident that our media campaign can be effective both in helping to prevent FASD, and also in helping those in our communities so badly affected by FASD."

As part of the campaign, the advertisements will be aired in the immediate Broome area and throughout regional and remote communities in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions. They'll also be distributed on DVD to regional health professionals.

Deliberate strategy

Ms Bell said using the faces of the 16 women, speaking to women, was a very considered and deliberate strategy.

The project has been funded with a grant of \$19,720 from the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE); one of 17 grants awarded to community organisations throughout Australia as part of the 2011 Community Education and Engagement Grant Funding Round.

FARE chief executive Michael Thorn said Goolari Media was tackling an extremely grave problem and one that, up to now, hadn't been covered by Indigenous media in the region.

"FASD is a devastating condition, but it is preventable," he said.

"To do so we need to be communicating a range of targeted messages such as 'there is no safe level of alcohol consumption during pregnancy', in a culturally sensitive and effective manner.

"I am extremely happy to have this opportunity to assist Goolari Media with this exciting project."

With the Commonwealth FASD Inquiry currently under way in WA, Mr Thorn said the Goolari project was a great example of an effective targeted public education campaign.

He urged the FASD Committee to recommend to Government that a national education campaign form part of a comprehensive FASD prevention plan.

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In 2006, Aboriginal artists, elders and youths travelled the Yiwarra Kuju, also known as The Canning Stock Route, to finally tell their people's story. And tell it they did.

The resulting collection of art, film, dance and personal testimonies inspired WA audiences when the exhibition opened its doors in 2011. But the legacy continues.

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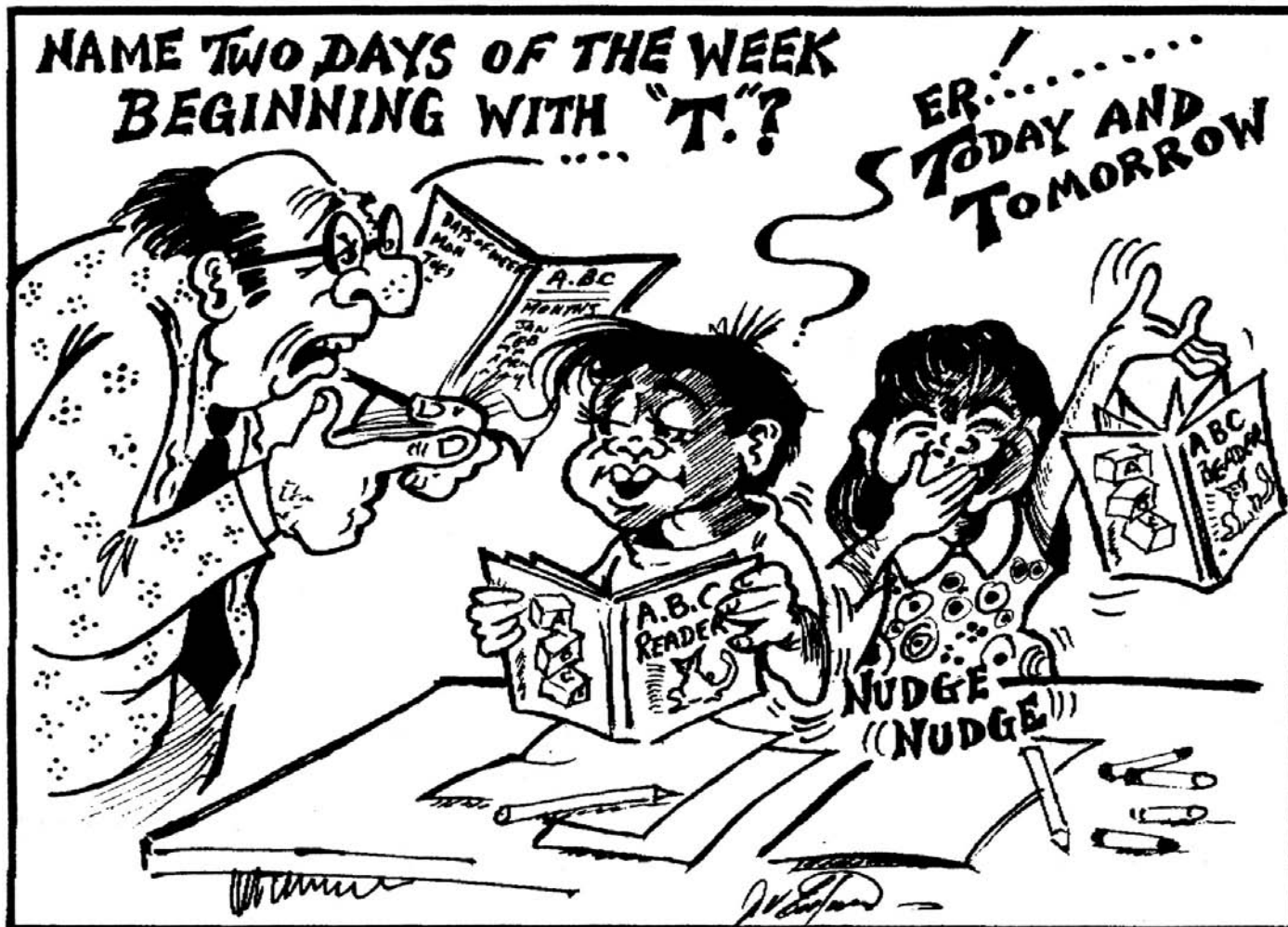
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A Yarn With...



Nunami Sculthorpe-Green

Student living in Hobart (palawa/Warlpiri)

Favourite bush tucker?
Mutton birds.

Favourite other food?
Chocolate anything.

Favourite drink?
Coke.

Favourite music?
Hip-hop.

Favourite sport?
Watching boxing.

What are you reading?
My uni books. I'm studying Arts/Law, majoring in history.

What are you watching?
I just watched the *Our Generation* movie.

Favourite holiday destination?
Japan.

What do you like in life?
Spending time with my family and friends.

What do you dislike?
Spiders and bananas.

Who would you like to meet?
Kevin Gilbert.

Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Hip-hop artist André 3000 from Outkast, Nelson Mandela and Fanny Cochrane Smith.

If you could change anything to improve life for Aboriginal people, what would it be?
Form a sovereign Aboriginal government and system independent from the white system.

Quote



'We can be, and are, role models to all Australians'

– Founder and executive producer of the annual *Deadly Awards* Gavin Jones

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Unquote

Hearing all our women's voices

THE Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara Women's Council's campaign to see income management introduced – albeit voluntarily – into their communities adds an interesting perspective to the quagmire that was the NT Intervention and remains Stronger Futures.

Despite the Federal Government's protestations that the measure has wide support amongst remote Aboriginal women and is panning out nicely in early trial sites elsewhere, it has been difficult to find any evidence of that.

This newspaper has tried to do so on numerous occasions – including by asking Minister Jenny Macklin's office if it might broker conversations with the oft-invoked staunch but silent supporters of the Intervention on a sincere promise of anonymity – to no avail.

However, we accept that there are other barriers – language, for one – that might have discouraged this.

Still, it must be remembered that some of the most publicly vocal opponents of income management have been women, including some who are themselves being income managed.

It must also be remembered that most opponents of income management see its voluntary application as a much lesser evil than the compulsory kind. This is why there's been considerably less strident opposition to the version being trialled in some Cape York communities, drawing as it does upon community input in exceptional circumstances where income management might be deemed to be



necessary. Indeed, as the Women's Council's acting co-ordinator Lisa Balmer points out, anyone with a bank account could ask their bank to help them do what voluntary income management actually does.

The Government has argued that voluntary income management is less attractive in some Aboriginal communities, because women especially could be stood over to 'un-volunteer'.

However, we're inclined to agree with the Women's Council view that someone looking unsuccessfully for a quick fix of money for grog, gunja or gambling might be more likely to move on to another target than insist in the cold light of day that their spouse or some other family member opt out of an administrative arrangement being overseen by the likes of Centrelink.

Whatever the case, all voices should be heard in such contentious matters.

On the separate matter of the Queensland Liberal National Party's push to scrap ABSTUDY, it was heartening to see some understandably grumpy old beasts at the federal level bat down the young cubs at the first opportunity.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

By MICHELLE WHITE

GENERATIONS of people seeking fame and fortune have travelled a well-worn path to Western Australia's Goldfields along the Great Eastern Highway. Little do they know they've long been passing a living treasure.

Two hours east of Perth, in a small fibro house in the town of Kellerberrin lives Noongar elder Hazel Winmar.

A fluent speaker of Noongar, a woman rich in traditional knowledge, she is believed to be one of the oldest Noongars in the Wheatbelt and the oldest surviving member of the Bennell clan.

On 30 June this year, nearly 300 people – most of them from the five generations of her family – packed in to the Kelleberrin Town Hall to celebrate her birthday. They came from far and wide because they knew it would be the last big party she would have.

Her immediate family said it was her 96th birthday, but other family members believe she could be as old as 103. She has no birth certificate and there are no official papers stating her age.

Nana Hazel was born Hazel Humphries. Her family was travelling from Kokerbin to Brookton by horse and cart when her mother went in to labour. She was born alongside the railway tracks, just outside Brookton. She was one of 15 children born to her parents.

Hazel has spent all but five years of her life in and around Kellerberrin. She married Harry Winmar and went on to have 15 children herself. Two of them were born on Badjaling Mission near Quairading and Djurriny Mission near Kelleberrin. Only four of her children are still alive today. Some died at birth, others later in life. It's not a topic she wants to discuss as it still clearly pains her.

Although she has spent all of her life in her beloved Wheatbelt, she's had a few notable trips out of town.

She's travelled to South Australia to attend Christian conventions where she wowed them with her accordian playing skills.

She also had a small part in a movie called *Blackfellas*. She played the accordian in that too.

'I like it'

But it's Hazel Winmar's love of the colour purple that is legendary. It has earned her the illustrious nickname of Nana Purple. She has worn that colour every day for as long as people can remember. When asked why she's so devoted to the colour, she simply says 'I like it'.

She is also something of a local enigma for her love of walking around town with a pram. As she got older and unsteady on her feet, she opted for a pram instead of the walkers favoured by most elderly.

For at least 20 years she has been getting around town with a baby pram.

Her daughter Charlotte

Hazel Winmar is affectionately known as Nana Purple.



The Amazing Nana Purple

said she had heard tales of how other Noongars travelling on the Perth-Kalgoorlie train, The Prospector, would always look out the window at Kelleberrin to see if they could spot the old Noongar lady in purple pushing a pram.

About five years ago, Hazel pushed her pram into the local second-hand shop and found a life-like baby doll. She bought it, christened it John and it has been her constant companion ever since. A couple of years ago Charlotte found a black baby doll. Hazel was delighted! She called this doll Marlene and popped it into the pram next to John. She calls them her babies. She takes them everywhere with her, they're kept in her room and her family has even found her curled up in bed with them.

The day of this interview, Hazel's daughters Charlotte and Carol and Marlene show me the dolls. Hazel interrupts and says they can only lend

them to show me. Hazel wants to make sure she's going to get them back.

Her daughters believe the attachment to the dolls is part of her grief at having lost so many of her babies.

Hazel Winmar has always been strong, active and independent. It was only last year that her family was forced to take the pram off her to stop her going off on walks by herself. They didn't want to take her independence away, but they had to for her own safety.

Travelled

You see last year she had travelled across to the other side of town and had a bad fall. She ended up in hospital.

She also had a couple of close calls on the main east-west transport road that runs through Kellerberrin. Ben, her faithful dog has saved her life more than once. One time a local nurse saw Hazel about to step on to the main road in front of a speeding road train. Ben tugged at her

purple jacket and pulled her back to safety.

Another time locals saw Ben throw himself in front of the wheels of Nana Hazel's pram to stop her stepping out on to the railway tracks in front of a train.

So the family reluctantly took the pram away and replaced it with a wheelchair. Now they take her on walks around town. She likes to go looking for family.

When I caught up with Hazel for this article she was in really good spirits.

Her daughters urged her to show me one of her favourite tricks.

Hazel tells me she's going to do the ABC. She recites it easily enough and then says 'Now, backwards'. And, sure enough, she recites the entire alphabet backwards and then as if to prove it's not a fluke, she does it forwards and backwards again. She has a hearty laugh and then tells me: "And I didn't go to school. Not one day!"

Charlotte and Carol say their mum taught herself to

read enough to be able to scan the newspaper, and she was proud that she could write her name.

Her greatest gift, though, is her storytelling and her sharing of cultural knowledge.

In the late 1980s Hazel and her brother Cliff Humphries worked together on a book to record Noongar language. There were concerns at the time that the language was going to die out so they recorded all their knowledge for future generations.

Hazel's children said they had all grown up hearing and speaking Noongar and were proud of their mother's traditional knowledge. Everywhere they would go, she would tell them the Noongar names and stories. She would tell them about corroborees, special places, bush skills. They say her cultural knowledge is immense.

One story is so special, I ask her family if they're sure they want to share it.

They say it's important to tell because they believe it helps explain why Nana Purple has always been so resilient. When Hazel was a small child – she thinks about ten or 11 – she suffered a bout of double pneumonia. She was very sick, in danger of dying, but because she was on the reserve, there was no chance of going to hospital or getting a doctor.

But her grandfather was a special man. He had powers, including the power to heal.

Hazel has told her children and grandchildren this story many times.

Knowing how sick she was and that she could die, her grandfather placed a large green frog on her chest. He then began to rub the frog. He kept rubbing and singing until it disappeared right inside of her. Hazel said she was scared, but after it had gone, she could hear a loud ticking, like a clock had been placed in her chest.

Her infection cleared and she has lived a healthy life ever since. Even at her age, she still takes no medication. Hazel and her family believe it's because of the frog.

Character

Hazel Winmar, or Nana Purple, is one of those characters you meet who makes a big impression on you. She is well known and highly regarded across Noongar country.

Her daughters say they regret that she has never received the same recognition as some other Elders, but you get a sense that Hazel is not worried about being up front, she seems happier back in the crowd with her family.

Like many of her generation, she did it tough. She was only one month into her pregnancy with her youngest daughter Marlene when her husband passed away, leaving her to raise her six surviving children by herself. The family made do with rations from native welfare and lived off the land.

Hazel was an expert kangaroo skinner and she would use rocks to scrape down the pelts and make blankets for her babies. She taught her children all about the bush, native foods, creating fire and building mia-mias (traditional shelters).

While her daughters are reminiscing about her cultural knowledge, Hazel starts to sing a Noongar song. Charlotte and Carol stop: "We've never heard this one before," they say excitedly.

I grab my phone and record it. Not the best oral history recording ever collected, but at least recorded. We ask Hazel what it was about and she says it was a song about going out to camp.

"That was very special," says Charlotte.

"Yes," I agree. "It was."

I feel privileged to have been able to spend a small amount of time with Nana Hazel. I learnt so much.

Whether she has just celebrated her 96th or 103rd birthday doesn't really matter.

What does matter is that she is still here. A real living treasure.

Too much grog is a turn-off

LAST week I went to the Western Sydney NAIDOC dinner dance at Blacktown. It was the last of my 2012 NAIDOC adventures so I was ready to give it one last hurrah.

I went along to spend some time with my mob who live out in the Wild West and it sure proved to be a wild night!

There was a welcome to country that went on for ages, some best dressed awards, a photo booth where I smiled up big time, and a roaring band. My favourite thing was a deadly slab of a cake commemorating the 40 years of the Tent Embassy.

This was all lovely and that, but the one thing I was keeping my eye out for was all the pretty ones!

So there I was sitting looking pretty, yarning up to my aunty, when this very cute one passed by my table. I did the scan: Smart suit, no obvious partner hanging off them, looking confident, breathing. I gave them the eye, they gave me the eye back and I was getting all tingly at the thought of weddings and babies.

No good. Next minute I noticed this one had a bottle of wine in one hand and a schooner of beer in the other. I thought they were walking back to their table from the bar until

next minute, they took the biggest swig out of the bottle. I thought they were thirsty then they had a big sippy sip on their beer!

Now I'm not a member of Alcoholics Anonymous or anything, and I don't hate people who have a drink, but damn! That's just nasty and shameful I reckon.

I mean, it's just plain trashy sipping out of a wine bottle while dressed up in a suit and at a flash event in front of a crowd which included Elders, family, friends and blackfullas from all over the place. Not to mention doing it in front of lovelies like me.

I don't find drinking to excess sexy at all. If you can't control yourself in public to be happy with one drink at a time, what else can't you control?

And imagine if we did get married. I'd probably have to share the wedding table with a keg of beer and a magnum of wine – and I bet they'd be sitting between us. Plus I'm sure chugging down all that grog isn't too good for baby making.

Needless to say, I didn't give that one my phone number or the sexy eye again.

I sat back and had a great night, just like everyone else there. Can't wait until next NAIDOC!



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Answers to our Edition 530 Crossword. How did you go?

ACROSS	DOWN
10. Goodes	1. Broun
3. Bashir	2. Mark
5. Cricket	3. Billabong
6. Uluru	4. Redfern
7. APY	8. Tinto
8. Thurston	11. Darwin
9. Snowdon	

Our brain-teasers

Edition 531 Koori Mail Word Search

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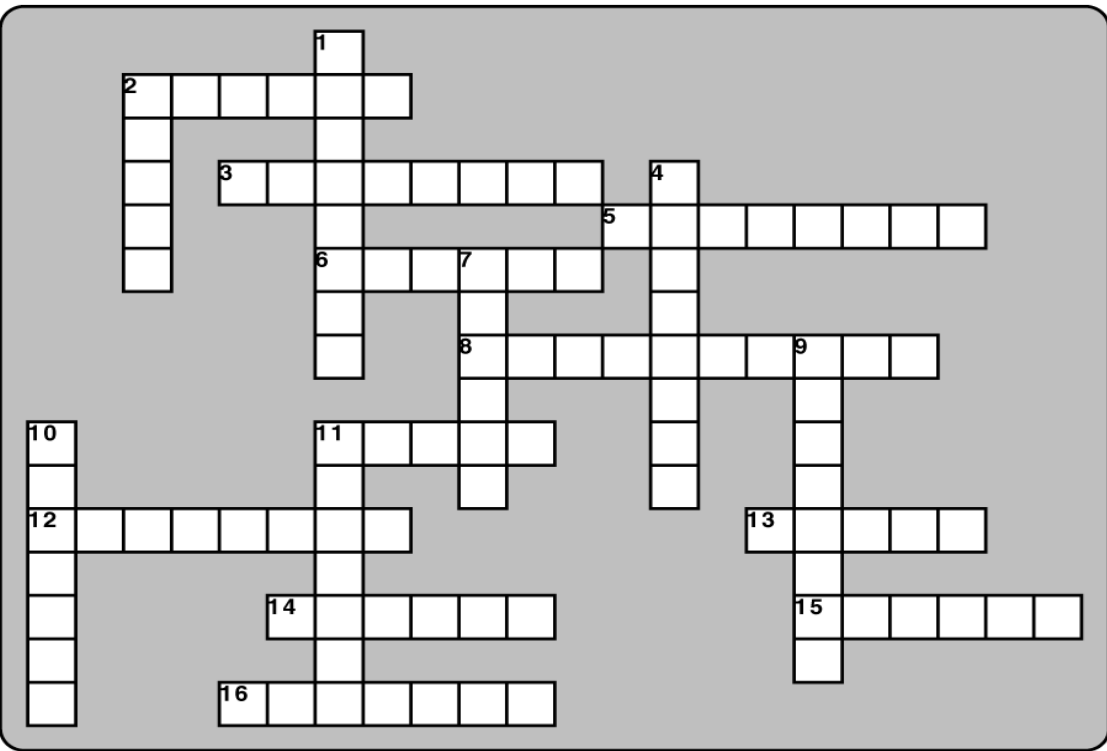
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See Page 24 for our tribute to western NSW Elders Roy and June Barker, who both passed away this month.



The queue outside Parliament House in the lead-up to the national apology, issued by then prime minister Kevin Rudd on 13 February 2008.

Tired of waiting

THE Apology to the Stolen Generations was a political stunt that has done nothing to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians on the ground.

Kevin Rudd promised in his 2007 election campaign if he became Prime Minister that he would apologise to the Stolen Generations.

Well, yes, he did apologise and he made promises of reparation to the Stolen Generations. The Apology was one thing, but coming through with the rest of the goods is another that still hasn't happened.

The National Apology to the Stolen Generations was the start of reuniting Australia. It was a commitment to re-setting the relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, quoted in 2010), or supposedly.

However, since the Apology not too much has happened in the way of bringing justice to the lives of Stolen Generations, families and communities. The many promises of reparation, unity, partnership and equality made by the Government to commit money and resources in response to the apology and recommendations of the 'Bringing Them Home' report have not come through.

Why not? Where has the money gone?

What about compensation and justice for

the Stolen Generations and promises of a better life?

It was the Government who developed and implemented 'forcible removal policies' and removed Indigenous children from their families, communities and culture causing undue harm to the Aboriginal identity and nation. It was the Government who stole human rights from the Indigenous children, families and communities.

Now it is the Government's responsibility to bring justice to the lives of the Stolen Generations by more than saying 'sorry' and by making compensations as promised.

Commissioner Gooda stated the human rights of many Australians are realised on a daily basis and the human rights of marginalised and minority groups are vulnerable, this being particularly true of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, with many of their human rights neglected, not exercised or taken away.

The adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples recognised the rights of Indigenous peoples. Article 43 states the 'Declaration was a minimum standard for the survival, dignity and wellbeing of Indigenous people', that is a MINIMUM which our Government is not reaching.

Article 2 states 'Indigenous people are

individuals free and equal to all other people and individuals and have rights to be free from any kind of discrimination'. There should be equality and fairness for all. It is a human right.

So where is the equality and fairness with the Stolen Generations and their justice and compensations?

Imagine being made promises that means a better life, a life of equality, justice, mutual respect, partnership and reparation/compensation for wrongdoings – a respect for human rights after many years of not being considered to have any ... then NOTHING.

It is four years since the National Apology to the Stolen Generations, four years of waiting for justice and compensation, four years of waiting for respect for human rights and to make things better for the Stolen Generations, families and communities.

So when is the Government going to come through with the goods and ease the pain and suffering of the Stolen Generations and allow them to rebuild their lives, their traditions and customs in freedom, peace and security and be treated with respect and equality?

RACQUEL POTTER
via www.koorimail.com

POETRY

Koori Pride

When I die
Show no pity
Send my soul
To Koori city...

Lower my coffin
Six feet deep
Lay a rum bottle
At my feet...

Hold the Koori flag
And raise it high
'Cos I'm a Koori Male
'Til the day I die..

KYLE BIGGS

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(Dedicated to all
the brothers

currently incarcerated in
correctional centres)

My family

My Mother a strong woman of
courage grace and beauty
whose dreams and struggles
lifted many hearts.

I'm forever proud, thank you
for dignity, thank you for your
gifts your visits and your
pride.

My brother who walks over
hills of iron and takes them
apart like clay.

You had the ability to be
great, a leader of men who is
respected by peers and foes,
never quits never lays down.

My sister, proud and attractive
and commanding, loving and
protective, a true queen, a
mother, one who other
woman aspire to be.

You are like a storm that
brings rain to a dry desert
land.

My Father, a shadow, quiet
hopeful and brave. Someone
who is about change but
knows his place and doesn't
rock the boat.

A man who taught me
patience and discipline,
motivation is what make your
dreams.

JUSTIN WALKER
Darwin, NT

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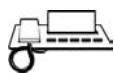
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Roy and June Barker at the launch of the *Through our Eyes* DVD, commissioned by the Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group. Photo courtesy of the Western CMA

Champions of their culture

AUSTRALIA has lost two staunch champions of Aboriginal culture and cultural education, within weeks of each other. June Barker was a storyteller and cultural educator. The Yorta Yorta woman, who spent much of her life in the Lightning Ridge and Brewarrina area of northern New South Wales, died on 26 June.

Her husband, Muruwari Elder, cultural educator and expert tool-maker Roy Barker died on 7 July, less than two weeks later.

The devoted couple ran the Goondee Aboriginal Keeping Place – featuring a comprehensive collection of traditional weapons, artefacts, medicines and historical photographs – from their home in Lightning Ridge.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) paid tribute to them in a message to its network members.

NSWALC chair Stephen Ryan described June and Roy as ‘icons out west’, whose

legacy would live on for generations to come.

“As sad as both of these recent passings may be, we know that now Uncle Roy and Aunt June can be reunited again, joined at the hip, the way they’ve always been,” Mr Ryan said.

“Uncle Roy will be remembered as a trusted keeper and teacher of important Aboriginal knowledge. His teachings will continue to be especially important for our booris (young ones).

Knowledge

“Roy’s knowledge of traditional Aboriginal tools, weaponry, artefacts and his general expertise in Aboriginal history were simply unsurpassed.”

Bill Kennedy, chair of the Western Catchment’s Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group (ARAG), said the couple were proud of their culture and keen to share it with others.

“As well as being lovely people, they were Aboriginal community Elders with a wealth of knowledge and passionate about respecting and sharing their culture,” Mr Kennedy said.

“They were very devoted to each other and spokespeople and role models within their community.

“Aunt June was a natural story-teller with a wonderful gift for yarnning in a way that captivated and engaged those who were listening. She was a gentle soul with a ready smile and a generosity of spirit.”

Roy and June Barker were featured in the *Through our Eyes* DVD, which was commissioned by the Western CMA ARAG and includes a collection of short films documenting the way Aboriginal people traditionally cared for the environment.

The DVD has been very popular throughout Australia and internationally and is used in many schools and universities.



The **National Indigenous Land Strategy (NILS)** sets out the policies, strategies and priorities that guide the land acquisition and land management functions of the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) across Australia. The current NILS is due to be revised.

The ILC Board wants to hear your views about possible revisions to the NILS.

National Indigenous Land Strategy

You can take part in the community consultation by going to the ILC website, www.ilc.gov.au, where you can access an electronic survey. Or if you wish, you can send a written submission to ilcinfo@ilc.gov.au

Closing date for all feedback is Friday, 3 August 2012

Electronic survey on: www.ilc.gov.au
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The Doctrine of Discovering Identity – Part 1

By ANGELINA HURLEY

ON 3 July, United States President Barack Obama while addressing a naturalisation ceremony said, 'Unless you are one of the first Americans, a Native American, we are all descended from folks who came from somewhere else'.

I can so relate to this sentiment and feel for my Native American brothers and sisters.

New York is definitely a melting pot of nationalities. It has been nice though, to be submerged in a majority of the diverse, than the Australia colonial overt. Contrast to the offence I am used to back home, reaction to my identity in New York has been of surprise and fascination.

Except when I walk into an Aussie bar. On hearing my accent, being told I am Aboriginal, and what I am doing here, the pretending-to-be-internationally-friendly ugly Australian tourist abroad's face starts to spontaneously mimic a cat's bum.

It's hard for some to swallow the bitch slap of Indigenous achievement.

Anyhow, hours of fun have been had playing 'So You Think You Know Where I Come From'. Believe it or not, I have been mistaken for being Indian, Puerto Rican, Peruvian, Ecuadorian, Cuban, Dominican, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Sudanese, Ghanaian, Maori, Polynesian... Lol!

I forget what else.

How ironic that so far, here my ethnicity has encountered more positivity than it has in my homeland eg. cabs stop when I hail them, I don't get served last or totally ignored in shops and restaurants, it's not automatically assumed that I am going to steal something, I haven't been accused of getting anything for free because of my heritage, my identity isn't negatively interrogated and people speak to me, not at me.

Mind you, racial blindness exists across the board sometimes, eg. disdain is dished out equitably by staff at US Post Offices, H&M and Best Buy. Then there are the disillusioned rude arse waiting staff who think mandatory tipping is gonna make this Murri pay more than the minimum. Ha ha good go!

The identity guessing game has been fun. It's like I am an

international *Jeopardy* question eg. Australia and Oceania for 100 please... Clue: Australia's Indigenous peoples... Answer: Who are the Aborigines?

Influenced by the greats like Agent 86 (Maxwell Smart), Inspector Clouseau, and Austin Powers, an interesting array of secret agent-type tactics have been employed in an attempt to uncover my identity including:

1. MOC – The Mirror of Curiosity (aka Rear View Mirror). This indirect interrogation device is conveniently installed in every NYC Taxi so the driver can be a big doris and eyeball you, until they are stopped by your paranoid feeling of being

actually live in your Manhattan apartment block and don't work there. Yes, the good old break me down with random questions. Good try.

3. VRI – Voice Recognition Identification – something that sends the investigation off track is the inability of the American ear to tell the difference between an English, New Zealand and Aussie accent. 'I don't want to offend you but is that a New Zealand accent?' Missing the mark here doesn't offend too much until they come out with 'Is that a South African accent?' WTF? Seriously?

4. LOEF – Love of Exotic Food – A sneak underhanded tactic when the local Indian, Thai and Mexican food outlets can instinctively suss out your love for chili and overwhelm you with free accompaniments. No amount of genuinely friendly service, free roti, spring rolls or tacos is gonna get make me divulge my identity. Good go.

I wanna keep going back and getting free yummy food.

5. SITB – Send In The Brotha – When all else fails, operation Send In The Brotha is guaranteed to succeed. If while out on the town, you end up at a bar under the influence of a good old R&B song and a few margaritas, with a hot brotha's hands all over you, it is more than likely that you'll end up spilling your guts about your origins and exotic culture. Hell you might even throw in a few six degrees of separation stories. Damn it! Identity discovered.

I am not trying to hide my nationality at all. It's just fun to play with. There is nothing I am more proud of.

Although with an Italian first name, and English surname, dark skin, curly or straight hair depending on the weather, admitted big nose and sista susoos, I guess it's hard to be identify as a Gooreng Gooreng, Mununjali, Kamilaroi, Birri Gubbi Murri.

● Angelina Hurley is a Murri woman and a Fulbright Indigenous Scholar, currently visiting and undertaking study and research in New York to gain further experience and skill in comedy writing for film and television. Her dream and goal is to write an Indigenous comedy television series which is also her doctoral project. We'll have more of Angelina's writing in our next edition.



Angelina Hurley in New York City.

watched. They conclude assessment at the next red light or journey's end with the question 'Where did you come from?' To which you want to answer 'Um home', or 'That bar'. Aah, the good old attempt to identify via the assumption that I am an immigrant.

2. SII – Service Industry Infiltration – a paparazzi-type tactic where service industry employees seemed to have been recruited to find out more about you. Doormen greet you daily in a variety of languages... Buenos dias, Namaste, Bonjour. Maids try to engage you in polite conversation... 'No I haven't been here long'. And the laundry attendant smiling weirdly at you is totally baffled by the response that you

2013 International Residencies

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board welcomes expressions of interest in two new residencies

Kluge-Ruhe Residency University of Virginia, USA

A four week residency with the Kluge-Ruhe Indigenous Art Collection at the University of Virginia for established professional visual artists to undertake a period of professional development and to exhibit for up to 16 weeks.

Residencies are available in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Cité Residency Paris, France

A three month residency at the Australia Council's residential studio at the Cité Internationale des Arts in Paris for a professional artist or artworker to undertake a period of professional development.

This residency must occur between 11 March and 10 June 2013.

Through the arts, artists, arts organisations and communities claim, control and enhance their cultural inheritance. The Board supports arts projects from music, dance, theatre, literature, visual arts and craft, community cultural development and international activity.

Applications are accepted by post and online. Contact us if you would like to receive an application form and information kit by mail.

Applications close: Tuesday 18 September 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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2012 Central Coast Indigenous Jobs Market

Linking Indigenous communities with education, training and jobs

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You are warmly invited to attend the inaugural Indigenous Knowledge Forum at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia from 1 - 3 August 2012.

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Speakers include:

- Dr Frances Bodkin-Andrews, Mt Annan Botanical Gardens
- Henrietta Marrie, formerly of the Christensen Fund
- John Scott, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, Canada
- Dr Balakrishna Pisupati, Indian National Biodiversity Authority
- Professor Dr T. Vidya Kumari, Dean of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India
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Register online for the Forum

Early bird rate registration closes **13 July 2012**. General registration closes **25 July 2012**.

Discounted rates are available for ATSI and student participants.

For further information and to register:

Visit the **UTS:Law** website: <http://www.law.uts.edu.au/research/conferences/ikf.html> or contact Dr Ann Kurts on Ann.Kurts@uts.edu.au for further information.



2012 ABORIGINAL + TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER Music competition

Entries close on Monday 1st October 2012

The National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music Competition gives Indigenous people the opportunity to showcase their creative talent and express their ideas about **cannabis and its harmful impact on their communities**.

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brief

Entries must be in the form of a song that explores the harmful impact of cannabis on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Issues that could be explored include **how cannabis negatively affects families, relationships, educational attainment or culture**. The competition is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians of all ages.

For more information go to www.npcic.org.au or call (02) 9385 0213

prize

There will be one national winner with **prize money of \$5,000**. The winner will also have the chance to **professionally record their song at a two-day workshop with Skinnyfish Music**, Australia's leading record label for Indigenous Artists, as well as receiving advice about the industry. **A runner up prize of \$1,000** will also be awarded.



Book focus is on child sex abuse



NOONGAR lawyer and activist Hannah McGlade has written a book about Aboriginal child sexual abuse.

Dr McGlade began researching the issues surrounding violence towards Aboriginal children some years ago when she began her PhD thesis.

"I did feel strongly that one of the most serious issues facing the Aboriginal community was violence, particularly towards women and children," she said.

"I wanted to find out how family violence was treated in the legal system from a human rights perspective and whether the legal responses were just and effective."

Through her research, Dr McGlade began to focus specifically on child sexual abuse.

"It's a scary subject, and very serious for all children, but Aboriginal children have been particularly impacted since colonisation," she said.

Our Greatest Challenge: Aboriginal children and human rights makes for sobering and, at times, difficult reading.

Dr McGlade moves between the personal and the analytical, writing about her own childhood sexual abuse, using case studies, different theoretical approaches and critiquing the many government reports written in recent times.

"We have had a decade of government reporting across Australia and there is very valuable information in those reports. Unfortunately many of the key recommendations have not been implemented or followed," she said.

"Had Australia taken a different course or had the political will, particularly regarding Aboriginal communities, where it is a very sensitive subject, we may have had better outcomes."

"People don't always want to face this reality, it's a natural human response to pull back from the subject, but that doesn't help when so many of our people are impacted and continue to be impacted and the long-term consequences are serious – looking away is not going to address the problem."

Dr McGlade said that she found writing the book difficult at times, particularly given her own experiences of abuse.

"At times I felt quite nervous, because we want to protect children's innocence and it was



Human rights lawyer Dr Hannah McGlade is calling for better ways to deal with sexual abuse of Aboriginal children.



The cover of the book, which has been designed by Jody Broun.

frightening for me, but it was also part of my own process of healing," she said.

"I was violently assaulted as a young girl, and that's something I've never fully come to terms with, like many other victims."

'Meaningful'

"It was difficult but incredibly meaningful for me as well. I learned about myself and so many others and was able to give a voice to something previously not really given a proper voice."

In the book's foreword, Professor Emeritus Judy Atkinson writes that the book 'calls for genuine recognition of Aboriginal children's human rights and asks for systematic

reforms that can protect children, more particularly from the damage of intentional harm'.

"I hope people will understand what has caused this problem for our children and the great harm for us all as a society," Dr McGlade said.

"For the Aboriginal community, our children growing up need to be empowered. We need to develop a criminal justice system that delivers better responses in our community, that's not about re-traumatising victims and has responses that bring about healing of victims and rehabilitation of the offenders."

Dr McGlade is fiercely critical of the Federal Government's Northern Territory Intervention, and responses to it, mainly because of the lack of children's voices in discussing sexual abuse of children.

In the final chapter, Dr McGlade writes about 'knowing from the heart'.

"As Aboriginal women we should lead with our hearts and always be known to our communities," she writes.

"Aboriginal women's traditional culture embraces care, empathy and concern, grounded in our connections at the community level – key qualities needed to effectively address child sexual assault in communities that are yet to be properly acknowledged and respected."

They're good with cash



HAVING trouble with your cash flow or budget? Six Indigenous women from the central coast of New South Wales now have the skills to help you out.

They have just completed an accredited training course in financial counselling, which was funded by Fair Trading.

It was the just the second Aboriginal financial counselling course to have run in Australia.

The course ran from the Indigenous Skills Centre at Green Central on the NSW central coast, and each participant graduated with a certificate.

Amongst the guests at the graduation was Matthew Myers, Australia's first Indigenous Federal Magistrate.

Mr Myers presented participants with a certificate and congratulated them on their success in the course.

'These women are interested in supporting their community and this is a great way for them to do that'

Course co-ordinator Dr Betty Weule, who is a qualified financial counsellor, said she was extremely pleased with the outcomes of the course.

"Prior to the course, participants had no experience in financial counselling," she said.

"Even with no experience they have shown many strengths and achieved many successes as a result of completing the course.

"Most of these women will go on to do financial counselling and I have great confidence in them.

"These women are interested in supporting their community and this is a great way for them to do that."

Participant Bobbi Cattermole said the course had helped her be able to provide support to her community.

"We as Aboriginal people are specialists in our culture in our own right," she said.

"We can deliver services to the Aboriginal community to assist and support them."

Upon completing the course, participants are able to provide financial counselling services to Aboriginal people and others within the community.



Taking part in the course were Dale Sullivan, Phyl Pelley, Denise Markham, course co-ordinator Dr Betty Weule, Bobbi Murray, Erika Carr and Nioka Brown.

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Tax cuts to benefit millions of Australians from 1 July 2012.

Millions of Australians have recently been provided with an initial payment to help with everyday expenses through the Australian Government's Household Assistance Package.

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Household Assistance Package includes:

- An initial payment from May 2012
- Tax cuts when the tax free threshold triples from 1 July 2012
- Increases to regular government payments from March 2013



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Commonwealth Bank hits target



THE Commonwealth Bank says it has reached its target of employing 350 Indigenous people, set under its 2009 Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Positions have been filled by school-based trainees, full-time trainees, direct recruitment and university cadets from across Australia and from various age groups.

Commonwealth Bank head of Indigenous banking Jason Schonhagen said a big part of closing the gap was creating sustainable employment opportunities.

"We understand the impact that employment opportunities have on an individual's ability to feel they can get ahead in life," Mr Schonhagen said. "We are proud that we are helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across every corner of the country build a career pathway that enables them to make future plans for them and their families. The bank is currently evaluating what its next target will be and we expect that in the next few years we will see more of these Indigenous candidates move into managerial positions."

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3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Lil Elvis G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 The Kimberley Mob PG (Kids)
11:00 Pomurraw Art PG (Documentary)
11:30 Australian Biographies PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
12:30 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
1:00 The Kimberley Mob PG (Documentary)
2:00 ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8:30 Blackfellas Bulls and Bucking PG (Documentary)
9:30 Embedded With PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa Series 4 M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)

FRIDAY 27TH JULY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA 2008 NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Lil Elvis G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
10:30 Wanjia PG (Documentary)
11:00 Embedded With PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
12:30 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
1:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
2:00 Wind PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Intervention - Stories from Inside PG (Documentary)
9:00 Tusamituq PG (Documentary)
10:00 Muddy Waters PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)

SATURDAY 28TH JULY

12:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
1:00 ELLA 7'S PG (Documentary)
1:30 Moccasin Flats M (Drama)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
4:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
5:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
5:30 Lil Elvis G (Kids)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Yaarnz G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Lil Elvis G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
11:00 Kulka PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Beyond The Dreamtime PG (Documentary)
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
3:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
4:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
5:00 Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Whispering in our Heart PG (Documentary)
7:00 Land of The Little Kings PG (Documentary)
8:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
10:00 88.9 Radio Redfern PG (Documentary)
11:00 The Last Wave PG (Drama)

SUNDAY 29TH JULY

1:00 Footy: The La Perouse Way PG (Documentary)
1:30 Moccasin Flats News (Drama)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin PG (Documentary)
3:30 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
4:30 Yeyekerte G (Series)
5:30 Yaarnz G (Series)
5:45 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:00 Lil Elvis G (Kids)
6:30 Yaarnz G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Lil Elvis G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Marra Wangka PG (Documentary)
10:30 88.9 Radio Redfern PG (Documentary)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Series)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Land Bilong Islanders PG (Documentary)
7:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Shaq Vs Series 1 G (Entertainment)
9:30 A Dying Shame PG (Documentary)
10:30 The Tracker PG (Drama)

MONDAY 30TH JULY

12:00 Moccasin Flats M (Drama)
12:30 ELLA 7'S PG (Documentary)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Kids)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Lil Elvis G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Ochre and Ink PG (Documentary)
10:30 The Road to St Andrews PG (Documentary)
11:00 Bran Nue Dae PG (Documentary)
12:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
12:30 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
1:00 Pomurraw Art PG (Documentary)
1:30 NSW Koori Knockout PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Larger Than Life PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Of Islands and Men PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Suddenly Sami PG (Documentary)
10:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)

TUESDAY 31ST JULY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA 2008 NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Lil Elvis G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Pomurraw Art PG (Documentary)
10:30 Of Islands and Men PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
12:30 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
1:00 Blackfellas Bulls and Bucking PG (Documentary)
2:00 Larger Than Life PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Message Stick PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Courtin' With Justice PG (Documentary)
9:30 Opinion Piece PG (Current Affairs)
10:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)

WEDNESDAY 1ST AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:15 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Opinion Piece PG (Current Affairs)
11:00 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Whispering in our Heart PG (Documentary)
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Muddy Waters PG (Documentary)
9:00 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
10:00 Black Pearls PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)

THURSDAY 2ND AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:15 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Jane Elliot's Australian Eye PG (Documentary)
11:00 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Intervention Katherine NT PG (Documentary)
1:30 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8:30 Surfing the Healing Wave PG (Documentary)
9:30 Embedded With PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa Series 4 M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)

FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST

12:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:15 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Entertainment)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:30 Surfing the Healing Wave PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Suddenly Sami PG (Documentary)
9:30 River of No Return PG (Documentary)
10:30 Peppimentarti PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)

SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:15 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Yaarnz G (Kids)
8:15 Yaarnz G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
11:00 Spirit in Bare Feet PG (Documentary)
11:30 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 Peppimentarti PG (Documentary)
2:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Yaarnz G (Kids)
4:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
5:00 Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
7:00 Peppimentarti PG (Documentary)
8:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 In Search Of Bony PG (Documentary)
10:30 From Sand to Celluloid M (Drama)

SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA 2008 NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:30 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Yaarnz G (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Yamaji Man PG (Documentary)
10:30 In Search Of Bony PG (Documentary)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Series)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
1:30 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
2:30 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
4:00 ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend PG (Documentary)
4:30 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 In Search Of Bony PG (Documentary)
7:00 Bush Bands Bash 1hr G (Entertainment)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Shaq Vs Series 2 G (Entertainment)
9:30 Deadly Funny M (Entertainment)
10:30 Boxing Day M (Drama)

MONDAY 6TH AUGUST

12:00 Moccasin Flats M (Drama)
12:30 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Urban Clan PG (Documentary)
11:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Jumba Jimba PG (Documentary)
1:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay TV Movie G (Kids)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Film Essay of Maasai Life PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Malcolm X PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Samoaana PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)

TUESDAY 7TH AUGUST

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NSW Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA Games NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
6:30 Tipi Tales Series 1 G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales Series 1 G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)
10:30 Wind PG (Documentary)
11:00 The Golden Cord PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Sacred Ground PG (Documentary)
1:30 Walking Through A Minefield PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:00 Tipi Tales Series 1 G (Kids)
3:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Living Strong PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Message Stick PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Ochre and Ink PG (Documentary)
9:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
10:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)



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She's right at home

52 years on, Deanne back with family

By DARREN COYNE



VICTORIAN woman Deanne Clarke finally returned home to Bundjalung country in northern New South Wales last week after 52 years away – straight into the arms of family she never knew existed.

Ms Clarke made the emotional journey from Melbourne to reconnect with the relatives she lost when authorities removed her as a baby from her mother Cynthia, who lived at Cubawee Mission just outside Lismore.

"I never knew that I was a member of the Stolen Generations because I was adopted as a baby and told that my mother had passed away," an emotional Ms Clarke told the *Koori Mail* during a visit to the Lismore cemetery where her mother is buried.

"And I only just found out a few weeks ago that my father was Aboriginal, and from this area."

Ms Clarke's mother Cynthia King was 16 and her father Harold Roberts was 21 when she was born.

"They were in love but too young, and the authorities separated them and gave me out for adoption," she said.

"My sister has been telling me all week that I was born of love."

Denise Sweet, of Link-up Victoria, said the saddest part of the reunion was that Deanne's mother never stopped looking for her eldest daughter.

She died, however, in 2007, just as Link-Up researchers in both states were beginning to piece the puzzle together.

And while the Bundjalung connection eventually became clear, it wasn't until 26 May this year, Sorry Day, that Ms Clarke knew she was ready to confront her stolen past.

"She came up to me and said 'I'm ready to go home now'," Ms Sweet told the *Koori Mail*.

"She'd just watched the film *Fractured*, which tells the stories of four people who'd returned home."

From that moment, things began to move quickly, and with a great deal of organising by the aunts and uncles she'd never met, Deanne Clarke was on her way.

On the first day she met her younger sister Josephine Barletta, and briefly with her brother Andrew King, who she hopes to



Seated are Aunty Jennifer King, Deanne Clarke and Aunty Lesley Bradshaw. Standing, from left, Josephine (Pina) Barletta, Denise Sweet from Link-Up Victoria, Rhonda King, Adrian King, Tina King and Tracey Fitzgibbon from Link-Up NSW.



Sisters Josephine (Pina) Barletta and Deanne Clarke comfort one another.

reunite with again in a few months time. She then met with family from both the King and Roberts clans in Heritage Park, Lismore, the next day, followed by a dinner.

Bundjalung Elder Irene Harrington, the sister of Deanne's late father Harold, formally welcomed her back to Bundjalung country.

On day three, she returned to Cubawee Mission, where her newfound aunts, uncles and cousins shared their stories and history.

And on Thursday last week, Ms Clarke finally got the chance to say goodbye to her mother Cynthia, known locally as Nan Widdy, at an emotional gathering at the cemetery.

After placing flowers on their mother's grave, both Josephine and Deanne held each other tightly, weeping.

"It's so lovely to finally meet her," Josephine told the *Koori Mail* moments later.

"When she was holding me just then, she held me in the exactly the same way that mum used to hold me."

"She even looks like mum."

For Ms Clarke, who was raised by a Scottish mother and Irish father, who she described as lovely parents, the journey back to her traditional homeland was just the start.

"I'm working at St Vincent's Hospital down in Melbourne at the moment but as soon as I can I want to move back up here," she said.

"It's been a beautiful week and I've finally found that I've got this other, most beautiful family."

Unfair trading targeted



FAIR trading agencies from around the country have launched an education campaign to try and combat unfair trading and high-pressure sales practices in regional and remote Indigenous communities.

Acting Western Australia Consumer Protection Commissioner David Hillyard said Indigenous people in regional and remote communities often faced lack of choice and competition and restricted access to services.

"As a result, they also see unscrupulous traders who are

willing to take advantage of vulnerable people," he said.

"Regulators are educating Indigenous consumers, providing them with information to protect themselves in day to day transactions."

The campaign includes a music video produced by Abmusic. The song was performed live at a NAIDOC Week event at Curtin University's Centre for Aboriginal Studies.

Mr Hillyard praised Noongar Radio's role in producing an advertisement that will be used in a national Indigenous radio advertising campaign.

"The advert highlights

consumer rights during door-to-door sales, such as a 10 business day cooling off period," he said.

Consumer Protection has also developed a series of publications under the heading 'Ask Us', regarding issues known to be affecting Aboriginal communities, including book-up.

NSW Fair Trading Minister Anthony Roberts encouraged Indigenous consumers and organisations to report instances of unfair trading practices via the National Indigenous Hotline 1300 303 143.

To listen to the song and view the video go to www.commerce.wa.gov.au/indigenous



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8 August, 5:00pm - 7:00pm	Financial Literacy	Melbourne
15 August, 10:00am - 1:15pm	Networking	Bairnsdale
22 August, 10:00am - 12:45pm	Marketing	Shepparton
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Health

Scheme a snack for Wutunugurra kids



IN a Northern Territory first, kids in a remote Central Australian community busily collected drink bottles and cans

during the recent school holidays to exchange for healthy snacks.

Aboriginal health worker Thea Nungal thought up the bottles-for-snacks idea as part of her health promotion work in Wutunugurra (Epenarra), about 210kms south-east of Tennant Creek.

The bagfuls of empties were taken to Tennant Creek where refunds were collected through the Territory Government's Cash for Containers scheme. The scheme, which began in January, aims at reducing waste by levying a 10-cent deposit on all drink containers.

The Territory is the first jurisdiction in Australia to commit to a refundable deposit scheme since the South Australian Government introduced its legislation in 1975.

"It became a big hit as a school holiday activity, with thousands of empties collected and bags being filled," said NT Health remote area nurse/midwife Marjie Middleton.

"On one Sunday the children collected more than 800



Kids at Wutunugurra collecting drink bottles and cans from their community and, right, Carmen Peterson and Rekiah Chungaloo with some of the items collected. Inset is Aboriginal health worker Thea Nungal, who devised the bottle-for-snacks initiative.

discarded bottles and cans; they really got into it. There are so many pluses. They learn about healthy snacks, they get some exercise and we have a cleaner community.

"The older kids even help out the youngsters which is delightful, and parents are pleased to see their kids busy and eating healthy snacks."

The kids got to choose from

fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, yoghurt, muesli bars, frozen yoghurt tubes, sultanas, almonds and other healthy snacks.

Ms Middleton noted the health centre had become a hub for

healthy lifestyle activities.

"It fosters the idea that the centre is not just a place to come when you are sick," she said. — **Submitted by Judith Hughey**



Katungul rebuilds

Story and photos by
LAURELLE PACEY



NSW's far south coast community celebrated the 'rebuilding' of Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services at a family fun day and barbecue at

Narooma recently.

Katungul's services had been reduced in recent years due to financial problems.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven placed Katungul in special administration in December after finding the extent of its difficulties were due to poor corporate governance and weak financial management.

Since then, Katungul has been operated by special administrator Alan Eldridge with the assistance in recent months of an advisory committee. His term was recently extended until 28 September.

Mr Eldridge said that after an extensive review of its operations, governance and finances, Katungul was now in 'the rebuild stage'.

A new CEO will be appointed in August from 18 applicants from across Australia.

In the meantime, David Kennedy is acting CEO. He was formerly CEO at Galambila Aboriginal Health Service at Coffs Harbour.

Mr Eldridge will appoint a new Katungul board at the end of his appointment on the basis of their skills and experience as well as community involvement and local input.

"Board members will represent what we are calling the northern group of communities, from Batemans Bay to Narooma, or the southern group from Narooma to Eden," he said.

Katungul will establish a 'medical outreach' at Batemans Bay for the first time following the 'valid concerns' of the Batemans Bay community.

"We're still negotiating a permanent venue but we're looking to probably have a relationship with the Australian National University," he said.

This reflects Mr Eldridge's conclusion during his time as special administrator that Katungul alone did not have the resources to meet the Aboriginal community's expectations.

"Katungul will forge relationships with multiple service providers to broaden its services to Aboriginal patients in the region," he said. "I have already been speaking with the new GP Medicare



Enjoying the Katungul Day were 'Katungul mob' Brad Cavanagh (Kempsey), Jason Thomas (Wallaga Lake), Jon Rogers of the Eldridge Group, Eric Seymour (Bomaderry), Shane Moreton (Bodalla), Josh Stewart (Bodalla), Anthony Trerare (Bodalla), Anthony Duncan (Batemans Bay) and Katungul acting CEO David Kennedy, Ethan Parsons (Wallaga Lake), Mitchell Parsons (Wallaga Lake) and Brett Stewart (Batemans Bay).

Local, Wandarma Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Service, and Community Health."

Mr Eldridge said there were no current plans to reinstate Katungul's clinic at Moruya which was closed last year. "Population data does not support a Moruya clinic and we think Batemans Bay has probably more of a need given the medical facilities already in Moruya," he said.

Katungul has begun operating the new mobile dental clinic, which had been parked unused behind the Narooma clinic, with support from the Centre for Oral Health.

"We have re-engaged with the NSW Oral Health program which originally financed the van and completely reviewed the van's facilities and installed new equipment," he said.

"We've run two pilot dental clinics at Wallaga Lake with the van now, and are putting together a six-month calendar to run regular clinics each week between Batemans Bay and Eden."

Katungul already employs a dental assistant, and Mr Eldridge has approved the appointment of two Aboriginal trainee dental assistants.

"I have also approved up to seven trainee driver

positions to drive the van because it requires a heavy vehicle licence," he said. "We're getting this funding through NSW's Filling the Gap program which means other services will also use the van when it's not being used by Katungul."

Katungul has been employing locum doctors over the past 18 months which has been expensive, with the down side also being their inability to provide continuity of care.

"We will soon be advertising for a full-time doctor and have already received expressions of interest from two people," Mr Eldridge said.

"The long-term goal is to get a senior medical officer who will oversee Katungul's northern and southern operations."

As for Katungul's \$300,000 debt, Mr Eldridge said he had addressed the Australian Taxation Office debt and the bank overdraft would be resolved before the special administration ended.

He acknowledged ongoing Federal and State funding support. NSW Health has released Katungul's 2012-2013 funding, with the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health to follow suit soon.

Ex-CEO will face further court action

REGISTRAR of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven has begun further proceedings in the Federal Court against Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Service former CEO Damien Matcham.

Proceedings are listed for 3 August and relate to alleged contraventions of civil penalty provisions in the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*.

They follow investigations into several payments made to Mr Matcham totalling more than \$500,000 and a mortgage on behalf of the corporation to secure a \$200,000 bank overdraft. Katungul was placed under special administration on 12 December last year after a review revealed significant concerns about corporate governance and financial management.

Mr Beven is seeking declarations from the Federal Court that Mr Matcham contravened his duties as an officer of Katungul as well as seeking penalties.

The Federal Court has extended the freezing orders against Mr Matcham's assets until 3 August.

Govt help sought to protect historic NSW site



THE NSW Government has been asked to help protect the site of Australia's first Indigenous land grant, but is still considering its response.

The Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation (DTAC) wants the

Government to stop a proposed housing development on the Colebee Nurragingy land grant site.

Governor Lachlan Macquarie gave the land to two Aboriginal men, Colebee and Nurragingy, in 1816, in recognition of their assistance to Europeans.

The land is now part-owned by

the State Government and a private landowner who wants to build a housing development.

DTAC secretary Aunty Sandra Lee said the Darug people were asking the Government to step in and stop development of the site.

"We believe that the Colebee and Nurragingy Land Grant site is

part of a wonderful story that should be shared with the community," Ms Lee said.

"In our view, this land is part of the ongoing history of Aboriginal peoples' struggle for land rights, and given it's 20 years since the Mabo decision was handed down, we believe it is time that the

Colebee and Nurragingy Land Grant site is promoted and celebrated within our broader community."

DTAC has engaged leading law firm Allens, who are providing free advice. DTAC is awaiting a response from NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WADJA PEOPLE'S NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

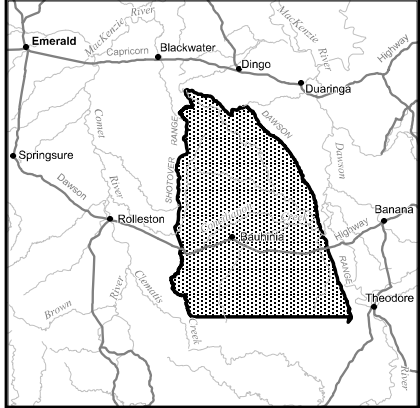
The **WADJA PEOPLE** are those persons descended from the following Aboriginal apical ancestors:

- Myra Freeman
- Harriet Dutton
- Sarah Dodd
- Lilla Livingstone

This Notice invites all members of the WADJA PEOPLE (as described above) to an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: 5 August 2012
Venue of Meeting: Dreamtime Centre, Bruce Highway, Rockhampton QLD 4700
Time of Meeting: 9.30AM – 5:00PM

The Purpose of the Authorisation Meeting is to authorise the making of a new native title determination application ("the Application") seeking the recognition of native title rights and interests over Wadja lands and waters.



The following matters are proposed for discussion and authorisation:

- The selection of a representative or representatives to comprise the Applicant for the proposed Application.
- The role of the Applicant and the extent of their authority.
- A claim group description that is consistent with expert evidence.
- A boundary description for the Application (as depicted in the map to the left).
- A description of the native title rights and interests claimed in relation to Wadja lands and waters.
- The lodging of a native title claim consistent with the above items.

The proposed claim area is displayed in the map to the left.

A shuttle bus will be running between Woorabinda and Rockhampton. QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with any other transport to or from the meeting. However, morning tea and lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meeting.

All Wadja People are invited to contact Loyola Solien, Community Relations Officer from Queensland South Native Title Services on 1800 663 693 to register their intention to be present at the authorisation meeting or for further information.



PUBLIC NOTICE

AUTHORISATION MEETING

Of the Wonnarua Traditional Custodians (also known as Woonarua, Wanaruah) Peoples to authorise the filing of an Native Title Determination Application in the Federal Court.

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

All biological and culturally adopted Descendants to the Wonnarua Traditional Custodians (also known as Woonarua, Wanaruah) Peoples and other Aboriginal people who claim to hold native title rights and interests in the area described on the map below and invited to attend an Authorisation Meeting.

Date: Saturday 28th July 2012
Time: 12:30 registration and 2:00pm authorisation meeting
Venue: School of Arts Jerry's Plains
Address: Redman Vale Road, Jerrys Plains in the state of NSW 2330

Afternoon Tea will be provided.

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss and authorise the filing of a native title determination application over the area described on the map below in response to Mining Lease Application 49(ACT 1992) Doyles Creek Mining Pty Limited.

The Agenda for the meeting will include, but is not limited to:

- Decision making process;
- Consideration of Anthropological evidence;
- Consideration of the make-up of the claimant group;
- Authorisation of the Applicant;
- Authorising the applicant to make the Native Title determination application; and
- Discussion of desired outcomes for the Native Title application

Invitation is extended to all persons who are the biological Descendants of the Apical Ancestors named below:

The Wonnarua People:

- Sarah Madoo
- Emily Shoe
- Mary Shoe
- Matilda Hughes (? Daughter of Emily Shoe)
- Emily mother of Henry Harry Taggart (also known as Old Harry; Harry F Taggart)
- Susan Bishop (a.k.a. Susan Bishop Young; Susan Dangar; Susan Dwyer)
- Mary Anne Webster (a.k.a Mary Ann Webster)
- George William Cain

and

Any other Aboriginal person who claims to hold Native Title rights and interests over the area described in the map below, are also invited to register.

Relevant documentation as to the basis upon which rights and interests are claimed will need to be tabled at the authorisation meeting for review by the anthropologist.

Registering your attendance:

Contact: Staff at Carcathua Answering Services

By phone:

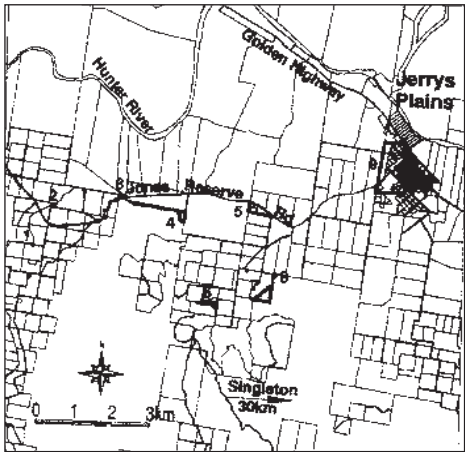
02 4028 6211

By email:

wonnaruaTcustodians@hotmail.com

Description of the area:

An area of 112 Hectares, in nine (9) parts Situated approx. 30 kilometres west of Singleton, In the State of NSW as shown on the attached Diagram. (map) (Within the black lines)



By LIZ MURRAY in Perth



WESTERN Australia's south-west is dying under the burden of ill-informed development and

logging, a meeting in Perth between conservationists, traditional owners and the State Government has been told.

Pibulman-Wadandi custodian Wayne Webb last month expressed shock at discovering that the effects of native forest logging on numbats had never been studied, after he saw the endangered animal in the logged Warrup Forest.

The revelation contradicted timber industry claims they had proof logging did not affect any wildlife, according to the WA Forest Alliance.

"I would like to see the government departments and organisations, DEC and SWALSC (South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council) consulting with the different tribal groups," Mr Webb said.

He said that although Aboriginal nations had similar beliefs and traditions, 'when it comes to the land management, we have all different ways of looking after our countries'.

"A blanket approach to working with Aboriginal people cannot work," he said.

What was important to Aboriginal people was not necessarily important to anthropologists and archaeologists, Mr Webb said, so some important Aboriginal places did not get recorded on surveys of logging areas.

Mr Webb said a group around Busselton was looking at burning the Tuart Forest due to the damage that construction had done to water levels there.

"People forget when they say how beautiful and green the grass used to be that they put diversion drains in, so they've drained off all the wetlands... and that's why it keeps getting drier and drier," he said.

Mr Webb said the traditional fishing cycles he grew up with



Pibulman-Wadandi custodian Wayne Webb, left, and SWALSC chief executive officer Glen Kelly.

had been irreparably damaged by damming.

"It's a thing of the past," he said.

And he was critical of what he considered the haphazard approach each government department used to survey and record important information about each area.

One particular forest area could only be described as dead country, he said.

"It was logged about 40 years ago. Walking around in there, it's so quiet. I find it really

heritage values in national parks, conservation reserves and state forests. A new Forest Management Plan is in the draft stage, with a 12-week period for public comment until early November.

SWALSC CEO Glen Kelly said that through the DEC there was an opportunity to create cultural management plans about specific sites, the landscape and 'about the values of the landscape... what that country means... how people tie to it... how it ties to them'.

"We're seeking to have charters and protocols between state and industry about heritage and it begins from the position that obviously, if something gets damaged, we want prosecution to happen, but we're actually much more interested in

preservation and protection," Mr Kelly said.

"In order for this to happen properly there needs to be landscape-based ideas of cultural value coming forward into the knowledge of the rest of the population."

Mr Kelly said that presently the cultural values of a particular landscape 'aren't taken into account ... and we're reduced to the very close coupe by coupe looking at the ground which doesn't let us tell our story'.

'I would like to see the government departments and organisations, DEC and SWALSC consulting with the different tribal groups'

disheartening to see what's going on in the forest.

"Usually, an animal, they'll stay in one area most of their lives and these other ones come in and take over their places... you're overloading the next coupe, so you're just creating disharmony in the forest all the time."

The Conservation Council of WA (CCWA) said recent changes to WA's land management legislation required the Government to protect Aboriginal cultural

Christine a good fit for program



CHRISTINE Copeland is turning her life-long love of exercise into a career and helping to inspire others to make healthier choices.

Ms Copeland, a Kamilaroi woman and mother of four, has recently graduated as a personal trainer and is one of eight Indigenous exercise professionals who will run the Move2Change program in Lismore, northern NSW.

Move2Change is a low-cost healthy lifestyle program for adults in the Lismore area, who all receive a free health assessment and a personal program.

"I was a bit nervous when I signed up but I've always loved sport and fitness," Ms Copeland said.

"I want to help people get fit and eat healthily.

"You see a lot of people with diabetes or heart disease.

"My aunty went blind from diabetes, then had a stroke and my uncle had a heart attack.

"I wanted to do something to make a difference to the community.



Personal trainer Christine Copeland is inspiring children and adults to make healthier lifestyle choices.

"I also want to go into schools and help children want to exercise outside of school and to eat well. You see so many

overweight children eating too much junk food."

Classes being offered include

Heartmoves, for those with heart disease, diabetes and other related conditions; FOODcents, a nutrition and lifestyle education program that includes modules on shopping, budgeting and cooking; Jim, a gym-based program for men who haven't exercised for some time; Beat It, a 10-week physical activity and lifestyle education program designed by the Australian Diabetes Council; and Lift for Life, a resistance training program for people with diabetes or at risk of developing diabetes.

There are also learn to swim classes as well as the opportunity to start or join a walking group and community gardening workshops that demonstrate how to produce and harvest healthy food from a household garden.

Move2Change is funded through a \$566,000 Federal Government Healthy Communities grant. Participants are asked for a gold coin donation for anyone who is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, unemployed, from a non-English-speaking background, over 55, a refugee, living with a disability or a carer.

Elders work to save languages



FOR the past year Worrorra, Ngarinyin and Wunambal Elders from Mowanjam community in the Northern Territory have been working to document their languages and make child-friendly books, talking books, posters and

language learning resources to help strengthen their languages. Heather Umbagai, the driving force behind the Batchelor Press project, said she was very proud of what had been achieved by the community.

"I've dreamt about it, I worked with linguists and anthropologists, but to actually be doing something on your own and working with other language speakers is something that you wish your parents could have seen," she said.

"This project is very important because to lose your identity of who you are is something that you can never put words to – no language, no country, no culture is very bad.

"In our community if we lose our language and culture we are nothing, it would be our worst nightmare."

The Elders have developed seven sets of readers in Worrorra, five sets in Ngarinyin and two in Wunambal. A talking book and learning resources accompany each book.

The Elders also provided language to develop a series of posters to support language revitalisation in the community and in schools.

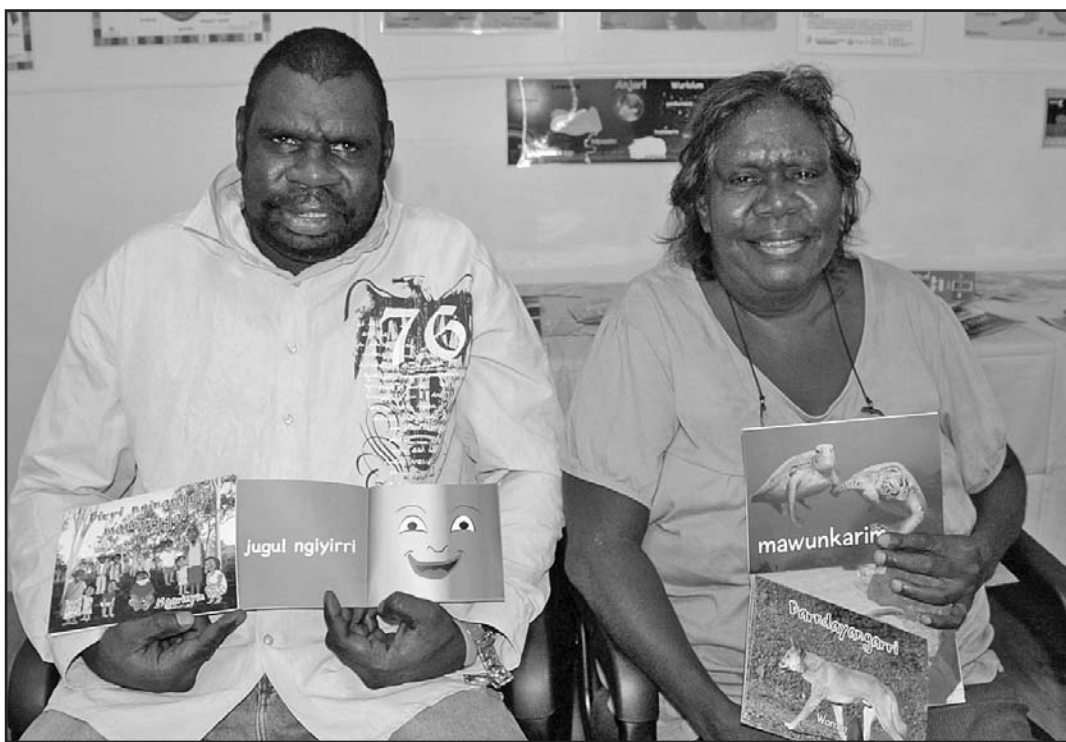
The books document traditional knowledge in natural history, family relationships and support the inclusion of Worrorra, Ngarinyin and Wunambal in school and community based language nests.

"We would like our language to be available for schools, education, health fields and the justice system," Ms Umbagai said.

"Where people have their language, then you need to be able to work in your language as well as English."

Project manager Maree Klesch, from Batchelor Press, the publishing arm of Batchelor Institute, said reviving and recovering Aboriginal languages was a vital part of keeping cultural tradition and knowledge alive so these can be passed on to the next generations.

"Communities learning language together strengthens the community and takes steps



● Above: Gordon Smith Jnr and Heather Umbagai with some of the books.

● Left: Project participants Paddy Neowarra, Nugget Gururr, Thomas Saunders, Gordon Smith Jnr, Donald Dolon, Heather Umbagai, Maree Klesch and Jilgi Edwards.

towards reconciliation of our country," she said.

The project team was comprised of Heather Umbagai and Janet Oobagooma for Worrorra; Paddy Neowarra, Nugget Gururr and Donald Dolon for Ngarinyin; Jilgi Edwards for Wunambal; cultural advisor Gordon Smith Jnr,

linguist Thomas Saunders and project manager Maree Klesch.

The project was funded by the Federal Government through the Indigenous Language Support program and by the Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation in Derby.

Deadline near for awards



DO you know an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

woman in Queensland or the Northern Territory who is achieving great things in the construction industry?

Nominations close this Friday, 27 July, for the 2012 Crystal Vision Awards for the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) in QLD/NT.

This year's theme is women on the rise, and there is a specific award for Achievement in the Construction Industry by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Woman.

NAWIC president Janelle Kerrisk believes that by recognising and sharing the successes of NAWIC members, it encourages more women to think about construction as a viable and rewarding career choice. "These awards provide the opportunity to recognise the skills, courage and innovation possessed by many of our members," she said.

"It also sends out a positive message and inspiration to the next generation of young women who want to move into the construction industry or move up within it."

Now in its 14th year, the 2012 Crystal Vision Awards will be held on Friday, 19 October and will cover 13 categories.

To nominate yourself or a colleague visit www.nawic.com.au by this Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SEEK AUTHORISATION OF AN INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

SunWater Limited ACN 131 034 985 (**SunWater**) is proposing to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (**ILUA**) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (**NTA**) with those people who hold or may hold native title (Native Title Parties) within the ILUA Area as shown in the ILUA Area Plan below. The ILUA Area is located wholly within the boundaries of the Iman People #2 Native Title Determination Application (QUD6162/98; (QC97/55) (**Iman People #2**), the Wulli Wulli People Native Title Determination Application (QUD6006/00; QC00/7) (**Wulli Wulli People**), and an area not presently subject to a registered Native Title Determination Application that lies between these two registered claims. The State of Queensland, acting through the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (**the State**), is a mandatory party to the proposed ILUA.

Under the proposed ILUA, the Native Title Parties will consent to:

1. the conduct of all activities in relation to or incidental to the construction and operation of either or both a dam on the Dawson River (the Dam) and a raised Glebe Weir (the Weir), water pipelines from either or both of the Dam and the Weir (the Pipelines), and other related or incidental works and operations (collectively, the Project);
2. the grant of all permits, approvals and tenures necessary for the carrying out of the Project; and
3. the surrender of native title rights and interests in, and the grant of freehold over, those areas within the Surrender Area (identified on the map below) where native title rights and interests may continue to exist.

Community information sessions

Community information sessions are being held for each claim group as follows:

Iman People #2

Rockhampton: Saturday 4 August, 1.00pm–4.00pm, at Regency on Albert, cnr Albert and Campbell Streets.
Townsville: Sunday 5 August, 9.30am–12.30pm, Rydges South Bank, 23 Palmer Street.
Brisbane: Saturday 11 August, 1.00pm–4.00pm, Darra Motel, 2704 Ipswich Road, Darra

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Toowoomba: Saturday 11 August, 1.30pm–5.00pm, Park Motor Inn, 88 Margaret Street.
Eidsvold: Sunday 12 August, 1.00pm–4.30pm, CWA Hall.

ILUA authorisation meetings

In compliance with the requirements of the NTA, two meetings will be held for the purpose of authorising the ILUA. One meeting will be held for the Iman People #2 and the other meeting for the Wulli Wulli People. All persons who are either a member of the Iman People #2 or the Wulli Wulli People or otherwise claim to hold native title in the ILUA Area are invited to attend the meetings, the details of which are described below.

Wulli Wulli People

Location: Mundubbera Town Hall, Lyons Street, Mundubbera
Date: Saturday 1 September 2012
Time: Registration from 8.30 am; Meeting start time 10.00am.

Iman People #2

Location: Central Queensland University Theatre, Bruce Highway, North Rockhampton
Date: Sunday 2 September 2012
Time: Registration from 8.30 am; Meeting start time 10.00am.

Eligibility to attend authorisation meetings

Two ILUA authorisation meetings are being held to seek community endorsement of the ILUA and ancillary compensation agreements. Although they are primarily for members of the Wulli Wulli People and Iman People #2 native title groups, other people who claim to hold native title in the ILUA Area may attend. However, any such people who are not members of the registered Wulli Wulli People or Iman People #2 claimant groups must have a prima facie factual basis for such an assertion, if they wish to participate in any form of decision making at the authorisation meeting.

The Wulli Wulli People are described in their Native Title Determination Application as the descendants of: Tommy (father of Wonga Pope), Jessie Fuller, Grace (mother of Fanny Joyce), Tilly (mother of Harry Blucher), Jack (father of Hack Hornet), Jackanapes, Thomas Clancy, John/James Serico, Maria (the mother of Isabella Hooper), Mary Ann (mother of Maggie McLean), Billy Buttons & Mergwin, Amy (wife of John Bond), Rosie Ah Sue, Maggie (wife of Harry West), Billy & Selina (parents of Jacob), Jinnie (wife of George Logan) and Ginalene (mother of Ernest Pope).

The Iman People #2 are described in their Native Title Determination Application as the descendants of Mary Arwa, Jim Waterton, Ada Robinson, Maggie Palmtree, Lizzie Palmtree, Eliza Shields, Mary Ann (mother of Maggie Dunn), Fanny Waddy/Sandy, Dick Bundi/Bundai and John "James" Serico.

If you are not a member of the claim group under either the Wulli Wulli People Native Title Determination Application or the Iman People #2 Native Title Determination Application, and you claim to hold native title rights and interests in relation to the ILUA area, please **contact SunWater** (see below) to provide details of the basis of your claim.

Registration

If you wish to attend either of the above mentioned meetings you must register your interest by **contacting SunWater** by **Friday 24 August** and providing the following information:

1. Your name, address and contact details.
2. Your apical ancestor in accordance with the currently registered Native Title Determination Application for the claim group of which you are a member; or
3. If you are not a member of either the Wulli Wulli or Iman #2 claim groups, the basis upon which you claim to hold native title rights and interests in the ILUA Area.

SunWater contact details

Subject: Nathan ILUA Registration
Email: nathan.ilua@sunwater.com.au
Phone: (07) 3120 0167
Fax: (07) 3120 0242
Mail: PO Box 15536, City East Q 4002

Assistance to attend meetings

For information on assistance available to attend the authorisation meetings please contact the relevant service provider:

Wulli Wulli People Service Provider

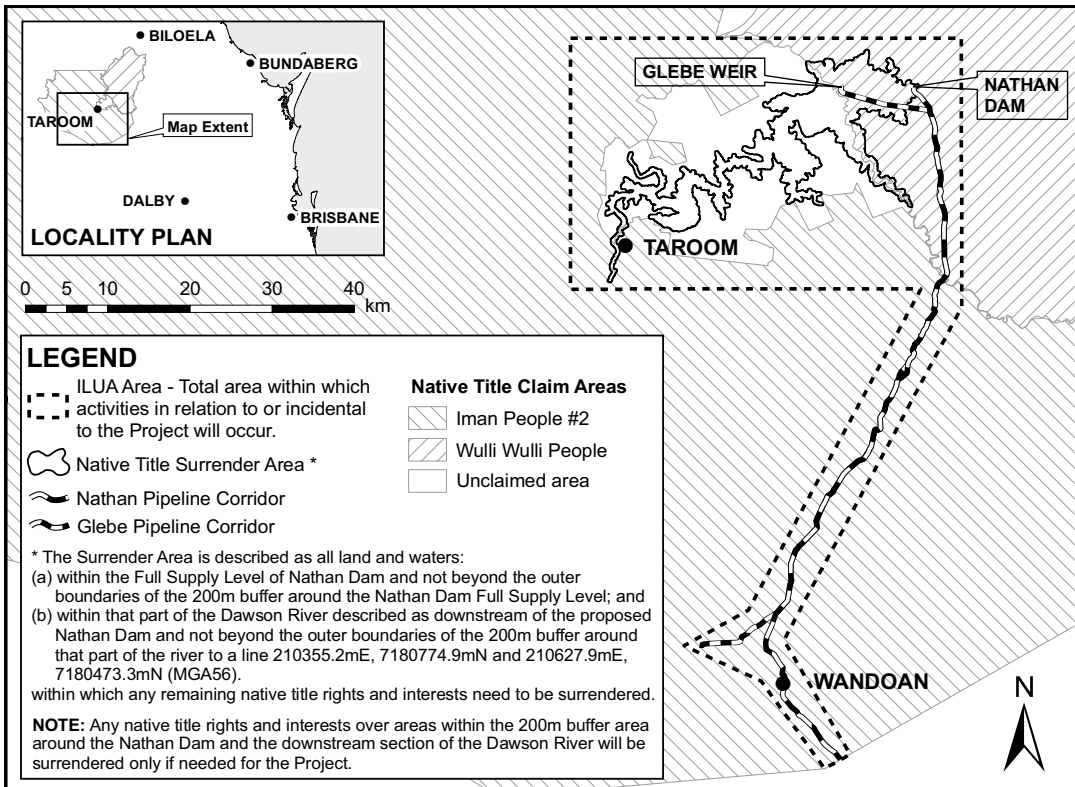
Red Cliff Project Consultants
Email: christineroyan@bigpond.com
Phone: 0413 669871 (Colleen)

Iman People #2 Service Provider

Q-Chants
Address: Shop 2 /72 High Street, Rockhampton Q 4700
Email: admin@qchantms.com.au
Phone: (07) 4926 9682
Fax: (07) 4928 9754

For more information about the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project, visit SunWater's website at:
<http://www.sunwater.com.au/future-developments/nathan-dam>

ILUA Area Plan



Save the Children youth engagement co-ordinator Gareth Jenkins and Wilcannia girl Latiesha Jones.

Service for youth of Wilcannia



A NEW youth service and a family-friendly park have been established in Wilcannia by the Save the Children Australia organisation.

Save the Children chief executive Suzanne Dvorak travelled to the western NSW town to launch the service and open the public playground during NAIDOC Week.

Save the Children youth engagement co-ordinator Gareth Jenkins said both would help break down social and cultural barriers in the community.

"Wilcannia has a population of about 700 and has been identified as one of the two most disadvantaged communities in NSW," he said.

"It has a history of high rates of domestic violence, teen pregnancy and substance abuse.

"A lack of community services has exacerbated issues such as depression and other mental health problems in young people.

"There is a need to increase support for young people dealing with issues of mental health, sexuality and gender, alcohol and drug abuse and a lack of opportunity for employment and training.

"Save the Children's Mobile

Youth Service provides a safe, non-threatening place to have fun, meet friends, develop skills, interact with peers, as well as seek support."

As part of the youth service, Save the Children's Mobile Youth Van, dubbed MY van for short, will run multimedia workshops and add sporting and art activities to its engagement program.

Save the Children NSW State manager Georgia Tacey said the play park provided sensory play equipment, soft fall paving, climbing ropes and seating areas.

Programs

"The space will also be used for community events, cultural celebrations and social engagement programs run by various agencies," she said.

"Wilcannia desperately needed a neutral and safe place to congregate where children are welcome and where they can access community services without feeling judged or intimidated."

The project was undertaken in partnership with the Central Darling Shire Council, which donated the land, and the Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council, ensuring community ownership.

Entries now open for 2012 Banksia Award



ENTRIES are now open for the Banksia Indigenous Caring For Country Award.

Supported by the Federal Government's Caring for our Country program, the award recognises those delivering excellence in stewardship of the land, waterways, wildlife habitats, native flora and fauna through demonstrated Indigenous leadership, community involvement and benefit.

The Banksia Foundation has urged all relevant Indigenous

groups to enter. "This year's winner will follow in the great tradition of the important Indigenous initiatives that have been recognised over the last five years," said foundation executive director Graz van Egmond.

"This national award provides an essential vehicle for Indigenous communities to showcase their invaluable contribution through the various initiatives undertaken around the country."

Submissions for the 2012 Indigenous Caring for Country Award close on 24 August. Details at www.banksiafdn.com



Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park worker Dale Edmund.

For people like Dale, job network is a champion



FOR young Cairns resident Dale Edmund, the Queensland Tourism Industry Council's (QTIC) Indigenous

Employment Champions Network has proved a winner.

The 21-year-old who works at the award-winning Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park near her home town is one of dozens of Indigenous Australians forging careers in Queensland's tourism industry under the network.

QTIC says the Australian-first network, launched in 2009,

supports employers who recognise the many benefits of employing Indigenous job seekers. More than 120 Indigenous people already have been in tourism jobs, and there are plans for many more.

The council says the Champions Network provides employers with advice, resources and tools to help them recruit and upskill Indigenous Australians.

QTIC's Kim Harrington said that under the network, industry interest had increased by more than 30 per cent during the past three years, with 58 current enquiries from north Queensland

tourism operators alone.

"Since 2009, the Qld tourism industry has faced economic and natural crises," she said.

"But the Champions Network tells an incredible story about genuine commitment by the industry to make a difference by not only creating jobs, but building careers within the tourism industry. By educating and supporting employers through the recruitment and training process and educating local communities on the career options, employers tap into a new source of willing workers while individuals launch careers."

During the past five years, Ms Edmund has worked at Tjapukai in a number of roles. She now has responsibility for welcoming visitors to the tourist attraction and is learning Japanese to provide the best possible cultural experience for the large number of Japanese visitors.

"I would like to see, and be part of, Indigenous people working consistently for the betterment of Indigenous people," she said. "Interacting with the customers and the opportunity to learn the Japanese language gets me out of bed every morning."

Owners recognised



SHANE Edwards believes that tourism has a major role to play in the process of reconciliation between Indigenous and other

Australians. And that the process starts with respect.

The general manager of the Accor hotel and resort chain's Mercure Cairns Harbourside demonstrated as much late last month, when the traditional owners on whose land the waterfront hotel sits were recognised with a plaque at its entrance.

Mr Edwards says the plaque formally recognising the Gimuy Walubara Yindindj people signifies to staff and guests the importance of belonging to the region.

"A plaque might seem a simple thing but, to Accor, it represents our true commitment and an acknowledgment of our adopted Aboriginal Elders," he said.

"It's our formal show of respect in terms of reconciliation and the Yindji nation.

"...Hotels are great catalysts to build diversity and acceptance, and it's my belief that tourism – especially the hotel industry – has and will continue to play a major role in the reconciliation process."



With the plaque, from left, Henrietta Marie-Fourmile, Seith Fourmile, Mercure Cairns Harbourside general manager Shane Edwards, Dolce Murray and Josephine Creek.

An Aboriginal smoking ceremony and dance was performed to help celebrate the plaque unveiling.

Mercure Cairns Harbourside heads up the Reconciliation Programs and Indigenous Job Ready Programs for Accor

Queensland, and Mr Edwards is the Indigenous Champion for the Accor Queensland hotel network.

The chain first released its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in north Queensland during March last year.



"A Group of Aborigines", 1952, Russell Drysdale with permission from NSW Art Gallery

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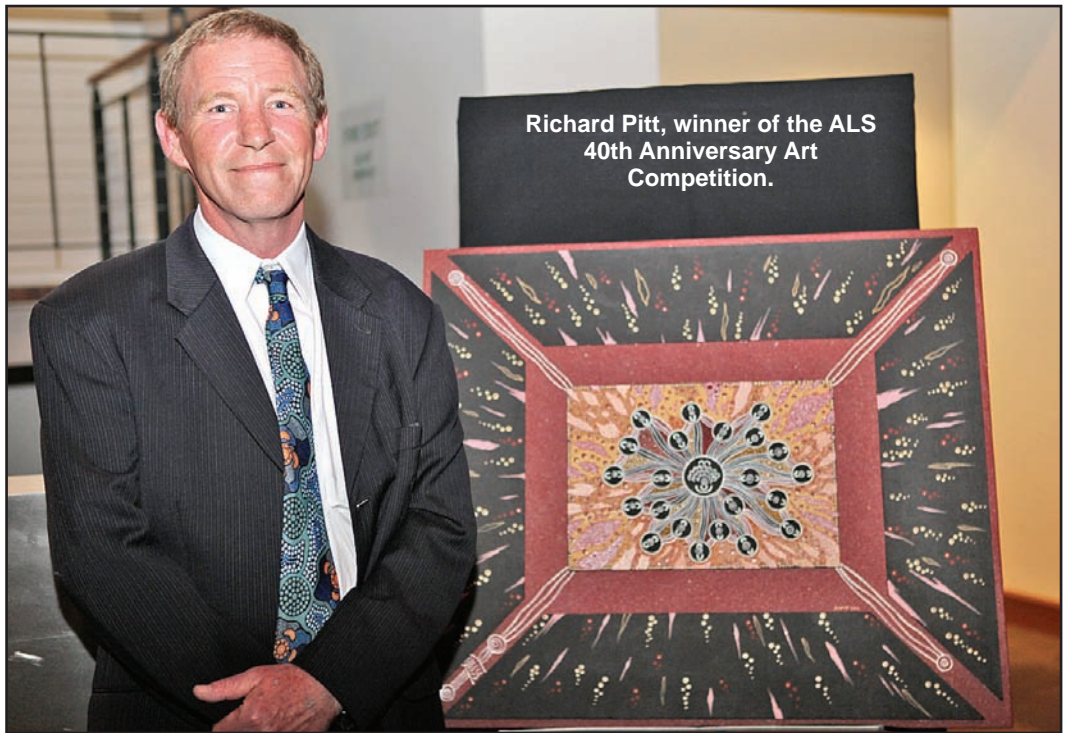
40 years celebration for



Their Honours ... Judge Paul Lakatos SC, Judge Gordon Lerve, Judge Stephen Walmsley SC and Judge John Nicholson SC.



Scott Avery, Louella Eggington and Dennis Eggington.



Richard Pitt, winner of the ALS 40th Anniversary Art Competition.



Des Williams, Fay Griffiths, Garry Creighton and Richard Pacey.



Ragni Mathur, Richard Wilson and Shawn and Sal Stubbings.



Anne Healey, Deb Tipper and Iris White.



NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

Date and Time: Thursday 9 August 2012, 9.30am – 5pm

Friday 10 August 2012, 9am – 4pm

Place: Minjungbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre
Cnr Kirkwood Road and Duffy Street
Tweed Heads South NSW 2486

NTSCORP Limited, the native title service provider for NSW, is convening a meeting for all Aboriginal people who assert native title rights and interests in an area of land and waters at Boyd's Bay in the Tweed Heads South region of NSW.

As shown in the black outline on the map below, this area includes two Crown land parcels, Lot 7050 in Deposited Plan 94185 and Lot 7340 in Deposited Plan 1166612, situated at Boyd's Bay Tweed Heads in the Parish of Terranora, County of Rous, and Local Government Area of Tweed.

The meeting is being convened to discuss and authorise the filing of a native title determination application over the area described above.



The AGENDA for the meeting is:

1. Review of proposed compulsory acquisition at Boyd's Bay;
2. Review of native title law and processes;
3. Decision making process;
4. Considering and authorising a native title determination application over the area described above;
5. Authorising the Applicant to make the native title determination application; and
6. Discussion of the desired outcomes of the native title determination application.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

Please contact NTSCORP Limited by Friday 3 August 2012 to confirm your attendance at the meeting. Limited assistance for travel and accommodation may be available but you will need to complete a registration and mileage form and return it to NTSCORP Limited by 3 August 2012.

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NEVILLE KIM, COMMUNITY FACILITATION MANAGER, ON TOLLFREE PHONE 1800 111 844 OR PHONE (02) 9310 3188 OR FAX (02) 9310 4177.

Aboriginal Legal Service

Checking an artwork at the celebration, from left, Iris White, Ted Fernando, Ray Keed and Gerry Moore.



Noelene and Yvette Lever.



Ted and Dawn Fernando.



Herbie Duroux and Vikki Armytage.

Gathering in Redfern

With photos by LOLA FORESTER, courtesy of the ALS NSW/ACT



MORE than 250 people gathered in Redfern, New South Wales, on 12 July to celebrate 40 years since the first Aboriginal Legal Service opened its doors.

At a dinner to mark the occasion, staff from the NSW/ACT Aboriginal Legal Service gathered at the Australian Technology Park in Redfern.

Also present were former staff members, some of whom are now judges and barristers or lawyers working in the private sector, who were instrumental in the formation of the ALS.

They mingled with Aboriginal and other community members, many of whom had been helped by the ALS at one time or another.

Aboriginal entertainer Buddy Knox played the blues, and the winner of the ALS 40th anniversary poster competition was presented with his \$2000 winner's cheque.

Among the guests were Hal Wootten, the original senior lawyer with the Redfern ALS, Gordon Briscoe, one of the earliest field officers, and Noel Gillon, a stalwart from the western part of NSW.

Former Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister Robert Tickner, who was a solicitor at the Redfern ALS, also attended, as well as current NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello.



ALC CEO Phil Naden.



Brian Weirey, Minister Victor Dominello and Richard Pitt.



Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody commissioner Hal Wootten.



Fay Griffiths, Julie Perkins with her daughter Nora, Robbie Griffith, Richard Pacey and Chris Firth.



Former Federal minister Robert Tickner with Gerry Moore.



Steven Rees and Peter Stapleton.



Rayna Pettet and Gemenu Kumarasin.



Sean Choolburra and Avery Brown.

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Artists help Jesuits in 'good fight'



INDIGENOUS artists have contributed to a new benefit album called **JUST MUSIC**

which marks 35 years of Jesuit Social Services.

Dan Sultan, Dave Arden, Coloured Stone and Tjimba and the Yung Warriors all donated tracks to the album, which can be bought at www.justmusic.org.au

"It's good to be part of a record that's doing something for the good guys who fight the good fight every day," Dan Sultan said.

Dave Arden, who recently performed with Indigenous group The Black Arm Band in London, donated a new track to the album, co-written with leading singer-songwriter Paul Kelly.

"*Freedom Called*, the first track on the album, is about the experiences of many Indigenous soldiers who went to World Wars I and II and were never recognised or honoured for their service," he said.

The **JUST MUSIC** album also features new and rare tracks from Clare Bowditch, Blue King Brown, Xavier Rudd, Waleed Aly's Robot Child, Jesse and Ella Hooper, Angie Hart, David Bridie, Peter Ewing and The Painters and Dockers.

Jesuit Social Services program Brosnan Services, itself marking 25 years this year, runs the Koori 'Konnect' program established in 2008, which is aimed at minimising Indigenous over-representation in the criminal justice system. The program gets its name from knockabout priest Father John Brosnan, who was chaplain of



Rocker Dave Arden with Brosnan Services' Etienne Dinanga and Daniel Clements.

Pentridge Prison for more than 30 years.

Brosnan Services general manager Daniel Clements said the service offered a range of support services to people leaving adult prisons or youth justice centres.

"Core to all of our programs available at Brosnan Services is a way of working that reflects the social justice principles of participation, equity, access and respect," he said.

"As Fr Brosnan said, 'there are three things needed by people when they leave prison; a place to live that is decent, a job that they can handle and friendship – and the hardest to provide is friendship'. We are reminded of the importance of these words every day at Brosnan Services."

Dave Arden, who knows first-hand the importance of a friend when going through hard times,

said those sentiments rang true for him.

"I went through the prison system myself as a youngster so I know exactly how valuable programs like those on offer at Brosnan Services are," he said during a visit to the centre.

"I came from a housing commission home in Collingwood where mum had to bring us up on her own and I got into a lot of trouble early with police and spent time at the Turana Youth Training Centre.

"It is the same old issues for people coming out of jail. These issues don't change, only the human beings involved do. I was lucky to have people support me when I got out of jail as a youngster.

"Fortunately for me, music also came along which proved a great way for me to find my own."

Women now on track for futures in mining



THIRTEEN Indigenous women have become the first to complete a course that qualifies them for jobs in the

mining industry.

They were recognised in a ceremony at Parliament House, Darwin, after completing the Remote Jobs and Communities training program, an initiative between the Federal Government, the Minerals Council of Australia, and the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

The 13 women, from Darwin, Katherine, Jabiru and Alice

Springs, were congratulated by NT Women's Policy Minister Malarndirri McCarthy.

"It is especially fantastic to congratulate these women during NAIDOC Week celebrations," she said.

"Many women often do not receive recognition for contributions outside of their families, which is why it is important that we recognise the efforts and achievements of these first Indigenous women graduates into the mining resources sector.

"Through their hard work and determination, they have received a Certificate I in Resources and Infrastructure

Operations, an OH and S white card, and a Certificate of Completion – IVEC Life Skills.

"With over 70 per cent of minerals industry operations in the Territory in remote communities, this initiative targets education and employment opportunities in the minerals industry for Aboriginal women in remote regions.

"This is a win-win situation for growing our own by maximising local employment opportunities close to community, and increasing the participation of remote communities in mainstream economic activities by building local capacity."



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy

Call for Public Input

The Menzies School of Health Research, in partnership with NACCHO, has been appointed by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing to undertake a public consultation process to inform the development of a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy.

Members of the public, service providers and stakeholder organisations are invited to make written public input and to attend public consultation forums being convened from July to September 2012.

Background information and details of how to be involved are available at www.indigenoussuicideprevention.org.au

The dates and venues of the public forums in each state and territory will be posted progressively to the website.

For further information please contact preventsuicide@menzies.edu.au



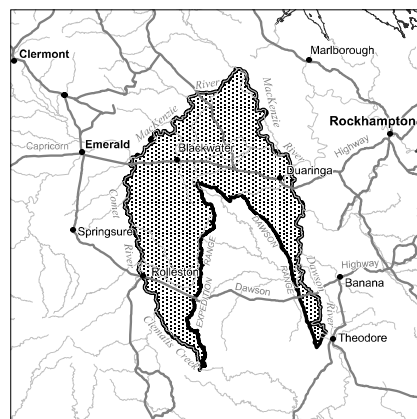
PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING TO AUTHORISE A KANOLU NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION APPLICATION

The **Kanolu People** are those people who are the biological descendants of the following ancestors:

- Lizzie Butcher/Blackwater/Tiger/Clark/King
- King Billy & Jinny/ Jenny
- Nellie of Planet Downs
- Roseann Tyson
- Peter 'Ten Mile' Tyson

This Notice invites all members of the Kanolu People as described above to attend a native title authorisation meeting at the following time and location:



Date of Meeting: Saturday 4 August 2012

Venue of Meeting: Leichhardt Hotel, Cnr Denham & Bolsover Street, Rockhampton 9.30am to 4pm

The purposes of the meeting are to:

- Authorise a new Kanolu native title determination application on behalf of the Kanolu People relating to the recognition of native title rights and interests over the lands depicted in the accompanying map; and
- Appoint an Applicant for that native title determination application.

Please note the map of the proposed claim area to the left.

QSNTS regrets to advise that it is unable to assist with transport to or from the meeting however morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meeting.

All Kanolu People are invited to contact Queensland South Native Title Services' Client Relations Unit on 1800 663 693 to register their intention to attend the authorisation meeting or for further information.



The Australian Government is interested in your views on the design of the next five years of Caring for our Country. Over the next month we will be out and about talking through specific ideas for the next phase of the initiative, such as setting investment priorities, delivery mechanisms, innovation and partnerships.

We value your input and appreciate your continued assistance in our efforts to continually strengthen Caring for our Country further. To make sure everyone has a say, we will be hosting an online discussion forum on the Caring for our Country review website www.caringforourcountryreview.com.au. You can also call or email us.

We will post discussion papers on the review website throughout the consultation.

Please let us know what you think about the proposals by reading the discussion papers and making a short submission.

Online discussion forum and submissions close 5pm 15 August 2012 (AEST).

Submissions can be sent to us via email or in hardcopy:

programdesign@nrm.gov.au

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KJR group score game tickets



KOORI Job Ready's (KJR) latest group were rewarded for their work with tickets to see the NRL South Sydney Rabbitohs play the Newcastle Knights on 8 July.

The tickets were given to the graduates by Souths Cares, the charity arm of the Rabbitohs, through the support of team sponsors Deppro. Fifty graduates, staff and supporters of KJR spent the afternoon in a box watching the Bunnies defeat the Knights 34-14.

The group were hosted by Souths Cares program co-ordinator Reihana Nathan, Souths Cares Indigenous programs co-ordinator and former Rabbitohs fullback Rhys Wesser and Willie Peters, from Deppro.

"We all had a great day

together," said Koori Job Ready hospitality head teacher Aunty Beryl Van Oploo.

"It was the perfect way to celebrate the end of another successful course and the recent graduation of 23 construction and hospitality students.

"Our relationship with Souths Cares is very important to us and we are so thankful to them for this special treat."

KJR manages courses that train Indigenous students in skills that enable them to get work in the construction, IT and hospitality industries.

Since the program began in 2006, more than 850 employment opportunities have been created for Aboriginal men and women.

In the latest graduation, 17 students completed the hospitality course.



Koori Job Ready team members at the NRL game, from left, Kiarra Smalle, Aunty Beryl Van Oploo, Raelene Dillon, Luke Rousell and Glenda Button.

School homework club wins backing



A HOMEWORK club will continue at Wickham Primary School in Western Australia for another three years as part of a partnership between the David

Wirrpanda Foundation and mining giant Rio Tinto.

Rio Tinto and the Foundation recently hosted a barbecue for the Wickham Wirra Club Homework Centre to celebrate the renewed partnership.

The partnership will run until 2014, with more than \$640,000 to be provided over the three years to ensure the delivery and expansion of the after school program and fund training and professional development for staff.

David Wirrpanda Foundation chief executive officer Lisa Cunningham said the Wirra Club had gone from strength to strength over the past couple of years.

"The Wickham Wirra Club Homework Centre has become a key organisation in the Wickham community," she said.

"The children have improved across so many levels from being involved in the program and it's enabling them to become more engaged, not only when at the centre, but also in school and at home."

Rio Tinto has supported the David Wirrpanda Foundation Wickham Wirra Club Homework Centre since 2010.

The club is a reward, recognition and mentoring program which operates three afternoons a week providing local Indigenous primary school students with homework assistance and a healthy afternoon snack.

It employs locally identified role models with a focus on local Indigenous people living in the community and works with community based organisations.

Its founder, former AFL champion David Wirrpanda, won the Person of the Year Award at the recent National



Ready for homework ... Rio Tinto general manager communities Robyn Sermon, students Jamie-Lee Hughes, Meeza Humphries and Daniel Farmer and Australian rules footballer Troy Cook.

NAIDOC Awards in Hobart.

Rio Tinto general manager communities Robyn Sermon said the renewed partnership was important in the delivery of valuable education initiatives in the region.

"Rio Tinto is committed to supporting

effective education programs across the Pilbara for Aboriginal youth," she said.

"The Wirra Club has proven really successful and we are proud to be involved in such a fantastic and worthwhile program."

Desert fest is all set



The program for this year's Desert Harmony Festival in Tennant Creek has been finalised.

Singer/songwriter Frank Yamma headlines a list of acts and activities planned over 10 days, starting late next month.

"This year's Desert Harmony Festival features a rich and diverse program with several exciting Australian productions as well as firm favourites celebrating the distinctive art and cultures of the Barkly region," festival manager Kathy Burns, of Barkly Regional Arts, said.

A feature this year is Caravan Burlesque, presented with Artback NT, which organisers say 'fuses Parisian nightclub with wild cabaret, sizzling dance moves and razor sharp wit'.

New this year is a digital storytelling project, Barkly Yarning, which invites people to share their stories digitally (using the spoken word, photos, artwork, music) to document and celebrate life across the Barkly.

Showcase

DanceSite returns on the evening of 1 September. Presented by Artback NT, Wurrujintja Anyul Warlunanjiki is a showcase of the region's dynamic traditional dancers.

Other events include Deckchair Theatre's touring production of *Bindjareb Pinjarra*, and a home-grown version of the musical *Bran Nue Dae* with a road trip from Darwin to Tennant Creek.

On the final day, 2 September, Frank Yamma, whose CD *Countryman* drew local and international attention, headlines a line-up of local bands and musicians.

Most events are free, and locals and visitors are invited to experience the culture of the Barkly through youth performances, music, films, a multicultural dinner show, a regional art market, street parade and other cultural festivities.

The full festival program is at <http://www.barklyarts.com.au/dhf2012>.

Program guides are also available from the Barkly Arts office (08) 8962 2799.

Veterans honoured



Vietnam veteran Alec Illin being interviewed for television after the Townsville ceremony.

By ALF WILSON



THE contribution Indigenous men and women have made to the Australian Defence Force was celebrated during a ceremony in Townsville on 11 July.

Held outside the Townsville City Council offices, it was organised and supported by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Townsville City Council and the Army's 3rd Brigade.

The ceremony included the playing of a didgeridoo by Ashley Saltner Jnr during the laying of wreaths and singing of the national anthem by local Indigenous singer Vicki Saylor, of Darnley Island descent.

A special guest speaker at the ceremony was Robert Cedar, also of Darnley descent.

A special acknowledgement was made at the ceremony to 94-year-old Enemarki Zaro, one of the last

remaining Indigenous diggers who served with the Torres Strait Island Light Infantry Battalion in World War II.

With Mr Zaro were his children, grandchildren great-grandchildren and even three great-great grandchildren.

Mr Zaro could not talk due to some dental work he'd had done, but his granddaughter Nina Shibasaki spoke for him.

Very emotional

"Enemarki always remembers his brothers from the days of the Torres Strait Island Light Infantry Battalion and gets very emotional," she said.

This year marks the 70th anniversary when war came to the Torres Strait. On 14 March 1942 at 11.45am the first bombs were dropped on Horn Island by eight Japanese bombers.

A year earlier in response to the increasing threat to Australia, the Government decided to form, for

local Defence, a unit of Torres Strait Islanders to assist the Allied forces in the region.

This unit became known as the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion. Mr Zaro is believed to be the last remaining original member from it.

The *Koori Mail* also spoke to Aboriginal man Alec Illin, a Vietnam veteran who served with the Army from 1966-70.

Mr Illin was a member of the 4th Battalion and served in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969.

"This is a very special to all soldiers who have served and the Indigenous members," he said.

Townsville RSL president Rod McLeod said the organisation was pleased to be asked to provide assistance to such an important commemorative service.

"The Townsville RSL is proud to have a well documented association with Indigenous service people," he said.



Torres Strait Islander veteran Enemarki Zaro about to lay a wreath, assisted by his son Kevin, right, and son-in-law Tebay Marou.

Applications are open for fellowship



APPLICATIONS are open for the \$25,000 George Chaloupka Fellowship, which aims to support published research and conservation of Aboriginal

rock art in Western Arnhem Land.

The fellowship is named in honour of rock art historian and former Darwin curator Dr George Chaloupka, who documented and recorded more than 3000 rock art sites across the Northern Territory.

He passed away last year in Darwin, aged 79.

Sponsored by mining company Energy Resources of Australia and backed by the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT (MAGNT), the fellowship will be granted to an individual to undertake work relating to rock art.

Last year's fellowship winner, Mandy Muir, has focused her research on documenting the traditional knowledge of the rock art of Yuwengayay senior women custodians.

For more information on the fellowship, contact MAGNT's Pierre Arpin on (08) 8999 8220 or email pierre.arpin@nt.gov.au



Australian Government
Attorney-General's Department

2012 Indigenous Legal Professional and Indigenous Law Student of the Year

The Attorney-General of Australia, the Hon Nicola Roxon MP, is pleased to announce the

Indigenous Legal Professional of the Year Award and the Indigenous Law Student of the Year Prize.

Nominations for the Indigenous Legal Professional of the Year are open to any Indigenous person who is currently admitted as a solicitor or barrister in Australia. The Award recipient will receive \$5,000 for further professional development.

Nominations for the Indigenous Law Student of the Year are open to any Indigenous person enrolled in a Law Degree in Australia. The Award recipient will receive \$2,500 to further their studies.

Nominees must address the selection criteria that can be accessed by:

- Visiting: <http://www.ag.gov.au/indigenouslegalaward> or
- emailing: IndigenousLegalAward@ag.gov.au

Nominations close on 17 August 2012



Ministerial Taskforce on
Aboriginal Affairs

Have your say on the new Aboriginal affairs strategy

Round two community consultations

The Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs is back with nine more community forums across NSW.

This is your opportunity to check the directions and proposals that came out of the first round of consultations in January and February.

Forum dates and locations

Date	Location	Venue	Time
Friday 24 August	Batemans Bay	Batemans Bay Soldiers Club Beach Road, Batemans Bay NSW 2536	11:15-3:15*
Monday 27 August	Newcastle	Newcastle Harness Racing Club 294 Turton Road, New Lambton NSW 2304	11:00-3:00*
Tuesday 28 August	Kempsey	Kempsey Macleay RSL 1 York Lane, Kempsey NSW 2440	11:30-3:30*
Wednesday 29 August	Lismore	Lismore Workers Club 225-231 Keen Street, Lismore NSW 2480	11:00-3:00*
Wednesday 29 August	Griffith	Gemini Hotel 201-207 Banna Avenue, Griffith NSW 2680	11:00-3:00*
Thursday 30 August	Tamworth	West's Tamworth League Club 58 Phillip Street, West Tamworth NSW 2340	11:00-3:00*
Friday 31 August	Dubbo	Dubbo RSL corner Brisbane & Wingewarra Streets, Dubbo NSW 2830	11:00-3:00*
Friday 31 August	Cobar	Cobar Bowling and Golf Club Murray Street, Cobar NSW 2835	10:30-2:30*
Monday 3 September	Campbelltown	Cube Entertainment and Convention Centre 20-22 Camden Road, Campbelltown NSW 2560	10:00-2:00*

*Registration will take place 15 minutes prior to the start time.

Can't make it to a meeting? View the interim Taskforce report and take our survey online at www.daa.nsw.gov.au/taskforce

For more information about the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs and to RSVP to the forums please visit www.daa.nsw.gov.au/taskforce or email taskforce@dhs.nsw.gov.au or call the Taskforce Secretariat on (02) 9219 0702.



Larrakia people lead the march in Darwin.



Darwin NAIDOC Committee members Lianne Millen and Joy Baird with Ailani Millen.

Alive and well in the Top End

Photos by
FRANCINE CHINN



THIS year's Top End NAIDOC march attracted a big crowd with hundreds of people walking through Darwin streets for the annual Friday event, led by the local Larrakia traditional owners.

They then gathered in Raintree Park for a welcome performance by the One Mob, Different Country dance group, a barbecue hosted by the Northern Land Council, displays and speeches.

Organisations that took part in the march and information stalls included the Menzies School of Health Research, AMSANT, Danila Dilba Medical Service, CAAPU Family Program, Yilli Rreung Housing, NAAJA, the NT Coordinator General for Remote Services, NLC and the First Nations political party.

It had been a week since the Gillard Government's



Maurie Ryan, right, and supporters of the Indigenous political party First Nations, in front of their flag.

Stronger Futures legislation was passed by Federal Parliament and speakers focused on the sense of frustration, disempowerment and the excessive level of control government exerts

over the lives of Aboriginal Territorians.

That night, Larrakia Nation hosted a 'Countryman's Concert' at Darwin's Frog Hollow Park. The non-profit, family-focused and alcohol-

free event featured performers from Ramingining, Galiwin'ku, Milingimbi, Maningrida and Bulman invited by the Larrakia to take part in a shared celebration with the theme 'Alive and Well'.



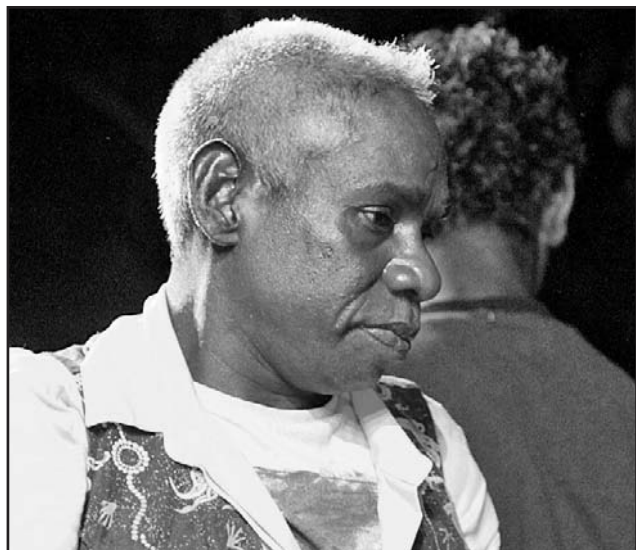
James Passi, Rodney Davoy, Violet-Rose Davoy, Louisa Davoy and Bizzie-Ella Davoy.



Marlene Hewitt, left, and Kerry Flanagan, right, from IBA, with Brenda Masters.



Joan Mullens and Halima Berry.



David Maxwell of the Letterstick Band at the Countryman's Concert in Darwin.



Performers at the Countryman's Concert in Darwin.



Take a bow ... event manager Jade Masters and NAIDOC Perth Committee members Kaye Richer, Gail Beck, Lois May, Tammy Solonec, Tim Blake, Glenda Kickett (chairperson), Leah Bonson, Angela Ryder, Cassandra Ryder and Helen Humes.



MC Mechelle Wilson.



Kelly Rule entertains.



Ashley Truscott on the didgridoo.

A great opening

Photos by LESLEY DESMOND and TASH NANNUP, courtesy of the Perth NAIDOC Committee

WA MUSIC, dance, children's rides and good tucker were all part of the NAIDOC Perth opening ceremony held on 1 July. For the fifth year, the event was held

at Wellington Square in East Perth. It began with a welcome to country by Whadjuck Noongar Elders Marie Taylor and the Rev Sealin Garlett, followed by speeches, dance from Kwarbah Djookian and the Urban Dancers, and music from Angela Rule, Oz Island, Bad Influence and headliner Troy Cassar-Daley. The chilled-out atmosphere made for plenty of family friendly fun.



Japeth James, from Oz Island.



The Bad Influence.



Troy Cassar-Daley played to a packed tent.



● Above: Dancers from Balga Senior High School's SNSEP Program.

● Left: The Urban Youth/Urban Youth Junior Crew performing on stage.



The Kwarbah Djookian Dance Group.



Performer Angela Rule makes a point.



The chilled out crowd at Wellington Square.



Anne and Shane Garlett. Anne received the NAIDOC Outstanding Achievement Award earlier in the week.



You beauties ... Miss NAIDOC 2012 Rachel Visser and Belle of the Ball Helen Rule.



Lady of the Ball Linley Tucker.



Marine Gomis and Cindy McCumstie.



Robert Eades got down (and back up again).

Party time for mob in west

Photos by LESLEY DESMOND, courtesy of the Perth NAIDOC Committee

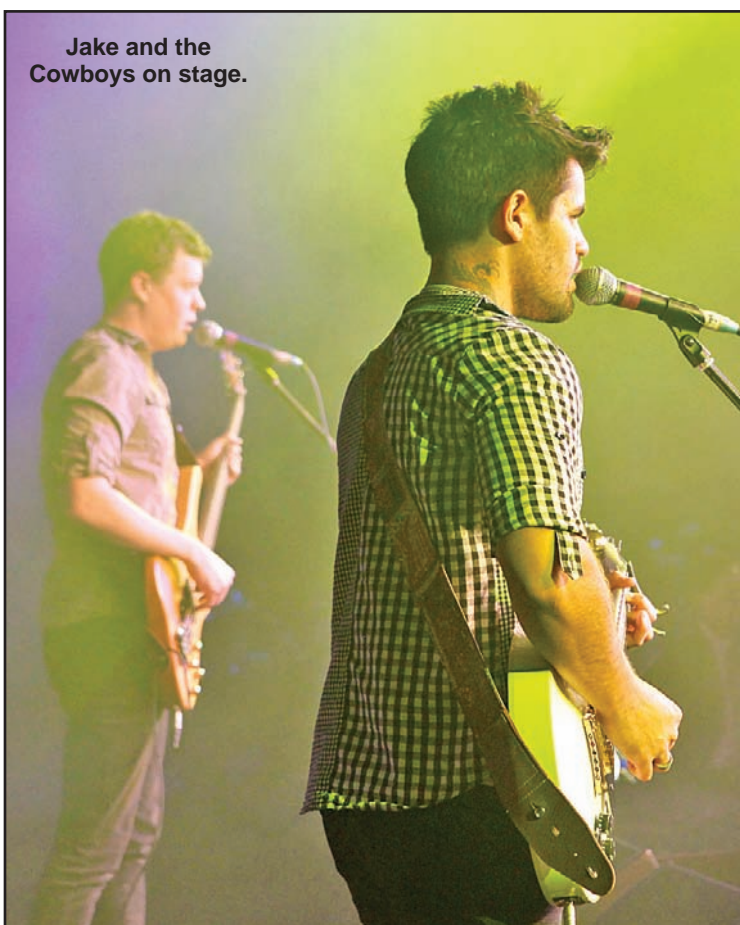


THEY sure know how to party in Perth, which is good news given the city will host next year's national NAIDOC celebrations.

This year's NAIDOC Perth Ball was held at the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre on Friday, 6 July.

Things kicked off with a 'Black Carpet' walk and a cocktail party in the upstairs foyer overlooking the spectacular Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan River), where guests were entertained by 2012 NAIDOC Perth Artist of the Year Ulla Shay.

This was followed by a formal dinner and a string of musical talent including Kimberley singer John Bennett, Bartlett Brothers, Jake and the Cowboys, and the Yabu Band as guests burned up the dance floor.



Jake and the Cowboys on stage.



Mitchell Farmer and Phil Quartermaine.



Getting down on the dance floor.



Boyd and Delson Stokes of the Yabu Band.



Nigel Wilkes Jr on didgeridoo.



Taking a breather, back from left, Spencer Alones, Simone Narkle, Bradley Riley, Glen Yates and Craig Indich. In front, Karen Hayden and Dennise and Derek Kickett.



Beau of the Ball Darryl Garlett.



Andrea Ellis and Nicola Morrison.



Belle of the Ball finalists and Perth's Miss NAIDOC 2012 Rachel Visser.



Glenda Kickett, Kaye Richer and Kylie Nelson were in high spirits.



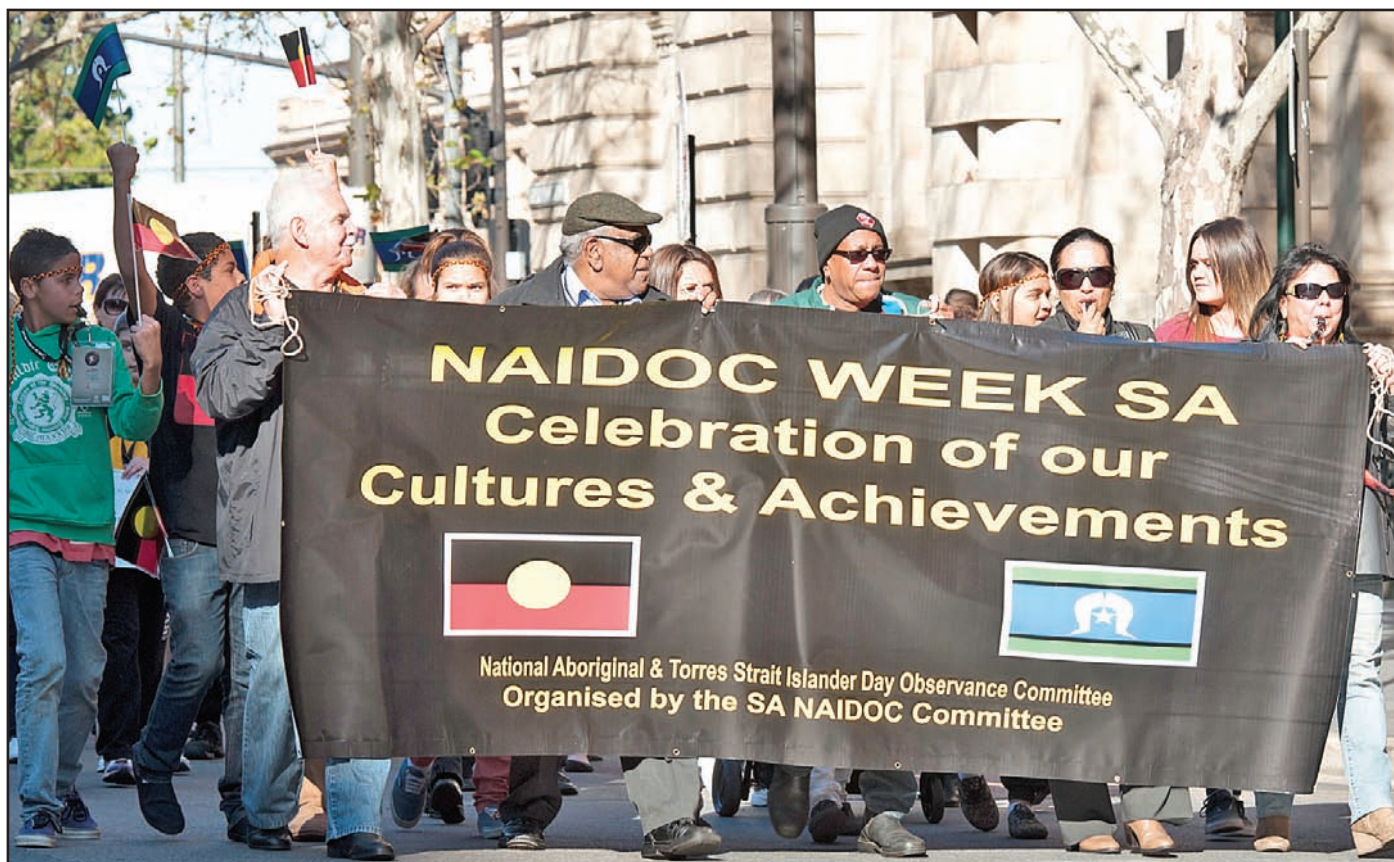
Graham Jetta and Kellie Austin.



We think you can dance! Alana Eggerton-Green and Darren Inji.



Gentleman of the Ball Patrick Smith and Cassandra Ryder.



The Adelaide NAIDOC march heads off from Victoria Square on the way to the family fun day. Photos courtesy of Tandanya



Robert Taylor of Kurruru's boys dance group Binnanendi.



Comedian Kevin Kropinyeri, who MCed the Adelaide NAIDOC Ball later in the week.

Crowd takes to streets



WELL over 1000 people turned out to celebrate NAIDOC Day in Adelaide this year.

After a flag-raising and announcement of the South Australian

information. Entertainment was provided by rising stars Ellie Lovegrove and Corey Theatre, Torres Strait Islander performer Eddie Peters, and Kurruru Dance ensemble Binnanendi performing traditional dance.

The following night, comedian Kevin Kropinyeri MCed a sell-out ball at the Adelaide Convention Centre where guests were entertained by Archie Roach and band, Sonya Rankine with Peter Butler and Beck Gollan, and Nancy Bates and Alan Sumner.

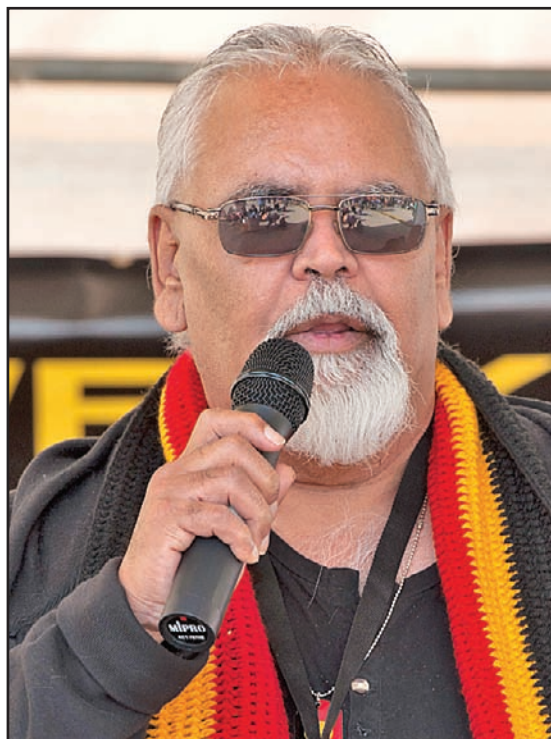
Later in the night, the crowd took to the dance floor to the sounds of the Warren Milera Band and Tony Minniecon.

NAIDOC Awards earlier in the week, focus turned to the traditional street march and family fun day on Friday, 6 July.

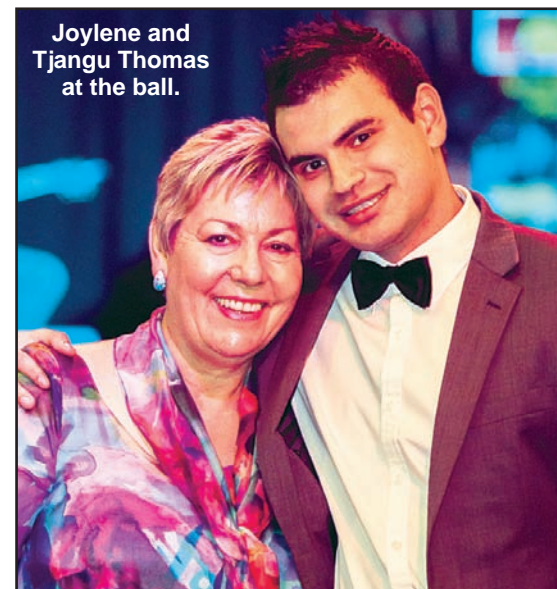
The march began at Tandanyangga (Victoria Square) and, to the sounds of the yidaki, percussion and whistles, travelled down King William Street to the Torrens Parade Ground for the family fun day where a record number of stalls distributed products and



The scene at the Adelaide NAIDOC fun day.



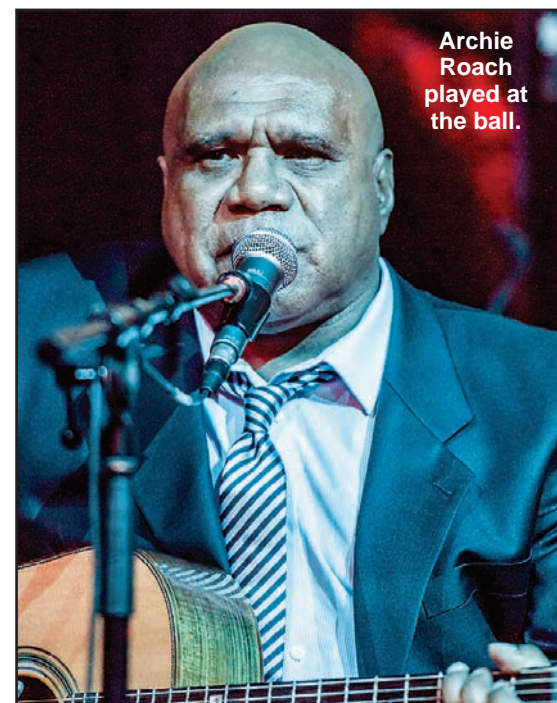
SA NAIDOC chairman Tauto Sansbury.



Joylene and Tjangu Thomas at the ball.



Auntie and Uncle of the Adelaide ball Michael and Kerry Colbung.



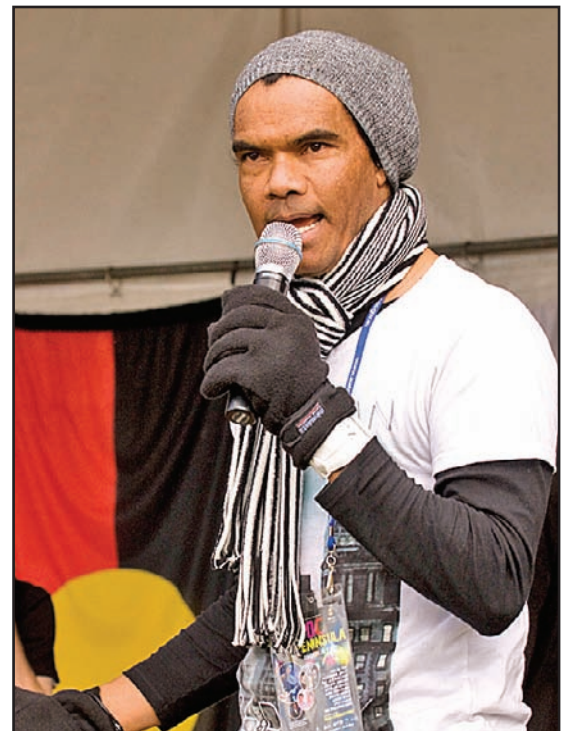
Archie Roach played at the ball.



Nathan Carter from hip-hop group Stick N Move.



Local songman Johnny Huckle on stage with kids.



Even cooler than usual ... Canberra event host Sean Choolburra.



Dan Sultan headlined the free concert in Canberra.

Crowd at Peninsula gathering

Photos by KERSTIN STYCHE, courtesy of AIATSIS



ALMOST 7000 people braved cool conditions in Canberra to attend NAIDOC on the Peninsula earlier this month – a day of music and other activities which kick-started local NAIDOC celebrations across the national capital. Double ARIA award winner Dan Sultan headlined the free concert on Acton Peninsula, open to all locals and featuring national and local Indigenous musicians.

Presented by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), the event celebrates the cultural heritage of Indigenous people and their contributions to Australian society.

Live entertainment included

performances from pop/folk duo Microwave Jenny and Indigenous hip-hop trio The Last Kinection.

Local acts Hung Parliament, Johnny Huckle, Hidden Desire, Stick N Move, and The Riverbank Band were crowd favourites, all offering polished performances.

MCed by Indigenous comedian Sean Choolburra, the day also featured traditional dance performances from the Wiradjuri Echoes and the Zugubal Dance Team – a four-member Torres Strait Islander dance group from Badu Island.

As the biggest NAIDOC event in the ACT, the day also featured an array of information and market stalls by state and federal departments, non-government and community organisations, Indigenous arts and crafts outlets, and a host of free child-related activities and amusement rides.



ACT Aboriginal dance group The Wiradjuri Echoes performed.



Tessa Nuku and Brendon Boney from pop/folk duo Microwave Jenny.



Ben Slabb, of Hung Parliament.



Veteran ACT performers Dale Huddleston and The Riverbank Band.



Hidden Desire on stage. Photo by Colette Robinson



Michael Weir from hip-hop group Stick N Move.



The Zugubal Dance team featuring members from Cairns and the Torres Strait fascinated the crowd with traditional dances.



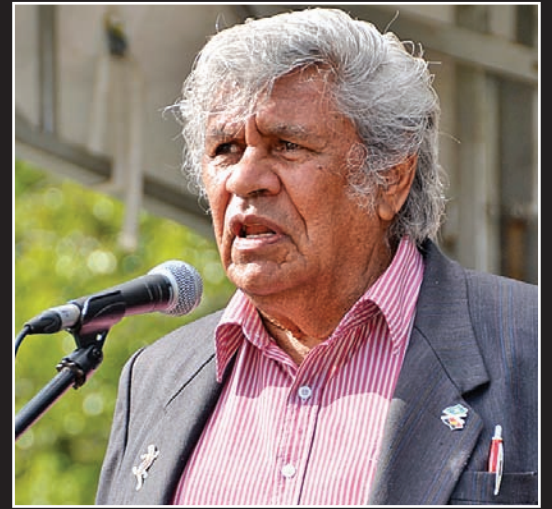
NAIDOC 2012 – Brisbane



Former prime minister and local MP Kevin Rudd on stage with Uncle Teddy.



Mitch Thomas, of Wagga Wagga, Moana Lilino, of Waikato, New Zealand, Wally Tallis, of Bellbowrie, and Tracy Shortland, of Auckland, NZ.



Uncle Des Sandy gives the welcome to country.



Mt Isa father and daughter Wayne and Janice Blackman enjoying the day.



Virgin Australia crew, from left, Dean Durand, Ben Bolt, Will Muckan and Sue-Ann Williams. All photos by Theresa Dalton



Aunty Joan Collins speaks to the crowd.



Aunty Valda Coolwell speaks.



Link-Up workers at their stall, from left, Ruth Loli, Henrietta Hunter and Ruth and Patience Link.



Gunggari mob Uncle Wayne Saunders and Aunty Peggy Tidyman with her grandnieces, Charlotte (5) and Chelsea Jackson (8).



East Brisbane's Allan Binge and Elizabeth Kirk.



Brisbane locals Tamara Buzzacott, Moesha Buzzacott, Nathan Appo and Samara Dargan enjoying the event.



Coral Walker and Bill Eggmolesse attended from Bundaberg.



Nancy Walker, of Tabulam, Karen Dalton, of Lismore, Cedric Walker, of Bonalbo, and Mavis Robinson.



ACPA drama and music participants at their stall, back, Carmen Athel and Davey Thompson and, in front, Tibian Wyles, Tristan Field and Shakira Clanton.



Cecilia and Lucas Beirne at the celebration.



Gold Coast Titans All Original Sista Girlz, from left, Maddie Dellas, Angel Weatherall, Chloe Dalton, Abbey Olivares, Shannon Singh and Jessica Beam, were there.

Spirit alive at Musgrave Park



The Shipway family, Bruce, Manu, Mervin and Matilda.



Just about every man – and Honey the dog – joined the Musgrave Park celebration.

By SOPHIA WALTER



NOWHERE was the theme of NAIDOC 2012, 'Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on', more poignant than at Brisbane's Musgrave Park Family Fun Day, according to activist Adrian McAvoy.

"This is Aboriginal and Islander Observance Day and today we celebrate all the blackfellas who went down there for the Tent Embassy in 1972 and set a precedent for all of us. This is why we stand here today," he said.

"What they really started is unity, and that's something we need to believe in.

"We're the original people from this land and we have our laws and our spirits."

Brisbane's Aboriginal tent embassy, which was controversially relocated by Brisbane City Council in May, cast a proud shadow over the event from its new position further uphill.

Former prime minister and Member for Griffith Kevin Rudd formally opened the day's events.

"Because Aboriginal people stand up with one voice on days like this, it commands the rest of the country to sit up, take notice and take stock," Mr Rudd said.

"It is a great opportunity to celebrate pride, a great opportunity to be confident about the future and a great opportunity also to look at the next big challenges in the future, including constitutional recognition."

Event manager Scott Anderson pointed to the 'spiritual meaning' of the park in drawing Indigenous Queenslanders there to celebrate.

"There's bora rings down on this park where men and women would

perform ritual ceremony so it has that history attached to it and it's a place that even today still has a lot of Aboriginal people and they'll come and they'll meet," he said.

"Today is testimony to that because it's probably one of the few days of the year when we can actually come together and celebrate."

National Indigenous Youth Parliament member Murrawah Johnson said NAIDOC had always been a time for the mob to gather and learn from each other.

"It's a way for us to come together and one of our unwritten laws is to respect our Elders and here we have a chance to mingle with our older people," she said.

Performances included traditional song and dance, choirs and rap music.

Important

Queensland Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Glen Elmes said the celebration of diversity was an important part of NAIDOC.

"One of the things that we are doing in this country a little bit better than we used to is engaging with each other, and when you get a situation like this – and if you look around out there, you'll see Aboriginals, you'll see Torres Strait Islanders, and you'll see all the other cultures who are represented – and every time you do something like this, people understand each other just a little bit more and the more we can get understanding, the happier our communities are going to be collectively," Mr Elmes said.

Event organisers estimated about 16,000 people attended the Musgrave Park Family Fun Day, which Mr Rudd described as 'alive with spirit'.



Residential Tenancies Authority stallholder Alisha Bamaga with balloons.



Outsource Personnel's James William and Irwin Appo.



A banner proclaiming the NAIDOC theme for this year. Former prime minister Kevin Rudd, who is the local MP for Griffith, (which takes in Musgrave Park), and who attended the NAIDOC celebration, said the family fun day was 'alive with spirit'.



Bulu entertainers at the Village Kids Children Centre celebration.

Culture in spotlight



TORRES Strait Islander culture was showcased during a special

NAIDOC celebration at the Village Kids Children Centre in Townsville on 5 July.

The Bulu entertainers, including adults and junior dancers, and the Komet group performed as more than 60 children, some of their parents, and staff looked on.

Village Kids cultural educator Otare Joseph, who is married to Murray Islander Aicey Day, was one of the chief organisers of the celebrations.

Two women of Murray



Junior Bulu dancers.

Island descent, Daisy Passi and Amy Kaddy, who are both centre educators, also assisted.

The Village Kids centre has a strong focus on cultural diversity and its director, Claire Sampson, said it was wonderful to host NAIDOC

celebrations. "NAIDOC is about enriching culture by sharing that culture," she said.

After the entertainment program a traditional feast was enjoyed by participants, with much of the food cooked underground. — Alf Wilson



From left, Elizabeth Gisu, Daisy Passi and Amy Kaddy.



Red Cross workers at the NAIDOC family day.

Red Cross has family fun day



A NAIDOC family fun day held at the Red Cross headquarters near Townsville Hospital on 4 July proved popular.

About 100 people attended, many of them family and friends of Red Cross clients along with support workers and some from other not-for-profit agencies from Townsville.

Regional Red Cross manager James Harmon said the Red Cross worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across mainland Australia.

"We are committed to building long-term and respectful relationships, and working together, as partners, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," he said.

Palm Island-based Red Cross engagement officer Matthew Malone was there and he enjoyed the opportunity to link with the services and clients who attended.

The Ronsen family of St Paul's Village on Moa Island in the Torres Strait were there after being supported by Red Cross when Nairesha Ronsen, 3, needed treatment at the hospital. Dianne Ronsen, Trudy Ronsen, Scotty Ronsen, and baby Tikayah, four



Red Cross workers Michelle Deshong (acting state manager, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander strategy), left, and Bonny Hoey (case manager, referral for Active Intervention program) at the gathering.

months, were there with Nairesha.

Organisers are looking forward to the event becoming a regular fixture on the NAIDOC calendar and getting bigger each year. — Alf Wilson



At the day, from left, Virginia Namie (Mount Isa), Roger Mick (Doomadgee), Red Cross case manager David Smallwood and Elisa Fowler (Mount Isa).



Paul Conway, left, and Mervin Palmer with the Dale Parker Place sign.



Marchers head along Thuringowa Drive.



Aboriginal dancers lead the Townsville street march.



Holding the sign are Jenny Smallwood, left, and Dorothy Hellyer.

Deadly day out



A STREET march and a Deadly Family Day Out were among the highlights of successful NAIDOC celebrations in Townsville.

Hundreds of Indigenous people took part in the 6 July march, which started outside Kirwan High School on Thuringowa Drive.

Torres Strait Islander Randall Ross told the *Koori Mail* as he prepared to march that it was great to see so many involved.

"Lots of our people are here and they are proud to march," he said.

Many of the marchers carried banners.

Traffic was stopped by controllers as participants proceeded along Thuringowa Drive, one of the busiest roads in Townsville.

The family day was held at scenic Pioneer Parklands at the Riverways in Condon beside the freshwater reaches of Ross River.

Celebrations began on 1 July with entertainment, a feast and flag-raising ceremony at the Thuringowa Soundshell. Other events during the week included a Sunday church service at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, a police flag-raising on 3 July and a corporate breakfast, all organised by a local committee.



March participants and their helpers along the Townsville route.



One of the many signs proudly on display during the march.



Shalom Christian College sign carriers, from left, Neil Cedar, Jo Lomas, Shelley Nolan, Monique Nolan, Liam Nolan and Bruce Munro.



The sign says it all.



Having a deadly time, Makgiil Deemal-Neal and his cousin Rodney McGinnes during this year's Cairns NAIDOC march.



The Neweul Dancers, meaning 'one blood', performed.



Happy Elders lead the march.



Aunty Evelyn Lowah rides up front in the 'fire engine' with other local Elders during the NAIDOC march.



Torres Strait Islander dancers.



NAIDOC health check fairies Larissa Minniecon and Tileah Drahm-Butler, from the Closing the Gap program.



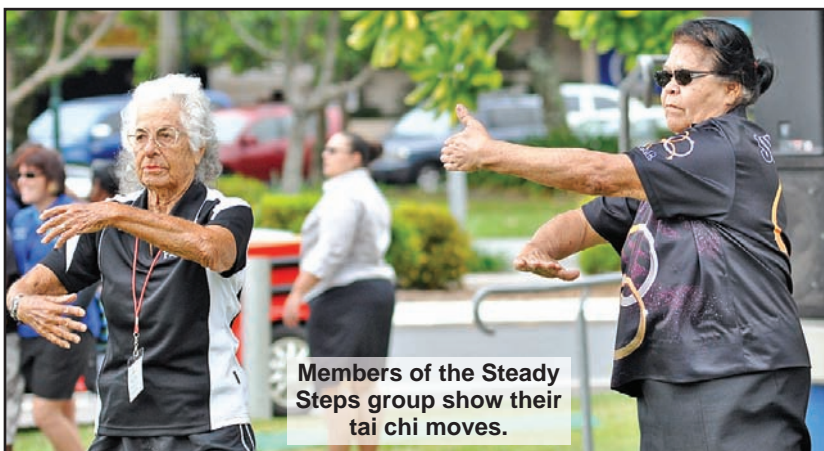
Lorna McEwan and Lawei Head.



Heidi Warkill, Apanie Taylor, Florence Harbin and Ahneece Taylor.



2 Spirits and the sexual health team joined forces for NAIDOC, from left, Nikki Hill, Arone Meeks and Lorna Bosun.



Members of the Steady Steps group show their tai chi moves.



The Heron family, back, Elijah, Matai and Sonja and, front, Lebron and Armairie.



Marie Pitt and Annette Hooligan.



Indigenous Schooling Support Unit co-ordinator Kerry Hollingsworth.



Luke Wenitong and Michael White, from the Australian Red Cross.



Sharnell, Charmaine and Kalinda Enoch.



The Defence Indigenous Development Program leads the march.

March ends huge week

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



CAIRNS NAIDOC celebrations drew to a colourful close as hundreds of marchers weaved their way through the city streets towards Fogarty Park for a family day out.

This year's NAIDOC theme 'Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on' was incorporated into banners and chants.

The Defence Indigenous Development Program led the march, with attendance in the high hundreds as even more descended on the Cairns Esplanade for a day of entertainment, children's and cultural activities, song, dance and food.

For most, however, it was simply a day to catch up with family and friends as the far north's most social event in the NAIDOC calendar.

D-Warrior

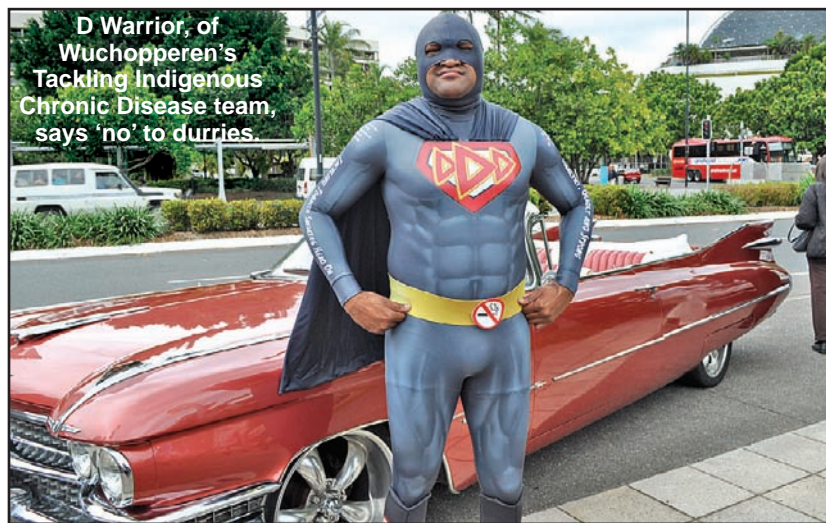
Local community and government organisations were well represented, with information and education stalls dotted around the oval, and a special appearance by Wuchopperen's 'D-Warrior' proved popular with the little ones.

MCs Merrisa Jose and Edward Lampton kept the day lighthearted and fun, introducing a host of activities including a line-up of tai-chi and dance moves by 'Steady Steps' Elders' group; Neweul Aboriginal dancers and Torres Strait Island dance groups, and a number of special NAIDOC presentations including students from Queensland's Indigenous Schooling Support Unit – Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow.

Cairns NAIDOC celebrations officially concluded with a NAIDOC mass on Sunday, 8 July.



The crew from Education Qld's Indigenous Schooling Support Unit – Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow program.



D Warrior, of Wuchopperen's Tackling Indigenous Chronic Disease team, says 'no' to durries.



Natrese and Jamaica Jacobs wore these NAIDOC outfits designed by their aunty.



The Torres Strait was well represented at the Cairns march.



Rita and Cec Heron joined the celebrations.

NCIE hosts conversation

IT'S what every writer hopes for, a sold-out event with a waiting list. And so it was for Wiradjuri woman Anita Heiss when she joined fellow author Anne Summers 'in conversation' at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) during NAIDOC Week.

The event title 'Am I Black Enough For You' mirrored that of Dr Heiss's latest book, which explores Aboriginal identity.

The topics covered in the conversation included Dr Heiss's family and background – she spoke about being a Wiradjuri woman even though she was born on Gadigal Land in Sydney, growing up with an Aboriginal mother and Austrian father and the effects that had on her even in her local community.

She told the 100-strong audience that *Am I Black Enough For You* was not written in response to an infamous article by newspaper columnist Andrew Bolt, but that the article and

subsequent court case bought about a sense of urgency. She originally had the idea of writing a book about identity back in 2007 when it became apparent that there was serious confusion about Aboriginal people and culture and what it means to be an Aboriginal person.

Statement

Dr Heiss said she wrote the book as a statement of empowerment, of pride in identity and to explain that Aboriginal people born and raised in the city still have a connection to country.

Donna Ingram, from the Metro Aboriginal Land Council, gave a welcome to country. Amongst the audience were NSW Governor Marie Bashir and her family, and Federal Race Discrimination Commissioner Dr Helen Szoke.

Afterwards, Dr Heiss signed copies of her book and guests enjoyed a light lunch.

The event was recorded by Koori Radio and ABC Radio.



Author Anita Heiss with NSW Governor Marie Bashir, Anne Summers and NCIE communications co-ordinator Bianca Roberts, who organised the event.

Solid turnout at Boggabilla



NAIDOC celebrations at Boggabilla, far northern NSW, drew about 175 local residents and guests from nearby Goondiwindi, Toomelah and visitors from elsewhere.

Hosted by Moree Plains Shire Council on 25 June, the activities reflected the 2012 national NAIDOC theme 'Spirit of the Tent Embassy, 40 years on'.

There was a community march down Merriwa Street to the Boggabilla Police Station, where the flags were raised. Then it was time to move on to the Boggabilla Sports Oval for a barbecue lunch and activities.

The day was officially opened with the

welcome to country by Boggabilla Elder Heather Decaux and Toomelah Elder Elaine Edwards.

Kids enjoyed face painting, popcorn, sample bags, and there was a game of touch football with the crew from DrugArm Goondiwindi. Stall holders from the Boggabilla Markets showcased local talents and information from a range of service providers.

Award winners

Moree Mayor Katrina Humphries announced the winners of the council's 2012 Community Excellence, Youth Achievement and Special Recognition Awards:

- Keith Homer and Karlene Duncan (Community Excellence Award);
- Polly Anderson Duncan and Teleah McGrady (Youth Achievement Award); and
- The late Clem (Bucky) Wightman (Special Recognition Award). Mr Wightman's award was accepted by his partner Lisa Dennison.

Final duties also fell to Elders Heather Decaux and Elaine Edwards, who cut a cake decorated with the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian flags and the NAIDOC theme for all to enjoy.

The day's activities were supported by MPSC, the Office of Aboriginal Affairs and the local Indigenous Coordination Centre.



Heather Decaux and Elaine Edwards enjoy a catch up during the sunny event.



Ruby Nixon helps out Boggabilla stall holder Sharon Bond.



Award winners, from left, Keith Homer, Karlene Duncan, Jordie Duncan, Teleah McGrady, Mathew Priestley and Lisa Dennison.



Daphne Jarrett caught up with an old friend at the NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Photos courtesy Moree Plains Shire Council

Woolies generates NAIDOC goodwill



SUPERMARKET giant Woolworths marked NAIDOC Week by donating a portable generator worth \$6500 to the Redfern and Waterloo Aboriginal communities.

Woolworths diversity manager Estelle Olstein said the company wanted to do something that would have a lasting benefit for the local people.

"Up to now the Indigenous community groups have had to hire expensive and noisy

generators to power barbecues and other equipment at local events," Ms Olstein said.

"This donation will ensure future events can be easily staged allowing limited funds to stretch further.

"Woolworths opened last year adjacent to Redfern Oval, which has provided a real opportunity for Woolworths to strengthen relationships with local Indigenous leaders.

"Over the last two years, Woolworths has partnered with government and non-government

organisations to set up a number of pre-employment programs. This has led to more than 400 Indigenous people beginning work with Woolworths."

From October, 200,000 limited edition bags will be available in all Woolworths stores around the country for 99c.

The bags will feature a detail from a piece of artwork commissioned by Woolworths, from Indigenous creative agency Gilimbbaa, to mark the introduction of the company's reconciliation action plan in June last year.



Woolworths group sustainability manager Armineh Mardirossian, Woolworths organisational development specialist Estelle Olstein, Tribal Warrior Association CEO Shane Phillips, Woolworths director of corporate affairs Andrew Hall, and Woolworths community investment manager Rebekah Earp with the generator.

Call for sovereignty

By **DARREN COYNE**



THE last surviving founder of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra Michael Anderson urged Aboriginal people at a NAIDOC event in Lismore to fight for their culture.

Mr Anderson gave a 30-minute address to a crowd of students and local Aboriginal people at Southern Cross University, saying that Australia's Indigenous people had never handed over their sovereignty to the colonial invaders.

He warned against signing Indigenous Land Use Agreements with governments, saying they were not worth the paper they were written on, and effectively signed back the land to the relevant minister.

He also spoke of \$1.3 trillion in mining royalties which he said had been collected by government since 1942 and was unavailable to Aboriginal people.

Mr Anderson said the Aboriginal sovereignty movement, which he has been driving, would be challenging the Federal Government in international courts.

"Forget about Tony Abbott and Julia Gillard, they don't want to talk to

us, so we'll do our own thing," he said.

"If you want your culture and languages to survive and not be put in a glass box to be pulled out on days like today, then we have to fight for what is ours.

"We are only two per cent of the population but we are 100 per cent right for the rights we are fighting for."

Mr Anderson said the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra remained as relevant today as it was 40 years ago.

'Terribly wrong'

"The fact that the Tent Embassy continues to operate indicates to everyone concerned, and not only Aboriginal people, that there is still something terribly wrong," he said.

He called for a treaty to be drawn up with the state and federal governments.

"A treaty will create a pathway where Aboriginal people will take ownership, and in some cases joint ownership, of programming in Aboriginal affairs rather than the current policy of total assimilation," he said.

Mr Anderson spoke after a welcome to country from Bundjalung Elder Irene Harrington and a performance by young Aboriginal dancers.

The day also featured information stalls, workshops and a performance by Casey Donovan.



Mitch King, from the Supafresh dance crew, gives some hip-hop tips to Angus Wilson, Seth Butcher and Griffin Duff.



Willy Simpson, Digby Moran and Jason Sines at the university.



Sasha Harrington with her grandmother Widjabul Elder June Gordon and Wonnarua woman June Franks and her daughter Chrissy Franks were among the crowd gathered at Southern Cross University's Lismore campus.

Scott in push to recognise our youth



WEST Australian Commissioner for Children and Young People Michelle Scott wants more recognition and

promotion of the achievements of Indigenous youth.

Speaking during NAIDOC celebrations, Ms Scott said many positive stories about Aboriginal children and young people were not being told.

"In my travels around the State I have seen and heard about wonderful things Aboriginal children and young people are doing in their communities," she said.

"An example is Tyson McEwan, a 16-year-old boy from Geraldton, who represented WA at the first



MICHELLE SCOTT

National Indigenous Youth Parliament in Canberra in May 2012.

"Tyson won my 2010 Participate! Award, which is part of the WA

Youth Awards, and has consistently volunteered his time to work with young people participating in the Geraldton Streetwork Aboriginal Corporation – 'Streeties' Holiday Program.

"He is an outstanding sportsman, in both football and water polo, and has served in the role of leader and role model at the Midwest Football Academy.

"His commitment and energy to make a difference has impressed me greatly."

Another example was the Moorditj Mob of Wesley College, a group of 37 Aboriginal boys who are learning about, and participating in, their culture and using this sense of identity to guide their education and ambitions in life.

"By reporting on the great things Aboriginal children and young people are doing, we are providing role models for our Aboriginal young people, and also demonstrating their contribution to the broader community," the commissioner said.

"Research shows that children and young people who participate in decision making and consultation processes receive a boost to their personal well-being and sense of self-worth.

"We need to consider ways to expand the opportunities Aboriginal children and young people have to participate and contribute."

Sun shines for WA event

Story by LIZ MURRAY in Perth
Photos by LEO MURRAY



A SUNNY winter's day proved a bonus for organisers of a NAIDOC family fun day at Perth's Ashfield Reserve early this month.

The Town of Bassendean and Derbarl Yerrigan hosted the alcohol- and smoke-free event, which began with a Dandjoo Koorliny reconciliation walk from Bassendean, followed by a flag-raising ceremony and cultural festival at Ashfield.

The event encouraged greater understanding and appreciation of Western Australia's cultural diversity and reflection on the national theme honouring Canberra's Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

Hundreds of locals enjoyed a welcome to country, Aboriginal dances, free lunch and refreshments, kids' entertainment and activities including Scitech and Animal Ark, the Deadly Careers Expo and plenty of information stalls.

Highlights included a culinary exhibition from celebrity chef Mark Olive.

Kangaroo hot dogs were the order of the day, Indigenous art displays drew a constant stream of admirers, while the kids had fun on the bouncy castle and rides.

The Urban Youth Effect and WA blues vocalist and guitarist John Bennett set the musical tone for the afternoon and got the crowd moving.



Mary G with friends, from left, Wayne, Julie and Alan at the State Library of Western Australia and, inset, blues artist John Bennett playing at the Ashfield Reserve NAIDOC Week event in Perth.

WAMi Indigenous Artists of the Year 2012 The Yabu Band rocked the crowd into the afternoon with their iconic indy rock, laced with reggae and ska rhythms.

Later that evening, Mary G entertained an audience at the State Library of WA with her wit and musical hi-jinx, managing to rope in a few unsuspecting audience members.

Launch a feature for Opera House



SYDNEY Opera House (SOH) marked NAIDOC Week by launching its second

Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The iconic venue says its RAP 2012/13 aims to build on progress made in its inaugural plan by focusing on expanding Indigenous programming and audiences and increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment and training opportunities.

The plan was launched last year as a framework to increase Indigenous engagement with the performing arts.

Acting CEO Jonathan Bielski said 12 months into the Opera House's reconciliation journey, real progress had been made.

Centrepiece

"Our 2012 Message Sticks festival, a week-long festival celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and knowledge keepers, was the centrepiece of our RAP achievements in 2011/12," he said. "With Rhoda Roberts appointed to the newly created senior position of head of Indigenous programming, we expanded the festival into a fully-fledged multi-arts festival that attracted over 10,000 people.

"As a performing arts centre,



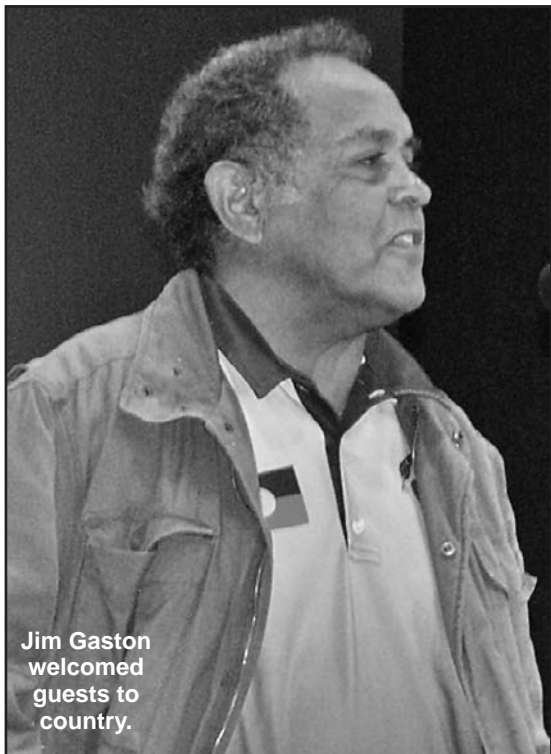
In front of the Sydney Opera House during NAIDOC activities, at left, acting chief executive officer Jonathan Bielski and Rhoda Roberts and, at right, recently-appointed associate producer with the programming operations team, Alec Doomadgee.

a tourist destination and a national icon, Sydney Opera House is in a unique position to exhibit, promote and support Indigenous arts and culture,

language and community. "As an organisation, we are committed to further weaving reconciliation principles into the fabric of all

that we do at the house." Reconciliation Australia was thanked for its input and guidance on implementing the inaugural RAP.





Jim Gaston welcomed guests to country.



Dawn Desmit leads the street parade in Bowen.

Hundreds take part

By ALF WILSON



HUNDREDS of revellers took part in NAIDOC celebrations at the north Queensland seaside town of Bowen.

The week's activities were organised by Giradula and the local NAIDOC committee, and started on 6 July with a ball and dinner attended by more than 150 people.

One of the major local themes was reconciliation in the Whitsunday region.

The *Koori Mail* was in Bowen on 7 July for the street parade which started beside the post office and proceeded to the local PCYC. It had been planned for marchers to walk up the main street to the Soundshell near the beach, but strong winds forced a change of plan.

Dawn Desmit, from Port Denison Security Services, led the parade carrying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags and was followed by motorbike riders.

Down at the PCYC after the parade, several hundred people packed into the hall and Elder Jim Gaston welcomed guests to country before speeches.

After the official launch, everybody headed outside for the Dash 4 Cash foot races, a bike decorating competition, arts, crafts, food stalls, traditional dancers, a kup murri lunch and a jumping castle.

Local NAIDOC award-winners:

- Miss NAIDOC – Stevie Nahow
- Mr NAIDOC – Donald Power
- NAIDOC Elder – Ellen Warcon
- NAIDOC Community Person – Michelle Hooke
- NAIDOC Sports Person – Ezra Miller.



The NAIDOC march in Bowen.



Police liaison officer Darryl Paul and Abbie Paul, 11, ready to hand out flags before the march.



● Above: Enjoying the family fun day at Bowen PCYC were locals, from left, Darren Grover, Phil Rist, Cliff Cobbo and Kelvin Lampton.

● A section of the audience at the Bowen PCYC for the official NAIDOC speeches and awards presentations.

We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Please ensure they are to the point and include a daytime telephone contact number. Items can be sent to any of the addresses listed in the panel on Page 23.

South Australia

15-16 August: 2012 Aboriginal Alcohol Tobacco and other Drugs Workers Forum, a two-day event to improve knowledge and understanding of the impact alcohol, tobacco and other drugs have on Aboriginal communities. Free forum, two workers per organisation only for employees in the relevant services. Held: Novotel Barossa Valley, SA. Details: Greg Jackson on (08) 8274 3328 or email Greg.Jackson@health.sa.gov.au

Western Australia

Until 31 July: Submissions are invited from organisations to present an Aboriginal cultural and community event as part of the City of Perth 2013 Australia Day celebrations. Applicants must comply with the specifications detailed in the application form and documents. Submissions are to be lodged by 2pm, Tuesday, 31 July. Details: Lee Cooper on (08) 9461 3254 or visit www.perth.wa.gov.au/enders

Until 19 August: Aurum and Degustation exhibitions. Mundaring Arts Centre presents two exhibitions featuring work by established and emerging West Australian artists. Held at 7190 Great Eastern Highway, cnr Nichol Street, Mundaring. Free and all welcome. Details: (08) 9295 3991 or email info@mundaringartscentre.com or visit www.mundaringartcentre.com

28-29 July: Mundaring Truffle Festival. There will be visual arts featuring exhibitions, workshops and demonstrations. Costs vary. Held at 7190 Great Eastern Highway, cnr Nichol Street, Mundaring. Details: (08) 9295 3991 or email info@mundaringartscentre.com or visit www.mundaringartcentre.com

NSW-ACT

Until 27 July: Regional Achievement and Community Awards. These awards provide an opportunity for communities around the state to acknowledge the success of local achievers through business, events community service, environmental practices and regional development. To nominate contact 1300 735 445 or visit www.awardaustralia.com

Until 29 July: Eora Amnesty Boomall. An exhibition of works by students from Eora College. This event will raise awareness about Amnesty International's Demand Dignity campaign, demanding more rights for Indigenous people in Australia. Held at Boomall Art Gallery, Flood St, Leichardt, Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free and all welcome. Details (02) 9560 2541 or email Ken Walsh at nswdignity@amnesty.org.au

Until 31 July: In Living Memory Exhibition, which features images from a series of 1000 black-and-white photographs from the official records of the former NSW Aborigines Welfare Board 1919-1966. It also includes contemporary images of Elders, families and



Unearthed...

WHEN 17-year-old Thelma Plum's friend sent her a text message saying that her song *Father Said* was being played on triple j, she thought he was joking.

But she switched on the radio and heard her own voice. "Now when I'm driving and I hear it come on it's very strange but very good and exciting," Thelma said.

She has just been announced as the winner of the National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMAs) triple j Unearthed competition, meaning she will perform at the NIMAs concert in Darwin on 14 August alongside Troy Cassar-Daley, Warren H Williams and The Warumpu Songmen, The Medics with Bunna Lawrie, Yabu Band, East Journey, Sunrize Band and Lajamanu Teenage Band.

"I get very giddy thinking about it, and I'm a little bit nervous," she said.

"I've been a huge fan of Troy Cassar-Daley for a really long time, and I'm really looking forward

hanging out with The Medics – I'm excited about meeting everyone, really."

Triple j Unearthed music director Dave Ruby Howe said Thelma's music hits on multiple fronts.

"Her acoustic craft is well-developed and manages to sound both hushed and warm at the same. Her songwriting, too, is impressive with a disarming charm to her lyrics," he said.

Thelma has been performing since she was 14.

"*Father Said* is quite personal, I was feeling a little bit sad, thinking about things and people who have come in and out of my life, but I hope when everyone hears it they make it their own – I don't like giving too much away."

To listen to Thelma's song *Father Said* go to <http://triplejunearthed.com/Artists/View.aspx?artistid=47133>

To buy tickets for the NIMAs concert, go to darwinfestival.org.au.

For a full list of finalists go to <http://nima.musicnt.com.au/>

communities taken by Indigenous photographer Mervyn Bishop. Free and all welcome. Held at Libraries ACT, Canberra. Details on (02) 6205 9000 or visit www.library.act.gov.au

Until 31 July: Fix up your fines in July. If you owe money to State Debt there are ways to deal with your fines. Details: Aboriginal Legal Aid on (02) 6621 2082 or Aboriginal Legal Service on (02) 6622 7088.

Until 3 August: Calling for entries. The Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize is an annual art award and has been developed in partnership with Campbelltown Arts Centre and support from Arts NSW. The prize is open to Aboriginal artists born or living in NSW and aged 18 or older. Details: (02) 4645 4100 or email artscentre@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au

Until 6 August: Applications for Youth Opportunities funding are invited from eligible organisations and projects under the 2012-2013 funding round. For program guidelines and information on the application process, visit www.youth.nsw.gov.au

Until 19 August: Dreaming The Past. The Lindt Research Project. A collection of photos of Aboriginal communities of the Clarence Valley and the NSW North Coast area, featuring people of the Bundjalung, Gumbayngirr and Yaegl nations. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton, 10am-4pm Tues-Sun. Cost is gold coin donation. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or

visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

29 July: Soup Olympics, a fundraising event presented by the Friends of the Grafton Regional Gallery (FoGG). Cost: \$20 (FoGG) members, \$25 (non-members). Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton. Details: Geoff on (02) 6644 9685 or (02) 6642 3177.

2-8 August: Family referral information session. Northern Rivers Social Development Council and Interrelate will hold information sessions for local community organisations and people. Held at Murwillumbah, Lismore and Grafton. Free and all welcome. Details: Meaghan Vosz (02) 6620 1821 or (0417) 983 286 or visit www.nrsdc.org.au

7-21 August: IBA Business workshops. These one-day 'Into Business' workshops are for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people interested in turning a business idea into reality. Held at Taree, Ballina, Coffs Harbour and Armidale. Free and all welcome. Details: 1800 107 107 or David on (02) 6642 8059 or visit www.iba.gov.au

10 August: Bonalbo Multicultural Day. A day of celebration including stalls, entertainment and more. Held at Bonalbo Town Oval, Bonalbo, from 10am-2pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 6665 1205.

2-6 September: The Uncle Johnny Mye Memorial Camp. Invitations are open to attend

Mibbinbah's eighth national camp, held at Mount Keira Scout Camp, Mount Keira Rd, Mount Keira. Costs involved. Must RSVP by 15 August. Details: (07) 5569 1837 or (07) 5569 1836 or email jack.bulma@mibbinbah.org or peter.coombes@mibbinbah.org or visit the website www.mibbinbah.org

3 September: The Yard – 33 western Sydney teenagers performing everything from tutting, krumping, shuffling and hip hop to convey life in a western Sydney schoolyard. Times 1.30 and 7.30pm. Cost involved. Held at NORPA, Lismore City Hall, 1 Bounty St, Lismore. Details: For ticket prices and bookings call 1300 066 772 or visit www.norpa.org.au

8-18 September: Women's Tribal Desert Tour. Contact Lois on 0405 654 280 or (02) 6680 2818. For further information, cost and itinerary visit www.aboriginalculturalconcepts.com

15 September: Walgett Rugby League Knockout, a drug- and alcohol-free event, \$10,000 prizemoney, 16 teams only. Closing date for nominations 9 September. Held at Walgett No 1 Oval, Walgett. Details: Matt Rose on 0403 595 453.

2-5 October: Annual Indigenous Youth Camp 2012. East Coast Christian Indigenous Network (ECCIYN) will host the camp. For ages 11-35. Cost \$130. A \$30 deposit must be paid by 31 August. Held at Jigamy Farm, Princess Hwy, Pambula. Details: Jenice or Joshua

Manton on 0432 154 435 or 0411 801 519 or email ecciyn@hotmail.com

26-27 October: Koori Netball Tournament. Aboriginal communities are invited to take part. Three divisions available. Cost: \$250 a team. Held at Charlestown Netball Complex, Bula Street, Charlestown. Details: Donna Coady on (02) 4926 1633 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

Queensland

Until 28 July: Milani Gallery will host an exhibition of the works by Judy Watson and Alan Michelson featuring paintings, sculpture and video. Held at 54 Logan Rd, Woolloongabba, from 11am-6pm Tues-Sat. Free and all welcome. Details: (07) 3391 0455 or visit www.milanigallery.com.au

10 September: Waminda's Yarning Day. A chance to share dreams and build a future for young ones, including entertainment, raffles, stalls and a sausage sizzle lunch. Cost \$5 a person. RSVP by 27 August. Held at Centacare Waminda Respite Centre, 1415 Bribie Island Rd, Ningi from 10am-2pm. Details: (07) 5497 7270.

Victoria

Until 17 August: Melbourne Girls Grammar (MGGS) is offering a scholarship comprising full tuition and boarding fees to an Indigenous girl entering Year 9 as a boarder in 2013. Contact Sheryle Allan on (03) 9862 9200 or email Sheryle.Allan@mggs.vic.edu.au or visit www.mggs.vic.edu.au by the above date.

Until 25 August: Yulyurlu Lorna Fencer Napurrurla Art exhibition., tracing Yulyurlu's development as a highly original artist during her 20 years in the Lajamanu region and the desert art movement. Free and all welcome. Held at the RMIT Gallery, 344 Swanson St, Melbourne from 11am-5pm Mon-Fri and 12-5pm Sat. Details: (03) 9925 1717.

14-15 November: Second Biennial Congress Lowitja 2012. Theme: 'Knowledge Exchange and Translation into Practice'. This will be an interactive event bringing together end-users of health research, researchers and policy makers. Places are limited and discounted earlybird registration (\$325) closes on 1 September. Full registration price is \$400; for a full-time student registration is \$250. Held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Details: Penelope Smith on (03) 8341 5505 or email events@lowitja.org.au

Northern Territory

24 August-2 September: Desert Harmony Festival. The festival offers an array of touring productions and home-grown events including the *Binjareb Pinjarra* play, musical *Our Bran Nue Dae*, a Caravan Burlesque performance, arts and crafts and more. Held at Tennant Creek, Northern Territory. Costs involved. Details: Kathy Burns on (08) 8962 2799 or email festivalmanager@barklyarts.com.au

3-7 October: The sixth Pacific Region Indigenous Doctors Congress. Costs involved. Held at Alice Springs Convention Centre, 93 Barret Drive, Desert Springs. Details: 1800 190 498 or visit www.pridoc.org/register for a full program and online registration details.

Kidney cases triple



THE number of Australians – many of them Indigenous – treated with dialysis or kidney transplantation for end-stage kidney disease (ESKD) almost tripled between 1991 and 2009, according to a new report. ESKD is the most severe form of chronic kidney disease, where kidney function is so reduced that dialysis or a transplant is necessary for survival.

The report, 'Dialysis and Kidney Transplantation in Australia', by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) says the reasons for the increase in cases of treated ESKD are complex, and an increase in diabetes-related cases of ESKD is likely to play a large part. The report largely draws on data from the Australian and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant (ANZDATA) registry.

"Diabetes-related kidney damage was the leading cause of treated ESKD in 2009, accounting for 33 per cent of new cases compared with 13 per cent in 1991," AIHW's Dr Lynelle Moon said.

Another factor is that progressively greater numbers of older people are being treated for ESKD – the average age of people starting kidney replacement therapy (KRT) has risen from 44 in 1991 to 61 in 2009.

"Better survival for patients on KRT is a possible

contributor," said Dr Moon.

As rates of ESKD have increased, so have the number of kidney transplantations.

From 1991 to 2009, the number of transplants each year increased from 470 to 772, largely due to a rise in donations from living donors.

But the report says this rise in transplant numbers has not been able to keep up with the increasing number of ESKD patients. From 1991 to 2009, the proportion of treated patients with a functioning transplant decreased from 53 per cent to 43 per cent.

Patients

Compared with those from urban areas, treated ESKD patients in remote areas were less likely to have a functioning kidney transplant.

The number of people receiving dialysis has tripled, from 3138 in 1991 to 10,432 in 2009. Over this period there has also been a change in where ESKD patients are receiving dialysis, with fewer patients dialysing at home in 2009 compared with 1991.

The increase in the number of dialysis patients has resulted in an average increase of nearly 60,000 hospitalisations for dialysis every year from 2000-01 to 2009-10.

Dialysis treatment was the number-one reason for hospitalisation in 2009-10, making up 1.1 million hospitalisations, or 13 per cent of the total hospitalisations.



Indigenous trainees Naianga Courtney (William Ross State High School), Georgina Walit (St Patrick's College) and Carly Douglas (St Patrick's College) with Townsville Hospital nursing support clinical nurse Florence Phillips. Photo: Ian Hitchcock

Indigenous trainees to help close the gap



THE Townsville Hospital has taken on four Indigenous trainees as part of a closing the gap initiative. The four – all Townsville high school students – started their Certificate III in Health Services in March and are on course to graduate next year with positions as assistants in nursing.

Nurse manager Leanne Windsor said the program was part of a strategy to increase the Indigenous nursing workforce.

"Increasing the Indigenous health workforce has been identified as a major strategy

towards improving Indigenous health outcomes, and given that nurses make up the greatest percentage of the health workforce these types of initiatives are critical," she said.

"It also helps us to work to improve the experiences and outcomes of our Indigenous patients and clients."

Ms Windsor said the students studied nursing theory at TAFE then applied their skills during 'practicals' every Wednesday and during school holidays.

Indigenous trainee and William Ross State High School student Naianga Courtney said she was enjoying the program.

"I get to see new things and learn a lot about cancer because I am based in the oncology ward," she said.

"Before I began the program I didn't know what chemotherapy was, but now I do.

"Once I complete high school I will have experience and knowledge of the health system to help me further my studies."

Ms Windsor said the nursing administration team was happy with the program.

"We look forward to watching the students grow academically and know they will be excellent additions to the Townsville Hospital team," she said.

2.5 million feared at risk from diabetes



MORE than 2.5 million Australians are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes, new research shows.

Diabetes Australia warns that unless federal and state governments fund a national diabetes prevention program, many of these people can expect to develop diabetes in the next five years.

The organisation has launched a national campaign, 'Let's Prevent Diabetes', calling on governments to fund a high-risk prevention program for type 2 diabetes.

"The need for prevention in many other areas, such as on roads and in our waterways, we take for granted,"

Diabetes Australia says.

"For decades the wearing of seatbelts and helmets to reduce deaths on our roads and lifejackets to prevent us from drowning have been mandated by governments.

"But when it comes to type 2 diabetes, very little is being done.

"With type 2 diabetes set to become the leading burden of disease in Australia by 2017, it's time for governments in this country to make diabetes prevention a priority."

Diabetes Australia CEO Lewis Kaplan says that by allocating \$582 million over the next four years, Australia can save an estimated \$1.37 billion in health-care costs.

"We want all Australians to show their support for our Let's Prevent Diabetes campaign," he said.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS PUGGY HUNTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Opens 20 July 2012 Closes 16 September 2012

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For more information on eligibility or how to apply for a scholarship:



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Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme (PHMSS) is funded by the Australian Government.

RCNA, Australia's peak professional nursing organisation, is proud to partner the Australian Government as the fund administrator for this program.



Applicants sought for cancer course



INDIGENOUS health workers are being encouraged to register for an annual four-day cancer care course in Townsville from 25-28

September. Cancer Council Queensland says the course for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers aims to increase the cancer-related knowledge of participants by providing information about the disease. Applications close at 5pm on 3 August.

Cancer Council Qld's Anne-Marie Dewar said the statewide course enabled Indigenous health workers who care for people with cancer to maximise their skills and improve their specific knowledge of cancer. The course is suitable for health workers who have completed a certificate or diploma.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers from across Queensland are invited to attend the course and return to their workplaces and communities with a better knowledge of treatments, side effects and support services available for people who are affected by

cancer," Ms Dewar said.

"Skilling health workers means Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cancer patients can receive the best possible care, attention and support.

"Participants also have the opportunity to network with health workers and cancer specialists who share their expertise, which results in positive impacts for participants, their patients and the families they care for."

The course includes clinical visits as well as lectures and workshops presented by professionals with experience and qualifications in cancer care and the prevention and early detection of cancer.

Any Queensland Indigenous workers who care for people with cancer and their families are encouraged to apply.

Successful applicants will be awarded travel, daily accommodation and meal allowances.

For more information about health professional education courses and opportunities provided by Cancer Council Queensland or to download an application form, visit www.cancerqld.org.au

Students get more skills



INDIGENOUS students have celebrated their success in a specialised health worker program.

They completed the Health Workers for Healthy Communities program, run through John Pearson Consulting.

The Federal Government funded program was developed to address skill shortages in the health services industry.

Graduate Sandra Hazard praised the course.

"When I enrolled in this program I wasn't employed, but I'm now an Aboriginal health worker at the Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health," she said.

"I applied for this job during my studies and was successful because of the Certificate IV



SANDRA HAZARD

qualifications I was studying in both Primary Health and Mental Health. I have been in the job for nearly eight months and am loving it."

Ms Hazard said the success of the 12-month program, delivered with Sunshine Coast TAFE, was largely due to the fact it was attuned to the cultural

needs of the students.

"We had Aboriginal teachers who were more understanding of our background and culture and this was really important to a lot of the students in the class," she said.

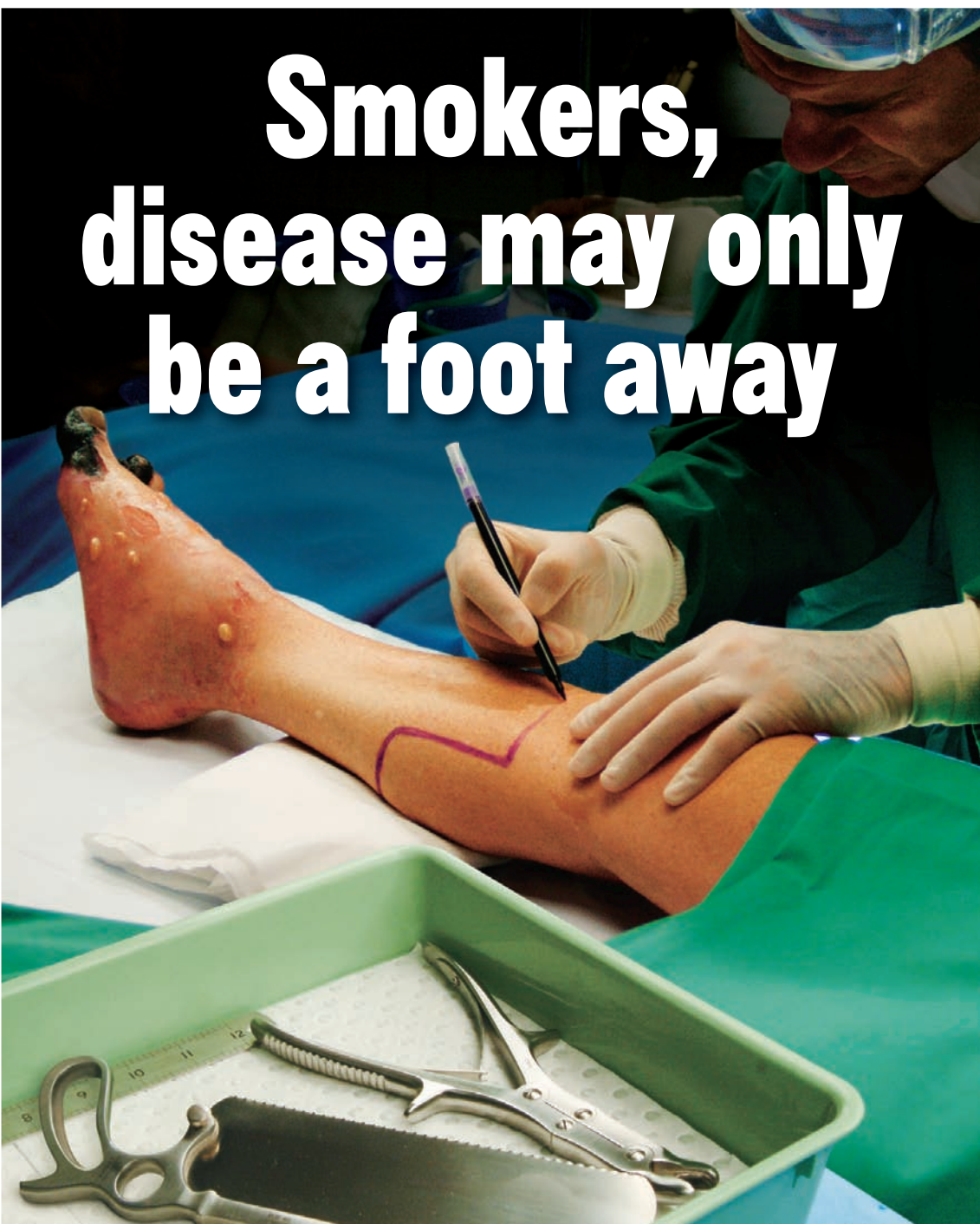
Ms Hazard is now trialling an eight-week program called 'Deadly Young Boys' which has been designed for males aged 5-13.

"It will focus on nutrition, bullying, being sun smart, dental health and personal hygiene," she said.

"The program will be run from our medical centre and I have arranged for other services to come on board for each individual session.

"I designed this program to target the younger kids to keep them occupied and have something to look forward to coming to each week."

Smokers, disease may only be a foot away



Every working day, two Australian smokers have a limb, or part of a limb, amputated because of damage caused by smoking.

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Jessica Mauboy supports survey



SINGER Jessica Mauboy is urging Darwin-based Indigenous residents to complete a health survey. The award-winning singer is fronting the Diabetes and Related Conditions in Urban Indigenous People in the Darwin Region (DRUID) study, targeting diabetes and heart disease. Conducted by the Menzies School of Health Research, DRUID is the largest Australian research project to probe risk factors for diabetes and heart disease among urban Indigenous communities.

"Indigenous Aussies are three times more likely to die from heart disease and stroke. We need to work out why that is, and then stop this from happening," Ms Mauboy said. The 23-year-old star performer took part in the 2003-5 first phase of the Menzies project.

The first study involved blood tests and physical examinations for more than 1000 men and women, and at the time Ms Mauboy was photographed giving blood by local newspaper the NT News.

Huge threats

"I got involved in Menzies' DRUID study because diabetes and heart disease are huge threats to Indigenous health – something I'm passionate about all Australians banding together to improve," she said.

"I encourage those who took part in the first part of the study to step up and do part two as well.

"We need your health info to get to the bottom of how chronic disease affects Indigenous people differently. Once we understand that, we can get started making change that matters."

People who want to be involved in the second part of the study are invited to answer a questionnaire that Menzies will be posting out.

Or, if they prefer, Menzies can talk to them on the phone or come and talk in person.

"This research can help us unlock vital parts of the health puzzle and give us the tools to improve our wellbeing," Ms Mauboy said.

More details at www.menzies.edu.au



Jessica Mauboy ... "We need your health info to get to the bottom of how chronic disease affects Indigenous people differently. Once we understand that, we can get started making change that matters."

Widders in push for fitter men



STEVE Widders is hoping to inspire other Aboriginal men to get fit

and healthy by riding on a tandem bike with Dr Mick Adams from Brisbane to Sydney in October for the 'Walk, Ride, Widders' event.

And if you're not impressed by the sheer distance of more than 900kms, think about this: last year Mr Widders walked the Kokoda Track and the reason he will be on a tandem bike is because he is blind.

"I want other Aboriginal men to think 'if he can do it, I can'," Mr Widders said.

"I came back from the Kokoda Track full of confidence and belief and wanting to motivate other men.

"Too many Aboriginal men

are dying too young from preventable diseases so I wanted to do something to raise awareness about men's health."

Mr Widders, 57, is already beginning his strength and endurance training, riding 16kms a day, and he is encouraging others to get up and get fit so, if they want to,

they can join him and Dr Adams for part of their ride.

"If we can get 100 men along the way to get ready, change their diet and get fit, it's got to make a difference," he said.

The 'Walk, Ride, Widders' event was launched in

Armidale last month by first bloke and men's shed patron (and Prime Minister Julia Gillard's partner) Tim Mathieson.

For more information go to www.walkridewidders.com.au



STEVE WIDDERS

'Black Kylie' seen as vital



AUSTRALIA'S Indigenous communities need their own Kylie Minogue to help boost

cancer survival rates, a leading figure in cancer research says.

NSW Cancer Institute deputy CEO Sanchia Aranda, who oversaw a new report that found survival rates across the state have steadily increased over five years, said community reluctance to take basic screening precautions was costing lives.

"I do think it is part of this belief that, you know, people would rather not know," Professor Aranda said.

The report revealed NSW people diagnosed with cancer now have a 64.4 per cent survival rate, compared to less than a one-in-two chance of

surviving three decades ago.

If a cancer is detected before it has spread, the survival rate after five years jumps to 84 per cent.

Breast cancer survival is at 88.3 per cent, but this increases to 97 per cent if the disease is diagnosed early.

Warning signs

Prof Aranda said some people did not seek medical attention until it was too late because they feared nothing could be done, and unwillingness or inability to be screened for cancer warning signs could be pushing down cancer survival rates in regional NSW and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in particular.

Indigenous role models publicly talking about beating cancer could play a role in showing these communities that many types of cancer

need not be death sentences, she said.

"We are close in some cancers to this being a treatable disease or a chronic disease that people live with for many years," she said.

"Everyone identified with (singer) Kylie Minogue – and now (TV host) Kerri-Anne Kennerley – when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"And these high-profile survivors make a difference to screening and survival rates."

Overall survival after five years is now greater than 90 per cent for cancers of the prostate, testes, thyroid, lip and skin melanoma.

The report found that people diagnosed with cancer of unknown primary origin, oesophagus, liver, lung, mesothelioma and pancreas have less than a 20 per cent chance of survival. – AAP

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Eddie Mabo portrait takes pride of place



LAND justice campaigner the late Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo has been immortalised on canvas by the same artist who last year painted his wife Bonita.

The new portrait by non-Indigenous artist Gregory S Fergusson took centre stage in the exhibition Aboriginal and Islander Inspirations, which opened at the National Convention Centre in Canberra at the beginning of NAIDOC Week.

The work was unveiled by Federal Arts Minister Simon Crean, who described it as an important acknowledgement of the contribution of Eddie Mabo to the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the whole of Australia.

"The High Court of Australia landmark Mabo decision rewrote the Australian common law and was a significant step in the struggle for recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' land rights," Mr Crean said.

"Eddie Mabo spent a decade fighting for official recognition of Indigenous land rights. His conviction, his persistence and his vision are an inspiration to us all."

Connection to culture

The exhibition comprises 15 artworks that depict Indigenous pride and connection to culture.

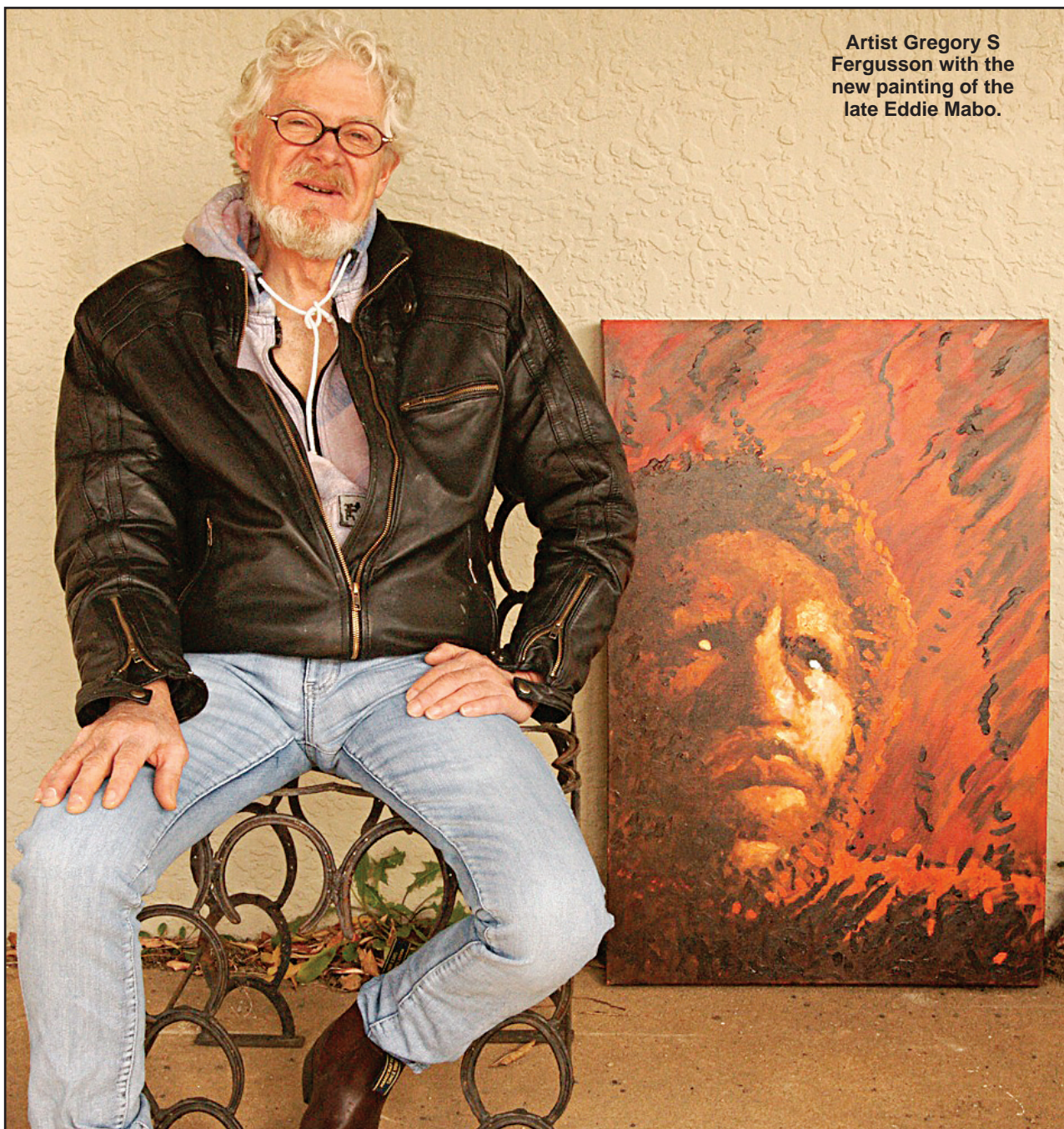
"Australia is home to the oldest continuing culture on earth, which is producing some of the most exciting new art forms on earth," Mr Crean said.

"The Australian Government continues to invest in projects to support Indigenous culture, language and arts because we understand their importance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as a great source of strength, resilience and connection to country."

"We are joining the dots between the arts and other national priorities in health and ageing, education and innovation, social inclusion and job creation."

"As we move forward with the development of the National Cultural Policy, we will set out more ways to strengthen the role of arts and creativity which in turn makes for a healthy, expressive and productive society."

Artist Fergusson has given the paintings of both Eddie and Bonita Mabo to Ag-Arts Residency Kenmore (AARK) Ltd, which says it intends to sell them to an appropriate national or international institution to create a trust fund to support Mrs Mabo.



Artist Gregory S Fergusson with the new painting of the late Eddie Mabo.



Image: Victoria Morphy

Wilin Spring
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A unique opportunity for emerging Indigenous contemporary dancers.

17 - 21 September 2012

The Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development's 2012 Spring Intensive will take place at the Victorian College of the Arts in the heart of Melbourne's arts precinct on the lands of the Kulin Nation.

Participants will spend five days in Melbourne working with some of Australia's leading dance professionals led by Jacob Boehme, Artistic Director of Victoria's own Indigenous dance company - IDJA.

Applications open now

Applicants must submit a 1 - 3 minute solo audition by DVD, youtube or vimeo link. Applications close 3 August.

Interviews 7 - 8 August

Telephone interviews will be scheduled with shortlisted applicants. To apply, contact Léuli Eshraghi at the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts. Email: leulie@unimelb.edu.au or phone 03 9035 9397.



Deadline set for Gold Coast award entries



ARTISTS have until 7 September to enter the 2012 Gold Coast Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award. The Gold Coast City Council is

encouraging Indigenous artists with cultural or historical connections to the city to enter the award, which has the theme Gaurema gulli-nu (Stories from here).

Indigenous artists Judy Watson, Archie Moore and Tony Albert will judge the exhibition, and entries will be on display in the Gold Coast City Gallery foyer from 10 October to 25 November. An Indigenous reference group of community members has provided input into the art award planning process.

2010 People's Choice Award

winner Kirralaa Karrinbi said the award, held every two years, was vital in promoting Indigenous Australia. "It gives us the opportunity to share the cultural aspect of our lives and our beliefs," Kirralaa said.

"It enables us to teach Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians about our heritage and how we function as a community."

Deputy chair of the community and cultural development committee Cr Margaret Grummitt said the council was delighted to again organise the award.

The award has a total prize pool of more than \$7500 which includes a first prize of \$4000.

For more information or to download an application form, visit goldcoastcity.com.au/award or phone (07) 5581 7508.

Acquisitions feature at UWS art gallery



WORKS by ten Indigenous artists are featured in the latest exhibition being held at the University of Western Sydney's Art Gallery. The 'My Country' exhibition is on display at the UWS Werrington North campus. UWS curator Monica McMahon said the exhibition was a collation of the university's latest acquisitions of Indigenous art.

"Back in the 1980s, the university first began its Indigenous art collection through the acquisition of some Papunya bark paintings," she said.

"This has resulted in the collection growing significantly the last few years."

The exhibition features a variety of

artworks, from modest screen prints, etchings and dot paintings, to large, textured ochre-painted canvases.

"Each artwork features the artists' interpretation of their landscapes and depicts the complex social relationships with the land that are so central to the many facets of Indigenous community life," Ms McMahon said.

Among the featured artworks are two photographic prints from Michael Cook's 'Undiscovered' series, which reflects on the first European people in Australia, along with two paintings by Tiger Yaltkangki, an emerging Indigenous artist whose talent was discovered two years ago when he wandered into a South Australian art centre.

Focus on industry changes

By MARGARET SMITH



PRAISE for a stalwart of Indigenous film-making and musings on the changing face of the industry featured in a seminar hosted by Sydney's Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) earlier this month.

Organised by the museum's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program curator, Keith Munro, the seminar was addressed by Indigenous film-makers Wayne Blair, Catriona McKenzie and Darlene Johnson.

The trio agreed there were now more Aboriginal stories, actors, directors and producers.

Blair, whose first feature film *The Sapphires* opens in cinemas on 8 August, said there was definitely more opportunity now than when he was growing up in Rockhampton, central Queensland. "In the 80s there was only Ernie Dingo in *Fast Forward*," he said.

Johnson said the stories being told now were more likely to be motivated by black pride.

All three directors acknowledged the important work of Aboriginal Elder Lester Bostock and his course, which they attended at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS). They said their own work was influenced by films like *Beneath Clouds*, *Samson & Delilah*, and *Bran Nue Dae*.

Blair said Indigenous films were reaching a bigger audience. With theatre you could reach a certain number of people, more with television and so much

more with cinema. He said *The Sapphires* was great material.

"I just want to make good stories that represent Aboriginal people," he said. "If you can get to young people you can change their perception... I want young Aboriginal kids to see our films and say, 'Gee, I can do that'."

The group also discussed Aboriginal cultural protocols. McKenzie spoke of her experiences as a director on the new Blackfella Films/ABC co-production TV series *Redfern Now* (screening later this year). And Johnson revealed she had been visiting the community of Wadeye to do a longer version of her 25-minute ABC film.



Elder Lester Bostock with film-maker Darlene Johnson.

"They approached me after seeing the *Message Sticks* film about them. The longer film is still fraught with lots of issues, and it's taken almost a year, but it makes it worthwhile," she said. "You're giving the community a voice. It's profoundly affected me."

Added Blair: "When you're filming in an

Aboriginal community, you have to be all the way across it. You have to have a good community relationship." He recommended Lester Bostock's book on cultural protocols, which is available free from Screen Australia.

McKenzie revealed she previously worked on television ads and had tried to cast Aboriginal people.

"It was hard," she said. "Today there's a cultural shift happening. Just seeing the Aboriginal flag flying on the Sydney Harbour Bridge as I drove in here gave me a lift."



Artist Arika Waulu in front of her work *cloak and dagger*, a digital possum skin cloak, being shown in this year's Gertrude Street Projection Festival.

Arika projects a connection to her country



FOR artist Arika Waulu, being commissioned by Yarra City Council in Melbourne to create three works that reflect the

Aboriginal history of Gertrude Street for the city's Projection Festival was a chance to combine the political, the personal and the artistic.

Ms Waulu, who has Gunnai and Gunditjmara heritage, was born in Melbourne.

"My father and mother, my family, had a lot to do with the movement in Fitzroy, so I've kind of lived it all my life, been told the stories, and it was something I was connected to anyway so it wasn't too hard," she said.

Ms Waulu will have projections on the footpath outside the Melbourne Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation (MAYSAR) building, on the Builders Arms Hotel (in collaboration with projection artist Nick Azidis), and on the Koori Club.

"The Builders Arms was a renowned pub where a lot of blackfellas went in the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. It's a famous pub a lot of our people relate to and it's where my parents met, and where my grandmother used to go and have meetings about setting up other organisations on Gertrude Street," Ms Waulu said.

"The first Koori Club was a political pub in the 60s, and a lot of our people went there to find out about rights, and to

organise demonstrations. I'm doing a digital possum-skin cloak, where I photographed pieces of possum skin, digitally enhanced them, animate them being stitched together with significant names of founders digitally burnt into the skin."

Ms Waulu is hopeful her pieces will inspire people to do their own research into the history of the Aboriginal connection to Gertrude Street, which the local council is considering making an Aboriginal historical precinct.

Movement

"Your history will define who you are today and define what you make it," she said. "It's important personally for me because I am very proud of my history and the Aboriginal movement in Fitzroy."

"My great grandmother was forced off the mission by the White Australia policy to Gertrude Street, to Fitzroy, so we have a legacy of having to make do of things. The story of our people is one of struggle and it's important for the wider community to know this history because it's also part of their history as well."

Ms Waulu has a fourth projection, in collaboration with Yandell Walton, a tree projection which reflects on Aboriginal mythology.

The Gertrude Street Projection Festival began last Friday and runs until this Sunday, 29 July, from 6pm-midnight.

Canberra venue for Aboriginal sculpture



A NEW exhibition of contemporary Aboriginal sculptures

in Canberra will show Indigenous art is more than just dot paintings.

The National Museum of Australia is hosting the exhibit, which features the work of 33 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

Canberra will be the last city to host the pieces after a two-and-a-half-year national tour.

Frank Howarth, director of the Australian Museum which has provided some of the pieces for the exhibit, says they show Aboriginal art has more to offer than stereotypical dot paintings.

Aboriginal art suffers from a 'shrimp on the barbie' image problem, he says.

"I think we've used Indigenous art as a great way to attract people to Australia," Mr Howarth told AAP on 12 July.

"But now we need to work to change the perception that Indigenous art is quite so stereotyped."

He hopes to take the exhibit overseas once the national tour ends.

The *Menagerie: Contemporary Indigenous Sculpture* exhibition will be on show until 14 October at the National Museum in Canberra.

The works include ceramics, fibre works, wood carvings, and sculpture cast in bronze and aluminium. — AAP

Rrakala goes platinum



INDIGENOUS singer/songwriter Gurrumul's latest album *Rrakala* has

gone platinum. The achievement has been the latest highlight in what has been a hectic few months for the Gumatj man, who has been blind since birth.

He recently appeared on the ABC's *Australian Story* and was seen by millions during his performance at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in London, where he performed with the likes of Sir Elton John, Sir Paul McCartney and Sir Cliff Richard.

His new single *Bayini*, a duet with singer/songwriter Sarah Blasko, has been playing nationally on triple j and ABC radio.

Teenager takes out Pine Creek Gold Rush prize



NORTHERN Territory Aboriginal teenager Sheyenne Von Senden has won a \$2000 art prize at the annual Pine Creek Gold

Rush Festival.

A panel of judges that included Dr Cornelius Delaney, from Charles Darwin University (CDU), selected her painting, *Galbaununanya Dreaming* (or Debul Debul cave) for the annual Victoria Daly Shire Council's acquisition prize.

Sheyenne said her entry told the story of her family's culture.

"Long long ago, when the Debul Debul walked around this country, he travelled from Elsey Station through to the Minyerri," she said.

Country

"He passed through this area until he reached the traditional country of my great grandmother Murrallili, who is from the Alawa tribe of the Roper River area.

"In her country there are big hills spread out everywhere and this is where the Gulun made his cave – high up in the hills. This is his resting place where he remains today."

Sheyenne's painting will now hang in the Victoria Daly Shire Council's Pine Creek office with works by other NT artists.



Teenager Sheyenne Von Senden with her successful entry *Galbaununanya Dreaming* (or Debul Debul cave).



The young artist said she hoped to one day enrol in the CDU program to study fine arts.

"I was introduced to art at a very young age and my family continue to inspire me," she said.

"For me, art is a means to get all of what I'm thinking and feeling 'out' in a constructive way."

This year, the Pine Creek Gold Rush festival showcased paintings from 26 entrants in the

region, with Pine Creek artist Alison Roberts winning the People's Choice award, sponsored by the Pine Creek Hotel and Pine Creek BP, for her painting *Lavender Blue*.

Mua Island artist to chair alliance



Solomon Booth with fellow IACA advisory group members Pam Bigalow, Tara Zaicz and Jeannie Haynatz at a recent gathering in Alice Springs.



A MUA Island artist has been appointed as the founding chairperson of the Indigenous Art Centre Alliance (IACA) in Cairns.

Solomon Booth, from the Torres Strait, is also chairman of the Ngalmun Lagau Minaral Art Centre on Mua Island.

He said the aim of the IACA was to build a strong network that supported remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art centres.

IACA takes in a region as far south as Cardwell, north to Erub Island and west to Mornington Island in the Gulf.

"It's a real challenge but a very exciting time to be involved in Indigenous arts," Mr Booth said.

"We will be advocating on behalf of all art centres and their member artists in this region.

"We aim to ensure they receive the best services available such as skills development and training opportunities to provide excellence in all aspects of artistic endeavour."

One of Mr Booth's first jobs will be attending the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) next month.

"As well as manning our Ngalmun Lagau Minaral Art stall with all the amazing new art from here on Mua Island, I'll be speaking to media, meeting with industry representatives and even hosting the opening dinner," he said.

Yarralin successes



FOUR men – one of them aged 57 – from the remote Northern Territory community of Yarralin now have a qualification for work in the growing infrastructure sector.

Warick Campbell, Reginald King, Roy Macmillan and Laurie Mambuloo have officially graduated from Charles Darwin University, newly qualified with the Certificate III in Civil Construction and Plant Operations.

They received their certificates at an Indigenous valedictory ceremony, held to recognise the achievements of Indigenous students who have completed higher education courses.

All four studied for nearly three years, working with the Victoria Daly Shire Council to gain skills to help place them as suitable candidates in the infrastructure sector.

Council director of infrastructure and civil services Trevor Troy congratulated the men, commending them on finishing the program.

"I am very proud of them all. The

effort and level of determination all four of the men have displayed just goes to show what people are capable of," Mr Troy said.

"This sends a message out to companies and contractors in and around the region; if you require skilled tradesmen – we've got the guys!"

The men say all the hard work and early morning starts have paid off.

'Really proud'

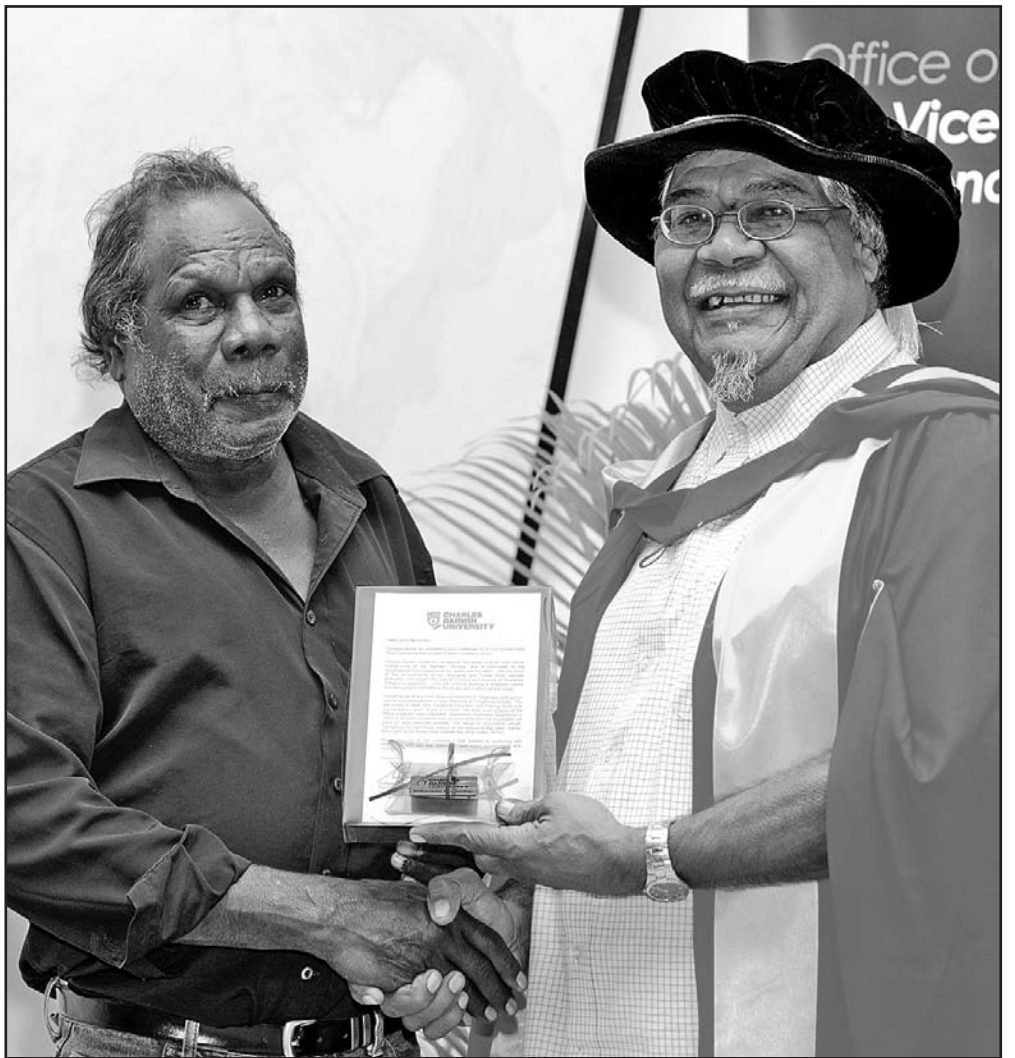
"I know everyone back home is really proud and that means a lot," Mr Campbell said.

"It was hard at times, but this qualification means we can go and operate a range of heavy machinery including graders, excavators, wheel loaders, bobcats – you name it."

Mr Troy said all four provided inspiration to Yarralin.

Laurie Mambuloo earned a special mention.

"Look at Laurie – he's 57 and he's just graduated from university," Mr Troy said. "Now if that isn't inspirational, I don't know what is."



Laurie Mambuloo, of Yarralin, receives his certificate from Dr Jack Ah Kit.



At the graduation, from left, Roy Macmillan, Warick Campbell, Laurie Mambuloo and Reginald King (7th from left) who received their Certificate III in Civil Construction and Plant Operations. They are with other students.

Program a pathway



MUSWELL-BROOK South Public School in the Hunter Valley

and BHP Billiton Mt Arthur Coal have launched a program to improve access to early education for local children, particularly Aboriginal children.

Mt Arthur Coal is contributing \$300,000 over three years which will allow the Warrae Wannu 'Pathways to School Program' to operate five days a week throughout the school year at Muswellbrook South Public School.

Muswellbrook South principal Rebecca Langdon said the program would address one of the key issues faced by the local Aboriginal community.

"Research confirms that there are direct links between poor education and unemployment, health issues and other disadvantages," Ms Langdon said.

"With a growing number of working families in the Muswellbrook region, and a lack of affordable



Warrae Wannu teacher Allison Moore, DoCS' Leah Bibik, early childhood consultant Helen Starkey, Wanaruah LALC chair Barry French, school education director Rob Farley, DoCS' Lisa Ramsay, NSW Energy coal asset president Peter Sharpe, Muswellbrook mayor Martin Rush and Muswellbrook South Public School principal Rebecca Langdon with children from the Warrae Wannu program.

child-care and early education facilities, some groups such as the Aboriginal community have limited access to child-care services."

Local families who are interested should contact the school. Warrae Wannu does not cost parents. Mt Arthur Coal has developed an Aboriginal

employment and development strategy to address some of the employment issues identified by local Aboriginal people.

Cadetships are on offer



WEST Australian Child Protection Minister Robyn McSweeney has encouraged full-time Aboriginal university students studying psychology, social work or a relevant human services field to apply for three Aboriginal cadetships and gain workplace experience with the State Department for Child Protection (DCP). Mrs McSweeney said she would like to see more Aboriginal people working with children in care.

"Our aim is to increase the diversity of our workforce so the department can ensure the needs of its client base are met," she said.

To be eligible, applicants must be studying a full-time university course. In return, each year they are provided with 40 weeks' study allowance, a \$1000 text book and equipment grant and 12 weeks' paid work placement in the department to boost their practical experience.

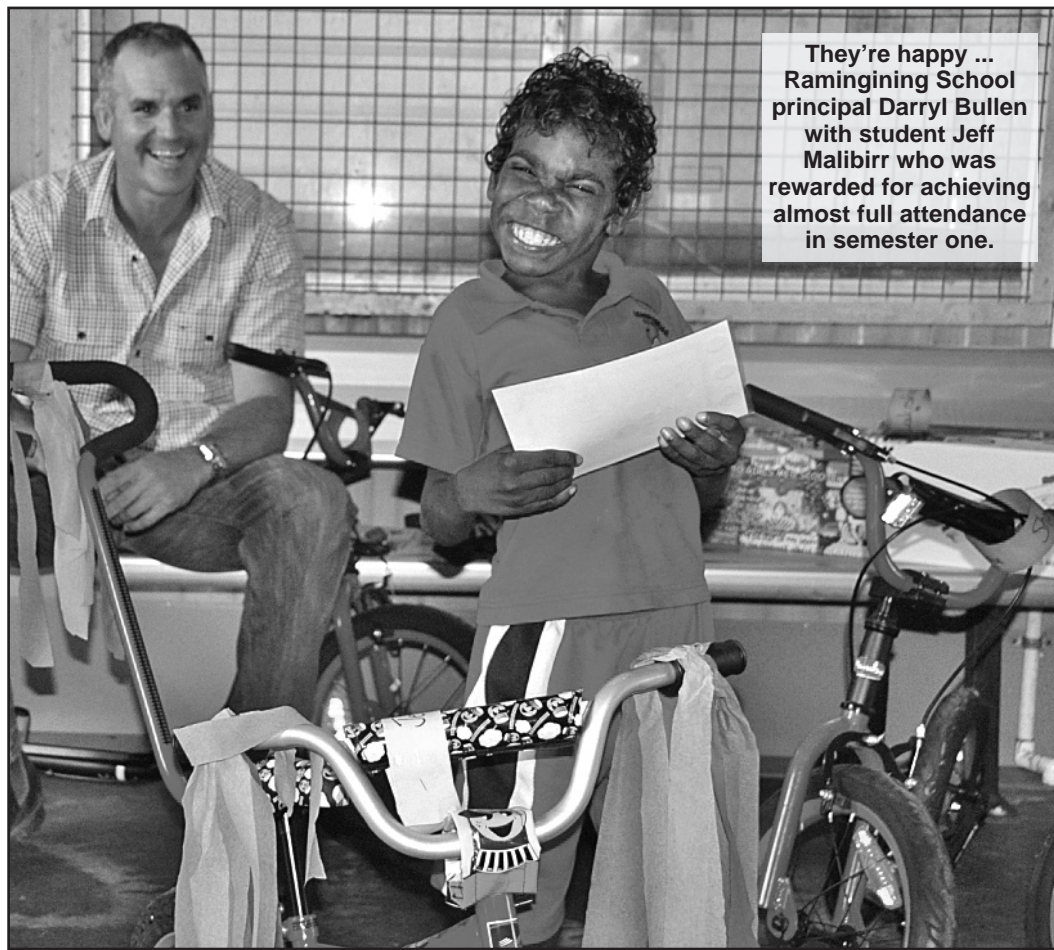
Murdoch psychology student Bep Uink will this year become the first cadet to graduate since the DCP cadetship program was launched three years ago.

"The Aboriginal cadetship gave me a great opportunity to gain valuable practical work skills in this field and has led to ongoing work in the department," Ms Uink said.

Mother-of-six Vickie Hill has also benefited from a cadetship.

The full-time social work student at Edith Cowan University is gaining practical experience at DCP Rockingham.

"Between studying full-time and juggling children, things are very busy, and I'm relishing the opportunity to further my experience in social work through the cadetship," Ms Hill said.



They're happy ... Ramingining School principal Darryl Bullen with student Jeff Malibirr who was rewarded for achieving almost full attendance in semester one.

Bike program reward for 'good attenders'



STUDENTS with good attendance records at four Northern Territory 'growth towns' will soon be riding high. They will be in line to take part in special bicycle activities after major businesses united to support a 'Frequent Attender' program.

The National Australia Bank, the Traditional Credit Union, LinFox and the Arnhem Land Progress Association (ALPA) are part of the partnership to offer 200 reconditioned bikes to schools at Galiwinku, Milingimbi, Ramingining and Gapuwiyak.

Rewarding students for good attendance forms part of the NT Department of Education and Training's Every Child Every

Day strategy for getting and keeping young people at school. The program offers incentives to students at all 20 NT 'growth towns' to increase their attendance.

Ramingining principal Darryl Bullen said his school was looking forward to the arrival of the extra bikes.

Patterns

"At the moment we have a small number of bikes which seem to be helping with the maintenance of attendance patterns," he said.

The school, which has 280 enrolments, reports more than 90 of its students achieving attendance rates of 80 per cent or above.

The introduction of a bike program for 'good attenders' will

complement the school's existing reward activities including excursions, discos, raffles and canteen vouchers.

Students who have good attendance will be treated to a bike ride before school and on Friday afternoons.

"If kids are engaged, kids come to school," Mr Bullen said.

"The bikes will also be beneficial from an educational perspective because students will learn about the maintenance and repair of bikes and about road safety."

Freight company LinFox has donated transportation of the four container loads of bikes to Darwin, and the local shires have organised delivery to the communities. ALPA will distribute the bikes to schools.

More scholarships for NT



NORTHERN Territory Education and Training Minister Chris Burns has announced a mid-year intake of 22 More Indigenous Teachers (MIT) cadetships, scholarships and fellowships, 28 Teacher Education

Scholarships (TES) and 34 More Early Childhood teacher scholarships as part of the Local Teachers in Local Schools program.

The scholarship program has been running since 2007 and has assisted more than 200 Territorians into the teaching profession.

AIME is right on target



THE Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) says participating students are benefiting from its programs run through two Australian universities.

AIME uses structured education mentoring to link university students in a one-on-one relationship with Indigenous high school students.

Its latest annual report details successful programs run through the University of Sydney, and the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) in south-east Queensland.

The report said Indigenous students who participated in the intensive leadership and educational program run by AIME at both universities last year progressed to their next year of schooling at rates closer to their non-Indigenous peers.

It said 100 per cent of Year 9 students who participated in the AIME program at both universities continued to Year 10.

On a national level, the report said school completion rates for AIME students were significantly higher than the Indigenous completion rates

across every year level.

The Year 9 to 12 completion rate for AIME students was 62.7 per cent – double the national Indigenous average of 32.4 per cent and approaching the national non-Indigenous average of 75.2 per cent.

AIME CEO Jack Manning Bancroft welcomed the results, praising the commitment of both universities to the program.

Professor Shane Houston, deputy vice-chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services) at the University of Sydney, said AIME provided clear benefits to both the high school and university students.

USC vice-chancellor Professor Greg Hill said the high participation rate by USC students as AIME mentors was a reflection on the university's approach to inclusiveness and facilitating educational opportunity.

The AIME program was mentioned as a best practice model in the recent Gonski Review of education and has recently featured on the ABC program Australian Story.

The organisation is now undertaking more research into the impact of its program.

INDIGENOUS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Melbourne Girls Grammar (MGGS) is pleased to announce the continuation of its Indigenous Student Scholarship Program. In 2013, MGGS will provide a program to encourage and enable Indigenous students to study at MGGS.

One Scholarship comprising full tuition and boarding fees is being offered to an Indigenous girl entering Year 9 as a boarder in 2013.

Applications close on **Friday 17 August 2012.**

Information regarding the MGGS Indigenous Student Scholarship program, including information on how to apply can be found by contacting the Indigenous Students Co-ordinator Sheryle Allan on (03) 9862 9200 or email Sheryle.Allan@mggs.vic.edu.au.

Further information can also be found on our website www.mggs.vic.edu.au



Werrington's great wall



In front of the Werrington Public School wall are, from left, Brad Durrant, Anthony Novak, Warren Liddiard, Justin Hatfield, David Liddiard and John Cunningham.



A WALL of Aboriginal art has been unveiled at Werrington

Public School in western Sydney as part of NAIDOC celebrations.

The wall is part of an Aboriginal education action plan at the school funded by Fair Loans Muro.

The plan aims to strengthen the engagement and connection of Aboriginal students, their community and the school community and improve the performance of Aboriginal students in literacy and NAPLAN testing.

Anthony Novak, from the Fair Loans Foundation, said the school's NAIDOC activities had been well supported.

Winter School pays off

By MARGARET SMITH



THE Nura Gili Centre at the University of NSW recently held a graduation ceremony for 150 Winter School students who completed a week-long course in Sydney.

Parents and friends came from across NSW to watch as the students dressed in academic gowns received their certificates.

Student services manager Michael Peachey co-ordinated the course. He told the *Koori Mail* that the numbers attending the course had grown from eight when they started to the current 150. He said the students spent time in their chosen university schools, heard lectures about courses, studied and gave tutorials, and also had lots of good times.

"They're being much more adventurous in their choices," he ventured.

"Now they are opting for the built environment, engineering, law, medicine and science, as well as the more traditional options of education, Indigenous studies, performing arts and social work."

Many of the students also complete a four-week intensive program in the summer holidays, and the Transition/Pre-Orientation program in their first year. They were then assisted to stay at university.

Winter School students are looked after by past graduates of the program. Mr Peachey said that, as a result, they were more likely to respect their peers and stay motivated and involved – as evidenced by the fact that all of the Winter School participants completed the course.

Their graduation ceremony opened with a welcome from Bill Buckley, who had previously taught at the university. He reminded everyone of Charles Perkins' Freedom Ride and how education had changed his life.

The audience heard from students Murrie Kemp and Lyndon Lane.

Lyndon said she first heard about the Winter School through her sister.

"This week has meant so much to me," she said. "It has opened the doors of life to me and I've met so many great people."

She recited a poem she had written about the pull of education and her community back home in Dubbo.

Murrie said he would be the first Biddigal Aboriginal student to go to university. "I've been taught to aim high to achieve," he said.

UNSW law graduate Norman Laing, now commissioner for Aboriginal heritage at the Premier's Department, told of his own struggle to get an education in the 1990s. He warned the students that they might face difficulties in their home communities, where some people might try to discourage them.

After presenting the graduates with their certificates, head of Nura Gili Professor Martin Nakata told the *Koori Mail* that all the students had worked hard.

"I'm especially proud of the kids who come from tough backgrounds learning to think differently," he said.

Prof John Maynard, from Newcastle University, whose son attended the Winter School, said the NSW Winter School filled him with pride. "I'm inspired by the program's success," he said.



Indigenous students at the University of NSW Winter School graduation.



University of NSW Winter School science students with Professor Martin Nakata.

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INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Flight Lieutenant Robert De Brito, a pilot from No 285 Squadron, shows Jessica Henry how to use the C-130H (Hercules) simulator during her visit to RAAF Base Richmond. Photos by Corporal Amanda Campbell, courtesy Commonwealth of Australia

Ready to take-off



TWELVE Aboriginal teenagers from regional NSW have had a taste of an air force career. The inaugural Indigenous Student Military Familiarisation Camp (ISMFC) was held at the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) base at Richmond, north-west of Sydney.

"This joint initiative demonstrates the Government's focus on Closing the Gap and encourages young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from urban and regional communities to pursue their interest in aviation," Defence Science and

Personnel Minister Warren Snowdon said.

The students, aged 16 to 18, were selected for their interest in aviation through the auspices of the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation, which manages Boorowa Aviation, a project originally developed to create opportunities in the aviation industry for Indigenous Australians.

Activities

Throughout the week-long visit, the students experienced a range of activities including a flight simulator visit, personal training sessions as well as fire, weapons and safety

equipment demonstrations.

The group flew to RAAF Base Richmond from Illawarra Regional Airport with the Australian Aerial Patrol before visiting key locations at RAAF Base Richmond including a C-130 Hercules and simulator.

ISMFC participants will have the opportunity to discuss their career options with a mentor who can assist them further in pursuing an air force career after they finish their schooling.

The ISMFC program aims to inspire Indigenous students with a passion for aviation and was designed to increase participation rates of Indigenous Australians in the air force.



RAAF personnel and ISMFC participants during the course at the Richmond base.

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- Do you want to be part of and contribute to a University that is educating tomorrow's Doctors, Nurses, Psychologists Teachers, Engineers, Architects and Leaders of Industry?
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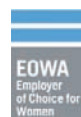
The University of Melbourne is committed to employing Indigenous Australians in both professional and academic positions on the basis that they bring with them a wealth of experience, knowledge and skills that will inform, enrich and fundamentally improve the work that we do.

Indigenous Australians seeking support to apply for a vacancy are encouraged to contact the University. Email your contact details, quoting the position number, to hr-careers@unimelb.edu.au

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employment opportunities

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 **Angelique Davis** for more information:

Ph: (03) 8388 1855

Email: angeliqued@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.

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- Generous Salary Packaging
- Professional training & development

Registered Midwife
Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Strategy
Ref: 90484 P/T 20 hpw at Macarthur
Salary: \$27.35–\$38.41 ph
Eng: Erika Lehner
Ph: (02) 4640 3515
Closing Date: 10 August 2012

Please apply online by visiting:
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NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Career Opportunities & Work/Life Balance

We offer a strong commitment to training, an Education Assistance Policy that provides financial and practical support and flexible working arrangements, including flex days/RDOs and paid maternity leave. Council's offices are conveniently located close to the rail network.

Aboriginal Specialist Child Care Worker

Vacancy No. P100-1302

Commencing Salary: \$53,000 pa

Closing Date: 8 August 2012

The above position is an Aboriginal Identified position – exemption granted under section 126 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. A working with children check is required on the above position.

How to Apply: Applicants should apply online at the website below. If you require assistance contact 4732 7509.

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL
penrithcity.nsw.gov.au

The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence Redfern is seeking a casual Learn to Swim Instructor

Austswim Teach of Water Safety, Current CPR and Working with Children Check are essential.

Resumes and Cover letters are to be sent to connor.mackay@ymca.org.au

Applications close 29 August 2012

The Aboriginal Children's Therapy Team (ACTT) Program with the Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS)

(Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing - DoHA)

Speech Pathologist (Full-Time) Therapy Aide/Administrative Assistant (Full Time)

Aboriginal Health Worker

(Part Time) – Fixed Term Positions for 12 Months

The ACTT team are based in Dubbo and provide holistic assessment and therapeutic services to Aboriginal children living in Dubbo aged 0-8 years of age. The team currently consists of a Team Leader, Aboriginal Health Worker, Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, and Social Worker.

To meet the expanding needs of the ACTT program, funds have been approved to employ an additional Speech Pathologist (Full Time), Therapy Aide/Administrative Assistant (Full Time), and Aboriginal Health Worker (Part Time) on a fixed term contract for 12 months. All ACTT positions are funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing and managed by Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service.

Interested persons will need to contact Chantelle Allan, ACTT Team Leader at the Aboriginal Child and Maternal Hub 2/47 Wingewarra Street on (02) 6881 8077 for an information package which details the "Essential & Desirable Criteria" to be addressed in the application.

Applications close at 5pm Friday 10 August 2012.

No late or faxed applications will be accepted.

REAL CAREERS

Associate Director, Academic – Indigenous Knowledges Learning and Teaching Unit

The position provides academic leadership to achieve the University Blueprint³ objectives: to ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn about Indigenous knowledges in their course; and to contribute to the development of academic staff to ensure they have sufficient understanding of Indigenous knowledges to contribute to reconciliation in the undertaking of their duties.

Fixed-term for 3 years

Reference: 12322

Closes: 8 August

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NSW/ACT

Aboriginal Community Support Coordinator

- **Full-Time Position**
- **Based in Dubbo**
- **Attractive Salary Packaging Options**

The successful applicant will provide a resource for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people their Carers and their Families linking them to community-based health providers, general practitioners and other community services. The role is one that works closely with all members of the community to ensure that culturally appropriate referral takes place.

The role, based in Dubbo covers Dubbo, Wellington, Mid Western, Bogan, Coonamble, Gilgandra, Narromine, Warren, Warumbungle and Cobar.

The successful applicant will be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and have experience dealing with people with Dementia and their Carers. Allied Health or Social Welfare qualification or willingness to gain a qualification is essential. Effective communication and organisational skills and experience networking within the community services sector are also essential.

For further information about the position please visit our website at www.catholiccommunityservices.com.au or contact the recruitment team on 1800 024 540. For specific enquiries about the role please contact Peter Gallagher, Service Manager, on (02) 6881 3700 or Les Ahoy, Aboriginal Service Development Coordinator, on (02) 4946 4430, lahoy@chcs.com.au

Applications must address the competencies as listed in the position description. Forward your application to: The Service Manager, Catholic Community Services, Orana, PO Box 1845, Dubbo NSW 2830.

Closing Date: Friday, 3 August 2012.

Applicants: Must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent through parentage, identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)*.

Successful applicants will be required to complete employment screening processes, including a criminal history check.

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Make a difference to a young person's life

Permanent and casual youth worker positions – Cleveland Youth Detention Centre, Townsville

As a youth worker, you will be a positive role model and play a key role in improving the lives of young people in detention.

Working as part of a team, you will:

- coach and support young people in their schooling, recreation and social activities
- provide care and supervision of young people in the detention centre
- maintain the safety and security of young people in detention
- help plan and deliver individual programs for young people in detention
- be rewarded for your efforts as you see young people reintegrated into the community.

You will be paid to attend six weeks initial training. On successful completion of this training, you will receive \$27.89 per hour plus allowances, working in a casual youth worker position. Opportunities for permanent employment will become available. The base salary range per year for permanent employees is \$44,965 – \$47,696.

Interested?

Come to a free information session at the Detention Centre, Old Common Road, Belgian Gardens, Townsville, to find out if the role is for you and how to apply:

Wednesday 25 July 2012 from 6.00–8.00 pm

Saturday 28 July 2012 from 1.00–3.00 pm

For further details and to register your attendance, phone Cleveland Youth Detention Centre Roster Clerk on 4729 9102.

A position description for the role of Youth Worker is available at www.jobs.qld.gov.au

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General actively encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Applications close 5 pm Friday 3 August 2012

Enquiries: Vicki McConnell
(07) 4729 9103

Reference: QLD/DOC23590/12

“Our job can be challenging but if you are a positive role model, you can definitely make a difference.”

Youth Workers, Cleveland Youth Detention Centre



Department of Justice and Attorney-General

Queensland Government

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**The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence
Redfern**
is seeking a casual
Membership Administration Officer

Relevant tertiary qualifications and 1 - 3 years previous experience in a similar role is essential.
Please send cover letter and resume to
pj.borrell@ymca.org.au

Applications close 29 August 2012

**The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence
Redfern**
is seeking a full time
Customer Service Team Leader

Significant industry experience and Experience in the training and development of customer service staff are essential.
Please send cover letter and resume to
pj.borrell@ymca.org.au

Applications close 29 August 2012



Mental Health Support Workers

Uniting Care Mental Health Services provides community based psycho-social rehabilitation services for those people living with a mental illness. The programs aim to assist people with severe and persistent mental illness to improve their quality of life and live successfully at an optimal level of independence in the community.

**We are looking for expressions of interest for
Mental Health Support Workers.**

It is essential that applicants can demonstrate:

- an understanding of psychiatric disabilities and their impact on clients and their families.
- ability in effective communication, both written and verbal.
- ability to work as a member of a cohesive team.
- ability to motivate and assist adults to participate in their daily activities.
- ability to liaise with other organisations/professionals who are involved in the client's care.
- Demonstrated ability to create appropriate individual support plans for referred clients.

Uniting Care Mental Health is seeking applicants with Certificate 1V in Community Services or similar.

Applicants should hold a current drivers license and be computer literate in Windows Office programs.

Experience with working with clients with a mental illness is desirable.
Please email your covering letter and resume to : info@ucmh.org.au



**Alcohol and Other
Drug / Mental Health
Counsellor**

Employer Marrin Weejali Aboriginal Corporation
Project Base Blackett - Mt Druitt / Western Sydney
Status 35 hours per week (3 year contract)
Award Salary & conditions in accordance with the Aboriginal Community controlled Health Service Award 2010

Marrin Weejali provides a range of services to Aboriginal people who have alcohol or other drug issues, including clients with comorbid alcohol & other drug and mental health problems. Our staff provides an evidenced based approach to counseling, treatment, harm reduction programs / groups for Aboriginal people at risk and works with the broader community in a primary prevention role.

Essential qualifications:

- Tertiary qualification in Alcohol and Other Drugs - Mental Health or equivalent is essential for this position.
- Demonstrated ability in the provision of assessment, case management and individual / group counselling interventions for alcohol and other drug affected clients.
- Experience liaising and networking with a range of services in particular the Criminal Justice System, Human Services and Health Agencies.
- Knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal people and the ability to communicate and negotiate sensitively with Aboriginal people.
- Demonstrated interpersonal, liaison and negotiation skills, including the ability to provide accurate, consistent, timely and appropriate service to clients;
- Ability to maintain client records, statistics and report writing.
- Sound written and oral communication skills.
- Sound computer skills.
- Senior first aid certificate.
- Current NSW driver's licence.

Desirable qualifications:

- Experience working with Aboriginal people with alcohol & other drug problems.
- Experience in working within a comorbid alcohol & other drug and mental health framework.
- Effective group work skills.

Enquires and Information Package: Manager, on (02) 9628 3031.

Application to:

The Secretary, Marrin Weejali Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 147, Emerton NSW 2770

Closing date for applications is:

Monday the 30th of July 2012

**Casual Caseworkers:
Get a career that
matters.**

UnitingCare is seeking two Caseworkers for our DOORWAYS team. You will provide information, referral, "drop in support", crisis services, and strengths-based casework that is driven by the needs of young people.
Aboriginal staff are encouraged to apply.

Applications Close: 29 July 2012

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We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply. We are accredited as an EOWA employer of choice for women. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



**Thungutti Local
Aboriginal Land
Council**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BELLBROOK**

(Salary up to \$70K plus benefits and salary packaging)

The Thungutti Local Aboriginal Land Council (TLALC) 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 TLALC Board in implementing the TLALC's community business plan.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and an understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of financial management principals and practices. An in-depth knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues, including social housing, would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer – Trent Lynwood, by email: trent.lynwood@alc.org.au or on (02) 6659 1207.

Applications can be forwarded to trent.lynwood@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

CEO Recruitment Panel
Thungutti Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1912
Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

Applications close Monday 13th August 2012

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Salary Package up to \$150,000
Subject to experience and qualifications

Chief Executive Officer

Salary Package up to \$150,000
Subject to experience and qualifications

Coomoalla Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) is an OATSIH & NSW Health funded small scale Aboriginal community controlled organisation providing holistic primary health care.

CHAC provides health related services to communities in the Wentworth Shire area of NSW, and the Organisation is directed by elected board members that are active participants to oversee the service provisions of CHAC.

**Please request an application package at
Peta.collins@eldridge.com.au or call
0269 710710.**

Applications by close of business Thursday
26th July 2012. Indigenous applicants are
strongly encouraged to apply.



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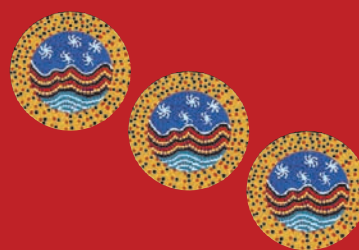
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Correctional Officers perform the important role of managing and supervising offenders and ensuring the safety and security of the Correctional Centre. Currently, the GEO Group is seeking applications from people interested in both "full time" and "part time call-out" work. As a Trainee Correctional Officer, the salary is \$1,237 per fortnight. Upon graduation, the salary for a Full Time Correctional Officer Level 1 is \$50,626 per annum. Further benefits include 5 weeks annual leave and subsidised staff meals!



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NSW Police Force
www.police.nsw.gov.au

Executive Assistant

Aboriginal targeted position
Office of the General Counsel, Corporate Services
Sydney
Clerk Grade 3/4
Temporary Full-Time up to 13 September 2013
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00001400

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the NSW Police Force Employment Strategy 2009-2012.

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) means a person who:

- (a) is member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
- (b) identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- (c) is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person

This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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 accurate, high quality administrative and secretarial support to the General Counsel.

Job Notes:

- Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 for up to 13 September 2013.
- For your application to be considered, you **must** attach an up-to-date resume **and** supply written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.
- Applications **must** be submitted electronically online via the **Jobs.NSW website**

Enquiries:

Inspector Christopher Condon on (02) 8263 6205.

Selection Criteria, Information Package and

Position Description are available at

www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

CLOSING DATE: Sunday 5 August 2012

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Health
Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Community Integration Team Clinician

Wollongong Juvenile Justice Community Centre

Temporary Full Time – up to 30 June 2013

JH No: 12/135

Salary: CNC Grade 1 (plus allowances) or Health Manager Level 2 equivalent.

- This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Enquiries: Jeanette Toole on 0408 163 583.

Closing Date: 3 August 2012.

Applicants require an information package for selection criteria and application form from: Employee Services, (02) 9700 3048.

Applications to: recruit@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service – Justice Health Division is committed to OH&S, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation

Tennant Creek, NT



Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation has several exciting opportunities available for individuals to join their Piliyintinji-ki Stronger Families program, based in Tennant Creek.

Aboriginal Community Support Workers

You will be responsible for **contributing and assisting with the development and implementation of culturally responsive social and emotional wellbeing for families and individuals** within the Stronger Families program.

www.applynow.com.au/job36003

Counsellors (Stronger Families Program)

You will be responsible for **addressing the social and emotional wellbeing needs of the community**. This will involve providing support, counselling and case management for individuals and their families.

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Aboriginal Family Violence Workers

You will be responsible for **promoting individual and community wellbeing and minimising family and community violence** through a coordinated range of approaches.

www.applynow.com.au/job36005

Counsellors (Alcohol & Other Drugs)

You will be contributing and assisting with the **development and implementation of culturally responsive social and emotional wellbeing and AOD programs**.

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You will be rewarded with **attractive remuneration + super + fringe benefits!** In addition, you will enjoy **6 weeks annual leave** plus additional **rostered days off**, giving you time to explore the beautiful Barkly region!



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RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL

Elsa Dixon funded position.

Applications are invited from persons of Aboriginal descent for the following opportunity.

Multi Purpose Labourer

Evans Head

Salary Range: Grade 3, \$741.30 to \$852.40 pw

Position details, method of application and further information about the Richmond Valley are available on Council's website: www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au or by contacting the Human Resources Section on (02) 6660-0351 / 0239.

Applications are to be sent via email to council@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au or by post to the General Manager, Richmond Valley Council, Locked Bag 10, CASINO, NSW 2470 by 4.00pm on the closing date.

For further information please call Aidan Macqueen on (02) 6660 0224 or 0439 411 504.

Closing Date: 3 August 2012

Legal Aid ACT

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dispute Resolution Project Support

Administrative Service Officer Class 4

12 month vacancy

(part time @ 4 days per week, negotiable)

Salary range: \$58,870 - \$63,917pa (pro rata for part time)

The function of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dispute Resolution Project Support is to provide administrative services for the development and establishment of a program to deliver culturally appropriate dispute resolution services to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families.

This position will assist Legal Aid ACT in identifying and delivering its services to meet the special needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to access services provided by Legal Aid ACT and other legal assistance providers.

Please download and read the position description that is located at <http://www.legalaidact.org.au/> under *Working at Legal Aid*. For further information on the position call Michelle Bryant-Smith on 6234 3425 or email michelle.bryant-smith@legalaidact.org.au

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Applications should be forwarded to hr@legalaidact.org.au or the HR Manager, GPO Box 512, Canberra, ACT 2601. Applications for this position will close on **Monday 6 August 2012**.

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Surveillance Officers

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Administrative Officer 2

Several casual fixed vacancies for 12 months are available based on an hourly rate of \$31.21.

Northern Territory Correctional Services - Territory Wide

Become Part of the Bigger Picture

Northern Territory Community Corrections provides services to the Courts, the Parole Board and the community through managing offenders on Probation, Parole, Home Detention, Community Work and Bail to promote positive behavioural change; and ensure offenders comply with specific conditions of orders, legislation and standards.

Community Corrections are committed to improving community safety and reducing the risk of re-offending by assisting offenders to complete their community based orders.

Surveillance officers monitor community based offenders on Home Detention and other similar orders to ensure compliance with conditions as imposed by the Courts and the Northern Territory Parole Board. This involves checking offenders subject to such conditions at their place of residence, work and elsewhere on a random basis (including after hours and at night) as directed.

Surveillance officers may be required to administer breath tests as directed by a Probation and Parole Officer and undertake administrative duties as directed by the Regional Manager.

Further information regarding this vacancy can be found at www.nt.gov.au/jobs or by contacting Laura Sewell on (08) 8935 7420.

Applications should address the Selection Criteria; contain a current resume and referees.

For a copy of the Job Description and to apply online please visit www.nt.gov.au/jobs

Quote vacancy number: 79120139

Closing date: 5 August 2012

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Building Resilience in Country
Communities (BRICCS)
2 Senior Project Officers
Implementing the Bourke
& Brewarrina Alcohol
Management Plan



Connecting health to meet local needs

Far West NSW Medicare Local Limited (FWML) is a health service provider that works to improve the health of people living in the outback shires of Cobar, Bourke, Broken Hill Brewarrina, Central Darling and Walgett.

Far West NSW Medicare Local currently has two vacancies for BRICCS Senior Project Officers in Bourke and Brewarrina and is looking for highly motivated professionals to join the organisation and contribute to our efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in north western NSW. The positions will be working directly with the Bourke and Brewarrina community and service providers to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate a community Alcohol Management Plan.

The FWML manages a variety of health contracts focusing on early intervention and prevention of chronic diseases, chronic disease management, lifestyle modification programs and health promotion. Working in the outback for more than 15 years, the FWML is looking for staff who can work as part of a team, with relevant experience and plenty of passion to create original solutions for our rural and remote communities.

So if you're looking to join a dynamic organisation with ideas, exciting networks within the health and academic sector, innovative community partnerships, a commitment to quality and a determined agenda to deliver sustainable health outcomes for the bush; send us your CV and application to join a not-for-profit NGO and make a difference. This is a senior position and a suitable Salary package will be paid according to qualification and experience and will be in line with the relevant modern awards. As a public benevolent health organisation, Far West NSW Medicare Local Ltd employees are entitled to an attractive salary packaging component or remuneration.

Positions will be designated to either Bourke or Brewarrina and applicants may wish to indicate their preference as part of the application process. Both positions are offered on the basis of full-time on a 2 year contract. Candidates seeking part-time flexible work arrangements are also encouraged to apply. The FWML program has a wide network with excellent continuous professional development opportunities.

Closing Date for Applications: 10th August 2012

For more information and an application pack containing: guidelines for applicants, position specifications and position description please contact:

Joan Dickson, Mental Health & Counselling Manager, on 02 6830 1111 or

FWML head office Bourke on 02 6872 4777.

Visit our Website for more details www.fwml.com.au

Aboriginal Employment Consultant

We are seeking an **Aboriginal Employment Consultant** to join our growing team. You will **provide culturally appropriate support** and walk beside the person to **enhance their abilities to achieve sustainable education and/or employment**. Connections to local community & understanding how culture & history impact on the provision of health services to Aboriginal people is essential. Applicants are required to be of ATSI descent.

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- Based in the APY Lands, South Australia
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- Excellent salary packaging

We require a **Senior Community Development Officer**, with the support of a **Community Development Officer** to focus on providing training and education information on food security initiatives and life skills to resident families and communities.

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or contact Rachael Scherl on 08 8641 9500 or 0488 156 872. Applications close 5pm Friday 3 August.



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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

Aboriginal Caseworker: Get a career that matters.

Identified Position

UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families are seeking an Aboriginal Caseworker to provide an early intervention service to young people who are at risk of becoming, or have recently become, homeless.

Application Close: July 27 2012

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We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply. We are accredited as an EOWA employer of choice for women. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



Administration Officer

Salary: \$55,000m – \$60,000 pro rata based on experience and qualifications
Conditions: .75 EFT (3 days per week)

First Nations Foundation (FNF)

First Nations Foundation was established in early 2006 by a group of respected First Australian leaders, with the vision of enabling First Australians to make informed decisions about their financial wellbeing, in turn securing a sound economic future for themselves and their communities.

Primary Role of Position

The primary role of the Administration Officer is to ensure that the administrative support of the organisation is proactive and effective, including ensuring that all financial, audit, banking, payroll processing and human resources needs are carried out within the required timeframes and according to the required standards, policies and procedures of FNF.

For further enquires and position description contact:

Martha Piper, Project Officer
First Nations Foundation
Ph: 03 9671 4780 Mob: 0466 882 385
Email: martha.piper@fnf.org.au

Applications Close: 5:00PM Friday 3rd August 2012



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.

Caseworker (Cairns)

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. Caseworker must be able to travel regularly interstate and intrastate.

To apply: Position descriptions can be accessed via the website www.link-upqld.org/employment

All applicants **must** address the Selection Criteria and provide a CV by **5.00pm Friday, 3 August 2012**.

Email your applications to: ea@qld.link-up.org.au or post to: PO Box 3229 South Brisbane Q 4101

If you have any queries please call Nicholas Thompson on (07) 3034 8481 or **FREECALL 1800 200 855**.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

CAREERS AT CSU

Indigenous Academic Fellowships

CSU is proud to offer an exciting opportunity for Indigenous graduates to obtain a doctoral qualification while transitioning into an academic career. By undertaking a fellowship you will bring your professional experience into a teaching role while contributing to Indigenous research.

An interest in one of the following disciplines is preferred, however the University would welcome applicants from any academic discipline aligned with the University Course profile.

Arts: Social work, policing, teaching, creative industries, communications, justice studies, psychology.

Science: Nursing, health, science, animal/veterinary sciences.

Business: Business, information technology, marketing.

Education: Teaching, early childhood education, exercise science, information studies, Indigenous studies.

To find out more, download the information brochure and position description from our website:

www.csu.edu.au/jobs or contact Catherine Maxwell, Indigenous Employment Coordinator: indigenousemployment@csu.edu.au or telephone: 02 6933 2200.

Applications close: 13 August 2012, 9.00am

These are targeted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander positions under CSU's Indigenous Employment Strategy 2012 – 2015.



DEPT OF EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CONNECTED COMMUNITIES



A different approach is needed if we are to address the educational and social disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal children and young people living in disadvantaged rural communities. The NSW Government has announced a new strategy which positions schools as community hubs for education and related services.

The Connected Communities strategy has a number of key features including flexible school organisation to meet student and community needs, an integrated place-based service delivery model, cultural awareness training delivered locally for all staff, teaching Aboriginal language and culture, personalised learning and support plans for all students, partnership and co-leadership with the Aboriginal Community, and strategic partnerships with other agencies and with a university and TAFE institute.

Reporting to the Director-General, the Executive Director will drive the implementation of the Connected Communities strategy, with the Principals of 15 schools reporting to him/her. The Executive Director will have very senior experience in schools and/or government, and can expect remuneration in excess of \$200,000 per year.

Please obtain information about the position from Kathy McLean on kathy@fnow.com.au or 0414 376 698. Applications will close on 6 August 2012.

A concurrent search is being conducted.

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We are seeking applications of the following position:

Team Leader

Salary subject to experience and qualifications

Katungal Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services aims to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to take control of their individual, family and community health needs.

Katungal provides a public primary health care service incorporating a bulk billing general practice, medical centre and individual support and counselling service, health screening and health promotion activities.

The organisation was founded to cater for the health needs of the Aboriginal people from Ulladulla and down to Eden.

Please request an application package at Peta.collins@eldridge.com.au or call 0269 710710. Applications by close of business Wednesday 1st August 2012. Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.



C.H.A.D.A.C.
Viney Morgan Aboriginal Medical Services

DRUG & ALCOHOL WORKER – 5834M

(previously advertised)

Our client is one of Australia's leading Aboriginal Medical Services well known for providing a quality range of clinical services to individuals & families in a small, isolated aboriginal community located in the Murray Valley. This position is part of the Medical Service Health team which provides a range of health services that assist in the prevention, early detection & management of health issues.

The Drug & Alcohol Worker will participate in the development & implementation of drug and alcohol services to promote healthy lifestyles for Aboriginal people in the Cummeragunja and Deniliquin communities with a focus on activities to intervene & prevent the development of drug and alcohol and mental health problems.

The successful applicant must already have or be prepared to complete Certificate IV in Drug & Alcohol Counselling. Key competencies & qualities include: -

- Ability to work as part of a team
- Computer software skills
- Current NSW/Victorian Drivers Licence
- Well developed interpersonal and communication skills
- Knowledge of enhanced primary care
- Experience in program development & implementation.

Recruitment of Aboriginal people is a special measure under section 12(1) of the EO Act 2010 and as such will not discriminate against another person contrary to the EO Act 2010 by taking this special measure, under section 90(a)(ii), the proposed conduct would not amount to prohibited discrimination.

Documented proof of Aboriginality must accompany your application.

FOX PERSONNEL
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Applications close 10 August 2012



MELBOURNE HEALTH

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Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Worker

The Royal Melbourne Hospital - City & Royal Park Campus

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (AHLO) Full Time Permanent
Equal opportunity exemptions apply A64/2008

As Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer, you will provide culturally appropriate care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Patients & their families.

In this role you will work closely with staff and agencies on strategies to improve access and effectiveness of hospital services for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community including direct service, service development and education.

In this role you will establish and maintain positive relationships with the Community, Melbourne Health staff, other service providers and government departments to strengthen the Aboriginal Program at Melbourne Health.

You will be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, accepted by the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Community and have demonstrated capability to provide cultural liaison, advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, their families & hospital staff to better provide appropriate health care to this group. You will have a tertiary qualification in Aboriginal Health or equivalent workplace experience.

Reporting to the Manager of Social Work & Cultural Diversity, you will be supported by the Allied Health Director, the Cultural Diversity Coordinator & an internal working group and will play a key role in implementing the Melbourne Health Reconciliation Action Plan.

Enquiries: Julia Blackshaw Ph: 0438 836 424 - Ref No: 12576 - Closes: 03.08.12

For further information and to apply online visit:

www.mh.org.au



Caseworker: Get a career that matters.

UnitingCare Burnside is seeking a Caseworker to join our Youth Services Team, DOORWAYS Program in Dubbo. You will work in a team to provide information, referral, "drop in support", crisis services, and strengths-based casework. Aboriginal staff are encouraged to apply

Applicants will require:

Demonstrated understanding of the issues impacting on homeless young people and their families, particularly in Regional and Aboriginal communities.

Applications Close: 29 July 2012

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We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply. We are accredited as an EOWA employer of choice for women. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT DUBBO COLLEGE DELROY CAMPUS

A full time **School Learning Support Officer - Aboriginal** vacancy exists at **Dubbo College Delroy Campus**. We invite applications from Aboriginal people who may be interested in this position.

Duties focus primarily on assisting teachers in the implementation of individual educational programs and individual transition programs and also assisting teachers in providing opportunities for children with special needs to develop personal, social, domestic and pre-vocational skills and attending to the personal care needs of children. Duties may also include the operation of audio-visual aids, duplicating, issuing of learning materials and minor clerical duties.

For further information contact the Principal on **(02) 6882 7955**

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Awareness of the needs of students with disabilities
- Ability to work with students with emotional, physical or intellectual disabilities
- Effective communication skills

N.B.: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

Remuneration Package valued up to \$48,183 pa includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading (annual salary range \$26,146 to \$43,663).

To apply for this position go to **www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au**.

Closing date for applications is **Friday 10 August 2012**.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Weigelli Centre

Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre

The Weigelli Centre is an Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol residential rehabilitation facility just outside Cowra in the Central West of NSW.

Community and Family Support Team

The Community and Family Support Team will expand the Weigelli Centre programme and the following staff are sought:

Team Leader

This senior position will manage the team. The person will have appropriate qualifications, team management experience, case management experience and be able to demonstrate the ability to initiate, support and run community development activities appropriate to the programme. Problem solving skills, initiative and a demonstrated excellent work ethic are essential.

Field Worker (Alcohol and Other Drugs)

This position will work to facilitate access for Aboriginal men, women, and their families, to appropriate AOD treatment. The person will have appropriate qualifications, casework experience, experience working with Indigenous clients with AOD and MH issues, experience providing community AOD interventions. Problem solving skills, initiative and a demonstrated excellent work ethic are essential.

All positions have access to salary packaging, 4 weeks annual leave, RDOs, and a Xmas/New Year break. Staff development is encouraged and supported. Team Leader (SACS grade 5-6, car, phone); Field Worker AOD (SACS Grade 3-4); depending on qualifications and experience.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Only applications that address the Selection Criteria will be considered.

Closing Date for all positions: 3 August 2012

For Further Information, an Application Package and support submitting your Application contact Daniel Jeffries or Bev Hansell on (02) 6345 1803.

The Weigelli Centre reserves the right not to fill any position.



Health

**Hunter New England
Local Health District**

Applications can be lodged online at **www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment**
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Child & Family Health Nurse, Birra li

Wallsend - John Hunter

Enquiries: Donna Burns 0418 473 246

Reference ID: 88193

Closing Date: 29 July 2012

For all positions below: This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal Descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Assistant In Nursing - Undergraduate Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders

John Hunter Hospital, New Lambton

Enquiries: Chris Sharkey 02 4921 4467

Reference ID: 90368

Closing Date: 05 August 2012

Enrolled Nurse - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders

John Hunter, New Lambton

Enquiries: Chris Sharkey 02 4921 4467

Reference ID: 90371

Closing Date: 05 August 2012

Registered Nurse - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders

John Hunter Hospital, New Lambton

Enquiries: Chris Sharkey 02 4921 4467

Reference ID: 90370

Closing Date: 5 August 2012

Aboriginal Reproductive and Sexual Health Officer

Tamworth Population Health

Enquiries: Michelle Cutmore 02 4924 6395

Reference ID: 89828

Closing Date: 12 August 2012

Registered Nurse: Public Health Nurse & Surveillance Officer

Wallsend / Tamworth

Enquiries: Peter Massey 02 6764 8021

Reference ID: 82667

Closing Date: 19 August 2012

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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Health

**Mid North Coast
Local Health District**

Aboriginal Early Intervention Worker - Drug and Alcohol

Coffs Harbour

Reference ID: 90266

An opportunity exists for an Aboriginal Health Education Officer in our Drug & Alcohol team at Coffs Harbour. The position is permanent full time and Aboriginal Identified under Section 14(d) of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent through parentage, identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted in the community as such. Salary starts from \$856.70 pw for a Non Graduate and \$986.70 pw for a Graduate.

Enquiries: Linda Fawcett 02 6656 7933

or by email linda.fawcett@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Apply online at <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

Closing Date: 29 July 2012

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Government of South Australia

**Department for Communities
and Social Inclusion**

PROJECT MANAGER – STATE WIDE ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT

HOUSING SA

ADELAIDE CBD

Vac No: 4705

Contract Appointment for 2 years

\$84,430 – \$91,649 p.a. (AS07)

The Project Manager is a role within Housing SA and is accountable to the Program Manager, Aboriginal Employment for ensuring that remote Aboriginal communities benefit from local employment generated through Housing SA capital works, projects statewide co-ordination and development of Aboriginal employment initiatives in remote Aboriginal communities.

Enquiries to: Ms Jude Allen, Program Manager, Aboriginal Employment, Housing SA, telephone: 8207 0520, email: jude.allen@dcsl.sa.gov.au

For further information or to apply for this role please visit: <http://jobs.dcsi.sa.gov.au>

Applications close 5pm 10 August 2012

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www.dcsi.sa.gov.au



**sutherland shire
family services**

Sutherland / St George Aboriginal Family Worker

Identified Position

Sutherland Shire Family Services Inc is seeking a permanent part-time (28hrs p/w) Aboriginal Family Worker to join the Sutherland/St George Aboriginal Family Worker Project (Families NSW). The project supports Aboriginal families with children aged 0-8 years of age living in the Sutherland and St George region.

Essential Criteria:

- To be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine requirement of this position
- Experience in family support casework or closely related area of practice
- Ability to work as a team member
- Knowledge of child protection and domestic violence issues
- Understanding of the impact of trauma, abuse and violence on children
- Experience in the facilitation of group work programs
- Written communication, negotiation and conflict resolution skills
- Satisfactory computer literacy

Desirable:

- Knowledge of local community based services for families
- Experience in working collaboratively with Aboriginal community organisations, key community representatives and Elders
- Experience in crisis management and counselling
- Drivers licence

This position is identified as a child related employment and is subject to relevant criminal checks.

All applications (addressing all essential and desirable criteria) can be sent via email to: Kathy Jones, Manager SSFS kjones@ssfs.org.au

Closing Date:

4pm on Monday 6th of August 2012

Southern Health

Experience

OUR DIVERSITY

Aboriginal Health Nurse (RN Grade 3B)
PT (16h/w), Perm
Population Health, Aboriginal Health Team – Thomas Street, Dandenong

This is an opportunity to join the Aboriginal Health Team in Community Services to deliver the Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care program. The program is based on a partnership between Southern Health and the Dandenong & District Aborigines Co-operative Ltd and aims to improve the health outcomes of Aboriginals through the prevention and better management of chronic disease. The nursing role requires excellent engagement, assessment and care planning skills and is pivotal in providing advice and guidance to staff on clinical issues. The program is delivered from a number of settings and includes outreach.

Aboriginal applicants are encouraged to apply. You should have experience working with, and a well developed knowledge of, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, kinship and health issues.

It is a requirement of this position that you hold a current Working with Children Check or have made an application for one.

ENQUIRIES (Ref No 154645): Michelle Ravesi, Population Health Manager on 0405 180 406. For more information & to apply please visit the 'Careers' link on our website www.southernhealth.org.au
Applications close: 10 August 2012.

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Liverpool Women's Health Centre

Health Promotion/ Aboriginal Access Worker (Permanent part time: 28 hours per week)

The Liverpool Women's Health Centre requires a skilled dynamic Aboriginal woman to work with our team in improving the health and well being of Aboriginal women in our community. Demonstrated skills and experience in the delivery of health promotion programs, group work, organising community events and activities, community development projects and advocacy. Experience working with women in crisis.

All applicants require a Job Kit Contact the Centre 9601 3555
Applications Close: Tuesday 31st July 2012



ABORIGINAL HEALTH PROJECT OFFICER

HealthWest Partnership is a strategic alliance of two Primary Care Partnerships (PCP) covering five local government areas in Melbourne's western suburbs.

The Aboriginal Health Project Officer will work with the Closing the Health Gap Project Manager supporting Aboriginal people of all ages to access mainstream health and support services.

Join us and use your skills in community engagement and ability to build collaborative relationships to help shape the health and support service system for Aboriginal people in the west of Melbourne.

Applications close 6 August 2012

For position description & to apply:
www.healthwest.org.au

HealthWest values diversity and encourages applications from all backgrounds.

For enquiries, please contact:

Gail O'Donnell Executive Officer, HealthWest
Ph: 90175843
Email: gail.odonnell@healthwest.org.au



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Youth Development Officer (Aboriginal Portfolio) Youth & Family Services

Full Time Permanent
\$67 – 73k + Super + RDO
Ref: 1264

As Youth Development Officer Aboriginal Portfolio you will work as a member of Council's Youth Services Team, and be responsible for leading youth work in a designated local area and as the key driver of the strategic Aboriginal Portfolio.

The ideal candidate will have Tertiary qualifications suitable for working in the Youth Work field and/or extensive experience in working with young people preferably in a Local Government setting. Experience of working with the Aboriginal Community is essential.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Full details of the role are on the PD which you should initially read and then for further information enquire to Vicki Cooper on 9404 8800

For a PD and to apply visit our recruitment website www.findyourbalance.com.au and follow the employment links

Applications close 6pm Sunday 12 August 2012

Aboriginal Planned Activity Group Support Officer (Two Positions)

\$49k (pro rata) + Super
14 hrs pwk – 2 days part time Permanent

Located in Whittlesea LGA

A new Aboriginal PAG program is seeking two people to assist the HACC Aboriginal Liaison Officer and Elders plan and deliver activities which support continued physical, social and emotional wellbeing of Elders. The new program initiated by Elders to support older Aboriginal people to remain active and socially connected has received ongoing government funding. Please read the detailed position description available on the City of Whittlesea website for more information.

Enquire to Cathy Austin, HACC Aboriginal Liaison Officer on 0419 750 450

Applications close 6pm Sunday 12 August 2012

Frankston Integrated Health Centre

Koori Alcohol and Other Drugs Outreach Worker

Permanent Full Time
Closes: 01/08/2012 Ref No. 11375

For full details, please visit:
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Health South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

Administrative Officer Lvl 2

Royal Hospital for Women, Randwick

Permanent Part-Time

Enquiries: Elizabeth Cox 9382 6019

Reference ID: 91519

Closing Date: 05 August 2012

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

or email application quoting Ref. No. to:

jobs@hss.health.nsw.gov.au or

send application to:

Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 6004,
HRMC NSW 2310.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Manning Valley & Area Community Transport Group Inc.

Aboriginal Transport Development Officer (ATDO)

Community Transport Industry (NSW) MEA Award Grade 4

Package: Total value \$72,586.00 - \$77,413.00 (Salary
\$53,099.00-57,527.00) depending on experience

(Package includes:
salary sacrifice, superannuation and vehicle)

Introduction: MVACTG provides various transport services to Aboriginal/TSI people across the 3 Local Government (LGA's) areas of Greater Taree, Great Lakes and Gloucester.

MVACTG is looking for a highly skilled energetic person of Aboriginal Identity, to co-ordinate the Aboriginal Transport Program across these areas. This is a well established program that has operated for over 6 years, extensive travel is a requirement of the position with offices based in Forster, Tea Gardens, Gloucester and the Taree area, we offer a culturally integrated and supportive team environment.

The ATDO is assisted by management, service administrators, Administration Assistant, an Aboriginal Trainee and volunteer drivers.

Skills Required:

Essential Criteria:

1. Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written. Ability to promote services both at conferences and at local community meetings.
2. Experience in working with Aboriginal Communities
3. Ability to deal positively with conflict and community issues.
4. Leadership skills and proven staff supervision and the ability to direct, monitor support and motivate staff.
5. Excellent computer skills/IT skills including internet, emailing and all Microsoft software.
6. Working knowledge of office systems.
7. Excellent time management skills, including the ability to meet deadlines.
8. Demonstrated commitment to working within a team environment and being a team player.
9. Be innovative, show initiative and be able to work independently.
10. Experience in program development
11. Have a current NSW driver's licence.
12. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification (section 14 NSW Anti-discrimination act 1977).

Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identify as being Aboriginal and be accepted as such within communities.

Desirable Criteria

1. Knowledge of local Aboriginal Community and organisations
2. Experience in working for a community based organisation
3. Knowledge of HACC programs (Home and Community Care) guidelines
4. Knowledge of Community Transport
5. Hold a MR (Medium Rigid) licence or willingness to obtain

Please submit a cover letter addressing each of the criteria, your resume, and provide two phone referees. Applications that do not address each of the criteria will not be considered. Do not include certificates or written references.

Applications close Friday 3rd August 2012

Post Applications marked confidential to Manager P.O. Box
106 Wingham NSW 2429 or email to
manager@manningct.com

For further enquiries Ph Jennifer Hadfield on 0265911100



NSW Police Force
www.police.nsw.gov.au

TEAM LEADER – Child WellBeing Unit

Aboriginal targeted position

PoliceLink, Operational Communications & Information Command

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the NSW Police Force Employment Strategy 2009-2012.

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) means a person who:

- (a) is member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
- (b) identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- (c) is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person

This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

- Tuggerah
- Clerk Grade 7/8
- Temporary Full-Time up to 30 June 2014
- Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 000014IG

Salary Package: \$97,836. Salary: \$80,096 - \$88,660. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Team Leader position is required to supervise Child Wellbeing Assessment Officers in the analysis and processing of child abuse reports that are not imminent and ensure correct dissemination to the Regional Intake and Referral Unit is undertaken. The position is responsible for team performance and the overall management of a team of Child Wellbeing Assessment Officers.

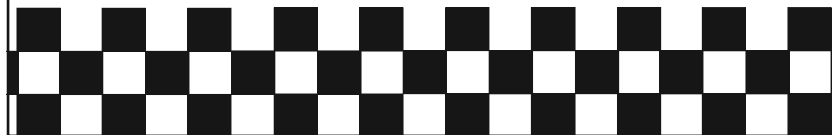
Job Notes:

- Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 for up to 30 June 2014.
- Applicants **must** obtain an information package between the hours of 9am to 5pm (Monday to Friday) and **must** undertake an initial phone screen interview.
- If you have any further enquiries after reading the information package please contact the Enquiries Officer.
- For your application to be considered, you **must** attach an up-to-date resume **and** supply written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check and working with children check prior to commencement.
- Applications **must** be submitted electronically online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries: Belinda McBrearty on (02) 4032 7304

Selection Criteria, Information Package and Position Description are available on
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CLOSING DATE: Sunday 5 August 2012



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As a leader and advocate for unity, Congress is focused on giving our people a say and strongly putting our policy priorities to Government and the community.

The Senior Policy Officer will help build our capacity through analysing policy issues; drafting policy position papers; undertaking research; implementing advocacy; engaging with our Members and partners; and providing advice to the Executive and Board.

The Policy Officer will work on research, policy development, liaison with advisory groups, writing submissions and papers.

We are seeking team players who thrive in a hard-working, supportive environment. Substantial experience in policy analysis, research, writing and project management is essential.

* Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

APPLICATIONS CLOSE AUGUST 22ND 5PM

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or call 0457 724 212.

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Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre Inc

Administration and Information Officer

Identified Aboriginal Female
Full time (70 hours p/f)

Wirringa Baiya is seeking to appoint an Administration and Information Officer. This person will have excellent administrative and organisation skills, and an understanding of domestic and family violence.

The rate of pay is to be negotiated, as per the SCHADS award. The 70 hours may be worked over a ten-day or nine-day roster.

Applicants **must** address all of the selection criteria contained in the job pack.

Please contact the office for a job pack on:
(02) 9569 3847 or 0429 326 005

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Midday, Monday, 13/8/2012

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Hub Manager
Mackay Children and Family Centre
Contract till July 2014, full time

Specified position - people of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

For further information contact Sarah Callinan on 0438 006 172 or email s.callinan@candk.asn.au

Closing date: 30 July 2012.

To view a Position Description or to apply, please visit the Careers Section of our website.



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Assistant Director

**Office for Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Health / Northern Territory Office**

Executive Level 1 \$92,395 - \$105,378

Ref Number: 12-1496

Northern Territory

The successful applicant will be responsible for leadership, and resource and program management. They will also be required to represent the department in liaisons and negotiations with relevant Commonwealth, territory and local government departments, industry organisations, service providers and consumers.

The Assistant Territory Manager will manage program and contract management activities in the office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Branch of the Northern Territory Office.

Contact officer: Tania McInnes. Ph (08) 8919 3411 tania.mcinnnes@health.gov.au

Applications close Thursday 9 August 2012, 7pm AEST.

Selection Documentation: An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>

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Drug & Alcohol Services SA, Ceduna
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BUNGREE ABORIGINAL Intensive Family Based Service

Step Down Worker

Overview of Position:

The position holder will work as a member of a cooperative team in order to provide practical, supportive post intervention pathways which support families who have just completed the IFBS intervention. The successful candidate will need knowledge and experience of the Local Aboriginal community as well as experience and knowledge within the community welfare sector.

This is an identified position under section 9A of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

Admin/child Care support Worker

Overview of Position:

The position holder will work as a member of a co-operative team in order to provide administration and Child care support to a casework manager, 3 caseworkers and clients. The successful candidate will be self-directed, be able to work independently with limited supervision, have sound typing, telephone and filing skills. Be competent in all computer applications and possesses knowledge and experience of the Local Aboriginal Community.

This is an identified position under section 9A of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

For further information & to obtain an employment package. Please contact Bungree Aboriginal IFBS (02) 43 510633

Applicants must obtain an employment pack, complete all relevant paperwork and address the selection criteria

Enquires: Belinda Field on (02) 43 510633 or belinda.field@bungreeifbs.com

Closing Date for applications is 10th August 2012



Attorney General & Justice

INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSION

Aboriginal Liaison Officer (Aboriginal Identified)

Clerk Grade 3-4

Sydney, Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months

Salary range: \$53,407 - \$58,060

Total Remuneration package valued up to: \$64,069

A 12-month secondment opportunity is available at the Information & Privacy Commission (IPC) in the temporary position of Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Clerk Grade 3-4.

This is an exciting development opportunity open to an Aboriginal person who is already permanently employed in a NSW public service agency or local government authority.

The successful applicant will work with the IPC's Communications & Stakeholder Engagement team to contribute to the implementation of the IPC's Aboriginal Action Plan as well as assisting in the community capacity, building and skilling of other Aboriginal peoples to raise awareness within their communities of how to access government information and protect their privacy.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Ability to develop effective relationships and consult with Aboriginal communities;
- Good written and oral communication skills including the ability to talk with small groups and produce documents suitable to the intended audience;
- Experience in working on projects and contributing to their review and evaluation;
- Capacity to undertake basic research and analyse data and findings;
- Ability to work collaboratively in a small team and undertake individual activities;
- Willingness to travel within NSW.

Aboriginality is an essential selection criteria for this position. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Recruitment will be undertaken using a merit selection process. Applications must address all selection criteria and apply online.

Contact Officer: Justine McHarg (02) 8071 7018 or justine.mcharg@ipc.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Claudia Cresswell (02) 8071 7036 or claudia.cresswell@ipc.nsw.gov.au

Applicants should contact the Contact Officer for additional information on the specific skills and competencies which will be developed and used in this position.

Closing Date: 10 August 2012

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FAMILY REFERRAL WORKER

Permanent Full-time 35hr/week or Part-time (negotiable)

This role is to provide a high quality, effective and appropriate services to Aboriginal children, young people and families

\$58,374 - \$65,530 (includes super and leave loading) - Option of packaging to increase the net worth of the salary is available that would offer a salary from \$66,924 - \$74,456 (includes super, leave loading, FBT and vehicle for business and private use)

This is an exciting opportunity to work as part of the Illawarra Family Referral Service (FRS) which provides an intake and referral service to families, children and young people in need living in the Shoalhaven, Wingecarribee, Kiama, Wollongong and Shellharbour LGAs. As a Family Referral Worker in the Nowra FRS office, you will assist the Program Manager and Shoalhaven FRS Team Leader to build the engagement of the FRS with Aboriginal communities in the Shoalhaven region, and develop the FRS service delivery to this population. As a Family Referral Worker you will provide the service to both Aboriginal and non Aboriginal families.

Essential experience and skills: Working with Aboriginal services and communities along with sound understanding of child protection issues, the capacity to identify when levels of risk faced by a child or young person requires statutory child protection intervention.

For further information on how to make a formal application, obtain the position description and further information; please contact Sue Swan (02) 9218 2352 or e-mail recruit3@socialworks.org.au. Applicants must address the selection criteria found in the position description.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are strongly encouraged to apply.

CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST



Quality
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Newcastle Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd

Chief Executive Officer

- **Newcastle Location**
- **Attractive Salary Package**
- **5 Year Contract**

Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd was established to provide empowerment to Aboriginal communities of the Hunter through the delivery of health and social services which are consistent and relevant to our needs and respectful of our cultural diversity.

Applications are invited for the position of CEO with Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd. The position reports directly to the elected community-based Board of Directors. You will have demonstrated experience working with a similar organisational structure.

This is an excellent opportunity for an experienced professional to provide strategic direction and leadership for the organisation, develop, build and maintain collaborative relationships with all the Aboriginal community.

It is expected the CEO will be have senior management experience working in the Aboriginal Health or Community sectors and possess tertiary qualifications. Aboriginality is essential under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

The role will be required to ensure good public relations, manage organisation quality, risk and compliance, financial and corporate governance, program and service delivery, human resources and identify funding opportunities.

You will drive cultural change within the organisation to deliver opportunities and outcomes for the wider aboriginal community.

For full details and recruitment package contact:
HR Manager on Telephone (02)49400453 or
Email jobs@awabakal.org

Applications close 5.00pm Friday 24th August 2012

ARTS LAW CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA



INDIGENOUS INFORMATION LIAISON OFFICER

The Arts Law Centre of Australia is the national community legal centre for the arts.

Our **Artists in the Black** service provides Arts Law services to Indigenous artists, organisations and communities.

We are seeking a full-time Indigenous information! liaison officer.

Knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Indigenous artists is required.

For job description and selection criteria contact (02) 9356 2566 or www.artslaw.com.au.

This is an Aboriginal identified position.

Closing date: 30th July 2012



Australian Government

Private Health Insurance
Administration Council

Premiums and Competition Unit (PACU) Various Positions APS4 – EL2 Salary \$62,663 - \$130,514

The Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC) is the prudential regulator of Australia's private health insurance industry. PHIAC protects consumers of private health insurance by ensuring an industry which is competitive, efficient and financially sound.

PHIAC is expanding its regulatory focus to include dedicated positions to support its recently established PACU. The PACU will ensure that PHIAC is well placed to assist both industry and the government to better understand and manage pricing and competition issues within the industry.

We are seeking expressions of interest from experienced and energetic people with a keen interest in the private health insurance industry to fill up to four positions between the APS4 (graduate entry level) and EL2 levels.

Applicants will have excellent communication skills with demonstrated capacity in report writing, research and working closely with key stakeholders. It is expected that applicants will have qualifications or experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Health economics
- Competition analysis and policy
- Private health insurance industry experience
- Consumer policy
- Actuarial skills, statistics and data analysis.

Expressions of Interest close on 29 July 2012

For further information: Neil Smith on 02 6215 7931

Information about these positions and the Premium and Competition Unit is available at www.phiac.gov.au/about-phiac/careers/



Mission Australia

Place-based Operations Manager (Mount Isa) and Senior Services Manager (Morrington Island)

- 2 x Senior Management Positions Available
- Mount Isa and Morrington Island Location
- Newly created roles

Mission Australia is a community service organisation that has been transforming the lives of Australians in need for more than 150 years. Mission Australia has recently taken over the delivery of three community services on Morrington Island (MI), Queensland, that aim to reduce the incidence of domestic and family violence.

Place-based Operations Manager – Based in Mount Isa (Frequent travel to Morrington Island and Doomadgee)

In this rewarding and challenging role you will lead the delivery of place based community services to the communities of Morrington Island and Doomadgee. Working with multiple stakeholders you will oversee and deliver strategic outcomes to build capacity and assess opportunities to determine service delivery priorities and achieve “Breaking the Cycle” outcomes for the community through programs that address service gaps.

This is an exciting opportunity to utilise your previous strategic and relationship management experience in this ground breaking role. To be successful in this position you will have previous leadership experience at a senior management level and a relevant tertiary qualification at a degree level, along with extensive experience implementing and planning projects in complex environments. An understanding of service delivery in a remote indigenous context is essential.

Senior Services Manager - Based on Morrington Island

Reporting to the Place-based Operations Manager you will be responsible for managing and developing a number of welfare support services on Morrington Island. Your ability to build strong and effective relationships along with exceptional people management experience will see you succeed in this role.

You must be willing to relocate to Morrington Island. Mission Australia will cover relocation costs of personal goods, accommodation and 2 return flights back to the mainland each year.

To be successful in this position you must demonstrate excellent management experience in the family services space, relevant social welfare qualifications and have the ability to inspire and motivate your team. Experience working in an Aboriginal or Torres Strait community is highly desirable.

For further information, to view the position description and to apply online please visit www.transformlives.com.au Enquiries can be directed to Jonathan Mindel on (02) 9219 2042. Applications close COB on 7th August.

Mission Australia is dedicated to increasing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Learn about our Reconciliation Action Plan, a strategy to reduce the gap in living standards between Aboriginal people and their fellow Australians.

Transform your career at
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TRANSFORM



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
General Purpose Lease	52/288	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	11.62HA	116km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 24' S Long: 119° 41' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
The purposes of G 52/288 are: Erecting and placing and operating machinery, depositing and transportation and treating minerals and tailings, roads, pipelines, transport facilities, storage and transportation of minerals and concentrate, storage and transportation of non-mineralised waste and topsoil, water management facilities and infrastructure, power generation and or transmission facilities, fuel facilities, workshop maintenance facilities, office administration facilities						
Mining Lease	45/1221	NELSON, Thomas Charles	10.01HA	38km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 29' S Long: 119° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	52/1056	BHP IRON ORE (JIMBLEBAR) PTY LTD	287.24HA	44km E'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 23' S Long: 120° 9' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	52/1059	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	626.31HA	116km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 23' S Long: 119° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years. Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Notification day: 25 July 2012

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, 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 **25 October 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 *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 25 November 2012**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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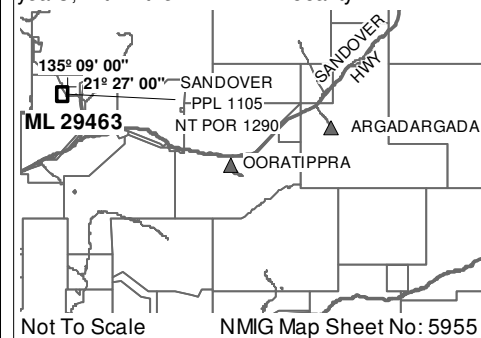
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE APPLICATION

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth)* of his intent to do an act namely to grant the following mineral title applications.

The application to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease 29463 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 6391 depicted below for a term of 30 years, within the ELKEDRA locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral lease/s commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*.

Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Notification Day: 25 July 2012

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 8 August 2012



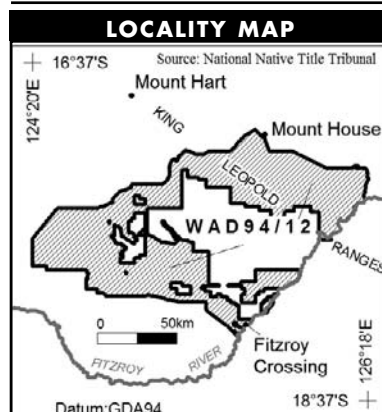
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This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 7 November 2012**. After 7 November 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)* there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Bunuba # 2

Federal Court File No: WAD94/2012

Date filed: 10 April 2012

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 9,900 square kilometres and is located in the vicinity of the King Leopold Ranges extending north and west of Fitzroy Crossing as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley and Shire of Halls Creek.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate WA.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

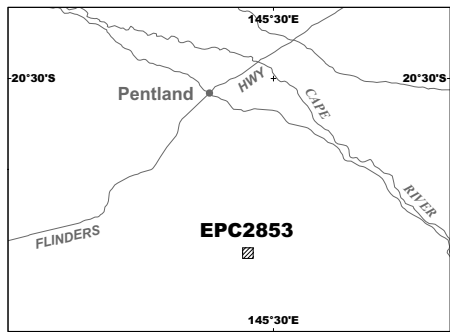
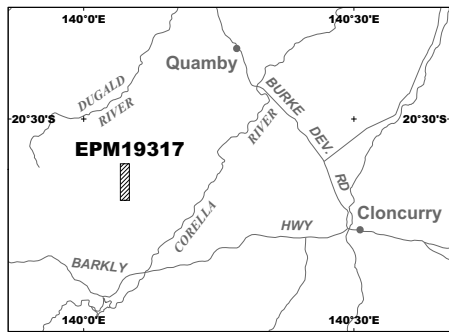
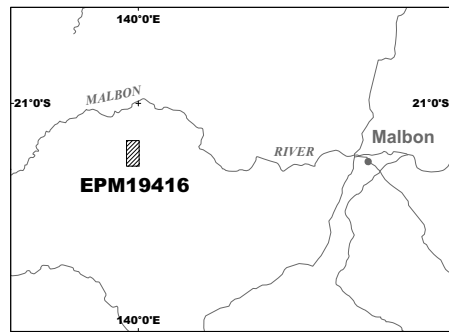
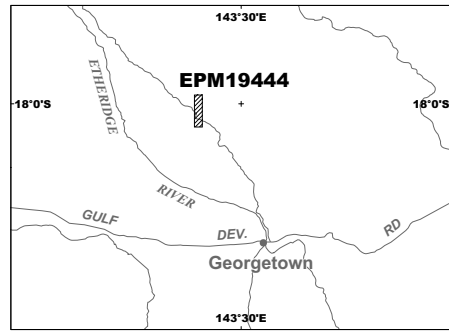
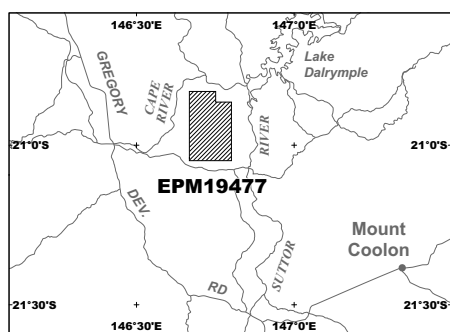
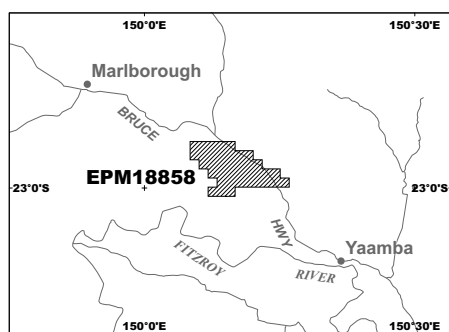
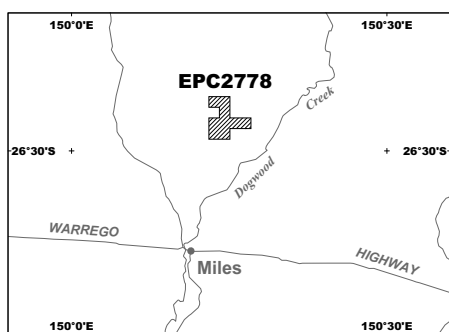
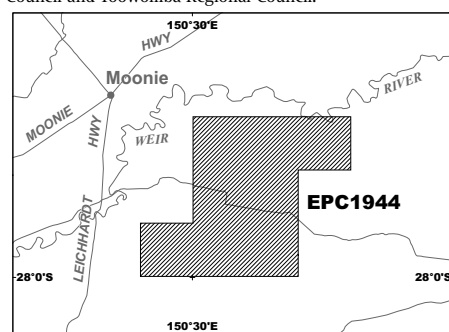
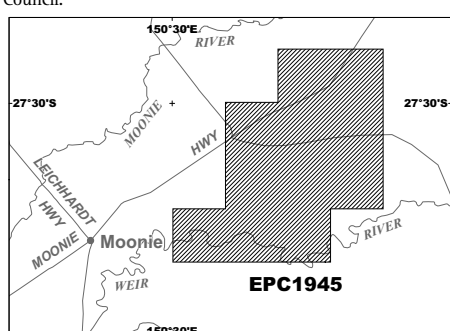
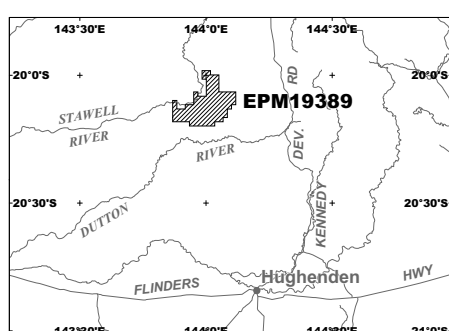
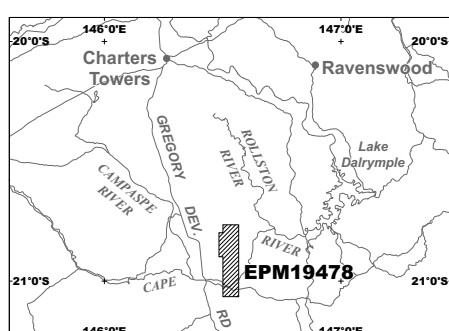
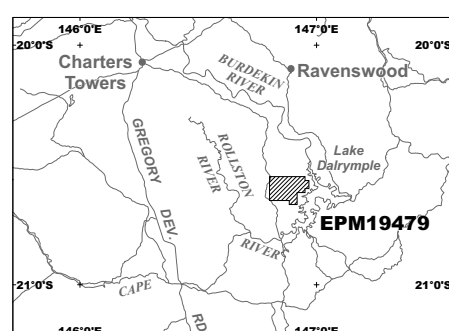
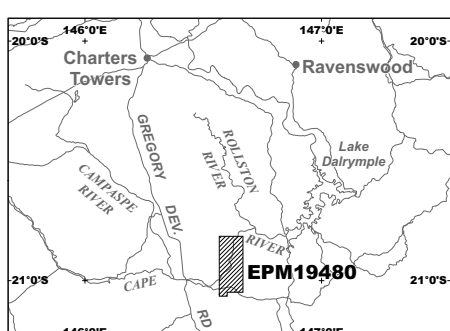
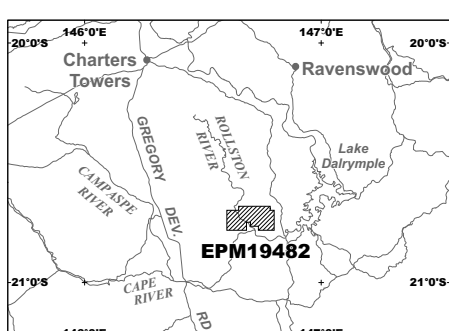
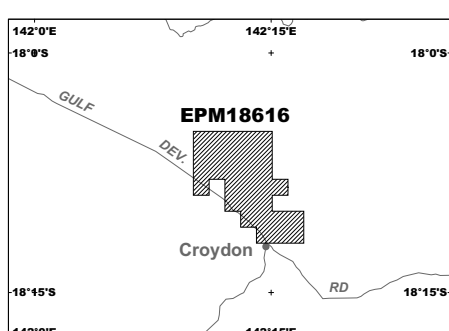
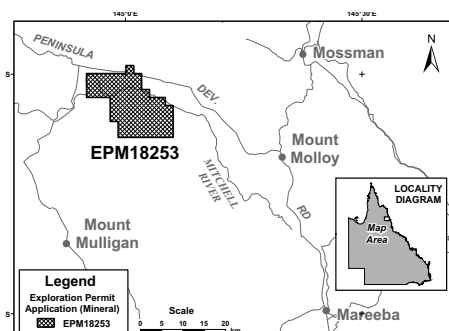
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

<p>Exploration Permit 2853 sought by Matilda Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 131 923 692 over an area of 1 sub-block (3km²), centred approximately 28km SSE of Pentland, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19317 sought by Celco Solutions Pty Ltd, ACN 136 795 616, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13km²), centred approximately 47km WNW of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19416 sought by Willy's Trading Company Pty Ltd, ACN 077 566 208, over an area of 2 sub-blocks (6km²), centred approximately 31km West of Malbon, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19444 sought by Vero Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 151 559 723, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13km²), centred approximately 32km NW of Georgetown, in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 19477 sought by Oresome Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 153 408 907, over an area of 98 sub-blocks (313km²), centred approximately 80km NW of Mount Coolon, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 18858 sought by Tasmania Mines Limited, ACN 009 491 990, over an area of 38 sub-blocks (120km²), centred approximately 26km NW of Yaamba, in the locality of Rockhampton Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 2778 sought by Rare Earths Australia Pty Ltd, ACN 149 501 986, over an area of 9 sub-blocks (28km²), centred approximately 24km North of Miles, in the locality of Western Downs Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 1944 sought by RMA Energy Limited, ACN 123 776 652 over an area of 200 sub-blocks (606km²), centred approximately 28km SE of Moonie, in the locality of Goondiwindi Regional Council, Western Downs Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 1945 sought by RMA Energy Limited, ACN 123 776 652 over an area of 275 sub-blocks (836km²), centred approximately 33km NE of Moonie, in the locality of Toowoomba Regional Council and Western Downs Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19389 sought by Vero Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 151 559 723, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (322km²), centred approximately 86km NNW of Hughenden, in the locality of Flinders Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19478 sought by Oresome Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 153 408 907 over an area of 78 sub-blocks (249km²), centred approximately 97km SE of Charters Towers, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19479 sought by Oresome Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 153 408 907 over an area of 54 sub-blocks (173km²), centred approximately 86km SE of Charters Towers, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.</p> 
<p>Exploration Permit 19480 sought by Oresome Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 153 408 907 over an area of 86 sub-blocks (275km²), centred approximately 101km SSE of Charters Towers, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 19482 sought by Oresome Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 153 408 907 over an area of 64 sub-blocks (205km²), centred approximately 85km SE of Charters Towers, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 18616 sought by Global Resources Corporation Limited, ACN 112 162 396, over an area of 30 sub-blocks (98km²), centred approximately 8km NW of Croydon, in the locality of Croydon Shire Council.</p> 	<p>Exploration Permit 18253 sought by Wolfram Camp Mining Pty Ltd, ACN 108 254 315 over an area of 60 sub-blocks (197km²), centred approximately 36km NW of Mount Molloy, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.</p> 

Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 5, 10 December 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October 2010.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an on objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from Mines (Department of Natural Resources and Mines), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102. Telephone: (07) 3008 5741.

Notification Day: 15 August 2012

Aussie girls beat Great Britain 8-1

THE Aussie Spirit completed the rounds of the International Softball Federation (ISF) XIII Women's World Championships with a five-win two-loss record after beating Great Britain 8-1 in Yukon, Canada, on Friday.

In a game where the Aussie Spirit bats were relatively quiet, it was enough to beat the Great Britain team by the international run rule in five innings.

The Aussie Spirit girls scored four runs in the second innings and four runs in the fourth innings.

The Australian team that includes

Indigenous players captain Stacey Porter and Vanessa Stokes finished third in their pool behind Japan and Canada and were to meet Puerto Rico in a play-off on Saturday morning (Australian time).

Earlier, on day six of the tournament, the Aussie Spirit were beaten 1-0 by Canada.

Had Australia won that game, they would have secured second place in their pool and a double chance in the elimination series.

Much hype surrounded this match, particularly after the Aussie Spirit beat

the Canadian team convincingly the previous week at the Canadian Open Faspitch Championship.

In a bid to improve their performance, Canada added pitcher Danielle Lawrie, who shut down the Aussie Spirit offensive, striking out 11 hitters, only allowing two Aussie Spirit hits – one by Stacey Porter.

The Aussie Spirit pitching staff did a solid job for their team. Vanessa stokes came on in the first innings and silenced the hitters for four innings, putting in a world-class performance on the biggest stage.



PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM PRODUCTION LICENCE

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 Petroleum Production Licences applied for under section 50 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
STP-PRA-0004	Buru Energy Limited and Diamond Resources (Fitzroy) Pty Ltd	162 km2	The application is located in the Canning Basin. The application occupies a total of 2 5'x5' blocks of the 1:1000000 map sheet SE51 (Broome). The north-east corner of the application is located approximately 79 kilometres south south-west of the township of Derby and the western boundary is approximately 90 kilometres east of the Broome. The application commences at a point 123°5'4.53"E, 17°54'55.02"S, thence east along parallel to a point 123°15'4.51"E, 17°54'55.02"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123°15'4.51"E, 17°59'55.03"S, thence west along parallel to a point 123°5'4.53"E, 17°59'55.03"S, and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 123°5'4.53"E, 17°54'55.02"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).	Shire of Derby-West Kimberley (61.7%) Shire of Broome (34.5%)
STP-PRA-0005	Buru Energy Limited and Diamond Resources (Fitzroy) Pty Ltd	163 km2	The application is located in the Canning Basin. The application occupies a total of 2 5'x5' blocks of the 1:1000000 map sheet SE51 (Broome). The north-east corner of the application is located approximately 87 kilometres south south-west of the township of Derby and the western boundary is approximately 90 kilometres east of the Broome. The application commences at a point 123°5'4.53"E, 17°59'55.03"S, thence east along parallel to a point 123°15'4.51"E, 17°59'55.03"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123°15'4.52"E, 18°04'55.04"S, thence west along parallel to a point 123°5'4.54"E, 18°04'55.04"S, and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 123°5'4.53"E, 17°59'55.03"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).	Shire of Derby-West Kimberley (61.6%) Shire of Broome (38.4%)

Nature Of The Act: A petroleum production licence, while it remains in force, authorises the licensee, subject to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* and in accordance with the conditions to which the licence is subject –

- (a) To recover petroleum in the licence area and to recover petroleum from the licence area in another area to which he has lawful access for that purpose; and
- (b) To explore for petroleum in the licence area; and
- (c) To carry on such operations and execute such works in the licence area as are necessary for those purposes.

A licence granted remains in force for an indefinite term.

Notification Day: 25 July 2012

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 **25 October 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 petroleum production licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **25 November 2012**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the petroleum production licence.

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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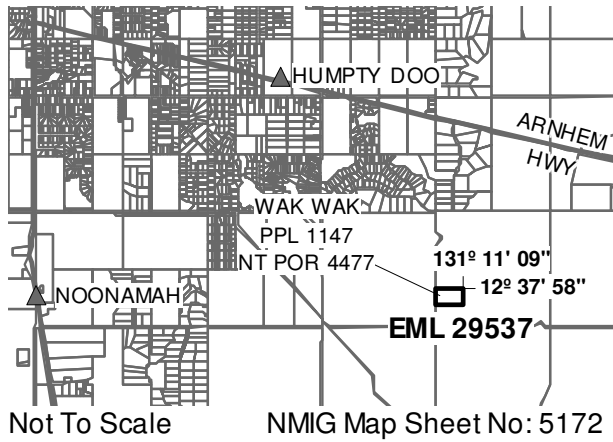
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXTRACTIVE MINERAL LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

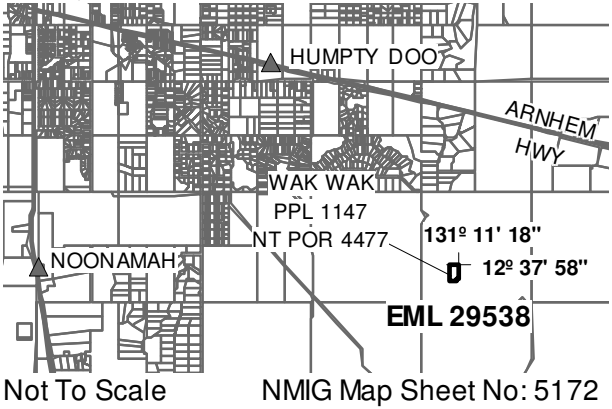
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act(s) namely to grant the following extractive mineral lease application(s).

Applications to which this notice applies:

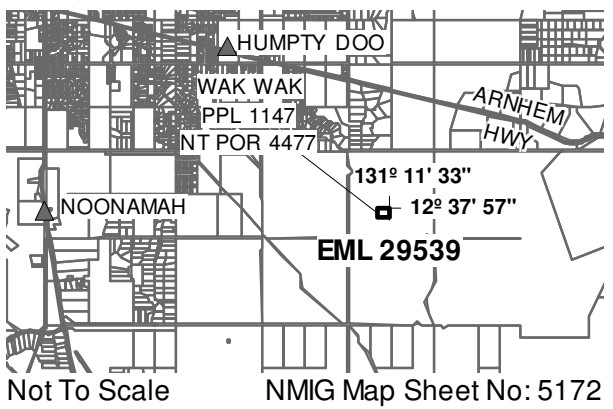
Extractive Mineral Lease 29537 sought by HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD, ACN 099 732 297 over an area of 40 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



Extractive Mineral Lease 29538 sought by HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD, ACN 099 732 297 over an area of 14.34 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



Extractive Mineral Lease 29539 sought by HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD, ACN 099 732 297 over an area of 16.30 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an extractive mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to extract or remove (whether by quarrying or other means) from, on or below the natural surface of the land,

extractive mineral(s) for a term not exceeding 10 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the extractive mineral lease/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000, Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5213.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Notification Day: 25 July 2012



**NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170
AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29**

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA) that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified.

AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified.

It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

LAND DESCRIPTION:

Whole Lot 46 on Deposited Plan 73748 Volume 3162 Folio 158 Area: 2192 square metres

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plan 73748

LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Dundas

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Description of Land" other than interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED: Access

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT: Amalgamation with adjoining Lot 25 and sale

REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:

To provide legal areas to adjoining Lot 25

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 1 January 2013

RDL FILE: 02045-1988-01RO **RDL REF:**022586

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: Department of Regional Development and Lands, 140 William Street Perth, 6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shannon Alford, South East, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4661.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED: Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth 6872 OR 140 William Street Perth 6000 no later than 25th October 2012.

MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND: A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA.

Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands.

NATURE OF THE ACT: In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes.

NOTIFICATION DAY: The notification day is 25 July 2012.

NATIVE TITLE PARTIES: Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 25th October 2012. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272.

Dated this 29th Day of June in the year 2012.

DIRECTOR GENERAL

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LANDS
For and on behalf of the Minister for Lands, under delegation

**NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW
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It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

LAND DESCRIPTION:

Whole Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 73608, being unallocated Crown land Volume 0000 Folio 000 Area: 37.3945 hectares

LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Yilgarn

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any Native Title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "DESCRIPTION OF LAND" other than interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED: Lease or Sale of Land.

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT: To either amalgamate the land with adjoining freehold or lease the land to the adjoining owners.

REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:

The land is considered to be suitable for agricultural purposes.

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 1 November 2012

DPI FILE: 00376-2010-01RO **DPI REF:**101574

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: Department of Regional Development and Lands, Level 2, 140 William Street, PERTH WA 6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerrie Bridger, State Land Officer, Department of Regional Development and Lands, Post Office Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4602.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED: Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, Post Office Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 OR Level 2, 140 William Street, PERTH WA 6000 no later than 21 September 2012.

MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND: A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA.

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NATURE OF THE ACT: In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes.

NOTIFICATION DAY: The notification day is 08 August 2012.

NATIVE TITLE PARTIES: Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 08 November 2012. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272.

Dated this 20 Day of June in the year 2012

**HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS**

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The Weipa Raiders were beaten twice in the Cape Cluster matches at Weipa on 14 July.



Cape Cluster rugby league team Aurukun Kang Kang.

Four-way battle in Cape Cluster

By ALF WILSON



LOCKHART River, Coen and Natives look set to challenge premiers Kowanyama in the Cape Cluster rugby league competition

which features footballers from remote far north Queensland Indigenous communities.

Round one of the 2012 Albatross Bay and Resort Cape Cluster competition was at Weipa on 14 July.

Lockhart River beat Weipa Raiders 18-16, Coen beat Natives 22-20, Kowanyama defeated Pormpuraaw 42-18, Lockhart River beat Coen 26-24, Kowanyama beat Raiders 28-20, Pormpuraaw defeated Aurukun 32-18, and Natives thumped Aurukun 50-0.

Kowanyama and Lockhart Rivers were the only undefeated sides but Coen and Natives showed impressive form.

QRL Northern Division development officer Cameron Miller said some great football was on display.

"I think any team can win, it's just on the day who performs the best," he said.

"Kowanyama have continued their unbeaten run but the good form of Coen, Lockhart River and Natives will provide some very stiff opposition.

"Raiders, Aurukun and Pormpuraaw have improved, so much and it will go down to the very last game to see who makes the top four."

The next round is at Coen on 4 August.

Each team will play two games, with the top four progressing through to the finals.

Kowanyama coach Dave Kennedy said there was some good footballers on show at Weipa.

"I was impressed with Lockhart River and Coen – and also Natives," he said.

"The other sides also will improve and Raiders will win lots of games."

Having said that, Kennedy still feels that the other sides will have to be at their best to challenge Kowanyama's dominance of the past two seasons.

"We had nine of our first choice players missing due to work or injuries and we had to drive 12 hours to get to Weipa. But some of our players may be out for the season, including prop Maurice Burke, who had torn tendons," Kennedy said.

Kennedy rated forwards Phillip Mango, Maxwell Luke, Michael Burke and John Kennedy as standouts, along with crafty halfback Elron Lawrence.

Kowanyama officials are enthusiastic about hosting a Cape Cluster round on 18 August.

On 11 August, Kowanyama will travel to Cairns to meet Hope Vale Red Soil Rebels, the Three River competition premiers, in a curtain-raiser to a Northern Pride Intrust Super Cup game.

"It will be great to have three weekends of football in a row," Kennedy said.



AFL says thanks to First Sun

FIRST Sun Employment chairman Russell Kapeen, left, accepts a gift from the Australian Football League (AFL) Queensland, presented by Northern Rivers AFL Queensland development officer Brent Kelly. First Sun Employment subsidises the work of Indigenous Northern Rivers AUSTKICK organiser Thomas Kelly, who works from First Sun's Ballina office. First Sun also shares its office with the AFL Queensland staff as part of a sponsorship deal. Standing behind Mr Kapeen is Jesse Green the Indigenous programs co-ordinator for AFL Queensland. The showcase contains two boots in the colours of Australian Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. These boots are signed by Chris Johnson, who played 264 games for the Brisbane Lions, and Andrew McLeod – dual Norm Smith Medal winner from the Adelaide Crows. Mr Kapeen also is chairman of the *Koori Mail*.



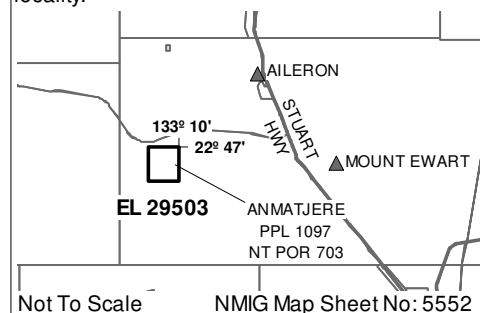
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

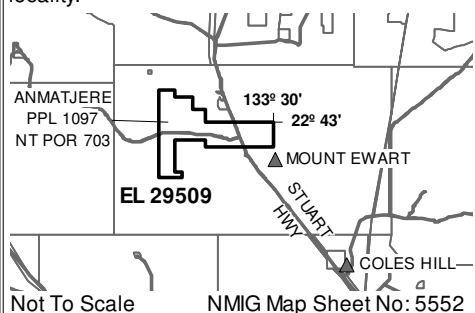
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Applications to which this notice applies:

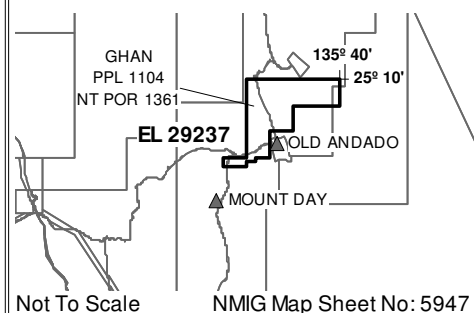
Exploration Licence 29503 sought by ARAFURA RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 080 933 455 over an area of 16 Blocks (51 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the AILERON locality.



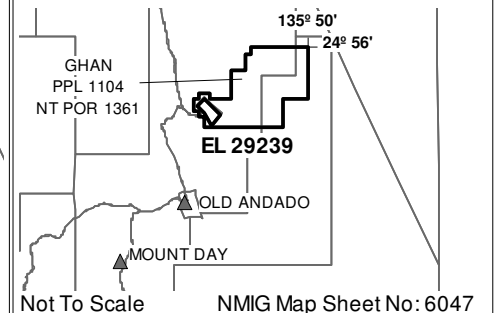
Exploration Licence 29509 sought by ARAFURA RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 080 933 455 over an area of 122 Blocks (387 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the AILERON locality.



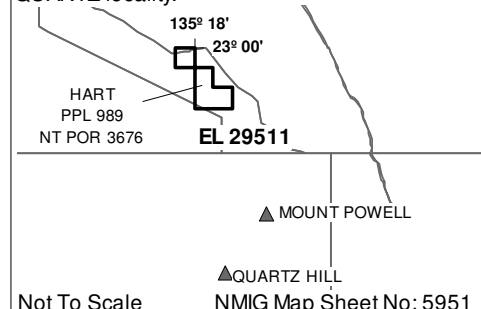
Exploration Licence 29237 sought by EBONY IRON PTY LTD, ACN 147 618 148 over an area of 187 Blocks (581 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANDADO locality.



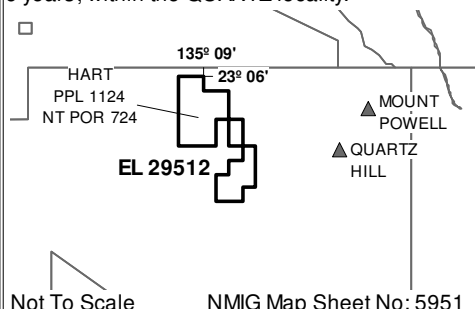
Exploration Licence 29239 sought by EBONY IRON PTY LTD, ACN 147 618 148 over an area of 202 Blocks (605 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NUCKUA locality.



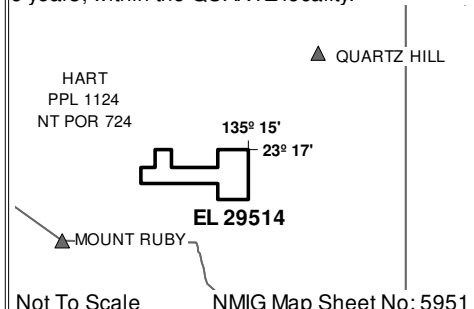
Exploration Licence 29511 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY. LTD., ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



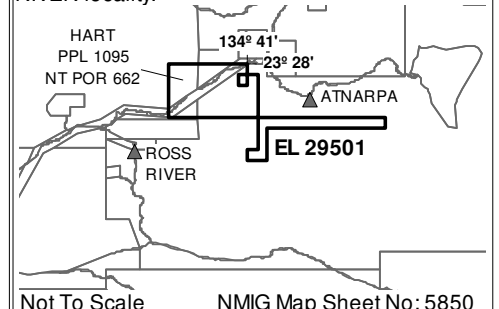
Exploration Licence 29512 sought by ALISTAIR WANSBONE MACKIE and GEMPART (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 26 Blocks (83 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



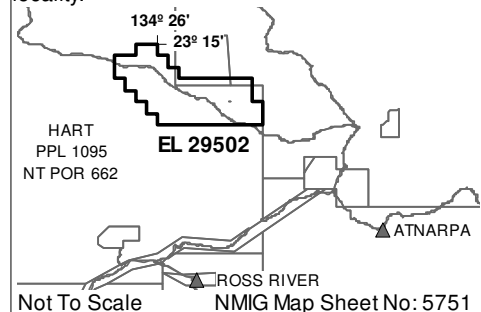
Exploration Licence 29514 sought by ALISTAIR WANSBONE MACKIE and GEMPART (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 12 Blocks (38 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



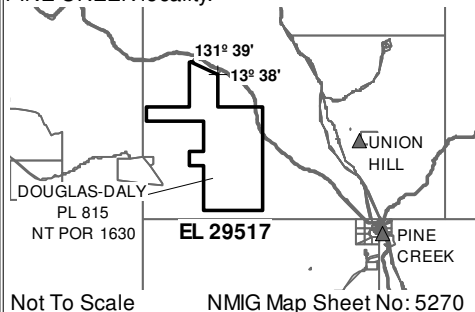
Exploration Licence 29501 sought by MITHRIL RESOURCES LTD, ACN 099 883 922 over an area of 60 Blocks (189 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FERGUSON RIVER locality.



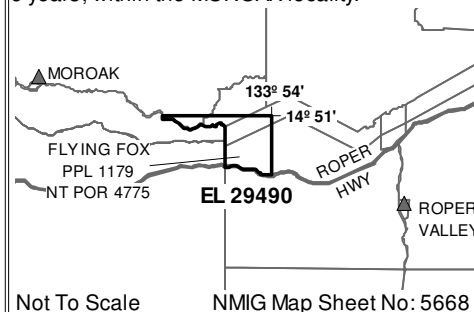
Exploration Licence 29502 sought by MITHRIL RESOURCES LTD, ACN 099 883 922 over an area of 57 Blocks (180 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LAUGHLEN locality.



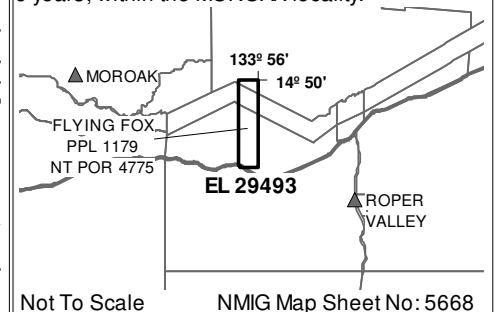
Exploration Licence 29517 sought by NORTH QUEENSLAND MINING PTY LTD, ACN 152 890 643 over an area of 39 Blocks (128 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



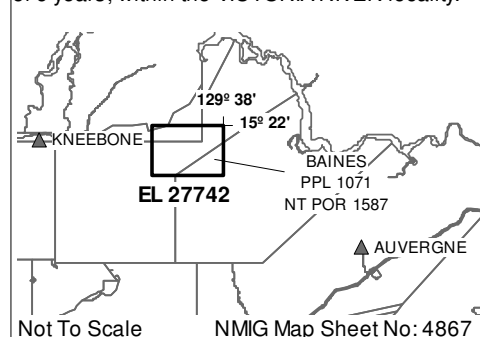
Exploration Licence 29490 sought by NEIL HENRY SCRIVEN, RONALD JOHN EDWARDS and RODNEY JOHNSTON over an area of 12 Blocks (27 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MOROAK locality.



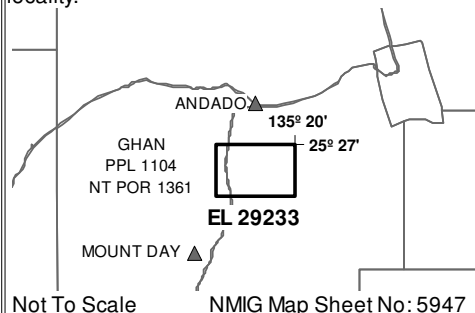
Exploration Licence 29493 sought by NEIL HENRY SCRIVEN, RONALD JOHN EDWARDS and RODNEY JOHNSTON over an area of 4 Blocks (14 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MOROAK locality.



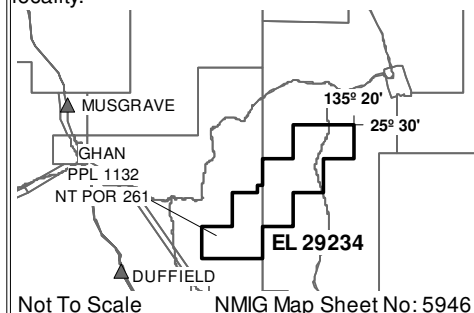
Exploration Licence 27742 sought by SETH PTY LTD, ACN 062 084 119 over an area of 96 Blocks (318 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the VICTORIA RIVER locality.



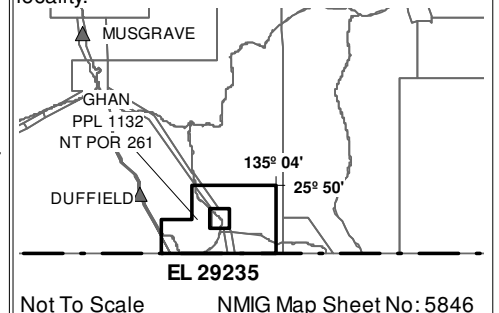
Exploration Licence 29233 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 15 Blocks (47 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANDADO locality.



Exploration Licence 29234 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 201 Blocks (623 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the McDILLS locality.



Exploration Licence 29235 sought by TRI-STAR ENERGY COMPANY, ACN 089 539 695 over an area of 161 Blocks (479 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FINKE locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

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Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 25 July 2012



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	08/2060	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	200BL	23km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 48' S Long: 115° 14' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1964	GOULD RESOURCES PTY LTD	135BL	147km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 25' S Long: 117° 6' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1968	WESTERN GOLD PTY LTD	6BL	112km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 22' S Long: 116° 1' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1969	WESTERN GEMSTONE PTY LTD	25BL	116km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 29' S Long: 116° 10' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1972	ASKINS, Paul Winston	30BL	122km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 38' S Long: 116° 14' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1974	ENTERPRISE URANIUM PTY LTD	38BL	183km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 58' S Long: 116° 48' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1977	WESTERN ENERGY (WA) PTY LTD	24BL	149km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 47' S Long: 116° 39' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1978	TAMILE PTY LTD	13BL	86km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 48' S Long: 116° 1' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	24/181	YILUN PTY LTD	11BL	54km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 10' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/159	MACPHERSONS REWARD PTY LTD	5BL	25km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 121° 41' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2189	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	200BL	76km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 124° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/858	GAZARD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	2BL	80km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 120° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/860	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	2BL	61km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 21' S Long: 120° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1011	GAZARD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	1BL	118km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 122° 15' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2580	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1BL	46km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 122° 48' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	38/2615	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	61BL	77km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 48' S Long: 122° 8' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2657	KALLENIA MINES PTY LTD	2BL	17km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 28' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2741 & 38/2744	TAHLEM PTY LTD	302BL	102km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 122° 51' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/2668	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LTD	70BL	88km E'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 46' S Long: 120° 56' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3536 & 45/3654	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	24BL	59km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 21' S Long: 119° 13' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3591	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	16BL	41km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 32' S Long: 120° 14' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3663	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	61km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 119° 9' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3746	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	55BL	10km SW'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 24' S Long: 119° 27' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/3767	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	8BL	27km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 24' S Long: 119° 44' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3816	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	5BL	49km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 29' S Long: 119° 1' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4040-I	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	42BL	43km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 30' S Long: 120° 3' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/967	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	36BL	72km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 56' S Long: 120° 48' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2245	MT STEWART RESOURCES PTY LTD	70BL	78km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 50' S Long: 118° 6' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2648	BARACUS PTY LTD	35BL	44km NE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 20' S Long: 116° 36' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2664	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	4BL	27km NE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 8' S Long: 119° 51' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2665	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	35km N'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 2' S Long: 119° 45' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2669	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LTD	2BL	19km S'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 52' S Long: 117° 46' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2761	DOURADO RESOURCES LTD	126BL	152km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 26' S Long: 117° 40' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2769	KARLAWINDA PTY LTD	36BL	60km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 52' S Long: 119° 54' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1657	KIMBA RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL	63km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 1' S Long: 120° 27' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1688	NOVA ENERGY PTY LTD	3BL	54km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 120° 28' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1696	NOVA ENERGY PTY LTD	1BL	54km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 120° 29' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/907	EMPIRE RESOURCES LTD	27BL	88km SW'ly of Sandstone.	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 118° 52' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2483	CAZALY IRON PTY LTD	53BL	162km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 26' S Long: 121° 50' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3054	ANGLO AMERICAN EXPLORATION (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	36BL	141km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 29' S Long: 121° 33' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3055	ANGLO AMERICAN EXPLORATION (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	66BL	168km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 31' S Long: 122° 2' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3057	NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	76BL	220km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 58' S Long: 122° 56' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4313	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	38BL	37km SE'ly of Dongara	Lat: 29° 28' S Long: 115° 13' E	IRWIN SHIRE, THREE SPRINGS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4356	GREENSTONE METALS LIMITED	182BL	13km NW'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 13' S Long: 117° 49' E	BRUCE ROCK SHIRE, CORRIGIN SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4359	GREENSTONE METALS LIMITED	142BL	26km SE'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 29' S Long: 118° 4' E	CORRIGIN SHIRE, KONDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4360-1	GREENSTONE METALS LIMITED	252BL	44km E'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 12' S Long: 118° 55' E	KENT SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2054	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	86km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 12' S Long: 119° 43' E	KONDININ SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2058	CENTRAL EAST RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	105km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 57' S Long: 119° 4' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2059	MERIDIAN 120 MINING PTY LTD	72BL	127km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 118° 54' E	MENZIES SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4700	SIPA COPPER PTY LTD	200BL	89km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 19° 1' S Long: 127° 36' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4701-4	SIPA COPPER PTY LTD	800BL	95km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 42' S Long: 128° 25' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4705	RICHMOND, William Robert	1BL	82km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 48' S Long: 127° 11' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4706-I	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL	26km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 3' S Long: 127° 49' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4707-I	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	21km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 7' S Long: 127° 49' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4708	MINGS MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	20BL	96km S'ly of Wyndham	Lat: 16° 27' S Long: 128° 10' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	09/34	CROSSLANDS RESOURCES LTD	27394.89HA	106km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 54' S Long: 115° 40' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	09/35	CROSSLANDS RESOURCES LTD	95438.25HA	108km SE'ly of Gascoyne	Lat: 25° 55' S Long: 115° 41' E	MURCHISON SHIRE, SHARK BAY SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	09/36	CROSSLANDS RESOURCES LTD	26420.93HA	146km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 26° 12' S Long: 115° 53' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	09/39	CROSSLANDS RESOURCES LTD	25741.62HA	186km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 59' S Long: 116° 45' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	51/90	CROSSLANDS RESOURCES LTD	47481.17HA	59km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 16' S Long: 118° 1' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Miscellaneous Licence	52/147	CROSSLANDS RESOURCES LTD	104219.33HA	119km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 53' S Long: 117° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, MURCHISON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5729	NANKIVELL, Dennis William	121.31HA	20km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4645-6	SAGGERS, David Malcolm WEDGETAIL PROSPECTING PTY LTD ROCKY REEF MINING PTY LTD	346.39HA	54km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 121° 7' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3903-S	SMITH, William John	9.39HA	30km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2230-41	MUSKETEEER MINERALS PTY LTD	2212.42HA	6km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 120° 59' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8236-9-S	SMITH, Gregory Donald	32.93HA	10km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8240	CREW, Ross Frederick MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	165.43HA	41km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 121° 0' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8241	CREW, Ross Frederick MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	120.71HA	40km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 121° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8242-3	CREW, Ross Frederick MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	337.48HA	36km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 121° 6' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1300-1	NEX METALS EXPLORATIONS LTD	74.21HA	53km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 121° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1302	NEX METALS EXPLORATIONS LTD	43.61HA	53km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 121° 33' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1303	NEX METALS EXPLORATIONS LTD	8.71HA	49km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 121° 26' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1304-5	VENTURE EXPLORATION PTY LTD	231.31HA	46km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 121° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1800	TALGA MINING LTD	9.15HA	7km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 48' S Long: 120° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	52/1424	ALIAS IRON LTD	40.14HA	37km W'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 22' S Long: 119° 22' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1992	RIOQ PTY LTD	2.65HA	0km NE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 117° 41' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4134	POTTER, Verman John	29.71HA	103km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 57' S Long: 119° 6' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4140	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	96.12HA	17km SE'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 119° 12' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4144	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	149.44HA	6km NW'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 11' S Long: 119° 17' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4150	LOPRESTI, Stephen	183.75HA	69km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 48' S Long: 119° 36' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4151	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	9.58HA	50km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4152	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	7.81HA	51km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 38' S Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years. 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: 25 July 2012

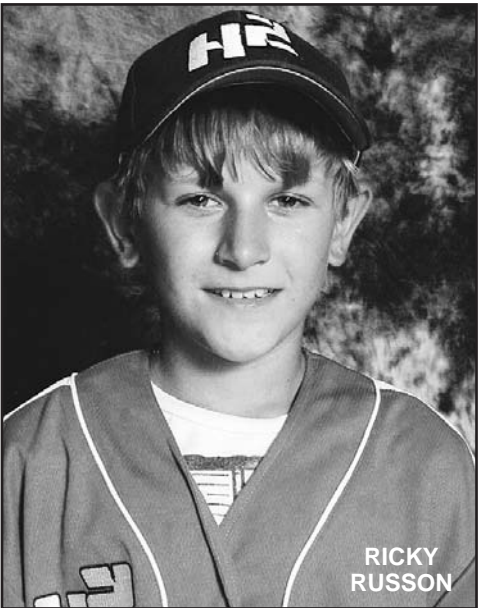
Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **25 October 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. 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. 25 November 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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Sport



Little Ricky dreams big



THERE’S not much to him, but for his size, 12-year-old Ricky Russon packs a punch on the baseball diamond.

The Noongar boy from Perth recently took part in Dubai and Hong Kong international Little League tournaments.

Like many of his age, Ricky has big dreams. His biggest is to one day play Major League baseball in the United States.

It’s early days, but his proud mum Emma Russon says the Dubai-Hong Kong trip was a small step towards that big goal.

The Kewdale Primary School student was introduced to the sport as a six-year-old, when he played T-ball.

By the age of eight, he was playing T-ball for his State and continued to represent WA for the next three years.

Ricky is also a keen footballer, and has played junior footy with the Kenwick Royal football team for the past four years.

Like T-ball, he plays in an age group above his age.

He has since made the transition from T-ball to baseball.

He loves pitching, but is also handy at shortstop and second base.

His favourite teams are the Perth Heat in the Australian Baseball League (ABL) and the Cardinals in the US Major League.

He follows the West Coast Eagles and St Kilda in the Australian Football League (AFL).

His mum Emma told the *Koori Mail* that when Ricky was not at team training, he had her in the park helping him practise his pitching or hitting.

Ricky loves watching baseball and he lives and breathes baseball and football.

“Ricky is just one of those kids who can pick up any sporting instrument and play it – he’s a natural talent,” his mum said.

She said Ricky hoped to try out for th e WAQ State team this year and hopefully make another tour.

“But it is expensive... we are hoping maybe to get him a major sponsor,” she said.

“He’s a small package – not very tall and he’s slim – so when the opponents look at Ricky at the mound, they second guess him.

“But when he pitches, they take notice.

“The feedback I get from his teachers and coaches is that Ricky is a great sportsman and is always helpful and is a bubble of fun.

“He’s a loving 12-year-old who has put his mind to what he wants to do and I believe that he will get there.”

Emma Russon said applications for grants for Ricky had not been successful, but the search for a major sponsor for Ricky was continuing.

Emma Russon can be contacted by email: emmarusson33@gmail.com or mobile 0404 997 299.





Mitchell turns his hand to running



KURANDA lad Mitchell Brim is a boxer, but recently let his feet do the talking when he competed in the Indigenous Marathon Project's Deadly Fun Run at Uluru.

Mitchell, 14, and other Indigenous boys train under Kuranda Stingers Boxing Club head coach Dave Brown.

Mitchell's opportunity to run at Uluru came about when Brown encouraged his boys to take part in the Indigenous Marathon Project's (IMP's) Mossman fun runs.

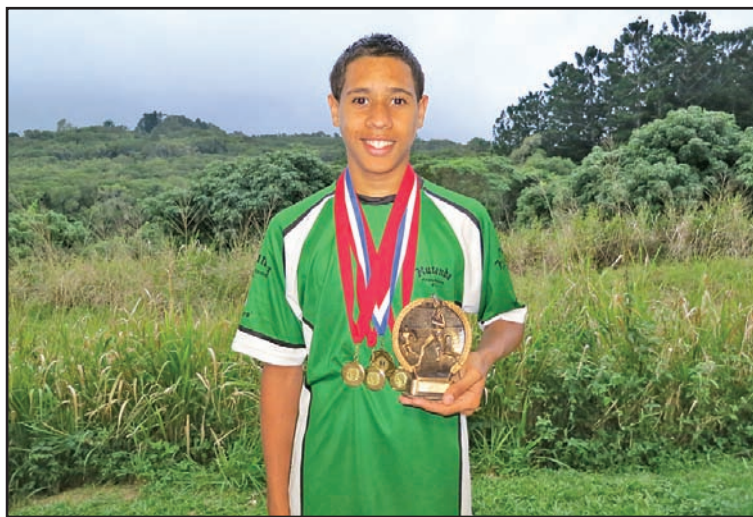
The Mossman fun runs and others at Indigenous communities around Australia were held to select teams to compete in the Deadly Fun Run at Uluru.

Mitchell competed in four of the Mossman events, winning three and finishing second in the other race.

The selection process in deciding who would go to Uluru took into account results, attitude and sportsmanship.

At Uluru on 9 June, Mitchell finished first in his age category, clocking 15 minutes 29 seconds over the 3km course.

There were 16 boys in Mitchell's category.



Mitchell Brim back at Kuranda with his Uluru trophy.

Serika the toast of Brewarrina

TWELVE-year-old Brewarrina girl Serika Shillingsworth is a rising star on the basketball court.

Serika will be playing in the Australian under 14 women's basketball championships.

She has been living in Redfern and plays for the Sydney Comets, who are ranked the number-five team in Australia.

The national championships will bring together the top 15 teams in Australia.

The *Brewarrina News* reports that Serika is ranked the number 12 player in Australia.

It said Serika had been playing representative basketball for three years.

News editor Katherine Matts said basketball had taken Serika to many places in Australia, with mum Trish, dad Bruce, sister Rikka and younger brother Bruce always there to support her.

"It's really hard work, but we are all so proud of her," mum Trish said.

The *Brewarrina News* said Serika was training hard for the grand final of the Sydney Metro League competition, but the family had managed to squeeze in a return visit to Brewarrina for NAIDOC activities.

Sister Rikka said the competition was tough in Sydney.

"To go from weekend to weekend in that environment is really tough. But hopefully it will pay off. One day we hope to see her in the

Olympics," Rikka said of Serika.

Rikka said Serika lived and breathed basketball.

"She's really dedicated... like 4am in the morning dedicated," Rikka said.

Trish said: "The Sydney Comets are very multi-cultural, consisting of three Indigenous girls, a couple of Greeks, Russian... everything – and it's good because they all ask about where Serika comes from and are keen to visit her home town."



SERIKA SHILLINGSWORTH

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Brewarrina News

PUBLIC NOTICE

Southern Barada, Kabalbara, Yetimarla and Jetimarala Peoples authorisation meeting for proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) relating to the ARROW ENERGY LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PROJECT

Arrow Energy Pty Ltd ACN 078 521 936 (**Arrow**) proposes to develop a liquefied natural gas (LNG) project involving the development of gasfields and the construction and operation of pipelines, facilities for gas processing, gas liquefaction and power generation and all other associated infrastructure to allow Arrow to export LNG from Curtis Island, near Gladstone. This project is known as the Arrow LNG Project.

Arrow proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (the **ILUA**) under Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) with all persons who hold or may hold native title in respect of certain parts of the Arrow LNG Project area. The area of this ILUA is shown in the Map below.

The **ILUA** includes an area located within the boundaries of the Darumbal People and Darumbal People #2 Native Title Determination Applications (QUD 6131/98) (**Darumbal Claim**) and (QUD 6001/99) (**Darumbal #2 Claim**). The ILUA also includes an area which is not covered by any registered native title claim.

The persons who hold or may hold native title in the area on the Map below have been identified as members of the Southern Barada, Kabalbara, Yetimarla and Jetimarala Peoples and the Darumbal People.

Please note that the Darumbal People have already authorised the ILUA (at a meeting on 9 December 2011) and therefore their attendance at this meeting is not necessary.

A meeting will be held for the purpose of authorising the proposed ILUA in accordance with the requirements of section 251A of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The proposed ILUA will give consent to all future acts necessary for, or incidental to, the Arrow LNG Project within the ILUA area.

All those persons who consider that they are Southern Barada, Kabalbara, Yetimarla and Jetimarala Peoples are invited to attend a meeting to consider authorising the ILUA, as follows:-

Southern Barada, Kabalbara, Yetimarla and Jetimarala Peoples ILUA Authorisation Meeting

Date: Saturday, 11 August 2012

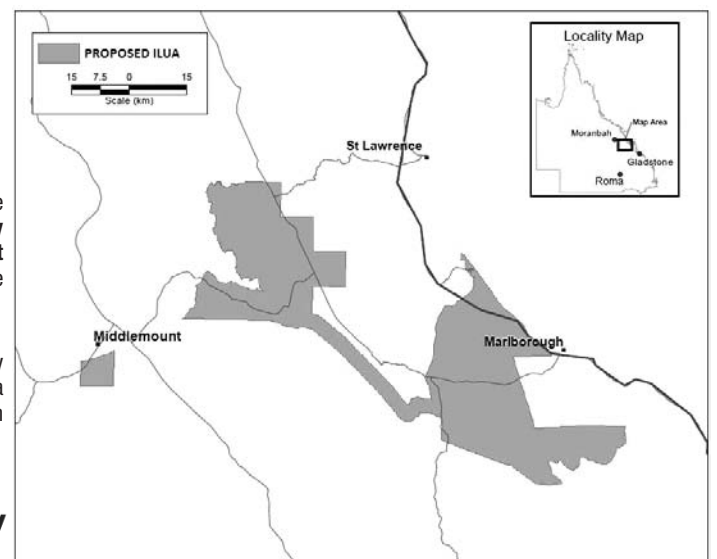
Time: 9:30am registration for a 10:00am start

Venue: James Lawrence Pavilion,
New Exhibition Road,
Rockhampton Showgrounds,
Rockhampton

To register your intention to attend the Vauthorisation meeting please phone **Hayley Docherty** on (07) 3009 5440 by 3rd August 2012. When you call, details of reasonable travel assistance will be provided.

Other Interested Persons

Anyone who otherwise considers that they hold or may hold native title in the ILUA area is invited to contact Luana Sanders on (07) 3012 4641.



All-Australian honours

By PETER ARGENT



THREE Indigenous boys have secured all-Australian honours in the Australian Football League's (AFL's) under

18 squad named after this year's national under 18s titles. One of them – the Northern Territory's Jake Neade – was plucked from the division two competition. The other two Indigenous lads in the All-Australian honours squad are West Australians Jack

Martin and Dayle Garlett. In a departure from tradition, Northern Territory Thunder 18s coach Brenton Toy was named the All-Australian coach. This was one of the first times a division two coach has been given All-Australian honours in front of division one coaches.

Toy was the engineer behind the Northern Territory side winning the division two title. Chairman of selectors for the All-Australian team, AFL national and international talent manager Kevin Sheehan, said it was appropriate that Toy gained the coaching honour.

Cup and St Patricks College in the same town. "He's a ripper," Toy said. "Jake is a quality lad with an infectious personality. Along with his football talent, he's hard working and determined. He is also a well-mannered and polite lad, with many special attributes."

Sheehan, while conceding Neade was diminutive, he said he was a hard-running and tremendously courageous footballer who could be used through the middle and up forward. As he comes from the Northern Territory, he is eligible to be taken by the GWS Giants as a zone selection. The other two Aboriginal lads who gained All-Australian honours were Sandgropers Martin and Garlett. "Jack (Martin) is an excitement machine capable of standing on opponents' heads and doing the spectacular," Sheehan said. "As a bottom-aged player, he had a big impact for WA, being able to change the course of a contest as he displayed in the third quarter against Vic metro. "Classed as a medium forward-midfielder with excellent skill set, other attributes include the ability to run and carry." Martin, being born in the first four months of the calendar year, if he nominates by 1 August, is available for the mini draft where GWS can trade him to the other 17 clubs. "Garlett showed promise on the national stage of the strong ability he's displayed in the west," Sheehan said. "A player who can find the footy through the midfield and up forward, Dayle has exceptional agility and goal sense. "He's quick and elusive." "Garlett also kicked the goal of championships."

Coach at Waratahs

Toy, who coached the Tiwis in its early years and was the St Marys premiership mentor in 2009-10 when they beat the Bombers by ten points, has now accepted the position as senior coach of his third team in the Northern Territory Football League – Waratahs – for the 2012-13 northern summer. "I am looking forward to the challenge to rebuilding the Waratahs and also will be keen to coach the Thunder's national under 18s program next year," Toy said. The coach was delighted with the selection of Thunder player Jake Neade. Just 170cm tall and weighing 64kg and from the township of Elliott, the half-way point between Darwin and Alice Springs, Neade had a sensational carnival. Between his NT Thunder commitments, he's playing with the North Ballarat Rebels in the TAC



All-Australian honours for Northern Territory coach Brenton Toy.




DAYLE GARLETT



JAKE NEADE



JACK MARTIN



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
27/175	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	398819	177.46HA	57km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 121° 43' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
38/1540	CAZALY RESOURCES LTD	367027	59.93HA	50km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 50' S Long: 123° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2243	DUKETON RESOURCES PTY LTD REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	399553	202.37HA	61km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 48' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2539	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	400437	9.86HA	47km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 122° 37' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
74/446	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	399584	26.25HA	92km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 32° 46' S Long: 119° 50' E	KONININ SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
77/1920-I	TALGA GOLD LIMITED	400519	0.45HA	12km SE'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 119° 9' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 25 July 2012

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, 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 **25 October 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 (Cth)*. 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. 25 November 2012**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of QLD

Notification day: 8th August 2012



This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest (which is not a native title interest) in the area, set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)* (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. **Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.**

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE, 4003 **on or before 7th November 2012**. After 7th November 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 7th November 2012 the area may be subject to protection under section 24 FA 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.



Applicant's name: Cairns Regional Council

Non-native title interest: *Portsmith Landfill Area:* In principle approval of an application for grant of a term lease under the *Land Act 1994* over the area. *Botanical Gardens Area:* Council has accepted an offer to purchase the area.

Federal Court File No: QUD259/12

Location: The areas subject to this application cover about 1.44 hectares, in the city of Cairns and are located in the vicinity of the Portsmith Landfill and the Botanical Gardens on Collins Avenue, Edge Hill as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Cairns Regional Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Queensland.

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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Bell to defend NSW golf title



Michael Bell, who will defend his NSW Aboriginal golf title in September at Dubbo.



MICHAEL Bell, from the NSW Club, will defend his NSW Aboriginal golf

championship when the tournament is held for the second time at Dubbo in late September.

The 36-hole event will be played on 27-28 September.

The tournament will attract the State's best Indigenous golfers.

Dubbo hosted the 2011 event to mark the 44th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum that formalised the recognition of Indigenous people as Australian citizens.

This year's event will include events for veterans (55 years and older), ladies and juniors (12 to 18 years), and is open to all Aboriginal golfers in NSW with a current handicap.

The A-grade field will be made up of players with handicaps between scratch and 12, B-grade from 13-19, and C-grade 20+.

The cost is \$120, which includes entry for the two days, a polo shirt and cap, and entry to the championship dinner.

Non-golfing partners can attend the dinner for \$35.

Details: Dubbo Golf Club on (02) 6882 1255, fax (02) 6884 2743 or email admin@dubbogolfclub.com.au

2000 to 20,000+

By ALF WILSON



IN 1928, the first Palm Island rugby league side to compete against Townsville played before a big crowd for that era of 2000. The barefooted Palm Islanders nearly pulled off an amazing win against the Townsville side whose players wore sandshoes, going down 19-16. Those Aboriginal footballers would have never imagined that 84 years on, a Palm Island side would play before potentially ten-times the size of the 1928 crowd.

A Palm Island Barracudas representative side will take on Bowen at Townsville's Dairy Farmers Stadium on 4 August as a curtain-raiser to the North Queensland Cowboys versus Manly Sea Eagles blockbuster as part of the NRL's Closing the Gap round.

It will be the biggest stage on which the Barracudas have ever played, with more than 20,000 people expected.

Palm Island boasts a seven-club domestic competition and to ensure the best side would be picked, a Barracudas Possibles versus Probables game was held on the North Queensland Aboriginal Community on 14 July.

Scores were deadlocked at 56-all when the final siren sounded.

For Probables, fullback Gresham Ross and hooker Cooper Kerr each scored three tries, with singlets to Michael Noble, Jason Bulsey, Ezra Langlo and Walter Geia.

Tough forward Geia booted five goals and Ross snared three.

For Possibles, winger Val Fulford, forward Georgie Dabea and utility Anthony Thompson each scored two tries, with one apiece to Mickeal Sibley, Caleb Geia, Walter Morgan and Terence Sibley. John Baira booted eight goals.



The Barracudas side that beat Bowen in April.

Palm Island Rugby League committee member Genami Geia said a squad would be named from the clash. It will be finalised the week before the main game, taking into account any injuries in club games.

'Great side'

"Everybody on Palm is looking forward to the game at Dairy Farmers Stadium and we will have a great side. The Possibles versus Probables game was what we needed as we prepare," Geia said.

The Barracudas have played at All Blacks carnivals around North Queensland for many years.

The Barracudas and Bowen have already met once this season in the Development

League Representative Challenge at Bowen on 21 April.

Palm Island dominated that clash, winning 46-16 but can expect a much tougher opponent this time.

Bowen has a number of Indigenous players in its ranks and picks its side from the club local competition.

A combined Palm Island-Bowen team made its Foley Shield debut in season 2010.

But due to financial constraints, Palm Island-Bowen, along with four other teams, were dumped for this season.

The Foley Shield was reduced to just three powerhouse sides - Mackay, Townsville and Cairns.



Big Palm Island forward Jason Bulsey with the ball.

The three teams competing in the Central Desert Shire softball tournament at Six Mile, from left, Engawala Crows, Yuelamu Eagles, and hosts Six Mile.



Desert Eagles soar



THE Yuelamu Eagles triumphed at the Central Desert Shire softball tournament in a thrilling final at Six Mile, Ti Tree.

Yuelamu overcame strong performances from reigning champions Engawala and home team Six Mile.

At the bottom of the last scheduled innings with two out and two on base, Yuelamu Eagles required two runs to take the lead and the championship.

Kirsty, who had starred all day with the bat, added to the atmosphere by striking twice before she hit a line drive to the outfield.

The ball was scooped up and thrown to beat Kirsty to first base, but not before another Eagles batter crossed the home plate and tied the scores.

Yuelamu went on to hold Engawala scoreless in the tie-breaker innings despite very close calls.

Head referee Sam Fisher excelled in the tense environment.

Yuelamu were able to survive the tiring Crows in the final innings and went on to outscore them.

Best and fairest

Engawala pitcher Suzie Williams played a crucial role for her team throughout the tournament and while she was unable to win the final, the Crows would not have made it that far without her. She was awarded the trophy for the

tournament's best and fairest.

Yuelamu Eagles will now proceed to the NT championships in Darwin in early August, where they will take on the best teams from across the Territory.

Yuelamu was also awarded with a new softball kit and will have their name engraved on the perpetual trophy donated by NT Minister Karl Hampton.

The tournament was part of the Central Desert Shire's strategy to increase the number and quality of sports competitions within its communities.

The softball championship was in its fourth year, and the shire is seeking partners to deliver other competitions for men, women and children.

The event was supported by Central Desert Shire Council employees and funding from the Department of Health and Ageing and the Northern Territory Government's NRETAS.

A crucial catch for Engawala Crows in the final against the Yuelamu Eagles.



One of many close calls in the final.



Priscilla was one of the league's biggest and most consistent hitters.



Tournament best and fairest winner Suzie Williams pitches for Engawala.

Vanessa Stokes to be guest at NT tournament

AUSTRALIA'S newest Indigenous international softballer, Vanessa Stokes, will attend the Northern Territory softball championships in Darwin from 3-5 August.

The pitcher from South Australia, who now is with the Australian team competing in the International Softball Federation Women's World Championships in Canada, will conduct clinics and will take part in the launch of Softball Australia's Indigenous Softball Program in the Northern Territory.

The program was launched nationally in Canberra last March and coincided with Vanessa making her debut for Australia in a series of games against Japan.

Stokes last week was heavily involved in Australia's campaign at the World Championships in Yukon, Canada.

The Australian team was being captained by another Indigenous player and long-time representative, Stacey Porter.

In a lead-up to the world titles, the Australians beat Canada 7-0 in a play-off for third and fourth places at the Canadian Open International Fastpitch Championships.

Coming off a second place finished at the US World Cup, the Aussie Spirit beat the Canadians by the international run ahead rule.

In the US World Cup in Oklahoma, the Aussie girls were beaten 2-0 by the US in the final.

Vanessa Stokes and fellow pitcher Kaia Parnaby did a great job to keep the strong US hitters to only two runs.





The winning Australian Sports Commission squad.



The Normanton Stingers.

Public servants turn out



ABOUT 300 people attended Deakin touch football fields for Canberra's tenth annual Australian Public Service NAIDOC Week Touch Football Carnival, with staff from across 23 government agencies taking part. The annual NAIDOC Week celebrations acknowledge the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The touch football carnival was sponsored by the Australian Public Service Commission, in partnership with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and Touch Football ACT.

Event co-organiser Cris Castro said the carnival was designed to carry the message of NAIDOC Week to people in the Public Service.

"For ten years the carnival has been raising awareness of NAIDOC Week through sport," Castro said.

"It provides a chance for people from local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and public servants to play footy and watch footy together, and

while they're doing that, to learn about all the great work going on across the Canberra region, and the contribution Indigenous people make to the life of the local community."

While the carnival kicked off with the temperatures below zero, by midday it was a sunny day with perfect conditions for players and spectators.

This year's carnival included 23 competing teams playing at least six games each. The Australian Sports Commission claimed victory (4-1) in the final against the Department of Health and Ageing and took ownership of the perpetual trophy from last year's winners the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.



Try time for the Australian Sports Commission in the final against the Department of Health and Ageing.



Players from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

Officials escorted

By ALF WILSON



POLICE were called to escort the referee and touch judges from the field after a hotly contested Mid West Queensland rugby league grand final in which the Normanton Stingers beat home side Doomadgee Dragons 12-10 on 15 July.

The Queensland Rugby League Northern Division is investigating the incident after the decider between the two heavyweights of the outback competition.

It was alleged that a small group, believed to be Doomadgee Dragons players and spectators, abused the referee and match officials after they felt some of the referee's decisions went against the home side.

As the game approached full time, it is understood several threats were made against the referee, and match officials made the decision to ask local police to intervene and escort them from the ground.

QRL Northern Division manager Scott Nosworthy said the incident would be investigated to see if there were breaches of the code of conduct.

'Frightening experience'

One of the volunteer touch judges, who is from Normanton, told the *Koori Mail* it had been a frightening experience.

"The referee and us touchies had to have a police escort off the grounds and out of Doomadgee after some of the players and a section of the crowd turned on us," he said.

"I was a touch judge because nobody else would go out there."

With 90 seconds remaining, Doomadgee looked to have the final won when Alfred Ned scored under the posts and the conversion saw the home side lead 10-8.

Then with less than a minute on the clock, Normanton took a short kick-off, but Doomadgee were able to get the ball.

On the first ruck, the Doomadgee dummy-half scooted towards the defence and dropped the ball. Quick thinking from Normanton

saw the ball shifted to the other side of the field, where Marcus George hit the ball at pace and ran 30 metres to score.

Man of the match was Denley Foster, the Doomadgee lock.

It was a very tight game throughout and Doomadgee scored first to make it 4-0 after ten minutes.

Then Normanton scored just before half-time to lock it up 4-all at the break.

It was blowing a gale, which explains where there was just one successful conversion.

In the second half, Normanton scored after 15 minutes to go to an 8-4 lead, before the late try by Doomadgee.

It was a nine-hour drive for the Normanton players to get to Doomadgee.

Players in the competition have to travel some of the longest distances for away games of any rugby league competition.

The other competing centres in the competition were Hughenden, Cloncurry and Richmond.

Normanton and Doomadgee are arch-rivals and have dominated the Mid West League in recent years.

In the 2011 decider, Doomadgee defeated Normanton, but a year earlier, the Stingers won.

Normanton won in 2009, beating Cloncurry and in 2008 rolled Hughenden.

In 2007, Normanton beat Doomadgee.

At the end of the 2012 fixtures, Doomadgee and Normanton were equal at the top of the ladder on ten points from Cloncurry and Hughenden, both on four.

Richmond finished at the bottom. In the last round of fixtures, Normanton defeated Cloncurry 70-16, and Doomadgee beat Hughenden 38-26.

In other news, Normanton Stingers travel to Mount Isa on 28 July to play Town club from that centre in the grand final of the Western Extended League.

Other teams which competed in that competition this season include Doomadgee, Cloncurry, Hughenden, Winton, Barcaldine, Longreach, Mount Isa Wanderers and Black Stars.

AhMat was our first Olympian



DARWIN reader Joe Clarke has rightly pointed out that Danny Morseu was not the first Indigenous basketballer to play for Australia.

The *Koori Mail* reported in its 11 July edition that Patty Mills' uncle Danny Morseu was Australia's first Indigenous Australian basketballer and competed in the 1980 and 1984 Olympics.

But Joe Clarke, a close friend and former team-mate of the late Michael AhMat, said AhMat went to the 1964 Tokyo Olympics with the Australian basketball team.

He also went to the 1968 Mexico City Olympics.

Clarke played a big part in AhMat being inducted into Basketball Australia's Hall of Fame in 2010.

"He was Australia's Magic Johnson. He was probably 20 or 30 years ahead of his time," Clarke said in 2010.

"He was my brother, my soul brother who was the best basketballer I have ever seen."

Clarke played with AhMat at South Adelaide and in South Australian representative sides.

"The saying 'coast to coast' (taking the ball from defence to offence) came about when Magic Johnson was doing it in the 1990s," he said.

"Michael was doing that in the 1960s."

Clarke said AhMat played 588 games for South Adelaide in the South Australian State League.

He also played for South Australia in the Great South Eastern Conference, the forerunner to the National Basketball League.

AhMat died in 1983 at the age of 40.

Clarke said that when AhMat stepped on to the court at the 1964 Olympics, he became Australia's first Aboriginal Olympian, beating a couple of Aboriginal boxers who stepped into the ring the following day.



MICHAEL AHMAT

Marty off to World Cup



WIRADJURI youngster Marty Jeffery has been named in the Australian

team for the Indoor Cricket Junior World Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa, this October.

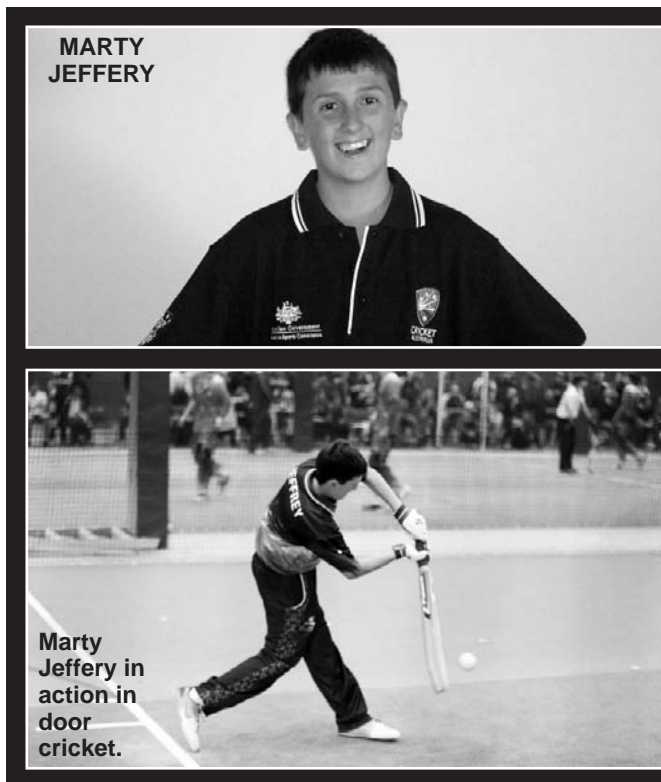
The move follows outstanding performances by Marty when he led the NSW Country Cyclones 12 and under team at the national titles in Brisbane in early July.

The NSW Country Cyclones beat South Australia Black 135 to 56 in the grand final.

Marty, 12, has had a dream of representing Australia and he is about to achieve this at an exceptionally young age.

Cricket is his passion. He plays indoor and outdoor versions of the game and one day wants to 'be another Shane Warne' and represent Australia.

He is a leg-spin bowler who can give the ball a 'tweak', a talented fieldsman and a batsman with sound technique.



MARTY JEFFERY

Marty Jeffery in action in door cricket.

Marty finished the Brisbane tournament with 117 runs, 13 wickets and 15 stumpings and was voted by match umpires as second in the

player of the tournament.

After finishing their round matches on top of the table with only one loss, NSW Cyclones defeated Victoria

81-79 in the major semi-final to move into the grand final.

The Country boys performed well against all states, with wins over North Queensland 87-39, South East Queensland 134-75, ACT 73-57, Victoria 97-70, SA Red 92-66 and the NSW Metro Blues 147-62.

The Cyclones had one loss in their round matches, to SA Black 96-74.

They reversed this result in the final, which meant the Country Cyclones beat all State teams at the carnival.

The Brisbane tournament brought to a close a remarkable year for Marty, who also captained the Western NSW Indoor team as well as his Newtown Dubbo under 14 outdoor cricket team and the Macquarie Valley under 12s and Dubbo representative under 12 outdoor teams, all of which won their respective competitions for 2011-12.

Marty's father, Mick Jeffery, was manager of the NSW Country Cyclones.

Marty is in Year 7 at South Dubbo High School.

Running just for fun



NINETEEN Indigenous runners turned out for the Melbourne Age 5km and 10km Fun Run on 15 July.

Plenty Valley Community Health 'Feedin the Mob' project co-ordinator Laura Thompson said many had not taken part in such an event, but were thrilled to have been part of it.

"'Feedin the Mob' is a local community campaign funded by the Australian

Government through its Healthy Communities initiative," Thompson said.

"It focuses on nutrition, physical activity and healthy lifestyle programs for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in the City of Whittlesea.

"This project, together with Wadjudj Building Active Indigenous Communities, sponsored a healthy lifestyle event and supported the local Aboriginal community to enter as a team in the Age Fun Run on 15 July.

"We had 19 participants enter the 5km

and 10km events. Many of the group had not participated in a fun run before and there was much elation and support for members of the team after the event.

"The team is now keen to grow its membership and enter more events, including the Melbourne Marathon in October.

"The slogan for our group and on the back of our shirts was 'Biggest Mob Movin and Losin' and that really is the inspiration behind this initiative."



Some of the participants in the Melbourne Age Fun Run, from left, Tracey Evans, Julie Phillips, Laura Thompson, Joanne Dwyer, River Dwyer-Studd and Nioka Thorpe-Williams.

How the Michael Long Learning Centre might look.



\$15m academy

Michael Long Centre to open pathways



THE Northern Territory having a team in the Australian Football League (AFL) is a long-term goal behind the development of a \$15 million AFL academy planned for Darwin. The Michael Long NT Thunder Learning and Leadership Centre, which is to be built at TIO Stadium in Darwin, was formally announced earlier this month.

It has been hailed as a boost for the development of Indigenous children and the Northern Territory's chances of one day getting a team in the big league.

Essendon AFL great Michael Long told media in Darwin the academy was the result of years of lobbying governments and would give remote children opportunities they may otherwise miss.

"We want to give them a smorgasbord of things that they have never seen before," Long said.

"We are looking at programs from music, to arts... and obviously TV, radio."

Focus on remote areas

Any children in the Northern Territory who have good school attendance and regular health checks will be eligible to attend the academy, with a focus on those living in remote areas.

About 1600 students are expected to spend around a week at the academy in the first year, with numbers ultimately building up to 5000 annually.

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the academy would be a 'game changer' in terms of Indigenous health, education and job prospects.

The academy would also be the launch pad for the NT Thunder becoming an AFL team, Henderson said.

"If the Gold Coast can do it, the Territory can do it," he said.

Federal Regional Australia Minister Simon Crean said the new academy would use football and the arts to try and help bridge Indigenous disadvantage.

"We have to tie into those things and just be creative in the way in which we break this cycle," he said.

The academy is being funded by the Federal and NT governments, the AFL and \$3.5 million from the Aboriginals Benefit Account.

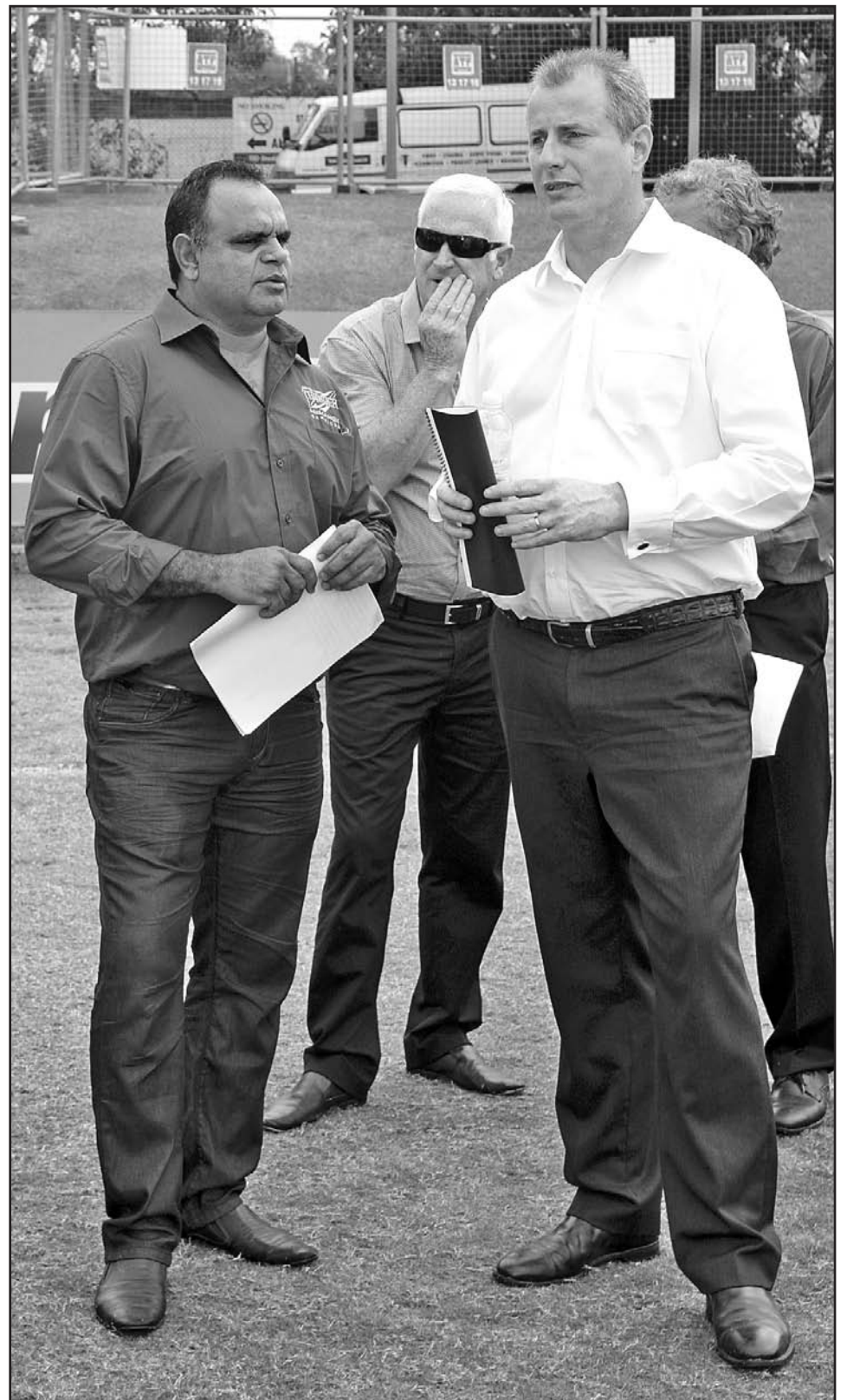
Mr Crean said a strong investment partnership between the Federal and Territory governments and the AFL would bring the centre to life.

Mr Henderson said the centre would discover and support the future stars of the AFL.

"The Territory is known for producing the most talented AFL players in the country and we're investing \$2.5 million in this facility to educate and train the AFL stars of tomorrow in our own backyard," he said.

"The Territory has a bright future and so do Territory kids – this centre will not only provide them with the opportunity to develop their sporting skills and career, it will also provide unique education and training programs to help with future employment opportunities."

The Michael Long centre will include state-of-the-art facilities including a gymnasium, swimming pool and recovery facilities; lecture theatres and classrooms; and accommodation for 70. – *With AAP*



AFL great Michael Long and Northern Territory Chief Minister Paul Henderson at the announcement of the new \$15 million Michael Long Indigenous Football Academy in Darwin. AAP image

Women's academy on track

THE Women's High-Performance Academy is to be housed in the proposed Michael Long NT Thunder Learning and Leadership Centre.

"Women's participation in the Territory has grown tenfold in the past 12 months and we want to be able to provide the female participants with equal opportunity and access to the facilities and talent pathways that their male counterparts currently have," said AFLNT game development manager Wayne Walsh.

The Women's Academy will be housed alongside the NT Thunder in the new centre, which is due for completion in late 2013.

"It will see budding female players enhance their football skills through development sessions run by AFL high-performance coaches, former AFL stars and the Territory's best female

football coaches," Walsh said. "It will also provide opportunities for the NT female coaching (group) to further their skills and development through the various levels of coaching courses that are currently offered by the NT Thunder talent and coaching staff."

AFL female development manager Jan Cooper welcomed the announcement and saw the Territory as a great frontier for female development.

"I have seen first-hand the skills of the Territory girls, and providing a formal structured program to get these girls to the next level with their football is fantastic news," she said.

"The facility itself will provide a great base and platform from where women's football can become more professional in the Northern Territory."

Our Olympic numbers reach nine



ANOTHER two Indigenous athletes are in Australia's team for this month's

London Olympic Games, taking the total to nine

Beki Lee, whose great grandmother was a Yuin woman from the NSW South Coast, will make her Olympic debut in the 20km walk.

And Gold Coaster Jesse Ross is the third Aboriginal boxer in the Australian team, joining Cameron Hammond and Damien Hooper.

Australia was set to have ten Indigenous athletes in the Olympic team until star hockey player Des Abbott was forced to withdraw with injury.

Other Indigenous athletes in the Australian Olympic team are Benn Harradine (athletics), Josh Ross (athletics), Patrick Mills (basketball), Khalen Young (cycling), Joel Carroll (hockey).

Beki Lee's breakthrough performance in walking came at the Australian race walking championships in December 2011. She smashed her personal best by more than two-and-a-half minutes and recorded her first Olympic A-qualifier with a time of 1:33.09.

Another career highlight was competing in the 2011 World University Games in Shenzhen, China, where she finished tenth in the 20km walk.

She was second in the 20km event at the 2011 Australian race walking championships in Melbourne.

She did not finish in the 20km event at the 2012 IAAF World race walking Challenge in Taicang, China, but finished fourth in the same event at the 2012 Oceania and Australian championships in Hobart.

Disqualified

Her most recent was a disqualification in the 20km walk at the 2012 IAAF World Race Walking Cup in Saransk, Russia.

Lee grew up in Mt Druitt, in Sydney's west, and moved to Canberra in 2010 to focus on the Olympics.

She attended Minchinbury and Colyton Public schools and secondary schools were Rooty Hill High and St Mary's Senior High.

Her mum and dad are foster parents and have been for about 20 years. They care for seven foster children from two

different families and Lee has a biological brother and sister.

Having so many people in the family has made it impossible for any of them to watch her compete, but Lee says it's a small price to pay in order to make these kids happy and healthy.

Lee works at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) souvenir shop.

THE official Australian Olympic team website says Jesse Ross qualified for London when he won the under 76kg division at the Oceania Olympic qualification tournament in Canberra, having previously won the Australian title in Hobart.

He was runner-up at the Australian titles in the under 69kg division in Melbourne a year earlier.

He claimed his first under 19 Australian title in 2008, fighting in the under 69kg class.

His international performances include finishing fifth in the under 69kg division at the Gee-Bee tournament in Helsinki, Finland, in 2011, and winning the bronze medal at the Youth Commonwealth Games in 2008 in Pune, India.

He went on to compete at the World Youth Championships in Guadalajara, Mexico, in the same year.

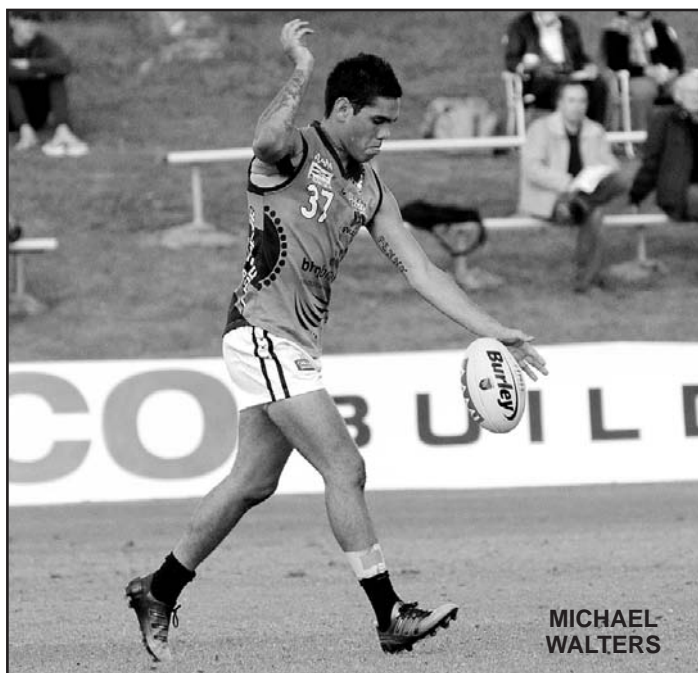
He moved up to the under 75kg division and competed in his first senior Australian titles in 2009, losing to the eventual runner-up in the quarter-finals.

Ross returned to the under 69kg division and was one of two selected for the shadow Commonwealth Games team in 2010, which went to Cuba to compete before returning to fight off for the one position in Delhi. He lost to 2012 Olympic team-mate Cameron Hammond on points.

Ross again was runner-up in the under 69kg division at the Australian titles in 2011, making the national team that saw him fight in Germany, Finland and the Czech Republic.

After being unsuccessful in his European fights, Ross shifted up to the under 75kg division where he fought and won the Australian and Oceania titles to claim selection for the London 2012 Olympics.

He attended primary school at Browns Plains and the Windaroo Valley High School, south of Beenleigh, and trains at the Nerang PCYC.



MICHAEL WALTERS



JOSEPH DAYE

NAIDOC in the west

By CHRIS PIKE



THE West Australian Football League (WAFL) held its NAIDOC Week celebration over two rounds of the State competition to honour

the Indigenous people and the Aboriginal greats of WA football.

The WAFL began acknowledging NAIDOC Week several years ago when Claremont started playing South Fremantle on an annual basis, but that has now transformed into a league-wide celebration with all nine teams involved.

Over Rounds 15 and 16 of the 2012 competition, all nine teams in the league wore specially designed jumpers with Aboriginal artwork adorned on them, with the umpires also joining in the act and each game celebrating the occasion in some way.

Round 15 action on Saturday 30 June saw Swan Districts play West Perth in the televised game of the round, with Michael Walters celebrating his 50th game for Swans, and Swan Districts legend Phil Narkle a guest speaker at a luncheon before the match.

Special medals

Meanwhile, at East Fremantle Oval, the home side paid homage to its rich Indigenous past by awarding best on ground medals for the colts, reserves and league games named in honour of Aboriginal champions – Patrick Ryder, Gary Dhurrkay and Kevin Taylor.

On Sunday 1 July, Claremont and South Fremantle did battle in the traditional clash with the Tigers claiming the Jimmy Melbourne Cup with a 55-point victory at Claremont Oval.

At the match, the welcome to country was performed by Neville Collard, and Irwin Lewis tossed the

coin to start the game. Lewis is father of West Coast Eagles champion Chris and fellow Claremont players Clayton and Cameron, and he was a 1964 premiership player with Claremont himself.

Then, the following week, Perth hosted South Fremantle at Brownes Stadium in a terrific occasion that saw Perth victorious to claim the inaugural Cable-Michael Cup, named in honour of Barry Cable and Stephen Michael.

All games also featured the traditional welcome to country and a special NAIDOC welcome address.

South Fremantle's Toby McGrath, one of the most decorated players in modern-day WAFL, is a tremendous ambassador for Indigenous people.

He has now played 229 games for South Fremantle and along the way amassed an array of accolades, including the 2005 Sandover Medal as best player in the competition, 2005 Simpson Medal as best on ground in the grand final, captained the 2009 premiership team, and captained his state and is without doubt a great of the game, and his club.

He is the older brother of Brisbane Lions veteran Ash and younger brother to former Carlton and Essendon midfielder Cory, and while he was disappointed to miss South Fremantle's two games to celebrate NAIDOC Week because of suspension, he loves the attention it receives.

"It was disappointing for me that I wasn't out there representing South Fremantle. Claremont and South put on a good show like they do every year and Perth did a great job in the second weekend when we played them as well," McGrath said.

"It's fantastic to see the way NAIDOC Week is celebrated, and Dessie Headland was quoted as

saying that it meant a lot to him to represent himself and his family for Subi, and he played well like a lot of Indigenous players did.

"It's just fantastic for Indigenous guys to be celebrated in NAIDOC Week. From my point of view, it's not something we celebrate that week, but we celebrate it every day of our life. It's good to get that recognition, though, and it's a fantastic concept."

Joseph Daye was one of a host of Indigenous players to represent Subiaco with distinction in its home victory over East Perth.

Eight-goal haul

Daye was terrific in defence, as was Antoni Grover, while up forward Des Headland booted three goals, and in the reserves Alliston 'Buddy' Pickett had a day out, kicking eight goals.

Daye is in his first season playing in the WAFL with Subiaco after time in the AFL with the Gold Coast Suns, and the 22-year-old is glad to see NAIDOC Week celebrated the way it is.

"It's good that the WAFL recognises it like the AFL does, it's a great concept," Daye said.

"It's a good way just supporting and putting awareness out there for the Indigenous people and it's good that the clubs and the whole league gets around it."

With a godfather like Essendon champion Michael Long, it was hard to see Daye doing anything but becoming a star footballer.

"Growing up watching my godfather Michael Long was how I got into playing AFL and now watching youngsters like Eddie Betts, Franklin, Yarran, Cyril Rioli and all of the freaks it brings a bit of excitement to the game," he said.

"Without these guys it wouldn't be as exciting, but put a few quick fellas and a few freakish blokes out there, it really changes the game."

Loyalty and business

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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IN a team sport such as Australian football, we often talk about team values and, above all, the importance of loyalty and trust in building that sense of loyalty.

We also realise that professional sport is big business and that there is little room for sentiment in making tough calls when success is all that matters.

Unfortunately, in the modern era, business tends to take precedence over loyalty and the ruthless nature of sport is felt by players and coaches.

The current scenario with the Blues coach Brett Ratten is but another example of this recurring theme where a good coach may be the victim

of a club's perceived poor performance.

The knives are out for Brett Ratten after Carlton suffered their seventh loss from ten games, putting their hopes of a finals berth in serious doubt.

The Blues coach is into his sixth year and is contracted until the end of next season, and the club is making the right noises publicly about sticking by their man.

But privately, it's not unlikely that Carlton have begun imagining a future without him.

The situation has recent parallels in Geelong (2006) and Fremantle (2011).

The Cats finished tenth in 2006 and could have justifiably given Mark Thompson the boot... instead, 'Bomber' got the vote of confidence and two of the next three premierships went to Kardinia Park.

Hit by injuries

Fremantle were a top-four favourite in early 2011, but their season was derailed by injuries. Mark Harvey had a year to run on his contract, but was axed in favour of Ross Lyon.

Whose lead should Carlton follow – Fremantle's or Geelong's?

Brett Ratten insists he is relishing the challenge of turning around Carlton's flagging fortunes.

Ratten is confident he retains the support of Stephen Kernahan, despite the Carlton president declining to guarantee he would coach out the 2012 AFL season.

Ratten is contracted until the end of next season.

But these days a contract sometimes is not worth

the paper it is written on.

Having witnessed what the speculation about the future of a coach can have on a team during my time at the Swans, I would hesitate to sack a coach if he had been building a solid rapport with a group of players.

A new coach might bring a new broom, but he would also need to start from scratch with the entire squad.

And – if I can mix my metaphors – a new broom may sweep clean, but you can also throw the baby out with the bath water.

Optimistic

And Ratten himself remains optimistic.

Despite their recent run of poor form, Ratten said he was looking forward to seeing how everyone at Carlton reacted to the challenges ahead.

"The best form of leadership is not when you're going well, it's when you're not going well," said Ratten.

"People can point the bone at me and that's fine, that's fair enough – I'm the person that holds the responsibility of our football club and our team.

"This puts me in a spot where I'm challenged.

"You have those moments where you go 'am I up for the fight?'

"Well, yes I am, so I'm really looking forward to it.

"This is the time for coaches, teams, players when you really test yourself."

Ratten publicly targeted a top-four finish in March and if he gets the sack, he cannot blame anyone but himself, because right now he's the victim of a perception he created.

The injury list is a mitigating factor for Carlton's form, just as it was with Fremantle, and like Mark Harvey it's arguable that Ratten deserves to see out his contract.

But complicating the issue is the potential for Carlton to snare a premiership coach in Mick Malthouse or Paul Roos.

The biggest knock against Ratten is that he's a good coach, but not a great one, and not the man to take Carlton to the next level.

Fremantle's chiefs levelled a similar charge against Harvey after dumping him, saying the opportunity to land Lyon outweighed the mitigating circumstances in Harvey's favour.

Roos is unlikely to return to coaching AFL football, but Malthouse is expected to venture back into the coaches' box at some stage, and why not with Carlton?

Unfinished business

Their list is solid, their window is open and Mick probably feels as though he has unfinished business.

There is always another side to the story though.

Geelong flirted with the idea of sacking Mark Thompson after a limp finish to the 2006 season, one in which the Cats failed to build on an appearance in the 2005 preliminary finals.

But rather than take the knee-jerk route, the club gave 'Bomber' the final season on his deal to prove them wrong.

He repaid their faith handsomely as the Cats went on a club record 15-game winning streak en route to the flag.

One more season could be

all Ratten needs to turn this slump around too.

Carlton were an impressive unit before their injuries started to mount and it may be as simple as getting a healthy side back on the park.

Meanwhile, the energy that could be expended looking for a new coach could instead go into a systematic review of the game plan and the playing group, or into ensuring Ratten has the right support around him.

The Blues need tweaks, not wholesale change. A key forward, a little midfield depth – these holes can be plugged in trade week and suddenly the Blues are a force again.

This debate more or less hinges on the extent that a Malthouse or Roos is interested in jumping into the hot seat.

Ross Lyon had no such qualms about taking over at Fremantle, but he copped his fair share of flak for being so ruthless.

Carlton should not sack Ratten based on this season alone.

At face value, he deserves at least another half season to get it right, and the Blues lose little in the process.

But if a coach of Malthouse's calibre wants the job, there's simply no reason to stick with Ratten other than loyalty, which means less and less in footy with each passing year.

In that case, the Blues should wield the axe.

It comes down to a case of 'what cost loyalty?'

And if loyalty has a price, then business will always be ready to pay.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!!

Krakouer on the way back



Andrew Krakouer in 2011. AAP image



COLLINGWOOD'S Andrew Krakouer and Brent Macaffer are making amazing progress following knee reconstructions and are set to make VFL comebacks within the next few weeks.

That's the assessment of Collingwood AFL defender Harry O'Brien, who says both players are ready to resume full training in a bid to return to the top level after breaking down in February this year.

"He's actually been going really well, Andrew Krakouer," 2010 premiership player O'Brien told Perth radio 6PR.

"Himself and Brent Macaffer both did their knees within a week of each other in the pre-season and they're both well ahead of what we've expected.

"I know that's a bit of a cliché for people who do their knees nowadays, but I can tell you right now, they'll be playing within the next month.

"That's just amazing for both of those guys."

O'Brien said the 176cm Krakouer, who took mark of the year and kicked 35 goals in 2011, could still play a role for the fourth-placed Magpies in the finals series.

"With the raw talent Andrew Krakouer has, the spark that he has, I can't see why he can't come into the side late in the season and make an impact in September," O'Brien said.

Both players had traditional rather than LARS surgery to repair ruptured anterior cruciate ligament injuries. – AAP

Davey won't return until 2013 season



MELBOURNE have lost veteran forward Aaron Davey for the rest of the Australian Football League (AFL)

season with a foot fracture.

Davey felt soreness after playing with the Demons' VFL affiliate Casey before scans revealed the stress fracture, ending the 29-year-old speedster's horror season.

He had been returning through the VFL after being forced out of the AFL side by a hamstring injury.

That followed two stints out of the senior team due to poor form, with Davey dropped for one game early in the season, then for another three games after round eight.

He played only one more AFL match, against Greater Western Sydney last month, before the back-to-back injury blows.

Davey also endured off-field controversy, inadvertently caught up in a perceived racism furore early in the season.

AFL community engagement manager Jason Mifsud misinterpreted Davey as having suggested Demons coach Mark Neeld treated the club's Indigenous players differently to others.

Mifsud was forced to apologise after the baseless allegation became public.

Demons football manager Josh Mahoney said it was disappointing that Davey's season had finished prematurely, after he had worked hard to recover from an interrupted pre-season.

"Given the timing of the injury, Aaron will recover and start what will be a big pre-season campaign for him, as he prepares for the 2013 season," Mahoney said. – AAP



AARON DAVEY

From polocrosse to rugby, he's a... Natural leader



HE'S already captained Australia in polocrosse – now Mitch Whiteley has captained his country in another sport: Rugby union – and all of that by the age of 17!

On Saturday 15 July, Mitch led the Australian Schoolboys rugby union team to a comprehensive 70-13 win over Tongan Schools at St Mary's Leagues Stadium, Sydney.

Readers may recall that the *Koori Mail* previously reported on Mitch captaining the Australian under 16 polocrosse team in a tour of South Africa in 2010.

Mitch, the son of Martin and Kim Whiteley, of Geurie, near Wellington, NSW, is in Year 12 at St Ignatius College, Riverview (Sydney), where he is a boarder.

Young brother Lincoln also is at Riverview. He is in Year 11 and was recently named in the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) under 16 side.

Little brother Ollie, who also plays rugby union for the Wellington under 13s, also seems destined to follow Mitch and Linc to Riverview.

After the HSC, Mitch hopes to go to university in Sydney and to continue playing rugby union.

Before leading Australia against Tonga, Mitch played for NSW at the Australian Schoolboys championships at Riverview, where the Blues scored an historic 26-7 win over Queensland in the final.

It ended Queensland's six-year dominance of the carnival.

NSW scored three tries to Queensland's one.

Mitch emerged from the carnival with the Australian Schools Rugby Union Dr Syd Sugerman Award as the 'best team man' of the carnival.

Mitch is now hoping for selection in the Australian Schoolboys tour party to be named on 14 August to travel to Fiji for two fixtures, and then on to New Zealand.

Australia will meet the Fijian President's XV in Nadi on 22 September before facing the Fijian Schools in Lautoka on 25 September.

The squad will then travel to New Zealand where they will face the New Zealand Barbarians in Auckland on 29 September. They will then play Samoan Schools in

Hamilton on 2 October before returning to Auckland to take on the New Zealand Schools on 6 October to conclude the tour.

ANOTHER Indigenous player, John Porch, was in the Australian A team that beat Tongan Schools 29-5 in an earlier game.

The Australian A and Australian Schoolboys teams were chosen at the conclusion of the Australian Schoolboys championship at St Ignatius College, Riverview.

Porch, from Farrar Memorial Agricultural High School, Tamworth, was a member of the NSW II team that took part in the Division One competition, won 26-7 by NSW I over defending champions Queensland I.

In their final game of the carnival, NSW II beat Queensland II 37-22, with Porch kicking a conversion and a penalty goal.

In their first game on the Australian tour, the Tongan Schoolboys beat the Australian Schools Rugby Union President's XV 36-13.

Selection in the President's XV was dominated by players from the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) that took part in the Schoolboys' Division 2 competition.

Eleven of the 23-man President's XV squad came from the LMRDT.

Earlier, South Australia beat the LMRDT 19-17 in the Division 2 final.



Mitchell Whiteley playing for NSW at the Australian Schoolboys rugby union championships in Sydney. – Image: Melba Studios



Mitch Whiteley pictured while captaining Australia in polocrosse against South Africa.



Mitch Whiteley in action for Australian Schoolboys against Tongan Schoolboys. – Image: Seiser Photography

Anything is possible

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

As I write this, I am preparing to travel to London in my role as Learn Earn Legend! Ambassador to represent rugby league at the Beyond Sport Conference where the National Rugby League (NRL) is one of three international finalists for an award recognising the use of sport to affect social change.

To a large degree, it is a recognition of the success of the All Stars concept and the many programs it has generated.

I am humbled that I have been invited to represent the game and I continue to be humbled by the success of the All Stars concept.

The timing of the awards comes when we are preparing for the Close the Gap Round and the move of the All Stars game to Suncorp Stadium has been announced.

On the All Stars, I cannot hide my disappointment about the move, while understanding and supporting the reasons behind it.

The Gold Coast and Skilled Park will always be the spiritual home of the All Stars.

The event fitted the region and the region fitted the event.

Nothing will ever replace the special aura surrounding the inaugural All Stars as the sceptics were silenced by the special emotions engendered by the event and the quality of the game that was delivered.

I hope the local and wider communities continue to embrace the concept and that it



Participants in a recent Titans Achievement Program 'I Can' at Skilled Park with a few familiar rugby league faces.

grows as a result of the move.

I would like to personally thank all the members of the Gold Coast community – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – who supported the All Stars and I look forward to it coming 'home' some time into the future.

This does not mean we will not continue to support Indigenous involvement in the game on the Gold Coast with the upcoming game against the in-form South Sydney being a central focus of the NRL's 'Close the Gap' round.

Indigenous excellence

In the same way we celebrated the success of the Titans Learn Earn Legend! School to Work Transition program in our game against the Cowboys, the round will be used to promote Indigenous excellence – not only in terms of the Titans programs, but many other initiatives that are aimed at closing the gap in areas of health, education and employment opportunities.

It was great to be able to report that over 80 per cent of our recent Learn Earn Legend! candidates are in some form of employment,

education or further training.

Although university is only one career pathway for these students, we are extremely proud that nearly 20 per cent of our participants are in a tertiary course – more than six times the national average.

This level of achievement can only happen through the hard work of the students themselves with the support of their families and their schools.

Where I believe we have played a key role is in supporting the students' belief that they can achieve at this level.

The same applies to any dream.

If a person has others supporting and believing them, the likelihood of them reaching the next level increases dramatically.

The same principle applies to the Titans Achievement Program (TAP) and our recently-launched partnership with Origin Energy called the 'I Can' program.

We will have participants from the TAP program at the Souths game attending their third residential where they will continue to develop not only their vocational skills, but also the skills that have made them

leaders in the communities of Cherbourg, Doomadgee and Mornington Island.

To be involved with the TAP participants over the past nine months has been particularly rewarding.

I have just returned from a trip to Doomadgee and Mornington Island and saw first-hand what a difference these young men and women are making in their communities.

The program is achieving some great outcomes, but the true success lies with the individuals themselves.

It all starts with other people investing faith in them.

Every individual has the ability to achieve, but if they are put down or have lower expectations placed on them, then they will live up to those standards.

We try to work with the individual and let them know that we will not give up on them and that a small failure is sometimes the most important step to a major success.

Each individual success story is a step towards the larger goal of closing the gap.

That is why I sometimes become frustrated with people who think some of the

problems are too big to tackle.

If you bring it down to the individual level, then everything is possible.

This was the message reinforced when we hosted 20 kids from Roma, Miles, Dalby, Chinchilla and Tara as part of the 'I Can' Program.

The program's title is a positive statement in its own right and it will be great to work with these communities over the next three years in partnership with Origin Energy.

Inspired

We will be working with kids on their journey from Year 8 and again I am inspired by the dreams and ambitions of many of the kids we have met with already.

Part of their ambition is to connect with their culture and learn more about their heritage.

This is what gives me confidence we are heading in the right direction.

It's not just all about the celebration of what is achievable.

It is about the celebration of our people and our capacity to dream beyond the immediate.

If you have faith, anything is possible.

Rubies off to London for Beyond Sport awards

OFFICIALS from the Far North Queensland Rubies women's hockey team are in London for the Beyond Sport Summit and awards presentation.

The Remote and Indigenous Hockey Program (RIHP) Rubies have been shortlisted for Beyond Sport – Team of the Year at the Beyond Sport awards.

RIHP officials left Australia last week for London, where they will say on to watch the Australian men's and women's hockey teams in action

at the Olympic Games.

Heading the team is RIHP State manager Julie McNeil, accompanied by RIHP Rubies coach and senior development officer and mentor coach Wesley Ferns, RIHP Rubies assistant coach and development officer Dalassa Savage, RIHP Rubies team manager and RIHP development officer Ena Waianga, and RIHP Rubies assistant manager and RIHP development officer Matthew Cook.

The RIHP Rubies have been asked to run a session at the Beyond Sport international summit – Building Respect in Excluded Communities and as part of this they will be promoting the DVD Leading the Way – the journey of the Rubies.

Team leader Julie McNeil said the group would be meeting people from around the world working in sports-related programs designed to support community.

North-West boys were too strong



THE West Australian North-West team, coached by Phil Narkle, were clear division three winners at the 2012 NAB Australian Football League (AFL) under 16 Championships in Sydney earlier this month.

Indigenous boys dominated selection in the WA North-West team and they showed their superiority in Sydney.

The WA North-West side won all three of its matches to end the carnival with 12 points.

South Pacific finished second with eight points, the World XVIII were next with four points, while the Flying Boomerangs, coached by Andrew McLeod, failed to win a game.

The much-anticipated clash between the Flying Boomerangs and the WA North-West was an anti-climax. The boys from the Kimberley, Gascoyne and Pilbara regions thumped the Flying Boomerangs 21.16 (142) to 4.1 (25).

The seven-day carnival was expanded to 12 teams this year with the inclusion of the Flying Boomerangs and the WA North-West team.

Western Australia remained undefeated to win the division one title from Victoria Country, Victoria Metropolitan and South Australia.

In division two, Queensland won all of their

three games to claim the title from Tasmania, NSW-ACT and the Northern Territory.

The South Pacific team included players from Tonga, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, New Zealand, Fiji and Samoa.

The World XVIII comprised players from multicultural backgrounds living in Australia and nine overseas-based players. Sudan, the United States, Denmark, India, South Africa and Indonesia were some of nations represented. They were coached by Xavier Clarke.

The Flying Boomerangs is a personal development and leadership program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys aged 14-15. The squad was selected following the AFL KickStart under 15 Championships in April.

Players from the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne regions made up the WA North-West team and were selected following a talent camp in Broome in April.

Results: WA North-West 20.16 (136) d South Pacific 7.7 (49), World XVIII 10.18 (78) d Flying Boomerangs 8.11 (59), South Pacific 16.14 (110) d Flying Boomerangs 11.3 (69), WA North-West 10.7 (67) d World XVIII 6.7 (43), WA North-West 21.16 (142) d Flying Boomerangs 4.1 (25), South Pacific 14.7 (91) d World XVIII 6.9 (45).



The Flying Boomerangs' Elijah Howard, left, contests the bounce in the game against the WA North-West.



Coach Andrew McLeod addresses his troops during a break in the game against the WA North-West.



The WA North-West's William Rodgers competes for the crumbs in the game against the Flying Boomerangs.



● ABOVE: WA North-West coach Phil Narkle speaks to players during a break.

● LEFT: The WA North-West's Zenneth Cox looks for a receiver.

● RIGHT: Flying Boomerang Jayden Gerrand with room to move in the game against the WA North-West.

All images: AFL



Bring on the best: Mundine



ANTHONY Mundine is confident he made a serious statement in Las Vegas on 14 July as he chases a dream showdown with unbeaten boxing superstar Floyd Mayweather Jnr.

Mundine enjoyed a comprehensive technical knockout victory over veteran Bronco McKart in his first fight on American soil to become the IBF North American middleweight champion.

He then instantly turned his attention to the world's best pound-for-pound fighter, Mayweather, seeking out members of the 35-year-old's entourage to talk up his chances.

Mundine spoke to rap star 50 Cent, a friend of Mayweather's, and told him he wanted a shot in the future.

"(50 Cent) and the Money Team (Mayweather's entourage) came to watch me fight," Mundine told AAP after the fight at the Palms Resort Casino in Las Vegas.

"As I was walking out, we ran into (50 Cent) and he called me over. He realised I was Mundine because there was a lot of talk (about me) at their gym.

"I told him 'I've got mad respect for Floyd, he's the best, but hopefully I'll beat some of the fighters and we'll fight'. And he said 'yeah, we'll talk, we'll do business'."

Still in prison

Mayweather is serving an 87-day prison sentence for domestic abuse, but his father Floyd Mayweather Snr appeared to dash any hopes Mundine had of a monster payday when he told the Australian he wasn't ready to fight his son.

Mayweather Snr instead directed Mundine towards former WBA light middleweight champion Miguel Cotto, although Mundine was impressed to simply gain some attention in the lucrative American market.

"Cotto's not in the Floyd class. I think you'd better take Cotto, you'd be a better chance," Mayweather Snr said in the ring afterwards.

"I'm telling him the truth. Floyd's the man to meet if he wants to get beat."

Mundine led from start to finish before really gaining control in the fifth round when he landed a serious body shot which sent McKart reeling into the ropes.

He then unleashed a barrage of vicious right uppercuts in the seventh round, knocking the veteran McKart to the canvas three times in the before the American's corner threw in the towel.

"I was clinical, tactical and I just totally dismantled him," Mundine said.

"I was devastating at the end."

It was a serious statement about his intentions in the US, and Mundine said that was always his goal with this fight.

"I did what I had to do. I came to conquer and I wanted to make a statement," he said.

"McKart's not at my level. He's a good fighter, but he's not at my level."

Mayweather fight 'a possibility'

Former world champion Larry Holmes, who was a commentator for the bout, said he believed a Mundine-Mayweather fight was a possibility.

"I think he might get his wish if he keeps talking like he is talking," Holmes said.

However, Holmes warned that Mundine would have to improve significantly if he was to have any chance against Mayweather. "When I looked at him in the very first round he looks like he had a lot of skill but then he slacked off," Holmes said.

"He got slack, then fought, got slack, then fought, and when you fight Mayweather, you have got to fight every minute of every round. You can't slack off like that, otherwise Mayweather will knock you out."

Holmes said Mundine could have ended the fight a lot earlier. — **With AAP**

Lalor signs NSW Blues contract



INDIGENOUS cricketer Josh Lalor is looking to consolidate his career after being placed on the NSW SpeedBlitz Blues contract list for 2012-13.

He joins the likes of Stephen O'Keefe, Trent Copeland, Moises Henriques, Ben Rohrer, Peter Nevill, Josh Hazlewood, Doug Bollinger and 2011-12 Steve Waugh Medallist Steven Smith, all of whom are seasoned and proven performers at the State level.

Lalor joins six other few faces being offered full contracts for the first time — Tim Cruickshank, David Dawson, Scott Henry, Daniel Hughes, Kurtis Patterson and Chris Tremain.

Penrith's Lalor will bolster the squad's fast bowling stocks.

First-class debut

After holding a State Rookie contract several seasons ago, Lalor joins the NSW SpeedBlitz Blues squad full-time this season having made his first-class debut last summer. The left-arm quick claimed 14 wickets in four Sheffield Shield matches, with best figures of 5-97.

Simon Katich, Stuart Clark, Beau Casson and Phil Jaques have retired, while Nathan Hauritz, Phil Hughes, Usman Khawaja and Timm van der Gugten have moved interstate. Fast bowler Burt Cockley has been de-listed.

Cricket NSW chief executive David Gilbert said this would be a season of opportunity for the NSW SpeedBlitz Blues.

"While it will always be a challenge to replace cricketers with Test match experience, the NSW SpeedBlitz Blues still have a core group of players who have experienced success in domestic cricket, and many of them have represented Australia in their careers to date," he said.

"There are several new names in our squad this summer, all of whom have been selected due to their impressive performances in both Grade and Second XI cricket. There are excellent opportunities on offer for the season ahead."

MEANWHILE, Lalor has also joined the Sydney Sixers for the KFC T20 Big Bash League season.

The Sixers are keen to keep together the premiership-winning team from the last BBL competition with the retention of Brad Haddin, Stephen O'Keefe, Moises Henriques and Josh Hazlewood.

Kurtis Patterson and Lalor are the newcomers.

Lalor will join Hazlewood in the fast bowler ranks.

The Sixers have also signed Mitchell Starc, Nic Maddinson and Dan Smith.

They will take on arch-rivals the Sydney Thunder in the season opener on 8 December at the SCG before backing up a week later on 16 December at home against last year's finalists, the Perth Scorchers.

The final two home games for the Sixers fall on Boxing Day against the Hobart Hurricanes and 12 January against the Melbourne Renegades.



JOSH LALOR



Lalor a contracted player

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia



Our Olympic numbers now total nine...



THE number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes in the Australian team for this month's London Olympic Games now

totals nine.

Previously, the *Koori Mail* had listed Benn Harradine (athletics), Josh Ross (athletics), Patrick Mills (basketball), Khaleen Young (BMX cycling), Joel Carroll (hockey), and Cameron Hammond and Damien Hooper (boxing) as Indigenous athletes in the Australian

team for London 2012.

There are two others – 20km road walker Beki Lee, and boxer Jesse Ross. Lee, from Sydney's west, and Ross, from south-east Queensland, will be making their Olympic debuts.

Ross will be fighting in the under

75kg division.

The Indigenous component for London would have been ten had not star hockey player Des Abbott been forced to withdraw with injury.

● See P90 for more on Beki Lee and Jesse Ross



BEKI LEE



JESSE ROSS



KHALEEN YOUNG



JOSH ROSS



PATTY MILLS



DAMIEN HOOPER



BENN HARRADINE



CAMERON HAMMOND



JOEL CARROLL

All Stars moves

Brisbane to host the 2013 event



RUGBY league's All Stars extravaganza is on the move... with Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, to host the 2013 event.

The Australian Rugby League Commission (ARLC) announced on 12 July the fourth clash between the Indigenous All Stars and NRL All Stars would be played in Brisbane on 9 February to help generate new levels of funding for Indigenous community programs across the country.

This will be the first time the game has been played away from the Gold Coast's Skilled Park – home of the Gold Coast Titans.

Preston Campbell, the player whose vision spawned rugby league's popular All Stars concept, has backed moving the annual pre-season clash to Suncorp Stadium.

While disappointed the event was leaving the Gold Coast, former Titans star Campbell fully endorsed and supported the move.

Spiritual home

"The Gold Coast will always be the spiritual home of the event, but we want to spread the positive messages and share the All Stars experience with as many communities as possible," Campbell said.

Recently-retired Brisbane, Queensland and Australian captain Darren Lockyer is a NRL All Stars ambassador working with Campbell to help ensure the event's continued success.

The All Stars clash has been a tremendous success, already generating \$4.5 million, which has been invested in Indigenous programs.

ARLC interim chief executive Shane Mattiske applauded the Gold Coast community for the manner in which it had embraced the All Stars concept.

"The All Stars is a nationally-significant event and it was always intended that it would grow and expand to new locations to allow other local communities to experience its atmosphere," Mattiske said.

"The Gold Coast has provided a spectacular launch pad for the event and the inspiration of Preston Campbell, the Titans club and the local community in making the All Stars concept what it is has paved the way for its ongoing success.

"We will be bringing the match back to the Gold Coast in the future and next year we will be maintaining a presence there with our community activity during the week.

Natural progression

"It is also the right time for new communities to begin experiencing the excitement of the All Stars week and the move to Suncorp Stadium is a natural progression that will enable the event to grow even bigger.

"It will allow more fans to attend and will provide an opportunity to generate more revenue for the Indigenous community programs that are funded from the event.

Campbell said he was pleased that the Indigenous All Stars and NRL All Stars would spend time on the Gold Coast as part of the week.

"This will acknowledge the work of the local Indigenous and rugby league communities in founding the event and allow them to pass the baton of true reconciliation on to the broader Brisbane community," he said.

The Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars is a week-long celebration of community, culture and diversity culminating in the match between the NRL All Stars and Indigenous All Stars that features the game's biggest stars, as selected by the fans.

The ARL Commission is in the final year of a three-year agreement with Events Queensland to host the event and discussions are under way to consider a renewal of the agreement. – *With AAP*

More Barba magic



The Canterbury Bulldogs' Ben Barba runs in a try during the National Rugby League (NRL) round 20 match against the Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles at Brookvale Oval, Sydney, last Friday night. The Bulldogs won 20-12. – AAP image

● **WA North-West boys shine at AFL under 16s – P94**

