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Budget earns praise



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and Torres Strait Islander organisations, there has been some criticism regarding the lack of detail in health.

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Commonwealth have agreed to provide funds.

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Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Labor Government had made major investments to close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage, with more than \$5.2 billion in funding for employment, education, health services, community

development and safety.

However Opposition Spokesperson on Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion said the Gillard Government was financially incompetent, with 'shambolic budget mismanagement creating more uncertainty and more waste' but remained tight-lipped about Coalition policy detail, saying specific announcements would be made closer to the election.

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Girls make mark

By ALF WILSON



IT is a sight you rarely see on a football field during

play – opponents with their arms around each other and laughing.

But that's exactly what occurred during the round five Townsville Australian Football League under-14 game between Tigers B and Shalom Christian College this month.

The *Koori Mail* snapped this photo of Tigers' Saravena Lalara, left, and Shalom opponent Brandy Gumbula having a ball.

Saravena is from Numbulwar and Brandy from Ngukurr, in the Northern Territory. Both are boarding students at Shalom College.

"Girls can play in the under-14 grade. There were 14 girls playing in the game from Camooweal, Mount Isa, Ngukurr, Numbulwar, Elcho Island, Milingimbi and Katherine, and Saravena and Brandy played well," Shalom coach Joe Christensen said.



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My FAMILY VICTOR PARKER – Palm Island, Qld



● Above: Victor Parker, left, his aunt Margaret Parker and brother Toby.

THERE is a big mob of my Parker family here on Palm Island in north Queensland. I am a 40-year-old Bwgcolman man who was born here and would estimate there are at least 50 close relatives and many more extended family. We even have family as far away as Tasmania where I have two brothers.

One of my brothers, Randall, has worked at Palm's Sunset Snack Bar Shop for more than a decade and we all reckon it has the best fish in Australia.

When I am asked what I enjoy most about Palm, I always reply that it is paradise. You sit on the esplanade here and enjoy the view of the ocean and other nearby islands.

My job here, aerodrome reporting officer, keeps me very busy, and every day people fly in and out to mainland Townsville.

I enjoy meeting and talking to my fellow Palm Islanders and visitors, and life is very good for me.

When I was young I went to Mt Carmel College in Charters Towers, 130km from Townsville, as a boarder.

That was good for me as it set me up for employment opportunities. My best advice for youngsters here on Palm is to get a good education.

Football and fishing are very important recreations on Palm, and the Barracudas rugby league team is the pride of the island. I used to be a selector for the Barracudas but these days I am so busy with work.

I do try and get down to the local football here whenever I can, and we have seven teams – not bad for an island with a population of 3000. Townsville has 180,000 people and the same number of league clubs!

We were very happy when a Barracudas team won the Bindal Allblacks carnival last October in Townsville.

One of the reasons I am so content is because of my wonderful family.

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OUR CHILDREN



Students and staff from Bwgcolman State School on Palm Island at the Smart Futures for North Queensland Careers Expo in Townsville this month. See our report and more images on page 56. Photo by Alf Wilson

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Custodians gather in Byron



National Parks and Wildlife Service Aboriginal field officer Leon Kelly, Arakwal National Park Management Committee chair Yvonne Stewart and ranger Nathan Oliver take in the sights at Cape Byron Lighthouse, on Australia's most easterly point. They were taking part in the 2013 meeting of the 25 Indigenous joint management custodians of New South Wales. Get the full story on page 41. Photo by Darren Coyne

Concern over WA heritage rule changes

By GEOFF VIVIAN



FORMER Kimberley Land Council CEO Wayne Bergmann fears State Government administrative

changes will make it much easier for resource companies to destroy Western Australian Aboriginal sites.

His concern follows claims by archaeologist Fiona Hook that the WA Government has removed thousands of entries from its statutory Register of Aboriginal Sites. She says this means state law no longer protects the sites, because only those approved by the WA Department of Indigenous Affairs' Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee (ACMC) have been left on the register.

Mr Bergmann and Ms Hook say the 'radical change of procedure' has gone ahead without any Act of Parliament.

"They have created a new



Wayne Bergmann

list called 'other heritage places'," Ms Hook said.

"Our concerns are that there's no legislative requirement for the government to keep this 'other heritage places' list, and at some point it may drop off and we lose a huge amount of information on these particular places."

WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier had not

responded to *Koori Mail* questions by deadline.

A concerned Mr Bergmann claimed the changes were denying Aboriginal people their belief systems by denying a connection to country.

"Aboriginal cultural values and significance are being interpreted through a lens of racism," he said.

Mr Bergmann said the early colonial history of WA was being protected, but Aboriginal sites were missing out and being threatened with development.

Ms Hook said it had become harder and harder to get a site on the 'other heritage places' list to be included by ACMC on the Register of Aboriginal Sites.

"The ACMC only meets for two hours per month, so it is a rubber-stamping organisation," she said.

"They are planning new regulations which will enshrine what they are doing administratively."



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In safe hands



VETERAN Tasmanian Aboriginal leader Phillip Beeton is all smiles as he holds the title documents to land known as Gowan Brae on behalf of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community. The 6750 hectare property, in the state's central highlands, is back in Aboriginal hands after what has been hailed as a unique collaboration. See page 35 for the full story. *Photo by Jillian Mundy*

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All set for Sorry Day



WHETHER it's walking across a bridge in Canberra, gathering for a dawn service in

Brisbane, or simply having a barbecue in the backyard, people nationwide will mark Sorry Day on 26 May.

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held each year that gives people the chance to come together and share steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities.

The day is marked around the country with flag-raising events, concerts, street marches and morning teas.

Sorry Day also gives people the chance to write messages and sign 'sorry books' as a way of showing their commitment towards reconciliation.

They pledge their support towards fulfilling the recommendations from the 'Bringing Them Home' report from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

The first National Sorry Day was held on 26 May, 1998, which was one year after the



People gathered at Teralba Park in Brisbane last year on Sorry Day to recognise the Stolen Generations. They will gather again this year for a ceremony starting at 7am.

tabling of that report.

Following Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week activities will run from 27 May to 3 June.

The theme for this year is Let's Talk Recognition, with a focus on how Australians can better recognise each other, and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

May 27 marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum which recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the national census, while 3 June, 1992, was the day the High Court delivered its landmark Mabo decision.

A list of events for Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week can be found at <http://www.nsd.org.au/events-info>

NIMA honour for Yothu Yindi



INDIGENOUS musicians who've broken into the mainstream will pay tribute to original trailblazers

Yothu Yindi at the National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMA) in Darwin this August.

The band's greatest hits will provide the soundtrack to this year's awards ceremony.

Having honoured the group at the inaugural awards in 2003, Music NT manager Mark Smith says now is the perfect time to revisit Yothu Yindi's impact on the national Indigenous music scene.

"You can never forget what that band signifies and what it showed in terms of a band breaking through from a remote community into the highest echelons of mainstream music," he said.

Offering a sneak peek of the 10 August NIMAs, Yothu Yindi frontman Mandawuy Yunupingu's grandson, Rrawun Maymuru, performed a rendition of the group's *Mainstream*.

He was joined by didgeridoo player William Barton, Indigenous soul man Kutcha Edwards and guitarist Francis Diatschenko.

For Maymuru, the song's message of cultural harmony captures the spirit of the NIMA awards.

"It talks about people living in the mainstream – not just my people, but everyone," he says.

"People would listen to it and take it in their heart.

"It's like presenting that old song and putting it into a new



Indigenous musicians Kutcha Edwards, Rrawun Maymuru and William Barton at a media preview in Melbourne for the 2013 National Indigenous Music awards in Darwin on 10 August. AAP image

(form), to educate each other."

As frontman of Eastern Journey, Maymuru has continued his grandfather's musical legacy to become an acclaimed musician in his own right. He's even penned songs for the

much-lauded Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu.

For Maymuru, like Mandawuy before him, music is more than entertainment, it's a way of sharing and honouring their cultural heritage.

"There's so many cultures around the world that we don't understand, but this is a way to go and tell people what culture we got, what values we got," Maymuru said.

"Music is ... one of the

universal tools that everyone can use."

Nominations for the NIMA awards are open until 15 June, ahead of the 10 August ceremony at Darwin's Amphitheatre. – AAP

Ministers back education plan



EDUCATION ministers from around the country have agreed to step up their efforts to improve Indigenous education results.

Federal Education Minister Peter Garrett said the ministers had signed off on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan, which would involve personalised learning strategies for all 150,000 Indigenous students in Years 1 to 10, attendance plans, community partnerships and better reporting standards.

"(The) Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood resolved that every state and territory would do more to help reach our targets under the plan," he said. "This includes making sure that by the end of this year all 150,000 Indigenous students in Years 1-10 will have a personalised learning strategy, and every one of the 950 focus schools identified under the plan has a school community partnership, attendance strategy, and whole of school literacy and numeracy strategy."

Mr Garret said the ministers had also agreed to better reporting standards, and to the development of a draft National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Educator Workforce Strategy by the end of the year.

But while education ministers have agreed to the plan, NT Chief Minister Adam Giles has

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– Minister Peter Garrett



indicated he doesn't want to negotiate any further on the proposed Gonski reforms to education until after the federal election.

Mr Garrett said Mr Giles had a responsibility to 'stop playing politics' and sign up for the plan, which 'would ensure that NT schools were properly resourced, with an additional \$300 million on offer'.

"The Federal Government is already providing extra support for Territory schools through the Stronger Futures package and a wide range of programs that the Federal Coalition has pledged to cut," Mr Garrett said.

"The new model sees extra funding for disadvantaged and Indigenous students built into school funding securely for the future.

"The Federal Government has also committed to grow its funding for schools at a higher rate, 4.7 per cent, if the Territory Government commits to grow its own school funding at a reasonable rate.

"It is clear that members of Mr Giles' own party, including his education minister, recognise the importance of the reform that will deliver Territory children the high-paid, high-skilled jobs of the future."

The Australian Education Union (AEU), meeting in Alice Springs this month, issued a statement criticising Mr Giles and supporting the Federal Government's plan.

AEU president Angelo Gavrielatos said it mad no sense for the Chief Minister to suspend negotiations until after an election.

"Gonski would fix a system of schools funding we know is broken. The current model is failing our kids, including the nearly 35,000 students attending NT schools," he said.

Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion was critical of the Federal Government's approach.

"The fact is that progress with (Prime Minister Julia) Gillard's own closing the gap targets has been underwhelming at best, with most results showing no improvements and some results have gone backward," he said.

"On almost all fronts the great expectations of (former prime minister) Kevin Rudd's apology have not been met."

Call to kick the habit



MAKE the pledge to go smoke free! That's the message from the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW in the

lead-up to World No Tobacco Day on 31 May. On the last day of May each year, the World Health Organisation and partners mark World No Tobacco Day, drawing attention to the health risks associated with tobacco use and calling for policies to reduce tobacco consumption.

The council says that in Australia, tobacco use is alarmingly high among Aboriginal people. Recent studies show almost half (49.8 per cent) of Indigenous adults smoke, compared with one in five of other Australians.

The council's Tobacco Resistance and Control team is working to integrate tobacco control and smoking cessation activities into the Aboriginal community-controlled health service model of primary healthcare. The team has a campaign that encourages people to pledge to either quit smoking or to help someone they know to quit. Details are at www.ahmrc.org.au/wntd-pledge.php

Team members are also distributing anti-smoking resources to Aboriginal community-controlled health services.

Education programs supported

EDUCATION received good support in the federal budget, with the Government allocating \$659 million to support Indigenous students over the next five years in programs aimed at increasing student and family engagement and attendance.

School Education Minister Peter Garrett said the funding included projects such as the Parental and Community Engagement Program and the Sporting Chance Program.

"This extra investment is about addressing the most difficult barrier to education that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students face – attending, and being engaged in, school," he said.

The Government announced \$9.8 billion funding for its National Plan for School Improvement

(derived from the Gonski Report), including specific loading for Indigenous students and support for school students in low socio-economic areas and regional and remote areas.

However, NSW is the only state to have signed up to the national plan so far.

"But before a child can benefit from a great school we must get them there and ensure they keep coming," Mr Garrett said.

"We know the schools that achieve the best results for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are those that make a commitment to work closely with parents, families and the broader community."

Mr Garrett said the Government would deliver a \$22 million funding boost to help more than 3000

Indigenous students complete their secondary education.

He announced \$10 million for the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) this year, to help support Indigenous students to attend boarding school, and a further \$12 million under the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program over the next four years.

Students

"This funding boost means that since 2008, Labor has delivered a total of \$32 million to the foundation, benefitting more than 2300 Indigenous students across the country," he said.

"As part of our agreement with the AIEF, every dollar the Commonwealth invests is matched by a dollar from corporate and

private support, meaning the organisation will benefit from a total of \$64 million as a result of our support.

"These scholarships are crucial in helping young Indigenous people complete Year 12 and ensuring they have an opportunity to secure a job and lead fulfilling lives.

"Education is the passport out of poverty for many young Indigenous people and this extra funding will help even more students reach their goals.

"It also has a ripple effect in communities. The more young people who finish school and get into university, the more role models there are for future generations of Indigenous youth."

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples said the

extra funding for the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program would help improve retention rates.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said Labor's investments were making a real difference for Indigenous people.

"This year we are meeting our first Closing the Gap target, with more Indigenous children having access to pre-school or kindergarten than ever before, and our target of halving the gap in mortality rates for Indigenous children under five by 2018 is also on track to be met," she said.

"The new funding announced will build on this good work, helping even more Indigenous kids gets every chance at a good education, a good job and a brighter future."

Opposition on attack

OPPOSITION spokesperson on Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion said the Gillard Government was financially incompetent, with 'shambolic budget mismanagement creating more uncertainty and more waste'. But he remained tight-lipped about Coalition policy detail.

"Labor announced they are spending \$12 million over four years for the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program, but failed to say that in last year's budget they cut \$22.8 million over four years from the same program," he said. "(Schools Education Minister Peter) Garrett says the restored funding is providing for 204 new scholarships but nothing about the 900 students who missed out because of the cuts from last year onwards.

"They are also spending \$10 million less on the Working on Country ranger programs.

"There is nothing new in this budget for Indigenous Australians, with Labor's business-as-usual approach, the same old bureaucratic strategies, red tape and waste, and not enough of the money hitting the ground.

"Most of the so-called new measures are just continuing funding for existing programs, many of which have had questionable success, and re-badging of programs such as abolishing CDEP and the Indigenous Employment Program from 1 July for the experimental Remote Jobs and Communities Program.

"How is it that with the Gillard Government's poor results in the Closing the Gap targets, with many going backwards, that their strategy has remained the same?

"Labor has no plan to turn around the dreadful Closing the Gap results."



Opposition spokesperson on Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion

Senator Scullion said Opposition Leader Tony Abbott's budget reply speech was about producing a stronger economy and it would be the Coalition's job, should they win office, to make sure Indigenous Australians benefitted from that.

He said Indigenous Australians would benefit from the abolition of the carbon tax, but did not say how.

"We will abolish the mining tax, which threatens the viability of mining companies that provide jobs and other benefits to Indigenous Australians," he said.

"We have undertaken to cut red tape – many Indigenous organisations complain to me about the red tape they have to deal with.

"The Coalition aims to keep interest rates low, make childcare more accessible and introduce a fair dinkum paid parental leave scheme – all of which will benefit Indigenous Australians also."

While Mr Abbott's budget reply made no specific mention of

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, he implied that a Coalition government would not support the increases to school funding that were announced by the Government. "We won't back a so-called national education system that some states don't support, especially as this Government has a history of spending more while schools' performance actually goes backwards," he said.

Mr Abbott said that, if necessary, a Coalition government would keep all the Budget cuts announced by Treasurer Wayne Swan, but not implement any of their spending measures, 'unless specified'.

A government run by the Coalition would reduce the public service, scrap Labor's green loans scheme, abolish the twice-yearly supplementary allowance to people on benefits and the low income superannuation contribution, Mr Abbott said.

It would keep the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Work harder to get plan, Govt urged

WHILE the \$777 million in the budget towards Indigenous health has been welcomed, there has been criticism regarding a lack of detail.

And groups have urged the Federal Government to work harder to get states and territories to sign up to the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan.

The National Partnership Agreement was agreed by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in 2008. It is set to expire on 30 June with, so far, only the Federal and Victorian governments agreeing to provide funds to ensure its continuation.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chair Justin Mohamed said it was critical that adequate funding was dedicated to support and grow Aboriginal community-controlled health services.

"The lack of clarity in the budget around how funding will flow to Aboriginal primary community-controlled health services is very concerning," he said.

"Aboriginal community-controlled health services need to be at the forefront of any comprehensive primary healthcare model.

"The Federal Government also needs to put greater effort into getting the states and territories to re-commit to the National Partnership Agreement. It is simply not okay to leave the fate of Aboriginal health hanging while everyone plays politics up to the 11th hour."

Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council CEO Selwyn Button echoed Mr Mohamed's comments, saying the budget did not go far enough in explaining the 'devil in the detail'.

"We are seeing investments into remote parts of the country, however this investment strategy must target priority areas with programs making the most gains and have the greatest

impact across large urban populations as well," he said.

"For over five years now, community-controlled health organisations have made major inroads into Indigenous health, and the focus on Medicare Locals in the budget, thinking they are going to make an impact in this area, is disappointing.

"If the Government is serious about closing the gap, then Aboriginal health services need the attention and support they deserve.

"Community-controlled health services are working; the facts are there for us to see, and this important area is where significant funding should be allocated. Indigenous health must have multi-partisan support to make a difference. The message from our people is clear – the Federal Government needs to work harder to bring the other states and territories on board with the National Partnership Agreement."

Focus

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) national director Gary Highland agreed that the focus must now shift to the states and territories to ensure the agreement is continued.

"It's a testament to the Government's priorities that support for the most disadvantaged Australians was quarantined from spending cuts in the budget," he said.

"For this, the Gillard Government deserves the gratitude of all Australians committed to equality and justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Mr Highland said ANTaR was asking its supporters to write to premiers and chief ministers urging them to join the Federal Government and sign up to a new Closing the Gap agreement.

People can send letters to state
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Most pleased with funding



THIS month's federal budget has been well received by peak Indigenous organisations with most saying that, in a time of austerity, they were pleased with the level of funding for programs and services.

Reconciliation Australia (RA), the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (Congress), Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda and the Lowitja Institute all praised the Budget for its commitment of \$1.6 billion to Indigenous health, education, welfare reform and other services.

The package includes \$777 million over three years to renew the National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap on Indigenous Health Outcomes, and \$15 million over three years for Congress, which was approved as a deductible gift recipient meaning donations are tax-deductible.

Funding for the Lowitja Institute is maintained at \$25 million over three years.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, on average, die between 11 and 17 years younger than the broader population. The funding for National Partnership will help close that gap," Mr Gooda said.

Congress co-chair Les Malezer said Indigenous people should take confidence from the commitment to continue existing levels of support.

"However, all governments must continue to look for ways reduce duplication of services and complexity of grant administration as these will continue to be obstacles for addressing disadvantage for our peoples," he said.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said that after years of underinvestment and neglect under the Howard Government, the Labor Government had made major investments to close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage, with more than \$5.2 billion in funding for employment, education, health services, community development and community safety.

"We have set out a clear pathway to close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage, and we're making the investments that are needed to get there," she said.

The budget included an extra \$12 million over two years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal services, but Congress co-chair Jody Broun said it did not deliver a clear commitment to justice reinvestment programs.

"Congress has called for justice targets as part of Closing the Gap and the increased funding for ALS will contribute towards those goals, but we will continue to call for justice reinvestment and



Treasurer Wayne Swan speaks after handing down the 2013 budget. AAP image

stronger commitments from states and territories," she said.

However, National Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Service program convener Antoinette Braybrook said her group was the only legal assistance program that didn't receive a funding increase in the budget.

"This is another decision that discriminates against Aboriginal communities. We are left asking Federal Attorney General Mark Dreyfus, where is the fair go for Aboriginal women?" she said.

"The budget announcement is a slap in the face to the FVPLS program and Aboriginal communities."

The Government committed \$1.3 million over two years to support the work of the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to establish a parliamentary and community consensus on referendum proposals.

And Indigenous arts also received a boost, with \$11.3 million over four years to Indigenous art centres and professional development for artists, including funding to develop a nationally accredited training package to enhance the

knowledge, flexibility and skills base of people in the industry.

The Government said it would provide an extra \$1.7 million over four years for arts training organisations as part of its Creative Australia policy, including the National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Development Association Dance College (NAISDA).

The Indigenous Languages Support Program received \$14 million over four years to support the maintenance, revival and development of traditional languages.

The Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children, which is tracking the long-term development of more than 1300 Indigenous children in 11 communities, received \$1.3 million over two years.

Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong said she was appreciative of the Government's continued support of the process of reconciliation.

"The \$14.4 million over the next four years is an enormous vote of confidence in the success and importance of our work and will allow us, with some certainty, to continue engaging the public on issues of reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the broader Australian community," she said.

But there was a \$141 million decrease in the Caring for Country program over four years, including a \$10 million cut to the Indigenous Rangers program.

The Australian Indigenous Communications Association (AICA) said the budget had overlooked the Indigenous community media sector, saying funding in Indigenous community radio fell by 21 per cent between 2007 and 2011.

AICA chair Tiga Bayles said the Government had missed an ideal opportunity to help Indigenous community media transition to a digital era and help develop local community cultural content for all Australians to enjoy via broadband and other new technologies.

"Thirty years ago, governments were presented with a report on Aboriginal people's broadcasting needs called 'Out of the Silent Land'. Judging by this budget, we're heading back there, and fast," he said.

"We need to have an equal but unique voice as First Nations people over the airwaves, on screens, across broadsheets, and down the broadband."

"We call on the next parliament to revitalise Indigenous media policy, including funding for a new and independent First Nations of Australia Media Foundation delivering less bureaucracy and more community control."

Budget facts

- \$777 million for a new National Partnership Agreement to improve health services for Indigenous people

- \$22 million to help young Indigenous people finish secondary school and go on to university, including a \$10 million boost to the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation

- \$24.5 million to continue the Cape York Welfare reform measures

- \$12 million to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal services, which assist people in the juvenile and criminal justice system and help Indigenous women to escape domestic violence

- \$44.1 million to help deliver services in about 340 remote Indigenous communities, including power, water and road maintenance;

- \$15 million to continue supporting the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples

- \$6.2 million to refurbish hostels that provide Indigenous people with safe and affordable temporary accommodation

- \$1.3 million to continue building support for the recognition of Indigenous people in the Constitution

- \$14.4 million over four years for Reconciliation Australia.

- \$25 million over five years for the Lowitja Institute

- \$16.5 million over four years to tackle trachoma in Indigenous communities

- \$659 million to extend the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act*

- \$11.9 million over four years for the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

- \$10 million over two years to continue the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program

- \$6 million to pay for Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program initiatives (including housing, water, sewerage and health programs) at Wutunugurra and Canteen Creek in the NT

- \$3.9 million over four years towards mosquito control activities (with a key focus in the Torres Strait)

Health cash welcomed

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and territory leaders through the ANTaR website at www.antar.org.au

Peak eye health organisation Vision 2020 Australia and Indigenous eye health expert Professor Hugh Taylor, from Melbourne University, welcomed the \$16.5 million allocation to tackle the blinding eye infection trachoma in Indigenous communities, but said more needs to be done to close the gap in vision.

Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said the new

funding would boost screening and treatment in the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia, which Vision Australia CEO Jennifer Gersbeck said was great news for Indigenous eye health.

"Australia is the only developed country in the world where trachoma is endemic and, despite falling rates in this country, it still affects 60 per cent of outback Indigenous communities," she said.

"But we must not forget that trachoma is only one condition which impacts the eye health of

Indigenous Australians.

"Blindness rates in Indigenous adults are six times higher, and vision impairment nearly three times higher, than that of the wider Australian adult community.

"What is worse, despite 94 per cent of vision loss among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people being preventable or treatable, some 35 per cent of adults have never had an eye exam."

Prof Taylor said in 2009 the Federal Government committed \$16 million over four years for trachoma

control and overall, the rate of trachoma in children has dropped from 14 per cent to nine.

He said the funding boost meant the World Health Organisation's goal of eliminating trachoma by 2020 was achievable.

The Lowitja Institute will receive \$25 million over five years, which CEO Lyn Brodie said meant it would be able to 'translate the findings of all current Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health projects into practical applications that actually make a difference'.

Dementia three times higher



THE rate of dementia among Aboriginal people is three times that of Australia's general population, a three-year study has found.

The preliminary results from the study into how Aboriginal Australians age were presented last week at the Alzheimer's Australia 15th national conference, held in Hobart.

Professor Tony Broe, a senior principal research fellow at NeuRA (Neuroscience Research Australia), conducted the 'Koori Growing Old Well Study: a census of all resident Aboriginal people aged 60 years and more' investigation across five NSW centres – Kempsey, Nambucca, Coffs Harbour, La Perouse and Campbelltown.

Most Aboriginal Australians live in urban or regional areas like these, with only about 30 per cent living in remote areas.

"The number of older Aboriginal Australians is increasing rapidly, and yet little is known about their health and dementia rates," Prof Broe said.

"A previous study in the Kimberley region of Western Australia found higher rates of dementia at younger ages, but research in the majority urban population has been lacking.

"Like remote communities, however, Aboriginal people in urban areas have a disproportionately high burden of many of the risk factors and



Members of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dementia Advisory Group, from left, Fred Tanner, Noela Baigrie, Mark Elliott and Jenny Hayes with Professor Tony Broe (centre) at the Alzheimer's Australia Conference in Hobart. Photo by Jilian Mundy

systemic diseases that have been linked to dementia in studies around the world.

"Improved understanding of this issue has important implications for ensuring access to appropriate services for Aboriginal people with dementia and their families and for future service development."

Alzheimer's Australia CEO Glenn Rees said the study demonstrated the need for increased research.

"This would help us provide

culturally appropriate services for Australia's Indigenous community," he said.

The study was conducted between 2009 and 2012, with final data collection in October last year. Analysis of the data is ongoing, but preliminary results suggest the prevalence of dementia over 60 years of age is more than 13 per cent in Aboriginal Australians.

"However when we adjust for the younger age of the Indigenous population, the rate is

21 per cent, or three times the general Australian rate of 6.8 per cent," Prof Broe said.

"These preliminary results from the Koori Growing Old Well Study confirm earlier studies on remote Aboriginal populations.

Causes

"Of the causes for dementia in Aboriginal Australians, Alzheimer's disease was the most common. Vascular dementia and dementia due to head trauma were also common, but alcohol-

related dementia was uncommon.

"The researchers believe that this higher rate of dementia could be associated with factors across the whole life course, from disadvantage in early childhood onwards, and including mid-late life systemic diseases. This will be addressed in forthcoming analyses.

Generally, more than 320,000 people have dementia in Australia. This number is projected to reach more than half a million by 2030. — AAP

Top-level support for justice reinvestment

By DARREN COYNE



THE crime-prevention policy that is shutting down jails in the US state of Texas as crime rates decline there appears to be gaining traction across Australia, from the grassroots to the highest levels of the legal system.

Justice reinvestment, first championed by former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma in his Social Justice Report in 2009, is about investing in communities to prevent crime, rather than spending on jails.

In Western Australia, which has the highest proportion of Aboriginal people in custody in Australia, the tide could be turning, with WA Corrective Services Minister Joe Francis recently announcing he was prepared to act on data identifying the local government areas from where the highest rates of prison admissions originated in the 2011-2012 period.

Current Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda congratulated the minister, saying the 'WA Government is effectively opening its mindset to the already tried and tested crime prevention strategy'.

"Adopting an approach that shifts money from the prison system to those communities with high crime rates in a bid to address the underlying causes of crime, such as drug and alcohol dependency, unemployment and



'Tragically, all around Australia Aboriginal people are grossly over-represented (in jails), so if we're looking at prevention rather than punishment then we need to invest in Aboriginal communities to reduce that over-representation.'

— WA Chief Justice Wayne Martin

poor educational opportunities, not only makes sound fiscal sense but makes logical sense," he said.

"And no group is possibly in greater need of a shift in criminal justice strategies than Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who continue to be incarcerated at alarmingly high rates in WA and right around the country."

WA Chief Justice Wayne Martin agreed.

Justice Martin told the *Koori Mail* that like Tom Calma and others, he had long been promoting a justice reinvestment approach.

"It's really a specific illustration of how an ounce of prevention can result in a pound of cure," he said.

"If you are looking at improving the safety of the community and reducing crime then you need to look at the causes of crime, and

you've got to look at where the criminals are coming from.

"Tragically, all around Australia Aboriginal people are grossly over-represented (in jails), so if we're looking at prevention rather than punishment then we need to invest in Aboriginal communities to reduce that over-representation.

"What is new here is that Joe Francis has expressed an interest whereas Christian Porter (the former minister) was quite dismissive."

Meanwhile, across the country, the Bourke Aboriginal Working Party has offered its town as a potential site to implement the campaign, and is developing an implementation plan to present to government.

Working Party spokesman Alistair

Ferguson told the *Koori Mail* after a community meeting last week that the Bourke community was keen to see justice reinvestment introduced.

He said it made no sense when young people were being kept in custody at a cost of \$500 a day, and then were required to live on an income about \$32 a day when they got out.

"They're going into these centres and coming home to the same environment, with no infrastructure, support or real services," Mr Ferguson said.

He said an analysis had shown that more than \$2.5 million were being spent each year on young people from the Bourke community who were in custody. "That money would be better spent in the community keeping them out of trouble," he said.

"There's a lot of goodwill from key government agencies and the non-government sector and it's about realigning those services to better meet the needs of the community."

There has been a similar call in Tasmania, with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's Trudy Maluga asking the government for funds to focus on justice reinvestment. In a letter to the *Koori Mail* (see page 23), she called on Education Minister Nick McKim to work closely with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre to come up with strategies and funds 'to keep our people out of (Hobart's) Risdon Prison'.

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Hostel's future in the balance

By RUDI MAXWELL



ABORIGINAL Hostels Limited (AHL) is looking at options for its George Wright Hostel in Melbourne, and is yet to make a decision on its future.

AHL general manager business development Jeff Svigos told the *Koori Mail* that since AHL had suspended operations at the hotel last August, it had been holding

community consultations and canvassing options. "There are workplace health and safety risks and low demand for the hostel – it wasn't high numbers – so we're doing a bit of a review of the hostel," he said. "We're in the process of talking to the community and Victoria Health, trying to gauge what the need is now."

"We haven't really got to a final decision, haven't had a lot of inquiries about staying there, but we're doing a lot of work behind the scenes, trying to work out what this

means to the broader community.

"It's a really hard decision to make, particularly with the name George Wright (who was an Aboriginal community leader in Fitzroy who died in 1977). We want to respect his legacy, so we've been trying to consult since early this year."

Mr Svigos said AHL was keen to hear from local residents.

"One of the things is that there was low demand for the hostel for a number of years, particularly from elderly gentlemen.

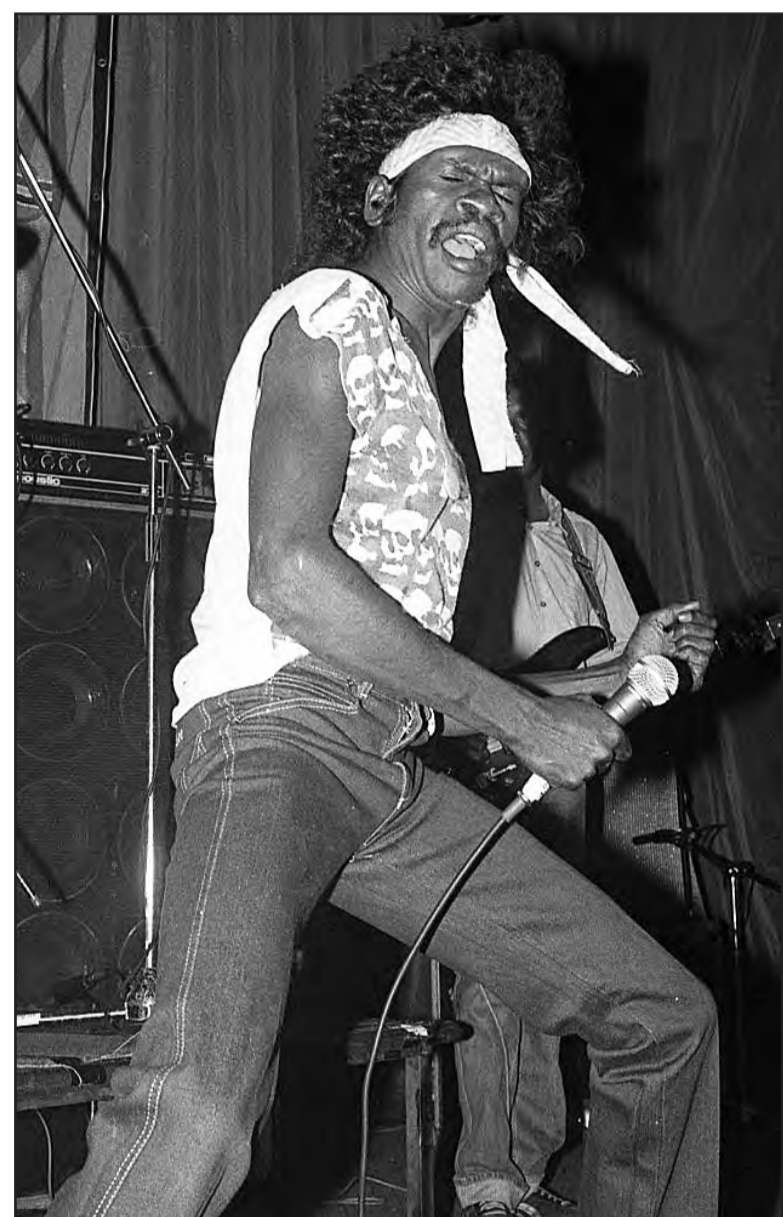
The district isn't really appropriate and the property is not fit for running a hostel," he said.

"We've looked at the value of the property, what it would cost to convert to residences, what that might mean in terms of operation, at occupational health and safety, what it would cost to bring it up to speed to make it a viable hostel."

"There's no way if you were planning a hostel today that you would open it in a terrace house in a residential street."

Still a big name

NT alcohol law move under fire



George Rrurambu, pictured above, was dubbed 'the black Mick Jagger' for his energetic performances and hailed a legend as the first to incorporate Aboriginal languages in rock and roll music. Six years after he passed away at the age of 51, the charismatic frontman of the pioneering Warumpi Band is the subject of a documentary film *Big Name No Blanket* by Indigenous director Steven McGregor. The film will have its world premiere at the Sydney Film Festival on 15 June and is one of 10 contenders for the \$10,000 Foxtel Australian Documentary Prize. Turn to page 46 for more on Indigenous films at this year's Sydney Festival.

Photo by Tony Mott used with permission



THE Northern Territory Government has come under fire for new laws that give police tougher powers to target

problem drinkers.

NT Minister for Business David Tollner said the new alcohol protection orders would build on the government's mandated treatment plan, which was tabled on 15 May.

People under such an order will not be allowed to have or consume alcohol or be at licensed premises other than for work or if they lived there.

Mr Tollner said an order could be issued to any person who was charged with an offence carrying a minimum penalty of six months' jail, where alcohol was a factor (including offences under the Traffic Act).

"These orders can be issued for three, six or 12 months – three months for the first offence, six months for a second offence and 12 months for a third or subsequent offence," he said.

"This provides NT Police with extra powers and a law enforcement tool to deal with

offenders of alcohol-related crime, to reduce the amount of crime and the consequent impact on victims."

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) chief executive Priscilla Collins described the orders as 'ineffective, a waste of money and potentially dangerous'.

"The government is asking us to believe that people with a serious grog problem are going to stop drinking overnight because of an alcohol protection order," she said.

'The Territory has a drinking problem and it needs a comprehensive medical and public health response, not a punitive criminal one'

"We know that is not going to work, and for people who have a serious addiction this is potentially very dangerous."

"The Territory has a drinking problem and it needs a comprehensive medical and public health response, not a punitive criminal one."

"The laws criminalise drinking by making it an offence to

breach an alcohol protection order.

"Minister Tollner has admitted that this will mean more people will be locked up and go to jail for drinking."

Ms Collins said the new laws would overwhelmingly affect Aboriginal people and lead to the more deaths in custody.

Meanwhile, at a rally in Alice Springs last week, the NT's peak alcohol action body, The Peoples Alcohol Action Coalition, attacked the new laws.

PAAC spokesman Dr John

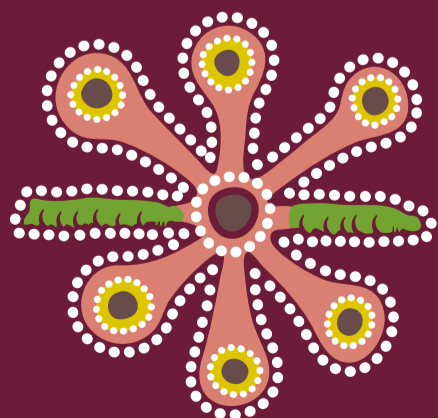
Boffa said that unlike the previous government's Banned Drinkers Register, the APOs would not stop people buying grog, but instead 'police will have to track them down if they commit an alcohol-related offence'.

Dr Boffa said the new laws would 'set-up grog-

addicted Territorians for failure and increase the Territory's already over-populated prison system'.

He said severely affected people were likely to end up in jail and not in treatment, despite election promises.

The new scheme is expected to take effect from August after it is endorsed by Parliament.



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Nominations open for Deadlys



NOMINATIONS are open for the 2013 Deadlys, the national Indigenous music, sport, arts and community awards. Executive producer Gavin Jones said organisers had planned a star-studded night of

entertainment for 10 September at the Sydney Opera House.

"We are preparing for a show that offers the highest standard of performance from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and one which puts achievement and outstanding contribution centre stage," he said.

"One of the most enjoyable aspects for me, as executive producer of the Deadlys, is the opportunity to showcase our unique Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture to the wider Australian public, and also to put forward our remarkable role models – the finalists and winners

in the award categories – on a national stage, and honour that achievement."

There are four categories in the non-voting award categories, the Deadlys Hall of Fame.

"So tell us who's Deadly in 2013 and let's celebrate their achievement and contribution on

the national stage," Mr Jones said.

Nominations close on 30 June and finalists will be announced on 19 July. There are 28 award categories across music, sport, the arts and the community, which are open to the public for voting.

Online nominations are open at www.deadlys.com.au

Good to meet you



Delighted Traditional Owner Uncle David Solomon greets Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke at the dedication ceremony for the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Indigenous Protected Area (IPA), stage two. The area now protected covers more than 700,000 hectares of land and sea in far north Queensland. See page 30 for our report and more images. Photo by Christine Howes

MPs back Giles' kids comments



NORTHERN Territory Country Liberal Party MPs have backed Chief Minister Adam

Giles' comments regarding adoption of Aboriginal children.

As the NT Government looks at redrafting the *Care and Protection of Children Act*, Mr Giles said Aboriginal children were being left with neglectful parents because of fears of creating a new Stolen Generation.

"There are situations in the NT where nobody has been prepared to support a permanent adoption of a child for fear of Stolen Generation," he said.

Mr Giles said parents must take responsibility for their children.

"If they won't, (we're) prepared to provide alternative solutions," he said. "If that means those kids are loved and cared for by other parents, then so be it."

Mr Giles later told ABC radio that it was not a matter of race, but of protecting children who are subject to abuse, neglect or unsuitable care.

"This is not talking about stolen generations; this is not talking about black kids or white kids," he said.

"This is talking about children who come in to contact with the child protection system.

"We ... want to ensure we have the right framework and the right settings put in place that address the concerns and the needs of the children."

But Barbara Shaw, from the Intervention Rollback Action Group, said taking more Aboriginal children from their parents was unnecessary.

She said Aboriginal children who were neglected were already taken away if need be, and many children might appear to



Adam Giles



Barbara Shaw

be neglected when they were not.

Ms Shaw said that instead of wanting more children to be removed, the Government should improve services for people in the bush.

In a fiery session in the NT Legislative Assembly last Wednesday, Opposition spokesperson on child protection Natasha Fyles condemned the Government for slashing funding to child protection, claiming the NT budget had cut \$9 million in real terms. The Government denied this.

Arnhem MP Larisa Lee fired straight back, saying the former Labor Government had 11 years

to try to address child protection.

"Safeguards were not in place to put a child into a culturally appropriate safe place – it was never there for these kids and that is a shame job," she said.

Former Labor child protection minister Kon Vatskalis said he was disappointed and alarmed by Mr Giles' comments regarding adoption.

Stuart MP Bess Price said child protection was everybody's business, 'especially ours as Aboriginal people because we live with this problem'.

"I have seen decent white people who wanted to adopt one of my granddaughters," she said.

"We would have said, 'Yes, we would love you to take her on board.' But, guess what? FACS (the Department of Family and Community Services) told us 'Oh no, you can't take her away. What about her culture?'"

"It turns out this is what our culture is doing to her. Do not tell us we should be mindful that she might lose her culture. Did they take any notice of us? No, and the same cycle has been repeated with her child."

Child Protection Minister Alison Anderson said that during reform of the Act, the Government would look at out-of-home care, kinship care and non-government organisations.

"I say to my own people in this journey to make sure that they direct their children to love children, and that they give and show those same children the love and respect that their parents showed them," she said.

"If they have a problem with drugs or alcoholism, that they go and talk to someone."

Ms Anderson said people who had children removed needed to ask for help with their problems. – with AAP

Tuberculosis claims Torres Strait woman



A TORRES Strait Islander woman has died from an apparent drug resistant strain of tuberculosis (TB), becoming the first Australian in several years to succumb to the disease.

Chief Health Officer in Queensland Jeanette Young confirmed the death of the 20-year-old on 25 April.

Dr Young says it is yet to be determined how she contracted the illness, but she frequently visited Papua New Guinea, which has one of the world's highest TB

rates. She says it is likely her particular infection became resistant to medication because she probably had a lapse in treatment rather than contracting a super strain from somebody else.

"That's the most likely scenario, but until we've done all our testing I'm hypothesising a bit," she said.

Dr Young said the woman's death was the first case in recent history of someone from Australia dying from TB.

"It's rare in Australia to contract TB in the first place and it's also then very rare to

die of complications due to TB," she said.

Additional tests were being carried out to confirm whether the woman had multi-resistant drug TB.

Fears have been raised that last year's closure to Papua New Guineans of TB clinics in the Torres Strait would lead to an outbreak of the disease in Queensland.

But Dr Young said at the time there was no threat of that happening as the Federal Government's AusAid program in PNG has reduced the risk of people with tuberculosis coming into Australia. – AAP

Rangers meeting at WA forum



INDIGENOUS rangers from Mexico are special guests at the inaugural International Ranger Forum at One Arm

Point, Western Australia, which began yesterday and finishes tomorrow.

The forum, hosted by the Kimberley Land Council (KLC), celebrates the role Indigenous land and sea rangers play in looking after country.

The three-day forum features skill development workshops including outback survival, traditional knowledge recording, first-aid courses and negotiation techniques.

The visitors are also taking part in tours of country, a ranger Olympics, quiz night and ranger band performances.

KLC chief executive Nolan Hunter said the network combined Indigenous knowledge of country with Western science to secure positive conservation and land management outcomes.

"Indigenous people the world over have played an instrumental role in managing and enhancing the natural living environment," he said.

"Today, our unique Kimberley Ranger Network is a leader in conserving natural biodiversity and



The Bardji Jawi Rangers, on whose country the International Ranger Forum is being held.

cultural heritage resources.

"The strength of this program lies in its cultural foundations as it draws on the wisdom of cultural

elders and combines this knowledge with modern techniques.

"The flow-on effects of the

Kimberley Ranger Network are creating change in our communities, starting at a grass roots level.

"The benefits are wide-reaching and our rangers are looking after their country, while getting qualifications and real jobs.

"They have become leaders in their communities while working to create sustainable economies."

Mr Hunter said the idea for a world indigenous network was born on the banks of Sunday Island between the KLC and Environment Minister Tony Burke at the West Kimberley National Heritage declaration, so it was only fitting to have the inaugural International Ranger Forum at the same location.

He said it would be great for Kimberley rangers to share their knowledge, experiences and ideas with the Comcaac, who live along the coast of Mexico.

"We want to share our knowledge and experience in looking after country and creating cultural economies with Indigenous people internationally," Mr Hunter said.

"Indigenous people the world over share the same challenges, which is why it is so important to create these partnerships so we can tackle them together and implement culturally appropriate solutions."

The KLC oversees 14 ranger groups that employ more than 100 rangers, Elders and senior leaders.

Support for threatened custody line

By RUDI MAXWELL



SUPPORT for the NSW-ACT Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS)

custody notification service (CNS) continues to grow, with prominent Indigenous leaders speaking out about the importance of the phone line and more than 28,000 people signing an online petition.

The CNS gives Aboriginal people arrested in NSW access to legal advice and a friendly ear. But as revealed in the *Koori Mail* on 24 April, the service has become the victim of a funding stand-off between the Federal and NSW governments, and will cease operation on 1 July.

NSW ALS chief executive Phil Naden said that while the ALS was pleased it had received a share of funding in last week's Federal Budget, it

was disappointing there had been no mention of the CNS, which he said cost \$500,000 to run annually, less than the cost of keeping two juveniles in detention.

"It's not only a preliminary legal advice line, it also helps identify risks posed by people in police custody at a vulnerable time," Mr Naden said.

'Across NSW and ACT we get more than 300 phone calls a week, 15,000 a year, so there's plenty of evidence-based material as to why we need this service on a daily basis'

"We ask 'Are they going okay?', which gives us and police peace of mind that they are not going to self-harm or become another statistic reflected in the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody."

Since the CNS's inception in 2007 there have been no Aboriginal deaths in police cells.

"Across NSW and ACT we get more than 300 phone calls a week, 15,000 a year, so there's plenty of evidence-based material as to why we need this service on a daily basis," Mr Naden said.

NSW Police spokesperson on Aboriginal issues Assistant Commissioner Geoff McKechnie was preparing an assessment of the CNS, which he was expected to release this week.

"We are currently talking to stakeholders to assess what it would mean operationally to police if the CNS did not exist," he said.

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Mundine looking to future

By RUDI MAXWELL



FORMER Labor Party national president Warren Mundine says that while he is not

prepared to join the Liberal Party Senate ticket, if the Coalition were to win government he would be happy to accept a senior position in Indigenous Affairs.

"I did it for Howard. I did it for Rudd. If a prime minister asks you to do something you take it seriously," he said.

"You're very reluctant not to help, especially in Indigenous Affairs, where there has to be bipartisan response to be successful. It's no secret that (Opposition Leader) Tony Abbott and I get on quite well, we're friends, and we've been having conversations about Indigenous affairs."

"I'm happy to be advising, helping along in policy areas, and then depending on what happens in September, we'll see. I enjoy working with him. We've built a very strong relationship."

Mr Mundine, a Bundjalung man, said he was motivated by what could be done to help Indigenous people.

"Politics make up what you are, but at the end of the day don't let that blind you to what can be achieved to benefit Indigenous people," he said.

"Not one side of politics, not one ideology, has all the answers, is always right."

"The really important thing is



Warren Mundine

what (former US president) Bill Clinton said when he was elected, 'It's the economy, stupid.' If we're going to really end the disparity between Indigenous people and other Australians we're going to have to make sure the economics work."

Mr Mundine said that despite having been snubbed by Prime Minister Julia Gillard for a Senate position when NSW senator Mark Arbib resigned, he remained, at heart, a Labor person.

"I was brought up with Labor values – my parents were very staunch Labor people – but I'm a very pragmatic person and I want to get clear outcomes for Indigenous people, and I will work with anyone to that end," he said.

Since resigning as GenerationOne chief, Mr Mundine said he was moving back to the private sector and looking at opportunities in the mining, energy, gas and construction industries.

Jeremy Donovan addresses 'inmates' before their night inside Yasmarr, a former juvenile detention centre in Sydney where they stayed to raise money for the Whitelion Bail Out. Photo by Roslyn Sharp



Bail Out giving hope

By RUDI MAXWELL



JEREMY Yongurra Donovan, a descendant of the Kuku-Yalanji and Gumbayngirr people of far north

Queensland and the mid north coast of NSW, sees himself as one of the lucky ones.

Having been through the juvenile justice system as a teenager, Mr Donovan turned his life around and believes young people who make mistakes need a second chance.

"When someone invests in our dreams it breaks the cycle and gives hope," he said.

"As a young person I made a few mistakes, then my grandfather invested in me and said, 'You make a choice, dream to achieve, or continue going down the path you're going.'"

"I worked hard and I chose to achieve and now a big part of my work is investing in our young people."

Mr Donovan, who is an internationally-renowned didgeridoo player, a healer and the 'brand ambassador' for GenerationOne, addressed business people who participated in the Whitelion Bail Out last Friday at the Yasmarr Facility, a former juvenile detention centre in Sydney.

Bail Out participants spend a night locked up and are 'bailed out' by the money they raise, which goes towards supporting at-risk youth.

"It's really an incredibly important topic for people to hear about," Mr Donovan said.

"Statistics show that 90 per cent of people who go through the juvenile justice system transition to the adult corrections system – what an intense, severe figure."

"We need to invest time and stand together to make a change, look at what's not working in juvenile reform and invest in positive areas like education and employment and in programs that do work, like Shane Phillips' Tribal Warrior (in Sydney)."

Mr Donovan said young people needed to be supported to succeed, rather than subject to harsh penalties.

"I want to redirect young people from courtrooms to classrooms; say 'Yes, you have fallen over, but this is your dream, so let's pick you up off the ground.'" he said.

"We have such a huge amount of our young people in juvenile corrections, it's a national problem that needs to be addressed."

"It shouldn't be a rite of passage for our boys. Going to prison does not make us men."

"To grow from a young teenage boy to a man you need to be free, and being in juvenile corrections limits your possibilities."

Former Olympic hurdler Kyle Vander-Kuyp is also an ambassador for Whitelion.

Bailout Out events will be held this Friday, 24 May, at Old Mount Gambier Gaol; Friday, 31 May, at the Old Melbourne Gaol, and on Friday, 16 August, at the Adelaide Gaol. For more information go to www.whitelionbailout.org.au

Family of men held in Saudi Arabia seek help

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE distressed family of two young Noongar men in legal trouble in Saudi Arabia have appealed to the

Australian Government for help. Shayden Jamil Thorne, 25, who holds dual Australian and Saudi citizenship, was remanded in Riyadh Prison 18 months ago on five charges, three of them related to terrorism.

His brother Junaid, 23, a university student, protested his brother's innocence, leading to his imprisonment for three months.

Junaid told his family police were keeping his passport, and he is frightened they want to re-arrest him.

Foreign Affairs Minister Bob

Carr said he had sought details from the Saudi police about why they were keeping Junaid's passport, whether he was wanted for questioning, and if so, why.

Junaid's mother Saleena said a meeting had been scheduled between Junaid's lawyer, a diplomat and a Saudi prince in a bid to have the passport returned.

Senator Carr said embassy staff had visited both brothers in prison, and had made 50 representations regarding Shayden's matter, which included addressing concerns about torture.

Saleena, who returned to live in Australia last year, is extremely worried about her sons. She had moved to Saudi Arabia when Shayden and Junaid were children.

She said she received a

weekly call from Shayden, and he seemed happy and encouraged by recent media interest in his case.

Lawyer Abdul Jalil Al-Khalidy said the charges against Shayden included not following the Islamic law of Saudi Arabia, not following the right Islamic scholar, trying to communicate with people who encourage fighting in other countries, trying to raise funds to support fighting outside Saudi Arabia, and having illegal information relating to fighting, on a computer he had used.

Mr Al-Khalidy claimed that Shayden had been tortured into confessing all five charges. Saudi courts require claims of forced confessions to be proven before they can be considered.

Saleena and the boys' aunt, Stephanie Riley, said they had also heard allegations of torture.

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Christine Hero and Patrick Mosby with their son Elijah.

Family devastated as son's assistance cut

By ALF WILSON



THE parents of a seven-year-old Townsville Indigenous boy with autism have been left shattered after their government assistance was cut.

But there may be a glimmer of hope after the local Federal MP said he would do what he could.

Torres Strait Islander Patrick Mosby and Aboriginal woman Christine Hero say funding assistance for their son Elijah Mosby was cut recently when he turned seven.

"Elijah has non-verbal autism and doesn't talk much except to say words

like thank you and he also has an obsession with climbing and ripping stuff up," Mr Mosby told the *Koori Mail*.

"We had some funding until he turned seven which was helpful. Now we get nothing. We would like that to change."

Ms Hero said she could not get a full-time job as she needed to care for Elijah.

"He is having speech therapy but it costs money and we have two other children," she said.

Mr Mosby and Ms Hero said it was vital that funding for children with autism be extended until at least the end of primary school years.

"From age five to then there can be early intervention and that is when

they develop," Ms Hero said.

"Elijah has a fantastic photographic memory and remembers relatives we visit in Charters Towers."

The *Koori Mail* contacted three Queensland Government departments on behalf of the family, and was advised last week that it appeared to be Federal Government funding which had been cut.

Federal Member for Herbert Ewen Jones, who is based in Townsville, was contacted and said he would be happy to try and assist the family.

"There may be something I can do and I would like to see the family and if they contact my office they will have an appointment as quickly as possible," he said.

Alice hosts this year's native title conference



HUNDREDS of people from around the country will be in Alice Springs from 3-5 June for the 14th National Native Title Conference.

Delegates representing Indigenous organisations, native title holders and claimants, Traditional Owners, community groups and representative bodies will join representatives from the Federal Court, National Native Title Tribunal, federal and state government agencies and the academic sector for what is Australia's largest Indigenous policy gathering.

The conference provides an opportunity for a range of native title stakeholders from across the country to discuss and highlight the future of native title practice, policy and law.

It includes keynotes and plenary speeches, dialogue forums, technical and topical workshops and Indigenous talking circles.

Highlights

One of this year's conference highlights is a plenary session focusing on 20 years of the role of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, featuring former social justice commissioners Mick Gooda, Tom Calma and Mick Dodson.

Justice Michael Barker, of the Federal Court, will also deliver a keynote address titled 'Innovation and Management of Native Title Claims: What have the Last 20 Years Taught Us?'

And the 2013 Mabo Lecture, the principal keynote address as part of the annual conference, will be given by land rights activist and award-winning Aboriginal writer Alexis Wright.

The cultural program includes performances by the Warumungu Men's Pujjalie Dancers (Tennant Creek), Warren H Williams, Alice Springs school children and members of the Black Arm Band.

The conference is convened by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and the Central Land Council (CLC).

For more details, or to register, go to www.aiatsis.gov.au

Target set on disabilities



INCREASING Aboriginal people's access to disability services will become a key

Federal Government target ahead of the introduction of the national disability care scheme.

First Peoples Disability Network executive officer Damien Griffis will lead a working group to develop the target, under the Closing the Gap program to address Indigenous disadvantage.

The working group will release its interim report outlining ways to do this by mid-July.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Federal

Government was determined to close the gap for Indigenous people with disabilities and said the target would help achieve this.

Mr Griffis said DisabilityCare, as the scheme is known, needed to be more Indigenous-friendly, given the concept of disability was barely acknowledged in many Aboriginal communities.

'Don't identify'

"Most Aboriginal people with disabilities don't identify as having a disability," he said.

"There wasn't a word in traditional languages for disability."

As a result, there was a reluctance among Indigenous

people with disabilities to ask for help and a lack of awareness about the support available.

First Peoples Disability Network will receive \$900,000 over three years to raise awareness about DisabilityCare in Indigenous communities.

In 2008, federal, state and territory governments agreed on six Closing the Gap targets aimed at tackling Indigenous disadvantage in life expectancy, health, education and employment.

Ms Macklin said talks about setting up a justice target to help reduce the high incarceration rate of Aboriginal people in Australian jails were ongoing. — AAP

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New online collaboration looking for digital input



THE National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) has launched an

online project looking for ideas and discussion about how young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians can thrive in the digital world.

NCIE chief executive Jason Glanville said they wanted to use digital technology to improve the wellbeing of Indigenous Australians.

"To uncover and magnify opportunities, we have launched a national online collaboration, inviting ideas and thoughts from anyone in the country," he said.

"We're on the lookout for the most connected and exciting minds to contribute their best ideas to support us in developing a sustainable and resilient digital strategy that will change the opportunity profile for a generation of Indigenous Australians."

To generate ideas, the Telstra Foundation and the NCIE will draw on insights from commissioned academic research, face-to-face consultations, and the online collaboration, culminating at the Indigenous Digital Excellence Summit on 27-28 June at the NCIE in Redfern.

The online collaboration, at www.Indigenousdigitalexcellence.org.au will run for six weeks



National Centre of Indigenous Excellence CEO Jason Glanville.

from 13 May to 28 June and include a new discussion topic each week, from what digital excellence means to the skills needed to thrive in the digital space. Ideas outside the weekly theme are also encouraged.

It's an opportunity to find inspiration, contemplate ideas, think about potential solutions and submit them to the collaboration, which will be facilitated by NCIE Indigenous teacher and social media commentator Luke Pearson.

Anyone who wishes can share ideas through social media including Facebook (/IndigenousDigitalExcellence), Twitter (@IndigenousDX), Instagram (@IndigenousDX) and Trello, all using hash tag #IndigenousDX.

Naden to be sentenced next month

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE families of former fugitive Malcolm Naden's two murder victims will have to wait another month before learning the self-confessed killer's fate.

After closing arguments from the Crown and Naden's defence team in the NSW Supreme Court in Sydney on 9 May, Judge Derek Price said he would sentence Naden on 14 June.

Crown Prosecutor Mark Tedeschi QC argued that the murders of Naden's cousin Lateesha Nolan and Kristy Scholes in Dubbo in 2005 fell into the worst possible category.

Naden dismembered Ms Nolan's body before burying her remains, which have never been found. Six months later, Naden strangled Ms Scholes at his grandparents' home and had sex with her body before fleeing for what would become seven years on the run.

The former shearer and abattoir worker pleaded guilty to both murders in April, as well as the attempted murder of a police



Malcolm Naden

officer who had been trying to apprehend him, the sexual assault of a minor in 2004, and a string of break and enter offences.

Family members of Ms Nolan and Ms Scholes have attended three pre-sentencing sessions over the past six weeks.

The court heard that Naden had suggested various reasons why he murdered Ms Nolan, including that she spoke to him about the alleged indecent assault and he was angry people were gossiping about him, and that he killed her to overcome depression.

Naden told one forensic psychiatrist that he committed both

murders to push himself out of his comfort zone and that it was the rest of society – not him – that was out of touch.

"We submit the offender was motivated by a most base and callous motive i.e. he saw the killings as a form of personal development and proving that he was capable of something that most people would not have been capable of performing," Mr Tedeschi told the court.

Mr Tedeschi said the only appropriate sentence for the murders was life imprisonment but Public Defender Richard Ierace SC said Naden's assistance of police since his arrest in March last year, including helping them try to locate Ms Nolan's remains, should earn him a reduced sentence.

"...Put bluntly, there's nothing else (Naden) could have done to assist police," Mr Ierace said.

The court heard psychiatric advice that Naden had suffered mental abuse and some disturbing incidents as a child, and that these had affected him.

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Summit seeks suicide answers



A NYOONGAH organisation in Perth is looking for answers to explain the high rate of suicide amongst Aboriginal people in Western Australia's southwest.

The Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation run by Robert Eggington says Aboriginal agencies need to drive strategies and preventative programs and that the State Government should be helping to make that happen.

The organisation was due to host a summit on the topic at the Clontarf site in Waterford yesterday, after this edition of the *Koori Mail* went to print.

"There are no strategies or preventative programs that are controlled by Aboriginal agencies in the south-west region," Mr Eggington said before the gathering. "This epidemic can only be deterred by our people and our will to survive."

Mr Eggington and his wife Selina, who run cultural and healing programs at Dumbartung, lost an adult son to suicide some years ago.

They said Nyoongah men, per head per population, are the highest incarcerated peoples on the planet.

"Our community is

experiencing in excess of weekly based suicides and many more attempts and a continuum of self-inflicted injury issues," Mr Eggington said.

"This experience is causing massive rupture of our community's spiritual heart and creating a traumatic burden of pain and suffering for many of our families and peoples."

"...Our children are dying as early as 11 years of age from this introduced genocide."

Dumbartung invited government departments and others responsible for the mental health services and wellbeing of Aboriginal people to attend the summit 'so our community can ask the hard questions regarding stopping this epidemic'.

"We believe that the government and the Coroner's office are hiding the true statistics and situations of suicide from the community's knowledge and awareness," Mr Eggington said.

It was not known at the time of printing who attended the summit.

● Contact Lifeline on 131 114 if you are in need of immediate assistance, or talk to your local Aboriginal medical service, your GP or someone you can trust.



At the leadership workshop, from left, participants Leigh-Ann Richards, Lorna Schmider-Woodcock, Walter Waia Tabuai, Dawn Archer, Eddie Turpin and Phil Rist.

Leadership course empowers people



LEADERSHIP development has proven popular with rainforest Aboriginal people. About 75 people from the 20 tribal

groups between Cooktown and Cairns making up the Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples' Alliance (RAPA) were at Lake Barrine last week to develop their leadership skills.

They completed the inaugural Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples' Leadership Development Workshop, and by all accounts it was a success.

The four-day workshop covered a range of leadership

areas for men, women and youth, and discussed issues surrounding effective governance and 'walking in two worlds'.

RAPA spokesperson Joann Schmider said the gathering offered a range of ways that people could 'act as agents for good change'.

Participant Lorna Schmider-Woodcock, a Mamu woman who lives and works in Canberra, praised the workshop.

"It's not only provided me with leadership skills, it's also given me cultural heritage skills as well," she said.

Guligulbarra Yidinji Buddabardoo man Walter Waia

Tabuai said the workshop had left him more enthusiastic.

"I would recommend it (the development course) to all young up-and-coming leaders and leaders to just reassess and re-evaluate joining the people and contact back to who we really are," he said.

Western (Sunset) Yalanji woman Dawn Archer said she believed the workshop would make a difference.

"I think it will make me a better person because I'm listening, learning to listen rather than do all the talking," she said.

Planning is now in hand to make the leadership workshop an annual event.



Want to screen Indigenous films as part of your NAIDOC celebrations?

A screening of Indigenous short films can be a great addition to NAIDOC week celebrations or other community events throughout the year.

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For more information visit Black Screen at nfsa.gov.au/blackscreen or talk to Andrea, the Black Screen Coordinator (blackscreen@nfsa.gov.au or phone 02 8202 0112) about how we can help you bring Indigenous films to your community.

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Muckaty protest in Tennant Creek



A COMMUNITY rally and concert will be held in Tennant Creek this Saturday to oppose the planned

radioactive waste dump at Muckaty in the Northern Territory. The date marks six years since the Northern Land Council voted to nominate an area of Muckaty, 120km north of Tennant Creek, to be assessed as the site for a national dump.

The nomination remains strongly contested by many Traditional Owners, who are actively challenging the plan in the Federal Court, as well as by people in the Barkly region.

"It has been a six-year struggle but our voice has still not been heard by the Government," Muckaty Traditional Owner Dianne Stokes said.

"We are trying our best to let everyone know that we are standing strong to fight for our spiritual ancestors and our land."

"Together we hold our future and we are standing strong to show the world that we will never back down."

"We have a strong heart forever to say no to the nuclear dump anywhere on Muckaty."

Beyond Nuclear Initiative coordinator Natalie Wasley said representatives from local communities, trade unions, national environment groups

and public health organisations would join the rally.

"We are committed to working together until the Muckaty proposal is dropped," she said.

A community rally has been held every year in Tennant Creek since 2007.

Saturday's event incorporates a concert with local performers including Sandridge Band (Borrooloola); Winanjikari All Stars (Tennant Creek); Kylie Sambo (Tennant Creek) and Perfect Cult (Borrooloola).

The rally will start outside the Northern Land Council office in Tennant Creek at noon and march to Civic Hall for the concert, which starts at 2pm.

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Lawyer to seek seat in Senate

By GEOFF VIVIAN



ABORIGINAL lawyer Ribnga Green, pictured above, will stand as an independent Senate candidate for South Australia at the next election, scheduled for 14 September. Mr Green told the *Koori Mail* he would take four main policy positions to the poll. They relate to:

- foreign ownership and control of agricultural lands;
- advocacy for the poor and marginalised;
- people's participation in the economy; and
- the refugee issue.

Mr Green describes himself as an underdog who knows what it is like to be poor. He says he has spent about half his life in South Australia, where he has three grown-up children.

"I believe it's important for Australians to not allow our food bowl to be run by foreign interests," he said.

"I do believe there's scope for foreign investment in Australia ... but I do believe we need to be careful. It's an area of concern that ought to be elevated to being (of) national interest.

"I'm also pitching my policies around my advocacy for the poor, the marginalised and the unlucky.

Challenges

"I know there are people who are struggling to make ends meet, and it's important for us to make sure that their struggles, their concerns and the challenges that they're facing are ... on the agenda of Federal Parliament.

"Being inclusive of all sections of Australian society is important in terms of where the economy is travelling.

"And with regard to refugees, I am not a supporter of sending people overseas, whether it be to islands offshore, Manus Island, Papua New Guinea, Christmas Island (or) Nauru.

"Australia has signed covenants and it has its responsibility in terms of how a nation should treat refugees."

Mr Green came to Adelaide to complete an arts degree in the 1970s. He completed his law degree in Brisbane and spent time in Canberra working for ATSI and then-Aboriginal Affairs Minister Robert Tickner.

He has also returned several times to his home town of Halls Creek in Western Australia's Kimberley region, where he helped set up Ringer Soak (Kundat Djaru) community, and later ran the local Kimberley Land Council office.

His Aboriginal family ties span three states and the Northern Territory. His mother is a Jaru woman still living in Halls Creek where his late father, a drover, settled.

The mother of his children, now in their 20s and 30s, is a Yankunyjatjara woman from South Australia.

He said the name Ribnga, which comes from his grandfather's people, the Gurinji, means river, creek or gully.



AIEF scholarship recipient Tanika Perry with South Sydney Rabbitohs NRL player Nathan Merritt.

Education plan to aid our kids

By DARREN COYNE



TANIKA PERRY has no plans to be the first Indigenous prime minister of Australia, but she reckons some of her fellow students could give the job a shot.

"I know a few out there who would definitely do a good job," she said, referring to others being helped with scholarship from the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF).

Growing up in Forster, NSW, she told the *Koori Mail* that a scholarship from the AIEF had 'changed my life dramatically'.

It allowed her to finish her final two years of schooling at the prestigious Kincoppal-Rose Bay boarding school in Sydney, and included a focus on extra-curricula activities including leadership training and sport.

Ms Perry is now in her second year working for the National Rugby League, assisting with the culture and diversity program.

"I come from a very close family so it was very difficult to leave home to take up the scholarship, but I always knew in the back of my mind that it was the best thing for me to do," she said.

Tanika spoke with the *Koori Mail* as the AIEF launched a new plan to raise \$100 million to help 7000 Indigenous students get a quality education at some of the country's leading schools.

AIEF chief executive Andrew Penfold said the program was Australia's most proven solution to reducing disadvantage for Indigenous students.

"We're a very results-driven organisation and when you match that with the corporate sector's appetite for proven, evidence-based programs, it is a success," he said.

"We work with outstanding schools which have hundreds of years of experience



Australian Indigenous Education Foundation CEO Andrew Penfold

educating students and our retention and Year 12 completion rate is 90 per cent, which is almost 40 per cent above the national average.

"The boarding school model is really good. Attendance is good ... students are getting three healthy meals and a good and safe place to sleep.

"They have after-school activities and sports, structured homework, and tutors and resources to help them along."

Mr Penfold said the foundation was seen as a popular pathway for many Indigenous students wanting a change to better their opportunities.

"We've got thousands of families asking that their kids go to these schools, and they represent a fairly diverse range of people," he said.

"About a third are from urban areas, a third from the regions, and the other third

come from remote and very remote places."

When launching the new plan to educate 7000 students, the AIEF highlighted research that found two-thirds of Australians believe they would never see an Indigenous prime minister in their life time.

"We're disturbed but unfortunately not surprised at the results of our research," Mr Penfold said.

"We know that Indigenous education inequality is the number-one barrier preventing Australia from having an Indigenous prime minister.

"But with the continued support for our proven, scalable and cost-effective business model, we strongly believe that there can be an Indigenous prime minister in our lifetime."

AIEF director and Indigenous leader Warren Mundine is another supporter of the push, although he admits it can be a 'big ask' to move students from their hometowns to boarding schools.

"But if we're going to put them in an environment where success is seen as normal, if you're going to claw your way to the top, to the prime ministership or up the corporate ladder, then you need to step outside your boundaries and have a go," he said.

In support of the push to raise \$100 million, Archibald Art Prize finalist Mathew Lynn, working with The Glue Society, has painted a future-gazing portrait of Australia's first Indigenous prime minister.

"Mathew's painting, which he kindly did to support the campaign, is a great visualisation of AIEF's ultimate goal - to help support the education of Australia's first Indigenous prime minister," Mr Penfold said.

"After the campaign is completed we hope to see it hung in a prominent position in Parliament House."

Anyone wanting to support the AIEF should visit www.AIEF.com.au

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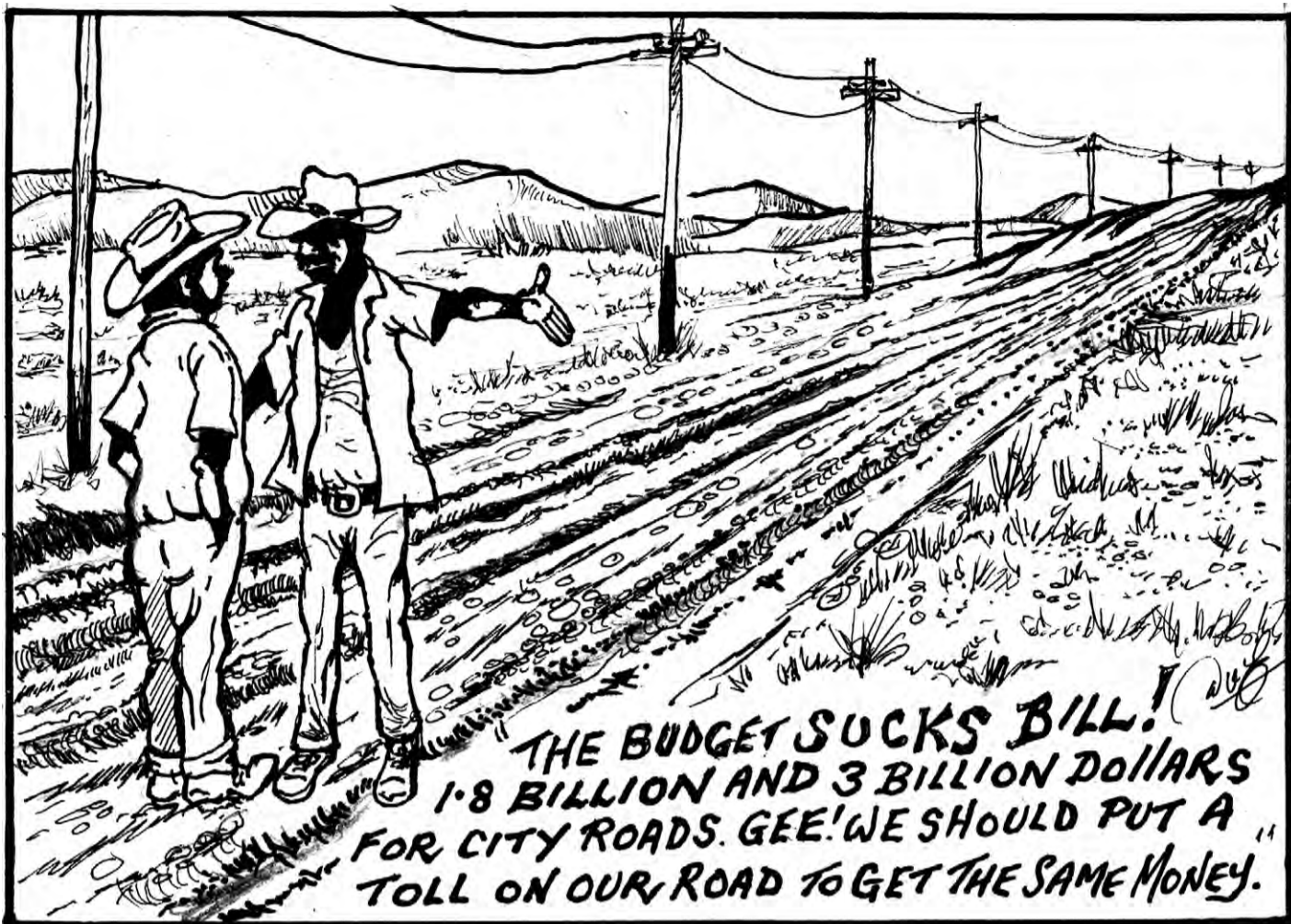
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Favourite bush tucker?

Anything that swims or runs. And I like cobra, which is a wood grub.

Favourite other food?

Minced kangaroo.

Favourite drink?

Coke, and a light beer on Friday evenings watching football.

Favourite music?

I like all sorts. I really enjoy country singer Allan Jackson.

Favourite sport/leisure.

Rugby League. I'm a Parramatta Eels supporter. I also enjoy soccer and golf – anything really, as long as it's a good competition.

Favourite holiday destination.

I love the Macleay River, which is on my country in NSW, or anywhere in the bush.

What are you reading?

Meeting papers, and cowboy comics when I can.

What are you watching?

I'm enjoying *MKR (My Kitchen Rules)*, also *The Voice* and classic Westerns.

What do you like in life?

My wife Natalie and my kids.

What do you dislike?

Negative people.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?

Any Elders from my country.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

If I could, I would open the eyes of the wider community to the issues that most affect Aboriginal people.

Quote



'Going to prison does not make us men'

– *GenerationOne brand ambassador Jeremy Donovan speaking at a Whitelion Bail Out event*

● See page 12

Unquote

Time to invest in communities

When former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma first proposed putting money into communities rather than building jails in his 2009 Social Justice Report, the idea made sense but appeared somewhat unattainable. That's because generations of politicians from both sides of the spectrum had become entrenched in a 'tough on crime' approach to policy formation. Put simply, the tougher you appeared, the more kudos they thought were to be gained at the ballot box.

But like many political strategies, that tough on crime approach has never been fully thought out. Of course, if someone breaks the law they must be punished. But there should also be an honest investigation into the primary causes of their crime.

It comes as no surprise that research has shown that many offenders come from areas which are both socially and economically disadvantaged, and this is especially so for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

But instead of tackling those long-standing issues, with thoughtful and systematic approaches, all states and territories must stand condemned for their failure to reverse the unacceptably high rates of incarceration of Indigenous people.

It is heartening therefore to see that those small seeds sown by Dr Calma back in 2009 appear to be finally taking root. In Western Australia, the Government appears to be taking the justice reinvestment idea more seriously,



thanks in no small part to people such as Wayne Martin.

As Chief Justice of the WA Supreme Court, Justice Martin is well placed to offer an opinion on the state of affairs when it comes to the incarceration of Aboriginal people. And put simply, he thinks the situation is horrendous and is quite rightly showing his support for justice reinvestment by saying that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of punishment.

The same message is coming from grassroots campaigners, like those in Bourke who are sick of seeing their young people ending up in juvenile institutions, and eventually jails. The people of Bourke, New South Wales, as well as their counterparts in Tasmania, are calling on their governments to at least give justice reinvestment a try.

And what have those governments got to lose? Nothing. In fact, as all advocates argue, it is much more expensive to lock someone up (around \$500 a day), than to invest money in decent services and community infrastructure. It really is a no-brainer, and it is positive that governments appear to be actually sitting up and finally taking notice.

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An activist with an artistic bent

By DARREN COYNE

RICHARD BELL reckons his art was an accident waiting to happen. For years growing up in Charleville, Queensland, the Kamilaroi man didn't have much of an interest in the art world.

"A lot of my friends who are artists wanted to be artists from an early age but I was never one of those," he told the Koori Mail.

"I was a black bogun playing rugby league and union before I discovered this magical thing called art a little later in life."

In fact, it wasn't until his 30s that Bell moved to Brisbane after knocking around south-western Queensland for years, and started to think of art as a potential career.

"I got into art by accident. A lot of things conspired to turn me towards art and I'm pretty happy that they did," he said.

That happiness reached a peak last week when Bell was announced as one of the winners of an Australia Council Fellowship worth \$100,000.

The *Koori Mail* spoke with Bell the day before the presentation, which he was unable to attend because he was leaving for Canada for a major exhibition, *Sakahàn: International Indigenous Art*, at the National Gallery of Canada.

"It's good to get these things but I don't often apply. In fact, until recently I didn't think I was ready," he said.

Now aged 59, and having won major art awards including the National Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, he is a nationally recognised artist represented in major collections in Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

He was a founding member of the Campfire group, as well as a founding member of proppaNOW, the Brisbane-based Aboriginal artists collective that also includes Tony Albert, Vernon Ah Kee and Gordon Hookey.

He has described himself in the past as 'an activist masquerading as an artist' with his political influences coming from the black power movement and people such as the late Isabel Coe and Gary Foley.

And as an activist, Bell doesn't mind getting up people's noses, and causing controversies, as well as wearing a t-shirt while receiving his Telstra prize which proclaimed 'white girls can't hump', and his current favourites are not fit to be printed in a family newspaper.

He likes to challenge people's notions of right and wrong, and did so particularly in the lead up to the 1988 bi-centenary of white Australian settlement. During that time he focussed on 'challenging non-Indigenous artists who appropriated Indigenous imagery in their work' and the perceived notions of traditional and modern Indigenous art. As well, his work addresses contemporary issues such as religion, art and politics.

Always a stirrer, the father of six children sees his job as an artist to provoke thought and test people's resolve on issues such as racism.

"Racism is a big problem here in Australia but just getting people to recognise that racism exists can be difficult," he said.

"There was that incident when Harry



Richard Bell was born in the Queensland town of Charleville and is a member of the Kamilaroi, Kooma, Jiman and Gurang Gurang communities. A previous winner of the National Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Bell is a nationally recognised artist represented in major collections in Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Connick Junior got upset about some people doing blackface. He was trying to assert that white people in black faces is racist but the consensus was that it was not. It would seem then that Australia is at odds with the rest of the world and I'm interested in why that is," he said.

Apart from his painting, that interest in exploring social issues has led him to filmmaking in recent times, and he plans to use his fellowship money to further some film projects he is working on.

"I love painting but I really love filmmaking and I'm learning it on the job," he said.

"It's a great way to communicate with people and it grows, because the moving image is so powerful ... but it's also very expensive which is one of the reasons I applied for the fellowship."

His current project, a film exploring racist attitudes called *The Dinner Party*, examines the attitudes that turns 'generation after generation of innocent children into racists'.

"I'm interested in how that happens and the film looks at two incidents ... a backyard barbecue with blackfellas and a dinner party in a mansion with white people talking about blackfellas."

"I play a black artist in the film, which is set in the future when Australia has progressed to be the People's Republic of Australia, where Aboriginal people actually have a say about things."

"In that sense the film is optimistic

because you can't just have a one-side discussion about blame. The film also has comedic elements to it which make some of these difficult issues easier to stomach.

"And often it's taking the piss out of myself, which doesn't hurt."

Looking back, Bell listed the highlights of his career as the Telstra award, along with the numerous overseas exhibitions he has been involved in.

"Plus I host a television program on NITV about arts which I really enjoy."

"Art has definitely given me many opportunities that I never thought I would have."

And for those following in his wake, Bell has some advice for young artists. Be prepared to work hard!

"I advise them to think very carefully about a career in art because it's really hard like every other field of endeavor," he said.

"There's a lot of competition out there, just like for kids playing football. You've got to be really good at what you want to do and get a lot practice."

"I didn't go to art school but my modus operandi was to find people who I thought knew something that I wanted to learn about art and I'd wind them up."

"After a couple of free drinks they'd blurt it out."

Reflecting back, Bell said art had enabled him to take part in important national conversations.

"I got into art because it allowed me to

comment on political issues without getting arrested," he said.

"I like talking to people and reading up on things and I've found out that artists have been involved in almost every revolution that's occurred."

"Looking back the hardest thing was actually making the decision to be an artist in the first place, and keeping going was the next big thing."

For now though, he can rest on his laurels, enjoy not having to 'sell paintings for a while', and concentrate on some major exhibitions he will hold over the next 18 months.

As well as his filmmaking, Bell said he plans to work on a number of events over the next 18 months including a survey exhibition at the Monash Museum of Art, Melbourne and a solo exhibition at Artspace in Sydney. He will also have a new work included in the Moscow Biennial.

When presenting the fellowships, Australia Council Chair Rupert Myer said the highly sought after fellowships had attracted a total of 255 applications.

"These grants provide artists with the valuable time and financial security to focus on their work and in turn drive innovation and dynamic growth in our arts," Mr Myer said. "The Australia Council is deeply committed to supporting the development and the celebration of Australia's creative talent, offering training opportunities and career pathways in the arts."

Bellies help spread word



A PROJECT has used casts of the bellies of pregnant women among other things to spread the word on better health.

Now, following months of workshops around the NSW central west, the 'Spread the Word' program, which promotes healthy lifestyles and raises awareness of chronic disease to Aboriginal communities in the NSW Central West, will have special events at Peak Hill and Forbes in coming days. An event was scheduled for Bathurst yesterday.

'Spread the Word' was

organised by the Aboriginal Health Management Team, the Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Strategy (AMIHS) and Western NSW Local Health District.

From October last year, Arts OutWest employed health promotions officer Anna Evans and held a range of workshops in ten targetted towns using artforms including bellycasting, graphic design, film and music as well as direct involvement from health professionals to help educate people about chronic disease and encourage healthy lifestyles.

Local artist Irene

Ridgeway led bellycasting sessions which were attended by health workers who discussed issues with the participants while they worked.

The women took home a completed cast designed to remind them of their bond with their child but also the health messages learnt while making the piece.

The remaining showcase events will be held at Peak Hill's Ninda Gallery this Friday and Saturday (24-25 May) and the Platypus Gallery in Forbes on 31 May and 1 June.

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A participant checks out the result of her bellycasting workshop.

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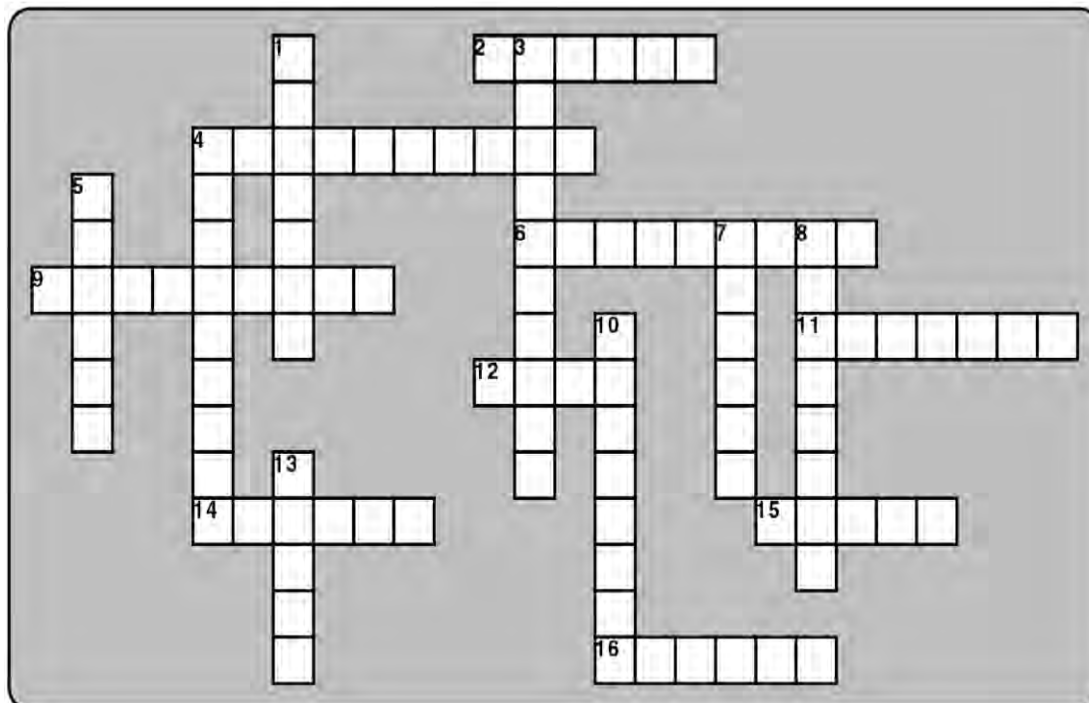
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16. This world war started in 1939.

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1. A thousand thousands.
3. Place of tertiary



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4. Nickname of AFL club North Melbourne.

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Origin and a truly fair go

Reinvesting in proper justice

I WAS thinking the other night about the old NSW versus Queensland rugby league State of Origin selection debate that has been going on in the Aboriginal community for years.

Firstly, let me say that I am a NSW supporter through and through. I love the Blues and will continue to support them till I one day turn blue.

While I agree that Aboriginal players get more of a fair go in being selected for Queensland, I'm not sure that I agree with Aboriginal players wanting to head up there to play for that reason. I hear all the time that up in Queensland 'blackfullas get a fair go; why wouldn't we wanna play up there?' and again I see where this argument comes from and I respect it.

But I don't agree with it. I ask what does this argument say about the efforts of trailblazers like Chicka Ferguson, Ricky Walford, Cliffy Lions, Ken McGuinness, John Simon and Timana Tahu, to name a few? These were some of the best players in the game, who were selected against the odds.

I know where the argument for playing for Queensland comes from. And I still think one of the game's greatest injustices was that Nathan Blacklock missed out on his chance to carve Queensland to bits. Macca, my brother, you are one of the best wingers to ever play the game. At the top level you were a try-scoring



Letter-writer Rob Waters thinks Nathan Merritt, pictured, deserves a place in the NSW Blues Origin side this year.

phenomenon, whose feats have been matched only by another Koori lad, Nathan Merritt.

Now if NSW don't pick Merritt this year, I hope the same thing happens to them as what happened in game three of 2001 when NSW selectors claimed that leaving Macca out was necessary due to his small size and possible deficiencies in defence. They made this argument because he would have had to mark against bigger wingers such as Wendell Sailor or Lote Tuqiri. History tells us that NSW had their arses handed to them that night by the way of a 40-14 flogging.

I also think of where we would be in this country as

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples if we only went with where 'they' gave 'us' a fair go.

Would Uncle Charlie Perkins have chosen to stay in Sydney and not go on the Freedom Rides because of the fair go he got in Sydney?

Would the Four Uncles (Tent Embassy founders) – Michael Anderson, Billy Craigie, Tony Coorey and Bertie Williams – have chosen not to start a movement that still stands in the face of injustice today because they wanted to stay around with the ones that 'gave us' a go?

What about other people in this country like Pemulwuy, Mum Shirl, Vincent Lingiari, Elsa Dixon, Gary Foley, and

Chicka Dixon? And I don't want to imagine where I would be without the efforts of my own beloved grandparents?

These inspiring men and women of our communities didn't just wait for someone to 'give them a go'. They saw their rights and they stood up and took them.

"Queensland gives us a go," they say. How soon we forget that up until the 1970s in Queensland it was still common practice to exclude Aboriginal children from public schools if white parents objected to having so-called 'natives' in classes. This was the 1970s, not the 1870s! I was born in the 1970s!

I reckon as far as fair goes are concerned, footy fields are one thing, real life is another.

Now I am going to continue to support the Blues and support our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players, whoever they play for.

Once upon a time we weren't even allowed to play the game, then someone stood up and said we are here and we will not go away.

Lastly I want to say good luck to Nathan Merritt this year. Whatever happens, you keep your head held high my brother, as you are a young man with integrity.

Who knows, hey, maybe one day it won't be a question of being given a fair go or being black or white. Maybe it will just be Blue or Maroon.

Go the Mighty Blues.

ROB WATERS
By email

TRUDY MALUGA
State Secretary
Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre

Permaculture is a system that works

THERE is no such thing as 'unemployment' in a society based on permaculture – everyone, regardless of age, ability, ethnicity and so on can be assigned a job.

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I wrote a little ditty about it: 'Society imploding, ecology collapsing – everyone looking for a Saviour And here he comes, right on cue – this time he's called Permaculture'.

MAUREEN BRANNAN
Cloyna, Qld

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– EDITOR

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ARRON RICHARDSON
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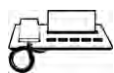
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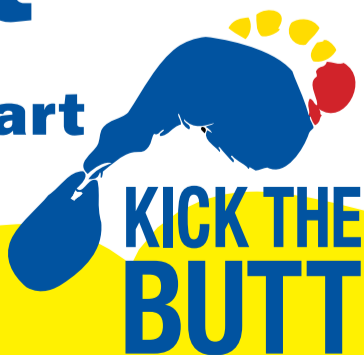
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Tribute

Worimi Elder was held in high regard

PATRICIA DAVIS-HURST was an Aboriginal cultural teacher, journalist, historian, author and publisher. A respected Worimi (NSW) Elder, she spent her life working for reconciliation and to help the cause of her people.

Patricia was born in a humpy put together by her father and uncle, on Sunrise Station, later known as the Purfleet Mission, near Taree.

She was raised in a large family, which included two of her cousins. Patricia's mother was one of the Stolen Generations but rather than give in to her situation, she became the first Aboriginal activist in the Taree area.

Although Patricia attended the Mission School at Sunrise Station, the limited lessons offered barely covered basic literacy. It wasn't until her parents moved to Newcastle in 1944 that Patricia and her sister had the benefit of a more comprehensive education at Waratah High School.

After two years her parents moved back to Sunrise Station but the benefits of those two years of education were to stay with Patricia. She always stressed the importance of education to effect social change and improve living standards.

In 1975 Patricia was employed by the NSW Department of Health as an Aboriginal health worker at the Purfleet Baby Health Clinic. It was during her time working with the Health Department that she saw a need for a comprehensive Aboriginal health service to support the needs of the local Aboriginal community.

She was instrumental in founding the Gillawarra Aboriginal Medical Centre in 1980 and ran the centre with the aid of Dr John Vaughan for the next three years. She operated the centre ten hours a day, five days a week and was on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In 1983 Patricia moved to the Taree Community Health Centre. She was immediately concerned that the local Aboriginal people would not come to a white-oriented health centre and established a mobile health service to better care for the health of the local Aboriginal community.

The following year she began to work from home so that she could nurse her daughter who later died from cancer, aged 17. In 1985 Pat received her first honour, the Telcom Silent Achievers Medal.

Over her 55-year working life, only 16 years were in paid employment, the rest having been in a voluntary capacity and at her and her husband Ray's expense. She held many voluntary positions including director of the Redfern Aboriginal Legal Service, president of the Purfleet Ladies Auxiliary, board member of the Housing Commission of NSW and the team manager of the undefeated South Taree Aboriginal Football Club.

In 1986 she became a Justice of the Peace. From 1983 to 1990 Patricia was the founder and president of the Wonnai Aboriginal Corporation, a group set up to

work with disadvantaged Aboriginal kids.

Patricia was appointed a Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1993 for services to the Aboriginal community of the Manning Valley.

In 1996 Patricia was a leading voice in the promotion of the need for a purpose-built preschool for the children of the Purfleet area. The new Girrawong Preschool was opened in 2002 on the site of the original Purfleet houses, where Patricia was born.

She was Chair of the Gillawarra Aboriginal Corporation and served on many other regional advisory bodies. Patricia was regularly called upon to represent the Aboriginal people in the media.

In 1996 Patricia published her first book, *Sunrise Station*, a history of the local Taree Aboriginal community from the early 1900s through to 1996. Much of the book was based on Patricia's own experience but also included her research and stories from Elders in the district.

In addition to her health and community work, Patricia had six children and adopted

two sisters from the age of 12 months. She had many grandchildren. Patricia's interest in the care and wellbeing of children was broad and included the organisation of a mass baptism of fifty local children in 1998.

Patricia was president and native title claimant of the Saltwater Tribal Council. She had long strived for recognition of traditional Aboriginal rights including her involvement in the claim for formal recognition of traditional fishing and camping rights at the Saltwater Reserve near

Wallabi Point.

In 2001, the Taree City Council refused to fly the Aboriginal flag at the council chambers on a daily basis. Patricia and others organised a protest march, attracting national attention.

In 2003, Patricia was named an honorary doctor of letters by the University of Newcastle. In 2005 the honours kept coming, with Patricia named Australian of the Year NSW Local Hero.

A year later she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) – the second highest appointment in the Order of Australia.

Patricia also appeared in many books including the *Australian Roll of Honour 1975-1995* and the *Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia* and *After 200 Years*, and many more. She had several entries in the prestigious publication *Who's Who*.

Her book *Sunrise Station revisited* was among items presented to US President Barack Obama. The book is now on exhibition in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC.

And just a few weeks before her passing, Patricia became the first Aboriginal woman to be featured on the Yellow/White pages phone book of the Manning Valley region.

She was very proud of the photo and when she thought about it she said, "Some will frame the photo and some will use it as a dart board."

Patricia was regularly called upon to represent Aboriginal people in the media.

First class all the way

IN the 8 May edition of the *Koori Mail*, contributor Chris Lawrence stated, "As an Aboriginal person I often wake up feeling like a second-class citizen."

That may be true for him, but for many other Aboriginal-identifying Australians, they feel like first-class citizens, even if others don't see them as first class.

Feelings of second class and low self-worth have nothing to do with constitutional wording. To base one's sense of self-worth on inclusion or exclusion in a constitution document, the opinion of others, etc, is extremely disempowering.

Let's stop disempowering the disempowered by telling them that their reason for feeling good about themselves lies in constitutional change.

Constitutional change is fine, but let's not make it a prerequisite for self-worth, health and so on.

Opinion

Recognition and health



CHRIS LAWRENCE

AS an Aboriginal person I often wake up feeling like a second-class citizen. And if you start the day with that mindset, it can affect your own self-worth and the choices you make on a daily basis.

Part of this feeling stems from the fundamental legal right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be officially recognised in the Australian Constitution.

The stark life-expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-Indigenous Australians remains. So constitutional recognition requires a referendum. Until it happens – and is passed – health equity between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-Indigenous Australians will lack the foundation it requires to be addressed.

A healthy Australian is a proud Australian. Recognition can make all Australians more proud.

Chris Lawrence is a researcher at The George Institute for Global Health and Sydney University, and has worked with the Coopers (Northern Territory), Redfern (NSW) and Debari Yirngan.

(Western Australia) Aboriginal Medical Services. Mr Lawrence conducts research among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to improve their health and find long-term practical ways using good nutrition, a balanced diet and regular exercise to reduce the onset of type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

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The opinion piece by researcher Chris Lawrence that appeared in the 8 May edition of the *Koori Mail*.

Many Aboriginal people do feel good about themselves without a mention in the Constitution.

They have come to realise that feeling good about oneself comes from accepting oneself,

and focusing on treating others well.

They see others as they see themselves.

ANTHONY DILLON
Strathfield, NSW

Searching for family members

I am descended from Jane Eliza King, a Wathaurong woman who came to Redfern about 1880 and married Sidney Cornwell.

They had seven children all born around the Redfern area – Rose, Emma, Florence, Hilda, Millie, Irene and Robert.

My nan, Irene, was adopted into a kinship

arrangement with Charles Cornwell and Jane Adler.

I'd love to meet family. Please contact me by the email address below.

JANINE CRIBB
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Tribute paid to Anangu Elder

SOUTH Australian Premier Jay Weatherill has paid tribute to Mr Punch Kawaki Thompson, a respected Anangu Elder and pioneer in the fight for land rights who passed away this month.

"Many people will remember Punch Kawaki Thompson as the man from Black Hill famously pictured with former SA Premier David Tonkin signing the document that returned land to the traditional owners," Mr Weatherill said.

"The event represented the culmination of many years of advocacy by Mr Thompson, who was at the time chairman of the Pitjantjatjara Lands Council."

Mr Thompson was a strong

advocate for the health of Anangu and a key player in the development of the project 'Uwankara Palyanku Kanyintjaku' or 'stop people getting sick'.

As an artist, he created posters for the Nganampa Health Council to encourage Anangu to eat healthy traditional foods, and he also wrote books in language for schools. He was passionate about ensuring young people learnt about their culture.

SA Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Ian Hunter said South Australia had lost a great Aboriginal leader.

"Mr Punch Kawaki Thompson will be remembered for his effort over many years to

overcome adversity to improve outcomes for his people," he said.

"His true legacy lies in the landmark decision – driven by the passion of the late Premier Don Dunstan – to hand back Aboriginal lands to the traditional owners.

"It was the first agreement of its kind in Australia and one of the most significant pieces of legislation ever passed.

"Mr Thompson was a pioneer and a leader; he cared deeply for his country and his people.

"My heartfelt condolences go to his wife Carlene, his daughters, his many grandchildren and to all Anangu on their loss."

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Rockhole proud of its songs

By RUDI MAXWELL

*Gambling, smoking, fighting, drinking
Think about your family, what are you thinking?*



WHEN the Indigenous Hip Hop Projects (IHHP) came to the small Aboriginal community of

Rockhole, near Katherine in the Northern Territory, the plan was to make two songs about improving health and wellbeing and preventing chronic disease.

Participant Melissa Rogers, a mother to seven, said creating the songs and video clips also helped the community see the pride and strength in itself.

The IHHP made one song with 90 members of the Rockhole community and one with 30 men from StrongBala Men's Health Centre, with funding and assistance from the Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service.

Locals joined in songwriting workshops and learned about video and music production. The result was short films featuring original music, lyrics and dance.



Rockhole community members set up one of the opening shots for their video clip.

"Everybody in the community was a part of it. It was good for us because we had children, right through to someone aged 82," Ms Rogers said.

"We had a great time writing and making it. This community

is alcohol-free and, for the whole week making it, no-one went out drinking. Everybody was enjoying it. We were all talking about it, saying 'What if it's not good?'

"During the recording we

could hear ourselves singing to get it right.

"When we saw it all together as a big picture, everyone said, 'It's good, really good.'"

People were able to download the clip from

YouTube, which many did to use as a ringtone on their phones, and the video was played at the local high school.

"There were a lot of people making comments, saying it was deadly," Ms Rogers said.

Following her participation in the video, Ms Rogers got a job with Wurli. "I want to say thanks to my community, Rockhole," she said.

"Every big person sings along with the little ones. Everyone is all happy; we picked the right music.

"The video made me stronger for my children."

Wurli chief executive officer Marion Scrymgour said the videos would help local Indigenous education and health.

"They demonstrate a high level of community engagement and participation, and that's the key to their success," she said.

The productions will be screened at events including the Katherine Youth Week Battle of the Bands night, the Katherine Fringe Festival, and the Katherine Festival.

The videos can be viewed on the internet by searching for 'IHHP Rockhole' or 'IHHP StrongBala'.

Artwork back home

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



ARTWORKS painted decades ago by young members of the Stolen Generations have found their way back to

Noongar country with the help of a US university.

A total of 119 artworks being repatriated to Curtin University in Perth were painted between 1945 and 1951 by children at the Carrolup Native School and Settlement, near Katanning.

US art collector Herbert Mayer bought the Carrolup artworks and in 1966 gave them to Colgate University, New York.

Colgate academic Ellen Percy Kraly initiated the artwork transfer more than a year ago.

"The work has so much meaning in country that it deserves to be within the hearts,

souls, and eyes of the people," she said.

None of the artists is alive to see the works returned.

Three of the them – Parnell Dempster, Revel Cooper and Reynold Hart – achieved considerable acclaim in their lifetimes.

The artworks feature native landscape and bush scenes, as well as animals, hunting, and traditional Noongar cultural activities.

Exhibition

Revel Cooper's art is in the Curtin University collection and a solo exhibition is planned for next year at Fremantle Arts Centre.

In recognition of the return, Curtin University vice-chancellor Professor Jeanette Hackett and Colgate University provost Professor Douglas Hicks signed a memorandum of agreement at a ceremony at the Centre for

Aboriginal Studies this month.

"We are grateful that Colgate sees the deep and enduring value in returning the art to Noongar country," Prof Hackett said.

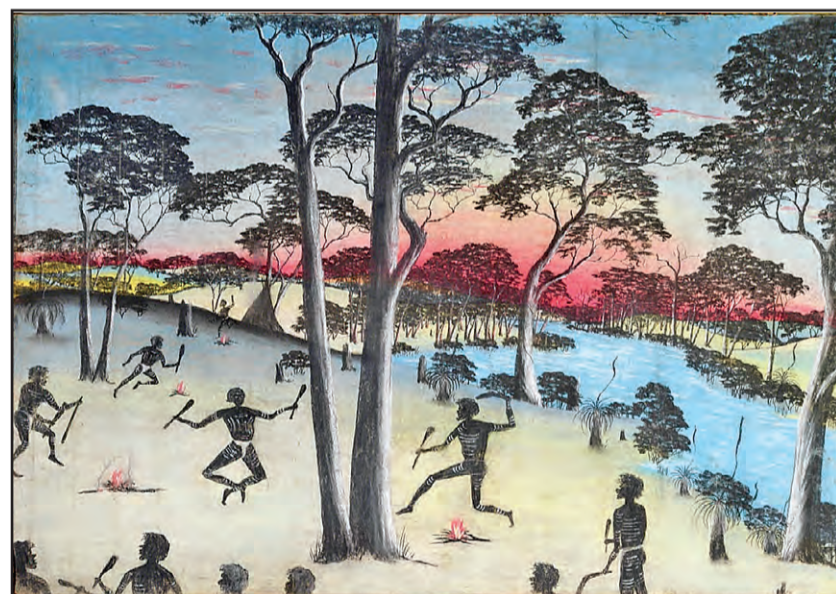
A Reynold Hart painting called *Hunting* was presented to Curtin University to symbolise the impending transfer of the full collection, expected to be completed by early July, and set to be exhibited in August.

Mungart Boodja organisation CEO Ezzard Flowers said the community was pleased to see the art returned to country.

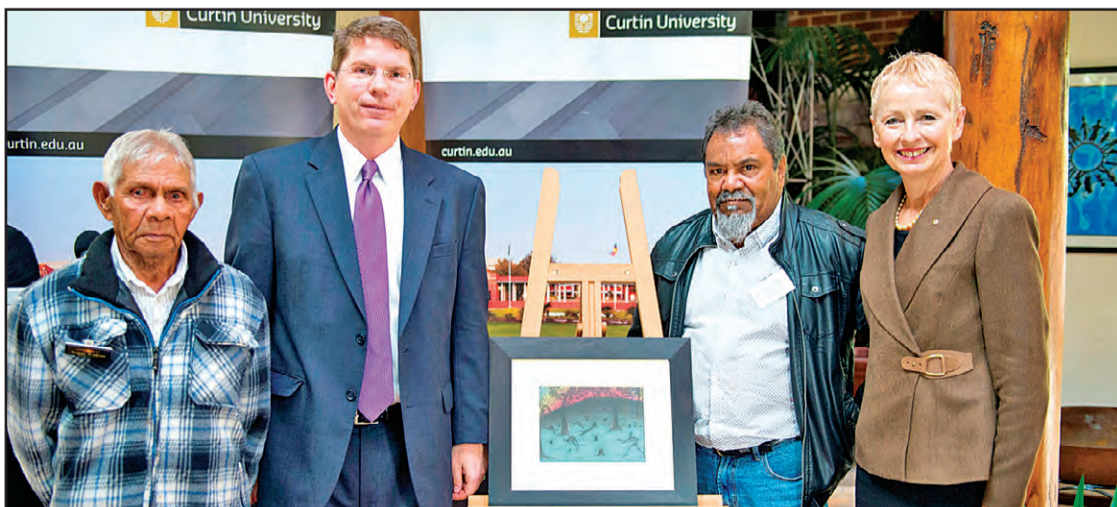
"It is a time for celebration in Noongar country and in Western Australia," he said.

"We are very grateful to our friends at Colgate who understand how much this means to us."

Prof Hicks said Colgate's goal was to provide access to the art for Noongar people, particularly those in rural Western Australia.



Two of the returned Carrolup artworks, above, *A Native Corroboree* by Reynold Hart, circa 1949, pastel; and below, *Hunting*, also a pastel by Reynold Hart, circa 1949.



At the signing of the memorandum of understanding, from left, Angus Wallam, Colgate University provost Douglas Hicks, Mungart Boodja organisation CEO Ezzard Flowers, and Curtin University vice-chancellor Jeanette Hackett. Photo by Alana Blowfield





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'Murrawarri Republic' is declared



ABORIGINAL sovereignty campaigners from the 'Murrawarri Republic' are set to ask the United Nations to be recognised as the world's newest nation.

The newly declared republic's boundaries are on an area of northern New South Wales and Queensland, covering about 81,000 square kilometres, and includes clan groups from the Culgoa River region.

One of the movement's leaders, Fred Hooper, said the push for independence followed years of inaction and broken promises.

He said the Murrawarri Peoples Council, formed on 30 March, had written to the Queen informing her that the 'clan groups of the Murrawarri Republic had declared their continued independent statehood'.

The council asked the Queen to produce documents to show how sovereignty, dominion and ultimate title was obtained over the Murrawarri nation and its resources.

'Confirmation'

"We have confirmation from Buckingham Palace that shows the Murrawarri Peoples Council letter was received on 10 April," Mr Hooper said.

"The Peoples Council of the Murrawarri have not received a response from Her Majesty.

"By not producing these documents the Crown has affirmed the Murrawarri Republic to be a continued free and independent state, in line with international law and covenants.

"The Peoples Council of the Murrawarri will write to the Secretary General of the United Nations requesting UN assistance in the development of a recovery framework for the repatriation of all ancient lands, subsurface, natural resources, waters and airspace."

Mr Hooper said the council would also make representations to the UN to be accepted as the world's newest nation.

The republic already had its own constitution and bill of rights, he said.



A file photo of Murrawarri Peoples Council spokesman Fred Hooper.

Walkers at the Wiluna crossroads during the trek.



Anti-uranium trek continues

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



PARTICIPANTS in the Walkatjura Walkabout are continuing their anti-uranium trek across Wangkatja country in Western Australia. The Walkabout, from the state's largest uranium deposit at Yeelirrie to Leonora, started on 4 May and is set to finish late this month.

Yeelirrie Traditional Owner Kado Muir, who chairs the West Australian Nuclear Free Alliance, has been heading the campaign to stop planned uranium mining on his country.

"Yeelirrie in my area is known as the place of death. We've always known that

uranium must be left in the ground," he said. "Between Wiluna and Leonora there is the potential for three uranium mines, and that's the country we travel across.

"If these uranium mines go ahead, we'll lose our country for the next 10,000 years."

Walkatjura rangers Vicki McCabe and Gudathada (Zach) said the walk had attracted more people this year.

"The goal of the walk is to lead from the example of our Elders and our forefathers who walked across the country and learn the way they conducted themselves and teach our young fellas," Zach said.

"We give people aspects of mythology, bush tucker, navigation, sign language, and language in general."



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Proposed arts changes hailed



THE coalition of national peak arts organisations has thrown its support behind proposed Australia Council for the Arts changes which call for the support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts practice.

Responding to the recommendations of the Senate Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport Committee Inquiry into the Australia Council Bill 2013, ArtsPeak members also welcomed the recognition of artform expertise through the inclusion of amendments to ensure peers are included in policy or funding committees.

ArtsPeak Members had outlined their concerns to the Senate committee, which also recommended that changes to the *Australia Council Act*:

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- provide support for the arts in a manner that reflects the diversity of Australia; and
- encourage community participation in the arts.



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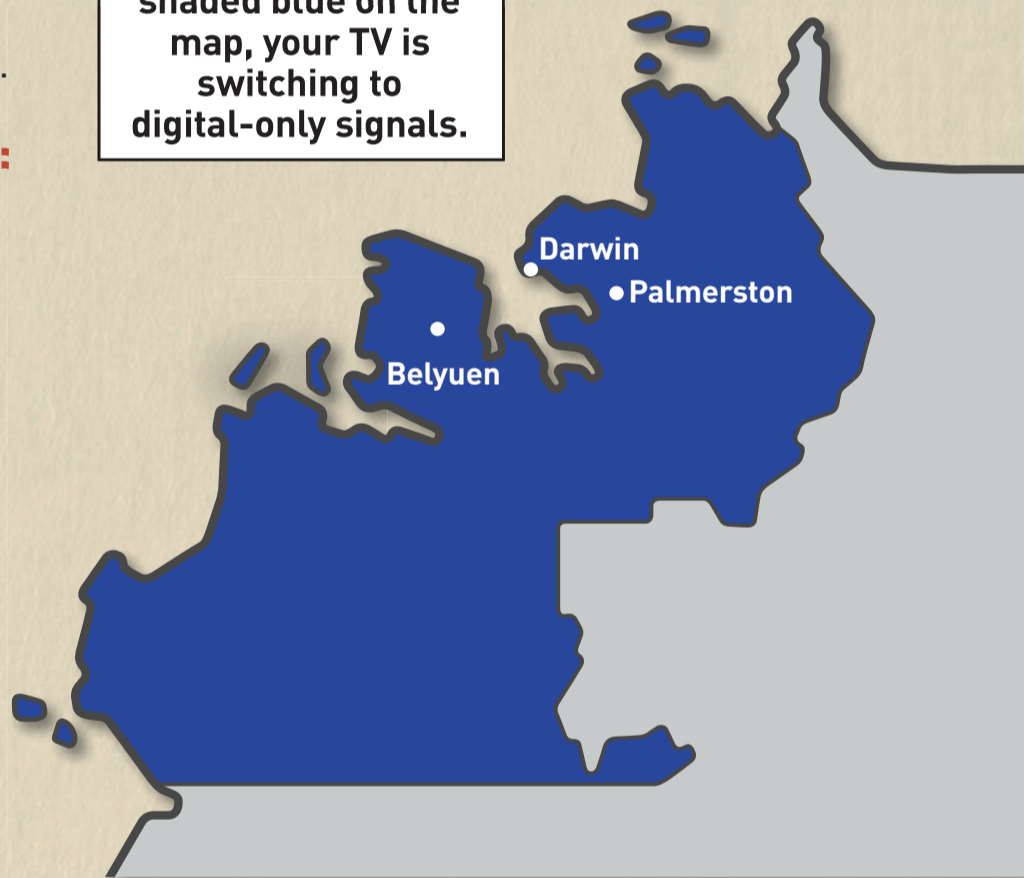
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Traditional Owner Uncle David Solomon signs off on the IPA.



Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke and Traditional Owner and Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation chairperson Robyn Bellafquih officially mark the Indigenous Protected Area ceremony.

Protection for land and sea

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



TRADITIONAL Owners gathered deep in the heart of Far North Queensland's Wet Tropics

rainforest this month to dedicate more than 70,000 hectares of 'bubu and jalun' (land and sea) as an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA).

Encompassing the Wet Tropics and Great Barrier Reef, Eastern Kuku Yalanji is the traditional home to the Jalunji-Warra and the Kuku Nyungkal groups, who came together with Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke and non-Indigenous supporters to herald what was hailed as a new way of working on country.

Known as the Eastern Kuku Yalanji IPA, stage 2, Jalunji-Warra country takes in Cairns Reef in the north through to the mouth of the Daintree River in the south and extending to the eastern edge of the Great Barrier Reef, with Kuku Nyungkal country focusing on the upper Annan River.

Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation chairperson and traditional owner Robyn Bellafquih said that the IPA dedication ceremony was an acknowledgement and celebration of Elders past and present who had fought for the right to exercise more control over their traditional land and sea.

'(Having an IPA) allows the Traditional Owners to work on country through the ranger system'
— Traditional Owner Chrissie Grant



"In 2007 we got some land back and our native title acknowledged," she said.

"But now throughout Eastern Kuku Yalanji IPA our bama (people) will finally have the capacity to take a lead role again in making decisions about our country and managing it like our old people did before."

Jalunji-Warra Traditional Owner and Indigenous advisory committee deputy chair Chrissie Grant said the IPA was a significant step towards cultural recognition, and would create rich cultural and economic opportunities.

"We've got world heritage all around us through the Wet Tropics and Great Barrier Reef, and there's not a real industry for Traditional Owners to get engaged in other than the tourism industry," she said.

"Through land and sea

management, which is really important to maintain and look after those cultural values, having an IPA allows us to be engaged in that process. It allows the Traditional Owners to work on country through the ranger system, and that's through the Commonwealth and the State ranger programs.

Values

"While a lot of areas are under national park and world heritage, we have to work with partners to be able to maximise what we can do in maintaining not only the cultural values but also the biodiversity values. It's critical that we maintain both."

Ms Grant said the short-term vision would be to get rangers on the ground, and long term to have clan ranger

groups working in their own IPA area.

Jalunji-Warra Traditional Owner Uncle David Solomon also welcomed the IPA and said that for generations to come Aboriginal people would be able to learn about country and take care of land the traditional way, as well as pass on those valuable skills and knowledge.

Environment Minister Tony Burke said the IPA would link world heritage with Indigenous conservation and management, and therefore create greater understanding of Indigenous culture.

"This is a great step forward. By using traditional knowledge alongside modern science, by having world-class management plans in place, we are doing our best to look after this crucial part of our country for future generations," he said.



Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation chairperson Robyn Bellafquih signs off on the IPA.



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Community campaigners June Oscar and Emily Carter.

Emily and June have it covered



KIMBERLEY community campaigners June Oscar and Emily Carter feature on the front cover of the latest Great Northern region Yellow and White Pages. Both women came to prominence in 2007, when they lobbied successfully for restrictions on the sale of full-strength takeaway alcohol in their home town of Fitzroy Crossing. In 2009, they established

Australia's first research project into the prevalence of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). The project is helping 150 local families, providing affected children with education and health plans.

The women have expanded the FASD project to educate local families about the risks of consuming alcohol during pregnancy.

The Yellow and White Pages on which they feature covers much of Western Australia as well as Cocos and Christmas Islands.

Artwork to feature in all Telstra stores



PRINTS of a painting by Indigenous artist Riki Salam will greet customers at Telstra's shops and business centres. Mr Salam said placing the artwork (pictured) in all stores was a great example of corporate Australia embracing Indigenous culture and promoting inclusion in a high-profile way.

"I'm proud that I was able to translate Telstra's vision into an artwork that calls for action and recognises the traditional landowners," he said.

Born and raised in Cairns, Mr Salam's father is a Torres Strait man from Moa Island who was relocated to Mossman at the beginning of World

War II. His mother is a Ngai Tahu (Maori) woman from Kai Poi, near Christchurch in New Zealand.

The Telstra Reconciliation Action artwork will feature on the front door of all Telstra stores alongside Telstra's acknowledgement statement, which reads: "Telstra acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, their ancestors and elders – and is committed to reconciliation among all Australians".

Mr Salam said he created the artwork from a dream about communities connecting.

Telstra says the work connects the three pillars of its Reconciliation Action Plan – 'Our Customers, Our Communities, Our People'.



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7:55 Djamban Band PG (Documentary)
8:00 Sisters Inside PG (Documentary)
8:30 Portrait Of A Distant Land PG (Documentary)
9:30 The Quest Of Jimmy Pike G (Documentary)
10:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
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6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
8:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
9:30 Big Fella M (Documentary)
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Documentary Series)
10:30 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
11:30 NITV News NC (News)

FRIDAY 24TH MAY

12:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
1:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
2:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
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6:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
7:00 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 The Tracker MAV (Documentary)
11:00 Mataka M (Series)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

SUNDAY 26TH MAY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (News)
6:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Where Maori PG (Series)
7:30 Moose TV PG (Series)
8:00 Colour Theory PG (Series)
8:30 Mataka M (Series)
9:00 Blackstone - Series 1 MA (drama)
10:00 The Necessities Of Life PG (Documentary)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

MONDAY 27TH MAY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
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7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Ravens And Eagles - Series 2 G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Return To Gore PG (Documentary)
10:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
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TUESDAY 28TH MAY

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7:00 NITV News NC (News)
8:00 My Mother, My Son PG (Documentary)
8:30 CQ - Indigenous Cultural Intelligence NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 Wanja PG (Documentary)
10:00 Rural Health Education PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
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6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Kakadu Man PG (Documentary)
8:30 Bran Nue Dae M (Documentary)
9:30 Always Was Always Will Be G (Documentary)
10:00 Nin's Brother PG (Documentary)
10:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

THURSDAY 30TH MAY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
6:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
8:30 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
9:30 Rodeo: Life On The Circuit Ep 1 PG (Series)
10:30 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
11:30 NITV News NC (News)

THE MARNGROOK FOOTY SHOW'S INDIGENOUS ROUND SPECIAL

FEATURING APPEARANCES FROM SOME OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST CELEBRATED INDIGENOUS STARS.

THURSDAY 23RD MAY FROM 7.30PM
ON NITV CHANNEL 34 FREE TO AIR

NITV the home of Indigenous AFL

FRIDAY 31ST MAY

12:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
1:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
2:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
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10:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)
11:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
12:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
1:00 Wildest Australia G (Documentary)
2:00 Grounded G (Series)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 The Lore Of Love PG (Documentary)
8:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
9:00 Ningla A-Na M (Documentary)
10:30 Small Island Big Fight PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

SATURDAY 1ST JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Series)
2:30 We Still Live Here G (Documentary)
3:30 Small Island Big Fight PG (Documentary)
4:00 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)
4:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
7:30 Australian Biography G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Series)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Standing In The Shadows Of Motown PG (Documentary)
11:30 Mataka M (Series)

SUNDAY 2ND JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
1:00 Australian Biography G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
2:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
3:00 Kai Ora G (lifestyle)
3:30 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (News)
6:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
7:30 Go In' Troppo In The Toppo PG (lifestyle)
8:00 Moose TV PG (Series)
8:30 Colour Theory PG (Series)
8:30 Mataka M (Series)
9:00 Blackstone Series 1 MA (drama)
9:55 The Fringe Dwellers M (Documentary)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

MONDAY 3RD JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
6:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
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11:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (News)
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12:00 Go In' Troppo In The Toppo PG (lifestyle)
12:30 Moose TV PG (Series)
1:00 Colour Theory PG (Series)
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2:00 The Best Of Grounded G (Series)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Ravens And Eagles - Series 2 G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Arctic Hip Hop PG (Documentary)
9:30 Of Islands And Men G (Series)
10:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

TUESDAY 4TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
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6:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
8:00 Rhee 2013 PG (Series)
9:00 The Last Wave PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

New childcare centre at Aputula



THE Aputula (Finke) community in Central Australia has celebrated the official opening of its new childcare centre. Funded by the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), the centre

has been welcomed by local parents, extended families and Elders, as well as the MacDonnell Shire Council Children's Services, which will be the ongoing service providers.

The centre features large indoor and outdoor play areas, a commercial kitchen, laundry and dedicated office space.

"It increases the number of available places for families and continues to provide ongoing employment and training for local people interested in early childhood," MacDonnell Shire director of community services Tracey Brand said.

"It provides the Aputula community with a purpose-built early childhood centre designed to stimulate a love of learning for all children and their families. It creates an environment that is welcoming and can safely present a culturally relevant program that is engaging and fun."

MacDonnell Shire Council manages nine remote childcare centres through its Community Services division, with the great majority of staff Indigenous.

The council says it will provide ongoing employment for Aputula people as well as recognised training in children's services at TAFE Certificate 3 level for all staff employed at the centre.



Kevin and Zahara Shani Mary Doolan at the new centre and, inset, a view of the centre's playground.

Survey shines light on teens



A SURVEY of young Aboriginal people has found they are more likely to be concerned about the impact of drugs, alcohol and gambling

than other youth.

They are also more likely to feel unsafe in their communities, and less likely to feel they can choose to go to university, travel or find a job, even though they were more likely to be looking for employment.

Carried out by Mission Australia in 2012, the just-released survey included more than 640 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teens aged 15 to 19.

While it revealed significant gaps across employment, education, family and welfare indicators, there were a number of areas where Indigenous and other young people shared common ground.

The survey also revealed that young Aboriginal people were 'resilient and determined to create a positive future for themselves, their families and their communities'.

Mission Australia chief executive Toby Hall said the survey results highlighted a number of specific policy areas that required attention if young Indigenous people were to achieve their potential.

"We began compiling separate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander survey results in 2005 (Mission Australia's youth survey began in 2002) and every year a consistent feature has been, against stereotype, the higher value young Aboriginal

Some of the findings

- Almost one in five young Aboriginal people indicated they did not feel safe in their neighbourhood compared to one in 11 other youth.

- When asked about personal concerns, young Aboriginal people said they were extremely or very concerned about drugs (15 per cent vs 8 per cent), alcohol (14 per cent vs 6 per cent) and gambling (10.5 per cent vs 3.5 per cent) at higher levels than young non-Aboriginal people.

- Young Aboriginal people are notably less likely to feel they can choose to go to university (45 per cent vs 74 per cent), travel (24 per cent vs 43 per cent) or get a job (42 per cent vs 50 per cent) after high school than their non-Aboriginal peers.

- Young Aboriginal people are more likely to be looking for work than their non-Aboriginal peers (45 per cent vs 33 per cent).

- Seven in 10 Indigenous respondents rated the ability of their family to get along as between excellent and good.

- Getting a job was ranked as either extremely or very important by almost one in two young Aboriginal people compared with one in three generally.

- Two-thirds of young Aboriginal people reported being either very satisfied or satisfied with their household's financial situation (compared to almost three-quarters among non-Indigenous).

people place on finding a job," he said.

"For this reason, the most successful programs at closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal young people are likely to be ones that harness this determination."

Lack of services

Mr Hall said the survey also indicated there was a lack of services for young Aboriginal people, particularly teenagers.

"In their responses they asked for more, and a wider range of, opportunities for recreation and engagement to combat youth boredom

which is often the seed for anti-social behaviour," he said.

"And recreation doesn't just mean sport. Our survey shows that young Aboriginal people are involved in arts/cultural activities, youth clubs and environmental groups at a greater level than non-Aboriginal young people.

"They also participate in similar numbers in volunteering, student leadership and religious groups.

"The comments by survey respondents reflect a real desire to get involved but either the opportunities aren't there or they don't know how to identify them."



Department of Planning and Community Development

Victorian Indigenous Remembrance Service

Friday 31 May, 11am
Shrine of Remembrance

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Victorian Indigenous Remembrance Committee invites you to attend the 2013 Indigenous Remembrance Service. This annual service honours the significant contribution Indigenous service men and women have made, and continue to make, in the Australian Defence Forces.

All are welcome to attend

For more information phone 03 9208 3261 or visit www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/indigenous

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Transport
Roads & Maritime
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Aboriginal Heritage

Gostwyck Bridge maintenance works

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the upgrade of Gostwyck Bridge to register to be consulted.

To register your interest, please contact:

Stephen Knight

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor Hunter region

Roads and Maritime Services

P: (02) 49 240 383

Locked Bag 2030, Newcastle NSW 2300

Email: Stephen.Knight@rms.nsw.gov.au

Registrations must be received by **Friday 7 June 2013**.

Roads and Maritime Services proposes to upgrade Gostwyck Bridge on Dungog Road, Paterson over the Paterson River. Maintenance works include improvements to the steel truss, timber approaches, piers and abutments.

The proposal may result in the Roads and Maritime Services:

- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and/or
- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the *Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010*, and/or
- Undertaking an environmental impact assessment under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

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Course has parents standing strong

By CHRISTINE HOWES



COPING with the day-to-day stresses of having a young family can be tough, as Lockhart River-born mum Karen Butcher knows only too well.

Ms Butcher had lost her children twice to welfare officials, and was in danger of losing them again before she was able to pick up her game – ‘stand up for myself strong’ – through a course offered by the Cape York/Gulf Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care (RAATSICC) Advisory Association.

The first Triple P – Positive Parenting Program – graduation for RAATSICC was held in Cairns last week at a modest barbecue lunch held along the Esplanade.

RAATSIC Family Support Service Early Intervention Program worker Diana Sullivan said five families were taught, sometimes in their own home, five key principles about how to keep their children safe, how to create a safe and interesting environment for their children, and managing behaviours, including their own.

“We go through those skills with the parents and the children at home, see how they’re going and identify the specific



At the RAATSICC graduation barbecue, back from left, Triple P facilitator Michele Parlett and family support worker Diana Sullivan and, front from left, Ned Ware, Rachel Kris, Mason Connelly and Karen Butcher. Absent from the photo were Triple P facilitator Maryann Savage and graduate Naziebo Waia.

issues that are relevant to them,” she said. “Obviously it has to be relevant to the family and their circumstances so we

will actually assess them and educate them on a daily basis at home.”

Rachael Connelly, the mother of three

children under age six, said the course had helped her.

“They actually helped me get my little boy back as well from the Department of Child Safety,” she said. “They helped me with how to deal with children, how to develop really good relationships with them, and how to deal with things a lot differently instead of flying off the handle.”

“I think it should be compulsory for every single mother out there to do this course, to help them and show them ways to deal with things so times don’t get rough for them.”

RAATSICC regional coordinator Anthony Penrith said the original program had been modified to be culturally appropriate.

“I think the families graduating here are proof that they got commitment to their families and their children’s future,” he said.

“I’m really proud of those families and the way they stuck it out over these last couple of months, and I think that’s a great story to tell for those parents and obviously for the kids that are going to be in those families.”

“Some of our families have actually gotten their children back as a result of doing the course and some are on the verge of doing that, so it’s making a real difference for our mob, keeping them out of the system, having their own skills.”

INDIGENOUS SOCIAL NETWORK

The ‘Digital Dreamtime Project’ (DDP) is a series of multimedia projects all designed and created with the sole objective of exploring and exploiting digital media technologies that will assist in the identification, preservation and documentation of Australian Indigenous culture. The hub of the DDP is iCampfire.tv. The creators, Weerianna Street Media, are currently seeking partnership and/or joint-venture opportunities to help evolve iCampfire.tv into a fully-fledged Indigenous social network.

Interested parties should contact Simon/Tyson by email at iCampfireTV@gmail.com and request the iCampfire.tv Expressions of Interest document.

Culling ‘sad necessity’



CULLING of feral animals is necessary for humanitarian and environmental reasons, the Central Land

Council says. The Alice Springs-based organisation says feral animals, including horses, donkeys and camels, are degrading country and causing catastrophic damage.

The CLC says animals are dying and suffering in terrible circumstances and aerial culling is the most humane course of action.

“We are extremely concerned about animal welfare and wish to carry out any operations in the most humane way possible,” CLC director David Ross said.

“Nobody wants to see suffering, especially the Traditional Owners of the land, who love the horses but are well aware of the terrible consequences of out-of-control populations.

“Aerial culling has been chosen as the most humane and effective way of dealing with these types of feral animals.

“We have an enormous problem with feral animals – horses, donkeys, and camels which are degrading the country and dying in their thousands due to lack of food and water.

“The destruction of waterholes in particular has a

profound effect on native animals. In one particular area there are about 10,000 feral horses suffering or about to suffer terrible and slow deaths.

“There is no motive to decrease their numbers due to competition with pastoral activities as some people have sought to argue, because they are on unstocked Aboriginal land.

“The areas we deal with are remote and vast – thousands of

want to educate the public about the damage and suffering as a result of exploding populations of animals in the wild.”

One of the coordinators of the CLC Indigenous Ranger Program, Jeff Hulcombe, said rangers had been leading the defence against feral animals, helping to come up with strategies to reduce harm to the environment.

“The rangers speak local languages and have the

scientific training to explain to other members of their community what can be done about feral animals,” he said.

“This group is walking both ways, combining traditional knowledge with the Western scientific approach.

“In this age of global warming, these people will play an increasingly important role in protecting their homelands.”

Meg Mooney, coordinator of a science communication project with the rangers, funded

by the Inspiring Australia Unlocking Australia’s Potential program, said that due to plague numbers of camels and horses in Central Australia, the once safe landscape was growing increasingly dangerous.

Many people had been chased by wild bull camels around communities that have previously had no such problems.



Traditional owners at Ilpili, an important traditional springs site west of Papunya, between Mt Liebig and Kintore. The springs used to have clear running water surrounded by paperbark trees but now, as a result of the damage from camels, are bare and muddy.

square kilometres – with no infrastructure such as yards and little access in the way of roads.”

Mr Ross said traditional owners understood the issue was complex and challenging for many people who oppose animal cruelty.

“But I think most people don’t fully understand the circumstances and environment we are in,” he said. “We really



Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation

TO LEASE:
Jinchilla Gardens
Burraway Road, Dubbo, NSW

The Indigenous Land Corporation is seeking expressions of interest from Indigenous organisations to lease the property for the conduct of services, business activities or programs that benefit Indigenous people.

Jinchilla Gardens is approximately 10km north of Dubbo and consists of a function centre, accompanying residential accommodation and visitor amenities. Some areas of Jinchilla Gardens hold significant cultural value to the Traditional Owners of the Dubbo region and particular care needs to be taken to ensure these areas are protected.

Proposals from Indigenous organisations will need to demonstrate that services and programs are financially sustainable and land holding costs can be met under a lease agreement.

Expressions of interest will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Ability to achieve benefits for Indigenous people;
- Financial viability/sustainability of the proposed services and land use; and
- Capacity of the organisation to deliver the proposed land use including its track-record in delivering services to Indigenous people

The term of the lease will be subject to negotiations with the successful applicant/s.

Property will be open for inspection on 24 May 2013 between 9:30 and 11:30am

Expression of Interest close 19 June 2013

For further particulars, please contact: Dwayne Hunter
Indigenous Land Corporation, Brisbane on (07) 3854 4600
easternoffice@ilc.gov.au



ALCT chairperson Clyde Mansell, TAC CEO Heather Sculthorpe and TLC CEO Jane Hutchinson celebrate the return.



Michael Beeton, Tessa Atto and David Warrener, from Launceston, were among those who travelled to the land return celebration.

Land in safe hands

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINES in Tasmania have celebrated the largest ever land return on mainland

Tasmania, made possible through negotiations between Aboriginal groups, a conservation organisation and the Federal Government.

Tasmanian Land Conservancy (TLC) secured \$2.2 million from the Australian Government's National Reserve System when the 6750 hectare property known as Gowan Brae, in the state's central highlands, was put on the market.

Falling short by \$1.1 million, they contacted the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) which in turn called the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania (ALCT) and brokered a deal to return the entire property to the Aboriginal community should it secure the remaining funds.

The Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) came to the party, and earlier this month a ceremony was held to return Gowan Brae to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.



Aboriginal heritage officer Brendon Brown, from Cape Barren Island, explains to guests at the land return how the stone in front of him had been used to make tools.

The TLC will have an ongoing role in supporting the TAC with land management of the property.

ALCT chairperson Clyde Mansell said the return was a milestone for reconciliation in the state, referring to the collaboration which led to its

purchase as unique.

"We all had the same object in mind, and that was to reserve the natural values and the cultural values of this landscape," he said.

Mr Mansell described the property as a virtually

uninterrupted cultural landscape.

"It provides evidence of the past tracks used by our ancestors," he said.

"It holds an abundance of traditional resources, some of which provide for ongoing cultural activities like basket making and

also grants access for the contemporary Aboriginal community to traditional foods and medicines and an ochre site.

"The property will offer greater opportunity for community visits, cultural participation and expression.

"The traditions and practices which can be continued on this landscape will help to achieve ongoing cultural wellbeing for Tasmanian Aborigines."

With three rivers running through it, lightly wooded eucalypt forests and grassy open plains, Gowan Brae is home to 17 threatened animals and plants.

About the only interruption to the natural landscape is an eerie concrete structure designed for a future that hasn't happened – an underground network of cold, dark, rooms built to withstand a nuclear holocaust.

Built by eccentric Texan millionaire lawyer Martin Polin in the 1970s, in a bid to save the human race, he believed Tasmania was the safest place to be and bought several properties in the area in preparation for his prediction of a global disaster. The property was put up for sale after Mr Polin died in 2007.



Nan Mabb, Graeme Gardner and Colleen Mundy check out the bunker on the returned land.



North West Coast mob Dean Newall, Mark Lavell, Brendan Murray, Shaun Brewer, Travis Lowrey and Clint Lowrey were at the land return celebrations.



Co-authors Dave Hartley and Scott Prince.

League champ a winning author



A CHILDREN'S book co-authored by rugby league champion Scott Prince and primary school deputy principal Dave Hartley has been awarded the inaugural \$10,000 kuril dhagun prize.

Queensland Arts Minister Ian Walker said competition for the two 'black&write!' Indigenous writing fellowships in 2013 was so strong that an additional prize was added.

The two fellowship prizes and the new kuril dhagun prize are each worth \$10,000 and include a publishing deal with Indigenous publishing house Magabala Books.

This year's fellows are Townsville comedian Tristan Savage with his science fiction adventure *Rift Breaker* and South Australian lecturer Jared Thomas for his young adult novel *Calypso Summer*.

Prince and Hartley's co-authored children's book *Deadly D and Justice Jones – Making the Team* rounds out the complement.

'Black&write!' is supported by the State Library of Queensland with Magabala Books and is open to either published or emerging Indigenous authors of fiction. Entries for the 2014 competition open in October.



A photo of junior rangers at a Mapoon Land and Sea Rangers culture camp, an entry in the competition. Photo by Jocelyn de Jersey, of Australia

Voting open in photo comp

VOTING has opened in the World Indigenous Network's photo competition. The competition theme is 'through your eyes' and showcases the work, knowledge and experiences of Indigenous and local community land and sea managers across the world.

As well as Australian photos, the finalists include images from Suriname, Indonesia, the United States, Panama, Swaziland, Sweden, South Africa, Benin, India, Thailand, Mongolia, Argentina and Russia.

Aboriginal film and documentary

director Dean Gibson said he was thrilled to be one of the judges.

"It was a real pleasure looking through the images. They were all unique, which made the scoring very tough," he said.

'Truly amazing'

"The photo competition captured some truly amazing moments. From landscapes and environmental protection to communities and culture – each image told a different story.

"One of the great things for me was

seeing the work of land and sea managers from a new perspective.

"As an Aboriginal man I have never seen an African manatee (which looks similar to a dugong) or ancient Mongolian rock art, and I can't image herding hundreds of reindeer calves across snow-capped mountain tops."

Vote online at <http://www.worldindigenousnetwork.net/win-photo-comp>.

The images are split into two categories, open and youth (under-27) and people can vote for as few or as many images as they like.



NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

Date and Time: Tuesday 11 June 2013, 9:30am – 5:00pm
Wednesday 12 June 2013, 9:00am – 4:00pm
Place: YWCA NSW, Northern Rivers
101a Rous Road, Goonellabah NSW 2480

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 in the northern rivers region of NSW, in and around Lismore, Alstonville, Wollongbar, Gundurimba, Wyrallah, Tuckurimba, Larnook, Modanville, Clunes, The Channon, Minyon, most of Nightcap National Park, Whian Whian State Forest, Nimbin and Blue Knob.

As shown in the black outline on the map below, this area is bounded by: Bagotville, Tuckean Nature Reserve and Tucki Tucki to the south; Bungabee State Forest and Cawongla to the west; part of Mebbin State Forest, Lillian Rock, and a large part of Nightcap National Park to the north; and Montecollum, Possum Creek, and Alstonville to the east.



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 native title law and processes;
2. Decision making process of the claimant group;
3. Considering and authorising a native title determination application over the area described above;
4. Authorising the Applicant to make the native title determination application; and
5. Discussion of the desired outcomes of the native title determination application.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

Please contact NTSCORP by Wednesday 5 June 2013 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 by 5 June 2013.

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO JASON WHITFIELD, COMMUNITY FACILITATOR, ON TOLLFREE PHONE 1800 111 844 OR (02) 9310 3188 OR FAX (02) 9310 4177.

New name in Mallee



A LEADING Aboriginal organisation in north-western Victorian is

changing its name to reflect an expanding role in the region.

Members of the Mildura Aboriginal Corporation voted at a general meeting this month in favour of changing the organisation's name to Mallee District Aboriginal Services. The name change will take effect from 1 July.

CEO Rudolph Kirby said the change was practical and symbolic.

"The title Mildura Aboriginal Corporation really no longer reflects the scope of the corporation and its activities," he said.

"We are an organisation that has expanded in terms of its geographic reach, and we have health services and offices right across the Mallee at Mildura, Swan Hill, Kerang and Balranald.

"We have a role to play as the local Koori body in each of those communities, so the new name more readily identifies who we are and what we do."

Mr Kirby said the name change was the latest milestone for an organisation that was rapidly evolving for the better.

"We recently had our first Swan Hill-based board member appointed in Rob Connelly, and that also is a



Rudolph Kirby

reflection of our changing geographic region," he said.

"But the name change will also reflect more accurately what we are about as an organisation.

"We are a corporation, and we operate within a corporate governance model and with all the accountability that requires.

"But the essence of what we are doing is providing health and community services. Our new name will more accurately reflect those values, and ensure that our role is more easily understood."

MAC/Mallee District Aboriginal Services provides more than 50 health and family services to Koori people and their families, with a potential client base of nearly 5000 people across north-western Victoria and southern New South Wales.

Entrepreneurs get down to business

By KIRSTIE PARKER



BUSINESS is all about sealing the deal, so 'turning contacts into contracts' was a fitting theme for the nation's foremost conference, tradeshow and awards night for Indigenous supply, held in Melbourne last week.

Hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entrepreneurs attended the two-day Connect 2013 event coordinated by Supply Nation, formerly known as the Australian Indigenous Minority Supply Council (AIMSC).

They heard from Australian and international speakers on all things to do with the development of minority-owned – in this case Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander – businesses, including relationship building with government and corporate buyers, procurement trends, social return on investment, mentoring and recruitment.

One key philosophy that had a lot of resonance with delegates was that of 'a hand up, not a hand out', championed by United States guest speaker David Hinson amongst others.

Mr Hinson is the national director of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), an agency of the United States Department of Commerce that works to create a level playing field for businesses owned by minorities such as African Americans, First Nation, Hispanic and American Asian people, Hasidic Jews and women.

A level playing field meant the same access to capital, the same access to contracts, and the same access to any other economic opportunity, Mr Hinson told the *Koori Mail*.

The MBDA grew out of the 1960s and early 70s, a period of social and economic turmoil in the United States, when some parties began to realise that the economic empowerment of minority communities, inclusion and integration would be crucial for change.

"It was fundamentally recognising that a nation cannot prosper if all of its citizens don't have a fair and equal opportunity to realise their dreams," Mr Hinson said.

"And so that consciousness permeated government, private sector, non-profit sector and there just became a movement to make a shift in the way that the nation engages minority communities. Part of that shift was making sure that minority businesses had an equal chance to compete and to grow."

Mr Hinson urged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business owners to focus on being the very best they could be within their industry sector.

"They need to not focus on what they don't have and focus on what they do have," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"They need to think globally, they need to be willing to hire the best people, continue to innovate, and not think in terms of what they want to provide as a product but what their clients need and then manage or adjust to those client needs as those needs change."

"They need to operate as though they're any other business and try to grow in that way even though there may be some perspective or perception limitations that they have to endure in this market place."

Supply Nation CEO Charles Prouse said



All dinner photos by Joseph Mayers

Some of the awardees at the 2013 Supplier Diversity Awards held in Melbourne, capping off Supply Nation's Connect 2013 event.

And the winners are...

A MAJOR mining, infrastructure, telecommunications and energy firm, an Aboriginal company selling work and safety wear, uniforms and promotional merchandise, and Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) were the major winners in the 2013 Supplier Diversity Awards.

The awards, presented by Supply Nation in Melbourne as part of Connect 2013, recognise efforts to grow Indigenous business and enterprise.

Leighton Contractors was named Corporate Member of the Year; Outback Global was named Certified Indigenous Business Supplier of the Year, and IBA was named Government Member of the

Year. Other winners were Bunzl (Up and Coming Member), Native Oz Cuisine (Up and Coming Certified Indigenous Supplier), Jennifer Levasseur, Staples Australia (Supplier Diversity Advocate of the Year), Coles and Yaru Water (Supplier Diversity Partnership of the Year), Outback Global and Nallawilli Office Wares (Supplier to Supplier Partnership of the Year), and Winangali (Special Recognition).

Corporate Member of the Year Award winner Leighton Contractors works with Indigenous businesses like Corporate Culcha, Outback Global, Message Stick and Print Junction.

The company's manager of

Indigenous strategy Debbie Stone said Leighton Contractors believed it could make a difference by incorporating Indigenous businesses within its supply chain and aimed to do half a million dollars worth of business with Supply Nation suppliers this year.

She said helping Indigenous people to create their own businesses and to be successful in the mainstream economy had to be a critical part of closing the gap.

"Having Indigenous business role models is fundamentally important for the next generation," Ms Stone said.

"It's about putting those positive role models out there,

and engaging them to transact in the mainstream economy and large business, and I think showing the mainstream employers that Indigenous businesses deserve and are capable of having a place at the table."

Bunzl, which won the Up and Coming Member award, sells and distributes non-food consumable products into the business-to-business environment. It has been connecting Indigenous businesses such as Corporate Connect with major clients such as Compass, Accor and Qantas.

Bunzl business development manager David Wright said

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the emerging Indigenous enterprise sector had improved opportunities and created employment for all Australians and was a key driver in Indigenous economic development, job growth and reconciliation.

More than \$55 million worth of business had been transacted between Supply Nation's certified Indigenous suppliers and corporate and government members during the past three years.

Mr Prouse said there was no reason why they couldn't generate \$500 million

worth or even a billion.

"It'll take a lot of work to achieve that, but I'm very excited about the potential," he said.

Supply Nation chairman and CEO of Citigroup Australia Stephen Roberts echoed that sentiment while speaking at the gala dinner and awards ceremony that concluded Connect 2013.

"We have not even scratched the surface. There's so much more that we can and need to do," he said.

"Indigenous success means Indigenous

employment, Indigenous employment means Indigenous wealth, and Indigenous wealth means Indigenous independence and wellbeing."

Originally a federally funded pilot program, Supply Nation itself is working towards becoming a self-sustaining organisation. Part of that will be a transition to membership fees for corporate buyers.

A further Supply Nation Connect 2013 event will be held tomorrow (23 May) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Perth.

More coverage from Connect 2013 on the next two pages



Some of the Winangali team, from left, Megan Habchi, Stuart Hodgson, Ebony Allen, managing director Noel Niddrie and Samantha Watts.



Stephen Roberts and Charles Prouse present Peter Hicks, of Leighton Contractors, with the Corporate Member of the Year award.



Anthony Brown, from InfoGlobe USA, with Fatima Everitt, from Dreamtime Art, and Bernard Coley, from Keep In Touch Solutions USA.

Getting down to business

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the company saw its role as helping to facilitate relationships with corporate Australia and Indigenous suppliers.

"With our scale, logistics and capability, we try to use the relationships that we have to leverage that supplier diversity aspect and it seems to be paying dividends," Mr Wright told the *Koori Mail*, estimating that Bunzl had helped to transact about \$800,000 worth of Indigenous business with larger corporate clients in its first year.

Supply Nation certified Indigenous supplier Winangali, which focuses on project management, communications and research, won the Special Recognition award for its 'extraordinary contribution to Supply Nation, supplier diversity and the growth of Indigenous business'.

Founder Noel Niddrie said being part of Supply Nation had been invaluable to his Brisbane-based

company, introducing it to other likeminded suppliers, providing insight into procurement processes, and differentiating it from non-Indigenous companies working in the space.

"We're big advocates for Supply Nation," Mr Niddrie said. "We love the concept. It fits right in with our social goals and objectives to empower the population of Indigenous Australians by increasing economic capacity and development."

"...As an Indigenous organisation that is quite successful, it's incumbent on us to help where we can. Winangali looks for two dividends in its work; one of course is financial and the other is around social capital. Wherever we go, we want to leave a legacy of benefit so the community is better for us having passed though."

It has been a big year for Winangali, which won the 2012 Queensland Telstra Business of the Year award and is now working towards the launch of its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).



Jason Eades facilitated an 'On the Couch' question-and-answer session featuring David Williams from Gilimbaa, David Hinson from MBDA, and Jacques Seidenberg from Accor Hotels.



Canadian Aboriginal and Minority Supplier Council (CAMSC) president Cassandra Dorrington, and Canadian business owner Cynthia Dorrington, and Supply Nation's Natalie Woodhams.



David Hinson, national director of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) in the United States, gave the opening and keynote address.



Michelle Evans, of the Melbourne Business School, spoke on 'Growth for Success'.



Clive Atkinson, from the Atkinson Consulting Group, with Richard Callaghan, from Corey Training. All photos above by Wayne Quilliam



Michael McLeod, from Message Stick, and Sharon Windsor, from Indiearth.

Connect 2013



Members of the the Corporate Connect team.



US speakers Denise Coley and Michael Robinson.



Slay Herro and Colin Ah Yu at the Outback Global stall.



Charles Prouse, centre, with John Huggins and Neil Willmet, from Aboriginal Business Monthly. All photos on this page by Wayne Quilliam



Lucy and Wayne McGuiness on the Aboriginal Steel Art stall.



Debbie Stone, from Leighton Contractors, and Jocelyn Grant, from Fivegrants Family Trust.



Rick McLeod, from Nallawilli, Michael Cima, from Outback Global, and Carole Dunphy, from Mission Australia.



Amanda Zanchi at the trade fair.



Nicole and Mick Harding, from Wurru Wurru Ngarga Warendj.



Craig Greene and Aaron Ross, from the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, with Supply Nation CEO Charles Prouse, centre.



Donna Farquhar and Marcus Lee.

Perth ready to host health conference



NATIONAL and international experts are on the program for the Rural Health West Aboriginal Health Conference in Perth on 6-7 July.

Speakers for what is Western Australia's main Indigenous health conference will include Dr Peter Braunberger, from Ontario in Canada, and Stephen Moo, from the Northern Territory Department of Health, who will be joined by Maureen Carter, of the Nindilingarri Cultural Services at Fitzroy Crossing in Western Australia.

Conference organisers says speakers will share their experience in the development and implementation of projects that have helped rural Indigenous communities.

Tasmania's Dewayne Everettsmith, an Aboriginal health worker who has become a successful singer/songwriter, is also on the program for the conference, which has the theme 'Aspire Together, Achieve Together'.

"The conference will provide health practitioners of all disciplines with the unique opportunity to network and engage together, as well as participate in clinical updates and professional development," Rural Health West CEO Belinda Bailey said.

The conference includes a research stream, which will feature national programs that focus on improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal communities.

Registrations can be made online via the Rural Health West website www.ruralhealthwest.com.au/aboriginalhealth

Check your smoke alarms, seniors told



INDIGENOUS seniors have been urged to check their smoke alarms are working following the release of new over-65s fire fatality statistics.

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) and the Home Care Service of NSW say the figures show people aged over 65 are the most vulnerable to fire, making up one-third of all fire-related deaths in NSW. A fifth of those occurred in Western Sydney suburbs (2007-11).

FRNSW outlined its concerns during a recent meeting at the Alleena/Warrambucca Aboriginal Home Care branch in Campbelltown.

Aboriginal Home Care workers have joined a campaign to spread key messages on fire safety, the most important of which is to have working smoke alarms and a home escape plan.

Home Care's 4000 care workers are also checking that their clients' home smoke alarms are working.

FRNSW says it will also assist seniors and care workers through its Smoke Alarm and Battery Replacement program, known as SABRE, where firefighters change and maintain the smoke alarm batteries for people aged over 65 and immobile residents.

For more information visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au or contact your nearest fire station.

New program offers language support



INDIGENOUS languages are set to benefit from a new Federal Government program to develop resources and assist in their revival and maintenance.

Arts Minister Tony Burke is seeking expressions of interest for projects under the Indigenous Language Support Program to develop community-driven and culturally appropriate digital and multi-media language resources. But with a deadline of 30 May, applicants will need to move quickly.

"Language is central to the practice and continuation of culture in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," Mr Burke said.

"Preserving Indigenous languages isn't simply about preserving the languages themselves, it also ensures that culture, concepts and values remain part of Australia forever.

"In 2012 the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs identified a critical need for additional Australian Government investment to protect the future of Indigenous languages."

For more information, go to www.arts.gov.au



Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre graduates, who received a Certificate II in Indigenous Leadership.

Graduates earn praise for talent and potential



TWENTY people graduated in Cairns, north Queensland, this month from the latest course run by the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre

(AILC). They received a Certificate II in Indigenous Leadership qualification, and plenty of praise from AILC chair Tom Calma.

"Our graduates are a living

testament to the talent and potential of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said. "They are a constant reminder of the importance of high quality accredited training with relevance and value to Indigenous people and their communities.

"The AILC is proud to be Australia's only provider of accredited Indigenous leadership training, making a significant impact on the future potential not just of individuals, but

also their families and communities. The 20 participants in Cairns demonstrated these characteristics."

Course participant Geraldine Narul was pleased with the program.

"I encourage all Indigenous people to become leaders of tomorrow because, as a nation, we must be in charge of the challenges that face our people and our lifestyle," she said.

For more information, go to www.ailec.org.au

Political leaders invited to Garma



ORGANISERS of one of Australia's leading Indigenous celebrations, the Garma Festival in north-east Arnhem Land, have invited the Prime Minister and Opposition Leader to attend this year's gathering.

They are hoping that Julia Gillard and Tony Abbott accept the invitation, despite the four-day event taking place a month out from the proposed September election.

Garma director Denise Bowdon said the politicians would be asked to address the keynote forum, which has the theme 'A Bi-Partisan Project: Partnerships, Reconciliation and Future Prosperity'.

Ms Bowdon said the festival would be from 9-12 August at a traditional Yolngu ceremonial site called Gulkula.

She said the Yothu Yindi Foundation, which stages the festival, had been working over the past year to upgrade guest facilities at the site.

"Our Yolngu board has set its sights on marking this occasion with a traditional ceremony on a meeting ground chosen by the Yolngu people themselves on their country, the home of the bark petition," Ms Bowdon said.

She said Garma was 'declaring a right of ownership over the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Yirrkala Bark Petition'. The Gulkula site was the most respectful place to honour the forefathers

and Yolngu families involved in the production of the bark petition in 1963.

Ms Bowdon said the key forum would cover issues such as the push towards constitutional recognition of Indigenous people, Indigenous governance, economic development and the importance of education.

Garma deputy chairman Djawa Yunupingu said it would be manymuk (good) if the 2000 participants at Garma could have access to Australia's most important politicians 'so that we, together, can listen to future predictions for remote and regional Indigenous homelands and communities'.

Online registrations are available at www.garma.com.au and close on 19 July.

Jobs available at upcoming election



THE Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is keen to hear from Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people interested in working as polling officials at the next

federal election, planned for 14 September.

The AEC employs many casual staff during an election period, with positions ranging from officials working at polling booths on election day to those assisting with preparations with the lead-up.

Wendy Harris, from the AEC's Indigenous Electoral Participation Program in Tasmania, encouraged people to check out opportunities.

"It's a great opportunity to be part of one of the biggest community events in this country and, with 2012 having

been the 50th anniversary of the Indigenous right to vote, to make the votes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and all Australians count," she said.

For more details and eligibility criteria, contact the AEC on 13 23 26.



Traditional custodians working with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service gathered in Byron Bay last week for the 2013 meeting of the 25 joint management custodians of New South Wales. Custodians are landowners leasing their land back or recognised through an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) or a memorandum of understanding. The meeting, which aims to ensure the continuing practice of Aboriginal culture in land management, was hosted by the Bundjalung people of Byron Bay (Arakwal).

Custodians in annual talks

By DARREN COYNE



ROY Kennedy is from the flat scrubby country out in the far

south-western part of New South Wales... a world away from the postcard views to be had at the top of Cape Byron on the state's far north coast. "Yeah, I love it here," he told the *Koori Mail*, before adding "but it's not my country. It's all right for a visit."

Mr Kennedy was one of more than 30 traditional custodians who travelled to Byron Bay last week for the 2013 meeting of the 25 joint management custodians working with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Another visitor, Williams Bates, who heads up the board of management at Mutawintji National Park, was also suitably impressed with Cape Byron, which attracts more than 1.2 million visitors a year.

"We get about 12,000 visitors," Mr Bates said, explaining that his park in far western NSW covered 76,000 hectares and featured caves, paintings and rock art.

"There are certain areas that are sacred and off limits, the women's and men's areas, but we do guided tours with Aboriginal discovery officers, and there are also a lot of self-guided tours."

Each visitor had their own tale to tell of their country, and of the way they were working with the NSW



Some of the meeting participants at a point on Cape Byron overlooking the beaches of Byron Bay on Bundjalung country in far northern NSW.

National Parks and Wildlife Service, but they were also keen to hear how the others were doing.

Byron Bay-based Arakwal National Park management committee chair Yvonne Stewart said the gathering was a wonderful opportunity to host visitors from across the state, and to show them what was being achieved in the Byron area.

"For the Bundjalung people of Byron Bay (Arakwal), our Indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has helped put Aboriginal people in jobs in the administration and care of the national park," she said.

"Successful traineeships

have seen Arakwal people appointed to a range of positions including ranger, senior field officer and administration officer."

Ms Stewart said Aboriginal joint management also provided benefits to the parks system and the broader community.

Benefits

"It enables Aboriginal communities to connect with their country and pass on their culture to younger generations, contributing to community well-being through positive health benefits and provision of social and economic opportunities."

NPWS director of the Conservation Programs Division Bob Conroy said many park visitors were keen to learn about traditional Aboriginal land management practices, and it was great that this was offered through interpretation and guided tours in many NSW parks.

"Joint management recognised Aboriginal people's rights to practise their culture on public lands and to have a meaningful role in land custodianship and management," he said.

The joint management custodians have been meeting every year since 2009.



Chair Phyllis Cubby and committee member Shirley Cubby from the Culgoa National Park management committee. The park is about 660km north-west of Sydney.



Lake Mungo National Park's Roy Kennedy and William Bates, chair of the board of management of Mutawintji National Park.



Kevin Ballangarry, of the Gumbangurri people near Nambucca Heads, with NPWS education officer Delta Kay.

Aboriginal man on advisory council



ABORIGINAL man Tom Brideson is one of 15 members of the NSW Mental Health Commission's new Community Advisory Council.

The council will be responsible for producing a strategic direction for mental health services across the state.

Minister for Mental Health Kevin Humphries said the council would provide independent advice and guidance to the Mental Health Commission regarding issues affecting people with mental health problems, their families and service providers.

"The advisory council will provide independent advice to the commission on a number of mental health issues, and I look forward to seeing the commission and the council working together to develop a new strategic plan for mental health across NSW," he said.

Mr Brideson has been a leader in Aboriginal mental health for many years. He is employed as statewide coordinator for the NSW Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program.

Scheme to prevent violence welcomed



THE Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria (FVPLS Victoria) has welcomed a Federal Government move to fund a new family violence prevention organisation.

But the Melbourne-based corporation has warned of the 'urgent and critical need' for activities that specifically target Aboriginal women.

"This announcement comes on the heels of last year's savage cuts to family violence prevention programs in Aboriginal communities," FVPLS Victoria CEO Antoinette Braybrook said.

"Twelve months ago, money was ripped away without cause from the Attorney General's Department Early Intervention and Prevention Program which funded FVPLS Victoria's proven and highly successful Sisters Day Out (leadership) program.

"The new money announced for family violence prevention must be used to reinstate vital, effective programs like Sisters Day Out that benefit Aboriginal communities."

Screenwriters the target of workshop



MORE Indigenous screenwriters is the major goal of a workshop to be launched this month in Lismore, northern NSW.

The Northern NSW Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Screenwriters Workshop is designed to be a pathway for developing new stories from Indigenous writers based in regional northern NSW.

Organisers hope it will fast-track careers and lead to more regional productions.

The three-day residential workshop, from 14-17 August, is an initiative of Screenworks, with the Australian Film Television and Radio School Indigenous Unit and supported by Foxtel.

Northern Rivers screenwriter Jon Bell (*Gods of Wheat Street, Redfern Now*) will launch the workshop on 28 May at Lismore TAFE and discuss increasing opportunities in the screen industry for Indigenous storytellers.

Workshop participants will be selected based on their commitment to Indigenous storytelling, experience in storytelling or writing in different genres and interest in writing for the screen.

More details are available at the launch or at www.screenworks.com.au

3on3 for Bunbury



THE Western Australian city of Bunbury will host the next Vibe 3on3 event this Friday. The events, held nationwide, use 3on3 basketball and hip hop to promote good health and reconciliation.

Event executive producer Gavin Jones says planning for the Bunbury Vibe 3on3 is well in hand. The Bunbury day will feature a 3on3 basketball tournament, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops and more.



Julie Gough with her latest installation, a series of videos and a way-finding cairn/compass, exploring her obsession with the diary of George Augustus Robinson.

Book addiction leads to show

By JILLIAN MUNDY



JULIE GOUGH once considered Tasmania a magical, mysterious homeland. It was this childhood fascination that planted the seeds

for her impressive and established career in art.

Growing up in Melbourne, her father's family who migrated to Australia after World War II, kept strong links to their Scottish heritage, and her Mum and Nan often spoke of Tasmania.

"I've always been a curious person, always wondering about how things came to be the way they are," Ms Gough said.

"Tasmania represented this place I wasn't sure I would get to."

Ms Gough's mother is from Latrobe, in northern Tasmania, where her family had lived since the 1840s.

After studying archeology at the University of WA, she moved to the land of her childhood fascination when she was 20.

Although her initial career choice was in heritage, Ms Gough went on to obtain a doctorate from the University of Tasmania, a Masters degree in Visual Arts from the University of London, a Bachelor degree in Visual Arts from the Curtin University West Australia and a BA with Honours in Visual Arts from the University of Tasmania.

Descended from Woretermoetyenner, the daughter of Tasmanian Aboriginal warrior

Manalagena, Ms Gough says her art is an extension of wanting to understand what happened to her family in Tasmania.

With fine academic skills and this longing to understand her own history, she soon became an avid researcher, spending many hours trawling through historical records and microfilm.

Ms Gough has become known for her thought-provoking installations and meticulous research.

Her latest exhibition, *The Lost World (Part 1)*, is an interpretation of her 'love-hate' relationship and obsession with the book *The Friendly Mission*, written by historian Brian Plomley – a book she describes as a tidied version of the Tasmanian journals and papers of 'corrupt' lay missionary and 'protector' of Aborigines in Tasmania and Victoria, George Augustus Robinson.

Addicted

Ms Gough confesses to being addicted to the book.

"The videos in the latest exhibition explore that relationship and trying to let it go. I do bury the book at one stage," she said.

"The book inspires quite a few of my investigations. I go where things happen that are mentioned in this book.

"I'm feeling frustrated by living my life through this weird book. It's a bit whacky. In a way it's almost like a bible; it's the book where we can find our ancestors mentioned and what people used to do in certain seasons.

"I realised in the last year or so I really need to access the original handwritten manuscripts because Plomley's edited version is taking out a lot of material including the way Robinson wrote and words he threw in there that show his state of mind."

No one could dispute her addiction.

"My dream would be to spend a lot of time with those original papers, because what Plomley wrote he edited and tidied up, a much shorter version," she said.

"I've spent too much time looking at the book."

The Lost World will have a part 2, involving a 'virtual repatriation' of Tasmanian Aboriginal stone tools held in Cambridge University – projected live from Britain to Tasmania.

It's the story of the stone tools and their journey that draws in Ms Gough.

"I'm still baking the idea," she says.

"I like the idea of space and time folding, and becoming uncertain, unstable ... is it now, is it then; am I doing something from then now; will it open a portal into the past?"

Ms Gough's appetite for research could not be disputed either.

"There's so much more to be found in correspondence (in the UK). How many letters made it to England describing what people were doing. I think there is a lot more history over there about Australia than we know," she said.

Lost World Part 1 is at Contemporary Art Spaces Tasmania (CAST) in North Hobart until 26 May.



Australian football skills and drills at the Santa Teresa sports day.



Santa Teresa kids having a ball.

ARMtour kicks goals

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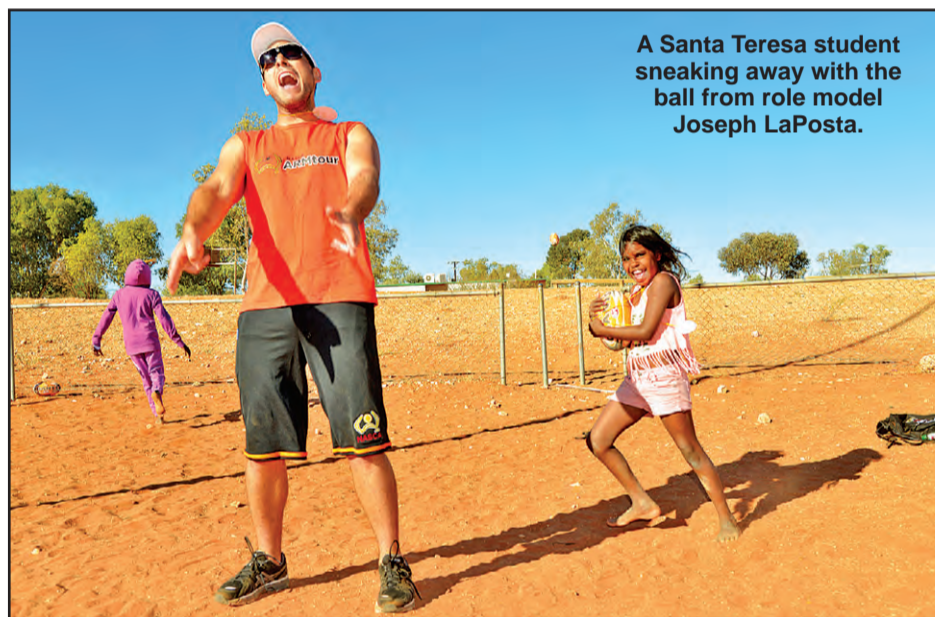
THE influence of sportsmen and women on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids is no secret, and one program that leverages that influence for positive effect is having particular success.

The Sydney-based National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) takes its ARMtour program – drawing upon athletes as role models – to communities in the Central Desert, Queensland and elsewhere.

For a week at a time, volunteer role models use sport to encourage young people to choose healthy lifestyles at the same time as working within classrooms to inject enthusiasm for learning and motivation to attend school.

They introduce students to a range of career opportunities and some of the skills they'd need to progress in their chosen path.

The impact of ARMtour speaks for itself. Each school it works with provides numbers showing attendance rates before, during and after ARMtour



A Santa Teresa student sneaking away with the ball from role model Joseph LaPosta.

program delivery. The numbers show that during program delivery, schools experience significant increases (on average 34 per cent) in student attendance when compared with before the tour, and that attendance stays up by

19 per cent (compared with before the tour) for the month post tour.

The most recent ARMtour to Santa Teresa, about 80km outside of Alice Springs, last month was reportedly a huge success, with ARMtour role model

and Santa Teresa team leader Rebekah Torrens describing the community's school as buzzing with excitement.

For the athletic carnival, the students marched out on to the oval all chanting their carnival 'house' names of Kangaroos, Perentes, Emus and Goannas.

They rotated around different stations set up on the oval for sessions on AFL kicks and handballing, netball shots, soccer shots, sprints, hammer throw, long jump, javelin, long run, house relays, and dash for cash.

Highlights of the day included one boy and one girl Year 4 student kicking every ball to a goal, two transition students getting every ball into the AFL handball, and a hammer throw session using an old workman's shoe tied on to some rope, which the kids thought was hilarious.

The activities were followed by presentations of ribbons for first, second and third placegetters.

The Kangaroos were the carnival's overall winners.

ARMtour will visit Alice Springs and other communities in August and October.



Role model Marisha Blanco demonstrating to local youngsters how to throw a javelin during the Santa Teresa sports day.



Role model Kym Murray helping a Santa Teresa student shoot hoops.

Best from Mid-West



NEXT
month's
*Oakajee Port
and Rail
Good Heart
Mid-West
Aboriginal Art*

Exhibition will have a record number of works.

Almost 200 pieces from more than 50 new and established artists with Western Australian Mid-West roots will be showcased to a Perth audience during the sixth annual exhibition, from 10-14 June.

"The quality and diversity of works that has already come in bode well for an exhibition which will have something for everyone," project manager Kim Pervan said.

"Artist Krocette (David Prior) has created a stunning large feature piece depicting Yamaji country – and this is just the tip of what will be on show.

"Over the years Good Heart has developed a reputation for fostering Mid-West talent and helping expose emerging artists to a mainstream, metropolitan audience.

"The quality of work is now recognised at a state, national and international level."

This year's event has works in media including paint, textiles, woodwork and ceramics, as well as artefacts.

"For the first time, several artists from Wiluna's Tjukurba Gallery will exhibit, acclaimed textile artist Roy Merritt is returning with a selection of woollen scarves, and Geraldton artist Margaret Danischewsky adds to her repertoire with traditional woven baskets," Ms Pervan said.



Joan Carnamah, Colleen Drage and Rachel Mongoo, from the Northampton Old School Women's Textile Team, with some of the work they'll show at the *Oakajee Port and Rail Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition*.

"Yamaji Arts will be contributing artefacts such as tapping sticks and the ever-popular Northampton Old School Women's Textile Team is back with a selection of

dyed silk scarves. Northampton artists will also be offering up felt works."

All works are for sale, with proceeds going directly to the artists.

Over the years, hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of sales have been generated, and it's estimated that more than 20,000 people have viewed the show since

its inception in 2008.

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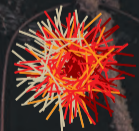
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James Tylor in front of a piece from his photographic work in the *Distorted* exhibition.



By JILLIAN MUNDY



ADELAIDE-BASED artist James Tylor, an Aboriginal/Maori/Anglo Australian man, challenges what he calls 'racial pigeon holing' in his

creations. Tylor, who works mainly in fine art photography, has witnessed many people struggle to articulate mixed heritage.

"People could only see me as one background. People say you're either one of the other," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"Aboriginal people would always refer to me as Maori, and Maori people would always refer to me as being Aboriginal.

"The only thing that could distinguish you as being different was the other.

"And when I grew up in (Western Australia's) Kimberley, I was called white."

Tylor is interested in the interaction between different cultures. "There are so many people with mixed heritage," he said.

Tylor is completing his Masters

His focus is on heritage

degree at the South Australian School of Art, looking at Indigenous and European relations in the 1850s, which coincides with the era photography started to take off.

In his art, Tylor attempts to strip back this period of time to an experience, with neither a positive nor negative slant – 'just an experience'.

He is using an old photographic process, called daguerreotype, which was invented at the same time as Charles Darwin's voyage to

Australia and New Zealand on the *HMS Beagle*, but not used by Darwin. The famous naturalist and evolutionist drew and painted.

"I am going to go back and find his quotes about Indigenous people and recreate (the scene) with myself, using daguerreotype," Tylor said.

"I'm not going to hit the mark of where they are. It's also about my history I guess, about having mixed heritage."

Some of Tylor's latest works can

be seen in *Distorted*, an exhibition he has curated about the process of how photos are made, as well as tricks and illusions, in Hobart's Constance Ari Gallery until 1 June.

Tylor also has work at *The Analogue Lab Exhibition: Alternative Photography on Paper, Glass and Metal*, at The Mill in Adelaide until this Friday 24 May; and at *Decoration and Design: The Black Object*, at the Australian Academy of Design in Port Melbourne, until 1 July.

He is also putting together his first solo exhibition, about travelling as a child with his mother.

Although he works mainly in photography, Tylor also has a background in drawing and sculpture. "I am a visual person. I can't read and write properly, but I was always really good at drawing," he said.

There was a two-to-three-year period when Tylor's artistic practice came to a halt as a result of drawing a marijuana plant in early high school.

"I drew it so well, they asked my Mum to come down – to 'have a bit of a talk about James'," he said.

"I just stopped drawing. Then I started drawing again when I met this Maori girl in my class.

"She was doing Maori patterns and I tried to copy and it never came out right, but I got it similar and I got my own style from that.

"It's like a hybrid, of both Indigenous culture and Maori culture. It was really uncanny that I couldn't do the other one but it was close enough. It was kind of like a dot painting but not a dot painting."

These symbols still feature in Tylor's art work today.



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A file photo, published with permission, of Warumpi Band frontman George Rurrumbu.

Premieres a feature at film festival



DARWIN filmmaker and writer Steven McGregor said he'd seen George Rurrumbu perform 'many, many times' and gotten to know him over the years. So when he was approached to make a documentary about the life of the charismatic frontman of the pioneering Warumpi Band, (with the blessing of the family), he was like "Yeah, let's do it."

"But I was also intimidated," he said. "Because it's a big responsibility."

The documentary *Big Name No Blanket* – which was the title of the Warumpi Band's first album in 1985 – will have its world premiere at the Sydney Film Festival on Saturday, 15 June and McGregor, who was still in the final stages of post-production when he spoke to the *Koori Mail*, said fellow band members Sammy Butcher and Neil Murray would attend.

"We're trying to get a couple of George's kids and his wife Suzina there, but they are still umming and ahing. They don't like the spotlight," he said.

"But we showed them the rough cut. We took the film to Elcho Island and they loved it."

Big Name, No Blanket draws on archival photos and footage as well as present-day interviews to tell the story of the man who was dubbed the black Mick Jagger for his energetic performances and hailed a legend for being the first frontman to sing rock and roll music in Aboriginal languages, with iconic songs like *Jailanguru Parkurnu* (*Out From Jail*), *Sit down money* and *Blackfella/Whitefella* bringing contemporary Indigenous issues to a wider Australian audience.

Meanwhile, *My Island Home*, written by Neil Murray about George Rurrumbu's life (and covered by Christine Anu in 1995), became an unofficial national anthem to many people across the Pacific.



Twenty-six-year-old Vincent 'Jack' Buckskin is dedicated to inspiring the people of Adelaide to connect with Kurna, the language and culture of his ancestors. His story features in the documentary film *Buckskin*, one of the Indigenous films featured at this year's Sydney Film Festival.

McGregor said the film had been a long time coming, after an 'embargo' of five years stipulated by the singer in his will, and which had been respected by the family.

"*Big Name, No Blanket* really summed up who George was," McGregor said.

"He was a big-name musician who took on the world, but was still very humble and true to his roots."

The production is one of 10 contenders for the \$10,000 Foxtel Australian Documentary Prize.

Buckskin

Also in contention is *Buckskin* by first-time documentary filmmaker Dylan McDonald. During the making of *Buckskin*, McDonald did some of the cinematography,

including all the time-lapse photography, and he composed and played the music for the film. His screen work has won awards in Alice Springs, and in 2012 he was named Alice Springs NAIDOC Senior Youth of the Year.

Buckskin tells the story of 26-year-old Vincent 'Jack' Buckskin, who as a young teenager dreamed of being a star football player. Like many young Aboriginal men, he was disconnected from his traditional language and culture growing up, but his life was set on a completely different course after he lost his sister and immersed himself in his Kurna language and culture.

"I quit playing footie, I quit uni, I quit work, I just gave up everything and let it (the grief) eat me up. I let it get the best of me," Buckskin told the *Koori Mail*.

"It wasn't until I started getting involved in language and dance that I got back out there."

From the northern Adelaide suburb of Salisbury, Buckskin's mission is now to teach the Kurna language – the language of his ancestors – to as many people as he can in his lifetime.

Meanwhile, with his dance troupe Kuma Kaaru, he performs and teaches dance in schools.

Buckskin says the film is a story about the importance of culture, language and language revitalisation in urban society.

As his Uncle Steve says, "People who are still very strong in their culture walk differently."

Buckskin will screen from 6.45pm on Wednesday 12 June at Events Cinema 9 in George Street, Sydney.

● See our next edition for more on Ivan Sen's new feature film *Mystery Road*, which stars Aaron Pedersen, Hugo Weaving and Jack Thompson. *Mystery Road* will have its world premiere at the Sydney Film Festival.

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This impressive documentary follows the story of George Rurrumbu Burarrawanga, the charismatic and inspirational frontman of pioneering Indigenous rockers the Warumpi Band.



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FRI 14 JUN 9:00 PM STATE THEATRE
SAT 15 JUN 7:15 PM EVENT
CINEMAS GEORGE ST

Three 16-year-old boys concoct an elaborate plan to purchase a carton of liquid gold.

The Chuck In is part of SFF's Short Films program, and screens with the feature *Frances Ha*.

Heritage Trust in deep water



THE role of waterways in Indigenous heritage will be highlighted in an art exhibition at the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne.

Ganagan: Waterways in Koorie Life and Art, which opens on 6 June, shows Victoria's waterways through Koorie eyes. Ganagan is a Taungurung word meaning deep water.

Koorie Heritage Trust CEO Tom Mosby said the Melbourne Water-sponsored exhibition would feature artefacts, artworks and

stories by Victorian Koorie artists. "Ganagan celebrates Koorie traditions and their continuing connection to caring for Victorian waterways," Mr Mosby said.

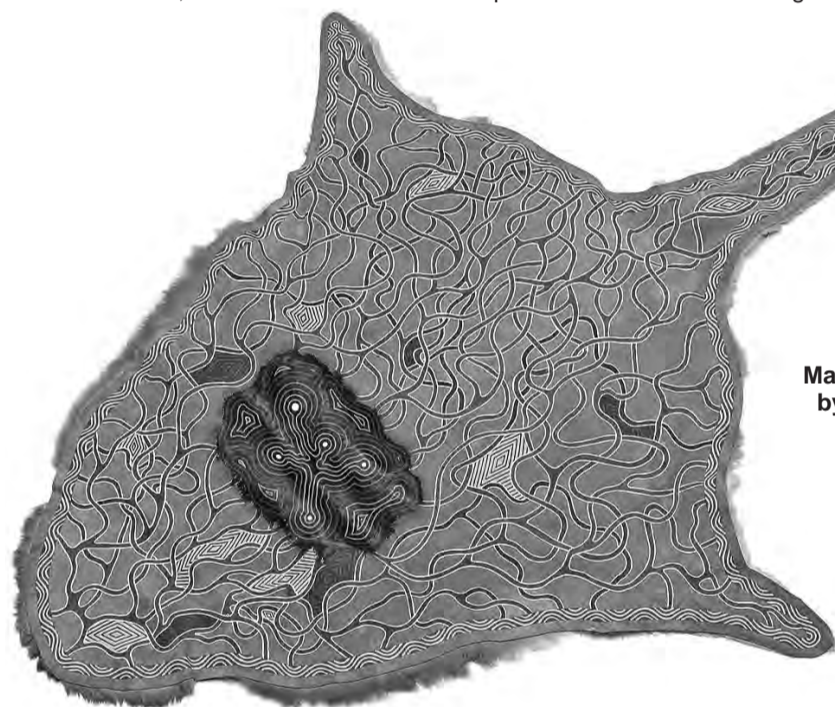
"We are excited to be presenting such a diverse range of items from our collection that showcases the talent of the Koorie artists we have here in Victoria."

Senior curator Nerissa Broben said a highlight of the exhibition would be Glenda Nicholl's artwork *Ochre Net*, which won the Koorie Heritage Trust Acquisition Award and the

CAL Award for Three Dimensional Works at last year's Victorian Indigenous Art Awards.

Other works to go on show will include waterways mapped on kangaroo skins, while creation stories share insights into how waterways were formed – for example, how Birrarung, the Yarra River, was filled with the tears of two frightened young boys.

Ganagan: Waterways in Koorie Life and Art runs until 3 September at the Koorie Heritage Trust. Entry is by gold coin donation.



Map of Port Phillip Bay
by Mandy Nicholson
(Wurundjeri)
Acrylic paint on
kangaroo skin.



Fishing spear
by
Jim Berg
(Gunditjmara)
Wire, wood
and nails.

Deadline close for TSI award



ENTRIES for the 2013 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award close in just two days. Locally residing Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal artists have until this Friday (24 May) to submit entries for this year's award, the sixth to be hosted by the Thursday

Island-based cultural centre since 2008.

This year's award centres on the theme Ailan Style, celebrating the unique island ways of the communities of the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area, and offers an increased prize pool of \$16,500 to category winners.

Torres Strait Regional Authority chairperson Joseph Elu said the increase in prizemoney reflected the growing profile of the award and its importance to arts development in the region.

"The Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award gives artists at all stages in their career an opportunity to develop and share works with an audience that extends, from the Torres Strait and nationally through some of Australia's major art institutions," he said.

"It is unique in the sense that emerging artists are able to exhibit alongside those with years of experience and knowledge to share."

Share skills

Last year's Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award winner Segar Passi said he wanted to work with others and share the art skills and knowledge he had developed over many years.

"I try to encourage all young men and women on my island who have hidden talents," the Mer Island man said.

"I want to share my skills and knowledge because all of my paintings are based on our true Torres Strait culture and tradition."

The 2013 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award winner will receive \$7000 in prizemoney as well as the opportunity to have their work featured on the cover of the exhibition catalogue.

The remaining \$9500 will go to winners in eight categories, including the new section for best work on canvas.

The award exhibition opening will be held as part of Gab Titui's reopening celebrations later this year.

For more information, contact the Gab Titui Cultural Centre on (07) 4069 0888.

Packed program for *My Country*



MAJOR activities have been planned for 1 June to mark the official opening in Brisbane of the Gallery of Modern Art's exhibition *My Country, I Still Call Australia Home: Contemporary Art from Black Australia*.

The program includes free talks and discussions, followed by a night of live music from Archie Roach, The Medics and Bunna Lawrie.

Queensland Art Gallery/ Gallery of Modern Art director Chris Saines said the opening day programs would expand on the themes of the exhibition, which includes more than 300 artworks by 115 artists from every state and territory.

"We are honoured that Archie Roach will perform as part of My

Country Up Late," he said.

"Also performing is one of Australia's most lauded new rock groups, The Medics, and they will be joined by special guest Bunna Lawrie, founder of seminal Aboriginal rock band Coloured Stone."

Mr Saines said artists Gordon Hookey and Reko Rennie would feature during the talks program.

Conversation

"Exhibition curator Bruce McLean will also be joined in conversation by artist Archie Moore to talk about works from his series *On a Mission from God 2012*," he said.

"Curator and writer Hetti Perkins will host a discussion with exhibiting artists Michael Cook, Megan Cope and Fiona Foley, while writer, artist and academic Brenda L Croft will

chair a panel with Gordon Hookey, Douglas Watkin and Judy Watson.

"The cinema program *My Life as I Live It: First Peoples and Black Cinema* will start with a screening of Essie Coffey's *My Survival as an Aboriginal* at 4pm in Cinema A.

"And exhibition media partner ABC Radio National will broadcast their *Weekend Arts* program live onsite from 2pm."

All programs and shows are free.

My Country, I Still Call Australia Home: Contemporary Art from Black Australia is on display at the Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane from 1 June to 7 October.

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A historic photo of Jackie Anderson, Angus Rabbitt and Freddie Douglas on stage.



Tony Ghee, Gary Nagas, Jacynthia Ghee and Lama Ghee at this month's community preview of *Deadly Brothers* in Brisbane. Photo by Jo Driessens

Deadly new exhibition a high note

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



DEADLY Brothers is a new exhibition at the State Library of Queensland's kuril dhagun, showcasing Murri

and Torres Strait Islander men who have made their name in music across a range of genres and ages from the 1940s to today.

Through interviews, personal items, lyrics, ephemera and music itself, the hand-picked collection of deadly brothers – Harold Blair, Mop and the Dropouts, Black Image, The Medics and Classik Nawu – provides an insider's view into the music industry from the 1940s to today, traversing the genres of opera, rock electronic and more.

Curator Katina Davidson said staff filmed interviews with the musicians especially for the exhibition – although in the case of world famous opera singer Harold Blair, who passed away in 1976, a *This is Your Life* television show is featured.

In his interview, Mop and the Dropouts' Angus Rabbitt reminisces about his early musical career as a young boy – a period which is captured in an historic black-and-white photo from the State Library's collection circa 1960.

Growing up in Cherbourg, Uncle Angus says his father



Black Image performing at State Library of Queensland.

played guitar in what was known as a 'welfare band', and he used to go along and watch. He also recalls beating the Bee Gees (at that time known as the Gibb Brothers) in a Channel 10 talent contest, winning a 'nice big ice-cream cake' and a box brownie camera.

With Mop and the Dropouts' anthem *Brisbane Blacks*, Ms Davidson said the interview with Uncle Angus also touched on the political aspect of being in a band in the 80s.

"He said they didn't set out to be political, they were just singing about what was going on for them, like any other musician, and that just happened to be what was around them at the time," she said.

Deadly Brothers provides an Indigenous perspective to the overarching 'Live! Queensland'

band culture program, which officially opened at the library earlier this month.

As such, being in a band was one of the key guidelines when selecting who should feature in *Deadly Brothers*. But Ms Davidson said in the case of Harold Blair – the first Aboriginal Australian to receive recognition as a classical singer – they 'bent the rules a tiny little bit'.

"Uncle Harold is one of the few prolific Aboriginal musicians from that time (the 1940s through to the 70s), so to have someone as famous as him travelling the world and performing, in that time period, that was a feat in and of itself," she said.

Deadly Brothers runs until 15 September at kuril dhagun, level 1, State Library of Queensland. Open daily 10am-5pm, with free entry.



A historic image of opera singers Harold Blair and Marjorie Lawrence.



A historic photo of Mop and the Dropouts performing.

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Food sense is on menu for Cape York patients



ABORIGINAL people from Cape York are being taught valuable skills in the kitchen while visiting Cairns for medical

treatment. A program called FOODcents has been running at the Red Cross Wellbeing Centre, where people from remote communities stay while in town.

The Red Cross is running the eight-week program with the Apunipima Cape York Health Council.

The program is held in the centre's kitchen, with sessions tailored to the needs of guests and offering tips and advice on preparing nutritious meals within a budget and when access to supermarket shelves is limited.

Red Cross Far North Queensland regional manager Michael White said many guests arrived from remote locations where accessing fresh fruit and vegetables could be difficult, especially during the wet season.

"Communities become reliant on cheaper, processed foods that are easily accessible and can be stored for longer, but are not always the healthiest choice," he said.

Sessions involve participants cooking together and then sharing a healthy meal while discussing ways to improve diets for better health outcomes.

The program also aims to draw on each person's own unique skills and life experience, enabling two-way learning.



Cape York woman Ellen Roughsey with Red Cross volunteer Karen White preparing food at the first FOODcents session at the Red Cross Cairns Wellbeing Centre. (Photo supplied)

Apunipima dietitian Cara Polson said Cape York people often travelled to Cairns to access medical services, and during their stay they could find it challenging to manage their health conditions when usual

foods and family support networks were not accessible. "The FOODcents program offers them a chance to talk about which foods are the healthiest choice and how to include healthy choices on a

limited budget," she said.

Participant Ellen Roughsey, from Mornington Island, said her people never used to get heart and kidney disease and diabetes.

"They used to just eat bush

food. Now they have the shop and the problems," she said.

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New health guide to help meet standards



A NEW guide has been launched to assist Aboriginal community-controlled health services meet

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It is a companion document to the RACGP's current *Standards for General Practices (4th edition)* (the Standards).

The Interpretive guide explains the standards for Aboriginal community-controlled

health services by taking into account their context, culture and service delivery models.

The authors say RACGP accreditation is an important step towards achieving the best health results for patients.

RACGP National Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health chair Associate Professor Brad Murphy said Aboriginal community controlled health services were committed to achieving RACGP and other forms of accreditation.

Relevance

He said the Interpretive guide aimed to assist in identifying the relevance of the Standards to Indigenous health services and communities. "Thanks to the highly effective collaboration that took place between the RACGP and NACCHO, as well as its

state and territory affiliates, (this is) a significant piece of work that will contribute to ongoing quality and safety improvements in the health services delivered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," Prof Murphy said.

"Achieving accreditation demonstrates that a practice has been assessed as having reached defined standards of excellence in safety and quality in primary healthcare. This should be a matter of great pride to the practice itself, its patients and the community."

NACCHO chair Justin Mohamed welcomed what he said was an important resource.

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ABORIGINAL linguist Bridget Priman, from Townsville, believes good Indigenous language programs

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Ms Priman is chair of the Queensland Indigenous Languages Advisory Committee (QILAC), which has welcomed a Queensland Government plan to improve Indigenous education from 'crayon to workforce'.

A discussion paper outlining the plan acknowledges that while much has been invested in Indigenous education, this has not yet shown significant improvements for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Ms Priman said Indigenous languages were a key area that had been overlooked.

"Research shows great links between the provision of high-quality home language programs and educational participation and attainment for Aboriginal students," she said.

"These programs can be based in regions of language revitalisation (where languages might not be spoken much in the community) as well as in areas where English is the second language.

"A good language program with appropriate community participation results in our students being more interested



Lurleen Blackman with her grandchildren recording in Nywaygi for a national Aboriginal language promotion project. Michael Bromage, of ABC Open, is the technician. Photo by Faith Baisden

in school and doing much better in all their school subjects."

Ms Priman said QILAC would provide a detailed response to the discussion paper and was keen to be involved in the development of the proposed

action plan. She said language was a key tool which should be used in any effort to 'close the gap'.

"QILAC will work hard to ensure that our languages are not overlooked once again in

planning for greatly improved outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students," she said.

Ms Priman has been involved in the language arena for several years. Together with her sister

Melinda Holden (also a local linguist) she has developed several materials in her language, Warrgamay.

To view the proposed action plan go to <http://deta.qld.gov.au/indigenous>

Mum looking forward to Schoolkids Bonus



Amahlia Ellingwood, 5, of Grafton, ready to attend school. (Photo supplied)



GRAFTON (northern NSW) woman Keira Ellingwood says she is looking forward to this July when she'll receive the second Schoolkids Bonus payment for her daughter Amahlia.

The Bundjalung and Gumbayngirr mum said the Government payment – \$410 for each child in primary school and \$820 for each child in secondary school – had taken a lot of pressure off her.

Amahlia started school this year and Ms Ellingwood used the first part of the payment for her daughter's uniform, shoes and school bag. She's planning to spend the July payment on winter uniforms and school fees.

Ms Ellingwood said contacting Centrelink by internet was a breeze.

"It's really easy to use the computer to update our details, which I did when Amahlia started school. After that, the bonus payment just turned up in our account," she said.

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Lyn named Parent of the Month



LYN WILLIAMS wanted to be a chef when she was young, but tossed in her dream for love. Ms Williams, named April's Cherbourg State School Parent of the Month, had almost completed her training at TAFE but left in Year 11, a decision the mother-of-12 now regrets.

"Every night I watch (TV show) *My Kitchen Rules*," she said with a wry smile. "It was my dream to become a chef."

Ms Williams cooks for her family at her Cherbourg home and ensures her seven youngest children go to school every day, ironing their uniforms at night and making their lunches.

She said she wanted her children to chase their dreams.

"I want them to grow to be better educated so they can reach their goals," she said.

"I want them to have an easier life than me, especially the girls. Education will help them to become what they want to become in their life."

● **Pictured left: Cherbourg State School Parent of the Month for April Lyn Williams with her daughter Karen, 5, a Busy Bee of the Week, and Karen's siblings Sharnee, Dameka and back, Roy and Anthony.**

Trainees join USQ program



ASPIRING entrepreneur Stephanie Kabai hopes to have her own business one day. To that end she's undertaking

the University of Southern Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traineeship Program.

Miss Kabai is one of four trainees to take part in the program this year, as the previous group prepares for their graduation.

The program involves 12 months of full-time fixed-term appointment work at USQ along with face-to-face training and development programs.

On completion of the program, which is designed to close the gap between Indigenous and general employment rates, trainees receive a nationally recognised Certificate III qualification.

"I'm finding the program fun so far; I love the atmosphere and the environment here," Miss Kabai said.

"I graduated high school in Cairns last year and immediately moved to Toowoomba for university.

"I'm doing a Certificate III in



The group of new USQ trainees, from left, Stephanie Kabai, Jessica Shimmin (who has since left USQ for other opportunities), Joshua Horner (front), Jacob McKellar and Lauryn-Mikala Cooke.

Business Administration and would love to own my own business eventually."

New trainee Lauryn Cooke, who graduated from St Saviour's last year, said she was looking forward to the program.

"I'm always keen to learn new things," she said.

"I'll hopefully be doing a bachelor (degree) after I

complete my traineeship program here.

"I'd love to get into hotel management. I used to work in hotels and I loved it; you get to meet new people all the time."

The 2013 trainee team includes Miss Kabai (Students and Communities), Ms Cooke (Campus Services), Jacob McKellar (HR) and Joshua Horner (Marketing).



International Grammar School

International Grammar School is a co-educational, secular school, which reflects the contemporary and cosmopolitan nature of our inner city location. The school seeks to provide students with a learning experience that focuses on academic achievement and the development of a strong sense of individual and social responsibility.

Our educational philosophy focuses on the provision of a quality learning environment for Preschool, Primary and High School students with a special emphasis given to language studies and music.

Indigenous Educational Scholarships 2014

IGS offers scholarships open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children. The scholarships cover Tuition fees and the supply of text books and other support from Kindergarten to Year 12. Applicants will be considered for entry at any point. Preference will be given to Kindergarten entry.

The scholarships will be awarded to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children who, in the opinion of the School Board, are likely to benefit most from the IGS educational experience. In making this decision the Board will consider the following factors:

- Supportive family/community and commitment to an education at IGS
- Development attributes of the child, including social skills
- Relative disadvantage
- Benefits for the Child and the School

The selection will be based on the application and an interview. Candidates will be short-listed for a meeting and discussion with the applicant and their parent/guardian. The interview committee will consist of an IGS Board Member, the Principal and a local indigenous representative, and will make a recommendation for the consideration by the Board

The terms of the scholarships will be:

- Full Tuition fees, K-12
- Supplementary fees for other programs undertaken by the scholarship holder whilst at IGS
- Supply of text books and other specified materials, K-12
- Supply of uniform and other requirements

The scholarships will be open to Indigenous students already enrolled at IGS as well as external applicants.

Applications should be made first by phone to PA to Principal on (02) 9219 6706 and an application form will be made available.

Closing Date: Friday, 21 June 2013.

A local school with a global perspective

We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Please make them to the point and include all relevant contact details. Send submissions to any of the addresses in the panel on Page 23.

National

Carer Line is a free telephone information and support service for and about careers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services. Call 1800 242 636 Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

The Better Start for Children with Disability Initiative: Children who are eligible for the program can access funding of up to \$12,000 each financial year for a range of early intervention services. Children must be registered before age six to be eligible. For more information, call the Carer Line on 1800 242 636 or visit www.carersnsw.org.au

26 May: National Sorry Day. National Sorry Day offers the community the opportunity to acknowledge the impact of the policies spanning more than 150 years of forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families. Events held in various locations in Australia. For further information visit www.nsdcc.org.au

3-5 June: National Native Title Conference. 'Shaping the Future'. Held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre. Registrations are open, costs apply. Details: Jennifer Jones on (02) 6261 4250 or email Jennifer.Jones@aiatsis.gov.au or Shiane Lovell on (02) 6246 1108 or email Shiane.Lovell@aiatsis.gov.au or visit www.aiatsis.gov.au/ntru/ntc13

28-29 August: Puliima 2013 National Indigenous Language and Technology Forum. Proposals for presenting and/or exhibiting at Puliima 2013 are being sought. Held at the William Angliss Institute, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne. Details: www.puliima.com or (02) 4927 8222.

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: First Australians – Resistance Exhibition. The lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were profoundly changed by the arrival of British colonists in 1788. Lives were lost and land taken, Indigenous people responded in a variety of ways. Includes four of these stories. For further information visit www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/first_australians/resistance

Until 23 May: Koori Writer Workshops.

University to host RECOGNISE forum



UNIVERSITY of the Sunshine Coast student Laina McCoy's efforts to raise awareness about the need for Indigenous inclusion in the

Constitution have won her plenty of recognition.

She's been a driving force behind RECOGNISE, a community campaign to secure Constitutional recognition for Indigenous people.

The Bachelor of Social Sciences student's work in this regard will take another major step when the RECOGNISE campaign holds its first bipartisan information public forum on Wednesday, 29 May, from 6-8pm at the university's innovation centre.

It will be the first of three public forums on the Sunshine Coast, which will provide insight into the debate for the inclusion of Indigenous Australians in the Constitution. The other forums will be held at the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre from 6-8pm on Friday, 31 May, and at Mimburri, Belli Park, from 11am on 1 June.

Ms McCoy, of Montville, said she was delighted that the project, which started as a way to express her



LAINA MCCOY

passion for Indigenous equality, had led to the creation of a wide-reaching community initiative.

"None of this would have been possible without the collaborative support from Maleny Neighbourhood Centre, the Aboriginal Association (Mimburri) and USC teaching staff," she said.

"I know I'm just one person, but one person can make a big

difference if you talk to the right people and get the right support.

"RECOGNISE started out as a concept and now we have an opportunity to be part of the discussion and potentially a solution, to help bridge the gap and ensure Indigenous people are included in the Australian Constitution."

The university forum alone is expected to attract more than 400 people and will include guest speakers from a range of backgrounds.

Ms McCoy said that while the Federal Government was yet to announce a specific date for a referendum, it was important to have community discussions to increase public awareness and support for the cause.

"This is an issue with a lot of misconceptions and myths, so it's important we get people talking and aware of what a constitutional change will mean to all Australians," she said.

"Getting people talking is just the start. So if you are a student and you care about a cause, don't be intimidated, get involved and talk to people and the community because anyone can make a difference."

nations. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until 3 November: 'Warakurna – All the Stories Got Into Our Minds and Eyes'. An exhibition of works documenting a new art movement emerging from the Western Desert community of Warakurna. Held at the National Museum, Lawson Cres, Acton, ACT. 9am-5pm daily. Free and all welcome. Details: 1800 026 967 or visit www.nma.gov.au

Until 10 December: Redfern Wrap Around. Connecting community to services all under one roof, including Centrelink, Medicare, Child Support, RTA, Office of State Revenue and the Aboriginal Legal Service. Held once a month at the Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo St, Redfern from 10am-2.30pm. Details: (02) 9288 5713.

23-24 May: Aboriginal Elders Retreat. The aim of the retreat is to create a book where each participant re-tells a story which has influenced their upbringing. Held at Jambama Aboriginal Art Gallery, 30 Cassino Dr, Casino from 11am-4pm daily. Only 12 places. Details: Tracey on 0448 800 789

24 May-1 June: Spread the Word public showcases. Spread the Word is a 2012-2013 project of Arts OutWest

that promotes healthy lifestyle and raises awareness of chronic disease to Aboriginal communities in the NSW Central West. 24-25 May: Ninda Gallery, 87 Caswell St, Peak Hill, noon-2pm; 31 May-1 June: Platypus Gallery, 111 Lachlan St, Forbes, noon-2pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 6338 4657 or visit www.artsoutwest.org.au/projects/SpreadTheWord

25 May: The Long Walk Sydney 2013. The Long Walk is a charity inspired by AFL legend Michael Long's walk to Canberra to get the lives of Indigenous people back on the national agenda. Held at Skoda Stadium (Sydney Showgrounds) before the GWS v West Coast Eagles game at 2.10pm. Free, but donations are welcome. Details: Kathy Braithwaite on (03) 9230 0343 or email info@thelongwalk.com.au or visit www.thelongwalk.com.au

25 May: 'I'm Not racist but...' This is an interactive forum that aims to generate an open discussion around racism in Australia through the personal reflections and perspectives of four diverse Australians. Held at the Reginald Theatre, Seymour Centre, corner of City Rd and Cleveland St, Chippendale from 7-8.30pm. Cost: \$15 a person. Details: (02) 9351 7944 or visit www.seymourcentre.com/ev

ents/event/im-not-racist-but

26 May-14 July: 13th Annual Guringai Festival. Celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage across the 11 local council areas in the Northern Sydney region. This year's theme is 'Live Life Loudly' which aims to remind us that laughter is good for the soul and to live your life as fully as you can. Details: A full program of events can be assessed at www.guringaifestival.com.au or call (02) 9777 1000

27 May: Reconciliation Week event. Flag-raising ceremony at the Clock tower, Camperdown Campus, University of Sydney, from 12.30-2pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 9036 9278 or email alumni.rsvp@sydney.edu.au or visit www.sydney.edu.au/events/published/flag-raising-ceremony

27 May: Macleay Museum guided tours. Indigenous heritage curator Matt Poll will lead two exclusive tours of the university's Macleay Museum. Held at The Macleay Museum, Gosper Lane, University of Sydney. Bookings essential. Details: (02) 9036 9222 or visit sydney.edu.au/events/reconciliation

28 May: 'The 'C' Word. The challenge and necessity of changing our Constitution'. Join a panel discussion on the topic as part of Reconciliation Week 2013. Held on Law School Foyer, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney, from 6-7.30pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 9036 9222 or visit www.sydney.edu.au/events/reconciliation for online registration

28 May: Triple P – Goori Group Positive Parenting Program. Parents can discuss and share ideas about parenting and receive practical ideas about parenting skills that they can use with their children. Held at Jumbunna, 60 High St, Casino on three consecutive Tuesdays from 10am-2pm. Free program. Details: Karen McDermott or Lisa Walker on (02) 6662 2866 or email karen@jumbunna.com.au

29-30 May: Fourth Annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Conference. Held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, 180 George St, Redfern from 8.30am-5pm. Registration required, costs apply. Details: Lauren Kirby on (02) 9239 5700 or visit www.indighouses.com

30 May: On Track Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) launch. Celebrate On Track's RAP launch followed by keynote speaker Jeff McMullen talking about reconciliation. Held at the

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Lismore Workers Sports Club, Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah from 1-4pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Lorraine (07) 5536 98 51 or email lorraine@otcp.com.au

31 May - 2 June: Aboriginal women's gathering. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are invited to join Mirrung Ngu Wanjarri for group and circle discussions. Held at The Rainforest Retreat in Suffolk Park, NSW. Free event and transport can be arranged. Details: Nancy on 0401 739 887 or (02) 6621 1006.

7 June – 22 June: *Blak*. Presented by Bangarra Dance Theatre, *Blak* tells the story of a contemporary clan and the collision of two worlds. Held at the Sydney Opera House Drama Theatre. Bookings at www.sydneypoperahouse.com or (02) 9250 7777

8 June: Aboriginal Rugby League representative match. Bundjalung Nation – Northern v Southern. Allyboy Walker fundraiser. After-match entertainment at the Hotel Cecil, Casino, from 7pm. Held at Oakes Oval, Lismore, from 1pm. Details: Grantley Creighton on 0402 309 582

8-10 June: Talbott-Tighe family reunion at Gunnedah. Details on 0413 131 983 or email talbott.tighereunion@hotmail.com

11 June: Book launch of *A Decision to Discriminate* and film screening of *Our Generation*. Guest speaker Graeme Mundine. Held at Ryde Library, 1 Pope St, Ryde, from 6.30-9pm.

Free and all welcome. Details: Carol Drake on (02) 9869 1737 or Sabine Kacha on 0449 539 131 or visit www.concernedaustralians.com.au

22 June: Protest against six years of the NT Intervention and the expansion of income management. A rally marking the sixth anniversary will be held at Paul Keating Park, Bankstown, from noon. Details: (02) 9211 2600 or visit www.solidarity.net.au/55/income-management-expansion-in-effort-to-break-boycott

25-26 June: Building Partnerships and Pathways for Indigenous Employment conference. Details on 1300 316 882 or visit www.indigemployment.com

29 June: Tjupi Band performance. Tjupi (honey ant) come from Papunya, 250km north-west of Alice Springs. The band plays desert reggae, singing in Luritja as well as English. Held at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Casula, from 6pm. Cost is \$15 a person. Details: (02) 9824 1121 or visit www.casulapowerhouse.com

Queensland

Ongoing: The Ration Shed Museum. When Elders were moved off the land and taken to Cherbourg they were cut off from their traditional sources of food and were given weekly rations of mainly flour, sugar, tea, sago, rice, split peas and meat. The Ration Shed space is used to tell their stories. Details: (07) 4169 5753 or visit www.rationshed.com.au

25 May: Stylin' Up. An Indigenous hip hop, r'n'b music and dance event. Featuring artists Lazy J and Big Guy, Dizzy Doolan, Black Rose, Ghenoa Gela, Aim 4 More, Mark Lowndes and many more. Held at C J Greenfield Sports Complex, Freeman Rd, Inala from 11am-6pm. Free and all welcome. A no-smoking, no-drugs, no-alcohol event. Details: (07) 3178 6723 or visit www.stylinup.com.au

25 May-16 June: The play *Mother Courage and Her Children*. With an all Indigenous cast, this fresh spin on Brecht's play folds in themes of land ownership, the impact of mining and the Stolen Generations. Details: (07) 3840 7444 or visit www.qpac.com.au/event/Mother_Courage_13

Ursula Yovich on the set of *Mother Courage and Her Children*.



Courageous play



THE anti-war play *Mother Courage and Her Children* by German playwright Bertolt Brecht is being staged in an Aboriginal context by the Queensland Theatre Company (QTC),

with an all-Indigenous cast.

Originally written about the rise of fascism in Europe in the lead-up to World War II, QTC artistic director Wesley Enoch and Paula Nazarski have translated *Mother Courage* with a futuristic backdrop where there's a war for land and minerals.

"The power of a classic play is it can act as a simile or metaphor for different times and circumstances," Enoch said.

"Brecht believed in the power of theatre to engage in political commentary and social change. In this production we use Brecht's characters and situations to suggest the relationship between First Nations peoples and mining.

"By setting this production in a dystopian (frightening) future where there's a war for land and minerals, where

corporations dominate and Aboriginal people survive on their wits and allegiances, we raise the issue – can you be involved in something and not make a moral judgment, not be affected by it, avoid the consequences and sit morally apart?"

Ursula Yovich and David Page play the lead characters.

"One of Australia's leading actors, the amazing Ursula Yovich, is *Mother Courage* and, despite her petite stature, she is huge on stage," Enoch said.

"She is supported by an all-Indigenous cast led by the incomparable David Page for this fresh translation of Brecht's play, one which delicately folds in themes of land ownership, the impact of mining and the Stolen Generation."

Mother Courage and Her Children, translated by Wesley Enoch and Paula Nazarski, runs from this Saturday to 16 June at the Playhouse, Queensland Performing Arts Centre. Tickets are available at queenslandtheatre.com.au or by calling 1800 355 528.

Details: Kathy Braithwaite on (03) 9230 0343 or email info@thelongwalk.com.au or visit www.thelongwalk.com.au

25 May: Tennant Creek rally and concert to mark six years since the Northern Land Council voted to nominate the current Muckatj site for nuclear dump assessment. Supporters from across the Northern Territory and country are invited to attend.

For details visit www.ohmsnotbombs.net/archives/809

26-31 May: World Indigenous Network Conference 2013. The three-day conference program includes ceremonies, plenaries, workshops and dedicated women's and youth side streams. Held in Darwin. To register visit www.worldindigenousnetwork.net or contact (02) 6274 1016

29 May: Closing the Gap early childhood development Darwin seminar. Closing the gap invites all to a free seminar on early child development. Details: (03) 9489 8099 or visit www.snaicc.org.au/

7-10 June: Barunga Festival 2013. Held at Barunga, south of Katherine. Cost: Adults \$30, Children 12-18 \$10 (under 12 free). Details: (08) 8941 8066 or email info@barungafestival.com.au or visit www.barungafestival.com.au

9-13 October: Mbantua Festival – Awakening the Desert 2013. This Indigenous cultural festival will feature exhibitions, stories told through song and dance, arts and crafts, foods, music, healing and harmony, tours, exhibitions, environment and sustainable desert living projects and more. Held at the Old Telegraph Station and Todd Riverbed, Alice Springs. Tickets available now. Details: (08) 8953 4000 or visit www.mbantuafestival.com.au

Victoria

Until 16 June: 'Ghost Citizens. Witnessing the Intervention' exhibition. An exhibition about the Federal Government's Intervention in the Northern Territory, seen through the work of Aboriginal and other artists. Held at the Counihan Gallery, 233 Sydney Rd, Brunswick from Wed-Sun, 11am-5pm and Sun 1-5pm. Free Gallery entry. Details: (03) 9389 8622 or email counihangallery@moreland.vic.gov.au or visit www.moreland.vic.gov.au

25 May: The Long Walk Melbourne 2013. The Long Walk is a charity inspired by AFL legend Michael Long's walk to Canberra to get the lives of Indigenous people back on the national agenda. Held at Federation Square, Melbourne, from 6pm.

Free to the MCG, but costs involved to go into the ground.

Details: Kathy Braithwaite on (03) 9230 0343 or email info@thelongwalk.com.au or visit www.thelongwalk.com.au

25-26 May and 1-2 June: Nara Dreaming exhibition, includes artists Anne Conway, Ken Jones, Robyn Davis, Trina Dalton-Oogies, Uncle Huck Dalton and more. Includes official opening on 24 May at 6.30pm. Held at Avisford (Bill's Shed), 1023 Calder Alternative Highway, Lockwood, Victoria on Sat and Sun, 10am-4pm. Gold coin donation. Details: Anne Conway on 0418 579 501 or visit www.naradreaming.com.au

26 May: National Sorry Day event. Connecting Home (a service for the Stolen Generations) invites all to have a yarn and share stories. Featuring guest speakers Kyle Vander-Kuyp, Ian Hamm, Zoe Upton and Alice Solomon, performances by Seven Sisters, Skin Choir and William Wandin-Dow. Held at Bunjilaka – Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson St, Collingwood, from 1pm. Details: (03) 8679 0777 or visit www.connectinghome.or.au

South Australia

27 May: The launch of Reconciliation Week 2013, Reconciliation SA's new website and the 46th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. Held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, from 7-9am. Costs involved. Registration and RSVP essential. Details: Mark Waters on 0417 834 938 or email reconciliationsa@adam.com.au

Western Australia

Until 22 May: 'Landmarks and Law Grounds: Men of the Desert' exhibition. Held at Japingka Gallery, 47 High Street, Fremantle from Mon-Fri, 5.30pm and Sat-Sun, 12-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 9335 8265 or visit www.japingka.com.au

Until 29 May: Walkatjorra Walkabout – Yeelirrie to Leonora. The walk is a celebration of Wangkatja country and people who have fought to stop uranium mining at Yeelirrie for more than 40 years. For further information visit www.walkingforcountry.com

23 May: SupplyNation annual connect conference and tradeshow, bringing together corporate and government buyers with certified Indigenous suppliers solely focused on growing and developing business opportunities and relationships. Held at Hyatt Regency, Perth. To register visit www.supplynation.org.au/connect or call 1300 055 298

6-14 and 17-25 August: The Lurujarri Dreaming Trail. Spend nine days with the Goolarabooloo people of Broome walking the Lurujarri trail from Minarriny to Yinara. The trail follows part of a traditional Aboriginal song that originated from the Dreamtime. Bookings are now open. Costs apply. Details: (08) 9221 4177 or email goolarabooloo@hotmail.com or visit www.goolarabooloo.org.au

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Shalom Christian College students checking out potential careers at the expo in Townsville.

Looking ahead

By ALF WILSON



HUNDREDS of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were among thousands of people at the Smart Futures for North Queensland Careers Expo in Townsville this month.

More than 50 employers had stalls showcasing a variety of careers.

The *Koori Mail* spoke to some students as well as one of the organisers, Moses Nelliman, who is principal Indigenous skills development officer with the Queensland Department of Education.

"The expo is a community-based not-for-profit initiative and is a true

collaboration between secondary schools, industry and training organisations in the North Queensland Region," Mr Nelliman said.

"Students had the opportunity to try a trade and engage with industries through interactive activities such as flipping pancakes in the TAFE hospitality exhibit or changing a tyre with Motor Trades Association of Queensland representatives.

Indigenous students

"Some of the schools have a high percentage of Indigenous students, including St Teresa's Abergowrie College from Ingham, St Patrick's College and Shalom Christian College from Townsville."

Student Shanowa Nai, from Badu

Island, and her friend Jessie Ah-Sam were looking at Royal Australian Air Force careers.

"It was good have a look around the defence forces stall at the expo," Shanowa said.

Boigu Islander Annie Ingui, a boarding student at Townsville's Shalom Christian College, was looking at careers as a midwife or nurse.

And Kirwan High students Miriam Agita and Novenk Nawara were taking an interest in the hospitality stalls.

"I would be happy if I could become a chef," Miriam said.

Kirwan High's Julie Thaiday, the mother of Test, Queensland State of Origin and Brisbane Broncos NRL forward Sam Thaiday was also there, supervising students.



Moses Nelliman with Kirwan High School's Julie Thaiday at the expo.

It's your guide to employment

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**Applications close:
31st May 2013**



**Thiyama-li
Family Violence
Service Inc.**

The Thiyama-li Family Violence Service Inc. based in Moree is a community not for profit organisation that provides support and assistance to victims of domestic/family violence and sexual assault.

Community Development Officer Moree Unit Permanent/full time position

The service wishes to employ a permanent full time Indigenous Community Development Officer. Applicants are required to be highly motivated with a creative flair in developing and delivering community development activities. Applicants must have some experience or formal qualifications in the field of Community Development.

Child Protection/Client Service Officer

**Bourke Unit
Permanent/full time position**

The service wishes to employ a permanent full time Indigenous Child Protection/Client Service Officer based within our Bourke Office. Applicants are required to be highly motivated with excellent communication skills, being able to work within an interagency framework. Applicants must have some experience or formal qualifications in the area of Child protection/sexual assault or within the health/welfare related fields.

For an information kit containing a complete job description and selection criteria please contact Thomessa Swan on (02) 6751 1400 or email thomessa.swan@thiyamali.com.au.

Applicants must address the selection criteria. For further information regarding this position please contact Noeline Carr, CEO on (02) 6751 1400 or email noeline.carr@thiyamali.com.au.

Please post applications marked "Confidential" to:-

Noeline Carr
CEO
Thiyama-li Family Violence Service Inc.
PO Box 928, Moree NSW 2400

Applications must be received by close of business Friday, 31 May 2013. Late applications will not be accepted.

Aboriginality is a genuine requirement and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1997.



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FAX 02 8303 6688
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Applications to be received by 5th June 2013

This is an Aboriginal /Torres Strait Islander Identified position (a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977).



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**REAL
CAREERS**

Indigenous Employment Coordinator

Human Resources Department

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Ongoing

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Indigenous Australian Employment

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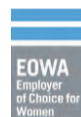
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VACCA'S Early Intervention and Family Support Service

VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family services.

Benefits of working at VACCA:

Flexible working arrangements
Family friendly environment
Commitment to Staff Well Being
Generous Salary Packaging
Professional training & development

The **Early Intervention and Family Support Service** offers family services across a range of program areas designed to support and assist families.

Please contact **Narelle Slater** for more information:

Ph: (03) 8388 1855

Email: narelles@vacca.org

Website: www.vacca.org



VACCA
Connected by culture

Indigenous Community Development Broker - VPS Grade 5

- **\$79,894 - \$96,666 plus 9% super**
- **Full time / Ongoing**
- **Hume Region - Shepparton (location negotiable)**

The Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (OAAV) takes a co-ordinated approach to deliver the Victorian Government's agenda for Aboriginal policy reform, community strengthening and engagement and cultural heritage management and protection. OAAV works with Victorian communities and other partners to lead the whole of government reform strategy to improve the lives of Aboriginal Victorians.

This role is part of a local, multi-skilled Regional Delivery team, with strong links to a state-wide network of Indigenous Community Development Brokers. As one of two Indigenous Community Development Brokers in the Hume region, you will act as a broker bringing key stakeholders and partners together to support an integrated approach to planning and community development for Aboriginal people across the Region.

As an Indigenous Community Development Broker, you will lead and facilitate the ongoing development and implementation of Local Indigenous Networks' community plans, broker access to available programs, grants and services to build the capacity of local Aboriginal communities and strengthen the ability of local Aboriginal people to be actively involved in economic, social and civic activity.

Do you have a demonstrated knowledge of and experience with Aboriginal communities and strong project management skills? If so, this may be the role for you...

For further information on the role please contact Mark Martin on (02) 6059 0201.

This is a designated position established as a special measure under Section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.

To apply and access the position description visit
www.careers.vic.gov.au/apply
and refer to position number: 501799
Applications close Sunday 2 June 2013

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Department of Planning and Community Development



Government of
Western Australia
Department of Housing

Area Manager Remote North

Service Delivery

Web Search No: Pool Ref HOU4013

Level/Salary: Level 6 \$91,676 - \$101,517 pa + Super

This position manages and oversees all housing activities within designated areas, manages local resources and key stakeholder relationships to maximise organisational outcomes in accordance with Regional Strategic Planning and identifies and promotes business development opportunities and partnerships.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No HOU4013 to access detailed information or Ph: (08) 6318 8917 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Damian Cunnane, Regional Manager on (08) 9166 5121.

Location: East Kimberley - Halls Creek & Kununurra

Closing Date: Wednesday, 5 Jun 2013 at 9.00pm.



On Track Community Programs Ltd
connecting people to their communities

Female Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Worker 12 Month Fixed Term Part Time 30hrs P/W, Tweed Valley

Looking for a challenge and want to make a difference in the Aboriginal community?

On Track Community Program is a not-for-profit community organisation committed to providing responsive and flexible support services to people experiencing mental illness, disability or housing difficulties.

We are seeking an experienced aboriginal female to provide support and enhance the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals, families and communities, focusing on one-on-one support to female members, to address current and future issues in the use of alcohol and other drugs. Your role would be to improve access to the appropriate range of health and wellbeing services.

Previous experience of work in the Drug and Alcohol sector and a working knowledge of the referral process is preferable.

You must have experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the field of drug, alcohol and mental health issues, be self motivated with the ability to work independently, engage with clients and liaise closely with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and other service providers.

This position is paid at SCHADS Level 6 plus superannuation and generous salary sacrificing options available to the not for profit sector.

To complete the application process, please go to our website **www.otcp.com.au** and follow the instructions. Enquiries contact Nicky Minchinton on (07) 5524 9732 or 0448 015 351.

Applications close 9am Tuesday 28th May 2013.

Aboriginality is considered a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



Maralinga Tjarutja (Inc)

Oak Valley (Maralinga) Inc

Maralinga Tjarutja (Inc) and Oak Valley (Maralinga) Inc offer the following positions.

Aged Care Assistant
Aged Care Supervisor
Clinic Manager
Community Health Nurse
Finance Officer
Office Manager
Project Officer
Receptionist/Admin Support
Store Manager

Applicants are advised the positions are to be offered on a 12 month contract basis.

Proven competency working with Aboriginal communities is essential. A National Police Clearance Certificate is mandatory. *Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.*

Applicants should be aware that some of the positions are located in Oak Valley, a remote Aboriginal community on the Maralinga Tjarutja Lands, approximately 500 kms northwest of Ceduna.

Further information including job and person specifications and contracts are available by contacting Lesley Johns 0412 583 577 or lesleyjohns@optusnet.com.au

All applications close 31 May 2013

Applications will only be received by email to lesleyjohns@optusnet.com.au



Health
Justice & Forensic Mental Health
Network

Health Centre Clerk

Nowra Correctional Centre

Permanent Full Time – JH No: 135800

Salary: Administration Officer Level 3: \$25.39–\$26.21 ph plus additional allowances.

Enquiries: Susan Fitzgerald on (02) 4424 6202.

Closing Date: 30 May 2013.

Aboriginal Mental Health Trainee

Malabar

Permanent Full Time – JH No: 113994

Salary: Aboriginal Health Education Officer, Non-Grad: \$45,819–\$67,484 pa.

Enquiries: Amy Lewandowski on (02) 9700 3078.

Closing Date: 12 June 2013.

• *These are designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander positions. 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. JH&FMHN deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or prior to commencement of the position.*

To apply for this position please visit <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>
NSW Health Service – Justice & Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, 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

Department of
Justice and Attorney-General

Youth Worker

Brisbane Youth Detention Centre

Permanent and casual positions available

Salary: \$44 964 - \$54 586 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/24871/13

Key Duties: Youth workers assist in the provision of programs and services to young people whilst monitoring and managing the health and safety of clients and stakeholders within the secure environment.

Skills/Abilities: Maintain the safety and security requirements of the centre.

Contribute to the provision of programs and services to young people.

Professionally monitor and manage behaviours of clients.

Enquiries: Brendan Bouton (07) 3271 0711

To apply please visit **www.jobs.qld.gov.au**

Closing Date: Thursday, 06 June 2013

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Education &
Communities

Aboriginal Culture and Languages Advisor, SEO2 (ETS)

Oxford Street, Darlinghurst
Position number 172139

Total remuneration package valued to: \$132,698 p.a. (salary \$120,252 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing high level support and/or advice to the Director, Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement and other key stakeholders in all aspects of Aboriginal education specifically in Aboriginal studies, and Aboriginal Languages.

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality.
- Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience.
- Proven high order skills and demonstrated relevant experience in the implementation of Aboriginal studies, Aboriginal content and Aboriginal Languages including demonstrated high level abilities in developing, delivering, and/or coordinating professional development programs in these areas.
- Proven research, analytical and problem solving skills with the ability to analyse data and provide reports in relation to the implementation of Aboriginal studies, Aboriginal content and Aboriginal Languages within the whole context of Aboriginal education.
- Outstanding project management experience and organisational abilities including high level skills and proven experience in the writing and preparation of reports, submissions, presentations, briefings and speeches.
- High level communication skills and demonstrated experience in establishing and maintaining constructive relationships and working collaboratively with a broad range of stakeholders including internal and external government agencies, Aboriginal communities and specifically the NSW AECG.
- Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment up to 26 January 2016.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

The definition of recent school based experience has changed. The new definition is as follows:

Recent school based experience is either direct classroom teaching within the past three years or school executive experience within the past three years.

The new definition will apply to applicants for NSBTS positions who are not currently employed in a NSBTS position.

Transitional provisions apply for existing NSBTS staff within the Department, including State Office Directorates and regions.

Details of the transitional positions for existing NSBTS staff are contained in the FAQs regarding these provisions for positions advertised externally as part of Step 5 of the Schools portfolio placement process. These FAQs are available to existing NSBTS staff on the Public Schools NSW Portfolio intranet site.

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

It is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria/prescreening questions.

Inquiries: Jascenta Sabatino (02) 9244 5316

To apply online please visit website:

https://jobsnsw.taleo.net/careersection/all_jobs/jobsearch.ftl and refer to keyword 172139.

Closing Date: Wednesday 5 June 2013

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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Bundjalung Tribal Society Ltd

MANAGER

Bundjalung Tribal Society (BTS) is primarily a housing company seeking to employ a Manager to manage the day to day operation of the business.

For this position Bundjalung Tribal Society considers that being of Aboriginal descent is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

BTS is seeking a person who preferably has had previous property management experience and previous experience in business management.

BTS has a Board of Directors which the Manager will be required to work in close conjunction with and will be under direct supervision of the Board of Directors of BTS.

The Manager is responsible for ensuring the maintenance and upkeep of all BTS housing within the community. The Manager is also responsible to comply with BTS Policies and Procedures.

Salary will be under SACS award Manager Level 1.

A current NSW Drivers licence is essential.

To apply for this position please contact:

Bundjalung Tribal Society office on 02 6621 6992 for the information package which includes the full selection criteria.

Closing date: Monday 17th June 2013.

Aboriginal Child, Family & Community Care State Secretariat NSW (AbSec)

Support the transition of Aboriginal kids in care from Government to Aboriginal agencies

AbSec is pleased to offer two positions:

Policy Officer Agency Support Officer

This is a very exciting opportunity for any Aboriginal person who wants to be involved in building and supporting Aboriginal community controlled Out of Home Care Agencies. The ongoing success of this project will directly result in more of the Aboriginal kids in care being looked after by Aboriginal families and supported by Aboriginal agencies.

To find out more and to download the position description, please visit absec.org.au/jobs or call Nick Corrigan at AbSec on 02 9559 5299.

Applications close 11 June 2013

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification of this position and is authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



**Marra
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Worra**
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

IS SEEKING A DYNAMIC PERSON TO FILL ITS
EXPECTED VACANCY OF

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In Fitzroy Crossing Western Australia

The Chief Executive Officer's role is the key leadership position within the Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation. The CEO's leadership will encompass all elements of Council operations including: Strategic planning, stakeholder management and communications, finance and asset management, human resources, employment and training services, social enterprise, governance, major projects and economic development. The CEO will be working with a Board of Directors to ensure that the strategy and sustainability of Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation is delivered to best practice standards.

The CEO works to develop, maintain, and support the board of directors in the management of the organisation; serve as ex-officio of each committee, seek and build board involvement with strategic direction while leading, coaching, developing, and retaining MWW's high-performance senior management team.

About the position

The successful applicant will be well compensated in the position including subsidised accommodation, a vehicle for work purposes and reasonable private use along with a mobile phone.

The person will be expected to work side by side the incumbent CEO and assist in a smooth transition of the position and participate in the implementation of the new remote jobs and communities program with a key focus on the development of the structure of the new unit providing employment and training services during the handover and transition period.

The person will be expected to commence employment on the 1st July 2013, or as near as possible by negotiation and will take over full CEO operational responsibilities on 5th September 2013.

Applications will close 4pm Friday 31 May 2013. Please address applications to: The Chairperson Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 35 Fitzroy Crossing WA 6765

For a Job Specification and employment information please contact:

Raymond Davey, CEO

Tel: 08 91915089 **Email:** ceo@mww.org.au



Redfern Jarjum College SYDNEY

Redfern Jarjum College is a new Jesuit primary school for children of families in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of Redfern and surrounding areas.

Applications are invited for experienced and suitably qualified staff for the following position. **Teaching staff are required to have special education skills for children with learning and behavioural needs.** Teachers are to be registered with the NSW Institute of Teachers.

Infants Classroom Teacher 1.0

A genuine commitment to the philosophy of the College and a willingness to participate in the life of the school and community is essential.

Applicants are required to obtain an application package on-line from www.rjc.nsw.edu.au under the heading 'Employment'. (Including Working with Children Check and Role Description)

Applications should provide full details of qualifications and experience, with supporting documentation, and the names and contact numbers of two referees to:

Email to Warren Hopley at: principal@rjc.nsw.edu.au

Aboriginal jobseekers are encouraged to apply for this employment opportunity.

Please refer to our website for more information:

www.rjc.nsw.edu.au

Applications close: Monday 27 May 2013.



INDIGENOUS THROUGH-CARE OFFICER

Outcare is Western Australia's only specialist non government provider of crime prevention services and programs. Established in the early 1960's we have grown into an award winning and well respected organisation, operating in a variety of areas to enhance community stability and safety. Outcare aims to make the community a safer place to live by providing rehabilitation and support services for offenders, ex-offenders and their families.

Due to continued growth we currently have an Indigenous Throughcare Officer position available within our Re-Entry Team. This position provides re-entry support services to indigenous adult offenders and their families prior to and after their release from prison.

To apply please address the selection criteria below in no more than three pages detailing your suitability for the position. You are also required to submit a detailed resume including contact details of two referees.

- Demonstrated track record and experience in case management or similar role.
- Ability to communicate with influence and to achieve quality outcomes whilst maintaining healthy professional boundaries.
- Strong interpersonal communication skills including active listening skills, collaborative problem solving skills and the demonstrated ability to prepare well written documents.
- Knowledge and understanding of issues relating to engaging with people from disadvantaged groups.
- Computer literacy with Microsoft Office Suite (particularly Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook)
- Current C class WA Driver's License

To be considered is it essential that you have relevant Tertiary Human Service qualifications and/or at least 12 months demonstrated relevant experience and knowledge in case management.

In return we offer with a competitive salary package, comprehensive induction, ongoing training and support. You will also enjoy the job satisfaction that arises from knowing that you are truly making a difference in the community and the lives of others.

A detailed position description can be obtained from Karen Chalcraft, Manager Community Support & Re-Entry Services, karenchalcraft@outcare.com.au. Applications are to be forwarded via email or posted to 27 Moore Street, East Perth, WA 6004. Enquiries on 6263 8622.

www.outcare.com.au



ALS
Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited

ADMINISTRATION CO-ORDINATOR

Dubbo Permanent

An exciting and challenging opportunity has now become available for an experienced Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander administrator to join our team.

Responsibilities of this role include (not limited to):

1. Administrative activities
2. Client, community and stakeholder enquiries
3. Assisting in ascertaining basis of client's Aboriginality
4. Maintaining the court diary & client files
5. Secretarial support including data entry

To be considered for this position you will need to possess broad skills and experience:

1. Knowledge and understanding of social justice issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
2. Experience in working with communities
3. Excellent communication and problem solving skills
4. Self motivated with an ability to work with minimal supervision
5. Team motivated
6. Administration experience ideally 2-3 years

In return, you will enjoy attractive salary packaging as we are a PBI and the opportunity to work for a legal practice committed to social justice and advocacy

An application package can be found on www.alsnswact.org.au or contact Dale Bonham

EMAIL dale.bonham@alsnswact.org.au
Phone 02 6882 6966
FAX 02 6882 0726

Applications to be received by 31st May 2013

www.uccommunity.org.au



Full-Time Operations Manager – Central Qld

UnitingCare Community is currently seeking an experienced and motivated individual to provide strategic leadership and operational management to Out of Home Care programs in Central Queensland. The position can be based in Bundaberg or Rockhampton and will require frequent travel. You would be responsible for managing existing residential care, foster and kinship care programs in Rockhampton, Kingaroy and Emerald and for further service development in the region. The ideal applicant will have relevant tertiary qualifications and experience in Child Protection and Out of Home Care.

For more information see our website www.uccommunity.org.au

To apply please send your resume to ips.oohc@uccommunity.org.au

Applications close 27 May, 2013.

Lifeline | Child and Family Care | Counselling | Crisis Support | Disability Support | Social Inclusion
Our Values Compassion | Respect | Justice | Working Together | Leading through Learning

CARE COORDINATION & SUPPORT SERVICES (CCSS) COORDINATOR

- Not-for-profit organisation (Thornleigh location)
- Health care sector
- Flexible work options
- Full salary packaging benefits available



About the Organisation

Northern Sydney Medicare Local (NSML) is a health body working with primary care health care providers to make it easier for people in the Hornsby, Ryde, Ku-ring-gai and Hunters Hill area (NSML catchment area) to access the health services they need.

About the position

NSML needs the talents and skills of an experienced Aboriginal Health Worker or Aboriginal Health Nurse. This is an invaluable opportunity for an individual to implement, engage, coordinate and improve health/support services for Aboriginal residents within the NSML catchment area who suffer from chronic and complex health issues. Success in the role will be the improvement of systems coordination between service providers in the NSML catchment area.

This role will appeal to an individual who understands the need for early intervention with regard to chronic disease, plus a focus on improving health/social outcomes for Aboriginals suffering with complex and continuous care needs.

Reporting to the Director of Community & Strategy, the CCSS coordinator will:

- Report, contribute, and engage with all stakeholders within the Care Coordination & Support Services program
- Work with patients, general practices, Aboriginal health services and other providers to improve access to care/services established to assist Aboriginals with chronic conditions
- Contribute to the improvement/access of timely and affordable individualised support services for allied health, specialists and transport services for people with complex care needs
- Work with members of the Aboriginal community towards disease self-management providing supplementary services funding as per operating guidelines.

Essential requirements:

- Relevant health experience as an Aboriginal Health Worker or Aboriginal Health Nurse
- Experience working with the Aboriginal Community or demonstrated understanding of their chronic disease needs
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Experience working with a range of health care providers, community organisations and other relevant stakeholders
- Good interpersonal and program management skills
- Sound computer skills
- A current NSW Drivers Licence and access to a comprehensively insured motor vehicle.

Salary will be determined on skill and experience.

For the full position description please visit www.nsm.com.au.

Applications should be sent to jobs@nsm.com.au and must include a cover letter addressing the essential requirements, resume and details of two referees. For any enquiries about the position please contact Paul Hussein on (02) 9477 8700.

Applications close on Wednesday 5th June 2013



Good Shepherd
Microfinance

NILS PROVIDER MANAGER

- Join a market leader
- Make a difference

This is truly a rare opportunity for a relationship management professional to add value to a cutting edge nonprofit and make a real difference to people's lives.

Good Shepherd Microfinance is a market leader of financial inclusion services in Australia. We are a growing nonprofit organisation offering innovative financial solutions that address poverty. Established just over one year ago, we are in an enviable position with trademarked products such as the No interest Loans Scheme (NILS), strong partnerships and an enthusiastic dedicated workforce.

NILS is a unique Australian program brought about through an extraordinary relationship between the community sector, government (FaHCSIA) and a corporate business (NAB). NILS offers small loans at no interest to people on low incomes for essential household goods. Reporting to the General Manager Operations, you will oversee the national network of over 250 NILS providers in 602 sites across Australia.

As the Provider Manager, you will be responsible for:

1. Leadership of the NILS network,
2. Relationship management with internal and external stakeholders
3. Strategic insights and advice
4. Provision of timely advice and support to both State Coordinators and NILS providers.

To this role you bring your extensive relationship management experience in a finance, service or community setting. You will promote a culture of teamwork, accountability and continuous improvement throughout the NILS network with your ability to systematically provide communication, training and reporting. You are a proven leader and great communicator with the capacity to provide strategic direction and advice to both internal and external stakeholders. You will also have a team to manage and you will employ your exceptional people management skills, to motivate and develop. Overall, you will be highly motivated, knowing success will result in positive outcomes for our clients, who are amongst the most marginalised people in Australia.

Good Shepherd Microfinance is a people oriented organisation and offers professional development, well being programs and work life balance opportunities. Paid leave (in addition to annual leave) is provided at Christmas and Easter. This position is initially for one year, with the possibility of on going. Respectable remuneration is augmented by immediate access to generous salary packaging offering significant tax effective benefits. Our office is conveniently located in High Street Northcote, with a tram stop at our front door and all day parking nearby. As the Provider Manager you will be required to travel around Australia throughout the year to support the network.

To learn more about us and to download the position description, visit www.goodshepherdmicrofinance.org.au

For more information about this position, contact Peter McNamara, General Manager Operations at pmcnamara@gsmicrofinance.org.au

To apply, please send your resume, a covering letter and a statement addressing the key selection criteria to: jcaruso@gsmicrofinance.org.au by **COB 3rd June 2013.**

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Our story.



Access Outreach Programs Coordinator

APS6 (\$73,060–\$81,887), Ongoing

Are you looking for an opportunity to utilise your skills in a creative and dynamic environment? Come and join the Learning Services and Community Outreach section at the National Museum of Australia. The Access Outreach Programs Coordinator is an identified position, which is responsible for coordinating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander related education, public and community programs as well as targeting under-represented access audiences, working within the Learning Services and Community Outreach section.

This position is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position. This vacancy is only open to indigenous Australians under clause 4.2(6)(b)(i) of the *Public Service Commissioner's Directions 1999*.

For further information or to apply, visit www.nma.gov.au/recruit



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Juvenile Justice
Attorney General & Justice

Youth Justice Conference Convenor



Are you looking for the following in a job?

- A sense of achievement;
- A challenge;
- Flexible working arrangements; and
- A casual role.

Juvenile Justice, Department of Attorney General and Justice is NOW recruiting Youth Justice Conference Convenors in the Fairfield area.

Conference Convenors will be contracted for each conference and paid at an hourly rate of \$42.45.

What does the role involve?

A Youth Justice Conference Convenor is responsible for facilitating youth justice conferences in local communities between young people, victims and other relevant stake holders. This helps young people to take responsibility for their offending behaviour. The role offers a great sense of achievement to conference convenors with flexible working arrangements. Juvenile Justice provides full training prior to your first conference.

Closing Date: 5pm Friday, 31 May 2013

For further information or to apply visit: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au, for assistance telephone 1800 355 562.

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Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Manager Workforce Reform (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 11/12
Department of Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability and Home Care
Aboriginal Service Development & Delivery Directorate
Location is negotiable – Parramatta or Newcastle
Permanent Full-Time

Requisition No: 00001LQ8

Total remuneration package valued up to \$138,137 per annum (Salary: \$108,242 pa - \$125,181 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Plan coordinate, lead and manage Aboriginal staff and resources to develop strategic Aboriginal workforce policy, projects and reforms to deliver effective outcomes and meet the service delivery needs of older Aboriginal people and Aboriginal people with a disability and their carers.

Selection Criteria:

The following selection criteria form a part of the selection process, so candidates for this role must address each of these items specifically in their application.

1. Aboriginality and extensive knowledge and understanding of contemporary workforce issues affecting Aboriginal people and communities.
2. Proven experience and capability in delivering Aboriginal workforce initiatives, strategies and programs, within Government.
3. Proven project management skills with experience in managing multiple projects within tight time and budget constraints.
4. Demonstrated experience in establishing and managing complex and diverse stakeholder relationships/partnerships to broaden understanding and developments to build responses that better meet the workforce needs of Aboriginal communities.
5. High level written communication skills with the ability to prepare and deliver clear and concise correspondence, briefs, submissions and reports.
6. Proven ability to provide advice and recommendations to senior management on policy and operational matters.
7. Demonstrated analytical, problem solving and research skills including the ability to analyse issues, use initiative and coordinate responses.
8. Ability to manage resources, budgets, assets, projects and staffing to maximise achievement of goals and required levels of skills and performance.

Job Notes: This is a Permanent Full-Time position. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Kelly Chatfield on (02) 9407 7748 or kelly.chatfield@facets.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Requisition Number: 00001LQ8

Closing Date: Wednesday, 5 June 2013

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Juvenile Justice
Attorney General & Justice

Juvenile Justice Officer (Aboriginal) - ATSI Identified

Clerk Grade 5/6
Juvenile Justice
Operations Division
Bourke, Western Region
Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Reference No. 00001NHL

Total remuneration package valued up to \$87,961 per annum (Salary: \$72,242 pa - \$79,711 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

This position is responsible for the provision of effective, offending focused intervention through assessment, supervision and case management of juvenile offenders. The delivery of community based programs to minimise the re-offending of juvenile offenders.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality with demonstrated experience working within Indigenous communities.
- Understanding of the legislation and issues relevant to Juvenile offenders.
- Demonstrated casework experience including demonstrated ability in assessment, report writing and case planning.
- Demonstrated experience in working with adolescents and/or their families.
- Ability to build and maintain relationships with stakeholders to resource services for clients.
- Sound negotiation, oral and written communication skills, including well-developed computer and keyboard skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team and meet tight deadlines.
- Current minimum Class C NSW Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. The successful applicant will be expected to travel extensively in this role. It is an offence under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, Apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. An Eligibility List may be created to fill future permanent or temporary positions. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorized by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

For enquiries: John Edwards, Ph (02) 6801 3010

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00001NHL

Closing Date: 21 June 2013

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Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

ABORIGINAL MALE COUNSELLOR

Classification: Dependent on qualifications, TFT (up to 15 months),
Enquiries: Simon Monk, (02) 9840 4088 or simon.monk@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au

North Parramatta Ad No: 127203 Close Date: 05.06.13

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Being Male is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

For further information and to apply visit:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=127203>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



ALS
Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Senior Management role
- Make a difference
- Redfern location

ALS is an Aboriginal managed community based organisation providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, women and children with culturally appropriate legal services including: court representation, advice, referral, information and community education.

We have 23 offices with 195 Aboriginal and non Aboriginal staff across NSW and ACT working towards improving outcomes for Aboriginal people in the justice system.

The newly created Deputy CEO role, part of the Executive Team will have an operational management focus ensuring we deliver significant and culturally appropriate outcomes for Aboriginal people and communities.

It is essential that the successful applicant has a strong track record in middle /senior management roles including community awareness, planning, organisational and budget management experience. An ability to effectively communicate with a wide range of groups and people utilising advanced interpersonal skills is also essential to the position.

Prior involvement in a community based organisation is desirable.

A competitive remuneration package will be offered together with the support of dedicated Executive and Management team.

An Employment package is available at www.alsnswact.org.au/jobs

Enquiries may be made to Jennifer Ledingham,
Human Resources Manager
Telephone: 0457 724 700
email: jennifer.ledingham@alsnswact.org.au

Closing date for applications is 10th June 2013

This role is an Aboriginal identified position as authorised by s14d of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.



**Reconciliation
AUSTRALIA**

Seeking tomorrow's leaders

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This is a role like no other. You'll foster organisations across the country to build relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and drive jobs and businesses.

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We are committed to improving employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians and welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

For further information about Reconciliation Australia, job description and selection criteria go to our website www.reconciliation.org.au or call 02 6273 9200.

Applications close: 5pm Friday 31 May 2013.

Please send resume and brief covering letter addressing selection criteria to:

**Donna Cringle
Reconciliation Australia
PO Box 4773
KINGSTON ACT 2600**

or email: donna.cringl@reconciliation.org.au



ABC

Opportunities in ABC News

ABC News is looking for applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are interested in a career in journalism. We are currently hiring reporters, producers and researchers to expand and enhance our reporting of local and national news. The positions will be in a range of capital cities and regional centres including Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Darwin, Newcastle, Bunbury and Renmark. ABC News is Australia's leading broadcaster of news and current affairs. So if you have some media or research experience and want to take your career to the next level in a supportive environment, we would like to hear from you.

For details visit abc.net.au/careers or contact Don Lange (02) 8333 2101

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MUDGIN – GAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

233 Abercrombie St, Chippendale, NSW, 2008
Ph: (02) 9698 1173 / Fax: (02) 8399 1694
E-mail: office@mudgin-gal.org.au
ABN: 23 820 761 880

Mudgin-gal Aboriginal Corporation - Women's Centre

Healthy Family Circles Group Facilitator

Program Overview

Healthy Family Circles is a program developed by Mudgin-Gal and Relationship Australia.

The program uses a group setting to share information and activities to support Aboriginal Women, mothers and carers. Mudgin-Gal operate with the view point that by strengthening our women, we strengthen our families and we strengthen our community.

The successful applicant will be;

- A motivated Aboriginal Women with group facilitation background.
- A passion for working with Aboriginal Women and families.
- Responsible for organising and preparing and delivering groups
- Will have good communication skills, a strong work ethic and be able to work in a diverse environment.
- Will have a positive attitude.
- Work within a Respectful, Caring, and Sharing framework.

Position closes 26th May 2013.

For further information and to obtain an employment package, please contact Dixie Link-Gordon on (02) 9698 1173.



Making a positive difference

Koorie Energy Efficiency Project Community Educator

- **Flexible work arrangements. 0.8EFT to Full time**
- **3 year contract 1/6/2013 - 30/6/2016**
- **Collingwood**

Kildonan UnitingCare is one of Victoria's most vibrant and ground-breaking community service organisations, delivering integrated innovative services, empowering vulnerable people and providing options and choices for over 130 years.

An opportunity exists to develop and implement training and education for a new project in partnership with the Aboriginal community. The Koorie Energy Efficiency Project (KEEP) is a three year initiative trialling and evaluating activities and strategies that assists low income and vulnerable Victorian Aboriginal households to become more energy efficient. The project will engage Aboriginal consumers in relation to energy affordability, managing rising consumption costs and navigating the energy market.

This project builds on over a decade of Kildonan's experience and will work in the context of Kildonan's broader financial inclusion and energy program area. Employing a shared leadership model you will work closely with the project partnership group to reduce energy use of Aboriginal households participating in the project and build the capacity of the community to address energy hardship.

You will have an understanding of Aboriginal history, culture and community needs and demonstrated experience working with Aboriginal people. You will have a commitment to social justice and self-determination, and strong relationship and communication skills. Your employment history will demonstrate your education and training development and delivery skills within a cultural context. A degree in education or in a related field and/or community sector experience will be advantageous.

All suitably experienced applicants are invited to apply.

As an employment prerequisite, you must have a valid drivers' licence, undertake a police records check, and hold or obtain a Victorian Working With Children Check.

For a confidential discussion about the position, please contact Joanna Leece, Senior Manager Financial Inclusion & Energy, on (03) 9412 5700 or 0414 507 146 or email jleece@kildonan.org.au

The position description, including selection criteria, can be obtained from http://www.kildonan.unitingcare.org.au/jobs_list.php

If this sounds like you, please forward your cover letter, resume and response to the selection criteria by **COB on Thursday 6th June** to; Marnie Shine, People & Culture Officer, Email: hr@kildonan.org.au

Kildonan UnitingCare is an Equal Opportunity Employer

VCAT Exemption 252/2012.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

MANAGER INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT

North Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne based

- Enhance employment outcomes for Indigenous Australians
- Supportive environment with a focus on social justice

Australian Catholic University (ACU) is seeking an influential and collaborative leader, capable of planning, coordinating and delivering a range of employment strategies, activities and services to enhance employment outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

Underpinned by the University's Indigenous Employment Strategic Framework, you will provide expert advice and support to all areas of the University and lead the development and implementation of related policy, procedures and associated programs.

The successful applicant will have experience working with Indigenous Australians and a thorough understanding of the contemporary issues affecting Indigenous Australians, particularly in an employment context.

This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Identified position which is only open to people from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background. ACU considers this employment opportunity to constitute a special measure under subsection 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

Applications close: Wednesday 5 June 2013.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply and obtain further information, including position descriptions, visit the ACU Careers website
www.acu.edu.au/careers

ACU is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



**Education &
Communities**

School and TAFE Links Advisor, SEO2 (ETS)

**Oxford Street, Darlinghurst
Position number 172142**

Total remuneration package valued to: \$132,698 p.a. (salary \$120,252 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Working as part of a team to support and develop partnerships and understanding between the Aboriginal community and the department at school, region and State Office level, thereby helping to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal school students.

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality.
- Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience.
- High order skills and demonstrated relevant experience in Aboriginal Education and Training with particular reference to vocational education in schools (and TAFE links) and Information Technology connected classrooms.
- Outstanding organisational skills and project management experience.
- Demonstrated high level leadership skills and proven experience in senior level negotiations and liaison, with the ability to establish and maintain constructive relationships with a broad range of stakeholders, including Aboriginal communities.
- Proven highly developed communication skills in the writing and preparation of reports, submissions, presentations, briefings and speeches using a range of media.
- Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment up to 26 January 2016.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

The definition of recent school based experience has changed. The new definition is as follows:

Recent school based experience is either direct classroom teaching within the past three years or school executive experience within the past three years.

The new definition will apply to applicants for NSBTS positions who are not currently employed in a NSBTS position.

Transitional provisions apply for existing NSBTS staff within the Department, including State Office Directorates and regions.

Details of the transitional positions for existing NSBTS staff are contained in the FAQs regarding these provisions for positions advertised externally as part of Step 5 of the Schools portfolio placement process. These FAQs are available to existing NSBTS staff on the Public Schools NSW Portfolio intranet site.

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

It is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria/prescreening questions.

Inquiries: Jascenta Sabatino (02) 9244 5316

To apply online please visit website:

https://jobsnsw.taleo.net/careersection/all_jobs/jobsearch.ftl and refer to keyword 172142.

Closing Date: Wednesday 5 June 2013

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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Juvenile Justice
Attorney General & Justice

Aboriginal Project Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8
Department of Attorney General & Justice
Juvenile Justice
Metropolitan Regional Office, Werrington
Temporary Part-Time

Job Reference No: 00001L5W

Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,283 per annum (Salary: \$82,098 pa - \$90,877 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$44.95 ph - \$49.76 ph.

Job Description:

Assisting the Regional Director in the planning, development, implementation, analysis and evaluation of programs and interventions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, in accordance with relevant legislation, Juvenile Justice policies (including the Aboriginal Strategic Plan), guidelines and procedures, to minimise the re-offending of Aboriginal juvenile offenders and enhance their functioning in and/or reintegration into the community.

Assist with the identification of and access to resources, which will enhance effective practice with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people involved in the juvenile justice system, as well as maintain links with the local Aboriginal community.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality and knowledge and respect for Aboriginal Culture.
2. Demonstrated knowledge of the juvenile criminal justice system and legislation relevant to juvenile offenders in NSW.
3. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of contemporary Aboriginal culture and communities.
4. Demonstrated knowledge of evidence based programs and interventions for Aboriginal young offenders.
5. Project management experience and demonstrated experience with a range of computer applications.
6. Effective analytical and communication skills together with a demonstrated ability to liaise with government and non-government organizations.
7. Demonstrated ability working with Aboriginal young people, families, communities and organizations within a case management framework.
8. Current minimum Class C NSW Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a temporary part time position (14 hours per week) for a period of up to six (6) months under Section 27 or 86 of the *Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002*.

Under section 126 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, an exemption is granted to Juvenile Justice to recruit and employ a male Project Officer.

Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full Selection Criteria.

Enquiries: Sharon Murphy or Debra Cole on (02) 9833 6595

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00001L5W

Closing Date: Friday, 7 June 2013

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Indigenous Outreach Worker Traineeship



North Coast NSW Medicare Local (NCML) is offering a Traineeship for the right person to become an indigenous Outreach Worker. Based in Lismore, travel to local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities will be required.

This position is part-time, 32 hours per week, and includes a supported Traineeship for the successful applicant to undertake a Certificate III in Aboriginal and-or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care. This is an exciting opportunity to kick-start a rewarding and valuable career path.

The Indigenous Outreach Worker helps local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to make better use of available healthcare services. The key objectives of the position are to:

- establish links with the local communities
- identify barriers that may be restricting access to health services
- encourage and support indigenous people to access health and related services
- support health professionals and health services to develop culturally appropriate and safe policies and practices

North Coast NSW Medicare Local is an equal opportunity employer and encourages indigenous Australians to apply.

For more information and to apply, please go to www.ncml.org.au (About Us - Working At NCML) and complete the NCML Application Form, addressing each of the selection criteria in the Position Description, and email it to hr@ncml.org.au.

The closing date for applications is
8am, Monday 3 June 2013



DURRI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL SERVICES

PRACTICE MANAGER

Durri's vision is to achieve and maintain better health and wellbeing outcomes for our Aboriginal people and communities. We currently have a fantastic opportunity available to join our dedicated team.

Durri aims to be an employer of choice in Aboriginal health supporting a skilled and flexible workforce.

Durri currently has an opportunity for an enthusiastic and dedicated Practice Manager to join our team.

The Practice Manager will be responsible for ensuring the best clinical outcomes for our clients and ensure and maintain accreditation status for our clinic sites located in Kempsey and Nambucca.

If you have a passion for Indigenous health and are committed to closing the gap, then why not join our team.

For a copy of the selection criteria for the above position you can email hr@durri.org.au or pick up a copy at 15-19 York Lane, Kempsey.

To apply attach a copy of your resume not exceeding 4 pages, and the selection criteria form and email to hr@durri.org.au, or mail to:

Leanne Dryden Executive Officer
Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Services
PO Box 136, Kempsey NSW 2440
Phone: (02) 6560 2307

Applications close at:

5pm Friday 7th June 2013

Applications that do not attach the completed selection criteria form will not be considered.



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District



GRADUATES
Investing in a better future

Graduate Health Management Program

Interested in a career in management? Want to make a difference?

South Western Sydney Local Health District Graduate Health Management Program is recruiting for its intake into the 2014 program.

The aim of the GHMP is to deliver a program which will best provide the organisation with capable and effective managers who hold a strong commitment to the organisation and health system. The two-year SWSLHD Graduate Health Management Program commences in February each year, placing a number of graduates in junior operational management positions throughout the local health district.

In addition to management placements, graduates are offered a complete package of support, training and education, ensuring their rapid development over the two years. The program aims to produce graduates who will be competent and capable health service managers ready to continue rewarding and challenging careers within the Local Health District and NSW Health System.

Your commitment to the program will come with a number of challenges including learning about the complex health system whilst you complete your Masters degree. Throughout this program though, there will be a range of support systems in place to assist you in your development.

Applications for the 2014 Graduate Health Management Program will open on 3 May 2013 and close at 5pm on Friday, 7 June 2013.

We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants to apply.

Further information about the program and the online application can be made through South Western Sydney Local Health District Graduate Health Management Development Program website: <http://www.swsldh.nsw.gov.au/graduate>

All enquiries can be made via email to swslhd.ghmp@swslhd.nsw.gov.au or like us on Facebook to get regular updates about the program www.facebook.com/GraduateHealthManagementProgram

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Jobs that make a difference

Branch Administration Aboriginal Outcomes Branch

Service Design and Implementation Group
Full time, ongoing
\$55,931 to \$67,912 + Super

Are you:

- An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person with highly developed administrative skills?
- Action-oriented, keen on getting the job done?
- A good communicator - able to talk and work with different types of people?

The position of Branch Administration reports to the Director, Aboriginal Outcomes Branch. It provides wide ranging administrative, secretarial and executive support functions to both the Director and the Branch.

If this position appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Megan O'Connell on (03) 9096 2841.

Please quote DHS/SDI/376036.

Applications close Tuesday 28 May 2013.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only may apply for this position. This position has been designated in this way pursuant to an exemption under section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 granted by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. (Exemption No. AO67/AO68/2010/002).

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Graduates

About NBN Co

NBN Co has been established to design, build and operate the wholesale-only national broadband network for Australia. NBN Co will provide the infrastructure that will allow wholesale and retail service providers to deliver advanced broadband services to homes, schools and businesses with significantly improved speed.

The Opportunity

NBN Co is seeking a number of highly motivated and results oriented Graduates join their 24 month Graduate Connections Program across Engineering and other disciplines commencing in February 2014.

As a Graduate at NBN Co you will participate in a program which consists of 4 rotational assignments, each lasting 6 months in duration. At the end of the program you will be offered a permanent position within the company based on your skills and experience.

During your rotation you will be an integral part of various NBN Co teams including the graduate community network and assist in delivering project outcomes.

All graduates will be supported with a senior mentor throughout the 24 month program and provided with continuous business and professional skills development. In this rare opportunity, you will develop valuable leadership skills while learning from the "best of the best" in a supportive and collaborative team environment.

NBN Co's Graduate Connections Program represents an outstanding opportunity to kick start your career working on Australia's largest infrastructure project.

About You

To be eligible for NBN Co's Graduate Program, you will require a credit or higher grade point average in any of the following undergraduate degrees (obtained within the last 2 years):

- Business, Commerce or Management;
- Finance, Economics or Accounting;
- Electronic, Electrical or Telecommunications Engineering;
- Civil or Product Engineering;
- Computer Science or other IT disciplines

You will be an aspiring leader who shows an eagerness for learning in a fast moving and dynamic environment. You will also be quick to pick up new technology and pride yourself on your strong analytical, project management and problem solving skills. Naturally, you will have excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, and be able to demonstrate your ability to work effectively as part of a high-performing team.

How to Apply

Applications will be accepted via the online application form only, which can be accessed via copying and pasting the following URL link into your internet browser:

<http://campaigns.dfp.com.au/nbnco/grad/may2013>

For more information please contact DFP Recruitment Services on 1300 138 337

Please note applications close at **9am Friday 7th June 2013**.



Operations Coordinator Central Coast NSW / Permanent Full-Time

NAISDA Dance College is Australia's National Indigenous dance training organization with a proud 37- year history of achievement in the fields of the arts training excellence, cultural knowledge and development and community engagement.

In 2012 NAISDA moved into its new purpose-designed studios and technology-based training facilities in the Mt Penang Parklands on the NSW Central Coast. Approximately half of the NAISDA student body lives on-site in historic cottages listed on the NSW State Heritage Register, with other students living independently or in the Homestay Program. NAISDA also presents a range of events, performances and outreach programs as part of its annual calendar. NAISDA is committed to providing safe work, training and residential environments in accordance with WHS legislation.

NAISDA is moving into its next stage of development and is looking for an Operations Coordinator to maintain and develop its exemplary facilities and wide range of operational services to be responsive, reliable and professional for all stakeholders.

Salary Package

Range: \$65,419 - \$74,142 per annum. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Enquiries & Application packages: Sue Gosson (02) 4340 3100, www.naisda.com.au or email s.gosson@naisda.com.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Closing Date: 5th June 2013



Aboriginal Financial Literacy Worker Forbes

CentaCare is looking for an enthusiastic and suitably qualified person, who wishes to provide support to the Aboriginal community and local Aboriginal community groups in improving financial literacy. You will assist individuals with budgeting and financial management, and facilitate activities and educational programs to assist in financial management. The position is full-time, and frequent travel is required to areas including Lake Cargelligo and Condobolin.

CentaCare considers that being of Aboriginal origin is a genuine occupational qualification under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Essential Criteria:

- Demonstrated experience working with Aboriginal communities, their culture and issues.
- Sound skills and demonstrated experience in financial literacy or related areas
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work independently and with a team
- Good organisational skills
- Willingness to undertake professional development in order to obtain qualification by Financial Counselling Association of NSW (FCAN)
- Current driver's license
- Respect for Catholic ethos

Salary will be commensurate with your qualifications and experience.

For further information about the position, contact Lynda Edwards on 02 6889 4932.

For an information package visit www.centacarewf.org.au, phone 02 6850 1788 or email: careers@centacarewf.org.au

Applications close: 5pm, May 27, 2013.



Proudly part of the Catholic Social Services network and the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes



Family & Community Services
Housing NSW

Client Service Officer

Clerk Grade 2/4

Dubbo

Permanent Full-Time

Job Reference No: 00001KP0

Total remuneration package valued up to \$73,945 per annum (Salary: \$57,921 pa - \$67,010 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Client Service staff are the public face of our business, providing critical services and quality housing advice to applicants, tenants and stakeholders, including those with complex needs.

Selection Criteria:

- Understanding of and capacity to relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds including those with complex needs.
- Strong interpersonal skills and demonstrated capacity to use sensitivity in interviewing, problem-solving and decision-making.
- Demonstrated ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands, in a high volume client focused environment.
- Written communication skills, computer literacy and capacity to interpret policy and guidelines.
- Ability to work autonomously and in teams and partnerships.
- Willingness to work with tenants in their homes.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: The selection process will include an initial phone-screening. An eligibility list will be created to fill future vacancies. Please note that the successful applicants must be willing to work with clients in their homes.

Enquiries: Kerry McDermott - Ph (02) 6885 7155

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00001KP0

Closing Date: 7th June 2013

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Juvenile Justice
Attorney General & Justice

Youth Justice Conference Convenor



Are you looking for the following in a job?

- A sense of achievement;
- A challenge;
- Flexible working arrangements; and
- A casual role.

Juvenile Justice, Department of Attorney General and Justice is NOW recruiting Youth Justice Conference Convenors across the New England area.

Conference Convenors will be contracted for each conference and paid at an hourly rate of \$42.45.

What does the role involve?

A Youth Justice Conference Convenor is responsible for facilitating youth justice conferences in local communities between young people, victims and other relevant stake holders. This helps young people to take responsibility for their offending behaviour. The role offers a great sense of achievement to conference convenors with flexible working arrangements. Juvenile Justice provides full training prior to your first conference.

Information evenings are being held across the New England area as indicated below. For more details please call (02) 6770 1500.

- Narrabri – Monday 27th May
- Moree – Tuesday 28th May
- Inverell – Wednesday 29th May

Closing Date: 5pm Friday, 31 May 2013

For further information or to apply visit: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au, for assistance telephone 1800 355 562.

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Put your Life Experience to Work in Your Community

Koori Prison Officer Recruitment

Valuing workplace diversity, the Department of Justice has a growing number of Koori staff working across Victoria, including Koori Prison Officers. These career opportunities will have you working with people and families from all backgrounds. Your work will make a real difference.

- **Melbourne Assessment Prison (Melbourne CBD)** – ongoing & casual positions
- **County & Supreme Courts (Melbourne CBD)** – ongoing & casual positions
- **Dame Phyllis Frost Centre (Deer Park)** – casual positions
- **Tarrengower Prison (Maldon)** – casual positions

To find out more information about these vacancies, or to register your attendance at one of our **upcoming information sessions**, please call Arbut Peters in Recruitment Services on (03) 8684 0385 or the Department's Koori Employment Team on (03) 8684 1751. Alternatively, you can visit www.cvcareers.com.au for more information or to apply on-line.

These positions are exempt under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 to be filled only by Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander People.



Department of
Justice



ABORIGINAL MANAGER CASEWORK – OUT OF HOME CARE

Total Package: \$87,687

(Base salary \$75,500 including leave loading, plus superannuation and salary sacrifice opportunities)

Do you want a job that will give you the opportunity to make a real difference in the day to day lives of Aboriginal children and families who are in need of support?

KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is the largest accredited Aboriginal OOHC service in NSW. We currently have a management position vacant within our Out of Home Care Program due to our on-going service growth.

This position sits within the case management division of the existing Out of Home Care Program. As the Manager Casework you will be responsible for the growth, development and support of a team of dedicated caseworkers in conjunction with the Program Manager. The agency will provide you with all of the supports and resources required to effectively carry out your role.

We are looking for a dedicated and motivated person to join our team and help us make a difference to the lives of children and families in their time of need.

For more information on the Aboriginal Manager Casework– Out of Home Care position you can download the job description from our website www.kari.org.au.

To apply for this position please contact Kristie-Lea Curry by phone 02 8782 0300 or email: kristielea.curry@kari.org.au



Attorney General & Justice

COURT SERVICES, LOCAL COURTS ASSISTANT CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL TARGETED)

Clerk General Scale

Cessnock Local Court, Temporary Full Time

Salary range: \$26,507 - \$51,884

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$57,254

Provide a range of Clerical and Client support services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, courtroom assistance, daily correspondence, data entry and records management.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Good Clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation, filing and operating office equipment;
- Strong commitment to client service;
- Good interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- Capacity to work effectively in a team;
- Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards;
- Knowledge and understanding of ethical practice as it relates to the court environment.

An eligibility list may be created to fill similar future Permanent, Temporary, Full-Time and Part-Time positions as they arise at Cessnock Local Court. Currently there is one Temporary Full Time position up to the 3 December 2013.

Applications addressing the selection criteria should be lodged online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or click on the "Apply Online" button by **11.59pm on Sunday 9 June 2013. Please do not email applications direct to the contact officer.**

Enquiries: Terese Krol (02) 4990 1102 terese_krol@agd.nsw.gov.au

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Juvenile Justice Attorney General & Justice

CAREERS in JUVENILE JUSTICE



**Do you enjoy working with community and young people?
Do have strong organisational skills?**

Juvenile Justice, Department of Attorney General and Justice is NOW recruiting Sessional Supervisors & Mentors across the New England area.

SESSIONAL SUPERVISOR

Sessional Supervisors are directly responsible for supervising young people completing community service work.

MENTOR

Mentors work in the community providing young people the opportunity to form positive relationships with adults who can provide individual assistance, guidance and support to reduce offending and successfully integrate into the community.

These positions are casual, you will be paid \$40.00 per hour (inclusive of leave loading), weekend rates also apply.

Information evenings are being held across the New England area as indicated below. For more details please call (02) 6770 1500.

- Narrabri – Monday 27th May
- Moree – Tuesday 28th May
- Inverell – Wednesday 29th May

Closing Date: 5 pm Friday, 31 May 2013

For further information or to apply visit: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au, for assistance telephone 1800 355 562.

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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, Campbelltown

A Catholic Secondary School for Girls Years 7-12 in the Good Samaritan Tradition.

St Patrick's College is an innovative Catholic educational community with high academic standards and a strong co-curricular program. We are dedicated to educating girls for the 21st Century and developing confident, independent women.

TEACHER

Permanent Full Time commencing in Term 2 2013

This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Identified position which is only open to people from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background.

The College is seeking applications from a teacher with the ability to teach Indigenous Studies. The successful candidate will contribute to the strong partnership the College has with community. They need to have a good understanding of issues affecting Indigenous students and families.

Role description available from the College website www.saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au

A commitment to the ethos of Catholic Education is essential. Employment will be subject to satisfactory screening under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998.

All applications must include a completed Employment Application form (download from the College website www.saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au) and should be forwarded to:

The Principal, Mrs Sue Lennox, St Patrick's College
PO Box 943, Campbelltown, NSW, 2560.

Phone: (02) 4629 2999, Fax: (02) 4628 1604 or Email:
employment@saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au

Closing date:

Wednesday 5 June 2013 at 4pm



Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health Services (TATSICH)

is seeking quality applicants for the following position

Social and Emotional Well-being Counsellor Fulltime

Some of the key responsibilities and requirements of this role are:

- Deliver safe and culturally appropriate holistic counselling services to Social & Emotional Wellbeing clients;
- Manage client assessment, support and referral to specialists;
- Develop holistic Client Case plans, monitor and support social and emotional health and wellbeing;
- Offering a broad range of counselling services which includes trans-generational grief, trauma and family relationship counselling;
- Participating in the full re-union process;
- Working with established peer support groups and the other Stolen Generations groups to either conduct or support healing programs and related activities.

Key Additional Factors

- This position is an identified position which means it is a genuine occupational requirement that the position be filled by an **Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person**, as permitted by and arguable under Section 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act (1991).
- To perform this role it is essential that the person who holds the position be **male**. It is therefore a genuine occupational requirement under section 25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 that applicants are **male**.

Qualifications and Experience

- Minimum formal higher education or vocational qualifications of at least to a minimum of a Certificate IV qualification from a nationally recognised course in a relevant field (i.e. Counselling, psychology, social work, mental health, or a related area);
- Demonstrated counselling and advocacy abilities in a similar or high level capacity;
- Demonstrated ability in the development, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and review of client case plans.

Application Requirements

The following are the minimum requirements for an application. Applications that do not meet the minimum requirements may not be considered for shortlisting.

- An Expression of Interest (*minimum 2-3 pages*) – in response to the requirements outlined in the position description;
- A copy of a current Curriculum Vitae (CV);
- Completed Applicant Information Summary form;
- Current employment related referee information;
- The applicant must be eligible to obtain a current Suitability 'Blue Card' for working with children and young people;
- The applicant must hold a current Queensland Driver's Licence.

For a position description and/or information please contact the Snr HR Manager via email at recruitment@taihs.net.au or on (07) 4759 4076

Applications close 5:00pm Friday 14 June 2013



Health Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Education Officer (Female)

Shoalhaven Aboriginal Maternal Infant Child Health Service

Temporary Part-Time 22hpw until 2/3/2014 with the possibility of extension

An applicant's race and gender are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under Sections 14(d) and 31 of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*

Enquiries: Eva Stuhl 02 4424 6464

Reference ID: 129238

Closing Date: 2 June 2013

Apply online at:

nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

or email application quoting Ref. No. to:

ISLHDRecruitment@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

or send application to:

Recruitment Unit,

**Port Kembla Hospital, Locked Bag 8008,
South Coast Mail Centre NSW 2521.**

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY

Indigenous Conservation Program Coordinator

(2 year Contract)

As our Indigenous Conservation Program Coordinator you will play a vital national role in ensuring the Wilderness Society's campaigns for nature centrally incorporate Indigenous knowledge, rights, perspectives and outcomes.

You see the value and power of building a shared vision between Indigenous Australia and the Environment movement to achieve lasting benefits for country and communities. A deep thinker and excellent communicator, you're equally comfortable working with remote communities and having high level input into policy and programs within The Wilderness Society National Campaign Team and National Campaign Committee.

You have existing, well-established relationships with Traditional Owners and the Environment movement.

We would like to encourage Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

An information pack is available at

<http://www.wilderness.org.au/articles/jobs>

A letter of application including a resume and responses to the selection criteria should be sent to **hr@wilderness.org.au** (attention Leigh Craven, HR Coordinator) **by 9am Monday 3rd June 2013.**

Please contact: Lyndon Schneiders, National Campaign Director, if you require any further information on 0451 633 200 or email: lyndon.schneiders@wilderness.org.au

THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Albury & District Local Aboriginal Land Council (A&DLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

The functions of the Chief Executive Officer can be found in the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA), it provides an excellent employment opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the A&DLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, have the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and possess sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the position description and selection criteria. To be considered, please ensure the selection criteria is addressed in the application. For a recruitment package contact Albury Lands Council on (02) 6025 7075, by email: lalcalburey@bigpond.com

Wage will be negotiated with successful applicant.

Applications should be marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson

**Albury & District Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 22, LAVINGTON NSW 2641**

Applications close:

30 May 2013

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Information Management (IM) Project Coordinator

Full time Fixed Term Contract (12 months)

Location: Negotiable within the NEML Catchment Area

medicare local

NEW ENGLAND

Connecting health to meet local needs

The New England Medicare Local (NEML) is a primary health care organisation in the New England & North West region, with a vision towards Healthier People and Communities.

We are seeking an experienced and motivated professional to join us in the position of IM Project Coordinator. Working with the IM/IT team you will be responsible for assessing the information management needs of the NEML and developing the standards and tools to assist staff in the use and storage of various forms of electronic data, including clinical and contact management information. You will also be responsible for the evaluation and development of the contact management system for improved operational performance, along with the establishment, maintenance and promotion of best practices for quality, integrity and use of data across the NEML.

Please find full position description and details of to apply at www.neml.org.au

Contact: Mark Walmsley (02) 6766 1394

Applications close 5pm 7 June 2013

NSW GOVERNMENT

Attorney General & Justice

COURT SERVICES, LOCAL COURTS

ASSISTANT CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL TARGETED)

Clerk General Scale

Parramatta Local Court, Permanent Full Time

Salary range: \$26,507 - \$51,884

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$57,254

Provide a range of Clerical and Client support services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, courtroom assistance, daily correspondence, data entry and records management.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Good Clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation, filing and operating office equipment;
- Strong commitment to client service;
- Good interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- Capacity to work effectively in a team;
- Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards;
- Knowledge and understanding of ethical practice as it relates to the court environment.

An eligibility list may be created to fill similar future Permanent, Temporary, Full-Time and Part-Time positions as they arise at Parramatta Local Court. Currently there is one Permanent Full Time position.

Applications addressing the selection criteria should be lodged online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or click on the "Apply Online" button by **11.59pm on Sunday 9 June 2013. Please do not email applications direct to the contact officer.**

Enquiries: Lisa Hogan (02) 8688 4548 lisa_hogan@agd.nsw.gov.au

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Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer

• Marngoneet Correctional Centre - part-time, 4 days per week

• \$55,931 - \$67,912 + superannuation

Corrections Victoria's Indigenous and Diversity Unit is seeking an Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer to provide education, counselling services and advice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners.

The ideal applicant will have:

- Experience in presenting and facilitating educational activities for small groups and one on one;
- Experience in working with the Aboriginal community and understanding of Aboriginal culture; and
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Please note: Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons are eligible to apply for this position (VCAT exemption A259/2007).

To apply online and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close: 2 June 2013

State Government Victoria

Department of Justice

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GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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 amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act* 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	09/140	KEMPTON, Gavin John BRANDENBURG, Karl Graeme FORD, Rod	21.90HA	8km SE'ly of Carnarvon	Lat: 24° 56' S Long: 113° 42' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1240	GIRALIA RESOURCES PTY LTD	6059.90HA	33km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 35' S Long: 120° 7' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	52/1064	REDSTONE MINERALS PTY LTD	119.21HA	33km SE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 37' S Long: 119° 52' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Mining Lease	59/747	TOP IRON PTY LTD	572.44HA	65km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 40' S Long: 117° 12' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Mining Lease	59/749	GASCOYNE RESOURCES LIMITED MCDOWELL, Jaime Anthony	1654.08HA	61km NW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 50' S Long: 117° 16' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 22 May 2013

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 **22 August 2013**. 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. 22 September 2013**), 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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GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
15/915	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	420495	36.20HA	15km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 20' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/915	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	420845	2.21HA	15km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 22' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/915	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	420846	59.00HA	15km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 121° 22' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/915	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	422220	41.71HA	15km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 20' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
25/273	RUBICON RESOURCES LIMITED SILVER LAKE (INTEGRA) PTY LIMITED	420824	49.02HA	48km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
27/291	RUBICON RESOURCES LIMITED SILVER LAKE (INTEGRA) PTY LIMITED	420823	23.09HA	46km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 121° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
27/291	RUBICON RESOURCES LIMITED SILVER LAKE (INTEGRA) PTY LIMITED	420822	9.71HA	46km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
27/426	RUBICON RESOURCES LIMITED SILVER LAKE (INTEGRA) PTY LIMITED	421782	46.61HA	53km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 121° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
29/846	CREST MINERALS LTD	420174	125.01HA	85km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 120° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
30/333	BARRA RESOURCES LTD	420944	364.32HA	47km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 120° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
30/333	BARRA RESOURCES LTD	421028	117.03HA	47km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 120° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
30/333	BARRA RESOURCES LTD	421104	82.38HA	47km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 120° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
38/2666	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	421726	35.83HA	55km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 47' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
45/3320-I	GONDWANA RESOURCES LIMITED	421234	51.73HA	33km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 26' S Long: 119° 36' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
47/1396-I	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	412648	23.40HA	103km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 47' S Long: 116° 46' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
53/1223-I	NEMEX PTY LTD OREX MINING PTY LTD	421330	22.36HA	23km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 46' S Long: 120° 44' E	WILUNA SHIRE
57/405	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	421005	33.91HA	68km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 119° 34' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/417	GATEWAY MINING LIMITED	421006	13.31HA	67km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 119° 29' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
59/1437	ENTERPRISE GOLD PTY LTD	420879	22.66HA	40km SW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 116° 25' E	YALGOO SHIRE
59/1775	MOUNT MAGNET SOUTH NL	419497	328.61HA	63km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 33' S Long: 117° 46' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
59/1776	MOUNT MAGNET SOUTH NL	421293	66.44HA	52km N'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 117° 47' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
59/817-I	KARARA MINING LIMITED	420922	568.28HA	80km E'ly of Merkanooka	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 116° 51' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
63/1113	METEORE METALS PTY LTD	421725	78.29HA	27km NW'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 3' S Long: 121° 35' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
80/2389-I	KIMBERLEY METALS GROUP PTY LTD	421332	52.18HA	108km SW'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 38' S Long: 128° 12' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 22 May 2013

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 **22 August 2013**. 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. 22 September 2013**), 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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Children learn swim skills



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander children learned the basic strokes

and lifesaving skills at a school holiday swimming program at Riverstone, in Sydney's west.

The swimming and water safety lessons at the

Riverstone Swimming Centre were organised by Swimming NSW in conjunction with the Ngallu Wal Aboriginal Child and Family Centre, Emerton Leisure Centre and the Blacktown City Council.

Among the skills the children were taught were reach rescue, signalling for help and survival swimming. Swimming NSW Indigenous

participation program coordinator Kerrie-Anne Anstis said the program was well received by the community.

"As Riverstone Swimming Centre is a seasonal pool, the next program in Riverstone will be when it re-opens after winter," she said.

● PICTURES: Children taking part in the swimming program at Riverstone.



PUBLIC NOTICE - MINING ACTIVITIES

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SA MINING ACT 1971 S63M

TAKE NOTICE that **BENAGERIE GOLD PTY LTD** (ACN 121 124 427) of 31 Flemington Street Glenside SA 5065 has applied for an Extractive Minerals Lease (**EML**) in respect of an area covered by Mineral Claim number 4345 (**Land**) and upon grant of an EML proposes to carry out mining operations on the said Land as more particularly described below:

The Land is located approximately 80 km north of Olary bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of easting 447649 and northing 6509955 then east to the intersection of easting 448175 and northing 6509957, then south to the intersection of easting 448175 and northing 6509386, then west to the intersection of easting 447660 and northing 6509381 and then north to the point of commencement.

The total area of land is approximately 29.80 hectares.

All the within reference points are expressed in AGD 66.

In this notice a reference to a tenement or tenement application includes that tenement as subsequently granted, substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and assigns of that party's interest in the tenement or tenement application.

THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS THAT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

The proposed mining operations include the excavation of a borrow pit within the land, stockpiling of aggregate and other extractive minerals and use of such minerals for construction activities associated with Benagerie Gold's Portia Gold project.

TAKE NOTICE: If, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971*, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, **BENAGERIE GOLD PTY LTD** may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact **BENAGERIE GOLD PTY LTD** through their legal advisers, McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers of 11-13 Gilbert Street, Adelaide SA 5000.

TAKE NOTICE: If, within six (6) months from the initiation of negotiations, **BENAGERIE GOLD PTY LTD** and any native title party/ies have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to S.63S of the *Mining Act, 1971* for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Benagerie Gold Pty Ltd

c/- McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers

11-13 Gilbert Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Telephone: (08) 8161 5088

Facsimile: (08) 8410 7266

Contact Person: Abigail Steed

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that, Sunshine Alliance Resources PTY LTD (ACN: 143 128 232), Level 1, 125 Carrington Street, Adelaide, South Australia, 5000 (and its successors or assigns), Managing agent of Ishine International Resources Ltd, proposes to carry out mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licence 4833 (including any extensions, replacements, renewals, transfers or assignments of, subsequent exploration licences for, or other dealings with, Exploration Licence 4833 and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority held over the area, or any part of the area, of Exploration Licence 4833) on:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA

The land located in the state of South Australia:

Exploration Licence 4833

Finniss Springs Area – Approximately 60 km west of Marree, Bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°28'S and longitude 137°25'E, thence east to longitude 137°59'E, South to latitude 29°34'S, west to longitude 137°45'E, south to latitude 29°38'S, west to longitude 137°42'E, South to latitude 29°47'S, west to longitude 137°36'E, north to latitude 29°45'S, west to longitude 137°35'E, north to latitude 29°36'S, west to longitude 137°25'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area: 969 square kilometres approximately.

All the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66) and **excluding** from that land and area any of that land that falls within the area of the Arabana People's Determination of Native Title (SAD 6025/98; SCD2012/002) ("**Land**")

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is:

Exploration operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economical mineralisation which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: geological mapping and gridding; airborne and ground radiometric, magnetic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical soil and rock-chip sampling; shallow trenching; rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation percussion and diamond core drilling; minor clearing for drill rig access; and construction of temporary camp sites.

The proposed operations are authorised by the following exploration authorities under the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)*:

Exploration Licence 4833 (including any extensions, replacements, renewals, transfers or assignments of, subsequent exploration licences for, or other dealings with, Exploration Licence 4833 and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority held over the area, or any part of the area, of the Land).

SUNSHINE ALLIANCE RESOURCES PTY LTD (and its successors or assigns) seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)* in respect of the proposed mining operations on the land.

NOTE: if, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)*, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, SUNSHINE ALLIANCE RESOURCES PTY LTD (or its successors or assigns) may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent:

SUNSHINE ALLIANCE RESOURCES PTY LTD

Level 1 125 Carrington Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Telephone: (08) 8223 5018

Facsimile: (08) 8223 5078

Contact: Mr Trin Fang

Alarming statistic behind campaign



THE alarming statistic that Indigenous children (0-4 years) are five times more

likely to drown than non-Indigenous children is one of the reasons why Aboriginal children in the Albury-Wodonga area being encouraged to take part in swimming lessons.

Swimming NSW, in conjunction with the Albury City Council, the Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service and GT Aquatics, is providing opportunities for Koori children to have access to swimming and water safety lessons under a qualified instructor.

Another alarming statistic is that one quarter of children admitted to hospital following a near drowning will be left with a brain injury resulting in

lifelong disabilities.

Swimming NSW said it now could offer swimming and water safety lessons as well as education on the importance of regular swimming lessons.

It said learn-to-swim benefits included helping develop a child's growing mind; it was a fantastic form of exercise and splashing around promoted a great night's sleep.

It also boosted social interaction.

Throughout the Albury program, children will have the opportunity to learn basic swimming (freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke) and water safety skills (floating, signalling for help, safe enters and exits to aquatic environment etc).

For more information, contact GT Aquatics direct (02) 6025 9257 or Swimming NSW on (02) 9763 5833.

Another Hill is rising



BRADLEY Hill has become the second young and fast Hawthorn midfielder to earn a nomination for the 2013 Australian Football League (AFL) Rising Star award.

Hill – the younger brother of Fremantle star Stephen Hill – got the nod for his efforts in the narrow win over Adelaide on 4 May, where he picked up 17 possessions and kicked two goals.

Hill, 19, has played all six matches in the seniors this season, having made five appearances in his debut AFL campaign last year.

Four weeks ago, fellow Hawks on-baller Jed Anderson was also nominated for the Rising Star award.

“Bradley’s hard work in the pre-season has been rewarded with him featuring in all six games this year, and we’re pleased with how he’s developing and maturing as a player,” said Hawthorn coach Alastair Clarkson.

“It is a great feature of our team that young players such as Bradley, along with Jed Anderson and Taylor Duryea, have all contributed to the side with solid performances this season.”

Hill was selected by Hawthorn with pick 33 in the 2011 national draft from West Perth. – **AAP**



A file picture of Bradley Hill.
Photo: Slattery Media Group

... but big brother out for another two weeks

FREMANTLE midfielder Stephen Hill has been ruled out for two AFL matches due to a lingering quad injury. Hill was named to return in the Dockers’ win over Collingwood, but withdrew after failing a late fitness test. The 23-year-old was then expected to be available for the clash with Sydney at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) last Saturday, but the Dockers released a statement last week confirming Hill would need a further two weeks to recover.

Fremantle will also be without ruckman Jon Griffin, who suffered a season-ending knee injury against the Magpies. But star on-baller Nat Fyfe will bolster the side after serving his two-match suspension. Before last weekend, Fremantle boasted a 5-2 record despite battling a host of injuries to key players. – **AAP**



PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY 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 Special Prospecting Authority application applied for under section 105 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* .

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-SPA-0055 with Acreage Option	Admiral Oil NL	11356.90 km²	Shire of East Pilbara (100%)

LOCALITY
The application is located in the Canning Basin. The application occupies a total of 142 5'x5' blocks which are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SF51 (Oakover River. The application is straddled by the Telfer pipeline that runs in a south easterly direction from the north-west corner of the application. The south-east corner of the application is located approximately 60 kilometres west-north-west of the Telfer Mining Centre, the south-west corner being 111 kilometres in an east-south-easterly direction from the township of Marble Bar and the north-west corner approximately 180 kilometres east of the township of Port Hedland.
The application commences at a point 120°20'4.69"E, 20°19'55.06"S, thence east along parallel to a point 121°5'4.69"E, 20°19'55.02"S, thence south along meridian to a point 121°5'4.69"E, 20°34'55.03"S, thence east along parallel to a point 121°10'4.69"E, 20°34'55.03"S, thence south along meridian to a point 121°10'4.69"E, 20°44'55.04"S, thence east along parallel to a point 121°15'4.68"E, 20°44'55.04"S, thence south along meridian to a point 121°15'4.68"E, 20°49'55.04"S, thence east along parallel to a point 121°20'4.68"E, 20°49'55.04"S, thence south along meridian to a point 121°20'4.68"E, 20°54'55.04"S, thence east along parallel to a point 121°25'4.68"E, 20°54'55.04"S, thence south along meridian to a point 121°25'4.69"E, 21°9'55.05"S, thence east along parallel to a point 121°30'4.69"E, 21°9'55.05"S, thence south along meridian to a point 121°30'4.68"E, 21°14'55.05"S, thence east along parallel to a point 121°35'4.68"E, 21°14'55.05"S, thence south along meridian to a point 121°35'4.68"E, 21°24'55.05"S, thence east along parallel to a point 121°40'4.68"E, 21°24'55.05"S, thence south along meridian to a point 121°40'4.67"E, 21°34'55.06"S, thence west along parallel to a point 120°50'4.69"E, 21°34'55.07"S, thence north along meridian to a point 120°50'4.69"E, 21°24'55.07"S, thence west along parallel to a point 120°45'4.70"E, 21°24'55.07"S, thence north along meridian to a point 120°45'4.70"E, 21°14'55.07"S, thence west along parallel to a point 120°40'4.70"E, 21°14'55.07"S, thence north along meridian to a point 120°40'4.70"E, 21°4'55.06"S, thence west along parallel to a point 120°35'4.70"E, 21°4'55.06"S, thence north along meridian to a point 120°35'4.70"E, 20°49'55.05"S, thence west along parallel to a point 120°30'4.71"E, 20°49'55.05"S, thence north along meridian to a point 120°30'4.71"E, 20°44'55.05"S, thence west along parallel to a point 120°25'4.71"E, 20°44'55.06"S, thence north along meridian to a point 120°25'4.70"E, 20°34'55.05"S, thence west along parallel to a point 120°20'4.70"E, 20°34'55.06"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 120°20'4.69"E, 20°19'55.06"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

Nature Of The Act: A Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority, while it remains in force, authorises the holder, subject to the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA) and in accordance with the conditions to which the Special Prospecting Authority is subject, to carry on in the blocks specified in the Special Prospecting Authority the petroleum exploration operations being an Airborne Gravity Survey. A Special Prospecting Authority comes into force on the day the survey commences and unless surrendered or cancelled, remains in force for such period, not exceeding 6 months, as is so specified.

Notification Day: 22 May 2013

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each special prospecting authority may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day **22 September 2013**, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

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). 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 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	Centroi	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2278	ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED	80BL	117km SE'ly of Broome	Lat: 18° 30' S Long: 123° 11' E	BROOME SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2279	ILUKA RESOURCES LIMITED	190BL	97km SE'ly of Broome	Lat: 18° 33' S Long: 122° 55' E	BROOME SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2450	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	98L	38km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 23° 7' S Long: 114° 8' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2451	ZENITH MINERALS LIMITED	151BL	88km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 22° 25' S Long: 114° 57' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2034	MEEHAN MINERLAS PTY LTD	30BL	15km N'ly of Carnarvon	Lat: 24° 45' S Long: 113° 38' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2039	RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED	108BL	129km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 47' S Long: 116° 35' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1352	BARRAMBIE MINERALS LTD	32BL	57km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 25' S Long: 120° 56' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	26/166	STRINDBERG, Brooke Louise	3BL	14km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 11' S Long: 121° 49' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2295	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	45BL	67km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 122° 10' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/873	ZEEDAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	58L	23km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 120° 53' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/880-2	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	188BL	32km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 48' S Long: 121° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/883	MINING INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	28L	69km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 120° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1735	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	26BL	152km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 123° 22' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4159-60	BAMBOOZLER PTY LTD	140BL	40km S'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 52' S Long: 120° 15' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2733-I	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	28L	110km E'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 28' S Long: 118° 50' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1560	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	22BL	115km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 11' S Long: 119° 47' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2875	GOULD RESOURCES PTY LTD	200BL	178km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 47' S Long: 117° 21' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1737	PANORAMIC GOLD PTY LTD	18L	99km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 6' S Long: 119° 27' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/933	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	38L	66km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 28' S Long: 118° 54' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1953	TOP IRON PTY LTD	38L	56km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 36' S Long: 117° 15' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1954	TOP IRON PTY LTD	30BL	46km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 37' S Long: 117° 26' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1620	RED RIVER RESOURCES LIMITED	55BL	35km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 5' S Long: 122° 0' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3049	SALAZAR GOLD PTY LIMITED	141BL	45km SW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 45' S Long: 123° 32' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3128	BEADELL RESOURCES LTD	59BL	22km S'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 39' S Long: 123° 47' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4457	ZEEDAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	147BL	61km NE'ly of Walpole	Lat: 34° 28' S Long: 117° 0' E	CRANBROOK SHIRE, MANJIMUP SHIRE, PLANTAGENET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4468	EAST PILBARA IRON PTY LTD	62BL	15km SW'ly of Quairading	Lat: 32° 4' S Long: 117° 18' E	BEVERLEY SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2122	NEWFIELD RESOURCES LTD	17BL	69km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 118° 53' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4698	SCOTT, Brett Anthony ILES, Kevin BLOOMFIELD, Geoffrey Edward	199.98HA	55km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 121° 14' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4731	SPARR, Jason Otto	199.47HA	33km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2251-8	HAMPTON NICKEL PTY LTD	808.51HA	35km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 50' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2310	NATIONAL SUPPLY PARTNERS PTY LTD	79.77HA	69km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 120° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2311	NATIONAL SUPPLY PARTNERS PTY LTD	9.13HA	69km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 120° 33' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2312 & 29/2314	NATIONAL SUPPLY PARTNERS PTY LTD	299.44HA	67km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 120° 33' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2313 & 29/2315-8	NATIONAL SUPPLY PARTNERS PTY LTD	897.84HA	62km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 120° 33' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2034	GEL RESOURCES PTY LTD	29.30HA	142km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 122° 44' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8229	MADIGAN, Kieran Francis BEAR HILL MINING NL	199.92HA	38km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 121° 42' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8298-8300 & 37/8305	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	777.11HA	32km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 39' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8315-6	DARLEX PTY LTD	398.27HA	38km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 121° 42' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8351	MINERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD	154.16HA	42km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 121° 40' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8354	DARLEX PTY LTD HADSON, Andrew	196.93HA	39km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 121° 43' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4071-2	FALCON MINERALS LIMITED	275.39HA	135km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 49' S Long: 122° 10' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5395	DARLEX PTY LTD	111.94HA	43km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 46' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5420	HARRAP, Yvette	50.97HA	53km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 52' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1318	DIXON, Trevor John	7.92HA	38km SW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 121° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2828-30	LATIN GOLD LTD	550.40HA	78km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 53' S Long: 118° 33' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 22 May 2013

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 **22 August 2013**. 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. 22 September 2013**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828. * - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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Family affair in Qld oztag teams



FIVE Birri-Gubba cousins from Townsville have made

Queensland junior oztag teams – with four of them contesting the State of Origin carnival in Wollongong next month.

Rayshan Mills-Prior, 12, is in the under 12 division, while his brother David, 10, is in the under 11 team.

Their cousins Mahalah Luta, 14, and Samuel Martin-Savage, 14, are in under 15 teams, while Jairel Martin-Savage, 8, was named in an under 10 merit team that won't be going to Wollongong.

The children represented Townsville at the Queensland oztag championships at Caloundra, on the Sunshine Coast, in February.

Each division attracted more than 180 players.

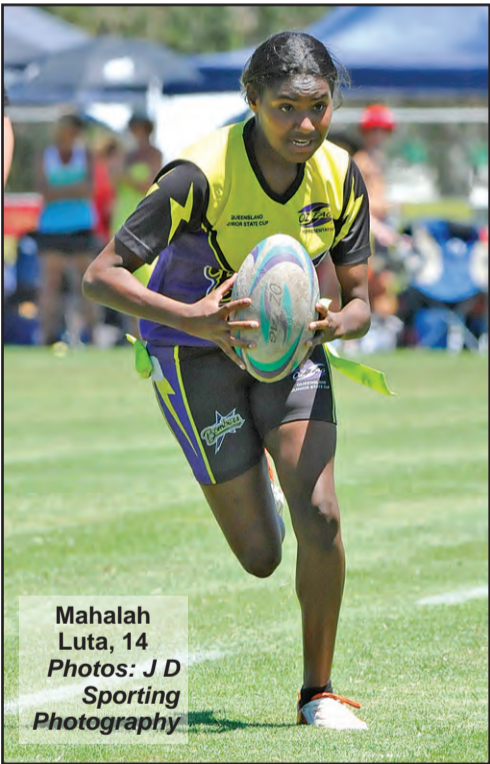
Shanane Mills-Prior, mother of Rayshan and David, said the families had been busy raising funds for the children to participate in the Queensland and State of Origin carnivals, and had received some support from the Townsville Aboriginal rugby league club Bindal Sharks.



Jairel Martin-Savage, 8



David Mills-Prior, 10



Mahalah Luta, 14
Photos: J D Sporting Photography



Rayshan Mills-Prior, 12



Essendon star Paddy Ryder during the filming of an AFL television commercial for the AFL Indigenous Round. Photo: AFL Media

Winmar's famous gesture re-enacted

● From back page

when I was a lot younger, and I understood what he was doing – pointing at his skin – but I didn't realise the significance of what was actually happening," Burgoyne told *AFL.com.au*

"I was a little bit older by the time the Michael Long incident happened, so by then I was fully aware of what was going on. Those guys taking a stand made it a lot easier for the players today."

Ryder was only five years old in 1993. He hasn't experienced racism on the football field, and knows the players who went before him were responsible for that.

"It was a pretty memorable moment; it had a massive influence," Ryder said.

"I've had mates and have known people who have been racism targets, but I've had nothing really said to me. I've been lucky in that sense.

"Longy still comes down to the club and it's always good to see him. He's another one who has been huge in the fight against racism. To know him personally and to see him suffer what he did, I'm pretty proud to know him."

Burgoyne, a member of the AFL Players' Indigenous advisory board, believes on-field racism is a thing of the past – a result of a number of different initiatives which were originally promoted by Winmar's and Long's stance.

But he sees the job as an ongoing education process.

"You're probably never happy with where you are – you can always be better. And the AFL is pretty proactive with trying to improve things," Burgoyne told *AFL.com.au*



PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit application applied for under the section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0076	LIBERTY PETROLEUM CORPORATION	22703.60 km ²	Shire of Laverton (88%) Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku (12%)

LOCALITY
The application is located in the Officer Basin. The application occupies a total of 299 5'x5' blocks of which 189 blocks are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SG52 (Petermann Range) and 110 blocks are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SH52 (Nullarbor Plain). The north-west corner of the application is located approximately 39 kilometres south-west of the community of Warburton, the north-east corner being approximately 197 kilometres south-west of the Giles Meteorological Station and the south-west corner approximately 257 kilometres north-north east of the township of Rawlinna. The application commences at a point 126°20'4.86"E, 26°24'54.99"S, thence east along parallel to a point 127°05'4.83"E, 26°24'54.98"S, thence south along meridian to a point 127°5'4.89"E, 27°29'55.03"S, thence east along parallel to a point 127°30'4.87"E, 27°29'55.03"S, thence south along meridian to a point 127°30'4.88"E, 27°34'55.03"S, thence west along parallel to a point 127°25'4.88"E, 27°34'55.03"S, thence south along meridian to a point 127°25'4.89"E, 27°39'55.03"S, thence west along parallel to a point 127°20'4.89"E, 27°39'55.02"S, thence south along meridian to a point 127°20'4.91"E, 27°49'55.02"S, thence west along parallel to a point 127°15'4.91"E, 27°49'55.02"S, thence south along meridian to a point 127°15'4.92"E, 27°54'55.02"S, thence west along parallel to a point 127°10'4.92"E, 27°54'55.02"S, thence south along meridian to a point 127°10'4.96"E, 28°54'55.06"S, thence west along parallel to a point 126°20'4.99"E, 28°54'55.07"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 126°20'4.86"E, 26°24'54.99"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

Nature Of The Act: Grant of petroleum exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further two 5 year terms.

Notification Day: 22 May 2013

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons and those who are a body corporate 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 **22 August 2013**. 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 either native title determination or prescribed body corporate to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **22 September 2013**) there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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Fitted out to win

By PETER ARGENT



AN outfit designed by an Indigenous youngster was worn by the Adelaide Thunderbirds in their Netball Australia ANZ championship match against the Melbourne Vixens in Adelaide on 21 April.

The match was part of Netball Australia's inaugural Indigenous Round.

Thunderbirds avenged their second-round 58-44 loss to the Vixens, winning 39-38.

The Thunderbirds-Vixens match was played at Netball SA Stadium and was organised in partnership with South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy (SAASTA).

SAASTA and the Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS) provide opportunities for students who are committed towards completing their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) and are interested in health and physical activity.

Netball SA provided an opportunity through SAASTA for children to design the outfit worn by the Adelaide Thunderbirds.

A competition was won by SAASTA student Jasmin Watson last year, with the dress being unveiled at the SAASTA Shield Netball Carnival in November 2012.

"The Indigenous round was a great initiative for netball and the ANZ competition," Thunderbirds mid-courter Leigh Waddington said.

"The pre-game Welcome to Country and dance by an Indigenous group was great and highlighted the history of the relationship between the Indigenous people and their land."

"It was an honour to wear the Thunderbirds uniform which had been specifically designed by a young Indigenous student."

"The game was a great contest for the Indigenous round and we were very happy to claim the win by one goal."

As a curtain-raiser to the ANZ Championship match, a representative squad chosen at the SAASTA Shield Carnival – named the SAASTA Stars – participated in a game against the SAASTA Invitational Team, made up of players who have been identified by the Nunga Netball



The Adelaide Thunderbirds in their Jasmin Watson-designed outfits for the Indigenous Round match against the Melbourne Vixens.

Community Program.

"I'm excited by the initiative and look forward to further developing the relationship with SAASTA and DECS," Netball SA CEO Ben Scales said.

"Netball SA is delighted to be working closely with SAASTA and the department to provide opportunities for Indigenous Australians to participate in netball."

"We look forward to growing the relationship and formalising a long-term partnership to ensure its sustainability."



ABOVE and BELOW: The SAASTA Invitational and SAASTA Stars teams.



Pre-match entertainment included a performance by these Aboriginal dancers.





Southern Boars player Shane Hooper, left, is airborne as he contests a bomb against FNQ Marlins.



Queensland Imparja Cup cricketer Bradley Stout, left, and his Northern Stingers teammate Zane Prior.



Southern Boars players Shane Hooper, left, and Matt Burns.



FNQ Marlins co-coaches Quentin Barba, from Cairns, left, with Barry Nona, from Thursday Island.



FNQ Marlins stars Nathaniel Bowman, left, and Jarrod Geesu.



FNQ Marlins star Nathaniel Bowman tackled by a 'drove' of Southern Boars.



Shane Hooper wins the ball after an Aussie rules-style aerial contest.

Force was with them

Story and pictures by ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander players performed well at the Queensland Police rugby league carnival in Townsville from 7-10 May.



Eight sides from around the state contested the championships at Brothers Leagues Club's Jack Manski Oval.

South East Queensland Muddies won the rain-affected final, beating Far North Queensland Marlins 20-10.

One of the stars for the undefeated SEQ Muddies was Paul Renouf, who

was later named in the Queensland Police representative team to meet NSW Police as well as a Queensland Firefighters team.

In their first game, Marlins won 24-0 win over Southern Boars.

On day two, FNQ Marlins rolled Mount Isa 44-0 and the following day was a rest day.

Thursday Island-based Marlins trainer Napau Namok said Indigenous footballers did very well.

One of the genuine standouts during the carnival was Marlins Aboriginal utility back Nathaniel Bowman, who two days later scored three tries and booted six goals in his Townsville and District competition side University's 40-28 win over Brothers.



Indigenous players and officials in the FNQ Marlins team, from left, back row, Jarrod Geesu, Quentin Barba, Stephen Tillett, Paul Vandenbos, Barry Nona; front, Napau Namok, Joel Nagy, Clint Arnold, Glenn Tomsana and Aaron Port.



Winger Glen Tomsana, from Kubin, scores a try for FNQ Marlins.

NEAFL U22 team makes statement

By PETER ARGENT



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THREE Top End Indigenous talents playing for the NT Thunder – Patrick Heenan and Ben and Shannon Rioli – played important roles in the North Eastern Australian Football League (NEAFL) breakthrough win over South Australia.

Unerringly accurate, the NEAFL under 22 side coached by former Brisbane Lions Norm Smith Medallist Shaun Hart snatched a thrilling victory from the SANFL under 20 combination.

This inaugural match resulted in a six-point win to NEAFL at City Mazda Stadium (Richmond Oval) in Adelaide on Saturday, 11 May.

The final scores were NEAFL U22s 15.2 (92), SANFL U20s 11.20 (66), with the NEAFL's first behind coming late in the third term.

"Yes, our inaccuracy hurt us in the end," SA coach Jeff Brown said.

"We had most the play early and during the middle of the game, but they got us out the back at times.

"When the NEAFL was kicking for goal, even the wobbly ones went through."

Among a number strong contributors for the NEAFL U22s were small defenders Ben Rioli and Patrick Heenan, who were recent opponents in the Northern Territory Football League grand final between St Mary's and the Tiwi Bombers.

Shannon Rioli played in the midfield rotations, but was under duress with strapping to his leg.

Matt Campbell was the sole Aboriginal player in the senior match that followed.

Originally recruited from the Pioneers club in Alice Springs, after six seasons and 82 games with the North Melbourne Football Club, live-wire small man Campbell returned to North Adelaide this year.

The game, dubbed an 'interleague challenge', gave him the opportunity to make his debut for South Australian senior team in the initial clash against the NEAFL Northern Conference side, coached by 2012-13 St Mary's premiership coach Jason Cotter.

Took charge

After a competitive first half, where the underdog NEAFL side was still within two goals of the hosts, SA stampeded away after the long interval to win by a massive 14-goal margin.

The final scores were: SANFL 21.14 (140), NEAFL 9.4 (56).

"Jason Cotter coached smartly in the first half," SA state coach Michael Godden said.

"After the second quarter, we adjusted defensively and started to hit targets when moving the ball forward.

"Our spread was better and the



Patrick Heenan delivers a handball over the top. Photos by Peter Argent

results came on the scoreboard.

"Matt Campbell had a tough job of playing as a small forward for us.

"He was involved in our first two scoring forays forward and kicked a goal.

"Matt may have not been in our best players, but certainly has plenty of speed and played his role in the win."

Campbell, now 26 and still with ambitions to have another crack at AFL level, said the standard and



Ben Rioli displayed his exquisite ball skills playing for the NEAFL Under 22s against the SANFL Under 20s.

intensity of the contest was pretty 'hot' in the first half.

"In the end with our better fitness and skills, we ran over the top of them," Campbell said.

Campbell has committed to a two-year deal at the North Adelaide Football Club, taking him to the end of the 2014 season.

In the 2012-13 northern summer, Campbell played a handful of games with the Darwin Buffaloes in the NTFL after being delisted by North.



North Adelaide and now SANFL state footballer Matt Campbell.



The NT Thunder trio of, from left, Pat Heenan, Ben Rioli and Shannon Rioli, who played for the NEAFL Under 22s.



Shannon Rioli swoops on the ball in open play.

Nudgee to host golf day



THE fifth annual Undumbi Golf Challenge, organised by the Deadlee Maardars Association, will be held at the Nudgee Golf Club members' course on 31 May. Its focus is on men's health and promoting healthy lifestyles for individuals and their families under the Federal Government Closing

the Gap initiative.

The ambrose four-man teams event will have a 10am shotgun start and there will be prizes for the longest drive, nearest the pin, second approach shot, and a ball-to-green raffle.

Contestants also will get a sample bag, finger food and a drink voucher, and there will be giveaways and health checks.

It will cost \$75 to enter, or \$300 for a team.

The Deadlee Maardars Association provides culturally appropriate programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in-care and is based around Redcliffe, in Brisbane's northern bayside.

Golf day details: Gene Blow 0422 268 277 or deadleemaardars@live.com.au

Ringcraft potential

Story and pictures by
ALF WILSON



LONGREACH Aboriginal youngster John Boy Punch and Palm island's Kathleen Haines showed they are boxers with potential at the 'Coalfields Kaos' amateur tournament at Blackwater, in central Queensland on 11 May.

A total of 22 bouts were held at the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League's night at the Blackwater PCYC.

Boxers travelled from Rockhampton, Mackay, Alpha, Longreach, the Burdekin and Emerald while the home town was well represented.

Fifteen-year-old Palm Island Bwgolman State High School student Kathleen Haines showed she has a bright future by winning her three-round 51kg division bout on points against Emma Lawson, from the Burdekin Club.

Bright prospect

Her trainer Ray Dennis was enthusiastic about her prospects.

"It was as impressive a debut as I have seen. Kathleen had good defence and threw plenty of punches and outside the ring is very quiet," Dennis said.

John Boy Punch gave away height and also looked sharp even though he lost his three-round 44.5kg bout on points to Blackwater's Kallen Taylor.

"That Longreach lad is going to win many fights and he looked good," Dennis said.

Blackwater is 700km from Townsville and Kathleen was one of three Palm Island boxers who travelled to Australia's coal capital in a 12-seater bus.

It was a nine-hour road trip via Charters Towers, Clermont, Capella and Emerald.

They arrived not long before weigh-in time.

Other boxers in the Palm Island contingent were Josie



Kathleen Haines lands a punch in her points win.



Kathleen Haines with her winner's trophy.

Nallajar and 12-year-old Kevin Inkerman, who were also having their first fights.

Other Palm Islanders Brayden Nallajar, 10, and Natalie David, 13, were in the touring party, but could not be matched.

Kevin lost to Blackwater's Lachlan Hopes but will be all the better for the experience.

More than 500 people packed into the venue for the much anticipated main senior bout between Palm Island debutant Josie Nallajar and local Shearna Smith, who is an Australian champion.

Shearna had a huge height and reach advantage and also had a screaming local Blackwater audience supporting her.

The first round was equal, however Shearna got on top in the second round, after which Ray Dennis told officials Josie would retire.

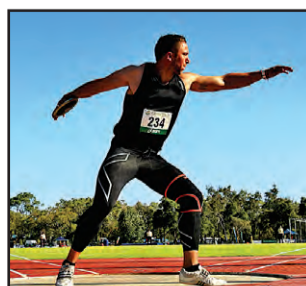


Palm's Josie Nallajar, right, and her much bigger opponent Shearna Smith after their main bout.



John Boy Punch with his runner-up trophy.

Harradine sets new mark after lay-off



BENN HARRADINE
Photo: Getty



athletics after an injury lay-off and promptly broke his own Oceania and Australian record.

Hurling 68.20m in Townsville on Friday, 10 May, Harradine recorded his first A-qualifier distance for the IAAF World

FOUR-times national discus champion Benn Harradine returned to competitive

Championships in Moscow in August.

Harradine, a finalist in the men's discus at the 2012 London Olympics, was competing for the first time since having back surgery following the Games.

"It was a good night," Harradine said in a massive understatement.

"When I haven't been in the circle for very long I am rarely consistent so that was expected, but one of the officials in the

warm-up said that I had been throwing pretty big.

"He said if I could reproduce what I had done, then I would be fine for the B-qualifier because that is what I was honestly hoping to get out of this."

"I'm not on the team for Moscow yet, but hopefully this will be enough to see me selected."

Harradine was scheduled to compete at the Shanghai instalment of the IAAF Diamond

League on 18 May, provided his back didn't react.

Meanwhile, Victorian Josh Ross turned in a good performance at round one of the Diamond League in Doha on 10 May.

Newly crowned Australian 100m and 200m champion Ross was fourth in the men's 100m B-race with a wind-assisted season best time of 10.20 seconds (w: +2.5).

American Rakleem Salaam won in 10.06sec. — AAP



Richard Bowie holds the NACCHO Deadly Choices Interstate Challenge Trophy after its arrival on Thursday Island. Pictured, back row, from left, Dick Mills, Francis Renouf, Brad Beetson, Christian Beetson; middle row, Ian Lacey, Richard Bowie, Patti Mosby, Mayor Pedro Stephen and Pele Bennet; front, Troy Byers and Benaiah Bowie. Photo by Mark Bousen (Torres News)



The NAACHO Deadly Choices Interstate Challenge Trophy arriving at Badu Island on Friday after a boat trip from Thursday island. Photo by Keiji Bowie

Trophy finally makes its way to Badu Island

By ALF WILSON



THE trophy won by Argun Warriors when it took out the title of Australia's best Indigenous rugby league team was presented to players and officials on Badu Island on 17 May.

A day earlier, the trophy was displayed on Thursday Island at the Torres Shire Council Chambers.

Argun Warriors won the Deadly Choices Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri rugby league carnival at Ipswich last September.

Then, in February, they took on NSW Knockout winners Newcastle Yowies in a battle to decide the best Indigenous rugby league carnival team in the country.

Argun Warriors won that game 28-24 in extra time in Brisbane in the lead-up to the Indigenous All Stars-NRL All Stars game.

The NACCHO Deadly Choices Interstate Challenge Murri v Koori Champions Trophy was

presented to the Argun Warriors players and officials and the people of Badu on Badu on Friday, 17 May.

Among the visiting party were immortal Arthur Beetson's sons Brad and Christian.

Troy Byers, from the Arthur Beetson Foundation, said the trophy was a symbol for the young players.

The next Murri carnival is to be held in Ipswich from 26-29 September to decide the Queensland winners to play the Koori (NSW) champions.

Byers said there already had been considerable Torres Strait interest in this year's Murri carnival.

"Kulpiyam from Badu are very keen, while Argun Warriors certainly will defend their crown," he said.

"There could be as many as four Torres Strait teams in the carnival."

2012 Cairns All Blacks winner Curacoa Crusaders, who include many players of Torres Strait descent, also are likely to nominate.

Drought broken

By CHRIS PIKE



WESTERN Australia recorded a drought-breaking victory over Victoria in Northam on Saturday 11 May, with two Indigenous players key contributors in the 17-point victory.

The victory for WA was the first time the Black Swans have won a state match against Victoria since 1991 and it took a trip to the country town of Northam, 97km north-east of Perth, to achieve the first victory over the 'Big V' in 22 years.

The last time a WA side beat Victoria was in the State of Origin clash of 1991 when the Black Swans beat the Big V 19.13 (127) to 7.9 (51) at the WACA Ground.

That team was also heavily influenced by some star Indigenous talent, including former St Kilda and Western Bulldogs champion wingman Nicky Winmar, and dual West Coast Eagles premiership player and Norm Smith Medallist Peter Matera.

Brennan Stack and Marlon Motlop might have a long way to go in their careers to be able to achieve anywhere near the level that Winmar and Matera did as two of the all-time great Indigenous AFL footballers, but the pair did play a key role in WA's victory over Victoria.

Several other candidates were unlucky to not end up representing their state.

Swan Districts premiership player Graham Jetta has been in good form again this season as a hard-running defender, but he didn't quite make the final 23.

Nor did Peel Thunder midfielder Cruize Garlett despite being in outstanding form and a clearance machine in his first season back with the WAFL after his AFL career with North Melbourne.



It was certainly hard work for WA to get the result.

Some inaccurate kicking from the home side in the first half and the Victorians taking their chances in front of goal saw the Big V likely to continue the winning run against the Sandgropers.

Victoria opened up a lead of 31 points midway through the third quarter, but from that point WA kicked nine of the last ten goals and the only five majors of the final term to end up winning 17.16 (118) to 15.11 (101).

Stack had been in outstanding form for Perth in the WAFL, kicking 14 goals in his past four games, including five in a thrilling five-point loss to the unbeaten reigning premiers Claremont leading into the state clash.

Even though the former Western Bulldogs forward in the AFL had a slow start with just the one handball in the first half, he kept presenting and made an impact after half-time.

The 24-year-old kicked his first goal late in the third quarter to bring the margin back to just 13 points and then he added his second early in the final term to bring WA to within six points of Victoria.

Motlop is in his first season with Peel Thunder after starring with Swan Districts in the WAFL in 2012 following his time with the Port Adelaide Power in the AFL after he was drafted from the Northern Territory.

He started the state game on the bench, but quickly worked his way into the contest and was one of the best on field for his efforts in the midfield.

He finished with 27 possessions, five marks, six clearances, six entries inside the forward 50 and five rebounds from the defensive 50.

Those two weren't the only Indigenous talent on the field either, with Adam Cockie representing Victoria.

The former Subiaco premiership midfielder in the WAFL and also West Coast Eagles AFL player has been playing in the VFL for Sandringham the past season-and-a-half, and has been so impressive that he was picked to represent the Big V.

The bustling on-baller had a terrific game for his adopted state as well, with 22 possessions, five tackles and a massive 12 clearances.



Indigenous women start long journey to New York



THE six-month journey that will take runners to the New York Marathon has started, with six female members of the Indigenous Marathon Project's (IMP's) 2013 squad coming together in Canberra for their first training camp.

Lisa Bloxsome (Nowra), Evelynna Dhamarrandji (Elcho Island), Georgia Gleeson (Queanbeyan), Elise Hull (Bathurst), Charmaine Patrick (Hermannsburg) and Carla Snow (Newcastle) were put to the test on the track and in the classroom, as they learned more about their training, and started elements of their Certificate IV in Health and Leisure.

The women also took part in the annual Mother's Day Classic 10km event on 12 May.

For many, it was the furthest they had run, and their first experience in a major organised running event.

IMP founder and former world champion marathon runner Rob de Castella said the training camp marked the start of a very special and challenging journey for the six women.

"We have chosen these six inspirational women to be part of our squad because they

each want to make a difference in their lives and help to improve their own health and the health of their families and communities," he said.

"Over the next six months they will not only push their physical limits, but will also be put to the test emotionally and mentally. It will be hard work, but they will achieve things that they never dreamed possible just a few months ago."

For 28-year-old mother of two Charmaine Patrick, the icy streets of Canberra were a world away from her remote home community of Hermannsburg, 130km west of Alice Springs.

Charmaine was inspired to be part of IMP by her two young children, and loves the joy that running brings her.

"I am doing this to make to children proud and so that they can see me do good things. I want to show them that they can do anything in life," she said.

"I also want to show my community, and other single mothers, that they can try new things in life and achieve things that they didn't think possible."

While in Canberra, the women undertook a number of training runs, and elements of their Certificate IV in Health and Leisure, including volunteering.



Indigenous Marathon Project runners, from left, Carla Snow (Newcastle), Evelynna Dhamarrandji (Elcho Island), Georgia Gleeson (Queanbeyan), Elise Hull (Bathurst), IMP staff member Nadine Hunt (IMP staff) and Charmaine Patrick (Hermannsburg) at the Mother's Day Classic in Canberra.

Pick him on Merritt

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

I WANT to join the growing chorus of voices calling for Nathan Merritt's inclusion in the NSW side for the fast-approaching rugby league State of Origin series.

He hardly needs my support when the likes of Peter Sterling and Steve Renouf have been vocal in their call for Nathan's selection.

A selection which is long overdue, in my opinion.

I have long been a supporter of Nathan and along with Matty Bowen, he is one of the players I love to watch play.

He knows how to find the tryline and is one of the best finishers in the game.

His defence is often under-estimated and nobody can doubt his courage or ability under the high ball.

It was a great honour to be able to play alongside him in the Indigenous All Stars team.

His passion for representing his people was inspiring and he showed he could lift for a special occasion.

Importantly, Laurie Daley has witnessed this as coach and he is an unabashed fan of Nathan's ability.

To understand how talented Nathan is, you only have to go back to 2006.

At the end of the 2006 season, South Sydney's Nathan Merritt was positioned at the top of that year's try-scoring list.

No great surprise for a man considered one of the game's best finishers at 23 years of age and in his fifth season of first grade.

Except for the startling fact that his team finished with the dreaded wooden spoon.

The Rabbits won a meagre three matches from the 24 contested, yet their winger was able to lead the field with 22 touchdowns next to his name.

Manly's Brett Stewart was next best, two behind.

Remarkable

Merritt's achievement was truly remarkable.

From his debut against the Warriors in 2002, Nathan has always shown an uncanny knack for getting the ball over the line.

He boasts a stunning strike rate of 146 tries in 208 matches.

Given the talent of the current Souths line-up, he is a realistic chance of overtaking the club record of 29 in a season set by Les Brennan in the 1950s.

But Nathan will not be concentrating on records.

He is one of the most modest and unassuming individuals in the game.

He is a complete footballer

whose work off the ball is equally as impressive as when he has it in his hands.

His reading and cover of dangerous situations is astute; he is constantly looking for work well away from his left flank; and defensively, his positioning and communication is first class.

This begs the question as to why he has not been selected.

His name has certainly been mentioned in Origin dispatches almost annually without ever getting the nod.

Preoccupation

The reason it would seem is that for many years now NSW have had a preoccupation with picking big, powerful flankers whose size and strength have been essential requirements.

If you look back through recent Origin campaigns, the likes of Brett Morris, Akuila Uate, Jarryd Hayne, Joel Monaghan, David Williams, Anthony Quinn, Matt King, Eric Grothe Jnr and Timana Tahu all fit into that category.

There have been a few exceptions.

However, the Blues definitely favour athletic wingers with plenty of size because much of Origin is about bringing the ball out of corners from on your own line.

The success in that early carry then determines the quality of the following set of six.

This tends to carry as much, if not more, importance than the finishing expertise of a winger, although that also carries plenty of attraction.

I understand that Origin is a different beast and that selectors tend to look for important and defined traits for this confrontation that aren't necessarily the most obvious. It is also clear that the

Rabbitohs star is not built like Manu Vatuvei or now possesses the pure speed of an Akuila Uate.

However, what also should not be overlooked is that to beat Queensland the Blues ultimately need to stop and score more points than their opposition and I'm certain Nathan Merritt would prove particularly advantageous in both departments.

His coach Michael Maguire has no doubt he could handle the job.

"I get asked that question every week – yeah, of course he is," he said.

"It's not up to us – it's the selectors' job. We have no control over it.

"The one thing Nathan does is he turns up every week and he's awesome what he does for our team. His ability to find the ball and come up with tries ... I'm glad we've got him."

No doubts

Nathan himself holds no personal doubts.

He says he has 'no fear of the Origin cauldron' and his painful 12-year wait for a Blues jersey should end.

"Of course I would be ready. I am mature enough now," he said.

"I have played 200 games and have got that experience not to have any nerves.

"I've got no fear of playing in the Origin cauldron. The Origin stage, or arena, wouldn't bother me. Every player wants to play Origin and if that time comes, I would be over the moon.

"I have wanted to play Origin for a while. There may be an opportunity there, but I have to play well to get a call-up. If I play well for a few more games, then I will put my name in there." His mate – and potential

opponent Greg Inglis – also came out in support.

"I'm not too sure about Brett Morris' incident or how long he's out for, but I'd love to see Nathan Merritt in the rep jersey," Inglis said.

"He did play well for City and plays well in any jersey he puts on. I'd love to see him put a Blues jumper on."

GI's fellow Queensland great Steve Renouf backed him further, saying Merritt is one of the most underrated wingers in the game's history.

Renouf, who scored 142 tries for the Broncos from 183 games, lauded the consistency of Merritt, who has reached double figures for the past seven seasons, even during the Rabbitohs' lean years.

"It's not just the way he's going this year, Nathan has been doing it his whole career," Renouf said.

"It's not easy to play good football in losing teams, but Nathan has been able to do that.

"He hasn't really faltered over the years. That shows his character."

Renouf said he believed Merritt deserved a maiden NSW jumper after repeated snubbings at the Origin selection table.

"It's time Nathan was given a chance for NSW – what more can he do?" said Renouf.

"It surprises me he hasn't played Origin, but then it doesn't totally shock me when it comes to NSW.

"I think for a long while now, part of their problem has been their selection process. I really believe that.

"You can name other players, too, who are in form but just don't get a look in for NSW and Nathan Merritt is a perfect example."

The greats have spoken. I can only but agree.

Dockers lead the way

By CHRIS PIKE



THE Fremantle Dockers have been home to some of the great Indigenous Australian Football League (AFL) players and have now launched a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) that coincides with the release of the club's first special jumper to be worn during the AFL's Indigenous Round.

Fremantle might have only been in the AFL since 1995, but has had such Indigenous stars as Troy Cook, Jeff Farmer, Roger Hayden, Scott Chisholm, Gary Dhurrkay, Winston Abraham, Stephen Hill, Michael Johnson, Antoni Grover, Steven Koops, Des Headland and Dale Kickett over the past 18 years.

The Reconciliation Action Plan's key aims include elevating respect, enhancing relationships and creating opportunities a number of different ways, including increasing the understanding of Indigenous culture within the club, and building a broader understanding in the community of Fremantle's connection with Indigenous Australia.

Perhaps most importantly, the club's new program will help to increase Indigenous participation in community programs, increase exposure and support through training and employment initiatives and providing opportunities for Indigenous enterprises to obtain contracting opportunities.

Proud history

Fremantle chief executive Steve Rosich said the aim of the plan was to strengthen Fremantle's connections with the community, to acknowledge its proud Indigenous history, and demonstrate the club's commitment to reconciliation to a broader audience.

"As an AFL club, we recognise that with our profile comes responsibility. We embrace this responsibility and see it as an opportunity to engage and influence the wider community," Rosich said.

"We see the RAP as an extension of our club behaviours, particularly those of respect, inclusion and a commitment to do as we say. This plan allows us to formally acknowledge our Indigenous links and provides us with the opportunity to honour the many Indigenous players who have represented this proud football club.

"In our relatively short history, the club has drafted 30 Indigenous players and 25 of those young men have gone on to play at the elite level and we are very proud of what they achieved for the club and the contribution they have all made to the AFL."



From left, Danyle Pearce, Michael Johnson and Stephen Hill model the Indigenous Round jumper the Dockers will wear in round nine.

Hayden retired from Fremantle after 128 games following the 2011 season and remains involved at the club as a development coach, and he worked with the versatile Richard Walley to design the jumper that the Dockers will wear against Melbourne at Patersons Stadium on Sunday May 26.

Walley is one of Australia's leading Aboriginal performers, artists, musicians and writers, and has worked previously with local WAFL clubs on jumper designs for NAIDOC Week and was only too

happy to get involved to help out the Dockers in the AFL as well.

Hayden is proud of the jumper he was able to come up with along with Walley, with three boomerangs making up the V on the top and four waves representing Fremantle's close proximity to the ocean.

"One boomerang signifies a weapon, the other a musical instrument and the third the strength of coming back home," Hayden said.

"The weapon depicts the combative

and attacking nature of the game. A musical instrument can be played, just as footballers play the game and the third boomerang is symbolic of a strong home base. As the waves build throughout the jumper, each quarter becomes gradually larger, which, in football terms, means you will finish the game strongly.

"As a whole, the jumper signifies the physical and spiritual strength for the football team and the Fremantle region, which is really significant to Indigenous people."

Molony survives nine repechage heats



ABORIGINAL surfer Russ Molony survived nine elimination repechage heats to eventually finish fourth at the Reef

International Surfing Association (ISA) World Surfing Games in Panama last week.

Team Australia also finished second in the teams event behind South Africa.

Molony's effort to reach the men's final was amazing.

The North Entrance (NSW Central Coast) surfer had a busy final day. Surfing the right-hand reef break at Santa Catalina, Molony survived three repechage heats on the last day to

reach the final.

He recorded two seconds and a first with scores of 11.93, 12.04, 13.37.

It was a tremendous run by Molony, who had to survive nine elimination repechage heats after he was eliminated earlier in the week from the main draw in round two.

The result continues the recent competition success for Molony, who is the defending Australian Indigenous champion and Australian Open champion.

Molony was the last man standing for Team Australia after a difficult day four.

The event attracted more than 150 leading surfers from 24 countries.

Team Australia was the defending champion after winning the title in 2011, but this time finished second to South Africa.

Molony, along with Wade Carmichael (Avoca, NSW) and Tim Macdonald (North Stradbroke, Qld) were facing elimination in the repechage rounds, and the tiny swell made it difficult to post significant scores.

Molony finished first and second with scores of 11.40 and 10.46 in his two repechage rounds to stay in contention. Carmichael and Macdonald started the day strongly winning their first repechage round, but were knocked out in the next round as the swell dropped.



Russ Molony

No place for Morrow's 'unthinking' comment

'Comments such as these cause significant harm – no matter how they were intended.'



ACTING Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council chair Linda Burney

has expressed anger at the remarks made by ABC broadcaster David Morrow, but she sees it as a chance to promote understanding about the impact of racial comments.

The ARL Council supported the statements of NRL chief executive Dave Smith, who described the comments as being totally unacceptable and at complete odds with rugby league's commitment to Indigenous programs, to the All Stars and the game's own Reconciliation Action Plan.

"David Morrow needs to understand that his comments were racist at worst, ignorant at best," the NSW Labor politician Ms Burney said.

"Comments such as these cause significant harm – no matter how they were intended.

Important part

"Rugby league plays an incredible role in bringing people together and in promoting Indigenous communities – and Aboriginal people are an important part of the game from community to elite level.

"There is no place for comments like these in sport or anywhere else.

"This isn't about punishing an individual, but about understanding the hurt that has been caused.

"We are confident that the ABC is taking the matter seriously and we acknowledge David's apology.

"His unthinking comment is an opportunity for everyone to consider the impact of what they say."

Meanwhile, the ARL



Linda Burney

Indigenous Council has commended the new constitution of the New South Wales Rugby League for including, as one of its objectives, the importance of fostering, developing and promoting participation of Indigenous Australians.

"The Indigenous Council believes this is the first time such an object has been in a constitution of a major sporting organisation," Ms Burney said.

"The new board of the League has shown, by embedding this objective in its new constitution, they are serious about improving the lives of Indigenous people.

"The League has been heavily involved in Indigenous programs for a number of years

and is currently co-ordinating several programs like the Tackling Domestic Violence program and the NSW Health Knockout Challenge which are examples of those which use rugby league as a catalyst to promote positive change.

"It has also begun shaping future Indigenous representative players through a specific program designed by Ricky Walford and Steve Hall which has already ushered players like Jamal Idris into the senior NSW Blues side."

In other news, Australian Indigenous Council member William 'Smiley' Johnstone has accepted an invitation from the board of the NSWRL to be one of two independent directors for a two-year term.

East Arnhem teams rise to challenge



YOUNG basketballers from remote Arnhem Land communities who didn't know each other and came together for a

training session moments before their first match performed remarkably well at the 2013 Northern Territory Basketball Challenge in Darwin.

Many of the players didn't speak the same language, so fusing them into a team was a daunting task.

But the representative under 18 boys' and under 16 girls' teams from the East Arnhem region rose to the challenge.

Held from 3-6 May, the Basketball NT Challenge brought together the Northern Territory basketball community featuring junior teams from under 12s to under 18s representing regions across the territory and also the Australian International School in Singapore.

The East Arnhem teams introduced an exciting brand of basketball and passion to the event.

In the preliminary rounds, the under 16 girls' team had an entertaining match against Alice Springs Suns that went into overtime. East Arnhem eventually fell short 50-40.

Beaten on the siren

The under 18 boys' team defeated Barkly Storm by three points with a three-pointer on the siren in the preliminary rounds and after also defeating Darwin Thunder 47-35, secured a semifinal spot. They lost a spirited match against eventual grand final winner Darwin Storm 54-40.

Tournament officials said the strong on-court results of these teams was quite remarkable given the cultural and logistical barriers that had to be overcome for them to participate.

The most talented players from basketball competitions in the

remote and isolated communities of Mililingimbi, Yirrkala, Gapuwiyak, Angurugu and Galiwin'ku travelled to Darwin on separate flights.

Not only did the players not know each other, many did not speak the same language.

Players in the girls' team found it difficult playing in the shoes given most play bare foot in their local competitions. Even tasks most people take for granted – like tying a shoelace – was new to some.

With limited coaching within their communities and only one training session as a group on the morning of their first match, their feats were exceptional.

Team cohesion increased dramatically over the course of the event, as demonstrated by their entertaining group dance performances prior to the semifinals, ensuring players benefited from a unique social and cultural experience in addition to the opportunity to play in a representative basketball event.

Officials said that with school attendance and attendance at local basketball competitions as prerequisites to represent the region, the Basketball NT Challenge had helped make a positive social impact in East Arnhem.

Although Darwin teams triumphed in the grand finals, the preliminary rounds saw some exciting matches involving other teams.

The East Arnhem teams were supported by the East Arnhem Shire Council.

Grand final results: Under 12 boys, Darwin Storm 63 d Darwin Thunder 11; under 12 girls, Darwin Thunder 30 d Darwin Storm 25 in overtime; under 14 boys, Darwin Storm 34 d Darwin Dry 28; under 14 girls, Darwin Dry 31 d Darwin Storm 28; under 16 boys, Darwin Dry 42 d Darwin Storm 38; under 16 girls, Darwin Thunder 43 d Singapore Sharks 23; under 18 boys, Darwin Storm 32 d Alice Springs Suns 30.



One of the East Arnhem players in action in Darwin.

Timber Cup revived



A MATCH to honour the deeds of Indigenous rugby league players from the now defunct Group One Rugby League second division competition is being planned for Lismore next month.

Northern United Rugby League Club official Grantley Creighton is the man behind the concept.

The match will be played at Oakes Oval, Lismore, on Saturday, 8 June. Gates will open at 1pm.

Creighton took his proposal to Country Rugby League (CRL) and Group One Rugby League's Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League (NRRRL) and they gave their blessings.

Group One Rugby League is the code's controlling body from Grafton to the Tweed.

Creighton says the 'Northern' and 'Southern' teams from the NRRRL area will

play for the Timber Cup.

The Timber Cup was the trophy contested by the Group One second division teams. The second division folded in 2006.

Many of the teams which contested the second division competition were dominated by Aboriginal players. They came from clubs such as Tabulam, Mallanganee, Bonalbo, Woodenbong, Casino All Blacks, Wardell, Coraki, and in later years Evans Head, Bangalow and Lennox Head.

Creighton told the *Koori Mail* that the Southern team to play would 'loosely' consist of players from the southern part of Group One (South Grafton, Grafton Ghosts, Lower Clarence, Evans Head, Casino), while the Northern team would be chosen from clubs like Ballina, Kyogle, Byron Bay, Mullumbimby and Murwillumbah.

Players from Lismore clubs Marist Brothers and Northern United could find themselves in either of the teams.

Creighton said there would be no strict criteria on the selection process, and Indigenous players could find themselves in teams based on where they came from – not necessarily based on their current clubs.

"The whole idea is to pay tribute to all those players who took part in the second division competition," he said.

"They were all part of the Bundjalung Nation.

"And having the old Timber Cup as the trophy seems appropriate."

The match will serve as a fundraiser for Ally 'Allyboy' Walker, who was badly injured in a rugby league match last year at Byron Bay.

He is confined to a wheelchair, but there are hopes that he will walk again.

After-match entertainment will be at the Hotel Cecil, Casino, from 7pm and will feature Roger Knox, and Angus Rabbit and the Travelling Aboriginal Band.

Details: Grantley Creighton 0402 309 582.



Grantley Creighton

Rebels unsure of Beale



THE Melbourne Rebels have no idea if troubled Wallaby Kurtley Beale will wear their jersey again, but coach Damien Hill has praised his decision

to check into an alcohol treatment facility.

The 24-year-old is understood to have entered the same Sydney facility used earlier this year by Canterbury NRL star Ben Barba.

Beale took the initiative and was already in the clinic before a meeting at the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) headquarters between the parties, including the Rebels, decided he would be suspended indefinitely.

The decision effectively ended the debate about whether the mercurial playmaker should be considered to face the touring British and Irish Lions next month.

Breach of undertaking

The meeting was triggered by Beale's breach of a written no-alcohol undertaking he had given to the ARU and the Rebels for his return from a suspension after a drunken altercation with teammates in late March.

He admitted drinking the night after his comeback in the Rebels' clash with the Chiefs on May 3, and also missed a weekly appointment with a psychologist.

Beale is still contracted until the end of the Super Rugby season.

It is believed he will return to Sydney to play for the NSW Waratahs next season.

The star back has spent two seasons with the Rebels, but this season only managed three games before injury, then his suspensions intervened.

Rebels coach Hill said it was premature to speculate on Beale's future with the club.

"It's hard to make comment on that at the moment and I think the most important thing is that Kurtley's welfare is foremost in everyone's minds and we'll have to wait and see how things turn out," he said.

Hill thought the live-in treatment was the best move for Beale after this latest slip.

"I think it's a courageous move on his behalf and we wish him all the best with that."

Beale had initially denied he had a drinking problem when suspended by the Rebels for striking teammates Cooper

Vuna and Gareth Delve in South Africa on March 23.

The ARU said any future selection of Beale at a club or national level would be dependent on successful completion of his treatment program.

Earlier, Beale's former long-time mentor Glen Ella said it was time the gifted backline star actually admitted he had a problem with alcohol and that he should scratch any thoughts of playing against the Lions.

Ella, who managed the schoolboy star from the age of 13 to 19, said he felt the ARU needed to follow NRL club Canterbury's hardline stance with another indigenous football star, Ben Barba.

"I'd love to see him playing against the Lions, but in all honesty, I think that's (not playing) going to be part of his rehabilitation," said former Wallabies back Ella.

"I think he needs to sit this one out.

"My advice to Kurtley – and I love him dearly; he's been a small part of my life – is that he just has to keep away from it and focus on re-establishing his career.

"He needs to come out and say 'every time I do drink, there is an issue'.

Blessed with talent

"He's been blessed with the talent and part of that comes (with) responsibility to be a role model – not just for Aboriginal kids but young kids all over Australia.

"With a lot of young blokes now, it's a binge-drinking (culture). They don't drink a lot but, when they do, they drink too much.

"He has to be able to control himself now. He's old enough to make the right decisions.

"I always felt it was going to be a bad decision going to Melbourne – that was my opinion.

"He needs to be surrounded by people he can trust and an environment he can work with.

"I'm not saying Melbourne is a bad place, but he's got a lot more people here that he can rely upon."

Ella began mentoring Beale when he started at St Joseph's College in Sydney and played a major hand in his rise to play for the NSW Waratahs at 18.

He felt rugby would play an important role in Beale's rehabilitation, but he needed to return to Sydney to be close to his support network. – AAP

Kurtley Beale in his days at the NSW Waratahs in 2008. There is speculation that he will return to the Waratahs next season. Photo by AAP



Bomber supporter designs Tigers' guernsey



A JUMPER designed by Torquay artist Nathan Patterson will be worn by Richmond players in their annual Dreamtime at the 'G Indigenous Round Australian Football League (AFL) match against Essendon on Saturday.

The design by Patterson, 31, beat a field of about 100 submissions in a Richmond Football Club design competition for Indigenous artists.

His work includes five boomerangs representing the five tribes of Melbourne region's Aboriginal Kulin nation, lines representing tribal land boundaries and the meandering of the Yarra River.

"I suppose it's more really just a celebrating of marngrook, the game started by Kooris down this way," Patterson said.

"It took me an afternoon to put together. I sent it off and they notified me I was one of the semi-finalists."

Surreal

He said he found it 'a bit surreal' walking into the club and seeing his design on a guernsey

"They sell the jumper before the game so there will probably be thousands of people wearing it," he said.

Patterson, a Closing The Gap intake coordinator at Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative, is a Carlton supporter but has attended previous Dreamtime games, and joined traditional Long Walks to the 'G with partner Kit.

He said Kit was a Bombers supporter, but he chuckled that she would be on special instructions for the game, as a Tiger guest of honour.

"She has to leave her scarf behind!" Patterson said.



Dream Team: Torquay artist Nathan Patterson with Richmond players, from left, Shane Edwards, Ivan Maric and Brett Deledio and his award-winning guernsey design.

Michael Johnson said he was very proud to be a part of a club that had such strong Indigenous ties.

"It's very special to be part of this club

and see those players back in the day who fought their heart out to get recognised in WA – Dale Kickett, Winston Abrahams, Gary Dhurrkay," Johnson said.

"To be part of it and play in this round in a couple of weeks will be something special." – **With Geelong Advertiser and afl.com.au**

Merritt, Ferguson stake Origin claims



ABORIGINAL rugby league stars Nathan Merritt and Blake Ferguson are showing the kind of form that NSW selectors can't ignore as State of Origin selection D-Day nears.

After playing a key role in the resurrection of the Rabbitohs and with a career record of 147 tries from 209 games, the calls for Merritt's selection in Laurie Daley's NSW side continue to come.

Now, centre Blake Ferguson is performing heroics for the Canberra Raiders that selectors just can't ignore.

Queensland State of Origin selectors have a proven track record of picking Indigenous players for rugby league's showpiece, but the same can't be said of NSW selectors.

Last year, Greg Bird was the only Indigenous player to be in favour with NSW selectors.

But this year he could be joined by others, with Merritt and Ferguson at the vanguard.

Merritt remains locked in a battle with Brett Morris, Akuila Uate, and Jarryd Hayne for the Blues wing spots.

He scored nine tries in his first ten games this year as Souths rocketed to the top of the NRL ladder alongside Melbourne.

The 29-year-old Merritt earned just his second representative jersey this season with City, on top of a 2011 call-up, and said

being part of one of the NRL's leading sides had helped him develop his game further.

"This is probably the best form I have been in," Merritt said.

"Team-wise, it has helped me a lot the way the team has been going. I'm really enjoying my football but I know I still have a lot more improving to do and that is something I am working hard on."

Injuries to Morris (knee) and Brett Stewart (back, hamstring), with Hayne possibly moving to fullback to cover for the loss of the Manly custodian, could open the door further for Merritt.

And Merritt said he would be happy to take a NSW jersey anyway he can get it, even if it comes due to injuries to his fellow hopefuls.

"Either way you get selected, you get selected," Merritt said.

"Any opportunity I will take it. It would be awesome. Whether you get selected through injury or performance, you would take it either way."

Former New Zealand captain and Souths teammate Roy Asotasi said Merritt had done enough to win a Blues jumper.

"How he hasn't been selected is a mystery," Asotasi said.

"How many tries does he have to score?"

Meanwhile, Ferguson's hat-trick of tries for the Raiders against Newcastle propelled him into NSW selection contention.

It's one thing dealing with the pressure and nerves of a possible State of Origin call-up, but to be hailed NSW's answer to Queensland juggernaut Greg Inglis is something else.

But that's exactly the headlines Ferguson awoke to last week following his hat-trick heroics against Newcastle as his odds shortened about debuting for the Blues.

Superstar Inglis is 195cm and 106kg – Ferguson 191cm and 103kg.

Physically, they are quite similar but – performance-wise, at the moment – they're poles apart.

Inglis is Origin's leading try-scorer with 14 from 18 games.

He's played 22 Tests as well as an Indigenous All Stars appearance in 2012.

Ferguson, who's gradually grown into the centres as he developed, has played country Origin, made two appearances for the PM's XI and also represented the Indigenous All Stars in 2010.

Before this season, he had 42 tries in 91 games compared with Inglis' 98 in 157 games.

"Obviously, Greg Inglis is one of the best players in the world and I'm nowhere near there yet," said the slightly embarrassed 25-year-old who does have some Inglis-like traits.

● **Preston Campbell joins the chorus promoting Merritt's Origin call-up – page 74**

Yipinari Kingfishers claim Tiwis' Saltwater Shield



A TOP End downpour reduced the second annual Saltwater (Winga) Shield cricket final into a five-overs-a-side match at Pirlangimpi (Garden Point) on Saturday, 4 May.

The carnival was contested by four Tiwi Island teams on Melville Island – the Karslake Brumbies, Tinganoo Buffaloes, Tuckapurmilly Yirrikipayi and the Yipinari Kingfishers.

After the round-robin first round, the final saw the Kingfishers take on the Brumbies as a downpour threatened. The shortened game was dominated by the bowlers.

The outcome came down to the last over when Freddy Puruntatameri caressed a boundary through mid-wicket to win the match for the Yipinari Kingfishers.

Glenn Dunn's Kingfishers were impressive throughout and Dennis Tipungwuti was a richly deserving player of the final, while Jamie Fernando was unanimously endorsed as Player of the Tournament.

NT cricket participation growth officer Ed Alexander was pleased to see so much enthusiasm from players.

"It was a fantastic day, full of great cricket and lots of fun," he said.

"The future of cricket on the Tiwi Islands is looking strong."

Following the success of last year's Saltwater (Winga) Shield, the inaugural Tiwi Islands cricket league began and was between the Pirlangimpi Tigers, Milikapiti Magpies and the Wurrumiyanga Sharks.

This competition provided the platform for the selection of the Tiwi Islands Japarika Imparja Cup team that travelled to Alice Springs in February and reached the quarterfinals of the men's community division.

Barty's wildcard entry



AFTER showing a recent liking for clay, rising Australian tennis star Ash Barty has been handed a wildcard into this month's French Open.

Barty, 17, recorded an impressive Fed Cup win over world No 56 Stefanie Voegele of Switzerland last month, helping Australia retain a place in the world group.

She also reached the semifinals of a second-tier claycourt event in the US in April.

"Really looking forward to getting another crack at RG (Roland Garros) main draw! Thanks Tennis Australia for another amazing opportunity. Bring on the dirt!" Barty tweeted last week.

"On the back of her crucial match win in Fed Cup, Ash looks primed for grand slam success in the near future," said Tennis Australia's head of professional tennis Todd Woodbridge.

"That Fed Cup win on clay against Voegele gave her great confidence and belief that she can perform with the world's best.

"The experiences that she's had in the past 12 months, such as taking out former French Open champ Francesca Schiavone at the Hopman Cup, have highlighted her talent."

Under a reciprocal deal with the French Tennis Federation, Australia is given one men's and one women's wildcard each year into the French Open main draw.

The French Open runs from 26 May to 9 June at Roland Garros.

Well suited

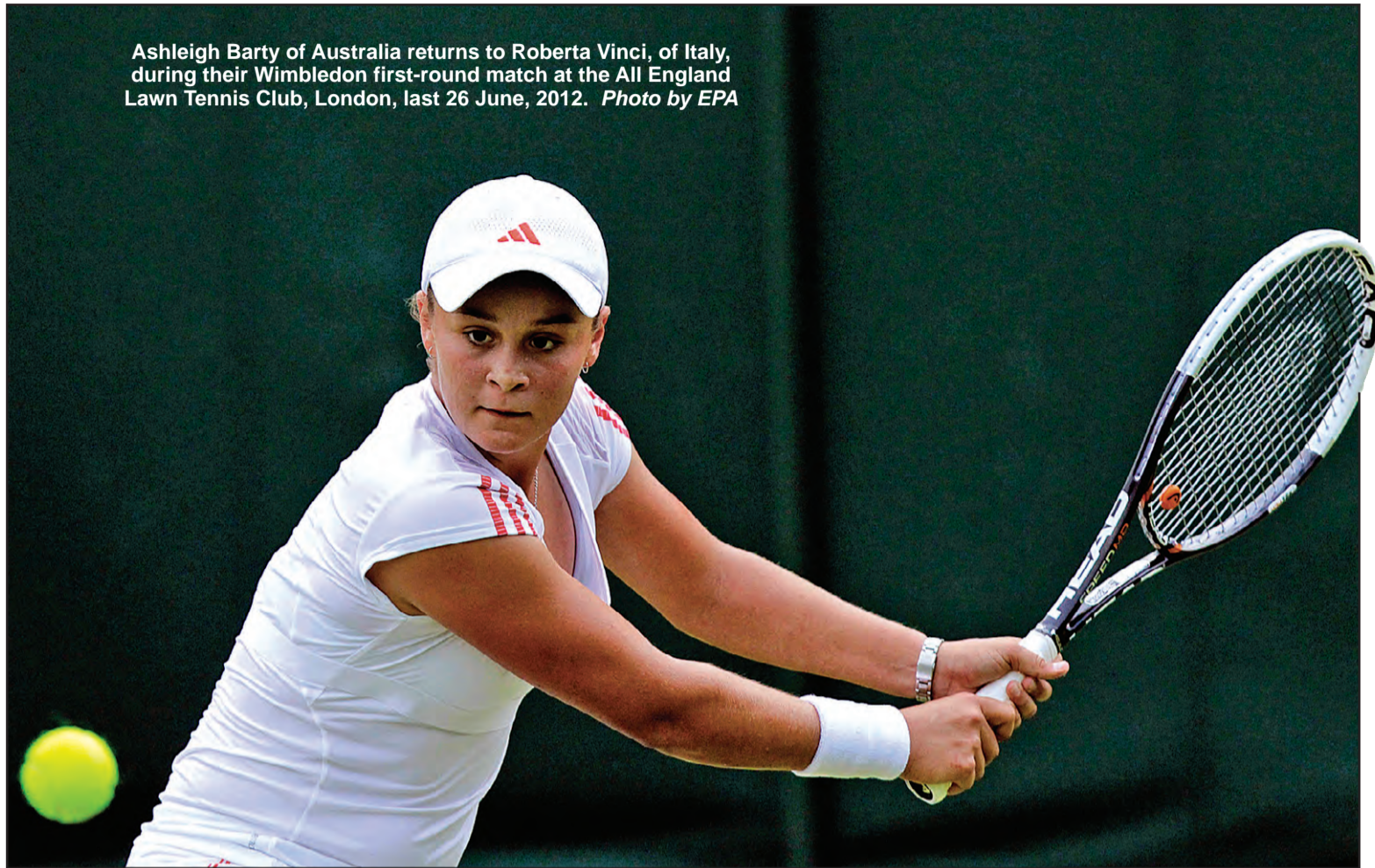
Fairfax Media reported that Barty's coach, Jason Stoltenberg, considers her game is ideally suited to the red dirt of Roland Garros.

"I've just got to keep getting Ash to believe that her game is great for clay," Stoltenberg told Fairfax Media.

"She can create angles, she can play different styles, she can dropshot, she can slice. It helps to be creative on clay, and her game does stack up well on it, but it's the sort of surface you've got to want to play on.

"If you're playing on clay and you don't really want to play on it, then it will be a nightmare."

Stoltenberg said this year for Barty was about learning a lot more about herself, continuing to develop her game and get some more experience against bigger, stronger players, and trying to play



Ashleigh Barty of Australia returns to Roberta Vinci, of Italy, during their Wimbledon first-round match at the All England Lawn Tennis Club, London, last 26 June, 2012. Photo by EPA

a couple of the slams.

"It's about gathering all that information, and then hopefully putting it together in the next year or two," he told Fairfax Media.

"But it's hard. She's got a lot of potential, no doubt, but there's still a process you need to go through; you can't just skip three levels. Even though she's probably progressing quicker than most, you've still got to do the hard yards, take the hard knocks and get tougher through that."

Fairfax Media said the more obvious improvement was in her bank balance, swollen by \$146,850 from the Australian Open fortnight alone.

It said Barty had not spent much of it, and most enjoyed the gifts she could buy for the sisters she now saw so rarely.

"I don't really need a car, 'cos I don't drive anywhere," said the L-plater.

"Don't need a house; mum and dad have got one of those. So I don't know. I'm just kind of saving up."

Barty is an unashamed fan of Melbourne Australian Football League (AFL) club Richmond.

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Best is on its way: Barba



BEN Barba believes his and Canterbury's best form is just around the corner as they look to

chase down the National Rugby League's (NRL's) top sides.

Barba, who missed the opening rounds of the season while dealing with off-field problems, admits he is yet to reach the form which won him last year's Dally M medal.

But he said the victory over the Warriors in Wellington was the

most comfortable he'd felt on the field all season and the team's confidence was rising.

The win over the Warriors lifted the Bulldogs to equal eighth spot on the NRL ladder, and was Barba's best match of the season.

The 23-year-old scored the match-winning try and said he felt much happier than he was earlier in the year when he questioned his desire to play rugby league.

When asked if he was in a better mental state, Barba replied: "I am obviously." — **AAP**



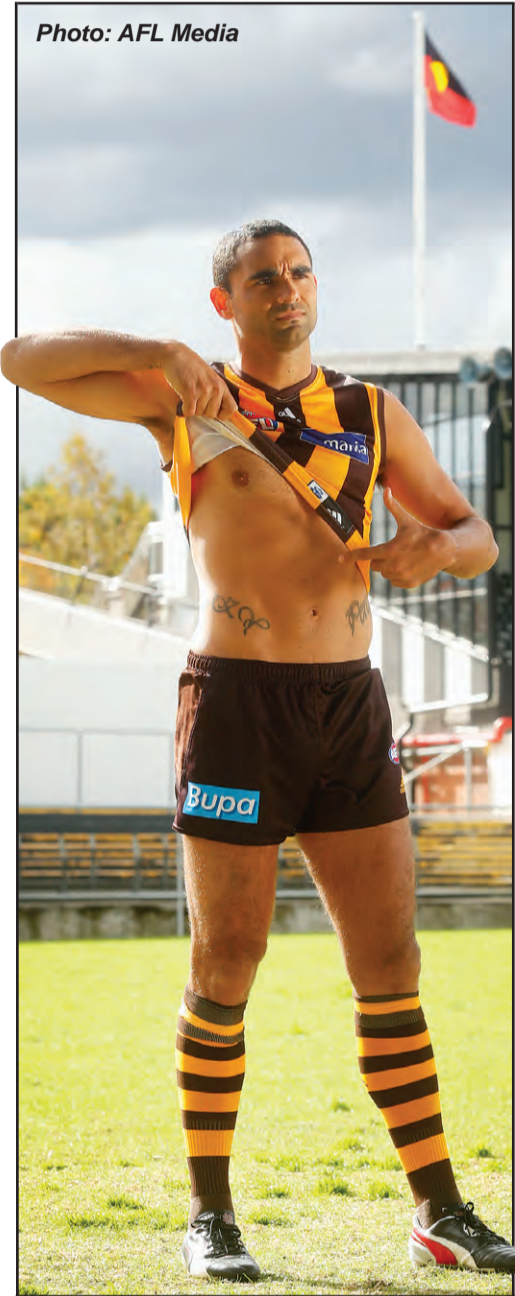
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Does this ring a bell?

Photo: AFL Media



NICKY Winmar's famous gesture during a 1993 Australian Football League (AFL) game was re-created in the lead-up to this weekend's AFL Indigenous Round with

current-day players lifting their jumpers to show the colour of their skin.

Four Indigenous players – Essendon's Paddy Ryder, Carlton's Andrew Walker, Hawthorn's Shaun Burgoyne and Kangaroo Lindsay Thomas – showed their appreciation when they starred in an AFL advertisement to promote the Indigenous Round.

Filmed at Victoria Park – the scene of Winmar's anti-racism gesture – the quartet lifted their jumpers and pointed to their skin to re-enact Winmar's powerful stand.

Burgoyne, pictured above during the commercial shoot, said the impact of the Saints' Winmar, and that of Essendon's Michael Long two years later in a vilification case against Damian Monkhurst, had lasted.

"I remember seeing the photo (of Winmar)

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Bring on an Indigenous international

THE possibility that the Indigenous All Stars could play an international game against Ireland is a great concept that we should all support.

It excites me to think of our players performing on the international stage.

As important as our current All Stars matches are, this would take it to the next level and give our kids something additional to aspire to.

It would bring a whole new level of respect to our involvement in Australian football and really bring to life the concept of it being the 'Indigenous game'.

The best comparison I can come up with is the relationship between the New Zealand Maori side and their national All Blacks team.

In New Zealand, rugby union is seen as their national game and they have embraced their Indigenous culture in their singing of the national anthem in Maori and English.

The full New Zealand team perform their famous haka as a challenge to the opposing team.

As impressive as this is, it takes on a whole new level of cultural significance when the New Zealand Maori side comes together.

Passion evident

Their passion and pride is evident and particularly when they play in New Zealand, you can see that they are representing their land as well as their culture.

So it will be if our boys have the opportunity to represent their people on the international stage.

I know from my experience with the Flying Boomerangs what the experience of representing your country can mean.

This was a life-defining experience for some of those kids and although the All Stars team will be more experienced, I am sure the emotional journey would be as equally rewarding.

What will make the game unique is that the international game is the product of two sports that have their roots in the history of the land where it is played and the native peoples.

Gaelic football is an ancient game and

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'It will be a meeting of two ancient cultures that have been the victims of invasion and change...'

"We have canvassed the views of Indigenous players," Demetriou said.

The 2013 series will be the first played since the passing of Irish-born AFL legend Jim Stynes.

The two-test series on 19 and 26 October will be played as a tribute to the Melbourne Brownlow medallist.

Pearce Hanley loves the idea of an all-Indigenous team to contest the international rules series and believes Ireland would fully support the concept.

The Brisbane Lions winger said he was a fan.

'Good spectacle'

"I reckon it'd be a good spectacle," Hanley said.

"We have a lot of whippets back in Ireland and obviously the Indigenous boys are very quick and skilful, so I reckon that'd make for a very good game.

"I reckon they'd love it. The Irish love the Indigenous players because they're all very fast and skilful."

Hanley, who is fast becoming one of the best Irishmen to play in the AFL, participated in the last series and said the Irish could now match the Australians in terms of physicality.

"I reckon we got on top in the physical stakes last year. The Irish boys, we're getting a bit tougher," he said.

Pat Daly, who heads up Gaelic Football Development in Ireland, did not dismiss the concept and saw its potential.

Sydney possibility

"The involvement of an Indigenous Australian team has been under consideration in the context of a cultural event, which we are looking at holding in Sydney," he said.

"The whole concept of international rules is very much rooted in sporting culture and heritage, and recognising Indigenous players would obviously be in keeping with that."

From my perspective, the concept is a winner and I would love to be involved.

It would be great recognition for our players.

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still has the passionate support of the Irish people.

The idea to play the Irish against an all-Indigenous side is inspired because of these historical connections.

It will be a meeting of two ancient cultures that have been the victims of invasion and change and will have great significance – not only to their supporters, but others who will be drawn to the game out of curiosity.

Although the concept is yet to be confirmed, we know that Australia will travel to Ireland in October this year for a two-test series.

AFL CEO Andrew Demetriou has confirmed that an all-Indigenous team is a possibility.

"Yes, it is one of the options we are now considering," Demetriou said.

The series against Ireland has struggled to maintain interest in recent seasons.

Demetriou said he had not spoken with the Gaelic Athletic Association about the possibility of Australia's team being comprised entirely of Indigenous players, but said it had been discussed by the AFL.

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