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Hero for our time



YOU can't keep a warrior down. So proved Sydney Swans forward Adam Goodes at the weekend

when he put aside his anguish over the racism scandal that had engulfed the AFL.

In the preceding week, Goodes had borne the brunt of racial vilification from both a 13-year-old Collingwood fan and later, to the shock of many, the club's high profile president Eddie McGuire.

But ugly words couldn't stop the dual Brownlow Medallist from pulling on his boots, popping his customary red, black and yellow mouthguard into place, and doing on Saturday against the Essendon Bombers what he does best... play footy.

Goodes kicked four goals, helping the Swans to their eventual 44-point victory.
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Adam Goodes celebrates after kicking one of his four goals against the Essendon Bombers at the SCG in Sydney on Saturday. AAP image

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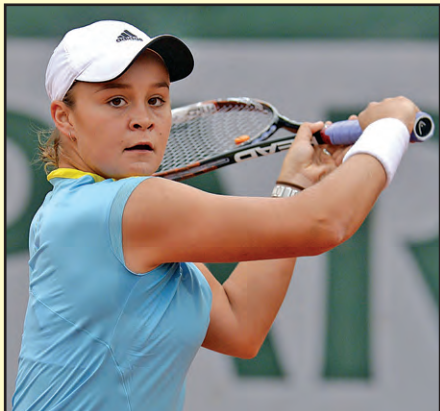
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My FAMILY

KATHY POWELL – Condoblin, NSW

HERE I am last month with my triplet sons Timmy, Brent and Darren who were all dressed up and ready to celebrate their 14th birthdays.

It was a joyous day when they arrived at Westmead Hospital in Sydney all those years ago.

I also have other children – daughters Cara, who's 36, and Katrina, 35, and two more sons, Marley, 19, and Cory, 18.

I'm also caring for my nieces Kristina, 13, and Amelia, 10, and my nephew Clarrie, who's 8.

And I'm a grandmother as well, with grandsons Jye, Gerome, Jeston and Tristan, and the one granddaughter, Janara.

So all in all that makes for one big, close-knit family.

I wouldn't have it any other way.

All of us live here in Condoblin, which I've always called home.

I'm a Wiradjuri woman and it's great to be living here on Wiradjuri country surrounded by my family.

Times have been a bit hard for me recently. I was diagnosed with stomach cancer in August last year and have been in hospital on and off until earlier this year.

I've been undertaking a course of chemotherapy which has taken its toll. My hair is just starting to grow back, but I'm staying positive and looking forward to the future.

My family has been by my side the whole time, giving me great comfort and support when I needed it most.

As a single parent my hands are pretty full most of the time, getting the young ones to school.

My daughters have been a great help.

When I do have the chance, I like to get away and wet a line. A few hours of fishing is a great way to relax and have some peace and quiet.

All my family are close, but the triplets are especially close.

They're not identical in looks, but their bond is very strong.

All three go to high school and want to finish Year 12. Right now Brent is keen to



Kathy Powell with her triplet sons, from left, Timmy, Brent and Darren at their home in Condoblin, central-western NSW – Wiradjuri country.

be a police officer and, like I tell all my kids, they can be whatever they want to.

A good education is the key, and they've all got the right attitude.

The triplets love their rugby league, and they all play in the same team.

They're swimmers, too, and I was so proud when they were selected to compete in a representative relay event. They swam at the giant Homebush centre in Sydney, and I was so thrilled for them.

Being raised in a strong Wiradjuri family myself, I have ensured my children know about their culture and their country. Passing on that knowledge is so important to me and our people.

Share your family with our readers

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OUR CHILDREN



Children from Central Australia's Ltyentye Apurte drumming group had the crowd in Melbourne's Federation Square dancing and clapping to their beats last week. The drummers visited the big smoke for the Dreamtime at the G football match, as well as the Long Walk. See pages 41-43 for more. Photo by Darren Coyne

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Duet gives new voice to *Bayini*



Delta Goodrem and Gurrumul Yunupingu sing *Bayini*. Photo by Stuart Bryce, courtesy of Shine Australia



FOLLOWING huge support after their performance on *The Voice*,

Gurrumul Yunupingu, Delta Goodrem and musicians of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra have released their haunting version of *Bayini* on iTunes.

The performance, for National Reconciliation Week, sparked Gurrumul's first award-winning album to storm back into the iTunes top albums chart.

All artist and label proceeds from the track will go to the newly-formed Gurrumul Yunupingu Foundation, which was set up by Gurrumul to assist young Aboriginal people in Arnhem Land to rise to their potential.

Delta also joined Gurrumul and Michael Hohnen to perform *Bayini*, in Yolngu and English, at the Sydney Opera House on Gurrumul's current tour, which coincides with the launch of his book *Gurrumul: His Life and Music* and Sydney's Vivid Festival.

Bayini was composed by Rrawun Maymuru, lead singer with Yirrkala band East Journey.

Congress deadline is looming



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander peoples are being urged to become members of the

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples so they can vote in elections for co-chairs.

Nominations for the female and male co-chair positions close on Monday, 10 June, as does the membership roll.

Congress chief executive Lindon Coombes said it was important to get as many people as possible to sign up to become members.

"An impressive field of candidates is expected for the co-chair elections and once again every member will have their chance to have a say," Mr Coombes said.

"If you want to have a say in



Lindon Coombes

who leads Congress you need to join up."

Mr Coombes said Congress had recently introduced online membership.

To sign up online go to

nationalcongress.com.au

Once the nominations for co-chairs have closed, voting will take place between 21 June and 5 July.

Voting has closed in the elections for both chamber one and two of the congress. The *Koori Mail* will announce full results in its next edition, along with details on all co-chair nominations.

The Federal Government allocated \$15 million over three years in the recent budget for Congress to continue its work advocating for the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights.

Mr Coombes said the Congress aimed to work towards securing an economic, social, cultural and environmental future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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Premier award goes to veteran actor



Rhonda Dick, Jennifer Kemarre Martiniello, David Gulpilil and Richard Frankland at the presentation of the sixth National Indigenous Arts Awards in Sydney. Inset is Red Ochre recipient David Gulpilil. Photos by Caroline McCredie, courtesy Australia Council for the Arts

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Red Ochre for Gulpilil



VETERAN actor David Gulpilil has received Australia's premier

Indigenous arts award.

Mr Gulpilil, 59, accepted the prestigious Red Ochre award at a ceremony at the Sydney Opera House last Monday, giving an emotional speech and saying he would use some of the prizemoney to fund jobs programs for young Aboriginal people living in Arnhem Land.

"I want to take young people to come here and perform like I did," he said on the steps of the Sydney Opera House, where he once danced for the Queen.

"I want young people to become film directors or film writers or a camera operator. I want to see Aboriginal kids growing up and learning so that they can tell the stories of Australia."

Mr Gulpilil's career started in the 1971 film *Walkabout*, before he learned to speak English. He has since appeared in milestone films in Australian cinema including *Tracker*, *Storm Boy*, *Two*

Hands, *Crocodile Dundee* and *Australia*.

Awarded since 1983, the \$50,000 Red Ochre prize acknowledges the outstanding contribution of an artist to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts at the national and international levels.

Previous winners include Archie Roach, Doris Pilkington Garimara, Banduk Marika, Seaman Dan and Justine Saunders.

While he has a spring in his step these days, it was only two years ago that Mr Gulpilil was jailed for aggravated assault against his wife.

Rehabilitation

Admitting at the time to a drinking problem, Mr Gulpilil has since completed alcohol rehabilitation.

"I had a problem with drugs and alcohol and I quit," he said.

"It was too bad for me that I changed my mind so late but it's good for me because I want to live longer and make more movies."

Mr Gulpilil's latest completed film, *Satellite Boy*, directed by Aboriginal director

Catriona McKenzie, is set in Western Australia and will open in Australian cinemas on 20 June.

Other National Indigenous Arts Awards presented by the Australia Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board (ATSIAB) were the \$20,000 Dreaming Award, which went to 26-year-old APY photographic artist Rhonda Dick, and \$45,000 fellowships to Canberra-based Southern Arrente woman visual artist Jennifer Kemarre Martiniello, and Gunditjmara writer, activist and musician Richard Frankland, from Victoria.

Ms Dick will use the prizemoney to study at the Australian Centre for Photography in Sydney under the mentorship of photographer Nici Cumpston. Ms Kemarre Martiniello will use her fellowship to undertake international study and an extensive program of glass blowing, kiln work and cold working, and Mr Frankland will use his to create an ambitious stage musical telling the story of 'Indigenous Australians from invasion to today'. — **with AAP**

Participants in Canberra's National Sorry Day bridge walk on 24 May. Photo by Rebecca Gallegos, courtesy RA.



Illustrating the range of support for the campaign to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution were Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, Labor senator Trish Crossin, Nationals senator Bridget McKenzie, Greens senator Rachel Siewert, Opposition Spokesman on Indigenous Affairs Senator Nigel Scullion and World Vision CEO Tim Costello. Generation One ambassador Jeremy Donovan is seen behind at left. Photo by Darren Coyne

It's been a huge fortnight



IT has been a big fortnight for our mob and our supporters, encompassing the Long Walk, the AFL's Indigenous Round, National Sorry Day, the launch of the Journey to Recognition, and National Reconciliation Week.

There were low points such as the racism furore that engulfed the AFL and highlights among hundreds of events of goodwill throughout the country.

The *Koori Mail* has coverage of them all.

- Turn the page for coverage of Adam Goodes' courageous stand against racism.

- See Pages 41-43 for the Long Walk and the Journey to Recognition.

- See Pages 44-48 for stories on National Sorry Day.

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Next stop... NAIDOC Week from 7-14 July!



Evelyn Scott, a warrior of the 1967 referendum and inaugural chairperson of the former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, in Cairns. Photo by Brian Cassey, courtesy RA



National Reconciliation Week ambassadors actor Miranda Tapsell, comedian Kevin Kropinyeri and comedian and broadcaster Meshel Laurie share a lighter moment. Photo by Steven Rhall, courtesy RA



Flash mobbing for National Reconciliation Week on the Esplanade in Cairns. Photo by Brian Cassey, courtesy RA

Goodes stands

By KIRSTIE PARKER, with AAP



IT was supposed to be one of the true feel-good events of the year. A time when mutual respect and goodwill

between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians was played out on the footy field; an opportunity for the nation to reflect proudly on how far it had come in the 20 years since St Kilda footballer Nicky Winmar had cause to lift his jumper to declare himself black and proud in the face of racist taunts from Collingwood supporters.

Instead, the AFL's 2013 Indigenous Round exposed an ugly seam of racism – overt, unconscious, casual and everything in between – running through Australian society.

Today, one of the country's most talented and high-profile players – Sydney Swans forward and former co-captain Adam Goodes – remains emotionally shattered by a string of racist comments against him.

A teenager exposed for vilifying Goodes from the sidelines at the MCG a week and a half ago has undergone a difficult and intense lesson in cultural awareness.

And the reputation of one of the AFL's most influential sons – Collingwood president Eddie McGuire – is in tatters.

Just days before being called an 'ape' by a 13-year-old Collingwood supporter in the MCG incident, Goodes had paid tribute to Nicky Winmar, re-enacting his iconic pose for an anti-racism campaign.

When the slur was levelled at him in the dying minutes of the game, the distressed dual Brownlow Medallist reacted by pointing his abuser out to ground security, who removed her from the stadium for two hours of questioning.

Goodes insisted he didn't blame her.

"She's 13-years-old, still so innocent, I don't put any blame on her," he said.

"Unfortunately, it's what she hears and the environment that she's grown up in has made her think that it's OK to call people names.

"Unfortunately, it cut me deep and affected me so much that I couldn't even be on the ground last night to celebrate a victory and to celebrate the Indigenous Round."

The teen later apologised by telephone and in writing.

"It was good to talk to you on the phone," the teen wrote to Goodes. "Sorry for being racist. I didn't mean any harm and now I will think twice before I speak."

Goodes called on the public to support the girl and for greater education on racism and its insidious effects.

Eddie McGuire visited the Sydney rooms after the match to apologise on behalf of his club and their supporters.

But just five days later, McGuire shocked listeners by suggesting to his Triple M co-host Luke Darcy that Goodes could promote the musical stage show *King Kong*.

The exchange went thus:

Collingwood Football Club president and media commentator Eddie McGuire front a press conference at the offices of Triple M radio in Melbourne, Wednesday, 29 May. McGuire has apologised after making an on-air radio gaffe on station Triple M when he suggested Sydney Swans Aboriginal football player Adam Goodes should be used to promote the musical *King Kong*.
Photo by AAP Image



Darcy: What a great promo that is for King Kong.

McGuire: Get Adam Goodes down for it do you reckon?

Darcy: No I wouldn't have thought so, absolutely not.

McGuire: You can see them doing that can't you?

Darcy: Who?

McGuire: Goodes.

Darcy: What's that?

McGuire: You know, with the ape thing, the whole thing, I'm just saying the pumping him up and mucking around and all that sort of stuff.

After a quick ad break, McGuire sought to clarify his comments.

"Just to clear up when we were talking about *King Kong* there and I was mumbling my way through about Goodes," he told listeners.

"I was trying to say imagine the old days of trying to get people in for publicity.

"I mumbled my way through that, so anyone who thought that I was having a go or being a smart alec, I take that back.

"Neither do I, I was that exhausted this morning, so apologies for that.

"I was off on a tangent somewhere. Just in case people think 'What the hell's he on about?', I've got no idea either."

Soon afterward, Goodes tweeted a link to the transcript of McGuire's comments, and "Morning Australia this is what I have woken up to."

That afternoon, McGuire held a press conference to explain the ugly incident, which he put down to 'a slip of the tongue' and fatigue after an intense week.

"I wasn't even thinking. I was thinking the exact opposite in fact of what slipped out, but nevertheless accept that it was said," McGuire said. "...I'm very disappointed that, as I said, we're all here today. It cut me to the core.



A fan holds up a sign during the match between the Lions and the Magpies at the Gabba on Friday. Photo by AAP Image

I spoke to Adam; I couldn't have offered any more sympathy – not for myself but for the position I put him in... and for that I am very, very disappointed."

McGuire's apology and attempted explanation were swift – and apparently accepted by Goodes – but immense damage had been done and condemnation continued thick and fast (see separate stories), including from the Sydney Swans.

"As a club, it's impossible I guess to underestimate how disappointed we are, given who the individual is and given the highly commendable role that he played on Friday in providing support to Adam," said Swans chairman Richard Colless.

"I think it's fair to say the word we came up with earlier was 'bewildered'....we don't get it."

AFL community engagement manager Jason Mifsud also used Twitter to suggest McGuire's words exposed deeper feelings.

"Regardless of unconscious racial bias (being) exposed through extreme frustration/anger or stupid attempts at humour – it is still wrong!" Mifsud said.

AFL chief Andrew Demetriou initially put McGuire's comments down to an early morning.

"Let's just put that one behind him because it's very un-Eddie like," he said.

But Demetriou was subsequently forced to take the matter more seriously, announcing that McGuire had been charged with breaching the league's Racial and Religious Vilification Policy and would have to go through its processes, including an education program.

And McGuire himself eventually later conceded his comments amounted to racial vilification.

Nevertheless, he had some fighting in his corner, with Collingwood retaining him as club president.

Collingwood coach Nathan

Buckley strongly defended McGuire.

"He is, as you imagine, quite distraught and disappointed with his comment," Buckley told reporters.

"We support him. It was just a bad moment, a poor comment and Eddie has ... apologised unreservedly.

"The person who is being hated at the moment is actually Eddie, for his comments, and he accepts that.

"But, as you can imagine, it's a tough time for him. It's a tough time for Adam Goodes."

Collingwood vice president Jack Kennedy said in a statement, while McGuire had made a serious mistake, it was being balanced against the work he had done to make Collingwood an institution committed to fairness, equality and social justice, and his ongoing leadership was essential.

Goodes, meanwhile, withdrew from the media spotlight, focusing instead on his preparations for the Swans' home game against Essendon on Saturday.

Deputy NSW Opposition Leader Linda Burney – the first Aboriginal person to serve in the NSW Parliament – urged the AFL to take the strongest possible action to tackle racism in sport.

"The AFL needs to send a strong message that there is no excuse for anybody to make these sorts of comments – whether they be journalists, commentators, spectators or players," she said.

She said there was no doubt McGuire's remarks were 'horribly offensive' and that Goodes had shown considerable grace and dignity over the affair.

Ms Burney said life had taught her that forgiveness and healing were possible where there was genuine contrition.

"I urge Mr McGuire to consider his position, reflect on this

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tall and proud



The Sydney Swans' Adam Goodes tips the ball to Jude Bolton (left) past Will Hams and Jake Carlisle (right) of the Essendon Bombers during their Round 10 AFL match at the SCG in Sydney, on Saturday. Photo by AAP Image/Paul Miller

WHAT THEY SAID



"It's very uncharacteristic for Eddie. He knows he's said the wrong thing because he's apologised." – AFL chief executive Andrew Demetriou (pictured)

"I wasn't racially vilifying anybody. I'm not a racist. People don't resign because they make a slip of the tongue." – McGuire at a later media conference.

"I think he'll have to live with this for a long time. As a club, it's impossible to underestimate how disappointed we are given who the individual is and given his highly commendable actions on Friday." – Sydney Swans chairman Richard Colless

"It doesn't matter if you are a school teacher, a doctor or even the president of my football club. I will not tolerate racism, nor should we as a society." – Collingwood AFL player Harry O'Brien

"We know what Eddie's done, how passionate he is, so there's no doubt if he had his time again he probably wouldn't say it." – Indigenous North Melbourne player Daniel Wells

"I think he'd be sorry he ever mentioned that. In the end I think this is a brain fade." – Greater Western Sydney coach and AFL great Kevin Sheedy

"Everyone feels for Adam Goodes and people in the Indigenous community that this issue is not a one-off. The people of Australia need to realise that it is a very big issue and it has to be dealt with." – Essendon Coach James Hird

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experience and work out how he can best be a voice for reconciliation."

Despite the hullabaloo of the preceding seven days and concerns he mightn't be a starter, a courageous Goodes ran onto the SCG at the weekend in the Swans' Round 10 shape-up against Essendon.

He played a strong game, contributing four goals and a behind in the club's convincing 44-point win, 17.13 (115) to 10.11 (71).

But, afterwards, Goodes maintained stoic silence on the scandal that consumed social media, radio airwaves and TV news bulletins. The affair has elevated Goodes even higher in the eyes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, his

teammates, and many other Australians.

Goodes' former Swans teammate, and *Koori Mail* columnist, Michael O'Loughlin spoke for many when he said his admiration for Goodes had grown.

"Through a period of personal pain he has emerged as a true leader," O'Loughlin told the *Koori Mail*. "He is not only a leader of our people, he has shown the

way forward for all Australians. In showing the need to be vigilant against all forms of racism he has found room for forgiveness and pointed to the need for continued education.

"Like those before him who we honour in the Indigenous Round, Adam's personal stand will lead to positive and lasting change.

"I am proud to have him as a

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Despite the hurt, no need to crucify McGuire, says Long

ABORIGINAL AFL great Michael Long says he was hurt by Collingwood President Eddie McGuire's controversial comments about Adam Goodes, but doesn't want to crucify him.

Long told the *Herald Sun* he had an emotional phone call with a remorseful McGuire on Wednesday after McGuire suggested Goodes would be a good person to promote the musical *King Kong*.

Long said, while he was hurt by the comment, his relationship with McGuire was strong and he did not accept McGuire's resignation from his charity foundation.

"We have to make sense of it all," Long said. "It's not about crucifying people; I've been through that, I've seen the hatred, I've touched it and I don't like it."

Long said McGuire was 'very emotional'

and remorseful on the phone. He said he was also emotional.

Long said anger and hurt were the overwhelming emotions among former and current Indigenous AFL players over the week's events.

In 1995, Long made a public stand after being racially abused on the field by Collingwood ruckman Damian Monkhorst.

The stand led to the AFL introducing a racial vilification policy.

Long retired at the end of the 2001 season but has continued to raise awareness of the plight of Indigenous Australians.

In 2004 he set off on a protest walk from Melbourne to Canberra, and got halfway before Prime Minister John Howard agreed to meet him. – AAP

Michael Long



"Anyone who understands racism simply doesn't say things like this... Australia has to accept it's got a problem with racism... and I'm afraid that we don't, as a nation, take ownership of this problem." – Human rights campaigner and keen Swans supporter Professor Mick Dodson (pictured)

McGuire 'not the victim in this', claims Malthouse



CARLTON AFL coach Mick Malthouse says it would be wrong to paint Collingwood president Eddie

McGuire as a victim over the racism affair involving Adam Goodes. Malthouse, who has had a long-running feud with McGuire dating back to his messy departure as Magpies coach in 2011, said on Friday he was shocked by McGuire's racial comment about Goodes.

"Adam is a very caring person," said Malthouse, who once coached an Australian International Rules side captained by Goodes in Ireland.

"So when that took place, I was not thinking of who delivered it, I was thinking of more the consequences of the way, in my brief association with Adam Goodes, how he would take that on board.

"I have no doubt he would be



Mick Malthouse

wearing those comments for all Indigenous people or anyone who was offended by those remarks.

"I felt very sorry for Adam Goodes."

Asked if McGuire's long-serving attempts to help Indigenous people should outweigh his on-air comments this week, Malthouse said: "Eddie's not the victim in this." —AAP

Facebook comments

OUR readers were quick and vocal in both their condemnation of Eddie McGuire and their sympathy and praise for Adam Goodes.

Many took to the *Koori Mail* Facebook page to express their views, opining that the vilification of Goodes reflected institutionalised racism that had to be made an example of.

"Unacceptable comment on any level. How do we show younger generations how to behave when there is no repercussions from those in the spotlight?" asked one reader.

"(McGuire) is (Collingwood's) President and a role model — it's completely unacceptable for him to state what he did," ventured another.

Another got to the point, posting "This sucks. Eddie should be sacked, it's totally unacceptable for a man in his position to say such

things and if, as he says, he was tired or not thinking, that's when his real attitudes come out. It's indicative of the underlying racist current that flows beneath a lot of so-called non-racist people. Eddie should go, anyone else would have to."

And as another wrote: "Learn, Mr McG, learn!"

But while McGuire was roundly pilloried, there was some sympathy for the teenage Collingwood fan whose taunts of Goodes at the MCG kicked off the saga.

"This is ridiculous," wrote another reader.

"She was a 13-year-old child who was kept in a room for two hours questioned by adults... This went global on national television so everywhere this child goes, people will know her.

"She will be abused and taunted, ... so perhaps we should ask ourselves is it really a racist remark? She is

a child and didn't deserve that public chastising."

Not surprisingly, there was plenty of admiration for Goodes.

"You're a legend Goodes. Keep the fight going, we need more people like you to stand up for our rights. You're a wonderful role model," wrote one reader.

"Goodes will rise above this crap because he is a better and bigger man than Eddie McGuire could ever hope to be," predicted another.

One reader remembered what his or her mum used to say when racism reared its head, 'Big mouths, small minds'.

And another said of Goodes' own family: "Love to Adam and all his beautiful family. They reared a man of dignity and leadership!"

And finally, "Goodes, you're a legend bruz." Hear, hear

Outpouring of support for Goodes

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personal friend," O'Loughlin said.

NRL great Preston Campbell, who established the NRL Indigenous All Stars event, said Goodes had won the admiration and support not only of Indigenous Australians but the broader community.

"His personal account of being able to confront racism was inspiring," Campbell said. "In recalling his hurt suffered as a

school kid due to an inability to stand up for himself, he has spoken for hundreds who have endured similar pain and embarrassment.

"Adam has become a hero for all who have been bullied because they are different. He has become my hero in taking such a public stance against racism.

"Adam has also opened the door for further education and understanding that is the basis for true reconciliation."

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples also sent Goodes its support.

"High profile Australians need to lead by example and declare there's no room for racism in a modern Australia," said Congress CEO Lindon Coombes.

"...Unfortunately these are not isolated incidents and need to be tackled as part of a wider response.

"This is why we partnered with Human Rights Commission in its campaign Racism:

It Stops with Me.

"Adam Goodes is one of the many faces of the campaign.

"He's a role model, a good bloke and Congress stands with him."

In the aftermath of it all, minds are inevitably turning to the road ahead. And many are hoping Australia has the courage to accept what is staring it in the face; that it has a problem that few would argue is confined to the footy field.

Call for Honour Roll



VICTORIAN Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell is

calling for nominations for the Victorian Indigenous Honour Roll.

The honour roll, with stories of 35 inductees, recently featured in an exhibition at Shepparton Library.

"The Victorian Indigenous Honour Roll acknowledges Aboriginal people who've made significant contributions to the community," Mrs Powell said.

"Among the inductees are four notable Aboriginal people from Shepparton: the leading activist Geraldine Briggs AO; Aunt Mary Atkinson, who dedicated her life to the pursuit of equality; Uncle John 'Sandy' Atkinson AO, a leading figure in Aboriginal Affairs and founding member of the Koorie Heritage Trust; and Uncle Robert 'Wally' Cooper.

"We are so proud of the people inducted onto the honour roll that we'd like to

celebrate their lives and achievements more broadly, by sharing their stories across the state. We hope that this will encourage people to nominate future inductees and also make more people aware of the wonderful contributions made by Aboriginal people to our society.

"We hope this road show will draw out more stories, more nominations and more inspiration to celebrate Aboriginal people and culture.

"The honour roll is being displayed in places of learning and community connections — including local libraries — on its journey around the state.

"If just one of the stories inspires one person to give time to making a difference, then we all will benefit."

The closing date for nominations is Friday, 28 June. For more details or to download a nomination form, go to www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-affairs/leadership/victorian-indigenous-honour-roll/nominations



Victorian Indigenous Honour Roll Inductees John 'Sandy' Atkinson and Robert 'Wally' Cooper with Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell.



From left, Miss Photogenic Teresa Moore, runner-up Miss NAIDOC Perth Jade Dolman, Miss NAIDOC Perth Maree Ansey and Miss Kwoorbudok, Mikayla King.

Miss NAIDOC Perth named



A 24-YEAR-OLD Indigenous employment advisor who says she would like to see more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in high-level management positions has been named Miss NAIDOC Perth 2013.

Yawuru, Kurrijurri and Torres Strait Islander woman Maree Ansey, from Broome, took out the title and received her crown at a ceremony in Perth on 25 May.

She described the night as amazing.

"To be crowned Miss NAIDOC Perth 2013 is such an honour. I encourage all young, beautiful Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to enter next year, because if I can do it, you can do it," she said.

Ms Ansey said the event was a great way to empower young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to be proud of their culture and to show that beauty comes in all shapes, colours and sizes.

She's already championing people in her professional capacity as the Indigenous employment advisor for Leighton

Contractors Mining Division.

"By working in employment in the mining industry, I believe I am a positive influence on the community," Ms Ansey said.

"I realise there are still barriers and issues that our people face, but believe that by implementing education, training and employment initiatives we can help break down some of those barriers and bring about positive change not only for our current generation but for generations to come."

Ms Ansey also manages a sporting career, playing in the Women's State Basketball League for the Lakeside Lightning.

NAIDOC Perth chairperson Glenda Kickett said Ms Ansey had huge leadership potential, and all of the finalists were 'truly inspirational'.

"For all our girls, we want this experience to help them develop their confidence, self-esteem and poise. The competition and the way we do it allows that to develop and for them to shine on the night," Ms Kickett said.

Runner-up Miss NAIDOC Perth was Jade Dolman, an 18-year-old Noongar/Arrente woman currently studying sport

science at the University of WA.

Mikayla King, an 18-year-old Kalkadoon woman who works as an Aboriginal Islander education officer for the Department of Education, took out the title of Miss Kwoorbudok, which means 'beautiful' in Noongar. Miss Kwoorbudok was peer selected by the girls themselves, which impressed Ms King.

Teresa Moore, an 18-year-old Noongar Yamatji woman, won the fourth award, Miss Photogenic.

Other participants included 22-year-old Sheldon Garlett, a fixed plant operator for Rio Tinto whose profile proved most popular on Miss NAIDOC Perth's Facebook page; 18-year-old youth sports ambassador Hayley Thompson; 18-year-old geography student Zoe Moir; actress and flute player Amy Smith; youth worker Karen Kelly; and 21-year-old freelance model Hara Herdigan.

In the lead-up to the crowning, the young women participated in mentoring sessions with NAIDOC Perth Committee members and model Shannon McGuire of the David Wirrpanda Association, followed by a professional shoot by photographer Carlo Fernandes.

Artist claims poster prize



ABORIGINAL artist, illustrator and graphic designer Gail Naden, from Gilgandra in central western NSW, has won the 2013

National NAIDOC poster competition for her work *Claiming Our Ground* (shown below). She used modern technology to get across a message about perseverance.

This year's NAIDOC theme is 'We value the vision: Yirrkala bark petitions 1963', commemorating the 50 years since the Yolngu people of eastern Arnhem Land delivered the first traditional documents recognised by the Australian Parliament.

Ms Naden's artwork combines two digital images, one depicting the legs of men walking around the land and one of water drops embossed to create crevices. Ochre colours were added, and circles of communities were drawn to give the impression of distances occupied by

forefathers and mothers.

Ms Naden said her artwork represented perseverance and success. "The concept is about gaining land through education, through perseverance and through believing that we can attain success ourselves," she said.

Ms Naden will receive \$5000.



Gail Naden

National NAIDOC Committee co-chairs Anne Martin and Benjamin Mitchell said they had received 130 entries in this year's competition.

"*Claiming Our Ground* is a dynamic and highly skilled artwork, and the committee liked the way the theme came through with the use of a digital medium," Mr Mitchell said.

NAIDOC Week 2013 runs from 7-14 July.

To order free copies of the 2013 National NAIDOC Week Poster, visit www.naidoc.org.au or call 1800 050 009. To find out more about Gail Naden and her winning artwork, visit www.indigenous.gov.au



Perth is the host city



PERTH is the national focus city for NAIDOC Week 2013, from 7-14 July. As well as a packed program being organised by NAIDOC Perth, the National NAIDOC Awards and Ball will be held at Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre on Friday, 12 July.

First release tickets for the national awards and ball have already sold

out, but second release tickets will be available from noon (eastern standard time) this coming Monday, 10 June.

Tickets can be bought through Ticketek for \$85 each or \$800 for a table of ten. Watch for updates on www.naidoc.org.au or www.ticketek.com.au

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Education cash on table, but NT wary

By RUDI MAXWELL



FEDERAL School Education Minister Peter Garrett has set about wooing state and territory governments with \$5.5 billion to support 200,000 Indigenous students as part of the National Plan for School Improvement (NPSI).

The federal package includes loadings for school location, size, socio-economic status, students with disabilities and students with limited English.

The ACT joined NSW in signing up to the agreement last week. Mr Garrett said he was hopeful of more states agreeing in the coming weeks, before Parliament went into the winter recess, but the Northern Territory Government is standing firm in its opposition.

The Indigenous loading works on sliding scale; the higher the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in a school, the higher the amount of funding per student, ranging from \$1854 to \$14,631.

"The NPSI provides continuing certainty for additional funding for Indigenous loading, as well as where schools are small, and in regional areas the funding model means a share of an additional \$6 billion applies as well," Mr Garrett told the *Koori Mail* last Thursday.

"If (NT Chief Minister Adam) Giles doesn't sign up by June 30, notwithstanding other plans he has, students in schools across the NT will be much worse off because, under the current funding model, funding decreases over next four years due to indexation.

"So Mr Giles is talking about effectively denying NT schools around \$1 billion, to benefit 17,000 students across the whole of the Territory.

"From my perspective it's simply not tenable for the NT administration to turn its back on this funding offer, which would see more money going to the Territory and definitely more money, over time, going to Indigenous education."

But NT Education Minister Peter Chandler disputed Mr Garrett's statements saying that, while the states might be better off under the NPSI, the Territory already allocated more per student in education and, unless the Commonwealth offered significantly more money, he would not advise Mr Giles to agree.

"I am extremely supportive of the principles of Gonski (as the plan is known, named for its author) to fund education in that manner, but the equations don't work. How do you pay for it?" Mr Chandler said.

"I'm treating Mr Garrett's announcements a little bit skeptically. I've looked at the federal budget forward estimates that there's not one additional dollar for NT education until 2017, and they want us to sign up today.

"It does not take into consideration that we're punching well above our weight in



education – I'm not happy with all the results, but that doesn't always come down to money."

Mr Chandler said Mr Garrett had a 'fairly good understanding' of the challenges facing the NT but didn't seem to appreciate the fiscal situation.

He said the NT Education Department would need to conduct a review of Indigenous education before the Territory signed up to anything, as there hadn't been a proper evaluation of programs since 1998-99.

"I want to look at ways we can change things to improve, and one way to do that is to challenge convention," Mr Chandler said.

"If we continue to do things the same way, there's going to be no improvement."

Prominent Indigenous educators have been generally supportive of the NPSI, with Professor Marcia Langton reported in *The Age* newspaper as saying it could be a 'game-changer' for Indigenous Australians.

Chair of the Review of Higher



Federal Education Minister Peter Garrett

Education and Access Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Professor Larissa Behrendt said that, while the NPSI offered financial support to address a historic under-investment in education for Indigenous children, offering

money in isolation wouldn't work.

"Targetted funding is going to be part of the solution, which is one of the reasons I'm supportive of Gonski, but I'd caution that increased funding can't be the only thing," Prof Behrendt told the *Koori Mail*.

"There needs to be increased training of teachers, better training for school principals, schools working with Indigenous communities, and Indigenous input into the curriculum so, while I'm supportive of these sorts of strategies around funding, it's only one aspect."

Prof Behrendt said more assistance needed to be given to Indigenous children at early stages.

"By the time so many Aboriginal kids get to high school they're behind in literacy and numeracy. Some of that is due to the quality of teaching, some about low expectations of teachers," she said.

"With education, at every age we need to provide kids with better

'Gonski' by the numbers

- Indigenous loading, ranging from \$1854 per primary student and \$2439 per secondary student to \$11,125 per primary student and \$14,631 per secondary student.

- A low socio-economic status loading, ranging from \$695 per primary student and \$914 per secondary student to \$4,635 per primary student and \$6,096 per secondary student.

- Students with limited English skills loading – set at 10 per cent of the per-student amounts.

- A location loading, applied to each school's per-student schooling resource standard amounts plus any school size amount. This will range from 10 per cent of the loading amount for inner regional schools up to 80 per cent of the loading amount for some very remote schools.

- Size loading, ranging from \$150,000 for primary schools with up to 200 students, to \$240,000 for secondary schools with up to 500 students.

pathways. I don't mean every kid has to go to uni, but they should have more choice about where they want to go, so we need to be investing so much earlier, with so many more resources, and seeing people better trained.

"There's no one whole strategy that will work; no one quick fix. What's important about Gonski is that it recognises a huge aspect of under-investment, and offers some long-term strategies to fix that, not just for Aboriginal kids but also for disadvantaged kids, and Aboriginal kids are disproportionately represented within that group."

The Federal Government estimates that the location loading will deliver about \$8.5 billion nationally over 2014 to 2019 if all states and territories sign up. Per student, the NT would receive the most funding.

Mr Garrett said that while the money attached to the NPSI was important, the structure of the plan was fundamental because it meant a new means by which all education would be publicly funded. He said it was a requirement that schools developed a personalised learning plan for every Indigenous student.

Where there were high levels of mobility and students attended more than one school in a year, a personalised learning plan would mean teachers could immediately see what a student was up to.

"It means you don't repeat what's been done and students are more likely to be better engaged," Mr Garrett said.

"It's one of the most important parts of the reforms."

Corridor created in Kimberley



AUSTRALIA'S largest conservation corridor has been created in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

Kimberley Traditional Owners announced last week that four Indigenous Protected Areas (IPAs) had been created along the north Kimberley coastline and the world-renowned Gibb River Road.

The four protected areas range over eight million hectares and more than 20 per cent of the Kimberley, and include the Bardi Jawi, Dambimangari, Wilinggin and Balangarra IPAs, as well as the existing Unguu IPA.

Kimberley Land Council (KLC) chief executive Nolan Hunter made the announcement at Gambanan, near One Arm Point on Bardi Jawi country, as part of the Kimberley International Ranger Forum.

Mr Hunter said the creation of IPAs or Aboriginal National Parks was the preferred land management model for Kimberley Traditional Owners and Aboriginal rangers.

"The Kimberley is home to unique biodiversity hotspots and significant Indigenous cultural heritage values," he said.

"Our rangers are leading the world in conservation and land management and are pioneering new projects that use their



Kimberley rangers with visiting rangers from Mexico, who later attended the World Indigenous Network Conference. (See report below.)

wealth of traditional knowledge and culture to implement long-term management plans.

Mr Hunter said the Working on Country and IPA programs were an initiative of the Federal Government, and through them the KLC had forged strong partnerships with many organisations including Pew Charitable Trusts and The Nature Conservancy, whose assistance had resulted in the successful

declarations of the four IPAs.

Bardi Jawi head ranger Phillip McCarthy said the Kimberley Ranger Network and IPA program had generated change at a grassroots level and strengthened communities.

"Kimberley rangers want to lead this global network of Indigenous land and sea managers and help drive it from the ground up," he said.

Australian Conservation Foundation Kimberley project

officer Wade Freeman said the conservation corridor was a big step toward achieving a more connected and resilient landscape to help protect the high conservation value of the region.

"Managing country for culture, biodiversity and the future is the sort of real, meaningful work that benefits the environment, Indigenous communities and Australia as a whole," he said.

Pew Charitable Trust Outback

Australia director Barry Traill said Kimberley Aboriginal people were actively expressing their living culture and strong desire to be living on and managing their land and sea country.

"IPAs not only act to safeguard the natural environment, but deliver economic and social benefits for local Indigenous people through the creation of long-term jobs, training and education opportunities," he said.

Conference a first



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people, reindeer farmers from Sweden, and Colombian women's groups found out what they have in common at a landmark conference of indigenous people in Darwin last week.

The first World Indigenous Network, held from Sunday to Thursday last week, brought together 1200 indigenous delegates from more than 50 countries.

They shared stories, knowledge, cultural

experiences and ideas to better manage ecosystems, protect the environment and support sustainable livelihoods.

The event was launched by Prime Minister Julia Gillard at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20) in Brazil last year.

It featured more than 75 conference sessions, side events, a community art space and dedicated streams for both Indigenous women and youth.

Speaking before the conference, Environment Minister Tony Burke said there

had never been a time in the planet's history 'where the environment has more at stake and there has never been a time where traditional knowledge has more to offer'.

Sami woman Asa Jonsson travelled across the world to talk about protection of her people's knowledge.

The Sami, once known as Laplanders, have lived for thousands of years in the freezing northern regions of Sweden, Finland, Norway and Russia.

"When Sami children went to school they

were punished if they were speaking the Sami language, and that is how you kill the language and also the culture," Dr Jonsson said on day one of the conference.

"Today in Sweden we are working to take steps forward," she told AAP.

The Sami people in Norway, Finland and Sweden now have their own parliaments as part of efforts to protect their culture.

Dr Jonsson, who struggled with Darwin's heat, had a message for Aboriginal and

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Sea country included



MORE than 400,000 hectares of sea country surrounding the Gove Peninsula in north-east Arnhem Land has

been included in the Dhimurru Indigenous Protected Area.

The dedication allows the local Indigenous people, the Yolngu, to work together with government agencies and commercial and recreational fishers to look after the marine environment and resources as a 'collaborative management zone' within the Dhimurru IPA.

Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation managing director Wurrulnga Marika said the

dedication honoured the vision of 'our leaders and Elders' of a 'unified land and sea protected area'.

"It is hoped that ultimately these initiatives will help all of us to look after sea country sustainably," Mr Marika told the inaugural World Indigenous Network Conference in Darwin last week.

Vision

"Dhimurru's founders' vision is to ensure that the IPA will be managed such that Yolngu and Ngapaki (non-Aboriginal people) will be able to enjoy and use their country in the future just as they do today."

Northern Territory Federal Labor MP Warren Snowdon

said the expansion of the IPA had come about as a result of lengthy talks between Traditional Owners, government agencies, commercial fishers and tourism operators.

He said he hoped the latest agreement could set a powerful precedent on Indigenous sea rights.

"In the NT on land there is an effective veto over Aboriginal land, but on water there isn't because the NT Land Rights Act doesn't extend to those waters," he said.

"But it's about collaboration. It's about getting agreements with those people with an interest around how those waters should be used and maintained and managed."

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First World Indigenous

Culture 'under threat'

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Torres Strait Islander people in Australia.

"Stand up for your culture because you have your own values," she said, adding that colonisers had imposed their values on indigenous people around the world.

Alba Lucia Castaneda Velez is one of nearly one million indigenous Colombians who she said had historically been treated badly in their homeland.

"Colombia has many huge problems, so I get together the indigenous people of the community so they can empower themselves," Ms Velez explained via an interpreter.

"Eighty-five communities (in Colombia) and 80 languages are threatened with extinction," she said.

James Anaya, a United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous people, told the gathering the struggle for indigenous people's rights was continuing.

"I have not come across any country that has everything already settled and where indigenous people feel their rights are secure," Prof Anaya told AAP after making his speech.

Prof Anaya's UN report on the plight of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in 2010 recommended financial compensation for members of the Stolen Generations and greater self-determination.

He was unwilling to comment on how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had fared since then, but he said at least efforts were in train in Australia and elsewhere to address the concerns of indigenous people.

Worldwide, there was reason to be hopeful, he said.

"The challenges are significant, but if we take the long view and the historical perspective and see where we have come from, I think there is room for optimism for where we are going," he said.

Other keynote speakers included advocate for United Global Shift, north American Chaske Spenser, who is also an actor and played Sam Uley in the popular *Twilight* movies; co-chair of the World Indigenous Network National Advisory Group and Wulgurukaba woman from far north Queensland Melissa George; Northern Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) chairperson Peter Yu; and the creator of the Honey Bee Network, supporting grassroots innovators in India, Anil Gupta.

Edward Amankwah said his homeland, in the African nation of Ghana, struggled with poverty, a poor economy and a rising population.

The conference was a chance for him to hear how other countries had tackled such issues, he said.

"I would like to see more Aboriginal people getting more education and brought into the limelight," the community worker said.

"There is a correlation between education and economic wellbeing."

During the Conference, Minister Burke announced that the network would become an official part of the United Nations (UN), with the Australian Government handing its management to the Equator Initiative.

The initiative brings together the UN, governments, civil society, businesses and grassroots organisations to recognise and advance local sustainable development solutions for people, nature and resilient communities.

— AAP with additional reporting by the *Koori Mail*



The Maori delegates from New Zealand celebrate the conference in song. More than 1200 delegates from around the world attended the event, held in Darwin.



From north Queensland, Leonard Andy, of the Girringun Aboriginal Corporation, and his daughter Whitney Rassip, from Djiru Warrangburra Aboriginal Corporation.



Mardbalk marine rangers from Warruwi community in Arnhem Land in the Top End, from left, Alfie Galaminda, Roy Winunuj and Samuel Gulwa.



Peta Ross, from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, with Kuku Yalanji (Qld) ranger Patrick Minniecon.



From left, Colin Koolmatrrie, Mark Koolmatrrie and Derek Gollan, from Coorong Lower Lakes in South Australia.



Delegates Zelda Hilly and Joe Lafea, from the Solomon Islands.



From left, Sandy McEwan from Geraldton in WA, 'Capes' s from Shark Bay in WA, Sammy Bonner, from Warwick in Queensland, and Jalba Dann, from Carnarvon, WA.

Network Conference



The Lama Lama Land Trust mob from Yintjingga Aboriginal Corporation on Cape York. All photos by Naomi Moran



Koinjmal women Marissa and Samarla Deshong, from Central Queensland.



Martu women from Wiluna in Western Australia Lena Long and Roxanne Anderson.



At the conference, from left, Otto Campion and Christine Brown, from Ramingining in the Northern Territory, and Serina Namarnyilk and Dean Yibarbuk, from Kabulwarnamyo in the NT.



Conference delegates in traditional dress Johan Vasara, left, from Norway, and Michael Lenaimado, from Kenya.

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Aboriginal man faces years in Saudi prison

By AAP, with additional reporting by ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE Perth-based mother of an Aboriginal man imprisoned in Saudi Arabia on terrorism-related charges wants Prime Minister Julia Gillard to appeal directly to the nation's King.

Last Wednesday, Shayden Thorne, 25, was sentenced to four-and-a-half years in jail for supporting and encouraging terrorism after he was found with a laptop containing such material.

But he claims innocence, saying he borrowed the computer from a mosque and only confessed after he was tortured. His lawyer Abdal Jalil Al-Khalidy, who is in exile in Dubai after being threatened with arrest for supporting terrorism if he returned to Saudi Arabia, said Mr Thorne confessed under duress and there had been insufficient evidence to prosecute without the false confession.

Some of the charges were vague and very difficult to prove or deny, Mr Al-Khalidy said, and it was not unusual in Saudi Arabia for people who had done nothing tangible to be held accountable for their perceived 'intentions'.

An appeal against the conviction is being prepared.

Mr Thorne's mother, who lives in the southern suburb of Thornlie and does not want to be identified for fear of

anti-Muslim reprisals, said she was shocked at the sentence, but glad he didn't receive the maximum of 11 years in prison. His health was already suffering, she said.

She also holds fears for younger son Junaid, who is in hiding in Saudi Arabia after previously being incarcerated for two months for protesting his brother's imprisonment.

"He (Junaid) is not charged with anything ... they (The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – DFAT) should bring him home," she said.

Both brothers were born Muslims. Their father, Graham Thorne, is a Noongar man from Western Australia's south-west. The family moved to Saudi Arabia in 1996 for work reasons but their mother returned to Perth.

'Need help'

"My sons need help," she said. "I'd like to call upon the Government again. It needs to be at a high level. Other cases have shown that when there are ministerial level talks they go and approach the King directly. It has helped and the king has the power to pardon. "That's what I'm asking for."

Last week, the Noongar Tent Embassy marched through Perth's city centre and picketed the DFAT office to pressure the Australian Government to act.

The rally, attended by Noongar Elders and other members of the brothers' family, helped raise enough money for a ticket home for Junaid.

"These are sovereign Aboriginal boys," Noongar Elder Maureen Culbong said.

"They need to come home and the Australian Government is not doing anything."

Graham Thorne said he wanted the Government to help a Noongar delegation to travel to Saudi Arabia to speak to authorities. "My boys shouldn't be over there in the first place – I wouldn't let them go," Graham said.

He said the Government inaction amounted to racism, particularly in contrast to what he described as ample assistance for two non-Indigenous Australian businessmen on trial last month in Dubai.

Other members of Mr Thorne's Aboriginal family have also taken the news hard. "We're just really down," his aunt Stephanie Riley told AAP. "We don't think he got a fair trial. There was no evidence provided in court. They've just gone on his guilty plea."

Mr Thorne's sentence will be received officially on 11 June. It includes about 18 months already served, meaning Mr Thorne will spend another three years in custody.

A spokesman for Foreign Affairs Minister Bob Carr said Australia would not intervene directly in the case, as it had no authority to do so. But he said DFAT would remain in contact with Mr Thorne and his family and provide whatever assistance it could.

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Summit draws more than 300

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



AN Aboriginal suicide summit held last month in Perth struck at the heart of a Western Australian crisis, and directed the concerns of bereaved parents straight to the Premier. Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation's crisis meeting attracted more than 300 people.

"There were issues raised in regards to how we, as an Aboriginal community, need to deter this epidemic and this crisis that's in front of us," CEO Robert Eggington said.

"It's a sad world that people have created when people as young as 11 ... can make a conscious decision that it's a world that they no longer want to live in and they make a decision to end their life.

"As a nation of people, black and white, we need to look at what exactly that is telling us."

Mr Eggington said WA Premier Colin Barnett's response appeared enthusiastic, with a meeting scheduled for ten minutes blowing out to well over half an hour.

He said the Premier indicated there would be further discussions with the Mental Health Commissioner and the State Suicide Prevention Council about the issues raised.

Two days later, the Federal Government launched its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy.

The strategy effectively hinges on re-engaging with Aboriginal people at a community level, which reflects Mr Eggington's advice to politicians and government.

Ironically, Dumbartung is currently in a life-or-death battle for funding to continue its work.

From the summit, Mr Eggington said Dumbartung proposed setting up a few key initiatives, including maintaining the organisation's



Robert Eggington and members of the Noongar community after meeting with WA Premier Colin Barnett at Parliament House in Perth on 21 May.

awareness programs and setting up a safe place 'where our people can go that are in despair...'

"We're also looking at setting up an Aboriginal task force that can work with the Coroner's Office and the Department of Health to actually monitor and keep a handle on the degree of these suicides that are happening in our community as we speak," he said.

'Real power'

Mr Eggington said that for mental health workers and healers, the 'real power' of the summit recommendations, formed from a series of train-the-trainer workshops, was that they came straight from the bereaved.

"Dumbartung was funded through the Aboriginal Healing Foundation to run a series, bringing together agencies and families that had suffered the loss of their children," he said.

"The people who were working in mainstream agencies were able to hear directly from families and from people who had lost their children.

"Myself and my wife lost our only son in 2009 and Dumbartung became a place where others who have lost their children were able to find some solace and understanding and we're able to emotionally outcry and outpour the feelings of grief that you go through when you lose a child.

"It's a horror that no mother or father, no human being, should ever have to face, but obviously in our community many, many are facing that very horror, as we speak."

A 'whole history of things' was fuelling this crisis, which Mr Eggington said stemmed from colonisation, before which Noongars had no knowledge of suicide.

The history of dispossession, loss of land and identity, lost connection to spiritual belief systems, compounded by the effects of the Stolen Generations, had contributed to an ingrained trauma, he said.

"I believe that what we are seeing today is a continuation of the genocide as probably more opposed to suicide," he said.

Suicide strategy praised

By DARREN COYNE



HEALTH advocates have applauded a new strategy aimed at reducing the number of suicides in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, but have repeated calls for urgent action.

They point out that Aboriginal suicide rates are as high as one a month in some remote communities, and twice the rate of the rest of the population across the country.

In response, the Federal Government announced on 23 May that a 'whole-of-government' strategy would receive \$17.8 million in new funding over four years.

The Government said the National

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy would 'focus on early intervention and building stronger communities with the aim of reducing the prevalence of suicide and the impact on individuals, their families and communities'.

Federal Mental Health Minister Mark Butler, Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon and Mental Health Parliamentary Secretary Melissa Parke made the announcement.

They said it had been developed following consultation that involved 14 community meetings across Australia, a national expert workshop and a website that received 49 submissions.

Mental health advocates, including the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, Beyondblue and the National Mental Health Commission, welcomed the announcement.

NACCHO chair Justin Mohamed said the Federal Government's focus on the issue, particularly the emphasis on local solutions and capacity building, was

welcome, but he said the detail of the plan still needed careful examination.

"It's critical real action taken to urgently address the issue and it's heartening to see the Federal Government taking steps to do that," he said.

But Mr Mohamed said that for any strategy to be effective, local, community-led health care needed to be at its core.

Former Human Rights Commissioner Tom Calma, who chaired a working group on the issue, said a dedicated, well-funded strategy was 'the only appropriate response'.

Working group member Professor Pat Dudgeon said the strategy recognised that Indigenous people faced different issues. "As has been

observed, Aboriginal suicide is different," Prof Dudgeon said.

"The advantage of the dedicated strategy is that it recognises those differences and aims to build on the strengths in our families, communities and cultures to generate uniquely Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-based

responses to this critical challenge."

Beyondblue chief executive officer Kate Carnell and National Mental Health Commission chair Professor Allan Fels welcomed the funding for a dedicated plan, but called for further action.

"We wish to repeat our call for the Council of Australian Governments to include a measurable improvement to mental health and wellbeing as an additional target in the closing the gap program," Prof Fels said.

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'As has been observed, Aboriginal suicide is different'

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● Above: Callan Morgan painting Kevin on dialysis.

● Left: The 'mud map' showing communities serviced by Western Desert Dialysis.

Purple heart shown in art



MELBOURNE-based street artist Callan Morgan has worked with Western Desert dialysis patients to create what is likely to become an Alice Springs icon. The Purple Wall is a mural celebrating aspects of community life and life on dialysis.

The Purple Wall project was funded by Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku (WDNWPT) Aboriginal Corporation (more affectionately known as the Purple House) in Alice Springs, a not for profit organisation that wellbeing coordinator Christy Van Der Heyden said had a giant heart.

"The mural acknowledges all of the people working together at WDNWPT to make all of our families well," she said.

"A 'mud map' of the communities that Western Desert Dialysis services can be found on the wall as well as a rocket-fuelled dialysis machine, the Purple Truck mobile dialysis unit, a bush turkey, donkey, camel, kangaroo and lots of purple."

The mural, which lines the



Purple Wall artist Callan Morgan, from Melbourne, with dialysis patient Mavis Wayne, from Yuendumu.

laneway between Flynn Drive and Bruce St in Gillen, is the first part of an art project to accompany the Purple House Garden Project – a series of public workshops and working bees to create vegetable, bush tucker and bush medicine

permaculture and aquaponics gardens to produce food and herbs. There will also be a giant earth outdoor pizza oven-making workshop.

For more information visit www.westerndesertdialysis.com or call (08) 8953 6444.

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The complex issues around these questions will be a major focus of discussions at SNAICC's Fifth National Conference being held in Cairns this week, the biggest forum of its type in the southern hemisphere.

More than 1100 delegates were expected from Australia and overseas, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, practitioners, policy makers, researchers and government representatives.

According to the latest figures, more than one third of the 39,600 children in

out-of-home care are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander – although they comprise only 4.6 per cent of the national child population – and they are eight times more likely to be the subject of substantiated child abuse and neglect.

"It is a totally unacceptable situation – far

too many of our children are being separated from their family at a great human cost to those children and families," said SNAICC chairperson Sharron Williams said. "Clearly we need to find different solutions. There must be a greater focus on early intervention and prevention, and on boosting healing and family support services. We need to remove the harm and not the children."

SNAICC will use the conference to consult with delegates from the child protection sector and

develop strategies for a campaign that aims to halve the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by 2018. The three-day conference ends tomorrow.



**SNAICC chairperson
Sharron Williams**

Challenge issued on sovereignty

By DARREN COYNE



SOVEREIGNTY campaigner Michael Anderson has issued a challenge to Federal Attorney General Mark Dreyfus and one of Australia's leading constitutional lawyers Professor George Williams. Mr Anderson wants to stage a debate at the Sydney Opera House at a time to be fixed over whether Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples retain their sovereignty.

The challenge follows a sovereignty declaration by the Murrawarri people in northern NSW and Queensland on 30 March, and reports that other Aboriginal nations are likely to follow suit following a recent two-day meeting in Brisbane.

Prof Williams had later argued on community radio current affairs program *The Wire* that the Murrawarri declaration was nothing more than symbolic gesture. He told the *Koori Mail* last week that he would be happy to take part in any debate, although he believed a 'treaty was the answer'.

"The situation is similar; whether it is an Aboriginal person asserting sovereignty or a non-Aboriginal person declaring their own separate state or country, the law is the same in both cases," he said.

"The High Court has been very clear in stating that there is a single national sovereignty. It's possible to have treaties to recognise all sorts of subsidiary sovereignties ... but none can separate

entirely away from the Australian nation state.

"People are entitled to do these things as they wish as matters of political statements, but the Government will just continue to apply the law to them as they would anyone else. It would be business as usual.

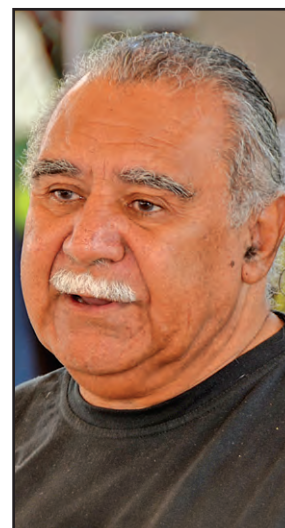
"The only difference would be if someone refused to obey the road rules, refuse to pay taxes or fines, and if that occurs then those people would be faced with the forces of the state and the potential consequences of breaching the law."

In response, Mr Anderson, the convenor of the Sovereign Union of First Nations and Peoples in Australia, issued a statement challenging Prof Williams to be involved in a public debate.

"Clearly Prof Williams lacks objectivity in his radio interview, because his teachings and his practice focus primarily on the system that affords him his status in his society, which is the same society that seeks to steal our patrimony, citizenship and usurp our sovereignty without any legal foundation," Mr Anderson said.

Before Prof Williams, Fred Hooper of the Murrawarri Republic had told the radio program that a constitution draft was being developed, which 'looks at parliament, administration ... and recognises landowners' rights to have a say about what happens on their property'.

Mr Hooper said a people's council had been formed and there were plans to speak with other countries about health care and other services.



Michael Anderson

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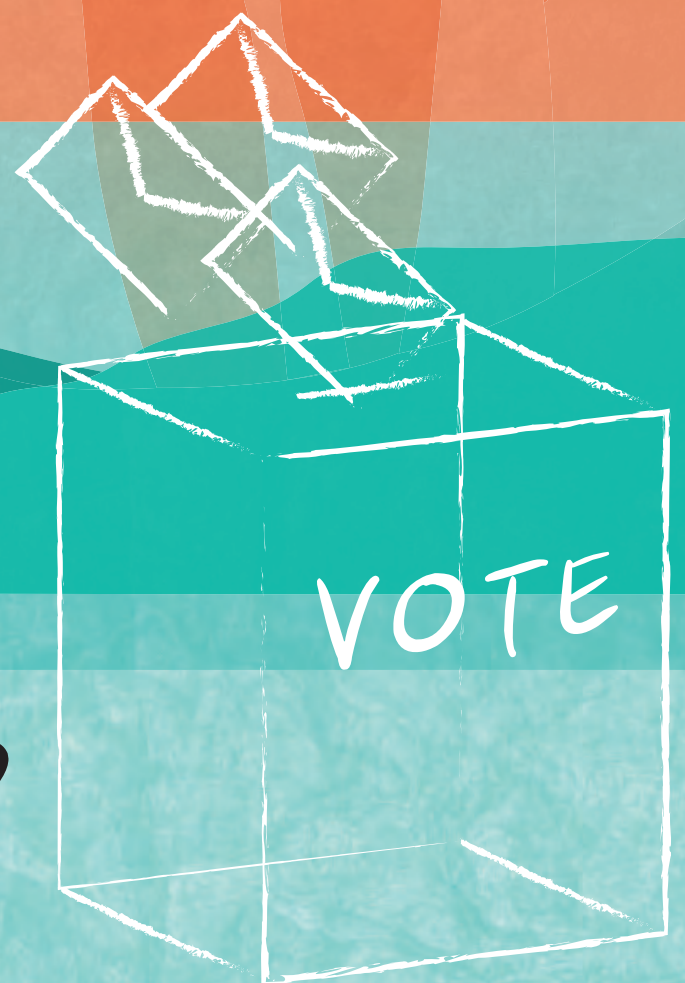
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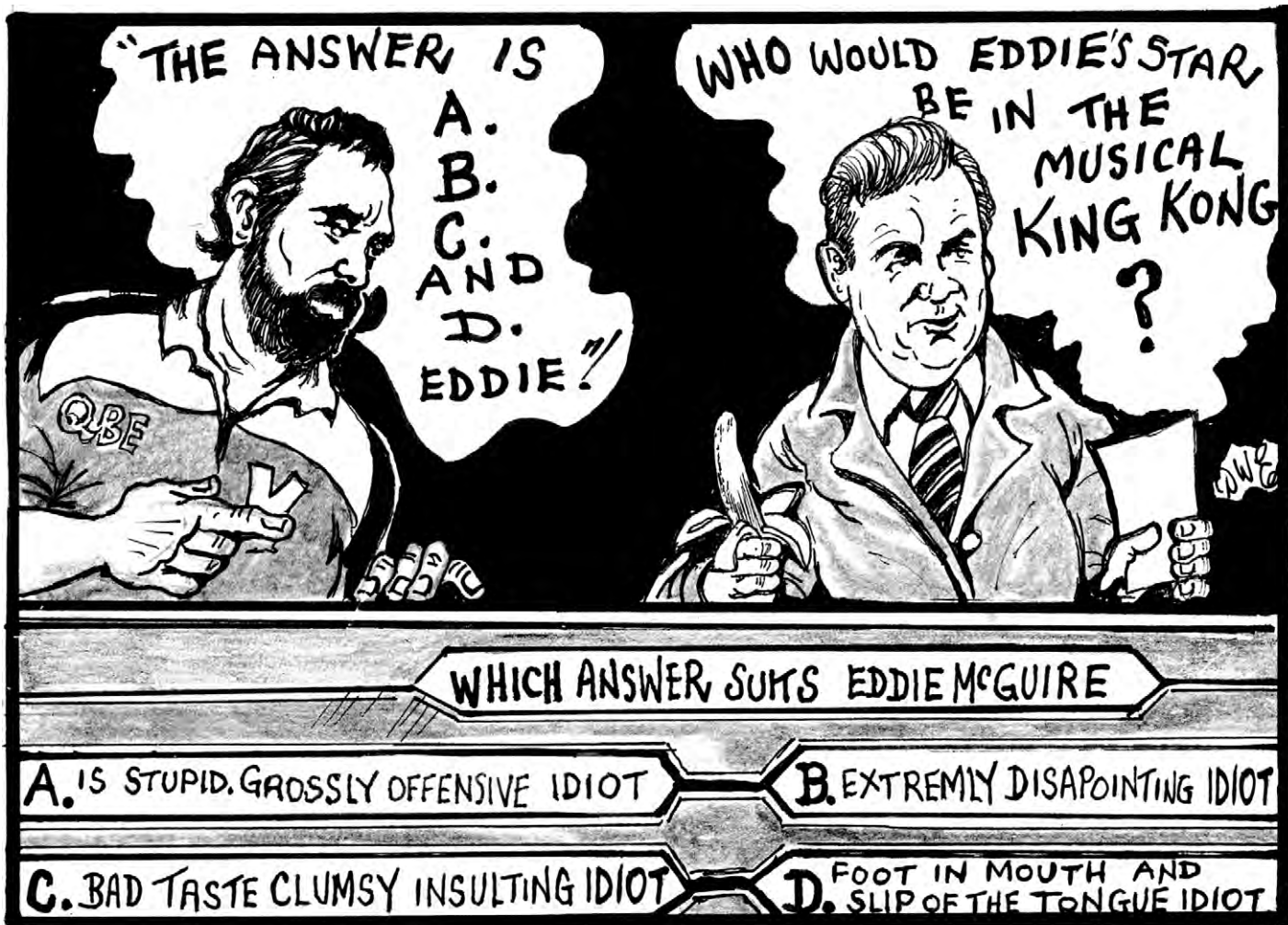
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BINDI MURDOCH

Sydney, aged 34
Mother of one and
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Favourite food?
 Mum's silverside and vegies.

Favourite drink?
 Coffee.

Favourite music?
 Anything in the Top 40.

Favourite performer?
 Pink.

Favourite holiday destination?
 The Sunshine Coast, Qld.

Favourite movie?
The Notebook

What are you reading?
 Bethany Hamilton's autobiography
Soul Surfer.

What are you watching?
The Voice.

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

What do you dislike?
 Bad drivers. There are too many of them in Sydney!

Name three people you would invite for a night around the campfire?
 My late granddad Danny Riley, Noel Pearson and Cathy Freeman.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
 I'd encourage them to aspire to be the best they can be; to follow their dreams and believe they can achieve anything.

Quote



'The Barnett Government has always seen Aboriginal heritage issues as a problem to be removed from the consideration of mining approvals'

WA Opposition spokesman on Indigenous Affairs
Ben Wyatt

● See Page 29

Unquote

Brother, we are proud of you

Can Australia bounce back from the unfortunate and downright ugly saga that played itself out on the football field, the sidelines, and radio airwaves last week?

We hope so but it will take time and it can only start, as Professor Mick Dodson says, with the nation accepting that it has a problem.

It was ironic and sad that the highly public vilification of footballer Adam Goodes – not once but twice from spectators and, subsequently, an unthinking Eddie McGuire – arose at a time when Australia thought it would be celebrating how far it had come.

Goodes revealed that the MCG incident wasn't the first time he'd been racially vilified but it shocked him that his abuser was a 13-year-old girl.

The AFL's community engagement manager Jason Mifsud told the *Koori Mail* that the whole saga wasn't surprising but it was very disappointing.

Ditto that, especially with McGuire's insult and slow realisation that it amounted to racial vilification coming from someone who should have known far better, given his role in measures to stamp racism out of the code.

The AFL old hand cited exhaustion as a reason but it's not an excuse. It can be said no more clearly: There is no excuse for racism.

Public life brings with it many rewards and, conversely, considerable responsibility. Apart from avoiding such ugliness in the first place, key to such incidents is how they are dealt with.

Much of what needed to be said has been said.

But, as depressing as it has all been,



we can still take heart from the incensed reaction from most quarters, including other football royalty, players, commentators and the public alike.

It proves that, while the reconciliation process between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia has a long road ahead, we have made some progress.

The emphasis next has to be on education, not just in schools but in the home and in the workplace, of young and old. Racism stops with all of us.

We hope that Sydney Swans chairman Richard Colless's hopes are realised. As he said: "We believe in many years time, people will look back and think it was almost a seminal moment in the bridging of the divide between black and white. White Australians must understand that there are things that cause grievous emotional pain to Indigenous Australians and we think in a way a lot of that's been undone five days later. We think, as painful as it was for Adam, (in the) long term a lot of good will come out of it because the majority of Australians will understand a lot better than they did before."

Adam Goodes has proved by his actions that he is not just a fine sportsman but a compassionate and dignified man, a true educator.

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Whadjuk Elder Janet Hayden looking at the new history guide.



Dr Richard Walley, right, and Paolo Amaranti at the launch of the RAP.

Writing the wrongs of Wadjemup's past

Story and photos by MICHELLE WHITE



FOR the first time, visitors to Rottnest Island (known to Noongar people as Wadjemup), off Perth, will be able to pick up a guide book to its Aboriginal history.

The Aboriginal History Guide covers pre-settlement, cultural information and protocols but, most significantly, a brief and honest account of the island's era as a prison for thousands of Aboriginal men from all over Western Australia.

Whadjuk Elder Richard Walley was among a small group of Noongar representatives, officials and island workers who attended the launch of the guide and a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for the Rottnest Island Authority (RIA).

He said the guide was a good start and would help holidaymakers and tourists understand why the island was so important to Aboriginal people.

"People who want to know what happened here will pick up the guide and read it, but there will always be those who do not want to confront what happened," Dr Walley said.

"The European era of Wadjemup is only a small part of the history of this island. Our connection to this land goes back tens of thousands of years. It always has and always will be a spiritually important place for the Whadjuk people of Perth.

"While we must never forget the tragedy that happened here during its time as a prison, we should not let that be the only memory that defines this place."

In 1838, white people established a prison on Rottnest Island.

For nearly 100 years, more than 4000 Aboriginal men and boys from all over WA were sent to Rottnest for crimes ranging from petty theft to murder. Official records show boys as young as eight were amongst them. Conditions were harsh, cells were overcrowded and disease led to many deaths.

Many Aboriginal prisoners were never to return to their homelands.

In the heart of the Rottnest Island's accommodation and shopping precinct there is a simple, cleared area, marked with a sign. It's a burial site for more than 370 men in unmarked graves.

These days the former prison and hanging yard is now a holiday lodge and, up until the 1980s, the burial site was part of a camping ground.

Although the camping ground has now been removed, the site remains contentious. It's why the future of the burial ground is one of the key commitments in



Weavers Cheryl Thomas and her daughter Anne Oxenham, 10, travelled to the island for the RAP launch and were overjoyed to see their baskets featured in an exhibition celebrating Reconciliation Week.

the Rottnest Island Authority's new RAP.

The authority has pledged to work closely with the Aboriginal community to develop an appropriate memorial for the site, with an undertaking to have some sort of resolution by 2015.

Paramount

Dr Walley said paying tribute to ancestors buried on the island was paramount.

"Rottnest Island is a rare place in that

although it's Whadjuk land, it is connected to all of our people across the state," he said.

"It's widely acknowledged that every Aboriginal family in WA would have some ancestral connection to the burial ground and prison."

The understated burial ground and the fact the old prison is still used by holidaymakers prompted a scathing article by acclaimed investigative journalist John Pilger in the British press.

He accused the RIA of covering up its bleak black history.

His perception of the Island will also feature in his new documentary, *Utopia*, to be released at the end of the year.

The authority's CEO, Paolo Amaranti, said he was not concerned about the negative publicity. "It's not about what anyone writes," he said.

"We're not trying to hide what happened. Our efforts towards reconciliation go back to 2004. We are committed to doing the right thing and working with community to ensure the Noongar history of the island is fair."

Mr Amaranti admitted there was still a lot of work to do, but said he believed the new RAP had many positive initiatives, including a grants program to make the pricey holiday island more accessible to Noongar people. Groups will be able to apply for financial assistance to travel to and stay on the island for cultural events or camps.

Partnership

The RIA has also formed a partnership with Clontarf Football Academy and will work towards employment opportunities for students. More recently, it instigated traditional workshops to give Noongar cultural practise a higher profile on the island.

A series of free basket-weaving courses attracted more than 60 Aboriginal women, and the handcrafted pieces created during those workshops are now displayed in the historic Salt Store building.

Whadjuk Elder Janet Hayden praised the basket-weaving exhibition as a positive, high-profile promotion of culture.

Like many of the women who took part in the weaving classes, Mrs Hayden is only a recent visitor to the island. The 78-year-old great grandmother made her first trip across the 17km stretch of water to Rottnest just six years ago. Now she enjoys regular visits to Wadjemup and encourages other Noongars to also reclaim their ancestral connection to it.

Dr Walley has been visiting Rottnest since the 1960s, a time, he said, when Noongar people were made to feel unwelcome. He says he can feel a real difference these days.

In officially launching the RAP and guide, Dr Walley said reconciliation was not just about making good statements on paper; it was the follow-up that counted.

Dr Walley and Mr Amaranti said they hoped future generations would recognise and respect the sad European legacy of the island but also celebrate Wadjemup's spiritual significance and rich cultural history dating back more than 30,000 years.

It's best to remember

SO there I was the other day sitting at the local cafe sipping on my cappuccino just enjoying the world going by. It's getting a bit cooler these days so usually I need two to start my day!

I was thinking about life and the universe when, of course, one of my many friends also turned up for their morning coffee fix. This one didn't look too happy at all so I got ready to dish out some good love advice.

"Hey how you doing today? What's happening with you?" I asked.

They sat down looking a little bit wild and said, "Nah sis, true, I've had better days. You

wouldn't believe it but today's my birthday and yet again my man's forgotten about it. Going on like it's a normal day. And how long have we been together? Make me sick he does."

I just stared into my cup and took another sip because if there is one thing Ms Koori Love is not good at, it is remembering birthdays, anniversaries and other important dates.

Mind you, I can remember my birthday!

Remembering important dates is just one of them things my mind does not register. What with getting up in the morning,

remembering to brush my hair and actually getting my stuff sorted to get out the front door, remembering that the day is important for another reason is just that one too many things for my brain.

I've gotten in trouble many times for it. Once this one said to me real sly like, "So yeah. Forgot my birthday again... yesterday." I went through their whole birthday and I didn't even get a reminder.

I seen my diary. I seen my phone. I seen my wall calendar and I even saw other people that could have reminded me, but no good.

I was sitting there the next

day in front of this one looking at me evil for not remembering their birthday.

Remembering important dates and birthdays should be something that we are really good at. They are times for celebration or commemoration.

When I forget an important date I always try and make it up to them, so really I end up paying more, in more ways than one!

I tell my loved one that I love them every day of the year and not just that one day, so that tries and makes it up to them.

Mind you, if I just wrote stuff down I'm sure it would save a lot of headaches for everyone!



Ms KOORI LOVE

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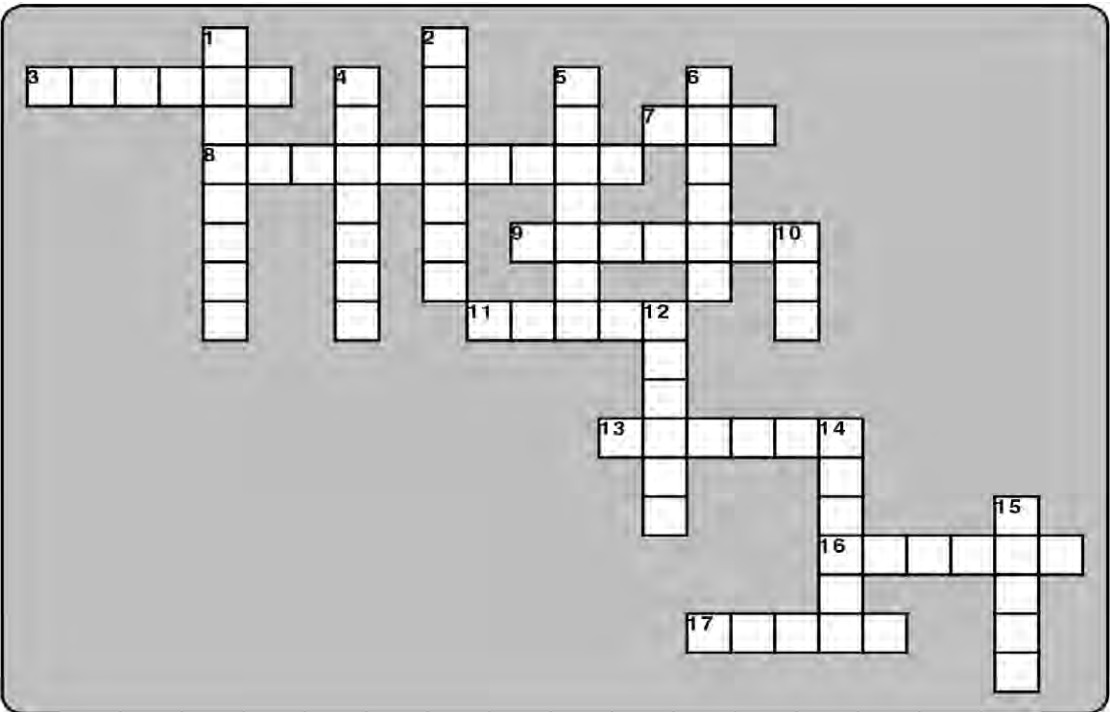
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ACROSS:

3. Rugby League competition between NSW and Qld.
7. Desert style of painting.
8. Queensland city close to Palm Island.
9. People who look after country.
11. Aboriginal singer Archie ...
13. Host city for National Indigenous Music Awards.
16. Benn Harradine throws this.
17. SBS TV program Living ...

DOWN:

1. RMIT University is in this state.
2. ALS stands for Aboriginal Legal ...



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| 4. Land council based in Alice Springs. | this WA region. | for AFL goal. | celebration next month. |
| 5. Port Hedland is in | 6. Badu Island is in this strait. | 12. Capital city of Tasmania. | 15. My mother's sister is my ... |
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In an opinion piece on page 24, Federal Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs Senator Nigel Scullion says there are many reasons for Indigenous Australians to be positive.



Letter-writer Katherine March says she will stand together with Aboriginal people

Ready to stand with Aboriginal people

I WAS born in Australia and my family has lived here for many generations

When I was five and new at school, I was forced to watch with the rest of my class shocking physical and emotional abuse of an Aboriginal child in my class.

When I was ten, I had to sneak around to play with Aboriginal friends and we felt really daring for doing this as we all knew it was forbidden.

When I was 19, I really started to become aware of the preferential treatment I received

when I asked real estate agents for rentals instead of my friend. She was a teaching student and an honest person, but the way she was rejected by real estate agents shocked me. She was Aboriginal.

When I was 28, I was working on a remote community. I got paid three times as much as a local person doing the same job and I was provided a house rent-free, unlike my fellow Aboriginal workers who paid rent and shared an overcrowded house with numerous family.

When I was 34 and down on my luck, I was taken in by an Aboriginal woman who gave me the love of a mother, encouraged me to be proud of who I was and to believe in myself. She set me on the right path, and now at 44 I have a home, a job, I am studying and have reconnected with my family.

I am a white person into human justice. I believe in land rights and sovereignty for Aboriginal people.

I don't own any land in this country, but I love Australia and

will fight for Australia against multinationals, miners and governments who are trying to destroy this land and its original people.

I'm sure there are other white people like me who see the truth of what is going on.

I will stand with the Aboriginal people of this country.

What hope is there of standing against them when you do not believe in what you are standing for?

KATHERINE MARCH
Melbourne, Victoria

POETRY

1 GR8 MOTHER

Birth rite is a blood connection to the place of one's entry to the natural world; from one's own mother to the 1 great Mother – that owns them.

In that sense land rights are above common law – they are the lore. So the terrible lie of 'terra-nullas' was a wound in the common soul of the longest surviving culture on this old Earth...

All enlightened souls feel the suffering of others, but the past can't be a mistake; on the other hand, and the other's land, we can all open our hearts to the truth and the love of our holy land.

Beyond 'good and evil' lies the end of ego's eon; carbon to carbon or ashes to...and we re-learn the love of the Mother.

His-story, about material (dead) things, was one more step on the way; the time is (always) now – to choose your way.

STEVE PALMER
by email

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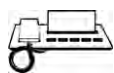
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Concern over golliwogs in Lismore shopping centre

This is a letter to Lismore Square Shopping Centre, northern NSW (copied to the *Koori Mail*).

I WOULD like to express my disgust and shame that there is a stall between Big W and City Beach selling 'golliwog' dolls. They are a racist doll and extremely insulting. I can't believe that people sell these dolls in the present times. Australia is really living up to its reputation for being one of the most racist countries in the world, of which I am ashamed!

Golliwogs are banned in Britain, and (TV celebrity) Oprah would not step into a store that was selling them here in Australia. We have a large Indigenous/migrant population in Lismore and there is someone openly selling these racist dolls.

I don't want to hear about how someone had one as a child and therefore it is acceptable. They are NOT acceptable and I am embarrassed for any visitor or resident of Lismore who has to see these dolls being openly sold. For more information go to

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golliwogg> or do a simple search on 'golliwogs and racism'. I would appreciate the feedback.

JO GALVA
Via email

Note from the Editor: The following response to Jo Galva letter (above) was copied to the *Koori Mail*.

Thankyou for highlighting your concern regarding the golliwog dolls being sold in the centre. I have spoken with the proprietor regarding the dolls and have asked him to remove them from his stall (which he did).

It was never his or the centre's intention to offend you or anybody else.

Offering you our best intentions,

ROB WALKER
Centre Manager
McConaghy Retail Pty Ltd
Lismore Shopping Square

Representation in Parliament

ABORIGINAL people fought valiantly to gain access to democratic privilege and the right to vote in 1967.

For all the 45-odd years since then, the challenge has remained to enhance this voting right with Aboriginal representation in the Federal Parliament.

Indeed to fully utilise a God-given democratic right it is surely no less important to support Indigenous Australians in bringing my vote and yours and their elected voice to the Parliament – this an endorsement of political responsibility.

Notwithstanding, both Indigenous and other Australians perhaps are cause for needlessly an 'Aboriginal Pity Party' in existence since 1967 and a majority of the Aboriginal population have stood as candidates (Maureen Brennan, Your Say, 8 May)

and co-endorsed by a majority of the non-Aboriginal population.

My view is an 'Aboriginal 1st Party' is a better prospect for electability.

A Labor 1st Party or Liberal 1st Party have some appeal (Billy Gordon, Your Say, 8 May) yet only a blackfella Aboriginal 1st Party (is) an Australia! 1st Party.

September 14 is election day and may be still a long way off.

I hope and pray an Aboriginal candidate is there on nomination day and reconciliation is a lot closer after 45 years of never never, thank God!

DARREN SIEMS
#Aboriginal1stParty
Quirindi NSW

and

CAROL A MORGAN (Kamilaroi)

Deloitte.

Review of Native Title Organisations – Call for Submissions

The Australian Government is currently undertaking a review of the roles and functions of native title representative bodies and native title services providers. Deloitte Access Economics has been contracted to undertake the Review, which is being conducted through 2013. More information on the Review, including the Terms of Reference and Discussion Paper, can be found at www.deloitteaccessseconomics.com.au/native+title+review

Submissions to the Review can be made through any of the following channels:

- 1) **Website:** Submissions can be uploaded at: www.deloitteaccessseconomics.com.au/native+title+review
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The call for submissions opens on 3 June 2013
and the deadline for all submissions is 30 September 2013.

Many reasons to be positive

ALL too often in Indigenous affairs people focus on the things that are not working, the problems. But, in this National Reconciliation Week and in the spirit of the Recognise campaign, let us be positive, because we have many good reasons to be so.

Indigenous Australians have been making leaps and bounds forward against all the odds for decade after decade. I believe now with young Indigenous Australians grasping better futures and with their fresh approach, the environment is changing yet again for the better and the rate of progress is going to accelerate.

It is useful for us to recognise just how diverse Australia's Indigenous population is. There are about 670,000 people who identify. Less than 100,000 live in those very remote parts of Australia, from the deserts to the coastal rainforests and the islands of the Torres Strait. Some of them live a very traditional life, they might speak very little English, they may still follow their traditional customs. Others are living a more Western-style life working with a mining company perhaps, owning their own house and so on.

People are often surprised to learn that Sydney has the largest concentration of Indigenous people in the country – around 50,000 people. While some of them might not be living on their traditional lands, they will tell you that they are no less an Indigenous person than their brothers and sisters in very remote parts of Australia.

So when we talk about policies we need to take into account the diversity and avoid



Opinion

NIGEL SCULLION

falling into the trap of thinking that governments have all the answers.

It is a fact that Indigenous Australians have often succeeded in spite of government. In most cases they are doing it for themselves

It will be obvious to everyone that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have excelled beyond measure in the sporting arena, in art, film, theatre and dance.

Indigenous Australians' involvement in the political life of the country has a long and proud tradition and is growing rapidly. Adam Giles – an Aboriginal man – is now Chief Minister of the Northern Territory.

When I was a young fellow there were two Aboriginal university graduates in this

country – Charles Perkins and Margaret Valadian. Now there are more than 25,000 Indigenous graduates and the number is growing rapidly. Today there are over 10,000 Indigenous students enrolled in university. There are more than 150 Indigenous medical practitioners.

Indigenous household incomes are growing, with many Indigenous Australians making their own way quietly with no assistance from government. Around 40 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people now own or are buying their own homes.

I travelled recently to an isolated homeland community called Baniyalla, a beautiful, quiet place with a school and a few houses, a shop, a clinic and not much else.

A small family group of about 80 people had moved back to their traditional country to pursue a life away from the hassles of the larger centres in the area.

Brendan has a full-time position as a ranger. He gets a good wage with annual leave and superannuation. Two of Brendan's children are doing their Higher School Certificate at a Kormilda boarding school in Darwin. He is renting a house and he now wants to lease the land so he can buy his house.

There are many stories like Brendan's and there are many Indigenous organisations making life better for their Indigenous brothers and sisters.

Recently I met with the people from the Indigenous

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Rally set for Bankstown



A RALLY will be held on the streets of Bankstown in western Sydney on 22 June as part of ongoing protests against the Federal Government's income management regime.

The campaign against the regime received a boost recently when Marrickville Council passed a motion opposing income management in Bankstown, and other sites around Australia.

Greens councillor Sylvie Ellsmore proposed the motion, which was carried eight to four.

"We passed the motion in Marrickville Council in recognition that income management is a Federal Government policy which disempowers vulnerable families and individuals," Cr Ellsmore said.

The motion states that the council supports the workers, families and community organisations which are part of the 'Say No to Government Income Management Campaign Coalition' in Bankstown.

"In passing the motion, Marrickville Council committed to work with the Public Service Association (PSA), community

organisations and residents who are involved in the current campaign, and to resist any attempts to expand income management beyond the trial site, into our local government area," Cr Ellsmore said.

Work bans

The motion also praised PSA members in Bankstown who have work bans against the scheme.

As a result of those bans, child protection workers in the Bankstown local government area have made no referrals to the scheme.

Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney spokesperson Sue Gillet said organisations had spent years campaigning against income management in the Northern Territory and in Bankstown.

She said those organisations would take heart for the 'courageous statement by Marrickville Council'.

"The Government's own research says that income management is humiliating and discriminatory, and found no clear evidence that it has improved peoples' lives," Ms Gillet said.

"Yet (Federal Indigenous Affairs

Minister) Jenny Macklin wants to expand the scheme on 1 July and introduce two new categories that force young people onto income management.

"Young people need support to overcome the challenges they face, not new measures to scrutinise, humiliate and marginalise them.

A demonstration against the NT intervention and income management will be held from noon on 22 June in Paul Keating Park, Bankstown.

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health services for Brisbane. Indigenous people choose to go to these health services because they feel comfortable and they get an excellent professional service.

These Aboriginal medical services are funded through mainstream programs such as MBS like other medical clinics. They get funding for some specific Indigenous programs, but that is at the edges. They are operating a very professional and cost-effective medical service business for a niche market and everyone's a winner.

We need policies that support that sort of work.

Policies should be about getting behind Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, recognising their individual capacities, and removing barriers that might limit their aspirations.

Sometimes the roadmap is simply those ingredients that make a better life for any other Australian.

Welfare is killing people. Noel Pearson and the Cape York Institute and other Aboriginal leaders in Australia have developed a model of reform that could be expanded.

School attendance is a major problem.

We should be funding education systems on the basis of school attendance, not school enrolment, and we should require parents to send their kids to school.

On Aboriginal land you cannot own your house – we must change that.

When we spend government money we should make sure it creates jobs for Aboriginal people. We need more of the money government spends hitting the ground and actually benefiting the people it is meant to reach.

We spend too much of the money on public servants and administrators that frankly add little value. We must stop that.

Indigenous people are a diverse group and they will chart different courses depending on where they live and their circumstances.

To that end, decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible and we should devolve decisions of government wherever we can. Governments have a limit in terms of what they can do.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians want to write their own stories. More government can sometimes mean more strings attached. And government departments with the best intentions can end up disempowering people. We need to work against this.

Finally there is the movement to recognise Indigenous Australians in our Constitution. Some might see this as a symbolic gesture only. They think it will have no impact – so what is the point, they say.

If we get this right as a nation, we will be able to work together to write a new story for all of us.

If we change the Constitution, if we get it right, it will mean something, it will make a difference, it will be a significant tool in overcoming Indigenous disadvantage.

It will make all of us feel better about ourselves and it will complete us as a nation.

Senator Nigel Scullion is the Federal Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs

Custody deaths cause concern



AN Aboriginal justice agency says authorities have failed to learn, after new figures showed rising numbers of Indigenous deaths in custody.

A report from the Australian Institute of Criminology on Aboriginal deaths in custody shows that in 2010-11, the most recent period looked at, 21 Indigenous people died in custody, about one quarter of all such deaths.

The number was one higher than the previous 12 months and six higher than in 2008-09, when 15 Indigenous people died in custody.

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) principal legal officer Jonathon Hunyor said authorities had not learned lessons from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, which handed down its findings in 1991.

"If we want to reduce the number of Aboriginal people who die in custody, we have got to deal with the causes of the gross over-representation in custody," he said.

"Unfortunately that is a message that just hasn't sunk through, particularly in the Northern Territory where we are locking up people at a greater rate than ever before."

Mr Hunyor said he expected the number of Indigenous people dying in custody to continue to get worse in the NT, as new mandatory sentencing laws took effect.

'If we want to reduce the number of Aboriginal people who die in custody, we have got to deal with the causes of the gross over-representation in custody'

The new report found the proportion of Indigenous people in prison had almost doubled between 1991 and 2011, when Indigenous people represented just over one in four people in prison and one in five deaths.

Indigenous people comprise 2.5 per cent of the total Australian population.

But the report said the recent rise in the

number of Indigenous people dying in custody was driven by deaths from natural causes, primarily heart attacks, cancer and other serious medical conditions.

Those findings are likely to result from poorer health and lower life expectancy among Indigenous Australians, the report says.

Indigenous prisoners were less likely to die in custody than their non-Indigenous counterparts, the report found.

The report also said that if increases to the Indigenous prison population were taken into account, the death rate of those prisoners remained at an all-time low.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard said federal and state governments were working to tackle the high rate of Indigenous incarceration. But justice systems were the responsibility of state governments, she said.

Federal Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus said the underlying disadvantage at the heart of the over-representation of Indigenous Australians in the justice system must be addressed. "It is deeply concerning that the actual number of Indigenous deaths in prison is rising again," he said.

NT Attorney-General John Elferink said the numbers of Indigenous people dying in custody were not acceptable but people should remember that many in police custody were in a 'wretched state'.

He said many more Aboriginal people died as a result of Australia's welfare system that poured millions of dollars into the NT every fortnight.

"We, as another tier of government, have to spend millions of dollars cleaning up the mess," Mr Elferink said. — AAP



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Heritage fears in WA

BY GEOFF VIVIAN



THE National Native Title Council (NNTC) has added its voice to a chorus of concerns about the protection of Aboriginal heritage in Western Australia, following changes to the state's Aboriginal sites register.

Last month, archaeologist Fiona Hook said thousands of sites were at risk because the Barnett Government had removed them from its Statutory Register of Aboriginal Sites, leaving only sites approved by the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee (ACMC) of the WA Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA).

Former Kimberley Land Council CEO Wayne Bergmann expressed grave concerns about the move, and NNTC CEO Brian Wyatt has now weighed in, too.

"What the Barnett Government needs to be reminded of is that the Aboriginal Heritage Act was primarily enacted to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage, not facilitate the destruction of sites," Mr Wyatt told the *Koori Mail* last week.

"Aboriginal people have no confidence in the current system."

Mr Wyatt was particularly concerned about sites not listed on the statutory register.

"Due diligence guidelines put the responsibility on developers to only check whether there are any known sites in the area concerned," he said.

"The department has a poor track record in prosecuting proponents for damage or destruction of sites, only getting a slap on the wrist for their actions, if at all."

WA Opposition spokesman on Aboriginal Affairs Ben Wyatt said the Government now required a lot less from developers seeking Aboriginal heritage clearances for their projects.

"The Barnett Government has always seen Aboriginal heritage issues as a problem to be removed from the consideration of mining approvals," he said.

"These changes reflect the Barnett Government's philosophical discomfort with the importance of Aboriginal heritage sites."

Another archaeologist, Gavin Jackson, said developers could easily destroy many archaeological sites, such as burial grounds and middens.

The Government was keen to streamline the approvals process for new mining activity, Mr Jackson said, and under new due diligence guidelines on the DAA website, it was no longer compulsory to undertake an archaeological survey before ground-disturbing activity if there were no known Aboriginal sites in the vicinity.

"There seems to be a view from government these days that only sites of 'importance and significance' warrant protection," Mr Jackson said.

"The argument will go: If they don't know the sites are there in the first place, how can they possibly be of importance and significance?"

"My argument against that is we didn't know that King Richard III's skeleton was under a car park in Leicester (England) but that doesn't make it any less important now that we've found it."

A department spokesman said it had never been compulsory to undertake an archaeological survey before ground-disturbing activity.

"The due diligence guidelines published by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet are designed to assist land users in formulating

strategies to meet their obligations under the Act," he said.

"Nothing in the due diligence guidelines operates to absolve a land user from full compliance with the requirements of the Act.

"DAA has been working towards greater involvement of Aboriginal people and organisations in the ownership and control of Aboriginal heritage through regular regional and local forums with cultural authorities."

The department disputed suggestions that the transfer of some Aboriginal sites from the statutory register to a new list called 'other heritage places' meant the Government would no longer maintain data on them. "Compliance with the AHA and the *State Records Act 2000* will ensure that no data is lost," a spokesman said.



'Aboriginal people have no confidence in the current system'

– National Native Title Council CEO Brian Wyatt

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Amnesty lashes Australia's human rights record



AUSTRALIA is failing to live up to its promise to protect some of the world's most vulnerable people, Amnesty International says in its latest report card on global human rights. Amnesty's annual State of the World's Human Rights report takes aim at Australia's treatment of asylum seekers.

Amnesty Australia national director Claire Mallinson said the Australian Government was one of several around the globe more interested in using refugees for political point-scoring than protecting them. "The appalling treatment of asylum seekers – the majority of whom have fled conflict or post-conflict emergencies in Iran, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Iraq – now find

themselves languishing in limbo in remote islands living the out-of-sight out-of-mind nightmare that the current Government has introduced, re-enacting the devastating policies of the past," Ms Mallinson said in a statement accompanying the report. The report is also critical of Australia's treatment of Aboriginal people, pointing to high incarceration rates.

Amnesty says governments in all regions of the world are failing to deliver on the promise of human rights for all. Of the 159 countries investigated for the report, 112 countries tortured their citizens. People were forcibly 'disappeared' in 31 countries and 101 countries repressed their people's right to freedom of expression, Amnesty said. – AAP

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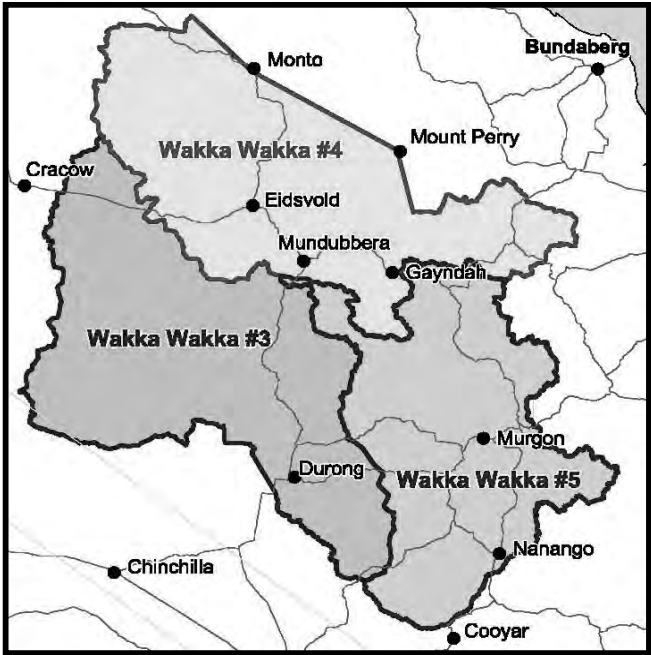
WAKKA WAKKA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

Queensland South Native Title Services ("QSNTS") has received requests from the descendants of the following apical ancestors: Mimi, Kitty mother of Jack Bulong; Kitty (mother of Jenny Lind), Jenny Lind and Mick Buck, Minnie Bly (mother of Thomas Simpson), Ethel and Bill Button; to convene and facilitate a meeting of the Wakka Wakka People Native Title Claim Group pursuant to its functions under section 203B(1)(a) of the *Native Title Act 1993*. The **WAKKA WAKKA PEOPLE** are currently described as the Aboriginal people who identify as Wakka Wakka People and who are descendants of the following persons:

**Jenny and David Carlo (parents of Princey Carlo);
Minnie Bly (mother of Thomas Simpson), Ethel and Bill button;
Maggie Hart (mother of Crabbie Chapman);
Mother of William Pickering, Lucky Law;
King Billy and Maria of Boondooma (parents of Tommy Dodd of Taabinga), Maggie West;
Kitty of Boonara;
Mimi;
Kitty mother of Jack Bulong;
John Bond;
Kitty (mother of Jenny Lind),
Jenny Lind and Mick Buck;
Boubijan Cobbo;
Stockman Bligh and Aggie Bligh;
Tommy (aka Boondoon) and Maggie (parents of Willie Bone); and
Billy McKenzie (father of Chlorine McKenzie), Chlorine McKenzie.**

This Notice INVITES all persons who are members of the **Wakka Wakka People** (as described above) to an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday 22 June 2013
Venue of Meeting: Ration Shed Hall, 19 Barambah Ave
Cherbourg QLD 4605
Time of Meeting: 10.00 am – 4:00 pm



The Authorisation Meeting will involve the following:

1. the Applicant will be invited to report to the claim group about:
 - a. the progress of the native title determination applications;
 - b. its intentions about the future conduct of the claims;
2. a consideration of the continuing authority of the Applicant and, possibly, authorise the appointment or make provision for the appointment of a new or replacement Applicant (section 251B *Native Title Act (Cth)*);
3. a consideration of whether an application should be made for leave to discontinue Wakka Wakka People #3 (QUD621/2011) and
4. to consider amending the claim group descriptions for the Wakka Wakka People #4 and #5 native title applications, so that the apical ancestors for each claim reflects the old people who belonged to the area.
5. to consider the appointment of an Applicant or replacement Applicant to represent any newly described claim group descriptions for Wakka Wakka People #4 and #5.

All members of the **Wakka Wakka People** Native Title Claim Group who intend to attend the meeting are requested to contact the QSNTS Community Relations Unit on 1800 663 693 by close of business on 17 June 2013 to register their intention to be present at the meeting. QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meeting. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided at the meeting.



Planning is in hand for big fashion week



Fashion Week (AIFW), to be held in Sydney in April next year. Organised by All the Perks marketing and events company, AIFW will include a series of runway shows, exhibits and public events.

AIFW, supported by Indigenous Business Australia (IBA), will bring together Indigenous designers and artists to showcase contemporary Indigenous fashion, textiles and accessories.

The program provides 18 Indigenous designers, marketers and artistic collaborators with the opportunity to work with designers and industry experts to produce a clothes collection. IBA will provide individualised business planning, marketing and financial advice at a series of workshops, which IBA CEO Chris Fry said would better equip participants to negotiate the commercial side of a highly competitive industry. "IBA is proud to be sponsoring an event that enables emerging designers and artists to showcase their work, and which generates lasting economic and development

opportunities within the Indigenous arts and fashion community," he said. All the Perks managing director Krystal Perkins said AIEF would provide opportunities to promote Indigenous designers, nurture new designers and provide design collaboration opportunities with national and international brands. AIFW ambassador and Indigenous model Samantha Harris will lead the runway shows and advocate fair trade practices between Indigenous designers and buyers, as well as draw attention to cultural and intellectual property rights.

Job service providers named



FEDERAL Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins has announced the job service providers for Queensland in the Remote Jobs and Communities

Program (RJCP), which starts on 1 July.

"The Gillard Government believes that everyone who can work should work, and those who are not working should be participating in meaningful activities that contribute to the strength and sustainability of their community," the minister said.

"But we recognise that in remote areas, jobseekers, many of whom are Indigenous Australians, face extra challenges in finding local jobs.



'...we recognise that in remote areas, jobseekers, many of whom are Indigenous Australians, face extra challenges in finding local jobs' – Minister Julie Collins

"We also know that employers in remote locations often have trouble finding skilled workers.

"Jobseekers in communities including Longreach, Cloncurry, Hughenden, Kuranda, Doomadgee and Normanton will

get tailored services to help them into work."

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Custody aid line backed



NSW Greens MP Jamie Parker has added his voice to the chorus calling for support for a life-saving legal advice line for Aboriginal people who have been taken into police custody.

The Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) Custody Notification Service (CNS) will be forced to close on 1 July if it does not receive funding.

At present, when an Aboriginal person is taken into custody in NSW police call the CNS and an ALS solicitor speaks with the detained person, offering legal advice and checking that they are okay.

"The Federal Government has cut funding and now the NSW Government is refusing to accept responsibility, despite the fact that the requirement for the service is legislated under state law," Mr Parker said.

"Vulnerable people are being put at risk because governments in this country cannot be shaken into action.

"The Custody Notification Service was created as a crucial reform following the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody to ensure that the rights and welfare of Aboriginal people in custody are maintained.

"Two decades after the landmark royal commission, most of the 339 recommendations for reform still have not been implemented.

"This service is a rare example of a positive and effective reform that resulted from the royal commission and we must ensure it continues.

'Invaluable'

"The annual cost of this basic and invaluable service is equal to holding two people in detention for one year.

"This (state) government found \$300 million in tax breaks for the poker machine industry, \$19 million to allow hunting in national parks, while also choosing to support big developers by way of tax gifts, incentives and exemptions, but it cannot find \$500,000 for this service.

"I implore Premier (Barry) O'Farrell and the Attorney-General to recognise the need this service and to take responsibility for funding it."

NSW Police spokesperson on Aboriginal issues Assistant Commissioner Geoff McKechnie said he was aware of funding concerns and had conducted an assessment of the implications, should the CNS be discontinued.

"While the legal issues are not insurmountable, NSW Police recognise the value of the role the CNS in providing legal advice and welfare services for Aboriginal persons in custody," he said in a statement.

"We will continue to monitor the progress of funding requests for the service and liaise with ALS over the matter."



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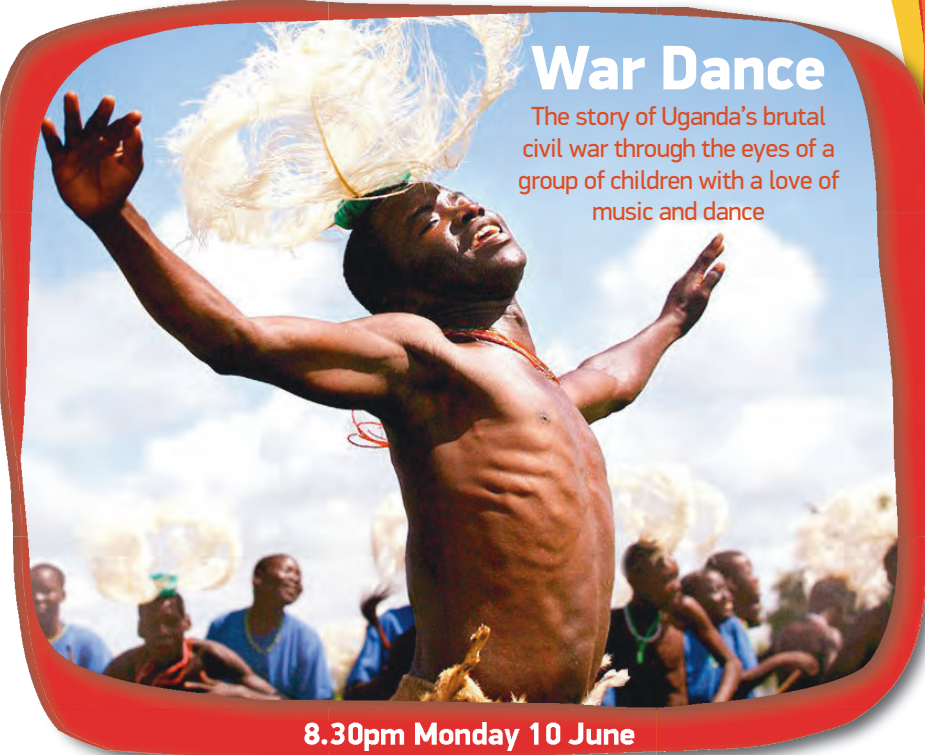
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7:30 Micky And Frankie G (Documentary)
7:45 Marrka Wangka G (Documentary)
8:00 Children Of The Rainbow Serpent G (Documentary)
8:30 Words From The City MA (Documentary)
10:00 The Lore Of Love PG (Documentary)
10:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

THURSDAY 6TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
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6:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary 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 PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
11:30 NITV News NC (News)

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE

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)
6:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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10:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
11:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
12:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
1:00 Film Essays Of Maasai Life G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
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4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
9:00 Arctic Hip Hop PG (Documentary Series)
10:00 Cold Turkey M (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)



SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
1:30 RHEF 2013 PG (Series)
2:30 The Best Of Grounded G (Series)
3:00 Marrka Wangka G (Documentary)
3:15 Micky And Frankie G (Documentary)
3:30 Film Essays Of Maasai Life G (Documentary Series)
4:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Series)
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 PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 I Am Slave M (Documentary)
11:00 The Road To St Andrews G (Documentary)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

SUNDAY 9TH 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 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 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
7:30 Moose TV PG (Comedy)
8:00 Colour Theory PG (Series)
8:30 Matakui M (Series)
9:00 Blackstone MA (Drama)
9:50 Moccasin Flats: Redemption MA (Drama)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

MONDAY 10TH JUNE

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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6:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Series)
8:00 Ravens And Eagles G (Series)
8:30 War Dance M (Documentary)
9:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

TUESDAY 11TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
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10:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Series)
11:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Series)
11:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Series)
12:00 Ken Thaidai Snr G (Documentary)
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2:00 By The Rapids PG (Series)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
6:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
8:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
9:30 Go In' Troppo In The Toppo PG (Documentary)
10:00 RHEF 2013 PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE

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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5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
6:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Shepherd's Pie G (Documentary)
7:40 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)
7:50 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
8:30 Ningla A-Na M (Documentary)
10:00 The Whole World Is Watching M (Documentary)
10:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

THURSDAY 13TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
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6:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (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 PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
11:30 NITV News NC (News)

FRIDAY 14TH JUNE

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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10:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Series)
11:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
12:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
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6:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
9:00 War Dance M (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
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4:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)
7:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
7:30 Australian Biography G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 The Land Has Eyes M (Documentary)
11:00 Footy: The La Perouse Way M (Documentary)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 Australian Biography G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Doc Series)
2:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
3:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
3:30 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 Rock Art And Yingana PG (Documentary)
7:30 Moose TV PG (Comedy)
8:00 Colour Theory PG (Series)
8:30 Matakui M (Series)
9:00 Blackstone MA (Drama)
10:00 Dreamkeeper PG (Documentary)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

MONDAY 17TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
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6:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Series)
8:00 Ravens And Eagles G (Series)
8:30 Grab PG (Documentary)
9:30 Of Islands And Men G (Documentary Series)
10:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Grounded G (Series)

TUESDAY 18TH JUNE

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 G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
8:30 Burned Bridge M (Drama)
9:30 Big Fella M (Documentary)
10:00 RHEF 2013 PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
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Hungry For Our Land

8.30pm Wednesday 12 June

Cheryl is leading the way



A GRANDMOTHER from the Cape York community of Hope Vale has become the first person in Queensland to

buy a house in their traditional community with the assistance of an Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) home loan. Cheryl Cannon has moved into her new home on a street bearing her family name – McLean.

She says she wanted to provide security for her children and grandchildren's future and to teach her family to be responsible and care for their home and property.

"I am also pleased to be able to lead the way for the people in my community who have been asking me how they can buy their own home too," she said.

Hope Vale Council bought the land that Ms Cannon's house is built on.

IBA CEO Chris Fry said it was pleasing to see Ms Cannon take ownership of her own home.

Hope Valley Estate is the result of a joint effort by the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council, the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FAHCSIA) and IBA.

The council purchased the land and the Federal Government developed the land for local residents to build their own homes.

IBA says it is assessing home loan applications from several more Hope Vale residents who want to build homes on Hope Valley Estate.



Hope Vale home owner Cheryl Cannon with IBA CEO Chris Fry. Ms Cannon says she wanted to provide security for her family's future. Photo courtesy IBA

"I SMOKED FOR 38 YEARS. I DIDN'T WANT TO END UP IN HOSPITAL AGAIN"

Meet Ray

Ray started smoking at 15, and decided 38 years later that enough was enough. "I tried to quit lots of times," he says. "Not only have I felt better and had more energy, but it's also saved me money." But the benefits extend well beyond saving a few thousand dollars a year.

Support and advice

For Ray, the realisation that his life could well be cut short – taking him away from family and loved-ones – meant the difference between trying to quit and staying smoke-free for good. You can do it too, by talking to a doctor, calling the Quitline or visiting the iCanQuit website.

What will it take?

Ask yourself what you would quit for. "The reality is it's allowed me to spend more time with my kids and grandkids," says Ray. "After 38 years of smoking, I didn't want to end up in hospital again."

What will YOU quit for?



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Mbantua Festival artistic directors Nigel Jamieson and Rachel Perkins with performer Warren H Williams and Desert chief executive Philip Watkins.

Desert magic to feature at Alice festival



INDIGENOUS culture and talent will be at the heart of the Mbantua Festival, organisers have

promised. The festival, which will showcase 'the magic of Australian Indigenous desert culture', is to be held in October in Alice Springs.

It will be hosted by the Arrante nation, and an invitation has been extended to all Central Desert community groups to attend.

The biennial festival will take place from 9-13 October, and will include live performances, film screenings, theatre productions and workshops.

Krystal Perkins is the festival director and her sister Rachel Perkins is the artistic director, alongside Nigel Jamieson.

They promised that the festival would feature hundreds of Indigenous performers from Central Australia and the Top End, and would deliver a 'world-class Indigenous Australian cultural experience'. There



The Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa) Men's Dance Group.

will be a gathering of 14 dance groups from NT communities, along with some of Australia's finest Indigenous and non-Indigenous entertainers.

In association with Desert, the festival will present workshops and a major exhibition of Central Desert art works, installations and markets.

There will be film screenings and a number of theatre events, including Bush Mechanics Live at the

Arunga Park Speedway.

As well, a show called *Bungalow Song*, which was created in association with Opera Australia, will be performed at the Old Telegraph Station.

And for those looking to learn something new, there will be a host of workshops with Indigenous artists, including weaving, wood carving, ceramics, spear making, language, bush tucker, bush medicine and traditions of desert painting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WONGKUMARA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

Queensland South Native Title Services ("QSNTS") has received requests from descendants of the following ancestors: Martin Ebsworth, Ruby Ebsworth, Rita McKellar, Una Hartnett, Laura Dixon, and Madeline Hines to convene and facilitate a meeting of the Wongkumara People native title claim group pursuant to its functions under section 203B(1)(a) of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

The **WONGKUMARA PEOPLE native title claim group** is currently described as the biological children of the following persons: **Late Albert Ebsworth and Rose Ebsworth, Late Martin Ebsworth, Late Alfred Edward Ebsworth, Late Michael Dixon, Late Roy Dixon, Late Edna Joyce Leonard, Late Anthony Dixon, Late Warwick Fernando, Late Beverley Fernando, Late Laura Dixon, Late Paul Dixon, Late Claude Dixon, Late Albert Ebsworth, Late Hector Bates, Late Rita McKellar, Late Clifford Hartnett, Late Cyril Hartnett, Late Shirley Edwards, Late Darcy Edwards, Late John Hartnett, Late Bernard Edwards, Late Ruby Johnson, Late Rhonda Williams, Late Kerrin Johnson, Late Roy Johnson, Late Gladys Edwards, Late Gladys Johnson, Late Ron Johnson, Late Elene Shepherd, Late Edith Edwards, Late Iris Edwards, Late Roger Edwards, Late Arnold ("Picaninie") Ebsworth, Late Martin Ebsworth, Late Cecil ("Nocka") Ebsworth, Late Alma Ebsworth, Late Jean McKellar, Late Gerald McKellar, Late Thomas McKellar, Late Janice Dennis, Late Arthur Ebsworth, Late Madeline Hines, Late Eileen Hines, Late Jeannie Hines, Late Rita ("Georgina") Hines, Late Malcom ("Pierce") Hines, Late Ray Hines, Late Lucy Harding.**

This Notice INVITES all members of the **Wongkumara People native title claim group** (as described above) to an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday 15 June 2013

Venue of Meeting: Dubbo RSL, Cnr Brisbane & Wingewarra St, DUBBO NSW

Time of Meeting: Registration - 9:00am
Meeting Opens - 9:30am SHARP

The purpose of Authorisation Meeting on Saturday 15 June 2013 is to:

1. consider the decision making process of the group;
2. consider possible amendment of the native title claim group description (subject to advice provided) by identifying and describing the apical ancestors of the current described claim;
3. consider the continuing authority of the Applicant and, possibly appoint or make provision for the appointment of a new or replacement applicant (section 251B Native Title Act);
4. consider appointment of new legal representation; and
5. provide instructions to the applicant.

All members of the **Wongkumara People** native title claim group who intend to attend the meeting are requested to contact the Queensland South Native Titles Services Client Relations Unit on 1800 663 693 to register their intention to be present at the meeting.

Queensland South Native Title Services regrets to advise that it is unable to assist attendees with travel or accommodation assistance, however morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meetings.



Rights on UN agenda



THE human rights of indigenous peoples in Australia and across the world were under the spotlight at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) at UN headquarters in New York last week.

There were discussions about health, culture and education.

Indigenous People's Organisation (IPO) Network Australia co-chair Brian Wyatt said legal issues should be high on the agenda.

"Across the world, and especially in Australia, there is an appalling overrepresentation of Indigenous peoples in the criminal justice and child protection systems," he said.

"This is having devastating effects on indigenous communities the world over.

"We suggest the issues need be studied in tandem because of their clear links.

"Indigenous children in care and protection often come into contact with the juvenile justice system and then, in turn, the adult criminal justice system.

"There is a need for improved, standardised and aggregated data collection regarding criminal justice and child protection on a global level, to adequately understand the issues and put attention where it is most needed.

"We also need to better understand the impact it is having on our communities."

Mr Wyatt said nine recommendations had been made to the forum relating to indigenous health, with a strong focus on the need for indigenous peoples to have control over health service delivery.

He said the IPO had also made an intervention on education,



Australian delegates at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) in New York.

urging members to ensure knowledge and contemporary social circumstances of indigenous peoples are embedded in the curriculums of education systems.

The IPO also put forward four recommendations in relation to culture, acknowledging the need of indigenous peoples to retain control over their genetic resources, intellectual property and traditional cultural expressions.

Mr Wyatt said many countries were still falling behind in recognising the rights of their indigenous peoples.

"The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007 by the UN General Assembly was a historic milestone in the international struggle by the world's indigenous peoples towards acknowledgment and respect of their rights to development," he said.

"However, we remain

concerned that some countries are not doing much more than paying it lip service.

"In Australia, the declaration is not even mentioned in the National Human Rights Action Plan or considered to be one of the human rights standards against which the rights of indigenous peoples can be measured."

Mr Wyatt said the IPO had made two key recommendations to the UNPFII to address these issues.

"All countries need to embed human rights training and education into their bureaucracies, including regular updates on the rights and standards contained in the declaration and their relevance at the national and local levels," he said.

"We also recommend that each country commit to developing a national strategy with their indigenous peoples to give full effect to the declaration."



At the UN, from left, Professor Ngiare Brown, Lisa Briggs and Matthew Cooke from the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.



Australian delegates Kirsten Gray, Brian Wyatt, Tjanara Goreng Goreng and Amala Groom.

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To all current members, please be advised there is a MEETING OF MEMBERS

to be held

21st JUNE, 2013 at 4.30pm

At the DUNGHUTTI ELDERS COUNCIL

AGENDA:

1. WELCOME
2. CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING (13/12/12)
3. FINANCIAL REPORT
4. LIFT ME UP HIRE / NEW TENANTS SINCE 04/03/13
5. JOHN BOSWELL UPDATE (DEC LAWYER)
6. DUNGHUTTI LAND CLAIM
7. EXTRA EXTERNAL BUILDING: (new shed built on vacant block)
8. WHAT PROGRAMS WOULD MEMBERS LIKE TO SEE RUN OUT OF DEC?
9. MIDDLETON STREET SHOP: FOR SALE. (potential for community training purposes)

4.12 PROXIES:

A member who is entitled to attend and cast a vote at a general meeting may appoint another member (but not non-member) in writing as a proxy to vote for the member at a specified meeting. A proxy's authority to vote for a member at a meeting is suspended if the member is present at the meeting. A member must not exercise a proxy for more than 1 other member.

For an appointment of a proxy to be effective the document appointing the proxy signed and dated by the appointing member must be received by the Corporation at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Proxy forms are available at the DEC office



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As part of the M4 Managed Motorway project Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) proposes widening on and off ramps in some locations along the M4 Motorway between Lapstone and Church St, Parramatta.

RMS invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places on the M4 Motorway between Lapstone and Church St, Parramatta to register to be consulted.

To register your interest, please contact:

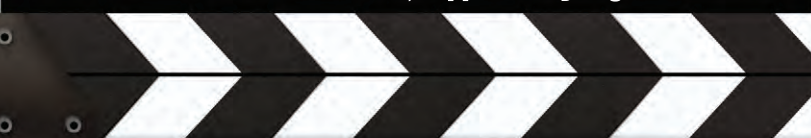
Mr Barry Gunther,
Senior Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor,
PO Box 973, Parramatta CBD NSW 2124 via
phone (02) 8849 2006, fax (02) 8849 2886 or
email: barry.gunther@rms.nsw.gov.au

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by
Thursday 20 June 2013.

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
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Central Land Council chair Maurie Ryan addresses the rally with support from Muckaty Traditional Owners Penny Phillips and Bunny Nabarula.



More than 200 people took to the streets of Tennant Creek to protest against a nuclear waste dump planned for Muckaty Station north of the town.

Protest over NT nuclear dump move



MUCKATY Traditional Owners (TOs) and their supporters have rallied in Tennant Creek to protest

plans for a nuclear waste dump on land north of the town.

Organised by the Beyond Nuclear Initiative (BNI), the rally drew support from the Central Land Council and members from Unions NT, who travelled from Darwin in a mini-bus to show their support.

The rally marked six years since the Federal Government identified the Muckaty site despite ongoing protests from many of the surrounding TOs.

TO Diane Stokes thanked the visitors at the rally for their support, and called for the CLC to take control of land as far north as Elliott from the Northern Land Council (NLC).

"We were saying before about the boundaries to be put back now because Central Land Council is very strong on

helping us out, supporting us in getting the boundary back to Elliott," she said.

Recently elected CLC chairman Maurie Ryan told the gathering that the council supported their protest, adding it was on 'a collision course' with the NLC over how it had handled the Muckaty nomination.

BNI spokesperson Natalie Wasley said the protestors recognised the proposed dump was not just an issue for the Northern Territory.

'Election issue'

"This is shaping up to be a very important issue in the NT for the federal election and so that was expressed very strongly at the rally, that people are going to be knocking (on) the doors of all the candidates and asking where they stand and are they going to stand up for the Territory on this issue," she told the local ABC radio.

Ms Wasley later told the

Koori Mail that after six years no-one was planning to give up the fight.

She said the Muckaty campaign had outlasted many federal ministers, the most recent being Martin Ferguson, who announced he would retire at the next election, along with NLC chief executives. She said the community was more determined than ever.

"The community is absolutely resolute and they're not going to back down," Ms Wasley said.

She said the Federal Court case, brought by TO Mark Lane Jangala and other TOs over the dump selection process, was ongoing, with a directions hearing expected this month, and pre-trial evidence expected to be taken in Darwin this September.

She said Gary Gray, who was appointed Federal Minister for Resources and Energy following the resignation of Martin Ferguson, had so far been silent on the issue.



Traditional Owners and others at the Tennant Creek protest march.



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RESEARCHING RIGHT WAY: Ensuring good health research practices for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members, researchers in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, key stakeholders, and anyone who has an interest in ethical health research practices for our mob are invited to come along and have a say in how health research should be conducted in your community.

The Lowitja Institute, in partnership with AIATSIS, is hosting a national round of community consultations to assess the following current guidelines on behalf of the National Health and Medical Research Council:

- *Values and Ethics: Guidelines for Ethical Conduct in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research*
- *Keeping Research on Track: A guide for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples about health research ethics*

These two documents currently shape the way that health research is conducted in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities all over Australia. Help us make sure that they serve the needs of you and your community.

For dates and venue details, please go to: www.lowitja.org.au/evaluation-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-health-research-ethics. The consultations will be held at the following locations during July and August 2013.

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| • Adelaide | • Hobart | |
| • Brisbane and Cairns | • Perth and Broome | • Thursday Island |
| | • Sydney | |

The consultation team will also be available to conduct face-to-face interviews or by phone. A survey will also be available through Lowitja.org.au. For more details about this project, please contact Ray Lovett at AIATSIS: ray.lovett@aiatsis.gov.au, or Mary Guthrie at the Lowitja Institute: mary.guthrie@lowitja.org.au



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Applications are to include a covering letter, a detailed current CV and an ILC Cover Note (located on the ILC website) and should be in "MS word" format. Further information may be requested if you are selected for interview.

Applications close at 5:00pm Friday 14 June 2013. Applications should be emailed to vacancies@ilc.gov.au or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Human Resources, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652, Adelaide SA 5001

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

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Kim takes out ACT achiever award



CANBERRA woman Kim Peters, pictured, has taken out the 2013 ACT and Region Indigenous High Achiever Award. The student management and compliance officer at the Australian Indigenous

Leadership Centre was named winner at the recent Indigenous Excellence Awards dinner in the national capital.

Ms Peters previously worked with Lowana Youth Services, where she developed an Indigenous education package.

The awards are organised by the ACT and Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Tourism Industry Council ACT and Region, Habitat Personnel, and the National Disability Coordination Office. They serve to showcase the Territory's Indigenous

high achievers while highlighting Indigenous education, training and employment efforts across the ACT and the surrounding region.

Celebrity chef Mark 'Black Olive' Olive, of LifeStyle Channel's *Outback Cafe*, was the chef for the evening.



Participants in the Walkatjurra Walkabout getting ready for the last 4km into Leonora. Photo by Kerrie Ann Garlick

Wiluna walk ends

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



MORE than 70 people, including a dozen rangers, have completed a three-week walk from Yeelirrie to

Leonora in Western Australia to demonstrate their opposition to uranium mining in the state's Goldfields.

Along the way, they celebrated and learned about culture and country.

The walk comes just months after the Federal Government gave a significant but not final approval for the proposed Wiluna uranium mine – the first project to get this level of approval in WA.

Kado Muir, chairperson of the WA Nuclear Free Alliance (WANFA) and a Ngalia Traditional Owner, said the walk had been about building alliances with the green movement, the unions and Aboriginal communities.

"Each step we take is a step towards a nuclear-free future for our communities," he said.

Walkatjurra ranger Vicki McCabe said her ancestors had walked on the land for many years, "and, like they said, they might have kept it to

themselves... you know, about this uranium".

"Us mob now we going to just say no to it because a lot of our old people have passed on and it's all for us now to keep it going, to make it stop," she said.

Ranger Zach Walker said the walkers didn't want 'the stones leaving our country and hurting someone on the other side of the planet'.

"In the end we feel responsible for it, if we allowed it to go ahead," he said.

"That's why we can walk across country; you are proving ownership by walking across your own country."

Resistance

Walk organiser Marcus Atkinson, from the Anti-Nuclear Alliance of Western Australia (ANAWA), said there was growing resistance to uranium mining in Australia and overseas.

"People from France, Finland, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Scotland and Germany have joined this walk as part of a growing and united international campaign against the whole nuclear industry," he said.

At the Walk launch, Greens senator Scott Ludlam said it was important for people,

especially politicians, to travel to Wiluna and listen to the Elders.

He said the uranium in the ruptured Fukushima reactors in Japan came from Australia, and this highlighted the importance of the Walkatjurra rangers' message.

A report jointly commissioned by ANAWA and Senator Ludlam's office examined the viability of mining company Toro's Wiluna uranium proposal.

It suggested that achieving a positive 'net present value' would require low mine closure costs, structural changes in the long-term uranium contract price, reduced Australian exchange rates, cost easing in the mining sector, and better efficiency in mining, milling and recovery rates so it stays on schedule, within budget and without technical snags.

"The chance of all these factors occurring is very low," ANAWA member Mia Pepper said. "The Toro project represents risk at every stage. It is a risk to the environment at Lake Way, a risk to shareholders and investors and a risk to WA taxpayers."

"It is time for Toro to come clean on the full costs of the Wiluna project."



Mia Pepper speaking at the Walkatjurra Walkabout launch, with Kado Muir (seated right). Photo by Elizabeth Murray

Mentally ill people dying earlier



MENTALLY ill people can lose 30 years of life because of physical health

problems, and politicians say it's a national challenge.

Hosting the first summit on the issue in Sydney recently, NSW Mental Health Minister Kevin Humphries said a more integrated approach to health care was needed across the country.

People with severe mental illness live between 10 to 32 years less than the general population and many suffer from heart-related problems, diabetes and obesity.

At the same time, they have less access to the health services they need.

"It is a significant – but avoidable – toll, and it would be to any government's shame if we were to ignore it," Mr Humphries said.

Federal Mental Health Minister Mark Butler said it was a 'very pressing issue'.

"This is something that reflects very poorly on our health and social policy systems," he conceded.

The summit had drawn attention to things that 'we could quite easily do' to provide better coordinated physical care for the mentally ill, Mr Butler said.

Screened

People should be screened for basic things like glucose levels when they first saw doctors or arrived at hospitals, and followed up later to make sure they were using any treatments.

"The system knows how to do this. The funding streams are in place. There is clearly, though, a very serious lack of coordination in the system," Mr Butler said.

As an example, Mr Humphries said about 70 per cent of people with mental illness smoked.

"We know we can do better," he said, citing success in closing the gap on Aboriginal life expectancy.

National Mental Health Commission chair Allan Fels said the physical health of people with mental illness was a scandal that had received almost no attention.

Speaking ahead of the meeting, he called on the ministers to set targets and work together to reduce early deaths, saying smoking, poor nutrition and physical inactivity had a major impact on health.

Some antipsychotic medications also contributed to the likelihood of developing chronic physical disorders, he said. – AAP



Mapoon children and locals at the memorial unveiling with MP David Kempton (representing the Premier), Dutch Ambassador Annemieke Ruigrok, Qld Governor Penelope Wensley, President of the Netherlands Senate Fred de Graaf and Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council Mayor Peter Guivarra.

Cape community holds celebration



THE first Aboriginal people to set eyes on Europeans more than 400 years ago in far north Queensland may have thought they

were looking at ghosts.

The Cape York community of Mapoon held celebrations on 27 May to mark the opening of a new memorial to commemorate the area of first contact between Aboriginal Australians and Europeans, in 1606, and the handing over of the Deed of Grant in Trust (DoGT) to the Old Mapoon Aboriginal Corporation.

"Mbu'u (ghost), mbu'u!" tribesmen are believed to have yelled, upon spotting those aboard the Dutch ship *Duyfken* off Mapoon, north of Weipa, in 1606.

A memorial to commemorate this first contact was unveiled last week on the outskirts of the small community of Mapoon, as representatives of the Dutch Government and monarchy and local Aboriginal people looked on.

Relations between the two groups weren't so friendly in 1606.

According to a 1623 report written by a Dutch sailor, who had access to the original *Duyfken* journals, Aboriginal people threw spears at the ship, fatally injuring one of those on board.

"(The locals) would have been standing behind trees looking at the ship from the river mouth or coastline," historian Geoff Wharton said.



Traditional Dancers Samantha, Maria and Rachel performing at the Mapoon celebration.

"They probably saw the white skins of those on board and said to each other: 'mbu'u, mbu'u' or 'ghost, ghost'," he said.

Mr Wharton said the *Duyfken*, owned by the Dutch United East India Company, would have sailed from Indonesia and was likely looking for trading opportunities.

Tjungunji Elder Harriot Flinders said her descendants would have been frightened of the Dutch.

"They might have thought they were ghosts," she said.

"They were angry and speared one of them in the foot."

Dutch Ambassador to Australia Annemieke Ruigrok said those aboard *Duyfken* wouldn't have

known Aboriginal people had lived in Australia for thousands of years.

"And the Aboriginal people would not have known the proud tradition of the Dutch," she said.

"This was an encounter of incomprehension... two very different strands of human history interconnected and a new story began for both."

Cheers broke out when the Deed of Grant in Trust was presented to members of seven tribes from Mapoon, handing back 130,000 hectares of land.

Polly Smith accepted the deed on behalf of the Tjungundji, Yupangathi, Taepithiggi, Mpakwithi, Yupangathi, Warrangku and Attambaya peoples.

"On one hand we are overwhelmed by the sadness of the past and forced removal of our people," she said.

"On the other hand we are overwhelmed by the recognition that comes with this deed."

In 1963 and 1964, under the Government's assimilation policy, residents were forcibly removed from the town by police and all their homes were burned to the ground.

It wasn't until the 1970s that people started to return to the town and rebuild.

There is now a shop, school, council buildings, conservation centre and hall in the community, which is home to a few hundred, including some who were removed and have returned home.

"Under the laws of our people we belong to our land," Ms Smith said.

"It is this connection to our land for which our people have found courage and unity."

Mapoon Mayor Peter Guivarra said Traditional Owners had been trying to get their land back for many years.

"We have frequent meetings and one of the things that always comes up is, 'When will we own our land again?'" he said.

"Our community here has had what you might call a difficult history and was only formally recognised in 2000, so this is a very big thing for us as well."

– With AAP

Nostalgia on cafe menu

Story and photo by
LAURELLE PACEY



MEMORIES came flooding back for many at last month's opening of the Price's Cafe living art exhibition in Moruya on the NSW south coast, the first event in this year's Eurobodalla River of Art Festival.

The exhibition, held at Moruya's Mechanics' Institute until 26 May, celebrated Price's Welcome Cafe in Moruya as the social hub for Aboriginal people along the coast in the 1950s and 1960s.

It recreated a section of Price's Cafe, held talks of shared history, highlighted the challenges of Aboriginal people of that time, and included video interviews with those with memories of the cafe.

It also provided fascinating glimpses into the country cafe scene of that time.

The project is based on an original idea by leading South Coast artist Cheryl Davison, prompted by conversations with local Elders.

Aunt Dorrie Davis said at the opening that Phyllis and Tom Price and their daughters Ella and Pauline quietly demonstrated acceptance 'that we were all part of one community'.

South East Arts chair Lyndy Hume said that sometimes when people hear a story, they can see it as a film, and that's how it was when she first heard about Price's Cafe.

"I could hear Jimmy Little singing in the shop, the colours, the families, their laughter,



● Above: Shieanne Callaghan, of Eden, left, her mother Kim Aldridge and sister Chevonne Callaghan in front of a photograph in the Price's Cafe exhibition of Kim's father Jimmy Aldridge and mother Shirley Bell, and aunt Liddy Aldridge and uncle Ossie Stewart. Kim said they were all regulars at the cafe.



● Left: Catherine Miller (nee Davis), of Figtree, left, her sister Doris 'Dorrie' Moore (nee Davis), of Moruya, Pauline Grant (nee Price) and Ella Cameron (nee Price).

listening to rock and roll on the jukebox, the hearty meals... and, as the name says, everyone

was welcome at Price's Cafe. The Prices were much loved by the local Aboriginal

community," she said.

Ms Hume said Price's Cafe was a regional story, not just

Moruya's. In the 1950s and 1960s, Friday was pay day for the mostly Aboriginal bean and pea pickers on farms around Moruya, Bodalla and Nerrigundah. They would go to town and meet up with friends and family in Price's Cafe to have a chat, a good feed, relax and dance to the jukebox.

Not many doors were open to Aboriginal people in those days, but Price's was open to everyone.

Aboriginal people also moved between Nowra and Victoria mainly by bus which stopped at Price's, so it was also a meeting place for those travelling north and south, many of whom were related to locals.

The Price 'girls', Pauline and Ella, who continued to operate the cafe into the 1990s, were thrilled if somewhat overwhelmed by the whole proceedings. Ella could almost hear her mother saying 'What next...'

Topping the night's nostalgia were Jimmy Little's grandson James Henry singing some of his grandfather's songs and local dancer Milika Blackie-Smith performing a hybrid jive/hip hop/breakdance to *Let's Twist Again*.

Price's Cafe was the first project in South East Arts' new three-year Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Action Plan.

It was produced by South East Arts and supported by the Federal Government's Indigenous Culture Support Program and Arts NSW as well as many sponsors.

The intention is to tour the exhibition along the coast and to other regions.

Social survey in bureau spotlight

People urged to enrol



THE Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) Round Table on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics is helping to shape data collection on Indigenous Australians.

At a recent meeting in Alice Springs, the Round Table discussed topics for the 2014 national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social survey, perspectives on homelessness and ways of overcoming Indigenous disadvantage.

ABS National Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics director Julie Nankervis said participants had come from as far away as the Torres Strait, Tasmania, and Broome to provide advice for the social survey.

"They discussed leadership and governance, what they thought was important, role models, access, active membership of community and Aboriginal groups and being about to influence decision making," she said.

The social survey is held every six years and collects in-depth information over a broad range of topics. "It will cover health, smoking and alcohol, cultural questions, connections to country, access to Elders and go into much more depth in social issues than the census," Ms Nankervis said.

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"Concepts such as home will be explored and the importance of home and family, having support and care around people.

"Often with Indigenous people, there's always room for one more in the household, so what does that mean for caring and support?"

"What we would like to do is explore those

concepts of home and find out more about them."

The Productivity Commission presented a report in Alice Springs about overcoming Indigenous disadvantage.

ABS director of special social surveys Fiona Shalley said members of the Round Table were pleased to provide input.

"The group was incredibly engaged around the value of statistics to their own people as a way to track their progress and to help plan their children's future," she said.

"We're excited by the level of contribution from this group and encouraged that their input is from people who have considerable grassroots experience in working with their own people."

The ABS says input from the Round Table will be combined with information from other stakeholders to help ensure the content is relevant to the needs of government and community and start data collection in August 2014.



THE Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is calling on Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people aged 18 years and over to enrol to vote so they don't miss out on having a say at this year's Federal election.

Electoral Commissioner Ed Killesteyn said Indigenous Australians were less likely to enrol to vote than other citizens.

"One vote can make a difference and I encourage all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to enrol and to encourage their friends and families to do the same," he said.

People may pick up an enrolment form at any Australia Post outlet, Centrelink or Medicare Service Centre.

They can also enrol online at www.aec.gov.au/Indigenous

Delegate stories shared



Office of Environment and Heritage Aboriginal Heritage and Conservation officer Alice Williams at Delegate.



FAMILIES travelled hundreds of kilometres last month to share stories about the Delegate Aboriginal Reserve in southern NSW, which was declared an Aboriginal Place in 2012.

About 80 people attended the celebration, which was organised by NSW Office of Environment and Heritage manager southern region Paul House.

"The McLeod sisters, Donna and Sharon, were instrumental in establishing this Aboriginal Place and everyone gathered was moved by their touching stories," he said.

"The local Aboriginal community, the Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council, and Bombala Shire Council all worked together to put this nomination forward to the Minister for Heritage and the Environment."

Delegate Aboriginal Reserve was used for meeting, camping, teaching and resource collection by the Ngarigo, Monaro and other local Aboriginal people of the region. It is in Ngarigo Country and was a government-managed Aboriginal reserve between 1892 and 1957.

Mr House said protecting a traditional Aboriginal high country meeting place and former Aboriginal reserve was important to help people maintain their connections to country.

"Acknowledging Delegate Aboriginal Reserve as an Aboriginal Place preserves its history without hindering the current land use," he said.

"The gazettal ... is a modern example of recognising an area's shared history and the relationships between Aboriginal people and settlers, which continue today."



Donna and Sharon McLeod worked hard to establish the Delegate Aboriginal Place.

NPWS Aboriginal Discovery ranger Les McLeod travelled from Sydney to share the day. Photos by Lucy Morrell



Muru Mittigar's future in carbon



ABORIGINAL advancement organisation Muru Mittigar has entered the carbon economy. The Western Sydney-based (Darug) organisation was the successful bidder for an Indigenous carbon farming initiative it believes will result in much-needed economic development.

The Muru Mittigar Carbon Farming Project aims to develop carbon farming skills within the organisation, allow the organisation to develop resources and training programs that will assist other Aboriginal groups to effectively engage in carbon farming, and develop skills to assess and factor carbon initiatives into future land acquisitions.

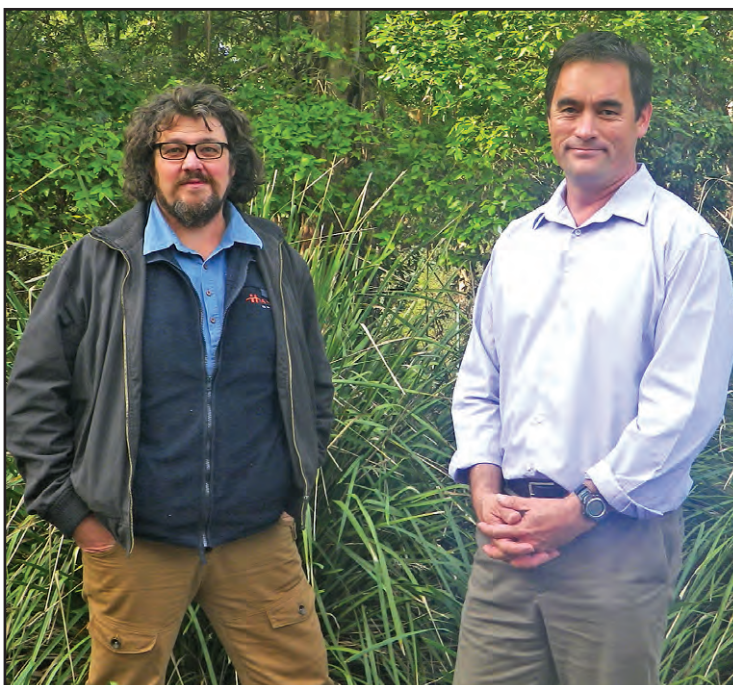
Muru Mittigar strategic programs manager Shaun Hooper said a key outcome of the project was to develop an engagement

model which set a precedent for Muru Mittigar, other land councils or Aboriginal groups to generate their own income as land owners.

"They can negotiate on their own terms with government and industry to secure the carbon rights for their land and in turn, develop their own economic development program to create local employment opportunities for their community," he said.

"This may include maintaining and looking after their land using cultural practice and strengthen their connection with country."

"Muru can provide follow-up business mentoring, implementing programs such as the Aboriginal ranger training package, Indigenous community finance and other specific 'opportunity programs' proven as a successful blend of Indigenous social and economic development at Muru Mittigar and its partnership approach."



Shaun Hooper, left, and Peter Chia from Muru Mittigar.

Govt portal to provide fast access



A NEW online portal has been launched to give people easier, faster access to secure digital government services.

Human Services Minister Jan McLucas said myGov would enable people to access their online accounts in Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support as well as their eHealth details and give veterans and war widows/widowers access to their records.

"With a myGov account, people can link new services and make claims, view their payment histories and update their personal details," she said.

"People lead busy lives and need to be able to access government services in a way that suits them."

The 1.3 million people who use australia.gov.au to access their online government services will be transferred to the myGov system.

Further details are available at my.gov.au



High-profile Indigenous and national leaders gathered at Federation Square, Melbourne, for the walk including, from left, Greens Senator Rachel Siewert, Recognise spokesman Aden Ridgeway, Lowitja O'Donoghue, Michael Long, Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin. Visible in the background are former minister Fred Chaney, Opposition Leader Tony Abbott, Federal Minister Peter Garrett and Professor Mick Dodson.

Relay on road to acknowledgment

By DARREN COYNE



AS you are reading this story, a group of Indigenous people and their supporters is walking or riding somewhere in central Victoria, heading towards South Australia.

The group set off from Melbourne last Sunday on what is being billed as the Journey to Recognition, a relay across Australia to build momentum towards a referendum to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution.

Essendon AFL great Michael Long – fresh from taking part the night before in the annual Long Walk event he instigated nine years earlier to highlight Indigenous issues – kicked off the Journey to Recognition walk on 26 May, saying it was time for change.

"The momentum will grow and grow as it (the journey) travels throughout Australia," Mr Long told the *Koori Mail* just before setting off.

"It's important that we should be acknowledged in the Constitution and that has got to start somewhere. Hopefully by the time this journey finishes people will know what this is all about."

The Journey to Recognition will wind through every state and territory before ending at the Garma Festival in Arnhem Land.

Both Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Opposition Leader Tony Abbott pledged their commitment to the



Aboriginal actor and MC for the day Aaron Pedersen with Recognise campaign director Tim Gartrell.

cause, as have many other politicians and high-profile supporters.

Ms Macklin predicted that the people's movement towards recognition would result in an overwhelming vote of yes.

"We are investing \$10 million towards the Recognise campaign, led by Reconciliation Australia, to continue to build community support for constitutional change," she said. The minister said more than 137,000

Australians had already registered their support for constitutional recognition, and this year's Federal Budget included \$1.3 million over two years to support the movement.

Mr Abbott said it was not about changing the Constitution, it was about 'completing the Constitution'.

Recognise campaign director Tim Gartrell told the *Koori Mail* the journey was about inspiring and uniting all Australians.

He said that initially a walk around Australia had been proposed, but because of the time frame some legs would be completed by bike or car to ensure the journey arrived at Garma in August.

"We could walk across the Nullarbor and only meet 500 people, so some sections like that we will take cars," he said.

Meanwhile, the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has also supported the journey.

Congress CEO Lindon Coombes said changing the Constitution would remove discrimination and recognise Indigenous people and cultures.

"Both the journey itself and the proposed changes to the Constitution will mark new highpoints in Australian history and we should all be part of them," he said.

"We encourage our mobs to check out the journey if it comes through your town or community and take the chance to yarn with family and friends about Constitutional change."

To follow the journey, go to recognise.org.au/thejourney

More Journey to Recognition launch photos on the next two pages

Journey to Recognition



Greens Senator Rachel Siewert and Reconciliation Australia chief executive Leah Armstrong.



Recognise spokesperson Aden Ridgeway with Recognise supporter Srinand Yalamanchili.



Misha Schubert, from the Recognise campaign, with Aaron Pederson.



The walkers make their way from Federation Square down to the banks of the Yarra River in Melbourne.



● Above left: Aboriginal Elder Lowitja O'Donoghue with World Vision chief executive Tim Costello at the launch.



● Above: Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin with her partner Ross Turner.



● Far Left: University of Melbourne Professor Kerry Arabena was among the walkers.



● Left: Federal Minister Peter Garrett and former Victorian Premier Steve Bracks.

Journey to Recognition



A sea of 'Rs'... A section of the crowd with their Recognise signs in Melbourne.



Alice Kemble, who works for Minister Jenny Macklin, with former Northern Land Council CEO Kim Hill.



Tasmanian singer Dewayne Everettsmith performs.



Didgeridoo player Matthew Weegberg, of Lalor, leads the walkers across a bridge.



Uncle John Baxter addresses the crowd.



Aboriginal leaders Jackie Huggins and Aden Ridgeway in Melbourne.



Professor Mick Dodson with his daughter Shannon Dodson.

ACT schools and community members came together for Canberra's National Sorry Day bridge walk on 24 May. Photo by Rebecca Gallegos, courtesy RA



A day for tributes and remembering

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ON 26 May 1998, the first National Sorry Day was held to mark the tabling in Federal Parliament of the

Bringing Them Home report.

The watershed report from the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families chronicled the effects of past removal policies, enforced for 150 years up until the 1970s.

Those directly affected by such policies – known as the Stolen Generations – and their families and supporters felt strongly that the personal stories in the report and its recommendations around acknowledgement and apology, reparations, compensation, healing, and more should not just simply sit on shelves gathering dust.

Some 16 years on, and five years after the National Apology by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, that resolve remains.

And so it was that Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians took time on 26 May for personal reflection and activities including bridge walks, morning teas, flag raisings, memorials, pledge events and storytelling.

As in previous years, there were tributes to the Stolen Generations and a focus on education about their traumatic



Students from St Clare's College took part in the Canberra walk. Photo by Rebecca Gallegos, courtesy RA

experiences, the ongoing quest for justice, and resilience and healing.

In the nation's capital, an unprecedented number of people – about 500 – walked together over Canberra's Commonwealth Avenue Bridge.

The event was supported by

the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC), Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service, ACT Government Health, and Reconciliation Australia.

Important steps

Winnunga Nimmityjah CEO Julie Tongs said such events were

important steps in healing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"We feel the impact of the Stolen Generations every day at Winnunga," Ms Tongs said.

"Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people still suffer from the effects of

intergenerational trauma. They feel distressed, angry and isolated from a loss of family and culture.

"Sorry is a significant part of healing for our people and it's important for non-Indigenous Australians to show their support so we can move forward together."

Reconciliation Australia (RA) CEO Leah Armstrong said the bridge walk represented the journey of healing and justice that Stolen Generations members continue to face.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said National Sorry Day was an opportunity for Australians to celebrate the strength and resilience of the Stolen Generations, and to reaffirm their shared commitment to healing and reconciliation.

The NSDC held an online launch of its school resource 'Learning about the Stolen Generations', designed to support teachers and schools holding culturally appropriate and engaging events that mark National Sorry Day and the Apology anniversary, and to assist teachers adapt to changes to the Australian curriculum to teach the history of the Stolen Generations.

Membership of the NSDC's Schools Program is free and is open to all Australian schools and educators. More information can be found at www.nsd.org.au

More National Sorry Day coverage on the next four pages

Moving speeches in Perth



NOONGAR
journalist
Narelda
Jacobs and
her father
Cedric

Jacobs gave moving speeches on National Sorry Day at a special ceremony in Perth, Western Australia. Mr Jacobs and his younger brothers were stolen and subjected to brutality after being taken away. Ms Jacobs wore the purple native hibiscus, or desert rose, which is the commemorative floral emblem of the Stolen Generations. The Sorry Day event in Perth was organised by Bringing Them Home WA. Photo by Mark Binns



Ceremony at USQ



USQ Fraser Coast nursing lecturer Julie Martyn makes a promise in the Sorry Day Pledge Book.



USQ Fraser Coast Indigenous business student Joseph Donaldson entertains the audience.



UNIVERSITY of Southern Queensland (USQ) Fraser Coast staff, students and Butchulla Traditional Owners gathered to commemorate National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation

Week. Indigenous dancer Richard (Joe Joe) Gala opened the one-hour tribute with a welcome to country dance and whale song on didgeridoo.

Campus executive manager Brett Langabeer also gave a welcome and invited all gathered to make pledges of reconciliation in the Sorry Day Pledge Book.

He said USQ Fraser Coast had long had a strong affinity with the Butchulla people. The Hervey Bay campus sits on land where the Traditional Owners used to live, and the university had commemorated the work of Elder Aunty Olga Miller, a historian and writer, by

naming a garden on campus after her.

"In 2010 the university also honoured the work of local Elder Aunty Marie Wilkinson who was named a fellow of the university which recognised her long association with the USQ and particularly for her support and guidance to Indigenous students studying at Fraser Coast," Mr Langabeer said.

USQ vice-chancellor Professor Jan Thomas said National Reconciliation Week and National Sorry Day were significant milestones on the road to reconciliation.

"We have come a long way, but there is still a lot of work to do," Prof Thomas said.

"National Reconciliation Week is an opportune time for us to come together to acknowledge our shared history and celebrate our cultures.

"It gives us a chance to express our commitment to working together to improve current conditions and close the gap of disadvantage."



USQ Fraser Coast students Madison Chapman (sitting) and Denika Lye make a pledge.

Richard (Joe Joe) Gala entertains the audience with a whale song on didgeridoo.



Funds boost for NT corporation



THE Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation is to receive \$27,500 from the Federal Government.

NT senator Trish Crossin said the funding was being allocated from the Your Community Heritage program.

"The NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation does great work in our community, and this funding will assist them in sharing the history of the Kahlin Compound, an important part of Darwin's story of the Stolen Generations," Senator Crossin said.

She said 2013 marked the 100th year since the establishment of Kahlin and it was an important heritage site that deserved national recognition, being the first compound for Aboriginal people in Darwin.

"This is a great result for our community; the next step would be justly recompensing members of the NT Stolen Generation," she said.

Senator Crossin said the project would help communities to record, protect and share their heritage.

"Community heritage is about making sure we preserve the stories of our community which attach to particular places," Senator Crossin said.

"This grant helps preserve and tell the story of the Kahlin Compound which is an important part of understanding the history of Darwin."

"To really appreciate the story of our country it's not just the milestones that are in textbooks, it's the stories that live and breathe in every community."

Senator Crossin said the Federal Government was supporting 228 heritage projects around Australia.

Melbourne



Zoe Upton and Auntie Eva Jo Edwards at the Melbourne commemoration.



MC for the Melbourne commemoration Bryan Andy.



Zoe Upton, of Connecting Home, delivers her address.



Mandaway Dutton playing the didgeridoo at Teralba Park.

150 gather at Teralba Park



ABOUT 150 people gathered in Brisbane's Teralba Park on National Sorry Day for an early morning service. The park is the site of a plaque installed in 1998 by Brisbane City Council because of its closeness to the former Enoggera Boys' Home, where Aboriginal boys were placed after being taken from their families.

With Mandaway Dutton playing didgeridoo and Dimple Bani on guitar, the simple ceremony involved readings, personal stories, singing and prayer.

Among the speakers, Auntie Bessie Parsons told how her own mother was taken from her grandmother, who had her first children – twins – at 13, and her fourth child at 16. All were the result of rape at the station where she had been placed, and all were taken away, except her last child.

Others spoke of the importance of recognising Sorry Day as it provided an opportunity for



Auntie Amy Atkins, left, and Auntie Flo Watson telling their stories at the gathering. Photos by Leon Stepowski

solidarity with other Australians.

The gathering was organised by the Teralba Park Commemorative Site Support Group.

Secretary Glenine Hamlyn said group members were keen to reach out even further next year to promote the event as an opportunity to practise reconciliation.

For information on the group, contact Christine Wellington-Stuart on 0400 854 781 or Glenine Hamlyn on 0448 123 802.

event at Bunjilaka



MEMBERS of the Stolen Generations who never made it home were remembered at a function at the Melbourne Museum on National Sorry Day, organised by Connecting Home in partnership with Bunjilaka Gallery.

The gathering of more than 100 Indigenous and other people heard personal stories from members of the Stolen Generations.

Because of the location of Bunjilaka, welcomes to country were performed by Aunty Carolyn Briggs, who represented Boonwurrung traditional owners, and Aunty Di Kerr, representing Wurundjeri traditional owners.

A wreath of red, yellow and black flowers was laid and a minute's silence observed in respect to Elders who had passed away, and to remember those members of the Stolen Generations who never made it home.

MC Bryan Andy introduced a number of speakers, who told about their experiences as part of the Stolen Generations.

Zoe Upton, a Palawa woman, spoke about the trans-generational effects of removal and her family's removal from Oyster Cove to Cape Barren Island, while Aunty Alice Solomon spoke about her direct experiences of being removed and eventually meeting her brothers and sisters.

Organisers of the event said both of the stories were very emotional and conveyed the importance of Sorry Day to the audience.

Cultural roots

Connecting Home chairperson Ian Hamm spoke about the effects he had experienced being removed and the importance of families and children understanding their cultural roots. He also talked about the work of Connecting Home, which includes case management, education and research, healing programs and community engagement.

There was entertainment from the Seven Sisters dance group and the Skin Choir, who had performed at the MCG for the Dreamtime at the G game the night before.



Welcomes to country were given by Aunty Di Kerr (Wurundjeri), left, and Aunty Carolyn Briggs (Boonwurrung).



Pictured at Bunjilaka with Aunty Eva Jo Edwards are Victoria Police's Leading Senior Constable Sandy McIver, Senior Sergeant Steve Lefebvre and Sergeant Scott Davis



Connecting Home chairperson Ian Hamm.



Aunty Alice Solomon. Photos courtesy of Connecting Home



Alkira Edwards paints the flag on Alister McKeich's face.



Damian O'Keefe, from Reconciliation Victoria, and Aunty Eva Jo Edwards, from Connecting Home.

Constitutional recognition is fundamental, says Rudd

By RUDI MAXWELL



FORMER Prime Minister Kevin Rudd believes that until Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are recognised in the Australian Constitution the nation will have unfinished business. Speaking to the *Koori Mail* when he visited Lismore, northern NSW, recently, Mr Rudd said the apology had enabled a level of emotional healing for some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but there was still much to be done.

"I believe there was also a change in the attitudes of non-Aboriginal Australians," he said. "I sensed for the first time a genuine melting of hearts and an opening of the windows of new possibilities of all Australians working together on closing the gap (CTG)."

Mr Rudd said the annual report of CTG measures each year on the anniversary of the Apology was an important tool for governments to see what programs were – and were not – working.

"The good news is, five years on in the last report, in five of the six measures there has been real advance; the strongest of which was meeting our first target to ensure that all Aboriginal kids of preschool age would be in preschool now, and they are," he said.

"On the others, there is a whole lot of work to be done, particularly in secondary school achievements in literacy and numeracy."

"Healing of the heart is important, practical stuff in closing the gap is important and there's a huge distance still to travel."

Bundjalung Elder Reverend Dorothy Gordon said she admired Mr Rudd, particularly for the Apology.

"I follow him every time he's on TV and for the gutsy way he speaks up on behalf of Aboriginal people," she said.

"He was militant to go and do that. He spoke out where sometimes the church was silent."

Mr Rudd said that as well as focussing on school outcomes for Indigenous children, he would like to see the number of



Former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Bundjalung Elder Reverend Dorothy Gordon at a Labor Party dinner in Lismore

Indigenous people at university increase.

"If we are getting the education attainments of Indigenous kids right, then they are going to stay on the straight and narrow," he said.

"The kids that fall by the wayside are kids that have poor or non-existent literacy and numeracy."

Rev Gordon said she felt it was important that Indigenous Australians were recognised in the Constitution.

Page MP Janelle Saffin, who chairs the Parliamentary Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and is a member of the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples,

said much was being done to advance the cause.

Mr Rudd said constitutional recognition was fundamental to the legal obligations to Aboriginal people.

"Surely Australia, by 2013, has the national political material to recognise that the First Australians were here first – that's what constitutional recognition is all about," he said.

"And non-Aboriginal Australians should be proud of the fact that we have in this country the oldest living continual culture on earth – it's not a bad claim. Let's constitutionally entrench it and advertise it to the world. That's why I think it's unfinished business."

Foundation welcomes allocation



THE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation has welcomed Federal Government

funding it says will allow it to continue helping communities.

CEO Richard Weston says the Canberra-based organisation will receive \$26.4 million over four years.

"This funding will ensure the Healing Foundation builds on its work with our communities to close the gap through healing," he said.

Initial funding for the foundation, made in 2009-10, was to establish a national organisation that provides practical and innovative healing services as well as education, training and research on Indigenous healing.

Mr Weston said that over the past four years, the foundation had funded more than 90 projects nationwide, focussing on the Stolen Generations, young people, connection to culture and country, and men's and women's healing.

"It has been a privilege to be part of the development phase of the Healing Foundation," he said.

"I look forward to consolidating our work around areas such as Stolen Generations, intergenerational trauma and traditional healing."

In announcing the funding allocation, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said it would help the foundation continue to provide successful projects at a community level that address the past trauma and hurt experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

'Nanna' special guest



LORNA 'Nanna Nungala' Fejo was the special guest at a morning tea organised

by Northern Territory General Practice Education (NTGPE) in Darwin on National Sorry Day. Ms Fejo was the Warumungu woman named by former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in his apology to the Stolen Generations.

"As kids of the Stolen Generation we lived one day at a time, we didn't look into the future," Ms Fejo said.

Born in the late 1920s, she was just four years old when forcibly removed from her family and community at Tennant Creek.

"My mother fretted for me every day until the day she died," she said.

Ms Fejo developed a program still used by health workers today.

The Strong Women, Strong Babies, Strong Culture program, uses pictures as a way of helping Aboriginal people learn about staying strong and growing strong children.

Her family shares that commitment to Indigenous health. Ms Fejo's son Richard is a senior cultural educator for NTGPE, training a generation of doctors that will work across Australia, particularly in remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory.

Additionally, her daughter and granddaughter are doctors working in Australia.

Ms Fejo said family was so important for Indigenous people and important for Australians in moving forward.



NTGPE staff with Lorna 'Nanna Nungala' Fejo during National Sorry Day.



Long Walkers making their way to the MCG.



Bart Willoughby performing.



Randall Silver and his daughter Jessica about to enjoy the footy at the MCG.

Crowd takes the Long way

By DARREN COYNE



THOUSANDS of people took the Long way to the MCG in Melbourne on 25 May to kick off the Dreamtime at the G game.

Former Essendon football star Michael Long led the large contingent of people from Federation Square to the game, following an afternoon of entertainment and community activities.

Next year it will be ten years since Long made his epic journey on foot from Melbourne to Canberra in an effort to highlight Indigenous disadvantage, and place Indigenous issues back on the political agenda.

Since that journey, the walk has transformed into a charity and an annual pilgrimage to the footy, where this year Essendon proved too strong for Richmond, in a match that celebrated Indigenous culture. "It's grown in leaps and bounds," Long told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's obvious that people want to bring about change and they want to do it in their own backyard."

"It was great numbers at Federation Square. There were more people taking part



AFL greets Michael Long and David Wirrpanda on stage.

than ever before. We even ran out of sausages."

During the afternoon, thousands watched performances by the Jindi Worabak dancing group and children from the Ltyentye Apurte drumming group from Central Australia.

Bundjalung performer Blackboi also took advantage of a hiatus on the stage to perform a few songs.

Addressing the crowd, Michael Long dedicated the 2013 walk to the memory of former West Coast Eagles

player David Wirrpanda's mother Margaret.

Mr Long said Margaret, a Dhulanyagan woman of the Ulupna Clan of the Yorta Yorta, had done a lot for Victoria and the Aboriginal community.

He also spoke of former footballer Nicky Winmar's famous gesture in lifting his shirt to point proudly at his black skin back in 1993, saying it had changed the course of history in Australian sport.

"Through the actions of

people like them, the world is a better place," he said.

Before the walk, Mr Long made an appeal to the nation's political leaders to continue to focus on improving the situation for Indigenous people.

"Please don't leave us off the agenda. We have an enormous role to play," he said.

"Let's walk together."

And so they did. After covering the relatively short distance to the MCG, more than 600 of the walkers made their way on to the playing surface to cheers from the crowd.

Amid a fire show and Indigenous dancers, the Yung Warriors sang *Warrior for Life*, followed by performances by Christine Anu and Coloured Stone.

Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Joy Murphy-Wandin gave the welcome to country, and John and Cyril Rioli tossed the match coin in memory of their late brother Maurice.

At half time, Archie Roach sang his *Colour of Your Jumper*, in tribute to Winmar's inspired gesture 20 years ago, and by the end of the game, the Bombers had taught the young Tigers a lesson in footy.

● Game report – see sport



Bundjalung man Tom Avery on stage.



Lisa Parris and Boonwurrung Elder Carolyn Briggs.

More coverage of The Long Walk on the next two pages

The Long Walk 2013



A young one gets a close-up look at the Jindi Worabak dancing group performing at the Long Walk launch in Federation Square.



Performers during the opening ceremony of the Dreamtime at the G game between Essendon and Richmond.



Olympian and Senate candidate Nova Peris with members of the Nova Peris Girls Academy at St John's College Darwin, from left, Nakita Ferber, of Alice Springs, Carelene Budden, of Numbulawar, Daisy Pott, of Doomadgee, Kirara Butcher, of Doomadgee, Estelle King, of Lake Nash, Claire Rogers, of Mt Barnett and Singita Campion, of Katherine, ready for the Long Walk. *Photos on these pages by Darren Coyne and Peter Argent*



AFL greets James Hird and Nicky Winmar at the Dreamtime at the G celebration.



Venus Watson watched the game at the MCG.



Steve Atkinson, Tanya Way, Jane Walsh and David Lamb were there.



Archie Roach was among the performers at the Dreamtime at the G game.

The Long Walk 2013



Children from Central Australia's Ltyentye Apurte drumming group had the launch crowd dancing and clapping.



Melbourne's Radio 3KND station manager Peter Rotumah has his say.



Essendon Players run through the Long Walk banner at the Dreamtime at the G game in Melbourne.



Alkira Edwards and Eva-Jo Edwards, of Melbourne.



Jean Hudson and Janet Long, of Alice Springs.



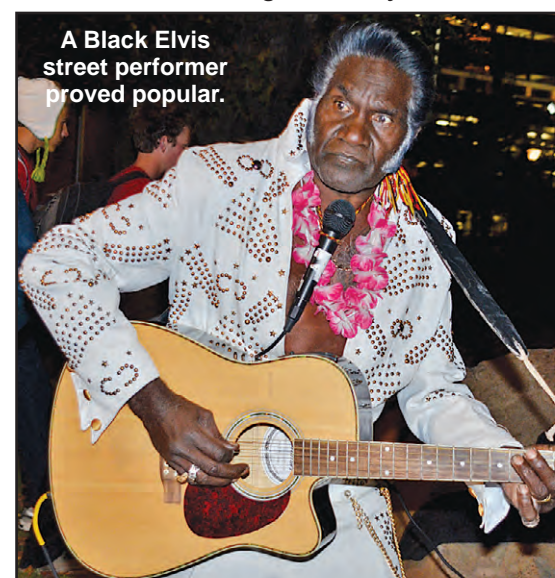
Tamba Wortley, of Shepparton, Des'rae Atkinson, of EchUCA, and Jedda Atkinson, of Melbourne, at the game.



Maroochy Barambah at the game.



Michael Long is interviewed by Shelley Ware from the Marngrook Footy Show.



A Black Elvis street performer proved popular.



Shannon Dodson, from the Recognise movement, speaks in Federation Square.

National Reconciliation Week



Victorian singer Liz Cavanagh (second from left), with NRW ambassadors comedian Kevin Kropinyeri, comedian and broadcaster Meshel Laurie, and actor Miranda Tapsell at the Melbourne launch. Photo by Steven Rhall, courtesy RA



Cairns Mayor Bob Manning with local hip-hop dancers at Cairns launch.

Photo by Brian Cassey, courtesy RA



FROM flags to flash mobs, the launches of National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2013

were heartening affairs.

The theme of NRW (held from 27 May to 3 June) this year was 'Let's Talk Recognition', providing an opportunity for all Australians to recognise the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the nation.

The theme also reflected current moves to recognise Indigenous people in the Australian Constitution. A precursor to NRW was the launch on Sorry Day, 26 May, of the Journey to Recognition, a relay across Australia to build momentum towards that push.

A day later, NRW was officially launched with simultaneous flash mobs in a chilly Federation Square in Melbourne and on a considerably balmy Cairns Esplanade.

Yorta Yorta woman Monica Morgan, comedians Kevin Kropinyeri and Meshel Laurie, *Sapphires* star Miranda Tapsell and Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell attended the Melbourne event, while Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong, the inaugural chairperson of the former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Evelyn Scott, Aboriginal hip-hop star Naomi Wenitong and Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo's daughter Gail Mabo joined in festivities in Cairns.

"The people of Cairns have

Recognition on agenda



Lord Mayor Robert Doyle, Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell and Reconciliation Australia co-chair Dr Tom Calma at the Melbourne NRW launch. Photo by Steven Rhall, courtesy RA

embraced reconciliation and understand better than most the critical importance of the rich and ancient cultures of Australia's First Peoples," Ms Armstrong said.

"Cairns is a tourist town and one of the key reasons tourists

want to come here is to experience the beauty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

"This important relationship between the regional economy and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is perhaps one of

the reasons why Cairns Regional Council has developed a very comprehensive Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

"I congratulate Cairns and the Mayor for playing a leading role in the reconciliation movement in regional Australia

and look to other regional centres to follow suit.

"...Cairns has formally recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in its RAP and now is the time for the country to do the same via our Constitution."

A variety of NRW events was held throughout the country. In Napranum, Cape York, the local men's group held a two-day camp; in Darwin the Larrakia Nation hosted the inaugural World Indigenous Network Conference; the Australian Indigenous Surfing Titles were held at Victoria's Bells Beach; some of the original *Sapphires* joined the public for a Reconciliation breakfast in Adelaide; and the AFL's Fremantle Dockers played in special Aboriginal-designed jerseys in their Reconciliation Week game against the Adelaide Crows.

The beginning and end dates of NRW commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum, which saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census, and the High Court Mabo decision, which legally recognised that Indigenous Australians have a special relationship to the land that existed before colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for a form of title called native title.



Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong, inaugural chair of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Evelyn Scott, and reconciliation advocate Jackie Huggins in Cairns. Photo by Al Harris, courtesy RA



Gimuy Yidinji people holding photos of their ancestors during the welcome to country at the Cairns NRW launch. Photo by Brian Cassey, courtesy RA



Smoking part of SkillsTech celebrations



A TRADITIONAL smoking ceremony was performed at the SkillsTech Australia Acacia Ridge Training Centre in south-east

Queensland in celebration of National Reconciliation Week.

SkillsTech Australia Institute director Mary Campbell said that by observing the ceremonial custom, they shared the culture of ancestors and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land.

"The \$200 million development of trade training facilities were completed last year and the smoking ceremony will cleanse the new buildings of unwanted spirits released from the upturning of the earth during the construction of the new buildings," Mrs Campbell said.

The ceremony was performed by Elders Wayne Saunders and Buster Seden, with other Elders from the Logan community.

Dancers from the Wagga Dance Company performed, and children from the Murri School at Acacia Ridge also danced.

SkillsTech Australia trains more than 400 Indigenous students and is currently offering a fully funded course for a pre-apprenticeship Certificate I in Construction to Indigenous adults, 25 years of age and over. For more information, contact the Indigenous liaison and support officer on (07) 3244 0472.

● **Pictured left: The Wagga Dance Company performed at the event, introduced by local Elder Aunty Peggy with music played on traditional drums by local Elders.**

Sydney Uni joins in



THE University of Sydney celebrated Reconciliation Week with a host of public events, including

free public talks on racism and constitutional recognition, a guided tour of Indigenous artefacts at the Macleay Museum, and a video exhibit that explored what it's like to be an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student at the university.

Deputy vice-chancellor (Indigenous strategy and services) Professor Shane Houston said the university was immensely proud of its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.

"People have been teaching and learning on what are now the grounds of the university for tens of thousands of years," he said.

'Passionate'

"Just as we are the university that produced the nation's first male Aboriginal graduate (the late Charles Perkins) and that was the starting place for the ground-breaking Freedom Rides in 1965, we are passionate about moving ahead in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander higher education with genuine changes to attitudes, policy and practice."

Star of the hit ABC TV series *Redfern Now* Aaron McGrath addressed more than 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from 18 schools, who visited for the fifth annual Indigenous Students Experience Day and a further 60 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11 and 12 attended the university's flag-raising ceremony.

An aerial view of the Sea of Hands installation at the University of Sydney as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags fly. Inset top, University of Sydney deputy vice-chancellor Professor Shane Houston plants a hand in the university's Sea of Hands installation and, inset above, children from the Darlington Public School Choir plant a hand in the installation after performing in the university's flag-raising ceremony.



Guests and scholarship winners at the Arrow RAP launch in Brisbane, from left, Sam Thaiday, Luana Saunders, Jemila Darr, Max Mitropoulos, Yarrndji Ingra, Nicholas Campbell, Margaret Hornagold, Scott Gale, Meg Richters, Daniel Lee, Rhys Duke, Page Maracic, Glenda Viner, Nathan Corporal, Andrew Faulkner, William Paulson, Auntie Valda Coolwell, Mitchell Lewis, Allanah Hunt, Elyce Wykes, Alex Dyball, Stacey Budby, Leisa Elder, Lauren Roth, Shannon Bowe, Tania Carlos, Tasmyn Menzies, Troy Johnson, Ebony Jackson, Dean Sarra, Katie Sullivan, Minister Glen Elmes, Andrew Felkel and Justin Hodges.

Gas company launches action plan



COAL seam gas company Arrow has launched its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) – the first for the industry in Queensland.

Reconciliation Australia endorsed the Arrow RAP, which includes students initiatives, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recruitment and retention plan with mentoring and professional coaching, and a 1.75 per cent Indigenous employment target for Arrow's workforce by 2015.

Arrow CEO Andrew Faulkner said the

RAP added to the company's record of Indigenous capacity building.

"In the last 12 months alone, Arrow has created some major partnerships to benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the present and the future," he said.

Scholarships

"We have established tertiary scholarships for 25 people (see report page 64) in six Queensland universities and have provided bursaries to 69 central Queensland and Western Downs high

school students through the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation.

"Another 30 high school students are being trained through the new Arrow Energy Brisbane Broncos Indigenous Vocational Program, three students have full boarding school scholarships through Yalari, and we launched the Whanu Binal program to provide skills and knowledge to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and individuals wanting to work in the CSG industry.

"Our history of action shows Arrow

to be serious about Indigenous reconciliation."

Arrow says it already has more than two dozen Indigenous land-use agreements with Traditional Owners, including the Barada Barna, Birri, Jangga, Wiri, Darumbal, Jetimarala, Kabalbara, Southern Barada, Yetimarla, Bailai, Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, Barunggam, Bigambul, Cobble Cobble, Emon, Iman, Jarrowair, Mandandanji, Northern Gomerioi, Western Wakka Wakka, Yarowair, Yeeman, Wulli Wulli, Ewamian, Gudjala and Yirendali peoples.

Lismore RAP is a first



LISMORE City Council (LCC) has become the first local government in the Northern Rivers of NSW to launch a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Launched last week during National Reconciliation Week (NRW), the RAP includes changes to the council's Aboriginal employment strategy with a targeted increase in Aboriginal employment until 2017.

LCC community services coordinator Annie McWilliam said the council would deliver Aboriginal cultural awareness training for all staff, facilitate NRW and NAIDOC Week events with the Aboriginal community, and develop a supplier diversity policy to ensure Aboriginal businesses are considered in procurement processes.

"The RAP will ensure every council employee is imparted

with a knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal culture," Ms McWilliam said.

"This understanding, combined with concrete practical actions like changing our Aboriginal employment strategy, is reconciliation that is not just symbolic but promotes long-lasting, attitudinal, behavioural and institutional change."

LCC is developing a new project called Embracing the RAP to provide a model that other Northern Rivers councils can use to develop their own plan.

"Through Embracing the RAP, we hope to see a groundswell of support from our local councils who wish to be part of meaningful change," Ms McWilliam said.

"We are perfectly placed to show leadership on the issue of reconciliation, and by introducing the first local government RAP in the Northern Rivers we are setting a benchmark for others to follow."

'The RAP will ensure every council employee is imparted with a knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal culture'



At the RAP launch, from left, Lismore City Council general manager Gary Murphy, community services coordinator Annie McWilliam, Mayor Jenny Dowell and road construction leading hand Leon Bolt.

Giants back Lend Lease scheme



TO mark National Reconciliation Week, Lend Lease and the AFL's Greater

Western Sydney (GWS) Giants announced a new program to encourage young Indigenous people to finish school and assist them with the transition into further education and the workforce.

The Career Futures Program aims to provide leadership and development programs to Year 9 and 10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students in western Sydney who are identified as at risk of leaving school early.

Lend Lease chief financial officer Tony Lombardo said it was important for business to improve employment opportunities for Indigenous people.

"Lend Lease's vision for reconciliation and engagement is one in which all our employees acknowledge and celebrate the proud heritage of Australia's Indigenous community, as well as promoting opportunities for career development, sustainable business growth, and economic participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians



GWS Giants AFL player Shaun Edwards with Chifley College students and their artwork.

within our sector," he said.

The Career Futures Program will be held over terms two and three for 40 students from Chifley College Shalvey Campus and Cranebrook High School.

The program comprises a seven-week course presented by role models including local Indigenous people and players from the Giants, assisted by the National Aboriginal Sporting

Chance Academy (NASCA), Wirrimbi Designs and the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience.

Students will attend weekly sessions covering topics

including leadership, public speaking, self-confidence, cultural art and interview skills.

They will also be taught life skills through dance with the Indigenous Hip Hop Project.

Redland sends a message



REDLAND City Mayor Karen Williams unveiled artworks by local Aboriginal artists and a message of commitment to the

Quandamooka people at Cleveland library during National Reconciliation Week

"The Quandamooka people are the original inhabitants of the Redlands and so this project will recognise the important role Aboriginal culture plays in the Redlands," Cr Williams said.

"This cultural significance will be reinforced by the reproduction of artwork *Baby Wobbegong* from local Aboriginal artist and long-time resident Belinda Close. This piece of art shows the beauty of the wobbegong using rich colours and Aboriginal art techniques.

"Our commitment is part of council's 2030 community plan and recognises the important role the Quandamooka people play in the history of the Redlands."

The new meeting rooms were unveiled at an event that included

local dignitaries, Elders and Aboriginal artists.

"The larger room will display a series of photos of local Elders and a number of local Aboriginal artworks to represent the rich Aboriginal history of the Redlands, along with council's statement of commitment to the Quandamooka people. This meeting room will be available for use by residents," Cr Williams said.

"The smaller meeting room will be called the Mil Binnung room which translates to 'listen and to observe'. It will feature a photo of Dr Robert ('Uncle Bob') Anderson along with the speech he gave at the consent determination hearing when native title was granted in 2011."

Photos of local Elders will make up a permanent wall display.

The council's Reconciliation Week activities also included the dedication of a welcoming space in the library, with art from local Aboriginal artists Craig Tapp and Dean Tyson, as well as Aboriginal books and magazines so people can learn more about Aboriginal culture.



Dr Robert (Uncle Bob) Anderson addresses the audience at the Redland City Council National Reconciliation Week event in the new meeting room featuring photos of Elders.

One man buys whole art exhibition



A SINGLE buyer has paid more than \$200,000 for a collection of works by artists from Western Australia's East Kimberley on show in the Chinese city of Shanghai.

The *Our Living Land* exhibition, a collection of 41 paintings by 24 artists from Waringarri Aboriginal Arts and the Warmun and Kira Kiro art centres, was

bought by Shanghai business leader Wu Puingai. The exhibition was presented as part of an official event in Shanghai to mark the diplomatic relationship between the WA Government, the community of Kununurra and investment company Shanghai Zhongfu, a major partner in the East Kimberley Ord Expansion project.

Artists Peggy and Dora Griffiths, Agnes Armstrong and Louise Malarvie travelled to

Shanghai to share their stories with exhibition audiences.

WA Culture and the Arts Minister John Day said the interest shown in exhibition would hopefully result in more opportunities to show Aboriginal art in China.

"The proceeds from this sale will assist Waringarri Aboriginal Arts to provide continued support to artists in the East Kimberley, and the outcome demonstrates

the pivotal role that culture and arts can play in fostering and celebrating trade and diplomatic relations," he said.

Mr Day said Shanghai Zhongfu and the WA Department of Regional Development and Lands had invited Waringarri Aboriginal Arts, the first Aboriginal-owned art centre in the Kimberley region, to prepare the exhibition and support the tour.



Jon Bell

Workshop deadline is 1 July

UP-and-coming Indigenous screenwriters from northern NSW have until 1 July to submit their applications for a three-day residential workshop in Lismore from 15-17 August.

The Northern NSW Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Screenwriters Workshop will assist up to 17 emerging writers to develop their skills, with a focus on writing for television.

Jon Bell, whose TV series *The Gods of Wheat Street* is due to air on ABC later in the year, will be one of the 'guides' working with the workshop participants.

He said the success of *The Sapphires* and the ABC TV show *Redfern Now* (for which he also wrote) showed Australia was opening itself up to black stories.

"Blackfellas are natural storytellers, and there's a story behind everything," he said. "We're in a really, really good place. It's taken a long time and a lot of hard work, but we've finally got here."

"We could probably do with a few more blackfellas on *Home and Away*, but our stories are getting told."

Bell's short film *The Chuck In*, which follows three 16-year-old boys who concoct an elaborate plan to buy a 'carton of liquid gold', will have its world premiere at the Sydney Film Festival.

Applicants don't need to have television writing experience, but must submit a sample of their written work as part of the application. For more information go to www.screenworks.com.au. The screenwriters' workshop is supported by Screenworks, AFTRS and Foxtel.

Pedersen stars in Sen's new movie

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



FILMMAKER Ivan Sen says his latest work may be a genre film – a murder mystery – but the story is still

told 'very much from an Indigenous perspective'.

Mystery Road, which Sen wrote, directed, shot, edited and scored, will open tonight (5 June) at the Sydney Film Festival and sees Aaron Pedersen playing an Indigenous detective, who returns to his remote home town after time spent away in the big city.

During the course of his investigations into the murder of a teenage girl, Pedersen's character is alienated from both the local police force and his own community, including his daughter.

"He's a cop, but the Indigenous side is a huge part of who he is," Sen said. "He's caught between two cultures, so from the very beginning that sets him up with a dilemma. He's actually trying to do something for his own people, but they still see him as a copper. So there's that balance."

The reluctant local police force depicted in *Mystery Road* is drawn from Sen's own experience. A distant female relative of his was found murdered, and the crime never solved.

Sen also made the 2007 documentary film *A sister's love*, which followed Rhoda Roberts reliving her twin sister's murder.

"Rhoda was basically being the detective in that, because the cops weren't doing the job," Sen said.

"Another cousin of mine, a teenager, she was found dead and the cops did next to nothing."

"(*Mystery Road*) has been inspired by lots of stories. It's something that's been going on for a long time – that negativity towards (solving) crime against Indigenous people."

"There's a lack of connection to Indigenous people in general from the majority of the police force."

After finishing his acclaimed 2011 feature film *Toomelah*, Sen originally had his sights set on a story focusing on teenage girls in



Aaron Pedersen in *Mystery Road*.



Hugo Weaving, as one of the local cops, and Aaron Pedersen in *Mystery Road*. Photos supplied

Moree for his next project.

But then he decided it was veering too close to '*Toomelah* territory'.

"It may have turned out quite differently, but I didn't want to risk it," he said.

"I wanted to go a whole step

away from *Toomelah*. I had an earlier idea of an Aboriginal cop in the city, dealing with the same conflicts that the character in *Mystery Road* does."

"So I took that idea, which I had a long time ago, and meshed it with the idea of the teenage girls in Moree."

Pedersen, who cut his teeth on television playing detectives, was always the actor that Sen had in mind for the role.

"He's arguably the most experienced Indigenous actor, if we're talking TV-wise, so he knows how to portray a certain presence, especially a policeman," Sen said.

"The big thing was he was really able to get into the Aboriginality (of the role) and really express that, which I don't think he's had an opportunity to do before on TV ... so he got to express himself in a whole different way to what's been seen before."

● Other Indigenous films screening as part of the Sydney Film Festival include the short documentary *Children Playing*, where a group of children from a small Indigenous community in the Kimberley take the audience on a tour of their town and its surroundings. The film won Best Achievement in Indigenous Filmmaking at the St Kilda Film Festival.

Michelle Blanchard's short film *Aboriginal Heart*, will also be screening alongside Sofia Coppola's latest film *The Bling Ring*.

Bangarra staging community events



Students from St Patrick's College during the recent Koori Kids Day during the Melbourne season of *Blak*.



BANGARRA Dance Theatre will have a community performance

of its latest production *Blak* in Sydney tomorrow night.

The company will host a series of events aimed at inspiring and engaging up to 500 Indigenous Sydney-siders, especially youth.

And a Bangarra Koori Kids' Day will be held at the Sydney Opera House from 12.30pm next Wednesday 12 June.

Bangarra artistic director Stephen Page said the dancers were great role models for Indigenous young people.

"They come from diverse backgrounds, some from remote and others from urban communities," he said.

"Each of them is part of the contemporary expression of over 40,000 years of



Bangarra dancers with students from Parkdale Secondary College. Photos by Greg Barrett

continuous cultural practice. They help young people to see the value of rekindling their culture and being

proud of their identity."

Low-cost tickets are available for tomorrow night's community performance and

the kids' day at the Opera House. For details, go to community@bangarra.com.au or phone (02) 9251 5333.

TSI centre renovation on schedule



THE \$4 million Gab Titui Cultural Centre renovation project on Thursday Island is on schedule, with a reopening celebration planned for July.

The centre has been closed since December for renovations to the building's exterior, interior gallery spaces and the surrounding grounds.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chairman Joseph Elu says the works are a major step forward in developing Gab Titui's profile as the gateway to Torres Strait culture and art.

"The first stage of the renovations created improved access to the building with a disability ramp, new public amenities, viewing platform and renovation of the main gallery's western wall to reduce heat and improve the display and storage environment," he said.

"Stage two works began in January and include renovations to the interior of the building, upgrading existing display areas to museum standards and refitting the centre's shop."

Mr Elu said an outdoor



TSRA chairman Joseph Elu: "The reopening will mark a new chapter for the Gab Titui Cultural Centre and the communities of the Torres Strait."

performance area was also being created, including the construction of an undercover stage.

"This outdoor area is an important space for community involvement in the centre – for members of our communities to share knowledge and skills, stories and to encourage youth

in culture and art," he said.

A major reopening celebration will be held over three days next month. The celebrations will include the 2013 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award and the centre's latest Cultural Maintenance exhibition, *Keriba Ad/Ngoelmun Gidhal: Our Stories*.

"*Keriba Ad/Ngoelmun Gidhal* is an exhibition of cultural objects chosen and generously loaned by the communities of the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area," Mr Elu said.

"It is an introduction to the region, narrated by the communities of the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area through their choice of artefact."

Activities will include traditional and contemporary art skills workshops, the launch of Seaman Dan's biography and Pat Mau's CD, as well as a film night, the official launch of Torres Strait documentary *Ailan Kastom*, and performances by visiting dance teams.

"The reopening will mark a new chapter for the Gab Titui Cultural Centre and the communities of the Torres Strait, which we're eager to share with the public," Mr Elu said.



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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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NATIONAL FILM & SOUND ARCHIVE



Culture is on display at markets

Story and photos by
Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander culture is showcased to visitors from around the world and many parts of Australia at the Indigenous Night Markets held in Cairns.

The markets are organised by far north Queensland peak Indigenous arts and cultural organisation UMI Arts, which covers an area that extends north of Cairns to include the Torres Strait islands, south to Cardwell, west to Camooweal and includes the Gulf and Mt Isa regions.

The *Koori Mail* was at the markets held along the Cairns Esplanade across from the food precinct late last month.

Entertainment was provided by Aboriginal singers and Badu Island dancers watched by about 1000 locals and tourists. A highlight was more than 20 stalls at which Indigenous crafts were sold.

The *Koori Mail* spoke to four of the stallholders, including Murray Island artist Tatipai Barsa, who lives in Cairns.

Tatipai displayed his artwork featuring fish, sharks, crabs, mud skippers and other marine life.

"I use acrylic paint on

canvas and tourists from many places including overseas stop here which is great," he said.

Joel Sam, of Saibai Island and Bamaga descent, had pearl shell craft at his stall.

"I make clocks, sea horses, dugongs and lots of other things and have been making them since I left TAFE in 2004," he said.

Yarrabah Aboriginal man Garth Murgha has his own company, Native Creations, and was busy showing his craft to tourists.

"I make didgeridoos, firesticks, spears, clapsticks, bullroarers, woomeras and emu callers and also canvas paintings. I get to as many markets as I can," he said.

Carvings

Kel Williams, a descendant of the Gugu Yimithur and Gugu Yalanji peoples from the Cooktown and Laura, sells wood carvings.

"I make boomerangs and use rainforest wood for my carvings of barramundi and kangaroos. It has a beautiful wood grain and is soft to carve. It is good to have an opportunity for us to display our work at these markets," he said.

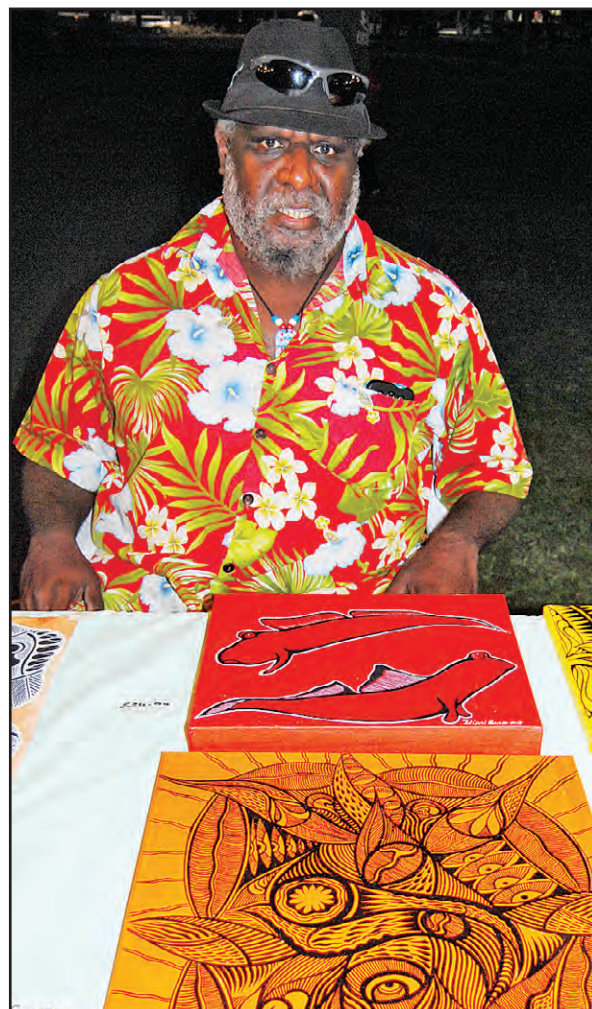
● UMI Arts, with the Queensland Government and CIAF Presents!, will host the Big Talk One Fire Concert on the Cairns Esplanade at Fogarty Park on 16 August.



Garth Murgha at his stall.



Kel Williams with some of his craft.



Tatipai Barsa displays his art.



Joel Sam with pearl shell craft at his stall.

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Full program for Barunga



GURRUMUL and John Butler will be the headline acts at the Barunga Festival, the largest remote

community festival in Australia.

The festival, from 7-10 June, on Barunga country, 70kms south of Katherine in the Northern Territory, will also feature performances by Thelma Plum, Emma Louise, B2M, Tjupi Band, Lonely Boys and Tom E Lewis.

On the Friday night, Kris Keogh and the kids of Barunga are promising remixes, dance

beats and more. Saturday night is Community Bands Night.

During the day, Barunga festival-goers will be able to listen to the community's women's choir and join in language classes and learn some local Kriol.

In keeping with previous festivals, there will also be a full program of music, sport and culture.

Entertainment

There's a hub of entertainment, food and art at Heritage Park, free kids' entertainment, 40 sports teams

battling it out and local community members teaching the finer points of spear throwing, damper making, didge playing and more at Culture Park.

As the sun sets every day of the program, community members and visitors can sit down to listen to the rhythms of the clap sticks and the chants of the songmen as the dancers gather for bungul/traditional dance.

For more information on the program go to the website www.barungafestival.com.au

Tickets are available at www.moshtix.com.au

NSW Parlt Prize entries open



INDIGENOUS artists in NSW are being encouraged to enter the ninth Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize, which

has a main prize of \$40,000 and up to \$120,000 in scholarships through the University of NSW's College of Fine Arts.

Wanaruah Aboriginal artist Debbie Becker recently attended an information session in Singleton, organised by the Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation and Coal & Allied, which she said helped her understand the application process.

"The prizes that are on offer have the power to change someone's life and career and I'm strongly considering entering myself," she said. "Competitions like this really help promote Aboriginal history and culture and I hope more artists from the Hunter have a go this year."

Wanaruah Heddon Greta-based Aboriginal artist Geordie Perkins said he appreciated the opportunity to get some advice on the selection criteria.

"Opportunities to exhibit your work in venues across the state and in Parliament House don't come along every day, so I'll be spending the next few months preparing my own work to enter this year," he said.

Entries to the 2013 award close on Friday, 2 August. For more information on eligibility criteria and for full terms and conditions of entry, contact Campbelltown Arts Centre on (02) 4645 4100 or by email to artscentre@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au.

An electronic version of the entry form is available from the Campbelltown Arts Centre website www.campbelltownartscentre.com.au



Back, from left, Coal & Allied's Tahlea Walton and Wanaruah artists Denise Hedges and Geordie Perkins. Front, from left, Craig Layer (representing Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation), Wanaruah artist Debbie Becker and Campbelltown Arts Centre contemporary art curator Megan Monte.

Music rangers a step closer



Literacy lecturer Richard Grose, left, and contemporary music lecturer Cain Gilmour (wearing glasses) with music industry rangers, from left, Kieren Multa, Matthew Lewis, Donovan Mulladad, Russell O'Keefe, Jason Butcher, Kerry Bird and Barry Campbell in the music studio at Alice Springs.



THE Northern Territory is a step closer to having music industry 'rangers' thanks to a Charles Darwin University training course being held at Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa) in Central Australia. The rangers – 16 of

them are planned – are part of a university program to develop a more robust Indigenous music industry.

"The ranger training is designed to focus on individuals who are already musically adept and who have the passion and drive to carry the music industry forward in their communities," CDU contemporary music lecturer Cain Gilmour said. "Each of the trainee rangers is already active in a local band and in most cases supports the running of workshops, music

events or rehearsals in their local area.

"Our job is to deliver accredited training that will build confidence, competence and take each participant's technical skills and knowledge to a higher level.

"The training will encompass sound editing, songwriting, event management, advertising and promotion, equipment maintenance, occupational health and language literacy."

Training

The first community-based training was held at Ntaria (Hermannsburg) in April.

"It was exciting to be able to support a talented and motivated group of people," Mr Gilmour said.

Mr Gilmour and fellow VET lecturer Phil Sawyers are in Santa Teresa for the four-week

training bloc. "Santa Teresa is typical of so many of our Indigenous communities in that it houses a significant pool of musical talent," Mr Gilmour said.

The remote delivery program will be in Papunya and Yirrkala later this year, and is planned for eight other communities over the next four years.

Mr Gilmour said the community training program was part of the broader Regional Music Development Program.

"It's an ambitious program with the potential for some great returns," he said.

"Not only will individuals develop their skill sets and increase their employment prospects, but we're supporting the foundations for a culturally unique industry with the impetus to self-propel into the future."

British Council seeks applicants



THE British Council is inviting Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people who have been working in the creative sector for at least five years to apply for its leadership program, ACCELERATE.

Launched at the National Indigenous Arts Awards at the Sydney Opera House on the weekend, ACCELERATE is aimed at artists or managers with a vision of how the opportunity to travel to Britain will help them to develop as a leader and to achieve their career goals.

The 2013 ACCELERATE program is made up of two parts – a weekend intensive course where recipients will undertake leadership development with British expert Mark Wright, of People Create, and the five recipients will go on a fully funded trip to Britain where they will spend time with leading individuals and organisations in their field.

Over the four years the program has been running, recipients have spent time with a range of British organisations including Akram Khan Dance Company, National Theatre Wales, The Royal Court, Timorous Beasties, Heatherwick Studios, Craft Scotland, Serious Productions and Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford.

'Profound'

British Council Australia director Nick Marchand said the opportunities and relationships built through ACCELERATE are 'somewhat unpredictable, but always profound'.

"ACCELERATE fosters a deep and reciprocal engagement between the UK and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia," he said.

Past recipients Alison Page and Kyle Morrison said they achieved a great deal through the program.

Mr Morrison, the artistic director of Perth's Yirra Yaakin Theatre, presented a selection of Shakespeare's sonnets in the Noongar language at the Globe last year.

ACCELERATE 2013 is presented by the British Council and the Australia Council for the Arts in association with Arts NSW, Arts Queensland, Arts Victoria, Department of Culture and the Arts WA, Virgin Atlantic Airways and BT Global Services.

Applications close at midnight on 7 July.

For more information go to www.accelerate.org.au or www.britishcouncil.org.au/art/accelerate

New book proves just the job



A NEW coffee table book celebrating the role art plays in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander jobseekers' lives has been launched at the *Confidence by Art* exhibition in NSW Parliament House.

The works for the exhibition and book were selected from a competition held by training and employment service provider Angus Knight, which runs Jobfind.

Confidence by Art was launched by NSW Indigenous

Affairs Minister Victor Dominello during National Reconciliation Week.

Angus Knight CEO Tom Gibbons said the company was 'proud to showcase the depth of artistic talent we have within the remote communities in which we operate through Jobfind'.

"Jobfind's annual art competition has proven to be very successful in assisting jobseekers develop their artistic skills and personal confidence, which has allowed many of them to achieve employment in their chosen fields," he said.

"The *Confidence by Art* coffee table book and exhibition not only showcase the great talent of the artists, but also their personal stories and cultural traditions that add richness to what they have been able to achieve."

The book and exhibition focus on the positive effects creating art has on Indigenous jobseekers' lives.

It explores the confidence that art, creativity and self-expression can strengthen in people as they progress towards, enter or develop within the workforce or business world.



At the launch, from left, artist Carissa Sengstock, Angus Knight CEO Tom Gibbons, artist Jakeob Watson, Minister Victor Dominello, and artists Patrick Kennedy, Janita Varagnolo, Mary Doherty and Kate More.



WA Sport Minister Terry Waldron with Violet Pickett in front of the late Shane Pickett's artworks, now on display at the Perth Arena.

Shane Pickett's art features at arena



SIX artworks by the late Shane Pickett have been unveiled as the Aboriginal Art collection for the Perth Arena by Western Australia Sport and Recreation Minister

Terry Waldron.

"It's very appropriate that such an important Noongar artist is

recognised in such an important venue," Mr Waldron said.

"Shane's bold works are a fantastic addition to this bold and striking venue and the individual style of his work has a very appropriate home in a venue unlike any other.

"Shane is well known for his balance between tradition and innovation."

Celebrating six seasons



CAN WA, Newmont Boddington Gold and Sodexo staff celebrating the launch of the Noongar Boddington Poles. Front, from left, Graeme Miller, Geri Hayden, Donna Beach and Cheryl Noah. Back, from left, Allan James, Mylene Ragon, Keith Weston, Robyn Moog, Natalie Edmonds, Jaay Taylor, Pilar Kasat, Nicola Davison, Barry Humphries and Chris Thorne.



THE six Noongar seasons are celebrated in a new public artwork at Newmont Boddington Gold in the south-west of Western Australia.

Lance Chadd worked with fellow Noongar artist Donna Beach, community members and mine workers to prepare, design, paint and carve six wooden poles, each representing a Noongar season and featuring the flora and fauna of the area.

Performance

A recent launch celebration included a welcome to country by Noongar Elder Greg Thorne and a performance by the Doorum Dancers.

Officials from poles project partners Newmont Mining, asset management company Sodexo and the Community Arts Network WA also attended.

"It was evident at the launch that the cultural dialogue between Newmont Boddington Gold, Sodexo and the community was enhanced through the project," CAN WA's Pilar Kasat said.

● Pictured right: Noongar artist Donna Beach at work during the pre-installation workshops. Photos courtesy of CAN WA



Eddy wins again



WILCANNIA artist Eddy Harris has done it again, winning the Pro Hart Prize for Hanging Art for the second consecutive year in the Art Unlimited competition at Dunedoo, NSW.

Harris won \$3000 for his acrylic on canvas *Claypan Spirit*, which judge Richard Perram described as 'both spiritual and lively in its use of repeated figures and raised lines'.

The work was chosen from 288 entries in the competition's Hanging Art category.

Harris, a Bakandji man born and raised in Wilcannia, works in three media – painting on canvas, ceramic design and carved wooden artefacts. He teaches art and cultural practice through TAFE and other organisations, and is passionate about using art to tell the stories of his people and promote an appreciation for his culture.

In the early days of his career, Harris was mentored by outback art legend Pro Hart, making the prize



Eddy Harris with Pro Hart's widow Raylee Hart, in front of winning work *Claypan Spirit*.

given by Hart's widow Raylee even more meaningful to him.

Mrs Hart donates the prize in the Art Unlimited competition each year in memory of her husband.

Harris said he was thrilled with the win.

"I feel extremely honoured to have my work recognised. To win two years in a row is just unbelievable," he said.

Four named as Roberta Sykes Scholars



INDIGENOUS women Sarah Bourke, Sharon Davis, Bridget Hughes and Kathleen Jackson are going to some of the world's best universities after being named this year's Roberta Sykes Scholars. The late Roberta Sykes was a campaigner for Indigenous

rights, winning the Australian Human Rights Medal in 1994.

The Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation (RSIEF) continues her legacy and supports Indigenous students to undertake postgraduate study at Harvard and other leading overseas universities.

Ms Bourke, a descendant of the Djaru and Ongkomi people

from Western Australia and also the Gamilaroi people from NSW, will study medical anthropology at the University of Oxford in England.

Ms Davis, a Bardi Kija woman from the Kimberley, will undertake a Masters in Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition, also at Oxford University.

Ms Hughes, a descendant of

the Butchulla people of the Woonduna clan of North Queensland, will study Educational Leadership and School Improvement at the University of Cambridge in England.

And Ms Jackson, a Wiradjuri woman from Gulgong in NSW, will undertake a doctorate program in African and African American

Studies at Harvard University in the United States.

The Roberta Sykes Scholarships are jointly funded by the Federal Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education; Cambridge Australia Scholarships; the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust; and the University of Oxford.



Lauren Gower, who graduated in 2012 with an honours degree in philosophy, shows a recently released graduation pin designed by graduate Jeremy O'Rourke.



Madelena Andersen, who graduated last year with a Bachelor of Music degree, performed at the alumni reunion at Riawunna.

Tas graduates gather

By JILLIAN MUNDY



SINGER-songwriter Madelena Andersen's performance at the recent

University of Tasmania's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates reunion not only highlighted her talent but the doors opened by a tertiary education.

The 22-year-old Hobart woman who graduated last year with a Bachelor of Music majoring in contemporary voice said she would not be doing what she is now without her three-and-a-half years at the conservatorium of music.

"As a songwriter I wanted to gain more skills, and I wanted to increase my palate of ideas and my knowledge on the theory of music," she said. "It's also a great opportunity to find other musicians to work with."

Ms Andersen's original music has been described as quirky and poetic indie-pop, but at the conservatorium she tried out all genres of music.



At the University of Tasmania's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates reunion, from left, Riawunna honorary research associate Leonn Satterthwait, Donna Satterthwait, higher education director Clair Andersen, poet and Elder in Residence Aunty Phyllis Pitchford and Launceston Indigenous higher education officer Becky Hollis.

This year, she is teaching music to school-age children and working on her first EP with her band, all of whom she met while

studying at the conservatorium.

"Teaching is great. I love how interactive it is," Ms Andersen said. "I wouldn't be able to teach

singing or have met all the players without going to university."

Ms Andersen is looking into

doing a Masters in Music Therapy degree next year.

"Often the work is with children with disabilities, or people with brain injuries or learning difficulties, also the elderly or people that are depressed," she said.

"It helps people learn and develop in different ways. Through music and instruments it can create a real sense of group and unity for people who find it difficult to communicate with each other. It's really powerful."

Riawunna Indigenous centre higher education director Clair Andersen said the alumni reunion was about recognising the university's 116 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates from 2011 and 2012.

Ms Andersen said she hoped the full moon on the night of the reunion would be a good omen to the graduates.

As well as Ms Andersen's music, staff and graduates shared a night of reflections on university experiences and food. Another highlight was poetry readings by poet and Riawunna Elder in Residence Aunty Phyllis Pitchford.

Inala wants to help close gap



INALA Cooper wants to help close the gap in Indigenous education. And she has taken a major step to that end, graduating from Monash University with a Master of Human Rights Law degree.

The daughter of distinguished Monash former student, Indigenous advocate, lawyer and academic Professor Mick Dodson, Ms Cooper says she is dedicated to the advancement of the rights of Indigenous Australians.

She works as senior adviser, Indigenous policy and strategy, at Monash University's Yulendj Indigenous Engagement Unit.

"I have no plans to embark on an academic career, despite my dad's best efforts," Ms Cooper, a Yawuru (WA) woman, said.

"I'm going to draw on my skills and talents to try and ensure that more Indigenous people have access to a quality education and that Monash continues to have a human rights focus in creating that access.

"I have had that opportunity and through my work at Monash I am helping create those opportunities for other Indigenous people.

"The person who discovers a cure for cancer, the next astronaut or the next person who sits at the United Nations could be an Indigenous person who has had the chance to excel in their chosen field.

"I know that by working to create those chances is where I can make the biggest difference to the lives of others."



Inala Cooper with her father Professor Mick Dodson, left, and uncle Patrick Dodson.

Doctorate for Grant

By LINDSAY HAYES



WIRADJURI teacher and author Stan Grant, of Narrandera, will receive an honorary doctorate of letters from Charles Sturt University

(CSU) in December. The accolade is in recognition of Mr Grant's 'outstanding contribution to the university's regions, especially to Indigenous communities'.

Mr Grant, 73, has devoted decades to the preservation of the Wiradjuri language and culture, producing a range of teaching resources for use in schools and universities together with his friend, anthropologist Dr John Rudder, of Sydney.

His investiture will take place at CSU's Wagga Wagga campus during the three-day graduation ceremonies, which begin on 16 December.

At this stage, Mr Grant will be the sole recipient of the honour.

He will join an elite group of distinguished Australians awarded honorary doctorates from universities across the nation. Indigenous recipients of the honour include people such as Cathy Freeman and Jimmy Little.

Mr Grant was notified of his doctorate in a letter from CSU chancellor Laurie Willett.

"I am very honoured that CSU would regard me in this way," Mr Grant said.

"CSU made an announcement at the annual Longamar Lecture in memory of my late brother Pastor Cecil Grant at the Albury-Wodonga campus in April.

"Word is out and I am already receiving phone calls of congratulations, but outside of university and Aboriginal education circles it is not widely known.

"While it is nice to get recognition, I don't do what I do to get awards."

The quiet achiever is modest about his accomplishments, which have earned him a swag of honours including an Order of Australia Medal (AM) for service to



Champion of the Wiradjuri language Stan Grant, of Narrandera, is in line for another accolade, an honorary doctorate of letters from Charles Sturt University.

Indigenous education and the preservation of the Wiradjuri language, and the national Deadly Award for Outstanding Achievement in Education.

Most recently, Mr Grant has assisted

CSU to introduce Wiradjuri language programs at the university, which will move up a notch with a new development in the planning.

"A diploma course on Aboriginal

languages will be introduced at the Wagga campus next year and will be offered right through CSU," he said.

"Because it is Wagga, the language will be Wiradjuri. It is proposed that a full degree course will follow. I have been appointed to the CSU diploma course advisory board."

A CSU spokesperson said the Graduate Certificate in Wiradjuri Language and Cultural Heritage was designed to open a way to the university from the certificate offered by Riverina Western Institute and Riverina Institute TAFEs, which was the work of 'Uncle Stan' in the revitalisation of the Wiradjuri language.

Now semi-retired, Mr Grant keeps a busy schedule of teaching and training commitments and welcome to country presentations at functions throughout the Wiradjuri nation.

"I am backing away from the language teaching and presentations to give the young people a go," he said.

"Aboriginal language teachers I have trained are now employed in schools and some are training the future trainers.

"I will continue to produce teaching resources, but leave the teaching to them. It is better they have the jobs."

Mr Grant believes the custodianship of Wiradjuri cultural heritage is in good hands. He said the progression of the language through to the next generation provided a means for young Wiradjuri people to gain employment, and gave him immense satisfaction. This was more than enough reward for his efforts, supported all the way by his wife of 51 years Betty, an author herself.

"I couldn't have done what I've done without Betty. She has been by my side all these years," Mr Grant said.

The devoted couple has four adult children, including Sky News broadcaster, CSU graduate Stan Grant Jnr, and 11 grandchildren.

Exhibition in a container



FOURTEEN Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and former students and staff at the University of Sydney featured in a video exhibition aimed at showing what it's like to be an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person today.

The exhibition, *People Like Us*, was part of the University of Sydney's Reconciliation Week program of public events, and was held in a shipping container installed on the university's Eastern Avenue.

People Like Us was designed to challenge visitors to hear the participants' thoughts, dreams and hopes for the role of higher education in the future of Indigenous communities.

Local and established Aboriginal artists painted the exterior of the container throughout Reconciliation Week.

For Kim Whitely, a Wiradjuri woman from Wellington in central NSW who was profiled in the exhibition, equality in education and the desire to lead by example were the driving passions behind her pursuit of tertiary study.

"I was born in a time when Indigenous people weren't counted as citizens. We were

at the University of Sydney this year, said his mother's education had been inspirational.

"I'm most excited about starting a new chapter, being a little fish in a big pond again and being the first in the family to finish at boarding school, which is a pretty good achievement. I know everyone at home is proud of me and I'm proud of myself," he said.

Bachelor of Science student Jared Field, a Kamilaroi man, enjoyed the opportunity for reflection that university life gave.

"I would encourage

other Indigenous people to come and study at Sydney Uni, but insofar as I would encourage anyone to come here and study. How often do you spend three years dedicating your life to just thinking?" he said.

The 14 short videos were played on multiple screens and headsets in the shipping container.

'...if I can in some way have a hand in allowing Indigenous kids to achieve equality in educational outcomes I'll be really happy'

flora and fauna," she said.

"I'm really passionate about improving outcomes for Indigenous kids because they're unequal, and if I can in some way have a hand in allowing Indigenous kids to achieve equality in educational outcomes I'll be really happy."

Her eldest son Mitch, who started a Bachelor of Commerce



Mother and son Kim and Mitch Whitely, who are students at the University of Sydney, took part in *People Like Us*.

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ANU to run new reward scheme



A NEW scheme that rewards high school students who

undertake Indigenous studies will be run by the Australian National University (ANU).

From next year, ANU will list senior secondary Indigenous studies as a nationally strategic subject. All secondary school students who complete the course will receive five bonus ATAR points when they apply to study at ANU.

Deputy vice-chancellor (academic) Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington said the university was committed to raising the profile of Indigenous studies.

"This step recognises the value of learning about Indigenous experiences, culture and knowledge for university studies across all disciplines," she said.

"I hope that now more states and territories offer students the option of taking Indigenous studies. I hope, too, it will encourage students to see studies in this area as an important part of their future, and the future of Australia."

'Great act'

ANU's Tjabal Higher Education Centre director Anne Martin welcomed the announcement as a 'great act of reconciliation'.

"Students are being encouraged to take Indigenous studies seriously; as an important area of study that has been given huge credibility by the university's support," she said.

"I hope that this will help a new generation of students who will go on to be leaders in their fields; to have a better understanding of what this country was built on."

Indigenous ANU science student Renee Phillips, who did not have the option to take Indigenous studies in high school, hoped the scheme would encourage students to broaden their outlook.

"Many students don't have the opportunity to engage directly with Indigenous culture, but this is a great first step," she said.

Ms Martin said students would gain more than just extra ATAR points from the subject.

"I think they'll find that once they go in and start studying they'll really embrace what they're learning," she said.

"It gives students the opportunity to ask questions about Australia's history, the legacy of that history, where we've come from and where we're going."

Arrow awards scholarships



ARROW Energy has awarded 25 scholarships to Indigenous students across six Queensland Universities.

They were announced during National Reconciliation Week at the launch of the coal seam gas company's Reconciliation Action Plan, in Brisbane.

"We worked with the universities to tailor the scholarships to the specific needs of their local communities," Arrow CEO Andrew Faulkner said.

"These scholarships are a direct and targeted action towards overcoming Indigenous disadvantage in Queensland long-term."

Three of the scholarship recipients study at James Cook University (JCU).

Andrew Felkel, of Ayr, is in the second year of his Bachelor of Engineering at JCU in Townsville. He hopes to use his skills to support disadvantaged communities, especially by developing better housing.

Tasmyn Menzies, of Cairns, is



James Cook University Arrow Energy scholarship recipients, from left, Margaret Blackman, Tasmyn Menzies and Andrew Felkel.

studying for her Bachelor of Science (Ecology) at JCU in Cairns.

"My twin sister Peyton is studying Information Technology at JCU," she said.

"We're the first in our family to



attend university and our family is very proud and supportive."

And Margaret Blackman, of Cairns, has already completed a Bachelor of Business Management and Entrepreneurship degree and is now studying



for her Master of Business Administration.

She says she is committed to the creation of innovative economic development in regional and remote Indigenous communities.

Big graduation for Yuendumu



Batchelor Institute Indigenous students receiving the Certificate 3 in Children's Services at the graduation ceremony in Yuendumu.



EARLY childhood studies students at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous

Tertiary Education were honoured during a graduation ceremony last

month at Yuendumu, in central Australia.

The students were part of the Building the Remote Early Childhood Workforce (BRECW) Project, studying the Certificate 3 in Children's Services through Batchelor Institute.

The graduation

ceremony was part of a career expo organised by the Yuendumu Training Network Group, chaired by Liz Banney.

An educator and trainer living in Yuendumu, Ms Banney also provides educational support for Batchelor students.

One of the Indigenous graduates, Ormay Nangala Gallagher, was recognised for having achieved an Advanced Diploma of Teaching.

Erica Naparrurla Ross, an Indigenous student who received a Certificate 1 in Work Preparation, was

happy and proud for the group.

Another graduate, Mary Napangardi Butcher, said it was important to get a certificate. "It gives us a lot of opportunities and we can teach our kids together, working as a team," she said.

QUT hosts Indigenous winter school



A NEW partnership aimed at increasing Indigenous participation rates at universities in Queensland has been formed. Queensland University of Technology and multi-national company Parsons Brinckerhoff have united to offer the Science and Infrastructure Development

(SID) Winter School, a four-day residential program, at QUT next month for selected Indigenous Australian high school students in Years 9 and 10 from the Moreton Bay region of Queensland.

Parsons Brinckerhoff regional director for Queensland Gerard Ryan said the winter school would recognise and address two major industry challenges.

"In general we need to lift

participation in science, technology, engineering and maths careers, and we also need to encourage Indigenous Australian students into higher education and ultimately into careers related to these disciplines," he said.

'More needed'

QUT Oodgeroo Unit director Professor Lee Hong said more

needed to be done to ensure higher education for Indigenous Australian students was the norm rather than the exception.

"The number of Indigenous Australian students at our universities is not proportional to our Indigenous Australian population in Queensland," she said.

"Through the SID Winter School we aim to show

Indigenous Australian students they can have the same future enjoyed by any other student."

The QUT program aims to introduce students to biological sciences, chemistry, earth sciences and other disciplines which are the starting point for careers in the environmental sciences, information technology, urban development and planning and stakeholder engagement.

Report shows better TAFE results



A NEW report has revealed improved results for Aboriginal students at TAFE NSW.

The report, *Not just a dream: Aboriginal student pathways to higher level qualification in TAFE NSW*, was prepared by a working group chaired by TAFE Western Institute director Kate Baxter.

The report tracked 3014 Aboriginal students aged 15 to 24 over six years from 2005 to 2010 who enrolled in TAFE NSW for the first time in 2005.

It revealed improvements for Aboriginal students in TAFE NSW, including a 90 per cent increase in completions for students aged 15-24 at Certificate II and above.

"The study aimed to identify a range of pathways taken by Aboriginal students, either into higher level qualifications at AQF Certificate III and above, or into employment," Ms Baxter said.

"The study also identified the critical factors that assist

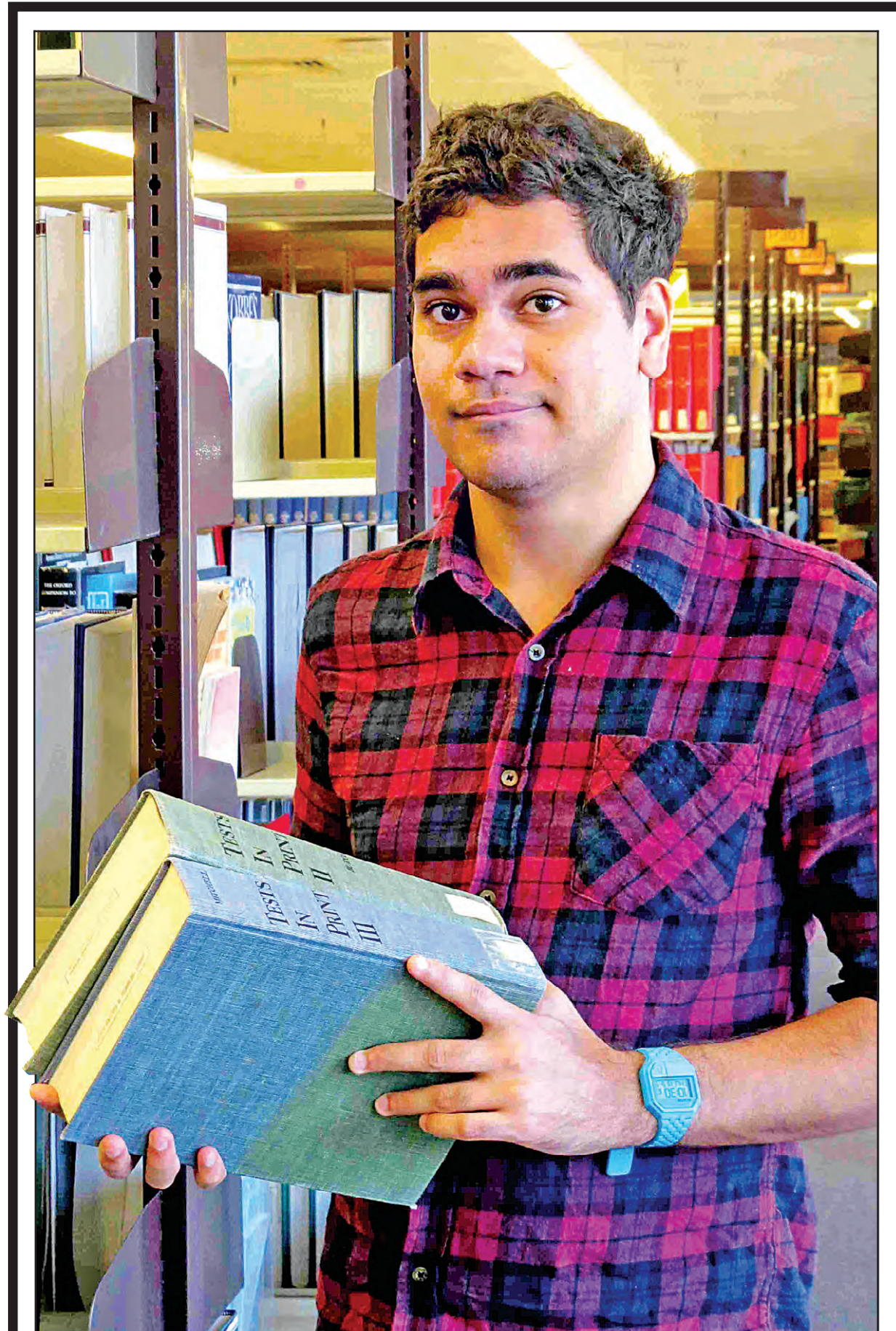
young Aboriginal students to progress successfully into higher level qualifications as well as the barriers preventing their progression."

TAFE Western is the largest provider of vocational education and training for

Aboriginal people in Australia, with more than 7000 students.

The report and companion case studies are available at the website www.bvet.nsw.gov.au

'The study identified the critical factors that assist young Aboriginal students to progress successfully into higher level qualifications as well as the barriers preventing their progression'



CDU medal for Matthew



CHARLES Darwin University (CDU) library client services officer Matthew Grant, above, received a University Medal at the institution's recent graduation ceremony in Darwin. CDU director of library services Ruth Quinn said Mr

Grant was a worthy recipient.

"He has flourished since joining us four years ago under the Indigenous apprenticeship program and is now a permanent and highly regarded member of the team," she said.

Body fat link to kidney illness



A DETAILED study of the body build and composition of Indigenous people has been undertaken in a move designed to help reduce the risk and impact of kidney disease in Indigenous populations.

The study by Dr Jaqui Hughes, *The inter-relationships between body build, body composition, body fat distribution, metabolic syndrome and inflammation in adult Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people*, investigated high levels of obesity among Indigenous people, which is linked to serious illnesses including diabetes, kidney disease and heart problems. An Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report says almost 60 per cent of Indigenous Australians are either overweight or obese.

Dr Hughes, a research fellow at Menzies School of Health Research, measured bone length and widths using whole body scans in more than

600 adult Indigenous and other Australians from Darwin and across northern Australia.

Dr Hughes, who is Australia's first Indigenous kidney specialist, said overweight adults with a larger waist than their hips are known to have a higher risk of developing diabetes and heart disease.

"My research has shown that

build, particularly those longer in the legs for overall height. This was not observed in people with a European background."

Dr Hughes said that since abdominal obesity accompanied a particular skeletal build, it was hoped Indigenous Australians and health centres could better appreciate the risk to the individual.

"It was concerning that young, healthy adult Indigenous people developed central body fat, while only modestly overweight without a high body mass index, and was also accompanied by blood markers of chronic disease, including a tendency towards early diabetes," she said.

Dr Hughes said it has been shown in other studies that kidney function was more stressed in the presence of central obesity, and this might play a role in some of the burden of obesity and diabetes in Indigenous Australians.

"Abdominal obesity is likely to be a key driver of permanent kidney damage," she said.

'Abdominal obesity is likely to be a key driver of permanent kidney damage'

overweight Indigenous Australians tend to accumulate fat around their mid-sections, rather than other areas of the body (arms, thighs, calves) as was observed in the non-Indigenous population," she said.

"This pattern of central obesity (a predominantly large belly) was strongly related to the skeletal body

Call for healthy lifestyle habits



THE Aboriginal Chronic Care Program (ACCP) wants all Indigenous people to reduce

their risk of kidney disease by making healthy changes to their eating habits and lifestyle.

The call came during Kidney Health Week, held last week.

South Western Sydney Local Health District director of renal services Dr Michael Suranyi said one in three Australians were at increased risk of kidney disease.

"Kidney disease is on the increase and it kills more Australians a year than breast cancer, prostate cancer or even road deaths," he said.

"There is no cure for kidney disease, but early detection can increase the life of your kidneys and keep you feeling your best for as long as possible."

Aboriginal Elder Marjorie Delepper said she hoped Kidney Health Week would encourage people to get a kidney health check if they were at risk.

"I was really surprised to know that you can lose up to 90

per cent of your kidney function without even realising it and by then, it's too late," she said.

"We're getting involved in this campaign to let the Aboriginal community know that it's important to assess your risk of chronic kidney disease."

People may be at increased risk of chronic kidney disease if they:

- have diabetes;
- have high blood pressure (hypertension);
- are obese (body mass index greater or equal to 30);
- have a family history of kidney disease;
- are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin;
- are aged over 60;
- are a smoker;
- have established heart problems (heart failure or past heart attack) and/or have had a stroke.

For more information and to find out if you are at increased risk of kidney disease, visit www.checkmykidneys.com.au or phone 1800 454 363.

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Some of the health workers at the Deadly Sex forum in Cairns.

Deadly Sex popular with health workers

By **CHRISTINE HOWES**
in Cairns



INDIGENOUS sexual health workers from right across Queensland met in Cairns last month for their annual Deadly Sex forum.

"The forum's a great benefit," Charlie Renouf, from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service in Brisbane, said.

Organiser Tony Coburn, from the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council, said it was the eighth year he had

coordinated the event.

"Deadly Sex is about bringing all our Indigenous health workers together to upskill them, to give them continual upgrades of what's happening, the latest information so that they can give correct information when they go out into our community to build that rapport, to encourage people to go and have health checks and do that important business that always gets left behind," he said.

"And it's also a brilliant opportunity for people to network because our community is so transient, so it gives them an opportunity to build links

and put names to faces that they're always dealing with or working with."

Hepatitis Queensland training and education officer Nicky Newley-Guivarra said she had been part of Deadly Sex for five years.

'Opportunity'

"I see it as a great opportunity to present some work around viral hepatitis and how we work in our communities with it," she said.

"And to encourage the younger health workers to get out and do some more work around viral hepatitis A, B and C."

Deputy director of research at the Baker Institute in Alice Springs James Ward warned against cuts to the sexual health workforce.

"One thing we do know is that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sexual health workers have made a significant impact in reducing sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV in Australia," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"And we have a very good success in HIV prevention, apparently because of the work of health workers over a very long period of time."

"If we have a diminished work force of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers

that is going to potentially increase the risk of an HIV generalised epidemic in the community, and that's what we don't need.

"We've got rates very similar to non-Aboriginal population with HIV, and that's a very good thing because in everything else we've got a much higher rate of disease."

"The other thing is that we need male and female health workers across the state."

"We need to continue the work that all the health workers have done with trying to bring down the rates of STIs in the communities, particularly working with young people."

Hi-tech help for patients



APUNIPIMA Cape York Health Council in Queensland has gone hi-tech, rolling out the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR) to its remote Indigenous clients. The PCEHR is a centralised, personal, private, patient-centred

online health summary, allowing information sharing across agencies and giving patients control over their medical histories.

As part of the roll-out, Apunipima staff from Mossman Gorge have received PCEHR training during the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) Conference, held recently.

Apunipima's Richard Pickering said the PCEHR was a vital step forward to supporting the health of Cape York communities, aiding healthcare workers and empowering patients.



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Palliative care scholarship in place



A SCHOLARSHIP to help Aboriginal health workers understand palliative care has been announced.

The scholarship will allow health workers to attend the Australian Palliative Care Conference held every two years and network with other health professionals.

Applications for the scholarship, which is being funded by the Palliative Care Council South Australia Inc (PCCSA), have opened and will close at 5pm on 30 June.

PCCSA chair Dr Mary Brooksbank said it was hoped the scholarship would encourage Aboriginal health workers and professionals to consider the important role palliative care could make to the lives of dying patients.

"The Aboriginal Palliative Care Scholarship honours the late Diana Rudd who died on February 15, 2004," she said.

"Diana was a rural South Australian community palliative care nurse who maintained a lifelong commitment to the care of the sick and a strong belief in the

value of continuing education and professional development."

Dr Brooksbank said applications were welcomed from Aboriginal doctors, nurses and health workers working in a health-related position.

As well, the PCCSA board recently appointed its first bi-cultural board member to help build awareness and competence for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities.

"Bringing Aboriginal people to the door of mainstream services, not least of all palliative care services, has been difficult to

achieve to date, and although under-represented in palliative care statistics, illness, dying, death and grieving are an all-too-frequent part of Aboriginal life," Dr Brooksbank said.

"We hope this scholarship will encourage Aboriginal health workers and professionals to consider the important role palliative care can make to the lives of patients who are sick and not going to get better and warmly encourage eligible applicants to apply."

For details, call (08) 8291 4379.

Go smoke-free is the message



GO smoke-free. That was the message on World No Tobacco Day last Friday from the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled

Health Organisation (VACCHO) and No Smokes, a project of the Menzies School of Health Research.

VACCHO hosted a smoke-free day at its Melbourne headquarters last Friday.

The organisation has been at the forefront of quit campaigns, including its state-wide Smoking Project aimed at tackling smoking across Victoria.

VACCHO says its key achievements to date include the Smoke Free Mob initiative to assist and support Aboriginal Victorians to quit. Aboriginal hip hop artist and No Smokes ambassador Blakboi (aka Tom Avery) was a guest at the VACCHO day.

Meanwhile, four groups in Sydney have received grants to help cut rates of smoking in their local Aboriginal community.

The funds have been made available under the Aboriginal Tobacco Control Project community grants scheme to help organisations implement community-based anti-smoking initiatives.

South Western Sydney Local Health District Health Promotion Service acting director Mandy Williams said incorporating community groups was vital to the success of programs aimed at reducing smoking rates.

"Local community organisations and workers have strong and established foundations within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, and play a central role in encouraging community members to quit smoking," she said.

"Tobacco smoking remains the greatest single cause of premature death and is a leading preventable cause of morbidity in NSW, highlighting the importance of helping the almost one-in-two Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults who are reported to be smokers in NSW."

The grant recipients are:

- Uncle Dave Bell: A Young Spirit Program



What the Aboriginal smoke-free campaigns want to stop (file photo).

team member who aims to address smoking and tobacco use in young people through interactive activities in the Macarthur region;

- Bankstown Aboriginal Women's Hope Group, which wants to raise awareness about the dangers of smoking and encourage quit attempts through education, including the development of an artwork designed to promote quitting in the community;

- Dharawal Men's Group, which will work to prevent the uptake of smoking and encourage quitting through a combination of education and arts-based activities, as well as offering carbon monoxide readings and free

nicotine replacement therapy (NRT); and

- Aboriginal Chronic Care Program at Miller, which aims to enhance the current NRT Program through the purchase of a carbon monoxide reader to assist clients to reduce and quit smoking.

The Aboriginal tobacco control 'I Quit Because...' campaign was launched in October 2011 and aims to reduce the smoking rates of Indigenous population in the South Western Sydney and Sydney Local Health districts.

For more information, go to www.iquitbecause.org.au

Teachers warn on 'glue ear'



HEARING support teachers are warning that children's runny

noses could bring more problems than a bin full of tissues.

They say a running nose could be a telltale sign of otitis media, sometimes known as 'glue ear', a middle ear disease that can affect up to 30 per cent of children entering Kindergarten.

As part of an ongoing campaign, the NSW North Coast Support Teachers for Conductive Hearing Loss will hold its annual Otitis Media Awareness Day in conjunction with Community Health and local Aboriginal medical services at Grafton and Coffs Harbour this month.

Awareness activities will be held at Grafton Shopping World on Thursday, 13 June, with a stand staffed by Department of Education and Communities specialist hearing teachers, community health and Bulgarr Ngaru Aboriginal Medical Service staff.

The Coffs Harbour stand will be run by workers from the Galambila Aboriginal Medical Service and Community Health, as well as hearing teachers, at Park Beach Plaza, on Thursday, 20 June.

Both Otitis Media Awareness Day stands will offer free ear health checks to pre-school and school-aged children, have information and give families a chance to speak to health specialists.

Grafton Public School support teacher Beverly Walls said organisers were particularly keen for parents to have their children checked before they start school.

"Otitis media need not interfere with children's learning at school," she said.

"It is a matter of catching it in time. Having a check on Awareness Day has helped many parents pick up on a problem their child may have."

'Skins for Smokes' anger NACCHO



THE National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has condemned the use of 'Skins for Smokes' that features cultural content and copyright imagery on

cigarette packets to negate health promotion efforts.

NACCHO says that for just \$5.29, people can buy 'Skins' from independent grocers to cover their cigarette packet with the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flag.

"We argue that this use of

cultural content and copyright imagery on cigarette packets negates health promotion efforts, such as Australia's recent introduction of plain packaging laws and the subsequent dismissal of a legal challenge from the tobacco industry," the organisation said.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people smoke over twice the rate of non-Indigenous Australians.

"Health promotion practitioners working to reduce these smoking rates face the challenge of the broader historical and cultural context of smoking behaviour."

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 carers that provides access to information, support and referrals to a range of services. Call 1800 242 636 Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

Counselling For Carers – Carers NSW supports unpaid carers across NSW through the National Carer Counselling Program (donation-based). For information and support call the Carer Line on 1800 242 636.

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

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

Permanent exhibition: *Resistance*, National Museum of Australia, Canberra. The lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were profoundly changed by the arrival of British colonists in 1788. This includes four of these stories. For further information visit www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/first_australians/resistance

Until 10 June: Mervyn Bishop Photograph Exhibition. A series of 14 black-and-white large-scale photographs of Aboriginal Elders from the Bankstown area. Held at Bankstown Arts Centre, 5 Olympic Pde, Bankstown, from Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 9707 5400 or visit www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/calendar

Until 16 June: *First Ladies – Significant Australian Women 1913 to 2013* exhibition, profiling the achievements of Australian women over the past 100 years. Held at the National Portrait Gallery, King Edward Terrace, Parkes, Canberra from Mon-Sun, 10am-5pm. Details: (02) 6102 7000 or visit www.portrait.gov.au

Until 28 June: *Ngarraanga Nginundi Yuludara – Remember Your Dreaming* photo exhibition. Photographer Kaleesha Morris illustrates the connections Aboriginal people, particularly the young, retain with their sense of Aboriginality and country. Held at The Rocks Discovery Museum, Kendall Lane (enter via Argyle St, The Rocks, from 10am-5pm daily. Details: (02) 9240 8680 or visit www.headon.com/event/ngarraanga-nginundi-yuludara-remember-your-dreaming

Until 30 June: *Visions in Black and White* photo exhibition. Barbara McGrady is a Gamilaroi/Murri woman who has been photographing the social history of contemporary Aboriginal life for 30 years. Held at Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo St, Redfern from Mon-Fri-9am-5pm. Details: (02) 9288 5713 or visit www.headon.com.au/event/visions-black-white-images-indigenous

Until 14 July: 13th Annual Guringai Festival. Celebrating Indigenous 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. A full program of events is at www.guringaifestival.com.au or call (02) 9777 1000.

Until 25 August: Exhibition *Black on White*. The project began in 2008 when



Teho Ropeyarn working on a new vinyl block.

'Strength of a crocodile...'



ARTIST Teho Ropeyarn's solo print exhibition *Mandang Ikamba* opens on 14 June at

Canopy Artspace Gallery in his home base of Cairns. *Mandang Ikamba* translates as 'strength of a crocodile' in the Ika language of Injinoo, on the tip of Cape York – Ropeyarn's home country.

Cairns-based master printer Theo Tremblay will launch *Mandang Ikamba*, which is a personal journey of Teho in recognition of his culture.

Tremblay mentored Teho in 2011, assisting him to produce large relief prints on heavy rag paper.

A selection of 12 works will be on view and will be for sale in the new exhibition.

The show comes as Ropeyarn has again been nominated for the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, held in Darwin.

Ropeyarn says *Mandang Ikamba* features medium- to large-scale lino and vinyl relief prints depicting his culture.

"It's about keeping culture alive. It's about

being the ikamba (crocodile) and the strength it has to stay alive and survive," he said.

"My artwork reflects the continuation of cultural knowledge passed down from generations long ago, on to our Elders, who are now passing on all aspects of culture – language, tribal stories, significant land marks and rituals, dancing and beliefs – to the next generation."

Ropeyarn has dedicated the exhibition to Elders past and present of Injinoo and in recognition of the survival and preservation of his culture.

photographer Belinda Mason travelled to communities in Arnhem Land on the first anniversary of the Federal Government's Intervention policy to hear community reactions and make a visual record of local opinions. Held at State Library of NSW, Level one, Macquarie St, Sydney. Details: (02) 9273 1414 www.headon.com.au/event/black-white

Until 14 September: *Bipotaim: Stories from the Torres Strait* exhibition, including photographs, stories and objects about the lives, culture and identity of Torres Strait Islanders. Held at the National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton, ACT from 9am-5pm daily. Free entry. Details: 1800 026 132 or visit www.nma.gov.au

Until 4 October: The Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award. Entries now open. The award aims to promote contemporary Indigenous art of the north coast of NSW. It is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

artists who live in the traditional areas of the Yaegl, Bundjalung and Gumbaingirr 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.

6-14 June: Sydney Film Festival.

Indigenous films premiering include *Children Playing*, *Buckskin*, *Ngurrumbang*, *Aboriginal Heart*, *Wrong Side of the Road*, *Big Name No Blanket*, and *Baarkindji*. Ticket costs apply. Details: (02) 9690 5333 or 1300 733 73 or visit www.sff.org.au

7-22 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.sydneyperehouse.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: Community Information Forum. Gamarada Men's Healing and Leadership Program. Includes guest speakers and a special screening of the documentary *Gamarada: Awakening of Spirit*. Held at the Glebe Town Hall, 160 Johns Rd, Glebe, from 5.45-7.30pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Ken Zulmovski on 0433 346 645 or visit www.gamarada.org.au

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.concernedaustrians.com.au

19-20 June: DVD launch and screening. In this DVD, Baarkindji and Malyankapa Elders and knowledge-holders pass on cultural knowledge about social, spiritual and land management practices that have been used in Western NSW. Held at Silver City Cinema, Broken Hill, on 19 June at 5.30pm and Wilcannia Community Hall at 5.30pm on 20 June. Free and all welcome. RSVP by 12 June. Details: Maree Barnes on (02) 6841 2749 or email maree.barnes@cma.nsw.gov.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

28 June: Holy Crapper Fundraiser. A RED Inc event to raise funds for a wheelchair accessibility toilet. Performances by Kerianne Cox and more. Held at the Lismore Workers Club, Keen St, Lismore, from 7pm. Cost \$25 or \$15 concession. Details: (02) 6622 3400.

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

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Until 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

Until 15 September: *Deadly Brothers*. Five musicians, whose inspiration is drawn from their culture, are thrown into the spotlight and presented through interviews, personal items, lyrics, ephemera and music itself. Held at Kuril Dhagun, level 1, State Library Queensland, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane from 10m-5pm daily. Free and all welcome. Details: (07) 3842 9061 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

Until 7 October: *My Country, I still call Australia Home* exhibition. This will be the gallery's largest exhibition of contemporary Indigenous Australia art, featuring works by artists from across the country. Includes an official opening at 10am. Held at the Gallery of Modern Art, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane, from Mon-Fi 10am-5pm and Sat-Sun 9am-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or email mycountry@qagoma.qld.gov.au visit www.qagoma.qld.gov.au

9 July: Yarnin' Time in Inala. Spend a morning in Inala, share some tunes and melodies from the home of many of Brisbane's finest male musicians. Held at The Learning Place, Indigenous Schooling Support Unit, 47 Kittyhawk Ave, Inala from 11am-12pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (07) 3842 9061 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

6 August: A night by the fire with Classik Nawu. Join the Classik Nawu band for a night by the fire as they share their stories and songs. Held at the Talking Circle, level 1, State Library Queensland, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane from 6.30-7.30pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (07) 3842 9061 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

Northern Territory

7-10 June: Barunga Festival 2013. Held at Barunga, near 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

Bankstown Elder Maggie Williams with photographer Mervyn Bishop in front of the portrait of Maggie featured in the *Our Elders* exhibition at Bankstown Arts Centre. Photo by Amber Cameron, courtesy Bankstown City Council



Elders focus of photo exhibition



ABORIGINAL Elders at Bankstown in western Sydney are the focus of a photographic exhibition now at the Bankstown Arts Centre.

The exhibition, *Our Elders – Photographic Portraits of Bankstown Aboriginal Elders*, has been created by Indigenous photographer Mervyn Bishop.

Bankstown Mayor Khal Asfour welcomed the *Our Elders* exhibition.

"Our local area, has a remarkable Indigenous history. This history continues with our local Elders, and council's

ongoing commitment to reconciliation," he said.

"The *Our Elders* exhibition is a true testament to the historical, current and future work of our local Elders."

Our Elders continues until 14 June.

Mr Bishop, a highly regarded Indigenous photographer, was commissioned to undertake this project by the Bankstown Arts Centre.

"As an Indigenous Australian, I have been able to bring an intimate perspective to the documentation of life, especially Aboriginal in Australia," he said.

"I am particularly interested in

photographing Elders in and near my community and also the daily life in Aboriginal communities, both in the city, regional and tribal areas.

"Images such as these allow us to acknowledge, celebrate and remember our Elders, not only now but also for future generations."

The *Our Elders* exhibition is also a part of the Head On Photo Festival.

The Bankstown Arts Centre is at 5 Olympic Parade, Bankstown. Go to www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/artscentre or call (02) 9707 5400 for more information.

Namok's new works on show



FAR North Queensland artist Rosella Namok's latest exhibition opens on 13 June at the Coo-ee Gallery in Sydney.

The new works by Namok are an exploration of stories of place and people from her birthplace, the Lockhart River. The 34-year-old first appeared on the contemporary art scene in the late 1990s and has become the most successful artist to come out of far North Queensland's Lockhart River 'Art Gang'.

Her paintings revolve loosely around several narratives of her social, physical, and natural environment. They feature events such as hunting and fishing expeditions, weather patterns of rain

and wind or the traditional stories of Kapay and Kuyan, the two opposing moieties that govern marriage relations in her Ungkum community.

Namok has won many prizes including the Lin Onus Youth Award, 2000; High Court Centenary Art Award, 2003; The Redlands Art Prize, 2003; and the National Indigenous Heritage Art Awards, 2004.

She is represented in a number of Australian and international collections including the Art Gallery of NSW, The National Gallery, Museum of Contemporary Art Sydney, National Gallery of Victoria and the Kluge-Ruhe Museum, USA.

The exhibition is at Coo-ee Gallery, 31 Lamrock Ave, Bondi, until next month. More details at www.cooeeart.com.au

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

Until 10 July: Cricket Victoria Indigenous Development Squad. Cricket Victoria is seeking Indigenous cricketers, boys and girls under 21, to join the Noogal Toengorrt Tani Development Squad. To register visit www.cricketvictoria.com.au/get-involved/indigenous or call Ben Abbatangelo on (03) 9653 1113

6 June-3 September: *Ganagan (Deep Water)* exhibition. *Ganagan* encourages visitors to see Victorian waters through Koorie eyes. Includes Guided River Walks and Curator Floor talk. Held at the Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King Street, Melbourne. Details: (03) 8622 2600 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com

South Australia

7 June: 149th Justice and Peace Candle Light Walk. Join the Walk to call for a treaty and bill of rights, and to support the Ngarrindjeri and all other Aboriginal people and the Stolen Generations, their families and communities left behind in their call for peace and justice.

Held around Government House, cnr North Terrace and King Rd, Adelaide. Gather at dusk. Free and all welcome. Details: (08) 8227 0170 or (08) 8362 1199 or visit www.antarsa.auspics.org.au

12 June: Tauondi 40th Birthday Event. Tauondi Aboriginal Community College 40 years on – still going strong. A community celebration event including live music, entertainment, raffles and much more. Held at 1 Lipson St, Port Adelaide from 10.30am-2.30pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (08) 8240 0300

15 June: Tauondi Aboriginal Community College 40 Years Anniversary Gala. Held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide from 7pm-midnight. Tickets \$80 includes dinner, drinks, entertainment, door prizes. Details: (08) 8240 0300

Western Australia

Until 10 July: *Zenadh Kes* exhibition. Featuring artists Dennis Nona and Alick Tipoti from the island of Badu in the Torres Strait, applying the traditional crafts of carving into new material forms of printmaking and sculpture. Held at Japingka Gallery, 47 High St, Fremantle from Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm. Free Gallery entry. Details: (08) 9335 8265 or visit www.japingka.com.au

Until 10 July: Iwantja Artists featuring Vincent Namatjira Exhibition. Artists from Iwantja in the eastern region of the APY Lands are re-making their land and their experiences through art. They come together with Vincent Namatjira with his paintings of Captain Cook, Albert Namatjira, Julia Gillard and some other notable Australians.

Held at Japingka Gallery, 47 High St, Fremantle from Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm.

Free Gallery entry. Details: (08) 9335 8265 or visit www.japingka.com.au

25-27 June: WA and NT Language Conference 2013. 'Language is Life and Language is Identity, reclaiming our language and culture and making us strong Aboriginal people'. Hosted by Dandjoo Moordiyup Dabakarn in partnership with Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education. Held in Bunbury, WA. Details: (08) 8939 7352 or visit www.wanala.batchelor.edu.au

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

Traineeships prove to be life-changing



IT'S no accident that Lyndon Perry, 21, and Kieren Kirby, 20, have won the

praise of their host employer. Mr Perry and Mr Kirby have been keeping busy on the job as Indigenous trainees at Victoria's Transport Accident Commission (TAC).

They have worked at the commission's Geelong headquarters for the past 10 months in a variety of roles, including forensics, the records centre and service delivery.

And both say they have undergone significant transformations as a result.

"Working here has changed my life," Mr Perry said.

"It's given me the confidence I needed after being unemployed for my first two years following Year 12.

"I moved from Swan Hill to Geelong to start the traineeship and it was pretty scary coming down on my own, getting used to city life."

Mr Kirby, a former part-time labourer from Geelong, agreed that the adjustment was challenging at first, but then rewarding.

"Administration is definitely a different environment, but you get used to it," he said.

"Something I've found is that it's very easy to fit in here because the TAC is very multicultural – there are a lot of people with different races and backgrounds.

"I'm more comfortable now and can see myself pursuing a career in business, which I didn't think possible a year ago, but you do get that belief in yourself after a while."

TAC Youth Trainee Program manager Lynette Morgan said



Transport Accident Commission Youth Trainee Program success stories Lyndon Perry and Kieren Kirby.

she was proud of how the pair had progressed.

"When Lyndon and Kieren started, they were very reserved, but they have grown in confidence and ability and are now valued members of

the TAC workforce," she said.

"I think they've even surprised themselves with their skills and knowledge."

The pair is two of hundreds of young Indigenous people who have been provided with

pre-employment training by community group Whitelion before landing full-time work.

"Our success rate has been above 80 per cent, confirming to the community how employable our young Aboriginal and Torres

Straits Islander people are," Whitelion Western Region manager Jeff Hamilton said.

While both men's 12-month placements at the TAC finish next month, another Indigenous trainee has already started.

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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. The College is a small Special Assistance school, in light of the needs of the children.

School Principal

Applications are invited from experienced educational leaders for the position of Principal. The commencement date is negotiable.

The successful applicant would be a visionary and innovative educator, with a deep commitment to, and understanding of, Aboriginal children and their culture, as well as to the philosophy of the College. Participation with the local community is essential and the Principal would be required to do some 'face to face' teaching.

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

Prospective Aboriginal Principals are encouraged to apply for this opportunity.

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- Supporting performance improvement including analysis of company management, P&L results, and policy, statutory and funding compliance
- Fringe Benefit Tax, BAS/IAS statements

Key Requirements:

- CA or CPA qualified or willing to be trained to achieve this
- High quality internal consulting, management and communication skills
- Sufficient industry/accounting experience through practice
- Commercial acumen
- Ad-hoc analysis and reporting
- Comprehensive Excel skills
- ATTACHE and or similar accounting software
- \$110K package

Start date for position will be 1 July 2013.

For further information or to request a position description, please email your request to bettyl@cqid.com.au

All applications to be addressed to bettyl@cqid.com.au

Interviews will preferably be face to face in Rockhampton.

Position Closes: 7th June 2013



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

LALC SUPPORT OFFICER

Salary \$64,819 to \$78,434

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council has a vacancy for a LALC Support Officer at our Southern Zone Office in Queanbeyan.

The position offers an attractive remuneration package and an extensive range of benefits and conditions including access to salary packaging options.

This together with working in a dynamic progressive organisation offering a rewarding challenging career and great potential for development and advancement provides a unique opportunity.

As part of a committed pro-active team you will be involved in providing an extensive range of assistance, support and advice to enable Local Aboriginal Land Councils to meet procedural and legislative requirements.

The successful applicant will need the capacity to interpret and implement legislation, experience with program delivery, sound communication skills and the ability to coordinate a diverse range of functions. An understanding of Aboriginal issues and a willingness to travel are also required.

For detailed information about the position, the benefits/conditions and how to apply please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria by contacting Diane Lee by email: diane.lee@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4499.

Applications can be forwarded to diane.lee@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator
NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close Friday 28 June 2013

Indigenous Australian Employment

- Do you want to be part of and contribute to a University that is educating tomorrow's Doctors, Nurses, Psychologists, Teachers, Engineers, Architects and Leaders of Industry?
- Do you want to continue to learn and develop your skills and knowledge?
- Do you want to be challenged and pursue rewarding work?
- Do you want a secure job with great remuneration?

If YES then the University of Melbourne is a great place for you to consider as your employer of choice!

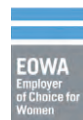
The University of Melbourne is committed to employing Indigenous Australians in both professional and academic positions on the basis that they bring with them a wealth of experience, knowledge and skills that will inform, enrich and fundamentally improve the work that we do.

Indigenous Australians seeking support to apply for a vacancy are encouraged to contact the University. Email your contact details, quoting the position number, to hr-careers@unimelb.edu.au

For more information about our University and current vacancies visit www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers

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employment opportunities

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

Manager Culture and Heritage

- Opportunity for Indigenous Australian
- Full time ongoing role
- CBD based

Victorian parks and waterways have a rich history. Parks Victoria with the Traditional Owners and community cares for these cultural landscapes and their values so that they can be enjoyed by present and future generations. There are more than 12,000 known Aboriginal cultural sites and 2,500 post-settlement heritage sites across the parks estate. Parks Victoria recognises and respects the rights and aspiration of Victoria's Traditional Owners and works in partnership with them.

Parks Victoria is proud of its diverse workforce and the tremendous adaptability of its people to the changing complexities of park management. To adapt to the changing circumstances of its internal and external environment, Parks Victoria is seeking to appoint an experienced Manager to provide direction and services in relation to culture, heritage and in the empowerment of Traditional Owners. The outcome expected from this position is the conservation of culture and heritage across Victoria's parks and waterways and to champion the empowerment of Traditional Owners in caring for Country (parks and waterways).

To succeed in this role you will have:

- A tertiary qualification, ideally in the area of conservation and land management or a related field;
- Extensive experience in cultural heritage management, with a focus on tangible and intangible cultural heritage;
- Demonstrated superior people leadership and management skills;
- Demonstrated experience in building and maintaining effective relationships across the organisation, other government agencies, Traditional Owners and a wide range of stakeholders;
- Ability to understand and interpret complex technical information, identify park management implications and develop solutions;
- A current Drivers Licence.

If you would like to find out more about this position, please obtain a copy of the position description and Aboriginality Form by visiting our website www.parks.vic.gov.au under 'employment'.

For further information please contact Ian Walker by calling the **Parks Victoria** on 13 1963. To apply, please e-mail your application, addressing the key capabilities including covering letter, completed Aboriginality Form and resume to applications@parks.vic.gov.au

Applications close Friday 21 June 2013.

Parks Victoria holds an exemption from the Equal Opportunity Board to enable the recruitment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only to identified position (No:A126 of 2010) Parks Victoria is an Equal Opportunity Employer with a commitment to merit, equity and diversity in the workplace.

More information
Phone 13 1963
www.parks.vic.gov.au



Community Legal Education Officer Clerk Grade 3/4 (Temporary)

- Sydney CBD
- Package to 74K
- Temporary vacancy to June 2014

Applications must be submitted online through www.jobs.nsw.gov.au to be considered.

Please search by the title or by Requisition No: 00001OIR.

Closing Date: 19 June 2013

Enquiries to Kirsten Cameron on 9219 5147.

Duties: Provide assistance and support in the planning, coordination, delivery and evaluation of community legal education across the State.

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Solicitor

Grade I-III, Family Law (Temporary Vacancies)

- One temporary vacancy (12 months)
- Other shorter term vacancies
- Sydney CBD and other locations in Sydney
- Package to 107K

Closing Date: 19 June 2013

Enquiries: Mary Alex on 9219 5787 or mary.alex@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be submitted online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au to be considered. Please search by the title or by the Requisition number: 00001OME.

Duties: Provide high quality legal advice and representation to clients of Legal Aid NSW in accordance with Legal Aid NSW policies and guidelines in order to contribute to the implementation of Legal Aid NSW's mission to deliver high quality legal services to our clients and to assist them to resolve their legal problems.

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Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

This is an identified position

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification, and is authorized by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1997, as amended

Our client, a well respected Aboriginal community controlled health organisation are currently seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Aboriginal Mental Health Worker (AMHW).

This position will work toward increasing access to Mental Health Services within the local Aboriginal Community. This role will be directly responsible for promoting a client focused approach to engaging with family, carers and clients affected by mental health issues. And build productive and meaningful relationships with mainstream health providers.

The successful applicant will have; tertiary or other relevant qualifications in the field of health/social or behavioral sciences, the willingness and commitment to work effectively as part of a multi disciplinary team and deliver services to the whole community.

Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of local Indigenous communities, cultures and health issues is an advantage. As is the ability to communicate sensitively with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Attractive salary and work conditions apply to this interesting and rewarding position.

To apply, please log onto:
www.mppersonnel.com.au
Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285
admin@mppersonnel.com.au
PO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640

ELEANOR DUNCAN ABORIGINAL HEALTH CENTRE

MIDWIFE Aboriginal Mums & Bubs Program Permanent Full Time

Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre is recruiting a Registered Midwife with three years experience. The position involves promoting the service in the Aboriginal Community, recruiting young pregnant women, conducting anti-natal classes and providing post natal care using a shared care model. The purpose of the role is to build capacity of young mums in order to provide the best start to life for the Aboriginal children.

Selection Criteria

- Registered Midwife.
- Understanding of social issues affecting Aboriginal women and why they are reluctant to seek antenatal care.
- Flexibility of approach and an interest in making a difference to closing the gap by improving the health of Aboriginal babies in utero
- Highly developed liaison skills with the proven ability to build good working relationships with mainstream and Aboriginal services.
- Demonstrated experience in engaging with community and a commitment to capacity building. Ability to win the trust of clients.
- Ability to run ante natal classes in a culturally appropriate way to suit Aboriginal clients, in particular first time mothers.
- Current driver's licence & computer literacy.

Desirable:

- Preparedness to go into the community to recruit clients
- Ability to work with young mums and their infants up to 12 months

Aboriginal candidates are encouraged to apply.

DRUG & ALCOHOL WORKER Fixed Term Contract Full Time

Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre is recruiting an appropriately qualified and experienced Drug & Alcohol worker for a fixed term contract to June 2015. Provision of a timely case management and support service to Aboriginal clients and their families is the basis of the role, referring clients according to detox and rehab services as well as initiating proactive programs to address the needs of the Aboriginal community.

Essential:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement of this position, exemptions claimed under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act. NSW 1977.
- Certificate 1V in Alcohol and Other Drugs and /or appropriate experience and / or qualifications in the area that encompasses D & A Counselling and work with therapeutic groups
- Good organisational and time management skills.
- Self motivated, with the ability to work unsupervised. Ability to formulate a work plan and to report against its implementation.
- Highly developed liaison skills with the proven ability to build good working relationships with mainstream services facilitating culturally sensitive treatment for Aboriginal clients.
- Current driver's licence
- Computer literacy and ability to collect data and reports to the funding bodies as and when are due and monthly reports for Board meetings.

Information kits including position descriptions, full selection criteria and application forms are available from Allison Trindall by telephone 02 4355 4637 Monday to Thursday between 9.30am to 4 pm.

Applications are to be Emailed by **COB on 14 June 2013**, addressed to;

The Chairperson
Yerin Aboriginal Health Service Inc
Email: vickie.parry@yerin.org.au
Phone: 02 4355 4637

careers in government

Apprenticeship and Indigenous Apprenticeship Program

A rewarding kick start to your career!

The Northern Territory Public Sector (NTPS) Apprenticeship and Indigenous Apprenticeship Program combines employment with on-the-job and off-the-job training to develop workplace skills while undertaking a nationally recognised qualification at the certificate II, III, IV or diploma level.

The Northern Territory Government is offering exciting and challenging full time and school based apprenticeship opportunities in remote, regional and urban locations commencing in August 2013 in the following disciplines:

- Business Services
- Financial Services
- Information and Communications Technology
- Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation & Land Management
- Community Services
- Health Services
- Aquaculture Services
- Laboratory Operations

Apprentice salary ranges from \$13 073 to \$30 027 depending on your age, type and level of qualification.

Mandatory requirements:

To be eligible to apply for the NTPS Apprenticeship and Indigenous Apprenticeship program, applicants must be able to demonstrate that they successfully completed year 10 (if under the age of 21), provide an up to date resume with two current referee contacts, are eligible to be employed in Australia and do not hold a higher level qualification or equivalent level qualification in a similar discipline.

For further information on eligibility and how to apply:

Refer to the 2013 NTPS Apprenticeship and Indigenous Apprenticeship Recruitment Information Handbook and Application form which can be located by going to www.nt.gov.au/jobs and search for vacancy number **68130063**. For additional enquiries please email employmentprograms@nt.gov.au or contact the Employment Programs Unit on (08) 8999 4164.

Vacancy number: 68130063

Closing date: 21 June 2013

The Northern Territory Government is aiming for an inclusive and diverse workforce. All equal employment opportunity groups are encouraged to apply.



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

LALC SUPPORT OFFICER

Salary \$64,819 to \$78,434

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

An opportunity has arisen due to a Maternity leave vacancy for written Expressions of Interest to be called for the position of LALC Support Officer – Eastern Zone. The vacancy is initially for a period of up to 6 months.

The primary responsibilities of this position would be to provide an extensive range of assistance, support and advice to enable Local Aboriginal Land Councils to meet procedural and legislative requirements.

Persons who would like to undertake this temporary role are encouraged to request a copy of the selection criteria by contacting Diane Lee by email: diane.lee@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4499.

Written EOI can be submitted to diane.lee@alc.org.au by **COB Friday 14 June 2013**.

Relationships Australia CANBERRA & REGION

Relationships Australia Canberra and Region (RACR) is seeking applicants for the following position:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Worker – Griffith

Permanent Part-Time Position
\$50,184 to \$54,822 (pro-rata)

The position reports to the Family Referral Service Manager and is based in Griffith, with outreach provided to surrounding areas.

Please refer to the NSW Health website for more information about Family Referral Services in NSW <http://www.nursesreg.health.nsw.gov.au/initiatives/kts/frs.asp>

Applicants need to submit a written application to the FRS Manager addressing selection criteria and include a current resume.

Job description and criteria available at:
<http://www.racr.relationships.org.au/aboutus/employment>

Enquiries: 02 6923 9100
Melissa O'Neill

All applications to be emailed or posted to the Family Referral Service Manager at rivoffice@racr.relationships.org.au or 36-40 Gurwood St Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Closing date: Friday 21 June 2013 COB.

RACR is an equal opportunity employer. One of these positions is identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

LA PEROUSE



The La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging roles of Finance Officer and Property Officer.

FINANCE OFFICER

(Up to \$75K + super and salary packaging options)

Reporting directly to the CEO and responsible for the financial management of the organisation, degree qualified applicants will need to demonstrate experience gained in a complex reporting environment. You will require well developed interpersonal, analytical, communication, planning and organisational skills together with experience with the MYOB program. Experience and knowledge of the Aboriginal community and Local Aboriginal Land Council's would be well regarded.

PROPERTY OFFICER

(Up to \$65K + super and salary packaging options)

Applicants will need an in-depth knowledge of social housing schemes and Aboriginal housing needs. The position holder will play a significant role in maintaining a positive relationship between the organisation, its tenants and stakeholders. Demonstrated experience and knowledge of the Aboriginal community including social and cultural issues would be well regarded. Applicants will need to demonstrate exceptional personal and professional skills and abilities, including problem solving, mediation and negotiation, communication, planning and organisational skills.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the position description, selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

Recruitment package and inquiries – Chris Ingrey
P: (02) 9311 4282 or E: cingrey@laperouse.org.au. Applications can be forwarded to cingrey@laperouse.org.au or marked "Private & Confidential" and posted to:

Chief Executive Officer
La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 365
Matraville, NSW 2036

Applications close 24 June 2013

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



TAFE RIVERINA INSTITUTE

Team Leader Aboriginal Student Support

Can you provide high level support, supervision and leadership? Can you supervise and lead all support functions for Aboriginal students and programs?

Job Reference No. 265535

Location To be negotiated

This is a permanent part time position for 17.5 hours per week

Salary Rates Total remuneration package valued to \$43,979 pa, including salary (\$36,121 - \$39,855), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

This is an identified position in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criterion

NB: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a registrable offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Applications Close

Wednesday, 19 June 2013

Information Packages are available on our website. **All applications must be submitted electronically via our website.**

www.rit.tafensw.edu.au/jobsri

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

Indigenous Protected Area Coordinator

Location: Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, SA



Position Summary: The IPA Coordinator will manage and facilitate Anangu involvement in the design, delivery and reporting of on-ground work in one or more of the APY Lands' Indigenous Protected Areas. This position involves extensive community-based work using a combination of Traditional Ecological Knowledge and contemporary land management practices. The person should have strong interpersonal skills, a keen interest in the people and ecology of central Australia and the ability to live and operate in remote locations

Selection Criteria Essential

- A background in Natural Resource Management, Ecology or working with Indigenous People
- Appreciation of contemporary Aboriginal issues, especially in relation to cultural & socioeconomic challenges in remote Australia
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills including listening skills
- Current Australian drivers licence Class C
- Ability to organise and safely conduct field trips to remote locations
- Knowledge and mindfulness of Occupational Health and Safety legislation and practise
- Demonstrated time management, organisational and independent work skills
- Computer competency including Microsoft Office

Desirable

- Pitjantjatjara language skills
- Experience working and living in remote Aboriginal communities
- Experience in delivery of natural resource management plans
- A tertiary qualification in Natural Resource Management or Ecology
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) skills

Salary and Conditions: A total employment package will be negotiated upwards of \$71,000. This includes a starting salary from \$62,000 plus 9% superannuation, 17.5% leave loading and additional salary allowances including district allowance at \$2,820 (non-dependent rate) or \$4,560 (dependent rate), annual airfare, heavily subsidised rental accommodation, and 6 weeks annual leave. A generous relocation allowance is provided. A bilingual qualification allowance is also available for applicants able to speak both English and any one of Pitjantjatjara, Yankunytjatjara or Ngaanyatjarra languages.

Health: This is a physically demanding job, working in a harsh environment, where comprehensive medical care is not always available. The successful applicant must therefore be able-bodied and would be well advised to carefully consider their general health status prior to commencement. A medical check may be required.

Applications close 14 June 2013

Please forward your application addressing the Selection Criteria and CV providing contact details for three referees to:

Jen Grindrod Program Coordinator, Land Management
PMB 227, Umuwa via Alice Springs, 0872 Tel: 0889548171
Fax: 0889548170 Email: jen.grindrod@anangu.com.au



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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DIRECTOR

Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health School of Primary, Aboriginal and Rural Health Care

The University of Western Australia is seeking to appoint a senior academic as Director of the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health. The Centre's mandate is to improve recruitment and retention of Aboriginal students in medicine and dentistry, to teach Aboriginal health in the Faculty's course and to work to improve links between Aboriginal organisations and schools in the Faculty. The Centre is co-located and works in close collaboration with the School of Indigenous Studies on the University's Crawley campus.

Aboriginal education in professional courses such as the Doctor of Medicine is an important focus for The University of Western Australia. The Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health was established in 1996 to develop this focus and has been highly successful in increasing the contribution of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. Due to the work of the Centre there has been a substantial increase in Indigenous students and graduates from the Faculty over the past 16 years as well as a substantially increased emphasis on Aboriginal health in the medical and dental curricula. In recent years the Centre has begun to develop its research capacity in Aboriginal health.

Applications are invited for this high level leadership position to further develop the University's contribution to Indigenous health. The successful applicant will provide leadership in all areas of Aboriginal health including providing advice and leadership within the Faculty, University and wider community on matters pertaining to Indigenous medical and health education, research and policy. The appointee will be responsible for maintaining academic standards in teaching and research, including ensuring the Centre continues to increase the number and success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Medicine, Dentistry and Health Science as well as consolidating and improving teaching in Indigenous health within these courses.

Applicants will be expected to have a degree or equivalent competency in a relevant area, experience in Aboriginal health and/or education, and established links with Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal health organisations. The position is available initially until February 2016 and although full time, a part-time appointment may be negotiated. Applicants will be considered for appointment as Winthrop Professor or as Professor, depending on qualifications and experience.

For information regarding the position contact Winthrop Professor Geoff Riley, Head, School of Primary, Aboriginal and Rural Health Care, on 08 9842 0820 or email geoff.riley@uwa.edu.au.

Closing date: Friday 28 June 2013

The University offers an attractive salary with benefits including 17% employer superannuation, generous leave provisions, fares to Perth (if applicable) for the appointee and dependents together with a relocation allowance. Limited rights of private clinical practice may be negotiated.

Aboriginality is a requirement for this position under Section 50D of the Equal Opportunity Act.

The **Information for Candidates** brochure which contains details to lodge your application may be found via a link at <http://jobs.uwa.edu.au/or> at <https://www.his.admin.uwa.edu.au/Advertising/CAMDHCandidateInformation.pdf> or by contacting Ms Toni Pilgrim, Human Resources, email toni.pilgrim@uwa.edu.au.



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Are you interested in working in any of these areas?

- Community Relations (marketing, communications and fundraising)
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- IT Support
- Training/Learning and development
- Quality and Innovation
- Property and Facilities management

If you're 18-26 year's old, a Koorie Youth Traineeship with MacKillop Family Services and VACCA could be for you!

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Juvenile Justice Attorney General & Justice

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Casual Youth Officer

Do you have the qualities we're looking for?

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- Motivation;
- Personality; and
- Character.

Juvenile Justice, Department of Attorney General and Justice is NOW recruiting suitable people to train as casual youth officers.

Working with children in custody is a challenging role requiring real strength of character. It is both demanding and satisfying to know that you can make a difference in the lives of our clients and our community.

Youth Officers make a difference while earning \$26.15 per hour, plus casual loading, shift allowances and/or penalty rates as applicable.

Acmena Juvenile Justice Centre is hosting an information evening from 6pm on Wednesday, 29 May 2013. For more detail please telephone the centre on: (02) 6643 0000.

Closing Date: 12pm Sunday, 9 June 2013.

For further information or to apply visit: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au for assistance telephone 1800 355 562.

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ACT Government Community Services

Office for Children, Youth and Family Support Youth Services Branch Youth Justice Case Management

Case Manager

Health Professional Level 2

Salary Range: \$54,414 - \$75,477 (PN: 44588, several)

The position entails the supervision of a team of Case Managers who deliver quality assessments and supervision to a caseload of children and young people subject to criminal justice orders, both in the community and in custody. You will be responsible for providing culturally appropriate service provision to young people and their significant others in accordance with relevant legislative frameworks, including the *Children and Young People Act 2008* and other relevant legislation regulating Court and criminal justice procedures within the ACT. Your work will also promote the core values outlined in the Blueprint for Youth Justice in the ACT 2012-22, including community safety; early intervention and diversionary practice; evidence-based practice; family engagement; and the promotion of young peoples' best interests.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Relevant tertiary qualifications and at least 12 months experience in case management roles. Current driver's licence. Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) ACT 2011* will be required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable people registrations refer to: www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2011-44/default.asp and http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people

Notes: These positions are available for temporary filling for periods of up to nine months with the possibility of permanency from this process. These positions may be filled based on written applications and referee reports only. The contact details of at least two referees and a current curriculum vitae should be included with application.

Contact Officer: Janice Pearcey (02) 6205 4800 janice.pearcey@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 19 June 2013

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Australian Government Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Alice Springs

Regional Office

Regional Manager (Expected Vacancy)

Position Number: 8000
Executive Level 1 | \$91,237 - \$94,204 pa,
plus superannuation
Full-Time, 37.50 hours per week

Duties

- Provide strategic leadership and direction in line with AHLs purpose.
- Develop business plans for the region.
- Provide advice and support to senior management associated with the management and delivery of project outputs.
- Lead and support engagement with communities, client groups and other government agencies and stakeholders, to identify issues and opportunities.
- Negotiate innovative solutions in response to identified issues and/or where more complex program responses are required.
- Prepare high level reports, briefs, submissions, reviews, contractual documentation and correspondence with regard to legislative requirements, and AHL policies and procedures.
- Actively contribute to regional planning and management issues, ensuring the effective delivery of sustainable outcomes.
- Be accountable for financial and personnel delegations within the region.
- Be accountable for staff complying with legislative requirements, and AHL policies and procedures.
- Be responsible for the internal capability of all staff within the region.
- Ensure all staff are aware of practical working knowledge of Workplace Health and Safety legislation and practices.
- Regular travel.
- Other duties as directed.

Benefits

- Company vehicle - which can be used for private use.
- Allocated car park.
- Mobile Phone
- Laptop

Regional Project Officer (Expected Vacancy)

Position Number: 8001
APS Level 5 | \$65,351 - \$69,385 pa, plus superannuation
Full-Time, 37.50 hours per week

Duties

- Under general direction ensure that the admin support of the region is proactive and efficient.
- Ensure that processes, policies and procedures are adhered to.
- Provide sound governance and ensure that staff are compliant to legislative and AHL requirements.
- Be responsible for the HR support in the region.
- Provide advice on performance management, payroll related enquiries and induction of new employees.

Essential Qualifications for all positions

- A valid Working With Children Check.
- A current Drivers Licence.

Eligibility

Applicants must be an Australian citizen. Satisfactory completion of a Police Records Check **prior** to commencement is required in addition to the satisfactory completion of a Medical Assessment during the six month probationary period.

Want to know more information about these jobs?

Contact Geoff Curnow on 02 6212 2080.

How to Apply

Selection Documentation outlining the Selection Criteria can be found on our website at www.ahl.gov.au (under the jobs section).

Closing Date By 5pm, Friday 14 June 2013.

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Health Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District SOCIAL WORKER – BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS

PFT, Salary: \$34.47–\$39.68 ph, Enquiries: Dawn Williamson, (02) 4751 0100 or Dawn.Williamson@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Lithgow Ad No: 129779 Close Date: 16.06.13

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For further information and to apply, visit:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=129779>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health Sydney Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Worker (HEO Non-Grad/Grad)

Ref: 130336 F/T at Redfern
Salary: \$45,818–\$78,142 pa
Enq: Alison Murray, 0404 822 869
Closing Date: 14 June 2013

Female Aboriginal Health Worker (HEO Non-Grad)

Ref: 117425 Temp F/T at Camperdown
Salary: \$878.10–\$1,293.30 pw
Enq: Jeanette King, 0425 291 616
Closing Date: 14 June 2013

Being female is recognised as a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised under section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

FOR BOTH POSITIONS:

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Please apply online by visiting:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Multiple Positions Bamaga, Cape York, Qld



NPA Family and Community Services ATSI Corporation is a government funded, not for profit organisation situated in the scenic town of Bamaga at the very tip of Cape York Peninsula.

Arts Therapist

In this role, you will be **working with individual clients or groups of the NPA Healing Centre to utilise art, drama, dance and relaxation techniques as a way to manage their stress and anger.** Clients include victims and perpetrators of domestic and family violence.

To apply, please visit: <http://applynow.net.au/job46032>

Child Psychologist

In this role, you will mainly be responsible for **providing psychological assessments** to indigenous children, aged four to seventeen years. This is a full time position, working Monday to Friday.

To apply, please visit: <http://applynow.net.au/job46031>

Healing Centre Coordinator / Counsellor

Reporting to the Program Manager - Client Support Services, the purpose of this position is to **coordinate the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention activities of the NPA Healing Centre.** **Overseeing three staff, you will be providing counselling to victims and perpetrators of domestic and/or family violence, which includes individual, couples, and family counselling.**

To apply, please visit: <http://applynow.net.au/job46030>

Team Leader/Counsellor - Family Wellbeing

In this diverse role, you will **coordinate the Family Wellbeing Unit activities of the NPA Healing Centre.** In addition, you will be supporting Indigenous families in the NPA to parent their children in a positive manner utilising Triple P approach.

To apply, please visit: <http://applynow.net.au/job46033>

About the Benefits

The successful applicants will enjoy a **generous remuneration package circa \$60,000 - \$75,000**, dependent on role, skills and qualifications. Furthermore, you will receive **reimbursement for up to \$3,000 relocation costs** to the area, and **fully furnished accommodation** in Bamaga for \$80 per week.

In reward for your hard work, you will enjoy **generous leave provisions**, including 4 weeks annual leave, 10 days personal leave, 10 days over the Christmas period, and another week remote leave. On top of this, NPA will provide you with **\$2,000 of airfares p.a. for personal leave!**

These are **fantastic opportunities for career growth**, as well as a great chance to experience Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures first hand.

Gain extensive experience with a diverse client base & take this unmissable opportunity to advance your career in a dramatic and unique location!



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**BIRIPI ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION
MEDICAL CENTRE**



**WALANBAA GAAYILI
OUT OF HOME CARE SERVICE**

Out of Home Caseworker

Full-time permanent (salary negotiable from \$55k)

Biripi Aboriginal Medical Service is seeking applications from suitable people for the following position. The position is Aboriginal Designated and authorised under section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act. An attractive Salary Package with a \$16,000.00 per annum tax free component will be negotiated with the successful applicant and will be based on qualifications and experience. You must be willing to work on a weekly rostered on-call system for after hours.

The successful person will be part of the Out of Home Care Team with the aim of supporting and case-managing children in our foster care program. This will involve the supervision and support of foster carers and keeping children connected with their natural family.

Casual Family Access Workers

\$45k per annum

Successful applicants will be responsible for transporting to and from access visits and supervising natural family contact on a needs basis.

All applicants must contact Cheryl Holden on 1800 422 555 or cheryl.holden@glmacs.org.au for an application package and must address the essential criteria outlined.

If you have any enquiries about the position please contact Lyn Cullinane on 6721 9777 or 0448237985

All applications must be received by

COB Friday 3pm 12th June 2013.

Sheriff's Officer Recruitment

Ongoing Permanent Positions



“ I am proud of the role that I play in the enforcement of warrants and the contribution I make to a fair and just law-abiding society. I spend the majority of my day on the road attending defendant's houses, businesses and other locations actioning warrants. I have days when I work independently and at other times when I work along side other Officers. **”**

To find out more visit us on: **sheriffs.hoban.com.au**

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



Department of Justice

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**Be part of an exciting new program that is supporting young people and their families in the Campbelltown area
Get a career that matters.**

Multiple positions available in this new team

- Team Leader – full time 35 hours per week
- Caseworkers - full time 35 hours per week
- Group work facilitator – part time 21 hours per week

UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families is a not-for-profit organisation who provide a range services for children, young people and families in New South Wales.

This is a targeted position where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

UnitingCare Burnside is seeking staff experienced in working with young people and their families to join our new Bridges for Youth program in Campbelltown. Bridges for Youth is a casework focused program supporting vulnerable young people and their families. The team will provide information; referral and strengths based casework and targeted group work that is responsive, culturally appropriate and flexible to meet the needs of young people and their families.

Applicants will require:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications in social sciences and/or with relevant life work experience with young people and their families.
- Demonstrated ability to engage Aboriginal young people and their families in change
- Demonstrated understanding of the complex issues impacting vulnerable young people and their families when planning, delivering and evaluating services.
- Current unrestricted drivers licence and willingness to transport young people and families if required.

Desirable Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Group work skills and experience

Applications Close: 12th June 2013

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We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply. We are accredited as an EOWA employer of choice for women. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



Relationships Australia
CANBERRA & REGION

Relationships Australia Canberra and Region (RACR) is seeking applicants for the following 2 positions:

**1 x Family Worker – Albury
1 x Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Family Worker**

**Permanent Full-Time Position
\$50,184 to \$54,822 (pro-rata)**

The position reports to the Family Referral Service Manager and is based in Albury, with outreach provided to surrounding areas.

Please refer to the NSW Health website for more information about Family Referral Services in NSW <http://www.nursesreg.health.nsw.gov.au/initiatives/kts/frs.asp>

Applicants need to submit a written application to the FRS Manager addressing selection criteria and include a current resume.

Job description and criteria available at:
<http://www.racr.relationships.org.au/aboutus/employment>

Enquiries: 02 6923 9100
Melissa O'Neill

All applications to be emailed or posted to the Family Referral Service Manager at rivoffice@racr.relationships.org.au or 36-40 Gurwood St Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Closing date: Friday 21 June 2013 COB.

RACR is an equal opportunity employer. One of these positions is identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Administrative/Clerical Officer

Gunnedah District Hospital
Enquiries: Cindy Paull, 02 6741 8000
Reference ID: 138180

Closing Date: 19 June 2013

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Part 9A, Section 122J of the *Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

Patient Support Officer

John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Mitchell Griffin, 02 4921 4266
Reference ID: 133435

Closing Date: 23 June 2013

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



**Gadigal Information Service
Aboriginal Corporation**



**Do you have a passion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander music, culture and current affairs?**

Production Coordinator (Events)

**Artist Development Program - \$56K basic salary
12 month contract**

A fantastic opportunity exists to join Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation as Production Coordinator (Events). This position is responsible for preparation, planning and implementation of events with the Artist Development Team, to include: Gadigal Music, Young, Black & Deadly, Klub Koori and Yabun, reporting to the Artist Development Manager. This is a full time position, working Monday to Friday.

Essential Skills are:

- Aboriginality
- Demonstrated experience in major event production management and in the provision of high level operational support within a dynamic and challenging environment.
- Ability to read, interpret and cost technical drawings and designs.
- Well-developed written and oral communication skills, combined with proven ability to negotiate and interact on key activities and sensitive issues.
- Budget and contract management experience.
- Experience in dealing with a wide range of stakeholders including representatives of external organisations, contractors, suppliers, volunteers and staff.
- Maturity, discretion, sound judgement and the capacity to act autonomously in the execution of daily administration and co-ordination of multiple projects.
- Experience in using project management, scheduling, spread sheet and word processing software packages.
- Experience in management of staff, contractors and suppliers.
- Demonstrated commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, and Cultural Diversity principles.

DESIRABLE:

- Strong industry contacts • Current driver's license

Volunteer Broadcasters

Koori Radio 93.7FM 2LND broadcasts across metropolitan Sydney and has an estimated audience of 100,000 people a week.

**We are currently seeking past and new
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
broadcasters to be trained as volunteer
Broadcasters with our deadly
organisation.**

If you think you are deadly enough and want to volunteer for a community radio station like Koori Radio 93.7 FM 2LND, and you live in the Sydney metropolitan area, and then please email your details to: info@gadigal.org.au and we will send you a program proposal and membership form.

**For further information,
including position
description,
please contact
Lily Shearer,
General Manager
on (02) 9384 4000
by COB on
30th June 2013.**

Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation is home to Koori Radio 93.7FM 2LND, Gadigal Music and Recording Studio, Young Black and Deadly, Klub Koori and Yabun Festival.

GIS is a not-for-profit, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community media and arts organisation operating from state-of-the-art premises in Redfern, Sydney on the site of the Old Black Theatre.

Caretaker

\$51,837 p.a. plus Superannuation

The City of Sydney is committed to providing high quality services to its residents and visitors and delivering it's Sustainable Sydney 2030 plan for a Green Global and Connected Sydney.

We are seeking applications for a Caretaker to work at the Redfern Community Centre.

To be successful in this role you must be able to carry out cleaning duties and repetitive manual work including lifting and moving equipment around the centre. You must also have excellent customer skills, a "can do" attitude, the ability to work unsupervised as well as a good understanding of Work Health and Safety and be willing to attend training courses. Experience in basic administration skills would also be an advantage.

Experience of working within an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community will be highly regarded.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply for this position.

Visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au for a position description. For further information contact Julia Medley, Senior Operations Coordinator on 9288 5717.

Applications must address the selection criteria stated within the position description and be made online via our website by **Tuesday 18 June 2013**.

Legal Support Officers

Clerk Grade 1/2
(Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Sydney

- Temporary vacancies
- Short term and long term
- Package to 65K
- Civil, Family and Criminal Law

Applications must be submitted online through jobs.nsw.gov.au to be considered.

Enquiries: Valerie Fraser on 9219 5726

Closing Date: 19 June 2013

NOTE:

The purpose of this recruitment is to create an eligibility list to fill future temporary (full-time and part-time) Legal Support Officer vacancies as they arise across in Sydney CBD.

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Solicitor

Grade I-III, Family Law (Aboriginal)

- Permanent vacancy
- Parramatta (Phillip St)
- Package to 107K

Applications must be submitted online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au to be considered.

Enquiries: Frances Neilson on 9891 1600 or frances.neilson@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 19 June 2013

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Sustainable Sydney

city of villages



Attorney General & Justice

ABORIGINAL SERVICES DIVISION

Coordinator Aboriginal Community Justice Group (Aboriginal Identified)

Clerk Grade 3-4

Wollongong, Temporary Full Time up to 6 months (with possible extension)

Salary range: \$61,198 - \$67,010

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$73,946

The Aboriginal Community Justice Group Coordinator supports and facilitates the activities of the local Aboriginal Community Justice Group.

The position is responsible for clerical and administrative support, liaising and meeting with key agencies of the NSW criminal justice system and assisting with the development and implementation of policies and management of crime prevention programs. The position also provides a vital link between the Local Court and the Aboriginal community.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and extensive knowledge of Aboriginal culture and NSW Aboriginal communities;
- Knowledge of the New South Wales justice system;
- Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with people of all socio-economic backgrounds;
- Experience in negotiating with community organisations, particularly Aboriginal communities;
- Ability to manage projects.

This is a temporary Full Time position for a period of up to 6 months (with possible extension).

Applications should be lodged online at <https://jobsnsw.taleo.net/careersection/djageoi/jobsearch.ftl> or click on the "Apply Online" button by **11.59pm on Sunday 16 June 2013**. Please do not email applications direct to the contact officer.

Enquiries: James Mulholland (02) 4223 3773 james_mulholland@agd.nsw.gov.au

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Manager - Aboriginal Health Service Dandenong, VIC

* Competitive remuneration package!

* Salary sacrificing + professional development!

Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-Operative Ltd has an exciting opportunity available for a **Manager - Aboriginal Health Service** to join their exciting organisation in Dandenong, Melbourne.

Reporting to the CEO you will be **responsible for the leadership, organisation and management of the Health services and programs offered by Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-Operative**. You will be developing and maintaining strong relationships and partnerships with the community, health agencies and providers, to improve service coordination and models of collaborative care.

For your hard work and dedication you will be rewarded with a **competitive remuneration, plus salary packaging**. Great opportunities for **professional development** are also available for this position.

You will work along side a **dedicated and passionate team** in a **family supportive organisation** - plus, you'll receive **immense job satisfaction**, contributing to the health, well-being and the advancement of Aboriginal people.



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Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



Aboriginal Planned Activity Group

COORDINATOR

Job Ref Number: 387-PAGC-MOP

GROUP WORKER

Job Ref Number: 386-PAG-SW-MOP

Newly created opportunities (2 year fixed term)
Aboriginal Community
Location: Western Suburbs

The Aboriginal Planned Activity Group Coordinator will provide high quality day activities for frail aged and disabled persons from the Aboriginal Community that is culturally appropriate and provides participants an opportunity to maximise their quality of life through activities designed to enhance the skills required for daily living and provide physical, intellectual, psychological and social well being.

The successful candidate will be required to:

- actively work in partnership with the Aboriginal communities by developing a rapport with the Aboriginal Community
- ensure that our services are accessible, relevant and tailored to meet the specific needs of Aboriginal people
- create a safe comfortable welcoming environment for clients by providing care and support to clients
- setting up and running activities
- encouraging clients participation
- assistance with meals where required
- assistance with transport
- other duties to ensure the program meets its objectives, in particular, meeting the needs of clients.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply. Experience working with the Aboriginal Community and qualifications and experience working in community aged care will be highly regarded.

Benefits include:

- a competitive salary inclusive of tax free dollars
- professional development
- 15 days personal/carers leave pro-rata
- the option to participate in the Meal Entertainment Program.

For a position profile please visit www.careconnect.org.au/Careers/Current-vacancies
For further information contact Carly McMartin, Team Leader on (03) 9362 8000.

Applications must include a response to the key selection criteria.

Forward applications, marked confidential to careers@careconnect.org.au quoting job reference number.

Applications close Friday 14 June, 2013

You must have the right to live and work in this location to apply for this position.

All offers of employment are provisional pending the outcome of a National Police Records Check.

Manager Ngurambang: Get a career that matters.

\$74,279 per annum + Superannuation + Salary Packaging

The Ngurambang Board in partnership with UnitingCare Children Young People and Families are seeking a Manager for the newly established Ngurambang Out of Home Care service located in Dubbo. The Manager will be responsible for approximately 9 staff over three locations caring for 75 Aboriginal placements over the next 4 years. Responsibilities will include providing high quality, responsive and innovative care and support for young people in the Ngurambang Out of Home Care service and facilitate compliance with the Standards for Out of Home Care (OOHC).

Applicants will require:

Aboriginality

Demonstrated ability in working collaboratively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their families, communities and organisations

Relevant tertiary qualifications or / and significant experience working in the Out of Home Care sector and community development

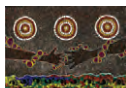
Extensive experience in working with and advocating for vulnerable young people

Current NSW drivers licence and willingness to travel as required

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 13 June 2013.

Apply online at www.getacareerthatmatters.com.au

We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply. We are accredited as an EOWA employer of choice for women. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



Female Aboriginal Immunisation Liaison Officer
Ref: 135274, Temp P/T 23 hpw at Camperdown
Enq: Deborah Thomson
Phone: (02) 9515 9420
Closing Date: 21 June 2013

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Being female is recognised as a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised under section 31(2h) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Please apply online by visiting:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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*.*

Shoalhaven Women's Resource Group Ltd Nowra Women and Children's Refuge



Aboriginal Women's Refuge and Child Support Worker

Temporary: 38 hours per week for 12 months with possibility of extension

Award: SCHCADS Award – Level 4 Pay Point 2

Nowra Women's Refuge is a not for profit, non-government organisation providing crisis accommodation and support for women and their children and single women who are escaping domestic violence or other life crises. In addition to the supported accommodation the Refuge also provides outreach, court support, case management (Early Intervention and Post Crisis) as well as Semi-independent supported accommodation.

The Aboriginal Women's Refuge Support Worker will be responsible for the effective Case Management of clients and their children.

Essential

- Qualifications in Community Services or appropriate relevant work experience
- A comprehensive understanding of the mission and values of the organisation
- Ability to problem solve, apply decision making tools and handle conflict
- Sound knowledge of issues pertaining to domestic violence.
- Understanding and ability to maintain confidentiality at all times with respect to clients, staff and management.
- Good written and verbal communication skills plus good interpersonal skills, including the ability to engage clients and show empathy and to negotiate and advocate on behalf of clients
- Awareness of the specific issues arising for Aboriginal women, women from non-English speaking backgrounds, lesbians, women with disabilities, women with mental health issues and children who have experienced domestic violence.
- Computer skills including Microsoft Office (particularly Outlook, Word)

Desirable

- OH&S Training
- First Aid Certificate
- Experience in non-government agencies
- Knowledge and understanding of homelessness
- Experience working with children
- Experience in the delivery of Case Management

Essential Requirements

- Current drivers license and access to a reliable vehicle for on-call duties
- Telephone connected at home or a personal mobile phone

*Being Aboriginal and female is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under Section 14d and Section 31(2)(h) of the *Anti Discrimination Act (NSW) 1977*. SWRG Ltd complies with EEO guidelines. Working with Children Record and Police checks apply.*

Above award wages and conditions will apply to the successful applicant. Salary packaging is available to employees.

How to apply

Please do not email the organisation- contact SWRG Ltd by phone to request an Application Package on 44218276 between 9am- 5.00 pm Mondays- Fridays.

Applications close on:
Friday June 21st



VACCA
 Connected by culture

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 welfare services. We are looking for an enthusiastic and committed person to fill the following position:

Early Intervention Team Leader

Key Program functions include:

- A sound knowledge and understanding of Koori culture and community needs and an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Koori people.
- Knowledge and or experience in Child development
- Demonstrated involvement in playgroups and/or pre-school programs
- Ability to prepare written reports and correspondence

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria (which applicants must address) or for further information please contact Deon Davis on (03) 9701 4200 or by email deond@vacca.org

Applications close: Friday 15th June 2013.



MAC Mildura
 Aboriginal Corporation Inc.

TEAM LEADER In Home Support

An exciting leadership opportunity exists with the Mildura Aboriginal Corporation for someone who is highly motivated, enthusiastic and committed to working with Aboriginal Families and their children between aged 0 and 5.

Main duties will include;

- Develop and implement services to improve the health, development, learning and well-being of Aboriginal children aged 0-5 years.
- Improve parenting capacity of Aboriginal mothers and families that is respectful of their cultural identity, and to ensure Aboriginal child and family well-being.
- Promote partnerships as a strategy between Aboriginal community services, Koori Maternity Services, Maternal and Child Health Services, Koori Education, Early Childhood Programs, Kindergarten and other key stakeholders.
- Develop and monitor staff work plans weekly to ensure KPI's are met or exceeded.

To be successful in this role you will;

- Demonstrate ability to coordinate and monitor service delivery according to key targets and KPI's and report on monthly outcomes.
- Communicate, consult, liaise and negotiate with a broad range of people both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal, at all levels to achieve program objectives and goals.
- Proven ability to manage staff and create a highly functional team environment which promotes and encourage personal integrity, credibility, trust and cooperation.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are Strongly Encouraged to Apply.

A competitive remuneration package including the ability to salary sacrifice will be offered. If this position sounds like you and you have the drive, skills and experience to deliver visit our website www.macmildura.org for a full position description and details on "How to Apply". To Discuss the position in more detail please contact Danielle Dougherty (Manager Early Years) on 03 5018 4100

Applications Close: 7th June 2013



VACCA
 Connected by culture

Career Opportunity at the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) is Victoria's leading and only dedicated Aboriginal Child and Family Services provider. We are a state-wide, community based, Aboriginal organisation with extensive experience in the management and delivery of a range of child and family welfare programs and Link Up services for members of the Stolen Generation.

Senior Facilities & Contracts Manager

We are looking for an enthusiastic and qualified person for our Senior Facilities & Contracts Manager role. You will be committed to Aboriginal self-determination, community advancement and capacity building as well as to a high quality of service delivery and organisational experience.

You will lead and manage asset management programs including facilities, fleet, assets and associated infrastructure. You will have demonstrated experience and qualifications at management level.

This position is part of the Corporate Senior Management team contributing to the ongoing development and attainment of our strategic directions.

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful applicant. This position is located in East Brunswick.

For more information or for a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Louise Jonas on 03 8388 1855 or by email: louisej@vacca.org

"Previous applicants need not apply"

Applications close: Saturday 22nd June 2013.



Are you a passionate, results oriented and experienced communicator looking for a new challenge?

Commercial Manager : Koorie Education

GOTAFE, Northern Victoria's leading tertiary education provider is seeking a motivated leader to work with our local communities across the Goulburn Valley Region.

This full time position will be based at our Shepparton Fryers Street Campus. The successful applicant will oversee the development and implementation of strategies addressing the needs of Koorie students as well as manage current programs and delivery.

An attractive salary package is on offer for the right individual including superannuation and vehicle. Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Appointment to this position is subject to a satisfactory Police Records and Working with Children Check.

Applications close: 4pm Friday 7th June, 2013

To view the position description and apply online please access our website at www.gotafe.vic.edu.au. For more information please contact the Human Resource Department on (03) 5833 2629.

GOTAFE VALUES:

Responsiveness · Creativity · Collaboration
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GOTAFE is growing and we're looking for experienced, talented and enthusiastic people to join our dynamic and fast growing organisation.

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7. Leading tertiary education provider in Northern Victoria
8. Opportunity for career progression



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Unlock new opportunities and grow our services in regional Western Australia with multiple Perth based vacancies across key departments including; Engineering, Maintenance Control, Safety, Quality, Security and Audit.

For further information regarding positions available within Virgin Australia and to be part of this ground-breaking chapter in our journey please visit careers.virginaustralia.com

For more information follow our Virgin Australia Careers page on LinkedIn to receive the latest company updates and job opportunities.





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 Hunter New England Local Health District

An exciting opportunity exists to provide Cultural Respect Education training for Hunter New England Health.

We are looking for an experienced educator with cultural authority to deliver 22 one-day programs at various locations within the Local Health District.

This training is one part of HNE Health's comprehensive strategy to Close the Gap in life expectancy between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

For further information on the request for quotation and supporting information register on the tender website www.tenders.nsw.gov.au
RFQ Code: HSN_LC13_153HNEQ

Closing date for proposals: 2pm 19 June

Contact person: Kathleen Schelling
Project Officer Innovation Support
Byrne House, Rankin Park Campus
Tel: 02 4922 3388
Email: Kathleen.Schelling@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au



Health South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinical Leader

Permanent Full Time
Mental Health Services, St. George Hospital,
Kogarah
Enquiries: Elizabeth Abbott 02 9113 2685
Ref No: 138122
Closing Date: 23 June 2013

Learning and Development Consultant (Targeted Aboriginal Position)

Permanent Full Time
People & Culture SESLHD, Sutherland
Enquiries: Hollie Ballingall 02 9540 8860
Ref No: 137411
Closing Date: 23 June 2013

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au
or email application quoting Ref. No. to:
seslhd.recruitment@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
or send application to:
Recruitment Unit,
Ground Floor Admin Building No. 2
Prince of Wales Hospital
Randwick NSW 2031

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

AOD Counsellor (Alcohol and Other Drugs) Pompuraaw, QLD

- * Rewarding & varied role!
- * Attractive remuneration & annual airfares!



Pompuraaw Aboriginal Corporation has a rewarding opportunity for an **AOD Counsellor** to join its dedicated team. You'll be responsible for the delivery of AOD services incl. assessment, intervention, counselling, treatment & case management, crisis intervention & relapse management, to individuals, groups and families. Enjoy an attractive salary package, locality allowance, annual airfares to the value of \$1000 & more!



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Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



Health Western Sydney Local Health District

ABORIGINAL MENTAL HEALTH WORKER TRAINEE

Classification: Aboriginal Health Education Officer – Non-Graduate, TFT (up to 17/06/16), **Salary:** \$878.10–\$1,293.30 pw, **Enquiries:** Vera Labuzin, (02) 9881 8888 or Vera.Labuzin@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Blacktown Ad No: 135947 Close Date: 03.07.13

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).

For further information and to apply visit:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=135947>

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Senior Policy Officer Aboriginal Targeted Position Operational Programs, Major Events & Incidents Group Clerk Grade 9/10 Permanent Full-Time Parramatta Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 000010EK

Salary Package: \$113,802. **Salary:** \$93,586 - \$103,128. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The key responsibility of this position is the development of the organisation's policy and procedures on custody and corrections. This will be done in consultation with frontline operational police and the Corporate Spokesperson for Custody and Corrections.

Job Notes:

- Applicants should hold a current driver's licence with no traffic offences recorded on their driving history within the last six (6) months.
- For your application to be considered, you must attach an up-to-date resume and supply written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Shobha Sharma on 0412 151 318

For selection criteria, a downloadable position description and information package, please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 000010EK.

Closing Date: Monday 10 June 2013

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Health Mid North Coast Local Health District

Aboriginal Assistant in Nursing

An opportunity exists for an Aboriginal Assistant in Nursing at Port Macquarie Base Hospital.

The position is casual and is an Aboriginal Identified position under Sections 14(d) of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent through parentage, identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted in the community as such.

Salary will be in accordance with the Public Health System Nurses & Midwives (State) Award – Assistant in Nursing classification.

Enquiries: Sue Creech (02) 5524 2236

Apply online:

<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au> quoting Reference ID 136502.

PENRITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES Inc

Provides accommodation and outreach services to women with dependant children experiencing or escaping Domestic Violence or who are at imminent risk of homelessness

Co-Ordinator / Mentor of Aboriginal Projects

Full time (35hours)

To be Female and Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under (Sections 31 and 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

- A commitment to work from a Feminist framework
- Demonstrated ability and skills in managing a community based organisation including: financial management; administration; staff management; implementation of the principles of teamwork and empowerment of clients and staff; implementation of Work Safe and EEO policies
- An understanding of the complexity of indigenous community dynamics, including social and economic circumstances faced by indigenous people and communities
- Extensive understanding of issues related to family violence in Aboriginal communities including particular barriers faced by Aboriginal women who experience domestic / family violence
- Sound understanding of case management principles
- Excellent written and communication skills
- Demonstrated computer skills
- Awareness and sensitivity to cultural diversity
- Experience in contributing to a multi-disciplinary team environment;
- Current N.S.W. driver's licence;
- Ability to work after hours on call including and weekends when required;
- Access to a reliable vehicle;
- Own mobile phone or have a telephone connected.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA: To be known and accepted by the local Aboriginal community; Knowledge of local community organisations; First Aid Certificate; LR licence
Only applications addressing the criteria for employment and providing 2 recent employee referees will be considered. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a "Working with Children" check and a "Criminal Record Check" prior to commencement of employment.

Employment as per SCHADS Award

Enquiries and Job Description Ph: 02 47 322318
Applications to the Manager or Assistant Manager
PO Box 55 Penrith 2751
pwmanager@pnc.com.au

CLOSING DATE: 5pm Friday 28th June 2013



CASUAL RELIEF PRODUCER

SBS's Audio and Language Content Division is looking for a casual relief Producer for SBS Radio's Living Black program.

As part of a team, you'll be involved in creating and broadcasting audio content for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. You'll be required to research, write, produce, sub-edit and present audio content on radio and online.

You'll need to be proficient in written and spoken English and a background in journalism and broadcasting is preferred.

This position involves rostered shift work and the successful candidate must be able to undertake shift work (which may involve early morning, evening and weekend work).

We're not offering a permanent position, just casual relief work.

For further information about this position please contact Michelle Lovegrove on (02) 9430 2867 or visit our website www.sbs.com.au/jobs

Applications must be lodged online by 5pm on 17th June 2013.

Our story: Connecting Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities through story and song.

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I can enjoy the freedom of working in the community, meeting new people and using my skills to find solutions to complex problems. With my help, my clients, their families and the community can enjoy a better quality of health. At SA Health, I can draw upon ongoing education and team support to help my clients better manage their health and feel more empowered in life.

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Worker

Royal Adelaide Hospital
Job Ref: 514481

www.health.sa.gov.au/careers
1300 882 992



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Indigenous Curator

APS6 (\$73,060–\$81,887), Non-ongoing for 2.5 years

Are you looking for a position which extends and draws on your creative potential and cultural abilities? This is a once in a life-time opportunity to join a dynamic curatorial team, in developing an innovative exhibition with an international focus. The exhibition will explore colonisation and the custodianship of Australian Indigenous collections, in a way that has not previously been attempted. If this opportunity entices you come and join the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program at the National Museum of Australia.

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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Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer

- **H.M. Prison Barwon**
- **Ongoing, Full time**
- **\$55,931 - \$67,912 + super**

The Indigenous and Diversity Unit, Corrections Victoria, is seeking an Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer to fill an ongoing vacancy at HM Prison Barwon.

The successful applicant will provide the appropriate referrals, support and links to education, counselling services and provide advice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners. They will also be responsible for liaising with prison management, departmental staff, families and other agencies, and develop partnerships with relevant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and community groups.

This is a designated position under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.

Enquiries about this position please contact **Claire Waghorne** Program Coordinator on **5220 8338**.

claire.waghorne@justice.vic.gov.au

To apply online and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close: **16 June 2013**

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Department of
Justice



**Family &
Community Services**
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Service Coordinator

**Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Home & Community Care
Campbelltown
Permanent Full-Time
Job Reference No. 000015X9**

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$74,487 per annum (Salary: \$61,198 pa - \$67,501 pa) includes employers contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This position co-ordinates resources to provide client-centred services and provides leadership and support to a team of Care Workers.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the home and community care context and service provider network and relevant program standards, community care and welfare systems, and health, aged care and disability care systems.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the support needs of Aboriginal frail aged, people with a disability and their carers.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights issues including confidentiality, privacy, advocacy and complaints mechanisms.
- Strong facilitation, negotiation, conflict resolution, problem solving, written and oral communications.
- Significant experience in a similar role in a community service setting and/or tertiary qualifications in Behavioural, Social and Health Science.
- Demonstrated experience in information technology to support client service delivery, creation and maintenance of client records and basic accounting practices to monitor and work to a budget.
- Understanding of and commitment to Aboriginal Access. Driver's Licence, own vehicle and ability to travel.

Job Notes: This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Applicants **MUST** obtain an information package, which contains complete details of the advertisement and information about Home Care Service of NSW.

Applicants **MUST** address the full selection criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

For Enquiries: Judith Murray (02) 8344 2800

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 14 June 2013

Thank you for your interest in this position.

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**Family &
Community Services**
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Service Coordinator

**(Community Options)
Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Campbelltown or Alexandria
Permanent Full-Time
Job Reference No. 00001MHE**

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$74,487 per annum (Salary: \$61,198 pa - \$67,501 pa) includes employers contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This position provides case management and brokerage services to enable Aboriginal frail aged people, people with disabilities and their carers to live independently in their own homes.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality.
2. Experience in case management (including assessment) and brokerage in a similar community service.
3. Demonstrated ability to network with Aboriginal and non Aboriginal service providers and an understanding of the complexities of Aboriginal communities and cultural differences.
4. Facilitation skills to provide training and development to staff to meet the client's needs.
5. Strong written and oral communication skills to be able to prepare project reports and submissions. Sound conflict/problem solving skills.
6. Sound negotiation skills to be able to work with other agencies and work in community development.
7. Knowledge of current community care issues, community services and their availability to ensure appropriate service delivery.
8. Computer literacy and basic knowledge of accounting practices to monitor budget. Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

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For Enquiries: Judith Murray (02) 8344 2800 or (02) 4629 1700

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 14 June 2013

Thank you for your interest in this position.

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NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT 1971 SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that Australian Desalinated Water Pty Ltd (ADW) (ACN 008 064 211) of Level 16, 211 Victoria Square, Adelaide, South Australia, proposes to undertake mineral exploration activities in an area located within Exploration Licence No. 5202 held by ADW and described below.

OAKVALE AREA - Approximately 65 km SE of Olary bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°39'S and longitude 140°57'E, then east to the eastern border of the State of South Australia, then southerly along the border of the said State to latitude 32°50'S, then west to longitude 140°45'E, north to latitude 32°44'S, east to longitude 140°50'E, north to latitude 32°43'S, east to longitude 140°51'E, north to latitude 32°42'S, east to longitude 140°53'E, north to latitude 32°41'S, east to longitude 140°55'E, north to latitude 32°40'S, east to longitude 140°57'E, and north to the point of commencement, 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).

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

ADW proposes to carry out exploratory and drilling operations on the Land to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation. Those operations may include: reconnaissance; gridding; geological mapping; aerial photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical soil, calcrete and rock chip sampling; shallow trenching; auger, rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation or diamond core drilling and include all things necessarily incidental to any such operations.

The proposed operations are authorised by the Exploration Licence No 5202 (including any extensions or renewals of the exploration licence and any future exploration authority under the Mining Act over the Land or any part of it).

ADW seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the Land to which this notice relates, ADW may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to section 63N of the Mining Act 1971 (SA) authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land.

ANY PERSON who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact the proponents, ADW, for the purposes of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.

TAKE NOTICE that if within four (4) months of the initiation of these negotiations, ADW and any native title party or parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the Mining Act 1971 (SA) for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the Land.

If you require further information, please contact:

Peter Williams
Marathon Resources Limited
PO Box 181, FULLARTON SA 5063
Ph: 08 8348 3500

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



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Casual Youth Officer

Careers in Juvenile Justice at Broken Hill

Are you available to work ad-hoc and sporadic hours?

Do you have the qualities we're looking for?

- Maturity;
- Personality; and
- Motivation;
- Character.

Juvenile Justice, Department of Attorney General and Justice is NOW recruiting suitable people to train as casual youth officers.

Working with children in custody is a challenging role requiring real strength of character. It is both demanding and satisfying to know that you can make a difference in the lives of our clients and our community.

Youth Officers make a difference while earning \$26.15 per hour, plus casual loading, shift allowances and/or penalty rates as applicable.

Note: These positions are casual and offer ad-hoc and sporadic hours of employment.

Closing Date: 12pm Sunday, 9 June 2013.

For further information or to apply visit: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au for assistance telephone 1800 355 562.

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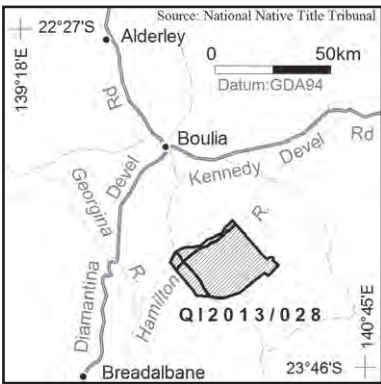
Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 12 June 2013



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2013/028 Pitta Pitta People Lorna Downs (aka Milkamungra) ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

Agreement covers about 850 sq km approx. 45 km southeast of Boulia.

Relevant LGA: Boulia Shire Council

The agreement area is located within the area of the Pitta Pitta People native title claim which was subject to a conditional determination by the Federal Court of Australia on 28 August 2012 (QUD6025/1999).

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Qld.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Milkamungra Pastoral Company Pty Ltd, C/- Thynne & Macartney, GPO Box 245, BRISBANE QLD 4001

Alfred Nathan, Jean Jacks, Neville Aplin, Carmel Belford, Noel Doyle and Florence Melville on behalf of the Pitta Pitta People

C/- Queensland South Native Title Services Limited
Level 4, 370 Queen Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

The agreement contains the following statements:

The agreement does not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either s.24EB(1)(b)(c) or (d) or s.24EBA(1)(a). The purpose of the agreement is "to establish practical and flexible arrangements for access to and use of the Agreement Area by the Pitta Pitta People to exercise the Pitta Pitta People's Native Title rights and interests, during the term of the Lease, in a manner that is compatible with the Lessee's continued use and enjoyment of the Lease Area according to the terms of the lease and to manage any associated risks."

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services Limited, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD, 4000 by 12 September 2013.

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Casual Childcare Assistant

\$27.29 per hour (super guaranteed)
3.25% salary increase in July

Casual – As required

Department: Community Living

Contact Officer: Cheryl Rule on (02) 6285 6522

Closing Date: 4.00pm, Monday 10 June 2013

Recruitment information can be obtained from www.qcc.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6285 6576

Queanbeyan City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officer

- **Community Correctional Services, Gippsland**
- **Ongoing**
- **\$55,931 - \$64,318 + super**

Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officers (ILCCO's) monitor and supervise complex and high profile Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders who have been sentenced by the Courts to serve community based orders, or have been released from prison on parole by the Adult Parole Board.

As well as general CCS responsibilities, Indigenous LCCO's undertake specialist functions such as providing culturally appropriate guidance and counselling to offenders; assist offenders to participate in programs and community work and preparing offender reports for Courts and the Adult Parole Board.

The successful applicant for this role would be required to work between three locations including three days a week at Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place (WNLPL), and two days a week at either Sale or Bainsdale Community Correctional Services.

To apply online and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close: **16 June 2013**



Department of Justice



Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health Services (TATSICHS)

is seeking quality applicants for the following position

Social and Emotional Well-being Counsellor (Full-time)

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 or 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

Wiradjuri product is blazing a trail



WIRADJURI youngster Zac Williams blazed a trail when he made his Australian

Football League (AFL) debut for Greater Western Sydney (GWS) against the Gold Coast Suns in Canberra in late April.

He is the first product of the GWS Academy's talent pathway to play at AFL level and is a former NSW-ACT Rams player who comes from Narrandera, in country NSW.

Williams was selected by the GSW Giants with pick 55 in the 2013 AFL Rookie Draft before being promoted to the senior list. Head coach Kevin Sheedy highlighted the importance of the AFL development pathway in NSW.

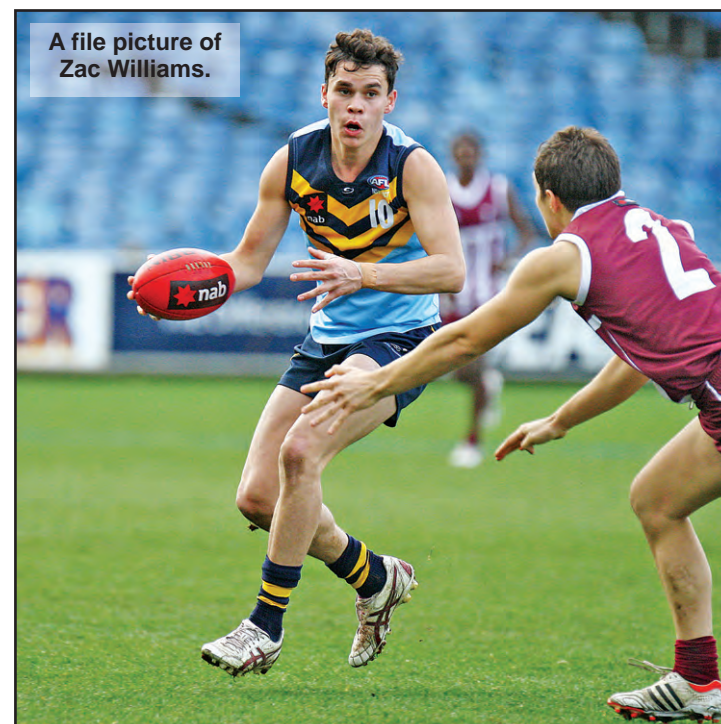
"It's pretty simple – Zac played really well when we got him to fly up and help our injured reserves in 2012 and we took him in the rookie draft," Sheedy said.

"This is the perfect example of what the academy can do for young players in our zone.

"This is our first big tick for the pathway – this young Indigenous boy from Narrandera."

Williams, now 18, was the only player from NSW to be invited to the annual AFL draft camp in Melbourne last October after an impressive performance during the 2012 under 18s National Championships.

In a post-match interview with GWS TV, Williams admitted to some pre-game



A file picture of Zac Williams.

jitters before he ran out on StarTrack Oval in Canberra for his first AFL game.

"Up until I got out there I was nervous, but once I was on the field and got a touch I felt pretty good," he said.

"Running out with my teammates and going through the banner was an unbelievable feeling.

"I've watched that on TV every weekend, so it was amazing to finally get the opportunity to do it."

There was plenty of family support for Williams.

"When I got my first touch I could hear them in the crowd screaming," Williams said.

"Dad passed away in 2000 when I was about five or six, so it's been mum raising my sister and I. My sister told me that Mum had a bit of a teary after I hung up the phone to tell her I was going to play. I think they're really proud of me."

The Suns won the Canberra match 21.22 (148) to 16.8 (104). Williams was named among the best in three of the Giants Reserves' four games this year, giving him an opportunity to show his talents at senior level.

"It was a big shock to me. I wasn't expecting to actually get elevated from the rookie list just yet," Williams said.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 19 June 2013



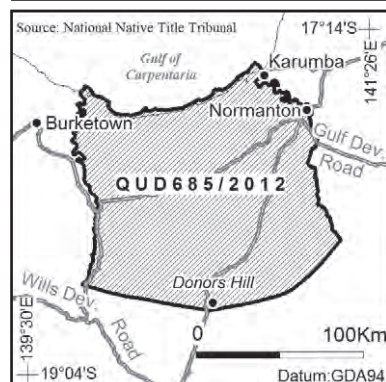
National Native Title Tribunal



This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, Brisbane, QLD, 4003 on or before **18 September 2013**. After 18 September 2013, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Gkuthaarn & Kukatj People

Federal Court File No: QUD685/2012

Date filed: 28 November 2012

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers about 16,760 sq km located between Burketown and Normanton and extending southerly from the Gulf of Carpentaria to Donors Hill.

Relevant LGA: Carpentaria Shire Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Reds wear one-off guernseys



QUEENSLAND Rugby hosted its second annual Indigenous Round at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, last Saturday when the Queensland Reds took on the Melbourne Rebels.

It was part of National Reconciliation Week celebrations to mark Indigenous culture and heritage.

Special edition jerseys were created for the occasion by Indigenous artist Stephen Hogarth and were individually signed and then auctioned to raise funds for the participants and communities involved with the Queensland Reds Indigenous Program.

The program has been in operation for three years and assists Indigenous communities such as Doomadgee, Mornington

Island, Yarrabah, Woorabinda and Cherbourg by offering participants pathways from the classroom to career opportunities.

"The Indigenous Round was very well received in its inaugural year and our fans showed great support in getting behind the team and embracing the concept," Reds coach Ewen McKenzie said.

Positive

"It's a really positive initiative for our code and provides a meaningful backdrop to what is also a very important match for us in terms of the Super Rugby competition and our finals aspirations."

Queensland Rugby chief operating officer David Hanham said the Indigenous Program continued to achieve significant results with the Indigenous Round serving to raise awareness of the

work being done with its participants in their communities.

"Since launching rugby's first-ever Indigenous Round last year, Queensland Rugby has continued to increase its presence within the program's targetted communities to ensure we are offering meaningful pathways and career opportunities for its participants," Mr Hanham said.

"Through using Reds players as inspiration and Queensland Rugby game development staff as mentors, the program has a pivotal focus on pathways that encourage young Indigenous Queenslanders to stay in school, seek employment and become leaders within their communities.

Queensland Rugby this year introduced the Frank Ivory Medal awarded to the Reds man of the match in Saturday's clash against the Melbourne Rebels.

This will become an annual presentation.

Frank Ivory was the first Indigenous rugby player to represent Queensland. He debuted against New South Wales at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground on 2 September 1883, a match won by Queensland 11-6 in front of more than 3000 spectators.



Saia Faingaa, left, and twin brother Anthony in the Queensland Reds jumpers they wore in the rugby union Super Rugby Indigenous Round match against the Melbourne Rebels in Brisbane last Saturday night. Photo supplied

Indigenous boys in NSW U16 team

NEARLY one-third of the NSW under 16 team to play Queensland in a State of Origin curtain-raiser at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, tonight are Indigenous.

Five Indigenous boys are in the 17-strong NSW squad. They are Michael Doolan (Cabramatta), Latrell Mitchell (Taree), Jesse Ramien (Manly Warringah), Ethan Roberts (South Grafton Rebels), and Reimis Smith (Mascot).

The NSW under 16s have won their last three clashes against Queensland and have won six of their last seven annual clashes.

This match will kick off at 6pm, with gates opening just prior to kick off.

The Queensland side includes nine players from Cyril

Connell Cup grand finalists – Norths Devils and Easts Tigers.

The Queensland team is: Connor Cox (Sunshine Coast Falcons) Nathan Lafferty (Townsville Stingers), Jaydn Sua (Souths Logan Magpies), Izaia Perese (Norths Devils), Dylan Parise (Northern Pride), Jayden Carroll (Easts Tigers), Logan Spaander (Norths Devils), Keegan Hipgrave (Gold Coast White), Jack Miers (Norths Devils), Lachlan Barr (Easts Tigers), Keanu Dawson (Gold Coast Green), Lachlan Lanskey (Norths Devils), Michael Molo (Norths Devils), Agassi Stowers (Easts Tigers), Calvin Pritchard (Easts Tigers), Nathan Prostamo (Gold Coast White), Mitchell Dunn (Mackay Cutters).



Four of the five Indigenous boys in the NSW under 16 team to play Queensland tonight in the State of Origin curtain-raiser in Sydney, from left, left Latrell Mitchell, Ethan Roberts, Jesse Ramien and Reimis Smith.

Colby Faingaa re-emerges



FLANKER Colby Faingaa returned to the Brumbies starting line-up for the first time in more than two

years as the only run-on change for the Super Rugby clash with the Blues in Auckland on Saturday 25 May.

The Brumbies won 20-13 at Eden Park to consolidate their place at the top of the Australian conference.

Faingaa's ascension to the run-on side was due to a strained medial ligament suffered by veteran flanker George Smith.

Faingaa, 22, burst on to the Super Rugby scene three years ago as the 19-year-old younger brother to Wallabies twins Saia and Anthony, who play with the Queensland Reds.

However the former Australian under-20s captain has had a hard time cracking the starting line-up since, first playing back-up to Wallabies No 7 Michael Hooper, and then arguably Australia's two greatest opensides David Pocock



Flashback to 2010... The Cheetahs' Kabamba Floors is caught by ACT Brumbies' Colby Faingaa during their Super 14 rugby game in Canberra.

Photo: AP

and George Smith.

His last run-on game being against the Western Force in May 2011, Faingaa said he would be taking this latest opportunity with both hands to help the Brumbies snap a two-game losing streak.

Faingaa said he was more focussed on proving to himself,

rather than anybody else, that he was still up to Super Rugby level.

"It's been frustrating in parts. I'm thankful for the opportunity that I get when I do play. Obviously my main goal is to start every week," he said.

Faingaa's rollercoaster wait on the Brumbies' bench has culminated in him signing a deal with the Melbourne Rebels for 2014.

With the Brumbies topping the Australian conference – yet Pocock expected to return to the starting side in 2014 – Faingaa

said it had left him with a tough choice.

"Getting a lot more game time was the main factor. I've been at the Brumbies since I left school. I've loved every moment of it and it was a very hard decision," he said. – With AAP



Kieran Agius-Le Bois above his opponent in a marking contest during the SANFL Macca's Cup under 16 grand final at AMMI Stadium on 19 May. Photo: Peter Argent

Kieran shines in one-sided final

By PETER ARGENT



KIERAN Agius-Le Bois was a key member of the unconquered North Adelaide side in their grand final victory over Sturt in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Macca's Shield under 16 competition.

Full forward Agius-Le Bois is one of the most exciting forwards in South Australian junior football. He is noted for his strong marking and long kicking.

This under-age game was the curtain raiser to Crows-St Kilda contest at AAMI Stadium on Sunday, 19 May.

Hot favourites

David Tiller's Roosters had been dominant all season and were hot favourites for the grand final, delivering a title triumph in emphatic style.

Kicking the opening three goals of the match, all brilliant snaps from Ryan Burton, followed by Agius-Le Bois and then mid-north talent Dylan Foulis, North staked early claims, but Sturt rebounded, kicking the next two majors.

But from this point, it was one-way traffic.

Running over the Double Blues from quarter time, North Adelaide won by 95 points, with the final scores being North 21.9 (135), Sturt 5.10 (40).

This was also the last grand final at AAMI Stadium (Football Park) at this level.

From the first break, the Roosters controlled the contest, kicking 16 goals to two.

"We had no weak links," North coach Tiller said.

"You could have thrown up 16 players in our best player lists today.

"We had a pretty good group at under 17s level in 2005, with ten of them going on to league footy or better, but this team is the best I've coached."

Athletic Aboriginal key forward Agius-Le Bois and fellow tall attacking player Ryan Burton each kicked five goals in the win.

"Kieran was a great target for us all season," Tiller said.

"He finished with a haul of 57 in the games he played this season.

"On grand final day he kicked 5.3 and should have really had seven goals at least.

"Kieran is a magnificent kicker of the football. "He had hauls of ten goals against South and nine against the Port Adelaide Magpies."

North Adelaide's under 16 side was undefeated through the 2013 campaign and had an average winning margin of more than 70.

Their only close game was a one-point victory against Norwood in the abridged minor round, without ten key players, but they rebounded the next week to beat the Redlegs by more than 19 goals on semifinal Friday.

Agius-Le Bois kicked six goals in both games against Norwood, and was one of the best players in the small win on 4 May.

Bowen is sidelined



NORTH Queensland's National Rugby League (NRL) aspirations have taken a big hit with fullback Matt Bowen being ruled out for up to six weeks.

Bowen has torn cartilage in his left knee and underwent surgery last week as one of six absentees for the Cowboys for their game against the Gold Coast Titans last weekend due to State of Origin commitments and injury.

The former Queensland flyer joined back-rower Gavin Cooper (knee) on the sidelines while Johnathan Thurston, Matt Scott, Brent Tate and James Tamou are all on Origin duty and unavailable to take on the Titans.

Gold Coast were without co-captains Nate Myles and Greg Bird due to Origin duty as well as lock Ashley Harrison.

The injury to Bowen came at a time when a deadline is looming as North Queensland sweats on off-contract Bowen's fate.

But Cowboys coach Neil Henry says he is keeping his fingers crossed the livewire No 1 remains a one-club player.

Reports last month linking

31-year-old Bowen to rival NRL clubs were dismissed by Henry as 'rumours'.

However, Henry admits his club will need to decide on what to do with Bowen sooner rather than later - especially once the veteran flyer's manager begins fielding genuine offers.

The Cowboys are in a 'holding pattern' as they monitor Bowen on a modified training program before deciding whether to offer him a contract for a 14th NRL season.

Bowen - the 2012 Dally M runner-up - has not bounced back to his best after pre-season shoulder surgery, and now he's been sidelined with a knee injury.

Asked if they had a deadline, Henry said: "It's building - we will have to see in the next few weeks.

"We haven't put a definite time frame on it, but obviously, if his manager is

fielding other offers, then a decision will need to be made.

"All we know is that he is part of the fabric of this club and has been since around 2000.

"We are hopeful that he stays.

"I think everyone would like to think that Matty would be a one-team player and finish his career here." - AAP



Matt Bowen
Photo by Alf Wilson

Kurtley Beale back on the paddock



KURTLEY Beale returned to rugby union last weekend, turning out for Randwick in the Sydney

Shute Shield rugby competition after spending much of the previous three weeks in a private health facility dealing with alcohol-related issues.

The troubled Wallabies star was stood down indefinitely by his Super Rugby side the Melbourne Rebels last month after failing to comply with an alcohol ban.

Prior to that, the 24-year-old was suspended by the club for a month after an alcohol-fuelled incident in South Africa in which he struck team-mates Cooper Vuna and Gareth Delve.

The Rebels and the ARU last week issued separate statements about Beale, saying he had successfully completed the first stage of counselling.

"Following discussions between the ARU, RUPA (players'

association) and the Melbourne Rebels, and Kurtley's departure from the health facility, all parties have agreed that it is in Kurtley's best interest and welfare to remain in Sydney around his support network for the foreseeable future," the statement said.

"Kurtley will play for his club Randwick in the Sydney Shute Shield during this time."

Randwick faced Sydney University on Saturday.

The Rebels had a Super Rugby game against the Reds last weekend and face the Brumbies this weekend before a hiatus for the Lions tour.

Given his immediate linking with Randwick, Beale may not have many more opportunities to play for the Rebels who also have matches against the Lions on 25 June and then a final regular Super Rugby season game against the Highlanders on 12 July.

It is tipped that Beale will once again link with the NSW Waratahs after this season. - AAP

Bowen emerge victors

Story and photos by
ALF WILSON



QUALITY Indigenous players competed at the Remote Area Rugby League Far North Queensland Challenge in Cairns on 25-26 May.

Northern Cape York, Southern Cape, Palm Island Barracudas, Bowen and Three Rivers battled it out over two days.

Torres withdrew in the week leading up to the carnival because of financial considerations.

Southern Cape comprised of players from Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw, Coen and Lockhart River.

Northern Cape consisted of players from Aurukun, Napranum, Weipa and Mapoon, while Three Rivers had footballers from Cooktown, Hopevale and Wujal Wujal.

Bowen won the 26 May final, beating Palm Island Barracudas 32-18.

Queensland Rugby League regional coordinator David Maiden said every team played each other.

"The football was fast and furious. The communities love their footy, and it's all about bringing communities together and creating pathways for individuals to get to the next level," Maiden said.

"Often, roads are cut off in remote areas of north Queensland, especially during the wet season, so we're really pleased this carnival provided opportunities for the region's most talented players to show their skills."

Maiden said it was disappointing that the Torres Strait was not represented due to lack of funding.

"It's certainly an issue for our game. We're trying to provide pathways, but are still hampered by funding," he said.

A Northern United side was picked to meet Outback Queensland on 29 June in Cairns as a curtain-raiser to a Northern Pride Queensland Intrust Super Cup match.



The Palm Island Barracudas.



The Northern Cape team.



The Southern Cape team.



The Three Rivers side.



Palm Island Rugby League president Lex Wotton, left, with Barracudas manager Norman Bounghi.



Palm Island Barracudas players Mickeal Sibley, left, and Fred Bulsey.



Northern Cape players from Weipa - Les Hall, left, and Brenton Ludwick.



Three Rivers players celebrate after Fabian Darkan scores a try against Northern Cape.

Results

Qualifying games:

Palm Island Barracudas 26 d Northern Cape 16, Bowen 24 drew with Southern Cape 24, Northern Cape 36 d Three Rivers 8, Palm Island Barracudas 24 d Southern Cape 18, Northern Cape 34 d Southern Cape 20, Bowen 42 d Three Rivers 14, Palm Island Barracudas 26 d Three Rivers 16, Bowen 48 d Northern Cape 18, Southern Cape 44 d Three Rivers 6, Points: Bowen 16.5, Palm Island Barracudas 14.5, Northern Cape 10.5, Southern Cape 7.5, Three Rivers 18.

Grand final: Bowen 32 d Palm Island Barracudas 18.

How the representative teams line up

North Queensland United side: 1 Fitzroy Lawrence (Southern Cape - Kowanyama), 2 Kareem Tabuai (Northern Cape - Weipa), 3 Luke McIntyre (Bowen District League - Collinsville), 4 Mickeal Sibley (Palm Island), 5 Johnathan Bassini (Three Rivers - Hopevale/Wujal Wujal), 6 Timmy Oberleuter (Northern Cape - Weipa), 7 Clinton Pearson (Palm Island), 8 Gareth Smith (Northern Cape - Weipa), 9 Ash Jones (Bowen District League - Collinsville), 10 Ross Chatfield (Bowen District League - Collinsville), 11 Eli Tabuai (Northern Cape - Weipa), 12 Lucas Brown (Bowen District League - Bowen), 13 Kale Hogan (Bowen District League - Bowen).

Interchange: 14 Stanley David (Southern Cape - Kowanyama), 15 Dylan Creek (Southern Cape - Coen), 16 Patrick Fakalata (Bowen District League - Bowen), 17 Reece McLaughlin (Northern Cape - Weipa), 18 Fred Bulsey (Palm Island), 19 Wade Heeb (Bowen District League - Collinsville).

Coach, Dave Kennedy (Kowanyama); assistant coach, John Buttigieg (Cairns); manager, Norman Bounghi (Palm Island); Leaguesafe, Eddie Prior (Palm Island).

The Outback squad is: Shannon Aplin (Doomadgee Dragons), Matthew Beare (Hughenden Bulls), Sam Collings (Normanton Stingers), Glendon Connolly (Normanton Stingers), Rowan Corney (Hughenden Bulls), Hanchard Crampton (Normanton Stingers), Patrick Dargan (Cloncurry Eagles), Denley Foster (Doomadgee Dragons), Travis Fraser (Normanton Stingers), Mitchell Hudson (Cloncurry Eagles), Kyle Jacob (Doomadgee Dragons), Craig Logan (Doomadgee Dragons), James Maher (Cloncurry Eagles), George Major (Hughenden Bulls), Alfred Ned (Doomadgee Dragons), Corwyn Owens (Normanton Stingers), Sorren Owens (Normanton Stingers), William Singleton (Hughenden Bulls), Kurt Sivyier (Normanton Stingers), Russell Smerdon (Normanton Stingers), Jeffrey Wilson (Cloncurry Eagles), Shadows: Dion Holzheimer (Hughenden Bulls), Corey

McKenzie (Hughenden Bulls), Stephen O'Keefe (Doomadgee Dragons), Wade Richardson (Normanton Stingers), Dale Smith - (Hughenden Bulls), Robert Taylor (Doomadgee Dragons).

Coach, Chey Bird; assistant coach, Jeff Gledhill.



A Three Rivers player with the ball against Northern Cape.

A weekend that had everything

Story and pictures by PETER ARGENT



WITH the Dreamtime at the G contest between Richmond and Essendon still as its centrepiece, the Indigenous round of Australian football

captivated fans across the nation from 24-26 May. Starting with a 30-possession, three-goal best-on-ground performance by Adam Goodes in the round opener on Friday night, the Sydney Swans made a statement about being contenders again.

Appropriately, the Indigenous Round ended with a Jared Petrenko goal that gave the Adelaide Crows a miracle victory over North Melbourne at Etihad Stadium.

The round was full of examples of why Indigenous Australians are so good at Australian football.

On Saturday evening, in front of a mammoth Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) crowd 84,234, the Bombers displayed true strength of character, winning by 29 points, with captain Jobe Watson receiving the Yiooken Award as the contest's best player.

Courtenay Dempsey was also an elite performer.

Earlier on Saturday, in the Western Bulldogs' breakthrough win over the Saints, the younger Goodes sibling, Brett, was among their best in a win across town at Etihad Stadium.

Power to the Port

The Geelong juggernaut continued in Adelaide against the Port Adelaide Power, with Stephen Motlop displaying his unique ability for the victors. Port Adelaide young gun from Murray Bridge Chad Wingard was one of the best for a well-beaten home team at AAMI Stadium.

In the early game on Sunday at the MCG, the young Gold Coast outfit tested competition favourites Hawthorn.

Lance 'Buddy' Franklin gave a showcase of his very best and everything in between, kicking five goals, with Shaun Burgoyne, Bradley Hill and the Suns pair of Steven May and Brandon Matera being strong support acts.

At Etihad in the mid-afternoon clash, Adelaide came back from being on the mat and with the count at nine to win by the smallest of margins.

North Melbourne somehow lost a game after being 30 points up nine minutes into the final quarter.

Kangaroos small forward Lindsay Thomas is staking claims for the Coleman Medal with five goals against the Crows and 30 majors so far this season.

The Indigenous Round culminated with the Fremantle Dockers, who have one of the highest ratios of Aboriginal players on an AFL list, giving Melbourne a 15-goal thrashing at Paterson's Stadium in Perth.



Lance Franklin after taking a mark for Hawthorn against the Gold Coast Suns at the MCG on Sunday, 26 May.



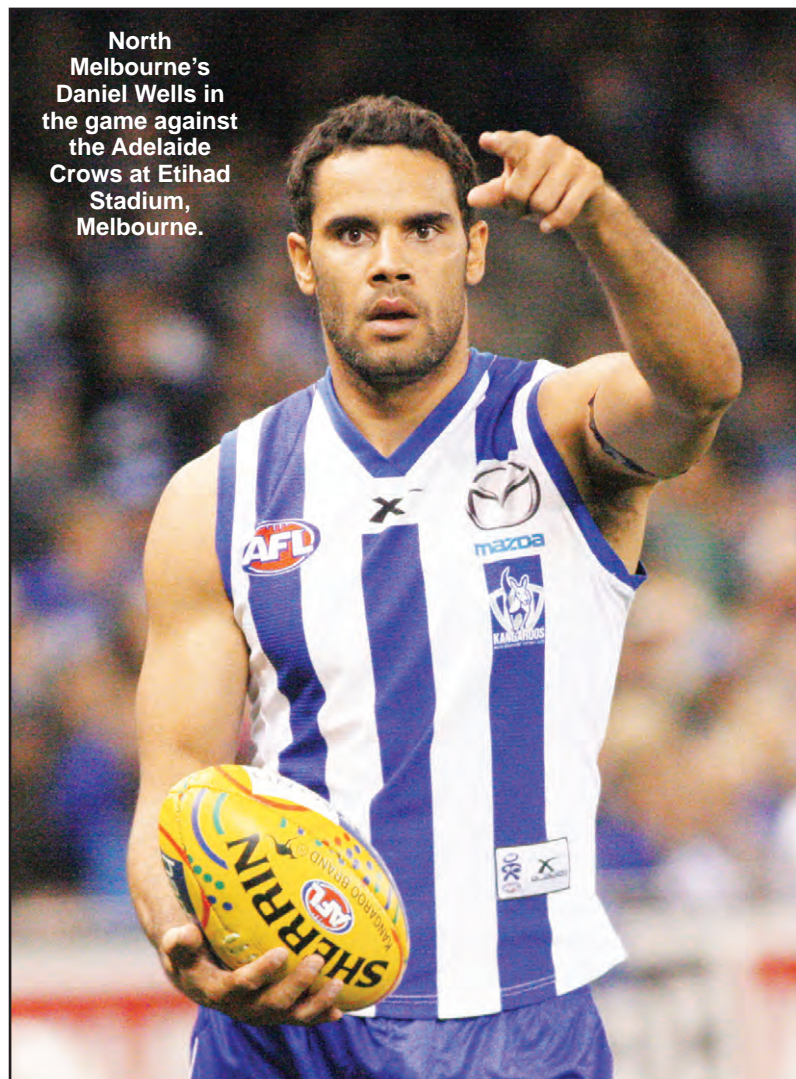
Lindsay Thomas celebrates one of his five goals for North Melbourne against the Adelaide Crows at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne, on Sunday, 26 May.



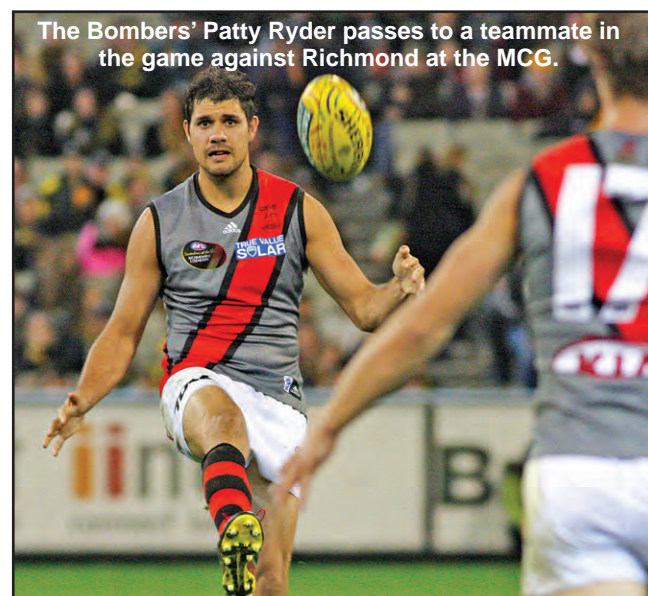
Richmond's indigenous talent Shane Edwards gets a kick away in the Dreamtime at the G game against Essendon.



Essendon defender Courtenay Dempsey breaks past Tiger Shane Edwards



North Melbourne's Daniel Wells in the game against the Adelaide Crows at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne.



The Bombers' Patty Ryder passes to a teammate in the game against Richmond at the MCG.



The Gold Coast Suns' Branden Matera in action against Hawthorn at the MCG on Sunday, 26 May. Photos: Peter Argent

● RIGHT: The Bombers' Leroy Jetta with fans at the Dreamtime at the G game.

● BELOW: Richmond's Shane Edwards using his head in the Dreamtime at the G game against Essendon.



Gold Coast key position player Steven May in action against Hawthorn at the MCG on Sunday 26 May.

Famous stand is celebrated



NICKY Winmar's famous stand against racism 20 years ago was commemorated in style during this year's Indigenous Round.

Celebrating 'Aboriginal Identity' – inspired by the 20th anniversary of Winmar's extraordinary stance at Victoria Park, on 17 April 1993, the front cover of the *AFL Record* at each game displayed the famous photo of Winmar pointing to the colour of his skin at Victoria Park, during the match against Collingwood.

"I'm black and I'm proud to be black," Winmar said after being racially abused and jeered by Collingwood fans.

He stopped and then said 'Enough'.

Along with his St Kilda teammate at the time – Gilbert McAdam – and current Essendon player Patrick Ryder and *The Age* newspaper photographer Wayne Ludbey, who captured the image of Winmar lifting his jumper, Winmar returned to the venue where he endured that spate of abuse, to launch the round.

Two decades ago the Saints won a high-scoring game 18.18 (126) to 15.14 (104), with Winmar and McAdam dominating.

McAdam kicked five goals and received three 'umpires' votes, while equally as good, the spectacular Winmar had 25 disposals and kicked a last-quarter major to seal the victory, and grabbed two votes.



Nicky Winmar, left, and 1993 St Kilda teammate Gilbert McAdam back at Victoria Park, Melbourne, where, 20 years ago, Winmar lifted his jumper and pointed to his skin.

Photo: AFL Media



Nicky Winmar with Wayne Ludbey, the Melbourne Age photographer who took the 1993 picture of Winmar lifting his jumper.

Photo: AFL Media

Memorable Indigenous Round – boots and all

INDIGENOUS art was to the fore during the AFL Indigenous Round, with specially designed football boots and one-off Sherrin footballs.

All the Hawthorn Indigenous players had their boots painted by Darren Dunn, from Alenarra Art Design, in Sydney.

These boots, all one of a kind and signed by the players, were auctioned, with the players donating the proceeds to a charity of their choice.

'Buddy' Franklin selected the Maali Colts Indigenous team, a group for 16-20-year-olds based at Dianella, and Morley Football Club as the teams that enjoyed his generosity.

The three Aboriginal Hawks who played against Gold Coast – Franklin, Shaun Burgoyne and Brad Hill – played in the boots at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) and all players trained in them during the week.



Lance Franklin, wearing the specially designed Indigenous Round boots, after marking for the Hawthorn Hawks against the Gold Coast Suns at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 26 May.

The premier football brand Sherrin produced an Indigenous Round football designed by artist Marcus Lee.

The art on the ball symbolised the celebration of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who played at AFL level.

The circular rings and dots cluster showcased the

continuous cycle of prominent and emerging players – now regarded as modern-day warriors.

Synthetic replicas of the Indigenous Round Sherrin are available for sale, with Sherrin donating 10 per cent of sales to support the employment of Indigenous trainees via AFL SportsReady.

Sport – 2013 AFL Indigenous Round



The victorious Northern team with their trophy and coach Chris Johnson (left) and Nicky Winmar (right). Photos by Peter Argent



The Northern and Southern teams come together for the war cry before their Rio Tinto Cup match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday 25, May.



Best on Ground medallist Baydon Ngalkan with Nicky Winmar.



Winners are grinners... Northern coach Chris John Johnson and captain Chris Wailu with the Rio Tinto Cup.

Fifty of the best



FIFTY aspiring footballers from across Australia took part in the 2013 Rio Tinto Cup at the Melbourne Cricket Ground as part of the Indigenous Round celebrations.

The Rio Tinto Cup is in its fourth season and the match is played as a curtain-raiser to the Richmond versus Essendon Dreamtime at the G game.

In addition to the game, the 50 participants were involved in a host of cultural and community activities and attended a function hosted by Rio Tinto.

The final score was the Northern team 11.10 (76) defeating the Southern team 7.7 (49).

Triple Brisbane Lions premiership defender Chris Johnston mentored

the Northern team to a second successive win, with big man Chris Wailu leading the team in style.

Baydon Ngalkin, a NT Thunder player from Hermannsburg, 120km west of Alice Springs, gave a best-on-ground performance.

Close behind him was accomplished defender Jeremy Wardle, who repelled many attacks.

Others to catch the eye in the victors included Francis Watson, Mark Parmbuk, Malcolm Anderson and Tyler Horwood.

For the Southern side, better performers included on-baller Willie Shae, Jethro Braico and Brent Rose, a running defender from Broken Hill.

Dwayne Bolton and Rivva Karpany were also serviceable for this combination.

– Peter Argent



Jermaine Wardle was a rock in defence for Northern.



Southern coach Xavier Clarke addresses his troops during one of the breaks.



Northern player Francis Watson.



Northern's Will Shae breaks clear of the pack.



Northern skipper Chris Wailu gathers the ball. Northern beat Southern 11.10 (76) to 7.7 (49).

Mills in NBA finals

By CHRIS PIKE



AUSTRALIAN basketballer Patty Mills has become the first Indigenous player to qualify for the NBA finals as he and his San Antonio Spurs have made it through the deciding seven-game series to determine the champions of the 2012-13 season.

Mills is now in his second season with the Spurs and they have taken out the NBA's Western Conference, beating the Memphis Grizzlies in the deciding series four games to nil, and now San Antonio is awaiting the winner of the Miami Heat-Indiana Pacers Eastern Conference battle to see who they face in the championship decider.

Mills is not the only Indigenous player to have played in the NBA, with giant centre Nathan Jawai also having suited up for the Toronto Raptors and Minnesota Timberwolves, but he is now the first to make it to the NBA finals with a chance to earn a championship ring.

He is looking to follow in the footsteps of two former Australian basketball greats who have reached the pinnacle in the NBA as well. Winning an NBA championship is the holy grail of world basketball and Luc Longley was able to win three rings with the Chicago Bulls when he was the starting centre on a team consisting of Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, and coached by Phil Jackson.

Australian basketball legend Andrew Gaze also won a championship ring with the same San Antonio Spurs team that Mills is playing with. Gaze achieved that feat in 1999.

Successful season

Mills has enjoyed a successful season with the Spurs which saw him appear in 58 matches during the regular season and even start on two occasions with a high of 23 points against the Golden State Warriors in April, and six assists against the Minnesota Timberwolves in March.

He has now appeared in seven of the Spurs' play-off matches as well after series victories over the Los Angeles Lakers, Warriors and the Grizzlies. He might have only made one appearance in the Western Conference finals against Memphis, but at least he made the most of it.

"I got out there in the first game against Memphis and I got one three up, and luckily enough it went down but that's it for the moment," Mills said.

While Mills might not be getting a massive amount of minutes, just being



Patty Mills Photo: AP

on the same team as future Hall of Famers like Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, and to be coached by four-times championship winner Gregg Popovich has been huge for his career.

"I'm learning a whole lot. This year especially in these play-offs I have learned a whole lot more than I have learned throughout my whole career already," he said.

"Obviously I'm learning a lot as a point guard from Tony, but just to sit there and watch what the NBA play-offs is all about is unbelievable.

"It's on another level from what the regular season is and it's a lot faster, a lot more physical and you begin to realise that every possession doesn't go to waste. Every possession is meaningful and you can't throw away any possession."

As far as his own future goes, Mills would like to stay in San Antonio and is already gearing up for the off-season ahead with plenty of things to work on in order to first gain another contract from the Spurs, and then come back for the 2013-14 campaign and earn even more minutes.

"This is a great organisation, a great city and I have really felt at home here in San Antonio. The way I see it is that I have to make my way into playing in the team regularly," Mills said.

"It's going to be a very big off-season for me and it's going to be a good chance to work on my body, and a few specific basketball things.

"It's going to be a huge summer and if I can focus on that and work hard, then when I come back next season hopefully I can slide into the roster. What I have learned from San Antonio and the player I've become since I've been here make it a place I'd like to be."

A new deal for Walters

By CHRIS PIKE



JUST 18 months ago, Fremantle's Michael Walters' Australian Football League (AFL) career looked to be on shaky ground after he got

off on the wrong foot with new coach Ross Lyon, but now he has turned himself into one of the best small forwards in the country and earned himself a lucrative contract extension.

The 22-year-old who grew up in the same Midvale street as Carlton star Chris Yarran and West Coast Eagles cult hero Nic Naitanui, was already contracted to Fremantle until the end of the 2014, but has now signed for an extra two years for significantly more money tying him to the Dockers until the end of the 2016 AFL season.

The new deal is a reward for the hard work Walters has put in over the past 18 months.

Out of shape

When Lyon joined Fremantle from St Kilda coming into the 2012 campaign, Walters presented to pre-season training in far from ideal shape and as a result was banished back to his WAFL club Swan Districts to train and play until he got himself into the condition required at AFL level.

Walters took his medicine on the chin and went back and dedicated himself to getting in shape, and playing good football. He did that with Swan Districts and that wasn't hard for him given he is a premiership player from 2010 with the club.

He played the first 14 games of the 2012 season in the WAFL before he earned a recall into the AFL with the Dockers and he hasn't looked back.

He returned in round 16 for Fremantle and kicked 22 goals the rest of the season, becoming a key player in the Dockers' run to the finals.

There were then none of the same issues over the pre-season leading into the 2013 campaign, with Walters in outstanding shape and even dropping so much weight because of his running program, that he is actually trying to gain weight now.

He was having an outstanding season again up forward for Fremantle, becoming a likely candidate for a spot in the All-Australian team before hurting his ankle against the Sydney Swans in round 8.

However, he expects to miss only one more game, with the Dockers having a bye coming up and when offered a new contract by the club, he knew it was a reward for his hard work and he was only too happy to sign up.

"It was an easy decision, not only because I have a family to support, but the club is heading in the right direction with a lot of young players coming up and I see a bright future. I'm hoping to be part of it for a long time," Walters said.

"It means a lot to me that I was

offered a contract for a few years. It means that the club has faith in me that I'm going to come back in shape from now on after I learned from the mistakes I've made.

"I also feel like I have been in good form and coming back from last year, I feel like I deserve this contract and have earned it. Which is the main reason I got offered it and was happy to accept it."

Walters has been happy with his season so far and is looking forward to getting back out on the park to help Fremantle head towards another finals campaign, and he would like to eventually work himself up to being a midfielder and not just a small forward.

"The ankle is coming along pretty well and it's not as bad as we first thought. I will still be out for a couple of weeks but the bye coming up helps and I will miss four weeks with it, but only three games so I'm glad we have that bye when we do," Walters said.

"It's been a pretty good season so far. I'm eager to see how I come back from this little ankle injury and whether it's back at Swans first, or I might come back in as a sub for Freo. Hopefully, it all goes well and I can come back into the time firing like I was before I got hurt.

"I want to keep working on my fitness. I want to be able to go through the middle for long periods of time and I want to play in the midfield.

"As a junior I always played midfield and it's a lot different than playing in the forward-line. I've had a couple of stints in there this year already and hopefully I can cement myself in the midfield over the next couple of years."



Michael Walters, who has extended his contract with the Fremantle Dockers.

Lui stays a Cowboy



HALF-BACK Robert Lui says the love North Queensland showed him during some dark times last year made it easy to reject offers from rival National Rugby League (NRL) clubs and sign a new deal with the Cowboys.

A day after securing the services of veteran centre Brent Tate for another season, Lui inked a new contract until 2014 despite receiving a much bigger offer from another club.

The Cowboys tossed Lui a lifeline in 2012 after Wests Tigers axed him following assault allegations against him by his partner.

Lui played just one game before the NRL suspended him for the remainder of that season after he pleaded guilty to the assault charge.

"The club's done a lot for me and showed their faith with me last year," said Lui, who coach Neil Henry believes can be the Cowboys' long-term half-back.

"North Queensland... they showed me the love. I don't know what I'd be doing if they hadn't stuck by me then."

Lui confirmed there had been another offer on the table.

"I talked to a lot of people who are close to me," he said.

"I've settled down here in Townsville back home and I got my son here too and my family."

Henry revealed an approach by the Warriors had been 'far more lucrative' than what the Cowboys put up.



Robert Lui at training. Photo by Alf Wilson

"I think his best football is still ahead of him. He's young, he's been out of the game for a while and he hasn't played a lot of football for the club yet," Henry said.

"We see him as a real potential to slot into that other halves spot next to Johnathan (Thurston).

"We're not saying he definitely is, but the indications are good."

Lui was looking forward to returning to Leichhardt Oval on Friday, 24 May, to take on his former West Tigers teammates.

"I'm a Cowboy now, but I'm looking forward to the challenge at Leichhardt," he said before the game.

"I know the atmosphere as a home team so I reckon we'll be getting it from their supporters – they love the Tigers."

West Tigers won the game 22-20, snatching victory in the dying minutes. – AAP

Family has faith in him

By ALF WILSON

THE State of Origin series between Queensland and NSW will give Cowboys half-back Robert Lui an ideal opportunity to cement his position in the team.

With champion five-eighth Johnathan Thurston on Origin duties, the 23-year-old Lui will be a key player for the Cowboys.

Lui was named at No 7 for the Cowboys' round 12 clash against the Gold Coast Titans at Skilled Park on 3 June.

Named beside him at five-eighth was rising star Michael Morgan, who, along with Ray Thompson, has been in competition with Lui for a starting spot in the Cowboys' side.

Of Murray Island descent, Lui has signed a one-year contract with the Cowboys after the New Zealand Warriors had tried to lure him across 'the ditch' for next season on a juicy contract.

Lui's mother and father, Wasee and Phillip, are delighted their son has made it back into the NRL.

They watched him make his long-awaited comeback when the Cowboys thrashed the Penrith Panthers at 1300Smiles Stadium in Townsville on 6 April.

Lui scored a try in the Cowboys' 30-0 victory over the Panthers before more than

12,000 spectators.

It had been a long 13-month wait on the sidelines for the talented former West Tigers half-back.

It was Lui's first match in the NRL since round one of 2012 season and second ever for the Cowboys.

However, Lui suffered a dislocated kneecap at the 28th minute and was ruled out injured for weeks. Lui has since played well for the Cowboys in a home loss to the Roosters and a last-minute away loss to the West Tigers on 24 May.

"Well, he's finally playing, Phillip and myself and his (Rob's) siblings are over the moon. We have been waiting for this for a long time. And also the rest of the families," Wasee Lui said.

"I know he's going to do just great. He always plays to his ability and he's such a great player. I know that."

A large number of family members go to matches when the Cowboys play in Townsville.

Leading up to the Penrith match, Lui had been in devastating form for the Cairns-based

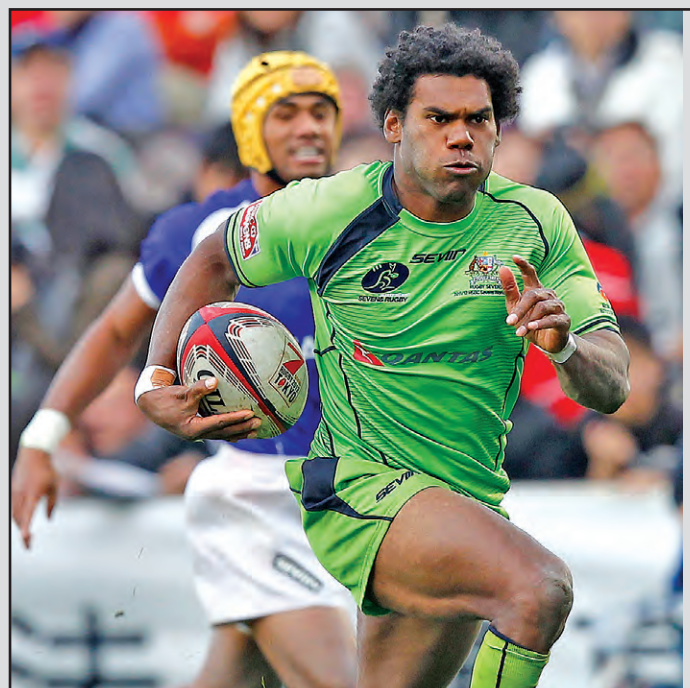
Northern Pride that contests the Queensland Intrust Super Cup.

Cowboys coach Neil Henry said that selection had been a reward for Lui who had played quality football for the Pride.

"He's been working on his kicking game. He's worked hard on his defence as well, so he's real keen to get back in and play first grade," Henry said.



Wasee and Phillip Lui, the proud parents of Robert Lui. Photo by Alf Wilson



Shannon Walker on his way to the try line in a Tokyo Sevens match against Samoa on 1 April 2012. Photo: Getty

Shannon Walker off to 7s World Cup



KYOGLE'S Shannon Walker has been named in the Australian

men's sevens rugby union squad to contest the 2013 Rugby World Cup Sevens in Moscow in late June.

Three current Super Rugby players, including former Australian Sevens captain Bernard Foley, are in the squad.

Australian coach Michael O'Connor has named a squad with a wealth of experience.

His side will face France, Spain and Tunisia in pool play.

The tournament runs 28-30 June.

Joining Foley from Super Rugby is NSW Waratahs teammate Matt Lucas and Queensland Reds flyer Luke Morahan.

The squad also features four members of Australia's silver medal-winning 2010 Commonwealth Games side, five members of last year's

side that won the Tokyo Sevens and two players with previous Rugby World Cup Sevens experience.

O'Connor has named four other backs alongside the three Super Rugby players, to make up a five-seven split. Cam Clark, Lewis Holland, James Stannard and Shannon Walker – all regulars of the Australian Sevens program – gained selection.

This season was Walker's second in Sevens, after making the transition from the rugby league in 2011-12.

O'Connor said the tournament was not dissimilar to the Hong Kong Sevens, with the 24-team format creating added pressure in the pool stage, with France, Spain and Tunisia all offering different challenges.

"If you don't finish first in your pool, not only do you have to win, but you have to win by a good margin to ensure a healthy points difference to qualify for the quarters," O'Connor said. – AAP

Indigenous team to tour England, France

AN NSW Indigenous under 16 rugby league squad is to tour France and England later this year.

The touring party of 50 will be made up of 36 players and 14 staff.

Players and staff will come from throughout NSW, including Lake Cargelico, Goodooga, Bega, Dubbo, Newcastle, Kempsey and Wagga Wagga.

The squad will depart Sydney on 8 November, with Barcelona (Spain) the first port of call with a sightseeing tour and then to Perpignan (France).

The boys also will visit the medieval castle of Carcassonne and the sights of Paris, including the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysees and Euro Disney.

They will also experience the

battlefields of the Somme, focussing on the history of these areas and their connection to Indigenous Australians' involvement in World War I.

The boys will play two games in France, one being the curtain-raiser to the France-Samoa World Cup game in Perpignan.

After the trip to the Somme, they will play a further two games in England.

The tour will end after the World Cup semifinals at Wembley, with the party returning to Sydney on 24 November.

The NSWRL has been conducting tours to France for ten years, but this will be the first tour that comprises solely of Indigenous youth players and officials.

Tale of two heroes



Adam Goodes celebrates after kicking a goal during the AFL Indigenous Round match against Collingwood at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Friday, 24 May. Photo: AAP

IN the many words written about Adam Goodes over recent days, few have focussed on his superb return to form in the match that became controversial for all the wrong reasons.

I have been public in my support of Adam and will continue to support him as a friend and brother.

But in the midst of his pain, I hope that he recognises what a stellar performance he delivered in a round celebrating Indigenous talent and the special relationship our communities have with the game.

Twenty years ago, Nicky Winmar drew the line in the sand in a stand against racism and I am certain that Adam's game was inspired by that initial stand that brought the issue of racism into sharp focus.

The fact that Adam was racially vilified in the game against Collingwood should not dampen the Indigenous Round or overshadow the star's masterful Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) performance.

We should still be able to recognise the athlete as well as applaud his stand against racism.

Adam was best on field in the Swans' 47-point win over Collingwood, finishing with 30 possessions and three goals.

His coach John Longmire said it was 'as good as he's played for a while'.

'Magnificent'

"I think his performance was magnificent and we should also acknowledge that. He played so well," Longmire said after the game.

"He's a leader in his community and he's a powerful figure... The way he drove himself tonight was pretty special."

Longmire described the win as the Swans' best performance this season, praising the team's hard running and ability to apply pressure for four quarters.

He was particularly impressed with the midfield group, led by Hannebery, who continued his fine season with 31 disposals and two goals.

"It was good to get our good players playing well, and that's what you need to do when you play against a quality team like Collingwood," he said.

"I thought tonight's four-quarter performance was probably our best for the year.

"Some of those blokes through the midfield half-back area really ran strongly and gave us that bit of zip you need at the MCG.

"I thought it was a strong running game from us."

The Swans smothered the Magpies' forwards and charged forward when in possession in the 15.12 (102) to 8.7 (55) victory.

The visitors' dominance was reflected by Collingwood managing only one goal between the 25-minute mark of the first quarter and the four-minute mark of the last.

The Swans booted ten goals in the same period, getting out to a game-high 54-point lead.

Only an improved last quarter from Nathan Buckley's men prevented the result from becoming a complete blowout.

It was the Swans' first win over Collingwood at the MCG since round 19, 2000, and came despite a pre-game drama, with the team bus turning up late after breaking down on the way to the hotel, forcing some players on to public transport.

They have now won two straight over the Magpies after losing the previous 11.

The Indigenous Round also allowed us to celebrate the powerful impact of sport on our communities.

Legendary Adelaide midfielder Andrew McLeod built his life around football and now the dual Norm Smith medallist is using it to help build the lives of others and strengthen communities.

Magic's Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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With help from the Adelaide Football Club and feeding off its existing presence in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, he has set up a series of programs that aim to help the area's Indigenous children finish school and become active members of their communities.

"We're not picking the best footballers for this, we're picking the kids who are doing the right thing at school and going to school and the ones that are looking at ways they can improve themselves," McLeod said.

"Footy's a vehicle for us; it's a way in... You can't really escape footy living in South Australia, but the programs are more than that – it's important to have an holistic approach.

"What we want at the end of it is for these kids to come out of school achieving a high level of SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education) and going back to their communities with a skill set to help."

Step one in McLeod's program is the 'McLeod Challenge', a nine-a-side football carnival for children in years eight and nine – the lure.

That runs into the 'Leadership and Governance Program', aimed at Year 10 students and helps them get a head start on their SACE.

Finally, the 'Future Leaders' program not only helps Year 11 and Year 12 students with school work, but also provides work experience through its partners.

"Aboriginal people don't want to rely on government funding; they want to take ownership of their community and drive it," he said.

"The Adelaide Football Club has developed a relationship in the APY lands for a long period and it's important that we dig a bit deeper and start to help the society.

"You go up and spend a lot of time up on the Lands and you see contractors, you don't see a lot of local people working," McLeod said.

"There is a need for them to have their own skilled people, for them to be able to do their own thing."

His programs aren't a free ride either; the two-time premierships player was firm on that. Children aren't being given anything, merely the opportunity to take it themselves.

These are the opportunities that we should be celebrating during Indigenous Round.

These are the opportunities that Adam Goodes and the other players dedicate themselves to during the round.

I am certain Adam's stance will bring these programs into the view of a broader community.

His stand is for the future of our kids. Until Next Time.... Keep Dreaming!



Andrew McLeod

Calling Indigenous cricketers

CRICKET Victoria is seeking Indigenous cricketers – boys and girls of all ages – to join the Noogal Toengorrt Tani development squad. Indigenous cricketers receive access to high-performance cricket coaches and facilities. The next Noogal Toengorrt Tani

development session will be held on Wednesday, 10 July, at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). Indigenous cricketers interested in joining the squad should contact Ben Abbatangelo on (03) 9653 1113. Cricket Victoria is seeking more Indigenous girls to participate in its female squad and don the 'Big V'.

Registrations for the 2013-14 Imparja Cup Team are open year-round. Noogal Toengorrt Tani is Cricket Victoria's Indigenous cricket program designed to provide participation and development opportunities for Indigenous Australians to participate in cricket.



Indigenous former Wallabies, from left, Glen Ella, Lloyd McDermott and Gary Ella at the Australian Rugby Union's announcement of the game's Reconciliation Action Plan at the Australian Centre for Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, Sydney, last Friday. *Photo: AAP*

ARU adopts a RAP



THE Australian Rugby Union on Friday unveiled its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

In doing so, the ARU said it was committed to supporting and promoting reconciliation in Australia.

Announced as part of National Reconciliation Week, the RAP was developed in consultation with the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) and Reconciliation Australia.

Milestone

"This is a great milestone in our game's history," ARU CEO Bill Pulver said.

"For more than 20 years Australian Rugby and the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team have worked together and developed a strong working relationship.

"The RAP is a testament to that relationship and the result of many years of hard work and dedication by both organisations.

"Developing this plan is important for a number of

reasons – most significantly we recognise that sport can be used to remove barriers and create genuine opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians that will assist in helping to close the gap.

"The creation of rugby's first RAP and our Indigenous Rugby Plan, which has been in place for a number of years, are two key cornerstones in our commitment to furthering Indigenous rugby participation in Australia."

In 2011, after collaboration between ARU and the Lloyd McDermott Foundation, the Indigenous Rugby Plan 2012-16 was completed and approved by the board of directors of both organisations.

Following the delivery of the Indigenous Rugby Plan, work began on developing a RAP to highlight ARU's commitment to engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to participate in rugby union and to use rugby as a tool for providing employment opportunities, delivery of health messages and to offer a whole of community

approach in the delivery of its rugby programs.

Former Indigenous Wallaby and founder of the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team, Lloyd McDermott, welcomed ARU's RAP.

"The delivery of the RAP provides a clear policy statement about how the ARU intends to develop its position with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders," Mr McDermott said.

"The RAP is a commitment from Australian Rugby to take ownership of its role in delivering reconciliation within the Australian community.

"I see the involvement of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sons and daughters in rugby as an investment in their futures and an avenue to develop leaders of tomorrow.

"This RAP, along with the Indigenous Rugby Plan, shows to those within and outside the sport that rugby is serious about investing in the game and is making a clear statement about the investment in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community."

Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team chairman Gary Ella thanked ARU and Reconciliation Australia for their work in delivering the game's first RAP.

"While the LMRDT has been working with the ARU and member unions for more than 20 years, this RAP, along with the Indigenous Rugby Plan, helps to cement the relationship and gives both organisations common goals and objectives to work towards," he said.

Dwellingup hosts cultural carnival



THE West Australian community of Dwellingup has just hosted the fifth annual Australian cultural football carnival.

Dwellingup is about 100km south of Perth and 43km inland from Mandurah.

The Wiluna Martu Eagles cultural football weekend incorporated the Nanga Bush Camp, while the highlight was the match between the Wiluna Martu Eagles and the Dalkeith Nedlands Eagles.

The annual carnival brings together young players from the two teams in a team-building weekend that combines football with educational activities, fun and adventure.

The event was conceived in 2009 by Michael Wilson (Golden West Resources) and Peter Dawson (Murlpirrmarra Connection).

The partnership between the Wiluna Martu Eagles and the Dalkeith Nedlands Junior Football Club has strengthened over the years.

Last years event – Wiluna Martu Eagles Fly Home 2012 – was held in Wiluna and the surrounding areas and was enjoyed by more than 120 players, parents and supporters. The weekend was packed with activities, including team building exercises, cultural awareness sessions, and tours of the area (including a gold mine site).

The carnival culminated in the Wilson-Dawson Perpetual Cup, the football 'final' between the two young teams. In a high-scoring game, the Wiluna Martu Eagles convincingly took the cup back from the 2011 winners.

Idris still chasing a Blues call-up



GOLD Coast back Jamal Idris hasn't given up hope of representing NSW this year, claiming he's in better form than when he made his sole State of Origin appearance in 2010.

Preparing for his 100th NRL start in the Titans' clash with North Queensland last Sunday, the 22-year-old said he still hoped to feature in this year's Origin series despite being overlooked by Blues selectors for tonight's opener in Sydney.

"You always hope to get picked but if you don't, life continues doesn't it?" Idris said.

"You've just got to keep working hard for your team.

"It's (Origin) obviously a goal, but saying that, it's not ruling my world at the moment."

Freed from the injury worries that marred his first campaign for the Titans in 2012, Idris firmly believes he's in career-best form, exceeding the displays which propelled him into the NSW set-up as a teenager three seasons ago.

Powerhouse performance

The giant centre put on a man-of-the-match display against Parramatta in Mudgee, scoring two tries and setting up another in the 42-4 mauling.

It's a long way from the schoolboy who got a call from nowhere in 2008 from then-club Canterbury to make his first grade debut.

"I remember getting the call on my way back from school and I had to hang up and ask mum (if I could play)," he said.

"She just giggled and said, 'Yeah, that's awesome' so I rang them back and said, 'Yeah, I'm good to play.'

"At that age I was just happy to be running out and playing NRL. Now I can be disappointed if I play a bad game or I can be happy if I play a good game.

"At the moment, I'm looking to play at my best in every game." – AAP

Stars on the rise

RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

DESPITE the disappointment surrounding the non-selection of Nathan Merritt for the NSW Origin team, we should be celebrating the strongest Indigenous representation in recent memory. Indeed Nathan has probably lost his opportunity to a fellow Indigenous All Star representative in Blake Ferguson.

And Blake's selection over Nathan probably reinforces what I believe has been the unwritten selection policy of NSW since the 1990s.

And that is that size not only matters – it is essential to win Origin games.

I would obviously disagree with that sentiment, but I believe it to be true when it comes to the NSW selectors.

Three players

Ferguson will join Greg Bird and Andrew Fifita in the side and they will need no introduction to coach Laurie Daley, who had them under his charge for this year's All Stars Match.

And this brings me to the importance of the All Stars match in providing a platform for our stars to prove they can perform on the big stage.

I can remember Blake Ferguson in the first All Stars match wowing everybody with his athleticism and skill.

This year he proved again that he has what it takes to perform in big matches and I am certain that this is what has given Daley the confidence to support him.

In other circumstances, Blake's recent off-field issues may have counted more heavily against him.

Two months ago he was hit with a \$10,000 fine, stood down indefinitely and ordered to undergo counselling after a



NSW State of Origin Blues debutant Andrew Fifita training with the team at North Sydney Oval last Tuesday. The Blues take on Queensland tonight in Origin game one in Sydney. Photo: AAP

drinking session on the roof of a Canberra home with then teammate Josh Dugan.

In announcing the penalties, Raiders CEO Don Furner said Ferguson would not be selected 'until he has shown progress in a number of areas'.

As it turned out, the 23-year-old spent just one week in the NSW Cup, earning a recall after a sobering conversation about his future with a group of senior players, including club captain and Queensland prop David Shillington.

Speaking to reporters after his fairytale Origin selection for NSW, Ferguson said a phone call from Blues coach Daley had also helped him get back on track.

"He told me to pull my head in, I guess," Ferguson said.

"My family also helped me through it... and I have counsellors who look after me."

Ferguson also talked about how he cried after learning of his selection in the team for Origin I.

"A little bit of tears... the teammates that I was with were pretty excited," he said. "A few of my teammates were crying, so it was pretty good."

"It means the world to me. I think it means the world to every New South Welshman to play in a Blues jumper."

Chosen ahead of South Sydney winger Nathan Merrett because Daley wanted a bigger player to combat the size and strength of Queensland juggernaut Greg Inglis, Ferguson said he would not change the attacking way he played for the Raiders on the big stage.

"I'm just going to play this Origin game like I play every

other game... hard and tough," he said.

His hard work has been rewarded, first with an extension of his Raiders contract through to 2015, and now a Blues jersey.

Daley said Ferguson's form for Canberra and for the Indigenous All Stars in February had been hard to ignore.

Daley said his size and confidence made him an ideal selection on the wing for NSW.

I am certain Blake will repay Laurie with a big performance.

Equally determined to repay the confidence shown in him will be Andrew Fifita, who has had a similar varied journey to the most important match of his career to date.

Moved to Griffith

A troubled youth, Fifita left his western Sydney home and relocated to Griffith to help mend his ways.

He was rated next to no chance of making his NSW debut at the start of this year; however Fifita's irresistible form led to his inclusion.

He faced one last hurdle last week – getting through Monday's game with the Sharks knowing he was in the NSW team.

Fifita withstood the pressure with a man-of-the-match performance.

"It was one of the most hardest things," Fifita said of knowing he had been picked with a game to play.

"I spoke with my missus and said I didn't know how to do it or what to do. I didn't have anyone around to get advice off, but (Sharks coach Shane Flanagan) told me to put it in the back of my mind. I just pretended that I

wasn't playing Origin.

"I felt my knee (and I was) thinking: 'Should I or should I not?' I thought if an injury occurs, it occurs."

Fifita plays with a passion that is made for Origin.

His performance in the All Stars was outstanding and his continued form with the Sharks merits his selection.

He has amazing pace and agility for a man his size and he also has the ability to off-load in traffic.

He will enjoy teaming up with Greg Bird again as they are two peas in the same pod when it comes to aggression.

Bird to shine

I am tipping my mate Birdy to be Man of the Series.

As a proud Koori, I hope NSW can prevent Queensland from continuing their series of victories.

Who knows – we might even tempt GI to come back across the border to his true home!



Blake Ferguson goes up over Cronulla's Colin Best during round one of the 2011 NRL season at Canberra Stadium.

Photo: AAP

Icy Canberra greets Indigenous athletes



THE six male members of Rob de Castella's Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) squad are home after their first Canberra training camp.

Following on from the women's camp last week, Luke McKenzie (Murray Bridge), Tali Tabuai (Saibai Island), Jack Wilson (Townsville), Nathan Djerrkura (Yirrkala), Justin Miller (Katherine) and Colin Sampton (Yulara) are now one

step closer to running the world famous New York Marathon in November.

The five-day camp included a number of training runs in the icy Canberra mornings as well as starting units of their Certificate IV in Health and Leisure.

Stepping into unknown

Colin Sampton, 23, who is living in Uluru and studying at the National Indigenous Training Academy, said before setting out for the camp that he

was looking forward to his first trip to Canberra, but was unsure what to expect.

"I am feeling pumped up for the camp, and ready to be put through my paces," he said.

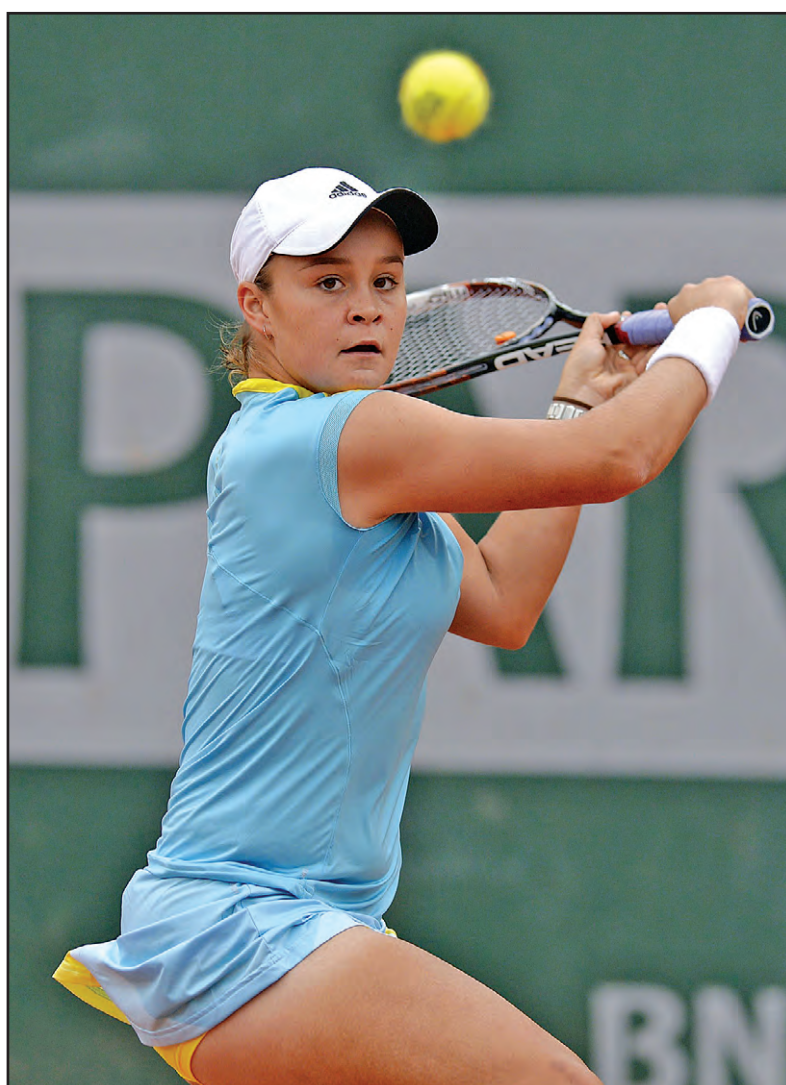
"My training is going great so far, and I can't wait to step up my training as it gives me so much motivation to inspire others."

The team took part in a 16km time trial, putting their training into practice.

For many of the men, this was the furthest they had ever run.

The men will come together with the women's squad for the Gold Coast Half-Marathon in July.

● Photo: The IMP New York Marathon team in Canberra, from left, Tali Tabuai (Cairns), Nathan Djerrkura (Yirrkala), Justin Miller (back – Katherine), Luke McKenzie (front – Murray Bridge), Jack Wilson (Townsville) and Colin Sampton (Yulara). Picture supplied by IMP



Australia's Ashleigh Barty hits a backhand against Russian Maria Kirilenko during the French tennis Open at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 31 May. Barty lost the second-round match. Photo: AFP

Barty out of French Open



AUSTRALIAN teenager Ashleigh Barty's French Open campaign ended with a heavy defeat to Russian 12th seed Maria Kirilenko in their rain-delayed second-round match on Friday.

Barty had made an encouraging start to the match on Thursday with scores locked at 3-3 when rain forced play to be suspended for the day.

But the 17-year-old was blown away when play resumed on day six, winning just one more game as Kirilenko powered to a 6-3 6-1 win.

Kirilenko felt she played at a much higher level on Friday but noted Barty's level had dropped.

"Maybe it was good we started yesterday because I was able to see how to play against her," Kirilenko said.

"Yesterday maybe she was more relaxed because she knew we were not going to finish the match.

"Today she was a different player out there, but I was more solid. I concentrated more and my serve was much better."

The defeat left Samantha Stosur as Australia's last remaining hope in the singles at Roland Garros.

Rising star Barty will still take encouragement from her second Roland Garros campaign, despite

being schooled by her Russian opponent.

The world No 183 had previously failed to win a match in five grand slams, but broke her duck with a three-set win over Czech Lucie Hradecka in the first round.

She won that rain-delayed match 7-5 2-6 6-1 and she took the confidence from that victory into the first session against Kirilenko, but the overnight delay looked to take the wind out of her sails.

She struggled to cope with the Russian's power and aggression before finally holding serve to get on the board late in the second set.

No excuse

Barty refused to use the rain delay as an excuse for her singles defeat.

"I was out there and it was just simply I was outplayed," she said.

"I felt like I was playing pretty well but just missing a few too many balls.

"Against a player 12 in the world, you're going to get smashed when that happens.

"It's disappointing to come out the way I did but you live and learn."

The disappointment continued for Barty soon after when she and Casey Dellacqua fell to Mona Barthel and Liga Dekmeijere 3-6 6-4 6-4 in the women's doubles. — with AAP



Can Daley stop the Maroon machine?



NATHAN Merritt missed out, but NSW selectors have named three Indigenous players in their team that will attempt to stop Queensland's domination of rugby league's showpiece State of Origin series that starts tonight.

Regular Greg Bird has been joined this year by two other Indigenous players – Canberra's Blake Ferguson and Cronulla prop Andrew Fifita.

As expected, the star-studded Queensland squad features plenty of Indigenous talent in a team that is shooting for its eighth successive Origin series win.

Greg Inglis, Justin Hodges, Johnathan Thurston and Sam Thaiday are part of the awesome Queensland arsenal that coach Mal Meninga has at his disposal for the series opener at ANZ Stadium, Sydney.

Now it falls to Indigenous All Stars coach Laurie Daley to attempt what Graham Murray, Craig Bellamy and Ricky Stuart have been unable to achieve over the past seven years.

After eighth successive series

With Queensland plotting an eighth successive series win, NSW fans look hopefully to former skipper Daley to end that era of dominance.

Calm and approachable, Daley has brought his own stamp to the NSW coaching job.

Unlike his three most recent predecessors, he's never coached an NRL club.

But few would have a better idea what it takes to win an Origin series than 43-year-old Daley, who was handed the Blues captaincy at just 22 and played in five series triumphs over an 11-year period.

He has been open for months on his backing for players like half-back Mitchell Pearce and his calmness has been reflected among his players in the NSW camp.

Mal Meninga, Daley's former Canberra and Test captain, has coached Queensland since 2006 and lost just six times to the Blues in 21 matches, but his side faces one of their toughest

tests in 2013.

In addition to two of the three matches being played in Sydney, Meninga's side is without inspirational prop Petero Civoniceva for the first time since 2000, following his retirement last year.

However, the Blues acknowledge that Queensland have made a habit of successfully replacing seemingly irreplaceable players in recent years.

Daley has gambled on the mercurial Blake Ferguson to make a success of his debut on wing, recognising his potential as an impact player.

Debut jumper for Fifita

And he's also handed a first Blues jersey to destructive Cronulla prop Andrew Fifita to supply thrust off the bench.

Meanwhile, long-suffering NSW fans haven't seen anything yet if Queensland coach Meninga has his way.

Seven straight State of Origin series wins should bring some satisfaction to the Maroons mentor.

But Meninga revealed he was still trying to make up for decades of lost time ahead of tonight's Origin opener in Sydney.

Allowing the 1959 Maroons team – the last Queensland outfit to win a pre-Origin interstate series – to present jerseys to the current squad last week was supposed to ensure there was no complacency in the camp.

However, Meninga sounded like the man who had been fired up the most as he reflected on years of anguish for Queensland fans at the team fan day in Bundaberg.

NSW's dominance of the interstate series from 1959 before the Origin concept came alive in 1980, when a young Meninga ran out alongside Arthur Beetson at Lang Park, still seemed to cut deep for the Maroons mentor.

"They talk about us winning seven in a row. They talk about us maybe for the sake of the game NSW should win this year," Meninga said.

"But we have a lot of catching up to do as far as interstate series are concerned." – *With AAP*

Back to THAT spot



Nicky Winmar returned to Victoria Park, Melbourne, in the lead-up to the 2013 Australian Football League Indigenous Round and stood on the spot where he made his now famous stand against racism 20 years ago, when he lifted his jumper and pointed to the colour of his skin. Joining Winmar at Victoria Park was Gilbert McAdam, a St Kilda teammate of Winmar's, and Wayne Ludbey, the Melbourne Age photographer who captured the moment when Winmar lifted his jumper. Photo: AFL Media

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