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Trailblazer



The first Aboriginal woman to be elected to Federal Parliament Senator Nova Peris gave her maiden speech last week. The former Olympian paid tribute to her ancestry and family and said she would forgo all her gold medals to see equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Senator Peris is the fourth Aboriginal person to be elected to federal office, following in the footsteps of Liberal Senator Neville Bonner, Democrats Senator Aden Ridgeway and Hasluck Liberal MP Ken Wyatt, the first Indigenous member of the House of Representatives. ● Full story page 5

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My FAMILY Luana Sanders – Brisbane, Qld



● Above: From left, Amir Sanders, 15, Luana Sanders, Zac Coolwell and Jhalli Pleasant.

HERE I am at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre in Brisbane with my son Amir, my nephew Zac and my niece Jhalli.

My daughter Kaliana, 11, was also with us that night, but she's not in the photo. I also have a son, Masud, who's 17 and in his last year of high school (as is Jhalli).

Zac works for the Queensland Government and I work as an administrator for a private company.

We are all descendants of the Munanjhalli, Gooreng Gooreng and Gangalu nations. We have also got South Sea Islander heritage because my mother's grandfather is from Tanna Island in Vanuatu, so there's a big combination in there.

My mother is Valda Coolwell and she was a Johnson from Bundaberg. Our Johnson side of the family had a 'Hector Johnson family reunion' (my mother's father) two years ago, when about 200 of us all got together; we stayed in a church camp in Tannum Sands.

It was great to connect and reconnect with our families. During the reunion we had workshops on language and totems, cultural heritage and native title. It was a great

learning experience for all.

On one of the nights we had a talent show, where different families did different acts. Some people got up and sang, some did comedy skits and some danced.

Each family group had different shirts made in recognition of the patriarch Hector Johnson, who passed on about 20 years ago.

In July this year, about 10 of our family visited Tanna Island. My maternal grandmother was Dorothy Youse and her father was 'blackbirded' from Tanna Island. It was an enlightening and amazing experience to visit Tanna. Next year we want to take more family back there to reconnect with our South Sea Islander heritage.

I lived in South Central Los Angeles for 17 years, and moved back to Australia in 2010. All of my children were all born in LA, so we are also planning a trip back next year as well as we need to visit family on their father's side. So we've got a lot of trips to do.

Family is really important, and I believe it's especially important for the younger generations to know, early on, who their mob is, and where they come from so they can maintain those connections and keep them strong. – As told to Rachel Scollay

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OUR CHILDREN



The Kennedy Brothers, Jamain, Jamowen and Jordan, play didj at the opening of the Mallee District Aboriginal Health Centre in Mildura. Story page 64

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Runners' marathon effort



JUSTIN Miller, from Katherine in the Northern Territory, takes in the sights and sounds of Broadway, New York City, after competing in the world famous New York Marathon. Miller took part in the marathon with 10 other Indigenous runners from the

Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP), guided by former champion Rob de Castella. The runners came from across Australia and all completed the gruelling 42.195km course with 48,000 competitors. Miller and his teammates spent nine months in the build-up to the big race.

Townsville runner Jack Wilson was the first IMP runner home. Georgia Gleeson was the first IMP female runner across the line, closely followed by Carla Snow. The athletes spent two days touring the Big Apple before returning home. ● See page 95 for details.

High Court upholds title rights



THE High Court has upheld the native title rights of an Aboriginal father and son to take even undersized abalone. All seven High Court judges ruled the native title rights of Narrunga people Owen and Daniel Karpansy were not extinguished by the *South Australian Fisheries Management Act*. The case dates back to 2009 when fisheries officers found the father and son near Cape Elizabeth with 32 abalone, including 24 smaller than the 13cm size limit. They said they planned to divide up the catch and eat them at a banquet with about 15 family members. They also told the officers their Aboriginal background and entitlements allowed them

Abalone case win to SA father, son

to take the abalone. The SA magistrate in the court at Kadina agreed. South Australian Fisheries appealed and the case went to the full bench of the SA Supreme Court, which held that the Karpansys' native title rights had been extinguished and in any event the *Native Title Act* did not apply. In the High Court, judges unanimously held that SA fisheries law did not bar native title holders gathering undersized abalone for personal, non-commercial communal needs.

The decision may have national ramifications. SA Attorney-General John Rau said the Government was getting legal advice on the implications of the ruling. He told ABC Radio the Government wants to find out whether the decision is confined to this particular case or has wider ramifications. "Maybe the implications are quite modest and it just means these gentlemen can occasionally go out for private purposes and get some abalone," Mr Rau said. Asked if it sent the wrong message about keeping undersized catches, Mr Rau said it was not a good thing according to fisheries laws. But if the decision meant only one or two individuals, who were native title holders, could occasionally do this, it would have a limited impact. — AAP



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The Flying Art series started in 1994 with *Wunala Dreaming* (inset top right), continued a year later with *Nalanji Dreaming* (inset top left) and then featured *Yanaji Dreaming*, also a Boeing 737 (inset middle), from 2002.

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Breach sparks concerns at Kakadu mine

By NEDA VANOVAC



IT would be a case of good luck rather than good management, if it turns out there is no radiation contamination due to an unauthorised vehicle leaving the Ranger uranium site in Kakadu, an environment group says.

And the breach has the traditional owners of the area rethinking their attitude to an expansion of the mine.

About midnight on Sunday, November 3, a controlled vehicle used in the most contaminated parts of the Rio Tinto-owned Ranger mine left the site without permission.

It was seen by security guards who retrieved it, and an initial inspection found it to be free of contamination, mine operator Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) said.

But the breach was not

revealed until Thursday, November 7, to the Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC), which represents the Mirarr traditional owners of the Ranger project area and much of the surrounding park.

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) wrote to the NT Department of Mines and Energy calling for an urgent review of ERA's 'failure to ensure compliance with

breaches and leaks at the site.

"There's a consistent pattern of underperformance, and this is significant because it could have been a major radiation issue," he said.

An ERA spokesman said the breach was a police matter and would not comment further.

ERA has submitted plans to mine a 34,000 tonne underground deposit at the site, called Ranger 3 Deeps, but has

given an undertaking to the traditional owners not to mine without their approval, which GAC chief executive Justin O'Brien said may now be in question.

"This failure ... raises serious questions as to the viability of Ranger's

R3D proposal and will certainly be factored into our thinking," he said. "In our view, this incident constitutes a breach of the company's mining authorisation.

"We are calling on the NT and federal governments to commence an immediate investigation into how it occurred and the security implications it raises." – AAP

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operational requirements'.

"On a process level, the system didn't work," ACF spokesman Dave Sweeney said.

"If it turns out, and I hope it does, that there hasn't been any radiological exposure, then that's just by good luck and not by good management."

Mr Sweeney says there have been more than 200 incidents,

Retiring Rudd praised for Apology



ANNOUNCING his retirement from politics last week, former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said the most important moment of his career was saying sorry to the members of the Stolen Generations.

"Nothing has brought me greater joy in political life than the smiles I have seen on the faces of our

Aboriginal brothers and sisters, young and old, country and city, as a result of the apology," Mr Rudd said.

"I hope, though, that we have achieved some healing of the soul, although it will only be through the final closing of the gap that we achieve a healing of broken bodies as well."

Prime Minister Tony Abbott said the Apology would not have eventuated

without Mr Rudd's leadership and vision. "Much as I admire and appreciate and put on a huge pedestal his immediate predecessor (John Howard), in this respect at least, he had lacked the imagination to grasp that opportunity and the Member for Griffith, Kevin, he had the decency to see that here was something that needed to be done," he said.

"He did it with courage, with

decency, compassion and that alone is an extraordinary achievement.

"Whatever disagreements my colleagues and I have had with Mr Rudd, we will always honour what he achieved on the day of the National Apology.

"Ancient wrongs were addressed that day. It was a great moment in our country's history and it happened because of him."



Kevin Rudd

Another first as Peris takes her place in Senate

Parliament opens to pomp and ceremony



THE 44th Federal Parliament opened in Canberra with ceremonies combining Indigenous traditions and British pomp.

Parliament's Great Hall echoed to the sound of didgeridoos and clapping sticks as Ngambri-Ngunnawal Elder Matilda House welcomed people to country.

Ms House invited the first Indigenous member of the House of Representatives, Liberal MP Ken Wyatt, and the first female Indigenous senator, Labor's Nova Peris, to the stage.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott said it was possible Australia would one day have an Indigenous prime minister.

"If we can have our first female Indigenous senator and our first Indigenous member of the House of Representatives, if we can have an Indigenous Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, we certainly can have an Indigenous prime minister of this country and we certainly can have in this Parliament or the next full recognition of Indigenous people in the Constitution of our country," he said.

Relationship

Opposition Leader Bill Shorten said it was at Parliament House that a prime minister and a nation said sorry and started a renewed relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"It is (also) here that we committed to formally recognising our First Peoples in our founding document, the Constitution, a cause that we shall continue into this Parliament," he said.

About 20 Indigenous dancers and musicians paraded into the hall, and federal parliamentarians later received ceremonial ochre dust blessings during a smoking ceremony on the Great Verandah.

Five Indigenous students from St John's Catholic School in Darwin, where Senator Peris went to high school, travelled with her and her family and school principal David Johns to Canberra for the opening of Parliament.

Senator Peris and her daughter Jessica have been mentoring Indigenous students at the school.

"The good thing is they (the students) have seen me on this journey and seen me go into Federal Parliament," she said.

"The message is anything is possible." – AAP

By LISA MARTIN



AUSTRALIA's first Aboriginal woman elected to Federal Parliament would swap all her gold medals to see equality for Indigenous people.

Nova Peris delivered her first speech in the Senate last week, wearing white ochre face paint and a gold silk outfit featuring dancing brolgas.

A trailblazer for Indigenous people in sport, Senator Peris was the first Aboriginal woman to win an Olympic gold medal, as part of Australia's victorious hockey team in 1996.

Switching to athletics, she won gold in the 200 metres and 4x100 metres relay at the Commonwealth Games in 1998.

She said her sporting achievements were 'virtually meaningless' compared to her grandparents' and mother's struggles to survive.

"I would swap all of that in a heartbeat, I would forgo any number of gold medals, to see Aboriginal Australians be free, healthy and participating fully in all that our great country has to offer," she told the Senate.

"It is my dream to see kids from Santa Teresa, from Gunbalanya, from Kalkarindji and the Tiwi Islands all with the same opportunity as the kids from the eastern suburbs of Sydney."

Senator Peris was elected after former Prime Minister Julia Gillard intervened to put her at the top of Labor's NT Senate ticket, ousting long-serving senator Trish Crossin.

The first Aboriginal person elected to the House of Representatives, Ken Wyatt, was in the Upper House for Senator Peris' maiden speech.

Senator Peris paid tribute to her Aboriginal heritage as a descendant of the Gija people of the east Kimberley, Yawuru people of the west Kimberley and



Prime Minister Tony Abbott congratulates Senator Nova Peris as Ngambri-Ngunnawal Elder Matilda House speaks at the opening of the 44th Federal Parliament. Picture: AAP

the Iwatja people from western Arnhem Land.

Her grandmother, Nora Peris, a member of the Stolen Generations, was one of her biggest sources of inspiration.

"She was torn from her

Senator Peris spoke of her mother Joan's forced removal from her family, as her mother watched from the public gallery, alongside the senator's husband Scott Appleton, children Jack, 9, Destiny, 11, and Jessica, 23, and

decision to locate a nuclear waste dump on Muckaty Station in the Barkly region of the NT.

Senator Peris ended with an anecdote about a man who gave her a piece of paper to read before the semi-finals of the 4x400m relay.

It read: "Nothing is impossible to those who see the invisible."

The man explained the cryptic message after the team broke an Australian record.

"He simply replied: 'It

was my ticket to freedom. I thought about it every day that I was held captive captive.' It turned out he was a former prisoner of war," she said. – AAP

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'...I would forgo any number of gold medals to see Aboriginal Australians be free, healthy and participating fully in all that our great country has to offer.' – Senator Nova Peris

mother's arms and lived on the mission of Moola Bulla in the east Kimberley," Senator Peris said.

"A river separated her and her traditional Aboriginal mother, who was still living on country ... they were so close – yet so far apart."

four-year-old grandson Isaac.

Senator Peris urged her parliamentary colleagues to champion moves to recognise Aboriginal people in the Constitution and attacked the former Labor Government's



A band with a heart!

THE Black Arm Band will team with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra for the world premiere performance of *ngangwurra means heart* – the partner to Black Arm Band's internationally acclaimed *dirtsong* – on Saturday, November 30, at Melbourne's Princess Theatre. A major new visual music theatre work created with some of Australia's top artists, *ngangwurra means heart* features a striking visual background from Aboriginal artist Reko Rennie, photographer Ricky Maynard and animations from Dave Jones and Al McGuiness.

Ngangwurra means heart will feature seven new musical works performed in five Aboriginal languages.

The line-up from The Black Arm Band includes Aboriginal singer/songwriters Emma Donovan and Deline Briscoe, yidaki (didgeridoo) player Mark Atkins, theatre and cabaret performer Mindy Kwanten, dancer and classical violinist Eric Avery and director, composer, actor and performer Lou Bennett.

The concert also includes Lee Morgan (guitar), Marshall McGuire (harp), musical arranger John Rodgers (violin, bass guitar), Greg Sheehan (percussion), Genevieve Lacey (recorder), James Crabb (accordion) and 22 members of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

● Pictured: Emma Donovan.

Picture by James Henry

Last-ditch Tas plea to 'kill' heritage bill

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIA'S Aboriginal people and supporters are making an 11th-hour call for the long-awaited

Aboriginal Heritage Protection Bill to be ditched after it was passed last week by the State Lower House.

The proposed legislation has been criticised for lack of ownership provisions, with the exception of Aboriginal human remains, and containing weaker powers for the Aboriginal advisory body than that of its counterpart statutory body form created under the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act*, which protects post-invasion heritage.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre state secretary Ruth Langford said the bill should have been called 'access to developers to destroy bill and remove Aboriginals' right to have a say about our heritage and culture bill'.

"Ownership is completely silent in the bill, which implies we have no ownership of our heritage and culture," she said. "The wording

Ruth Langford with young Asher Sculthorpe at the launch of the *It's Important to Me* YouTube clip in Hobart. Asher features in the clip along with Shaun Thurstans and Aaron Everett, pictured. Filmmakers Daniel Peek and Maggie Manrique are at the back.



is weak in respect to the advisory council in comparison to the historic act."

The State Government had previously said the new legislation would empower Aboriginal people

by 'recognising Tasmanian Aboriginal ownership of objects of cultural importance' when work

began in 2006 to replace the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975*, which is broadly considered ineffective and outdated.

Ms Langford said the bill would further remove the Aboriginal community from their cultural birth responsibility and rights to care for and protect their own heritage and culture.

Last week, a social media campaign was launched by the TAC, with a YouTube clip titled *It's Important to Me*.

Ms Langford said it was a response to help stop the Tasmanian Government 'bulldozing through legislation that undermines the Aboriginal community's ownership and cultural right to protect their heritage'.

"We need to kill the bill," she said.

Ms Langford accused the State Government of using tactics to directly force division among Aboriginal people.

"How long must we endure the colonising divide-and-conquer mindset?" she asked.

The bill is scheduled for debate in Tasmania's Legislative Council this week.

Stolen Gens payment tribunal hope for SA



ABOUT 300 Indigenous South Australians from the Stolen Generations may be eligible for payments from a new reparations tribunal that could be established as early as next year.

A state parliamentary committee has recommended a simplified form of a bill proposed by Greens MP Tammy Franks be drafted and reintroduced to Parliament as soon as possible.

Ms Franks says the idea has cross-party support so she hopes the Labor Government and the Liberal Opposition will promise to deliver the tribunal in 2014, regardless of who wins government at the March election.

The committee report said the amount of money provided to each person would ultimately depend on the number found to be eligible and the total amount of funds made available.

But it said the cost to the state of providing payments must be compared with

the costs involved if individual cases were pursued through the courts.

One such case has already resulted in a compensation payout of \$525,000 and legal costs of almost \$2 million.

Ms Franks said the state and federal governments had recognised the hurt and harm caused to the Stolen Generations by way of a formal apology, but saying sorry was just the start.

'Prolong the pain'

"If we continue to only have a system for recompense which forces Aboriginal people into our expensive and adversarial courts system, we prove not only that we haven't learnt the lessons of our past, but that we are destined to prolong the pain," she said.

Ms Franks said setting up a tribunal to handle cases would allow for a more respectful, kinder and cheaper pathway for reparations.

South Australian Stolen Generations member Susan Rankin said that while compensation would be 'extremely

welcome', she had been let down too many times to have any faith left in the political system.

"We've been let down terribly," she said.

"Recently we had a Stolen Generations conference in Adelaide, where we were told money went into the healing foundation but, as individuals, we can't access it; it goes towards projects.

"I have post-traumatic stress disorder from what happened to me and I'd rather do natural healing.

"I just feel so disillusioned. It's part of my depression.

"I just want to get in the car, go bush and be in nature. Why should we have to explain why we need to do what we need to do. It's our pain and suffering.

"I would love it if it does come good. I'd move back on country, set up a healing place with natural medicine.

"That's my dream: to help other people with spiritual healing, heal the spirit. "There's no amount of medicine that can fix the spirit or the soul." – with AAP



Stolen Generations member Susan Rankin in Adelaide.

The dark side explored

By DARREN COYNE



WARWICK Thornton has no hesitation in saying he believes in ghosts.

The Alice

Springs-based director of the hit movie *Samson and Delilah* told the *Koori Mail* he saw a ghost in a house in Alice when he was 26.

"It was a beautiful experience which changed the way I think about ghosts," he said.

"Growing up, uncles and aunts were always telling ghost stories to keep us kids on the straight and narrow.

"Aboriginal people have always had a connection with spirituality and an understanding of spirits ... but I had to grow up a bit to make a film about it."

That film, *The Darkside*, which had its world premiere in Adelaide earlier this year, has been on show as part of the Corroboree festival in Sydney, but is now heading to Queensland for the Brisbane Film Festival from tomorrow (November 21) until Saturday (November 23).

It will then open in arthouse theatres around the country from November 28.

Advertisement

To make the film, Thornton put an advertisement in the *Koori Mail*, asking for Aboriginal people from all over Australia to tell their ghost stories.

"There was a fantastic amount of people that came forward which was good because normally when you tell people you've seen a ghost they think you're a kook," he said.

"When I embarked on this



Deborah Mailman in *The Darkside*, by Warwick Thornton. Fellow actor Marcia Langton is in the background.

journey to the other side I imagined finding a whole bunch of scary ghost stories, but what I ended up finding was a beautiful collection of stories about family and connection."

Thornton chose 14 of the best stories and, using actors,

put them to film, sometimes with the person whose story it was acting as the narrator.

The stories that didn't make it into the film can still be heard as part of The Otherside Project, an offshoot of the film. They can be found at

www.theothersideproject.com.au

For his next project, Thornton is hoping to start filming one story that he heard from a man called Jason from Alice Springs.

"I decided not to put it into *The Darkside* but I got

permission to use the story as a full feature film," he said.

"It's much more from that classic genre of scary movie and it has a really bad entity in it. The story happened to a couple of blokes in Alice Springs and it deserves to be told."

Broome art from the heart

By JILLIAN MUNDY



SITTING among an array of brightly painted canvases and boab nuts, it is fitting that Goonian man and artist Reynold Indich, or Jumbindi as he is also known, blends into his stall at the Broome

Courthouse Market.

His original painted artworks and souvenirs are a blend of traditional Kimberley culture, Jumbindi's contemporary style, Broome's colourful ambience and Jumbindi himself.

"I paint what I see. I paint from the leeyan – the heart of the countrymen, a Kimberley expression," Jumbindi told the *Koori Mail*.

"Coming to Broome to live is like a dream come true.

"When you come up here you capture the essence of Broome, and being an artist it flows through you and I wanted to capture the Kimberley in my paintings."

Among Jumbindi's best-sellers are painted boab nuts and paintings of the iconic bottle-shaped boab trees, on canvases of varying proportions.

"Boabs have been part of survival food, and come the season when they come out are part of contemporary survival, carving and painting them, connecting the land and



Reynold Indich, also known as Jumbindi, and his colourfully painted wares at the Broome Courthouse Markets. In the foreground are painted boab nuts.

the language groups through the whole Kimberley," he said.

Jumbindi said boab nuts were high in protein and the trees had a significant history in the incarceration of Aboriginal warriors in the Kimberley.

They were used as prisons, such as the infamous hollowed out boab tree in Derby, and Aboriginal prisoners were also chained to boab trees, which afforded them some food and shade.

"I feel them when I paint boabs sometimes, the history," Jumbindi said.

Jumbindi was born in Perth and moved

to Broome with his wife and daughter five years ago and took up a job in men's outreach.

When the job, which he found fulfilling, was no longer available, he took up painting as a therapeutic pursuit. It's now become a career.

"I totally focussed all my energy on painting. It's what kept me going, especially from a therapy perspective," he said.

"I started off one table (at the market) with a few items and it had a snowball effect over the months because of demand.

"I really do enjoy it, talking to people

from overseas, especially from Lebanon and Egypt because they have old traditions and remedies that go back centuries and we bounce off each other's knowledge.

"It's more for the love than the money, but it pays the bills."

Knowing stories of the travels of his artworks, such as a painting of dancing brolgas now hanging in a castle in England, also inspires Jumbindi. "Money can't buy things like that," he said.

Jumbindi is now a permanent stall holder at the Broome Courthouse Markets and is planning on an exhibition in Perth.

Legal action threat over sandmining



THE Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC), which represents the traditional owners of

North Stradbroke Island, is considering legal action against the Queensland Government, including referral to the Crime and Misconduct Commission.

Last week the parliamentary Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee handed down its report into controversial legislation extending sandmining on North Stradbroke Island until 2035, recommending passing the bill.

But two members of the committee, Labor's Jackie Trad and Katter's Australia Party MP Shane Knuth, wrote dissenting reports.

In 2011 the Quandamooka people of south-east Queensland won native title recognised over North Stradbroke Island and the adjacent Moreton Bay.

That year, QYAC and the then Bligh State Government signed an Indigenous Land Use

Agreement (ILUA), under which sandmining was to be phased out by 2019.

Belgian-owned mining company Sibelco, which is currently fighting charges by the Environmental Protection Agency that it contravened the *Environmental Protection Act*, spent more than \$90,000 campaigning on the issue during the Queensland election, much of it in Premier Campbell Newman's seat of Ashgrove.

the Newman Government and its activities to the Crime and Misconduct Commission.

"We asked for an inquiry into the treatment of Aboriginal people on North Stradbroke Island. We asked for an inquiry into the mining industry on North Stradbroke Island.

"It is disappointing, given the weight of evidence presented, that none of these requests were implemented."

Ms Trad said the bill had 'all

has been met in this bill," she said.

"The support from Sibelco in the Premier's electorate was only revealed three days before the 2012 state election, meaning most voters would not have been aware of it.

"To claim the Government has an election mandate to enact a 'cash for legislation' deal is simply untrue and symptomatic of a government that is becoming increasingly arrogant and

Sibelco in comparison to zero consultation with the traditional owners, the Quandamooka people," he said.

"Most requests made by Sibelco in their briefing note to the Government in May this year have been met in this bill, while the Quandamooka people have been gutted and completely stripped of their voice."

Mr Costello said that once the mining leases lapse the legal suppression of non-exclusive

native title rights is removed and the Quandamooka people would once more be able to exercise their recognised native title rights and interests on

their land, including the take of traditional natural resources, such as sand, and water.

"We have sought legal advice that indicates a conflict with our native title rights and interests and breaches of the Indigenous land use agreement between the Quandamooka people and the State of Queensland," he said.

"QYAC will now consider referring the conduct of the Government to the Crime and Misconduct Commission."

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QYAC chief executive officer Cameron Costello said that despite the Parliamentary committee's recommendation, his members weren't giving up the fight.

"The extraordinary level of access to the Newman Government by Sibelco, who helped fund the Premier's electoral campaign, warrants further scrutiny," he said.

"QYAC asked the parliamentary committee to refer

the hallmarks of a morally corrupt cash-for-legislation deal'.

She said that during the committee's hearings, it had been revealed that the maps of mining areas, length of lease extensions and economic modelling used to justify the introduction of the bill had all been provided by Sibelco.

"It has been confirmed that every request made by Sibelco in their briefing note to the Newman Liberal National Party Government from May this year

dismissive of following any due process.

"The claims made to justify this legislation are lacking in any factual, economic or scientific basis."

Mr Knuth said there were issues with the legislation that 'potentially compromise public perception of the integrity of government and, by association, the Parliament'.

"The most remarkable is the extensive consultation granted to



A file picture of James Price Point in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

\$30m after WA land acquired



ABORIGINAL people in Western Australia's north will receive \$30 million from the Western Australian Government's compulsory acquisition of land at James Price Point near Broome.

WA Premier Colin Barnett said the State Government intended to use the land to support the development of nearby gas fields.

Under native title agreements reached with the Goolarabooloo

Jabirr Jabirr native title claimant group of the region, the transaction triggers a \$10 million economic development fund and \$20 million for Indigenous housing.

"It has taken substantial effort to reach this point, with the support of traditional landholders," Mr Barnett said.

James Price Point was selected by the WA Government in 2009 as the most suitable site to develop gas in the area, but the Government has battled considerable environmental and economic hurdles. — AAP

Yolngu leader hits out at lease 'haste'

By RUDI MAXWELL



RESPECTED Yolngu Elder Reverend Dr Djiniyini Gondarra has accused the Federal Government of attacking hard-won Aboriginal land rights and treating First Nations people as second-class citizens.

"I express my deep concern at the actions of the Abbott Government as evidenced by the behaviour of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs Senator (Nigel) Scullion in hastily procuring memoranda of understanding on township leases for 99 years in Gunbalanya and Yirrkala in recent weeks," Rev Gondarra said.

"He is quoted as saying that this was part of a blitz to encourage other communities around the country to sign similar deals.

"There is no evidence of general consultation with the communities concerned and the haste associated with the process would suggest that there has been

no time for reflection or the obtaining of legal and other advice as to the advisability of what the Government proposes. The process therefore places unfair pressure on the communities concerned."

Rev Gondarra said a 99-year lease was regarded by most people as an effective surrender of title. "Our madayin-law is upheld by the ngurrnggitj-tradition in the land," he said.

"A lease that takes control of the land means we are giving away our law and our identity.

"We will have nothing to live for. We will become fringe dwellers.

"Our land can never simply be exchanged for monetary gain."

Rev Gondarra told the *Koori Mail* that there were appropriate ways for the Government to sit down and negotiate with Aboriginal people.

"That approach does not divide and conquer. People need to talk face-to-face, sit on the same table and talk about things, instead of hidden agendas," he said.



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, who has been criticised by Yolngu Elder Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra.

"The Government needs to initiate that approach with traditional owners and Elders, not take over and control land – that is my people's concern."

Senator Scullion said in a statement that he had signed separate agreements with

traditional owners in Yirrkala and Gunbalanya to start negotiating township leases.

"They are not binding agreements, they commit the parties to negotiate in good faith," he said.

"In Gunbalanya, the agreement is for negotiations to continue until June 30 next year and Yirrkala until next September.

"It is up to the Northern Land Council to ensure all traditional owners are involved and that other people affected are consulted.

"In the end it is up to the traditional owners to say yes or no. If they say no, the lease won't go ahead."

However, Rev Gondarra said many people did not trust land councils and that they didn't speak for everyone.

"It's often a difficult relationship with the land council. People are hurting and proper healing hasn't happened between the owners of land and the land council. We need to look at better ways for traditional owners and government to sit and

find common ways to work together in the spirit of reconciliation," he said.

"Everyone wants to see our nations grow and have our own trade, people are happy and ready to talk, but it needs to be done in the proper way.

"You cannot say 'This is the demand'; you cannot do that to the people.

"The land is our mother and land must be protected."

Rev Gondarra said the Government was being undemocratic and 'trampling over the rights of Aboriginal people'.

"This is another colonisation, another invasion. We don't want to see that happen," he said.

"I call on other Aboriginal communities to reject the Government's overtures involving any changes unless and until they abide by culturally appropriate protocols and undertake to give the communities access to independent advice, including legal advice at the Government's expense."



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Feral camels run riot in the Nullarbor region. The current population is estimated to be 300,000, but more than 160,000 have been removed.

Camels on the run



A HUGE project involving dozens of remote Aboriginal communities is having success in managing one of Australia's biggest pests, feral camels.

When roaming in unmanaged numbers feral camels threaten vegetation, wildlife and Aboriginal cultural sites. The animals also damage community and pastoral infrastructure and become a risk to human safety.

The achievements and outcomes of the Australian Feral Camel Management Project (AFCMP) will be outlined in

Canberra this week. The project recently concluded after four years of intensive survey and management activity across remote Australia.

Managing director of Ninti One (which co-ordinated the AFCMP) Jan Ferguson said the \$19m program had significantly reduced the number of camels around the 18 environmental sites targeted, especially in the Simpson Desert and Pilbara regions.

"As a result of feral camel management, native vegetation, wildlife and waterholes are in better condition over large tracts of landscape, the

pastoral industry has experienced reduced camel pressure on its grazing lands and Aboriginal communities have seen their cultural heritage protected," she said.

"Before the program, native wildlife, pasture, water resources and cultural heritage were all at considerable risk from a growing herd of feral camels, numbering hundreds of thousands.

"These were introduced as transport animals more than 100 years ago and turned loose when other forms of transport replaced them.

"They were, until recently, causing

havoc across large swathes of the inland as their numbers increased."

The AFCMP has removed more than 160,000 camels and estimates the current population to be 300,000.

"It was a huge effort in many ways," Ms Ferguson said.

"It involved building relationships and collaboration across several state borders, government agencies, the private sector and hundreds of different landholders and Aboriginal communities.

"But it has paid off, and shows what can be achieved when the will, the evidence and the resources are there."

Petition copy handed over in Darwin



A COPY of the Larrakia petition, which appealed to Queen Elizabeth for land rights and political representation, has been presented to the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal

Corporation in Darwin. Signed in 1972 by hundreds of Indigenous Australians from across Australia, the petition had been held in the National Archives of Australia.

It reads in part: "Today we are refugees in the country of our ancestors. We live in refugee camps – without land, without employment, without justice."

National Archives director general David Frickner said it was one of the most important documents from the early 1970s related to land rights.

"It is important for the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation to have its own copy of such a significant document," he said.

"The original is very fragile but our conservators have created a display copy, as well as an album of copies of the

original smaller pages (which were pasted together to make the long document) and an index to the signatures."

Larrakia people tried to hand the petition to Princess Margaret during her visit to Darwin in October 1972.

After waiting 24 hours without being given an opportunity to do so, they unsuccessfully tried to break through a police barricade. In the process the 3.3-metre petition was torn.

Despite that, the group patched the document and sent it off to Buckingham Palace with a letter.

The palace sent it on to the Australian government via the governor-general and it eventually became part of the National Archives' collection.

The presentation of the duplicate took place on the same day as the official launch of the co-location of the National Archives of Australia and the Northern Territory Archives Services. Both organisations now share premises and a reading room at Kelsey Crescent, Milner.



Dorianne Raymond, Barbara Raymond, National Archives of Australia director general David Frickner, Yula Williams and Northern Territory Archives Centre director Phyllis Williams at the petition presentation.

Aaron takes a shot at fame



AARON Pedersen has been nominated for the best actor award in the Asia Pacific Screen Awards, for his performance in Ivan Sen's *Mystery Road*.

In the lead role Pedersen plays Jay Swan, a detective returning to his outback hometown to investigate the murder of a teenage girl found in a drain under the highway out of town.

The Turning, an adaptation of Tim Winton's short stories starring numerous Aboriginal actors and with several Aboriginal directors, is a finalist in the best feature film category.

The awards recognise cinematic excellence and cultural diversity of the world's fastest-growing film region, comprising 70 countries and areas, 4.5 billion people, and responsible for half of the world's film output.

The 2013 Asia Pacific Screen Awards ceremony will be held at Brisbane City Hall on Thursday, December 12.



Call for law reform

By DARREN COYNE



INDIGENOUS lawyers from across Australia have called on the Federal Government to

shelve the Stronger Futures legislation and policies.

The lawyers said the original Northern Territory Emergency Response legislation, introduced in 2007, had suspended key provisions of the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA).

The Stronger Futures legislation, introduced in 2012, reinstated the RDA provisions, but

the laws remained discriminatory, they said.

More than 100 people at the recent National Indigenous Legal Conference in Alice Springs issued a statement calling for the laws to be changed.

"As members and students of the Australian Legal fraternity we felt ashamed when we heard respected Elders address the conference telling us of the embarrassment they feel having to use the 'Basics card' under the government's income management provisions," the statement said.

"We feel ashamed when we hear of police entering the homes

of respected Elders without the need for a warrant.

"We feel ashamed because the law, which is our vocation, is allowing for practices and policies more at home in the infamous 'protection' period of past generations.

Complex issues

"There is a multitude of varied and complex issues facing some of these communities, not least of which is extreme poverty resulting from generations of chronic neglect. We know that some of our brothers and sisters require assistance to address these problems.

"This cannot happen effectively while we continue to ignore the voices of community and especially the voices of local Elders, lawmen and lawwomen.

"We, the attendees of the National Indigenous Legal Conference, call for the repeal of the Stronger Futures legislation and the imposition of compulsory income management."

Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service chairman Noel Hayes told the *Koori Mail* that there was unanimous support for the statement among the conference delegates.

"There was a very strong feeling about this because it's

pretty heavy stuff what they are still doing to people in places like Alice Springs," he said.

"Police enter houses without a warrant, any hour of the day, just because they think someone might be drinking in that house. It's not right."

The conference delegates said self-determination was a right of all peoples.

"It is also an internationally recognised right under Article 3 of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and its application is a foundational principle of Indigenous wellbeing," the statement said.

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Sydney Corroboree under way



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Sydney kicked off last week with the Gurung Parade.
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Marie Bashir and the Corroboree Sydney Council of Elders joined more than 1500 school children to walk down Macquarie Street with handmade waratahs.

The Corroboree Firelight ceremony, paying homage to the custodians of Sydney and its environs, was lit by Gadigal Elder Charles 'Chicka' Madden.

The firelight will burn throughout the festival, acknowledging the traditional custodians of Sydney, past and present.

Festival events continue until November 24, at venues including Corroboree Central at Pier 2, Bangarra Dance Theatre, the Sydney Opera House, the NSW Art Gallery and the Botanic Gardens.

For a program and more information go to the website www.corroboreesydney.com.au

● **Pictured: Elder Charles 'Chicka' Madden is accompanied to the Corroboree Firelight.**

Fears for Qld rivers



INDIGENOUS leaders from Queensland have launched a campaign to stop the State Government watering down laws

to protect rivers from mining.

A forum of more than 50 Indigenous leaders at Griffith University issued a communique to Premier Campbell Newman urging him to strengthen laws protecting rivers and to also recognise the rights of Indigenous people over their traditional lands.

Some of the major rivers of Queensland were protected by the Beattie and Bligh governments under legislation known as the Wild Rivers, which banned mining near sensitive waterways.

The Newman Government has signalled its intention to repeal the legislation.

Mithaka traditional owner Scott Gorringe, from the Channel Country in western Queensland, said the Premier had so far failed to deliver on an election promise he made to Indigenous people to put them 'in the driver's seat' over decisions affecting their rivers.

"The message is simple and clear: Our rivers are too important to risk mining near them," Mr Gorringe said.

"Indigenous people want economic opportunities, but not at the expense of their cultural and environmental heritage.

"The Channel Country rivers of Western Queensland are healthy rivers. They are the

lifeblood of this country.

"Mining in the rivers and floodplains of Channel Country risks destroying the careful balance that exists between nature and local communities."

Anger

There was widespread anger among Indigenous people in western Queensland when Natural Resources Minister Andrew Cripps declared in July that protections for the rivers of Channel Country would be removed and mining and irrigation allowed for the first time.

The wishes of many Indigenous people in western Queensland to safeguard their rivers has been well known to the State Government since

before it was elected in 2012.

In October 2011, leaders from more than 100 Indigenous communities issued the 'Tibooburra Resolution' at the Lake Eyre Basin Indigenous Forum calling for controls on mining and for long-term protection of the Channel Country rivers that fill Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre.

Deputy chair of the Northern Murray-Darling Basin Aboriginal Nations Cheryl Buchanan, a Gwamu (Kooma) woman from south-west Queensland, called on the State Government to consult more widely with Indigenous people.

"Indigenous people are asserting their native title rights to be heard and their wishes for their

traditional lands to be respected by government," she said.

"Continuing to ignore us is not an option available to the Premier."

The forum also discussed the Government's actions over introducing legislation to extend sandmining on North Stradbroke Island until 2035. (See report on page 8.)

Other Indigenous leaders who travelled to Brisbane for the forum included Northern Kaanju traditional owner David Claudie from western Cape York, Stradbroke Island Qandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation CEO Cameron Costello, and Bidjara man Gerry Fogarty, from Barcaldine in the state's central west.

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Driver mentoring service for Shoalhaven region



YOUNG people who've had early contact with the NSW juvenile justice system may have racked up a fine debt – which means they can't get a driver's licence at 18. But now there's a new service to help these young adults avoid unlicensed driving.

The Red Cross and the Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT (ALS) have joined forces to start a driving mentoring program in the Shoalhaven area on the NSW south coast.

The Learner Driver Mentor Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 17-25 will provide one-on-one supervised driving and testing.

The program includes the Marulan Driver Training Centre's Teenage

Driving Program and legal education.

NSW Red Cross Aboriginal Programs implementation manager Annie Vanderwyk hopes their first group of new drivers will become the next driver trainers.

ALS NSW chief executive Phil Naden said the program was a simple initiative to address increasing rates of detention for young Aboriginal adults. "We know that close to 20 per cent of all Aboriginal adults are 'inside' because of unauthorised driving offences, like driving without a licence or when disqualified," he said.

"The Learner Driver Mentor Program is a welcome initiative to assist young drivers to avoid the criminal justice system."

It is hoped the program will become a model for other communities.

Messenger of rights

By DARREN COYNE



JAKE Briggs' life changed dramatically in January 2010 with a simple dive into a swimming pool.

An injury to his spine left him a quadriplegic, needing a wheelchair to get around.

The accident happened after he had qualified as a carpenter with Brookfield Multiplex construction company, where he now works as a contracts administrator.

With strength and determination that he attributes to his grandparents, Ernie Franks from Wonnarua country and Margaret Franks from Kamilaroi country, Mr Briggs is forging on with a full and active life.

As an ambassador for the Don't DIS my Ability campaign, which focusses on people's abilities rather than so-called disabilities, Mr Briggs is keen to advocate for other Indigenous people with disabilities.

Not so long ago he was in Switzerland doing just that.

His image was part of the *Unfinished Business* exhibition of Aboriginal people with disabilities by Australian photographer Belinda Mason, which was displayed at the Palais des Nation, Geneva, in September.

It coincided with the Committee on the

Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) of the Human Rights Council 24th session where, for the first time, Australia's commitment to the convention was reviewed.

"While I was over there I met up with a human rights officer with the United Nations, Ellen Walker, just by chance and she was involved with people from the First People's Disability Network and told me the whole history," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"We wrote out a resolution together on Indigenous people with disability throughout the world which will be tabled at the next council meeting.

"If it gets ticked off by all the countries it will be ratified next year by the United Nations."

As if that wasn't enough to make the trip special, Mr Briggs and his girlfriend Amy Cullun, who he has dated since Year 10 at high school, got married.

"We were supposed to be getting married in November but then I got the call up for the exhibition and asked to represent the exhibition in Geneva, Switzerland," he said.

"We then travelled to Florence in Italy, where we got married, and then had our honeymoon in Paris, France."

Now back on home soil, Mr Briggs is again putting his energy into the Don't DIS my Ability campaign, which leads up to the International Day of People with Disability on December 3.



Qantas cabin crew and Auslan translator Shauna Young, Minister for Disability Services John Ajaka, and Don't DIS my ABILITY ambassadors Julie Charlton and Jake Briggs.



This photograph of Jake Briggs by Australian photographer Belinda Mason was part of the *Unfinished Business* exhibition in Geneva, Switzerland.



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Landmark title deal



A CEREMONY in Bendigo, Victoria, was held this month to mark a native title settlement

for 266,500 hectares of Crown land in central Victoria.

Representatives from the Dja Dja Wurrung Corporation, the Victorian Government and the Governor of Victoria took part in a ceremony.

Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation chairman Graham Atkinson said it was a proud day for the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

"Our place in our landscape and its history are formally acknowledged with the legal recognition that we are the traditional owners of our Country," he said.

"We will now have a say in the management of our country and be able to protect our heritage for all future generations.

"Today signals the start of a new future for the Dja Dja Wurrung and a new permanent relationship with the state and people of Victoria."

Victoria's Attorney-General Robert Clark said the landmark settlement was the first completed in Victoria without any determination of native title by the courts.

"This agreement is testament to the spirit of cooperation and positivity from both the Dja Dja



Victorian Attorney-General Robert Clark, Dja Dja Wurrung's Rodney Carter and Graham Atkinson, and Victoria's Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell.

Wurrung people and the Victorian Government," he said.

The Dja Dja Wurrung native title settlement includes areas of the Loddon Mallee and Central Goldfields regions of Victoria.

The agreement applies to Crown land in the area and

includes provisions for the joint management of six parks and reserves and the transfer of historically and culturally significant land at Franklinford and Carisbrook.

Victoria's Governor Alex Chernov said he was honoured to

officiate on the day, symbolically passing soil into the hands of Mr Atkinson to represent the transfer of land.

"The finalisation of this settlement agreement is a watershed moment in the ongoing relationship between the Dja Dja

Wurrung people, the Victorian Government, and the local community," he said.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell said the agreement would provide economic opportunities for Dja Dja Wurrung people while ensuring an ongoing connection to their ancestral land.

As part of the agreement, the Dja Dja Wurrung people have agreed to withdraw existing native title claims and for no further claims to be made under the Commonwealth Native Title Act.

Bendigo Clans spokesman Gary Murray Yung Balug issued a statement saying clan members felt they had been sold out.

"Clan Descendants of the 3000 strong Dja Dja Wurrung condemned the decision of 48 people to sell out the rights of all clans, including those clans who objected to the recent settlement of the Dja Dja Wurrung claim as being a sell-out for a pocketful of coins by a handful of individuals led by Native Title Services Victoria Limited," he said.

"These individuals have sold out the descendants and Ancestors for a paltry \$2000 plus for each of the 3000 descendants, extinguishment of all native title forever in exchange for lesser rights and for the lowest form of title and a recently invented 'Aboriginal Title' to land that will always be Crown land and never freehold."

Congress board tours Groote



THEY went to talk about Constitutional reform and also heard about cane toads.

Board members of the National Congress of Australia's First

Peoples visited Groote Eylandt in the Northern Territory last week as part of a series of workshops to raise the organisation's profile in remote and regional Australia.

They met with rangers from the Anindilyakwa Land Council, who spend their days recovering ghost nets, keeping Groote free of cane toads, and monitoring the impacts of manganese from the mine on the animal population.

Congress co-chairs Kirstie Parker and Les Malezer, and their board members, also heard about initiatives being taken by the Women's Centre at Angurugu to build community support and training for women, and the links with the Linguistic Centre and school to teach and encourage both traditional language as well as English.

Before the trip Ms Parker said

Congress was a national organisation committed to hearing the views of communities around the country.

"Congress has a large and diverse membership and this is an opportunity for us to visit more communities," she said.

During the visits, Congress is holding free workshops to explain the United Nation's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which is the foundation and guide for the Congress.

"Australia signed up to the Declaration in 2009 but it is yet to have an obvious impact on policies and legislation that affect the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," Ms Parker said.

"It is not enough for governments to just say they support it. Action that is guided by the Declaration is what is needed."

Congress is conducting workshops around the country in the coming months. For a timetable and to register online go to nationalcongress.com.au or call 1800 266 477.



Members of the Congress with staff at the ranger centre on Groote Eylandt.



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Winners in education



VAEI Wurreker Awards finalists from the Goulburn Valley region.



VICTORIAN Koories with vocational prowess took centre stage at the 10th annual VAEI Wurreker Awards at Northcote Town Hall, Melbourne. More than 230 people gathered to celebrate achievements by Koorie people and organisations at the Wurreker Awards, held by the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated (VAEI) and the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD). The awards acknowledge individuals, training providers and community organisations that have made a positive contribution to Koorie education.

VAEI president Geraldine Atkinson praised the success of vocational training courses through which 'so many Koorie people find their place and their career ... in just about every conceivable industry'.

Ms Atkinson received a Special Recognition award for her long-term commitment towards the education and training of Koorie people.



VAEI president Geraldine Atkinson, winner of the Teacher/Trainer category Melinda Eason and Victorian Minister for Higher Education and Skills Peter Hall.



One Fire Dance Group performs at the Wurreker Awards.

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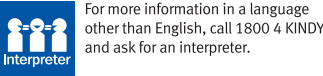
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Fishing licence buy-out praised



ABORIGINAL people have welcomed the Western Australian Government decision to buy two commercial fishing licences at Roebuck Bay.

The Yawuru native title holders said the decision was significant for their cultural and social life.

The WA Department of Fisheries announced recently that the licences had been put up for sale and the State Government had taken the opportunity to purchase them.

WA Department of Fisheries regional manager North Peter Godfrey said the buy-out was intended to improve outcomes for recreational and customary fishers. "It's a good opportunity to buy those licenses and improve fishing for locals in Roebuck Bay," he said.

The licences permitted commercial gillnetting between the northern end of 80-mile Beach and Roebuck Bay, and focussed primarily on threadfin salmon and to a lesser extent barramundi.

Yawuru land and sea project officer Dean Mathews said the buy-out was significant for local people. "Our 2011 Yawuru Cultural Management Plan, prepared to inform the joint management plans for the Yawuru Conservation Estate, including Roebuck Bay, identified commercial fishing as a key risk to salmon stocks within Roebuck Bay," he said.

"All Yawuru people fish in and around Roebuck Bay and this decision will be critical to the long-term sustainable management of the salmon stocks and other fish species in the bay."

Yawuru will continue to work with its joint management partners to apply traditional knowledge and practices together with western science to develop programs for the sustainable management of the natural marine resources of Yawuru country.

Mr Godfrey said some local jobs would be lost but that was outweighed by the benefits from the closure of the Broome gillnet fishery.

He also disputed claims that impacts from commercial fishing had prompted the decision, with studies showing the marine environment to be in good health.

"Stocks of barramundi and threadfin were certainly healthy and sustainable and our research information indicated that," he said. "But really the purchase of these two licences is based around recreational and customary fishing outcomes."

Rites of passage



Allan Kaniu, Francis Townson and Merwez Whaleboat lead the students' guard of honour to the library.

Story and pictures by ALF WILSON



SEVEN young Torres Strait Islanders who are potential future community leaders were honoured with a Rites of Passage ceremony when they graduated from Townsville's Shalom Christian College on November 12.

James Matthew, Annie Ingui, Hannah Gumbleton, Layla Nona, Katie Anau, Danika Buie and Judah Toby became emotional at times during the TSI senior class of 2013 graduation ceremony.

It began with the seven being led in a guard of honour from a nearby college building to the packed library where the Rites of Passage ceremony took place.

Out in front were Allan Kaniu holding a warrup, Francis Townson and teacher Merwez Whaleboat, who was an organiser of the event.

The library was packed as they walked to the front and sat near palm leaves and traditional paintings.

Some of the invited guests were family members who had travelled from the Torres Strait.

MC school liaison officer Tom David, of Yam descent, welcomed guests to country acknowledging both the Bindal and Wulgurukaba Aboriginal tribes on whose land the ceremony was held.

TSI Elders were then invited to give advice to the students on positive choices. This formality is known as Orka Dekes and is usually witnessed at weddings.

Respected Elders Father Gaidam Gisu and Pastor Donald Whaleboat were among those who spoke to the students offering strong cultural advice.

"In the future you must respect yourselves and your family and say no to anybody who tries to get you to make a negative choice," Father Gisu said.

The ceremony was followed by entertainment by Murray Island Komet and Boigu Island dancers and a ceremonial feast.



Shalom Christian College graduates, from left, James Matthew, Annie Ingui, Hannah Gumbleton, Layla Nona, Katie Anau, Danika Buie and Judah Toby.

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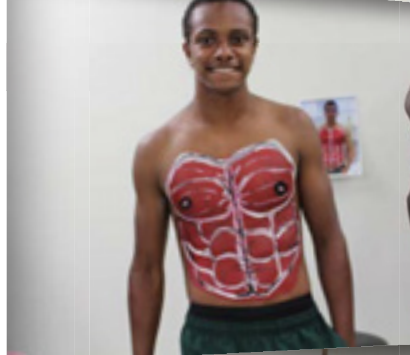
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The facility was opened by Ewen Jones MP, Bishop Michael Putney and Bill Morganson, Warragamay Traditional Owner - with an additional 100 visitors joining to celebrate the occasion. It included performances by the Colleges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance troupes.

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Senior Kimberley women, from left, Shirley Purdie, Kathleen Watson and Mona Ramsay at the Mendoowoorrji ceremony in the US city of Seattle. Pictures courtesy of Qantas

Mendoowoorrji is flying high

By STEVE GORDON



IT started in 1994 with Wunala Dreaming. Then, a year later, came Nalanji Dreaming, and Yananji

Dreaming took to the skies seven years after that.

Now, a decade on, Qantas has just unveiled its fourth Indigenous Flying Art aircraft, Mendoowoorrji, a Boeing 737-800 which features art inspired by the late Western Australian artist Paddy Bedford (also known as Goowoomji).

The artwork, a 2005 painting titled *Medicine Pocket*, is a depiction of Bedford's mother's country – known as Mendoowoorrji – around Warmun in WA's East Kimberley.

Qantas again teamed with design studio Balarinji to create Mendoowoorrji, working with the Bedford Trust through William Mora Galleries and the National Gallery of Australia to ensure the art translation on the aircraft was true to *Medicine Pocket*.

Given the response of a delegation at the official handover of Mendoowoorrji in the US city of Seattle earlier this month, there's no doubt that translation succeeded.

Among the group were senior Kimberley women Kathleen Watson (Bedford's daughter), Mona Ramsay (Bedford's niece) and Shirley Purdie (a senior Warmun artist). All were delighted by Mendoowoorrji.

"I'm proud to keep (Bedford's) legacy alive and sharing and promoting Aboriginal art through the world, Australia, Western Australia and the Kimberley," Watson said during ceremony to bless the aircraft.

She told the group that her father had often told her he was going to have a painting on a jet.



Balarinji Designs Studio's Ros, James and John Moriarty in front of Mendoowoorrji, which features their work based on the art of the late Paddy Bedford.



New Qantas ambassador Adam Goodes painted up for the delivery of the aircraft in Seattle.

"Well, that's come true," the respected community leader said. Mendoowoorrji, Qantas' 69th

Boeing 737-800, is very different from the three earlier flying art aircraft. It is not nearly as colourful, rather featuring a

cleaner, more contemporary approach.

National Gallery Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander senior art adviser Franchesca Cubillo says the art on Mendoowoorrji has captured the essence of the original painting.

No-one is more thrilled with the outcome than Balarinji Designs Studio managing director Ros Moriarty, who came up with the flying art concept.

As with the previous aircraft, Balarinji broke down *Medicine Pocket* into motifs which could be adapted for a special treatment, and then turned them into individual stencils. The paintwork itself has fine brushstrokes not apparent until very close to the plane.

"The Boeing painters were brilliant. The result is stunning," Ms Moriarty told the *Koori Mail*.

New Qantas ambassador, Indigenous AFL star Adam Goodes, had nothing but praise for Mendoowoorrji.

"(This aircraft) represents our people and our culture and it is only fitting that Qantas, as the spirit of Australia, is using this aircraft to showcase over 60,000 years of Aboriginal art and culture," the Sydney Swans hero and champion for his people said.

At an official ceremony in Sydney last week, Qantas CEO Alan Joyce welcomed Mendoowoorrji. "As Australia's national carrier, we will fly this livery with great pride," he said.

"It not only reflects our rich history as a country, it highlights the opportunities we have to promote our Indigenous culture to the Australian public and our international visitors."

● The writer travelled to Seattle courtesy of Qantas Airways and Boeing.

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Facts about Mendoowoorrji

● Mendoowoorrji is the fourth aircraft in Qantas' Flying Art series. Wunala Dreaming and Nalanji Dreaming, both Boeing 747 'Jumbo Jets', and Yananji Dreaming, a Boeing 737, are no longer in service.

● Mendoowoorrji is the 69th Boeing 737-800 to be operated by Qantas. The 737 is the world's best-selling jet airliner. Boeing says one takes off or lands in the world every 4.6 seconds.

● The aircraft will be part of the Qantas domestic network from this month, flying across Australia as well as in Western Australia.

● Qantas says that over its expected 20-year lifespan, Mendoowoorrji will carry almost five million passengers.

● For the first time in Qantas' 93 years, the trademark red tail colour on the aircraft has been slightly altered to match the earthy tones of Bedford's artwork.

● The Paddy Bedford Estate (through the William Mora Gallery) has gifted the artwork *Medicine Pocket*, on which Mendoowoorrji's livery is based, to the National Gallery of Australia, which has the largest collection and display of Indigenous art in the world.

● Mendoowoorrji was the result of a long artwork selection process. Western Australia was selected as the region to be featured, the National Gallery provided an extensive list of potential artists, and Balarinji selected three works, from which a final choice – *Medicine Pocket* – was made.

● Untried techniques were used in creating Mendoowoorrji's livery. It took more than 950 man hours over five days to complete the paintwork. A total of 500 litres and 125kg of paint was used to complete the artwork, along with 140 nylon stencils.

Bedford one of the greats

PADDY Bedford, also known as Goowoomji, was an Aboriginal artist from the Giga language group in the East Kimberley.

Born on Bedford Downs Station (that's how he got his surname) about 1922, he worked as a stockman and didn't start painting until 1998.

He became one of the founders of the Warmun art movement in the Kimberley and helped inspire a generation of Indigenous artists to take up painting and tell the stories of their culture and country.

Bedford's bold, contemporary works were embraced around the world. They are held by the National Gallery of Australia, the Musee du Quai Branly in Paris, and private collections.

Bedford passed away in 2007. He is survived by an extended family, including daughters Kathy and Theresa.

Paddy Bedford's painting *Mendoowoorrji (Medicine Pocket)* depicts an important camp in the artist's mother's country.

Mendoowoorrji was an important camping area before the arrival of Europeans, as it is a place of 'living water' that doesn't dry up in the dry season.

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



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Favourite other food?
Chocolate.

Favourite drink?
Water.

Favourite music?
R'n'B and hip hop.

Favourite sport?
AFL (there's a surprise! – Ed) and any American sports.

What are you reading?
A book called *Marching Powder*. It's about a British drug smuggler in a South American prison.

Favourite holiday destination?
Jervis Bay, on the south coast of NSW.

What are you watching on TV?
Anything sport.

What do you like in life?
Having fun.

What don't you like?
Negative people.

Who would you most like to meet?
US basketball legend Michael Jordan.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
US comedian Eddie Murphy and Supply Nation CEO Charles Prouse.

If you could, what would you do to benefit Indigenous Australians?
Be the best role model I could. I hope I'm doing just that.

Quote



'Nothing has brought me greater joy in political life than the smiles I have seen on the faces of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters, young and old, country and city, as a result of the Apology.'

Former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announcing his retirement from Parliament

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Unquote

We're taking our rightful places

ANYTHING is possible. Senator Nova Peris, the first Aboriginal woman elected to Federal Parliament, said in her maiden speech that she would swap all her gold medals to see equality for Indigenous people.

And her very presence in the Senate, along with the first Aboriginal person to be elected to the House of Representatives Ken Wyatt, shows the world that Indigenous women and men are taking their places in positions of power.

It's the first time we've had an Aboriginal person in both houses of parliament.

There may be some who will hold against Senator Peris the fact that she got her position due to former Prime Minister Julia Gillard's so-called captain's pick; say that she didn't get the Senate position on merit.

Now is not the time for that critique. Now is the time to celebrate that a strong Aboriginal woman has a voice in the Parliament.

In her first speech to the Senate, Peris paid tribute to her ancestry, to family, to the Stolen Generations and to the hopes and aspirations of young Indigenous people.

She also showed, by attacking the former Labor government's decision to locate a nuclear waste dump on Muckaty Station in the Territory, that she is prepared to stand up for what she believes.

"I would forgo any number of gold medals to see Aboriginal Australians be free, healthy and participating fully in all



that our great country has to offer," Senator Peris said.

Equality, freedom and health – great ideals for a great start.

And as a new political career begins, another one ends.

While much of Kevin Rudd's prime ministership was beset with controversy there is one thing on which everyone agrees.

His finest hour was the Apology to the Stolen Generations.

Mr Rudd had the vision, imagination and grace to do what previous political leaders had not: say sorry.

For that, we say thank you.

Mendoowoorri, the new Qantas Flying Art jet, is a credit to the national airline.

Featuring artwork inspired by the late great Kimberley painter Paddy Bedford, it will, quite literally, take Indigenous culture to new heights.

Now, we've got nothing but praise for the fact that Aboriginal art is again gracing a jet. But we can't help wondering what a painted-up super-sized Airbus A380 would look like.

Pretty deadly, we reckon. Well, Qantas?

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Feeling good!

Christine Anu has found her voice

By RUDI MAXWELL

AFTER more than 20 years as a performer, Christine Anu feels like she's finally found her voice.

Anu is playing Bloody Mary in the musical *South Pacific* in Perth, having had a successful run in Sydney, and touring to Adelaide next month.

"Apart from the paint on my teeth, (for stage make-up), I'm really really loving it," she said.

Having started a career as a dancer, touring with Bangarra Dance Theatre after graduating from NAISDA, Anu began singing back-up for Neil Murray and the Rainmakers in the early 1990s.

Anu's version of *My Island Home*, written by Murray, became one of the best-known singles of 1995, winning her an ARIA and a Deadly and shooting her to fame.

Her first album *Stylin' Up*, put Anu front and centre as one of the most popular and loved singers in the country.

She also did some TV acting and had roles in musicals, including in the acclaimed production *Rent*.

"As a performer you have to do all sorts of things. Unless you're in your prime like Jessica Mauboy, you've got to make money," Anu said.

"It's an awesome way to do it, to branch out, be able to extend yourself and do so much as a singer.

"Every time I got to play a new character, it informed me and you grow and learn more about yourself as an artist who is trying to tell stories in a song.

"Doing Bloody Mary, I get to work with so many interesting people who have done so much. You learn so much off the people you work with. It's incredible what you take on. It's like a classroom.

"At the tender age of 43, I'm still very young in this universe and I still think, 'When I grow up, I want to be like this.'"

Downside

The only downside of being on the road for Anu is being away from her kids.

"That really sucks – whenever I think that might get easier, it never does," she said.

"The older they get the more I realise I should have stopped in one place when they were little. Instead I chucked them in the backpack and hit the road.

"They both gained so many frequent flyer points in utero.

"The older they get, the more I think I should have shown them that life is about firm foundation decisions, but that was one of the life choices I've made."

When performing her own show, Anu is sassy, funny and personable, throwing out jokes with the crowd and having a chat between songs.

"In a less experienced world of my own, I don't think I would have been as comfortable in front of an audience as I have become," she said.



● **Above:** Torres Strait Islander performer Christine Anu: "It's been 20 years since *Stylin' Up* – yet I've only just allowed myself to feel good, to find my voice."

● **Left:** Christine Anu as Bloody Mary in *South Pacific*. Picture by Kurt Sneddon

"Through doing all these other jobs, I've become comfortable in my own skin and bones.

"In front of an audience is where I feel comfortable. It's more of an age thing than anything. With each project comes new ideas, and you never know how they're going to turn out until you're on."

For the past year Anu has been touring her show *Rewind*, where she performs the songs of soul queen Aretha Franklin.

"I was intimidated by the name Aretha Franklin, the awe I have for that singer," she said.

"Every song holds a story for each individual and I wanted to be true to those stories. I can't be Aretha, but I can feel a connection.

"People come to the show and connect and I don't think I could have been that singer even five years ago.

"I feel like I've been finding my feet for a

long time, not really knowing who the artist Christine Anu is.

"Even though I've been part of the music landscape for a long time, only now am I able to say 'okay, so this is the voice', and become who I want to be, comfortable with who I am.

"Every single person out there in the audience loves Aretha's songs as much as I do, and every single person is singing the songs with me, holding that hairbrush in front of the mirror as well, having their moment.

"They've come to the theatre because they wanted to hear my interpretation, so they're toe-tapping and going inside the world I have created."

At the time of this year's Deadlys, Anu was in the Sydney season of *South Pacific*, which was playing at the Sydney Opera House on the same night as the awards ceremony.

The producers had the idea for Anu to go from one theatre in the Opera House to another, performing in two very different shows in one night.

'Brilliant'

"The idea itself was brilliant," Anu said.

"We wanted to make it work, but without having to have to hold up the theatre for one cast member.

"Because the Deadlys showcase went out to NITV land, it demonstrated what I was doing to a wider audience. To know that somewhere in some place, some child is looking at that performance and saying, 'I want to do what she's doing.' If it touched one child it was worth it.

"For every singer who thinks performing is a one-dimensional thing, we as Indigenous people have been handed our oral history from generation to generation, and we know where we come from and who we are because of storytelling, so it becomes more than one-dimensional."

As a younger woman, fame didn't rest easily with Anu.

"People come up to me now and say, 'I saw you at something and I've got photos.' I look at the photos and I look so young," she said.

"And of course I do because I was, but I also mean young in my spirit, young as in naive, I really had no idea what I was doing, I hadn't found my voice, wasn't comfortable in my skin.

"Someone showed me a photo of myself at the ARIAs, when I was wearing this gorgeous white gown and I was gob-smacked, I don't remember how gorgeous the dress was and I don't have a memory of being in my skin, enjoying the moment for what it was.

"And I want to punch the air and bite and scream at myself: 'Why can't you stop and smell the roses woman?'"

"It's the only resentment I have about anything I've done. I wish I'd stopped and enjoyed the moment more, now I know that time is not on my side.

"There are young people coming through and I get overlooked and I know that's as it should be, it is time for younger people to shine through.

"But I still feel I've got so much more of me to give, for anybody in my shoes to give. What I'm doing now is fabulous. I'm alive and well, with all limbs working, my voice has aged like a good wine should.

"I think I'm more comfortable with myself now because I've been through so many metamorphoses. I'm comfortable, happy, and the only person I have something to prove to is myself.

"I feel like this is my time to live in my own skin, and I want to remember this time, not like the white gown at the ARIAs.

"It's been 20 years since *Stylin' Up* – yet I've only just allowed myself to feel good, to find my voice."

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The Australian Medical Association would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the Reuben Pelerman Benevolent Foundation to the Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship.

Rangers on the job



IT'S not just rubbish that the Gundoo Junior Rangers picked up at the recent

Kemp Beach Clean-up in central Queensland. They also gathered a wealth of experience and cultural knowledge about protecting the marine environment.

More than 50 people attended the clean-up day to gather and sort almost 3000 pieces of marine rubbish.

The event was hosted by the Gundoo Junior Rangers, an initiative of Rockhampton's Fitzroy Basin Elders Committee, to highlight the importance of protecting the marine environment from the impacts of debris.

The rangers picked up debris ranging from wood, steel, glass and various metals to ropes, cigarette butts, food packaging and plastics. They also learned about the marine environment and the importance of keeping beaches clean.

Darumbal Elder Bill Mann told the youngsters about bush tucker and Aboriginal uses of plants.

"It's important to teach the kids and pass the knowledge on," he said.

Malcolm Mann, from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, talked to the rangers about ecosystems on the



Members of the the Gundoo Junior Rangers sorting rubbish they collected at Kemp Beach on the Capricorn Coast of central Queensland.

coastal shoreline.

"The support for youth to get back on country is growing, and the experiences they pick up from events like this will be with them for the rest of their lives," he said.

Gundoo Junior Rangers is a volunteer group of Aboriginal and Islander youngsters who work on maintaining

natural and cultural environments in the Central Queensland region.

In the past six months they have been involved in creek restoration, water monitoring, tree planting, and visiting cultural sites to learn about the significance of natural and cultural environments from Elders.

The Kemp Beach

clean-up was supported by Tangaroa Blue, a not-for-profit organisation that coordinates the Australian Marine Debris initiative, in partnership with the Queensland Government's Everyone's Environment Grant, traditional owners, Fitzroy River Coastal Catchments and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

Sovereignty up for discussion



REPRESENTATIVES of Aboriginal nations from across the country will gather at the Tent Embassy in Canberra this week to discuss issues surrounding sovereignty.

Sovereign Union of First Nations and Peoples in Australia convenor Michael Anderson, of the Euahlayi Peoples Republic, said many Aboriginal people were frustrated by the native title process.

"Mining companies are doing the same with the insistence for government-funded native title representative bodies," he said.

"Our people are being cheated and deceived. I repeat, we have grand theft occurring in the guise of doing right and 'in the best interest'.

"There is another way. We must stand and fight for what is just. They gave us nothing in the beginning of invasion. Now the invaders have mastered their conniving and deceitful methods.

"The majority of our people are so poor and totally economically dependent that government and mining companies can ambush the people to sign away their inherent birthright for the sake of a few dollars and for facilities that are supplied to the rest of the community as a government service."

As well as sovereignty, self-determination and native title, Banjalang people of the far north coast of NSW have put a proposal on the agenda to return people's bodies to their country.

'Encouraging'

"It is encouraging to know that this request came from of a young lady acting on behalf of her uncle, who suggested that it is now time for such an action to take place," Mr Anderson said.

"This proposal has found a great deal of support, as it is truly a responsibility that we must now accept. It is no wonder that our people's memories cry out for help.

"We need not look at this as

something that belongs to later. This is something we can and must do now. We have people crying for help and it is our duty to make things happen. That will bring about a settlement of unfinished business."

The gathering will be in Canberra this weekend (November 23-24).

Mr Anderson called on young Aboriginal people to step up.

"Our view of reconciliation is telling the truth," he said.

"Australia can no longer hide its shame and adopt (former prime minister) John Howard's 'black armband' view.

"Like it or not, Australia had a violent history and so in healing this continent, I call upon our Aboriginal youth to lead in a way that will be unique in the world.

"My challenge to the youth of every individual Aboriginal nation is that they engage with their Elders to locate the massacre sites of their people and, like at Myall Creek (northern NSW), establish memorial parks at these locations in memory of the slain."

Redfern Now is a television triumph

FIRSTLY, I state I am not from Redfern, so this is not an attempt to speak on behalf of the local people.

The premier of *Redfern Now* on ABC TV was great, in my opinion. The current issues that were on display have caused a lot of talk in the Aboriginal community and many ideologies have come forth.

Redfern has a long history and has always attracted plenty of Aboriginal interest. Not many places in Australia will ever compete with its publicity, and to the filmmakers that Aboriginal Flag on the Block is like a magnet, so the thinkers behind *Redfern Now* have really put themselves in a great position for ratings with that one word that always seems to tweak the ear: Redfern.

In the late 1960s and early 70s, a lot of country kids with hearts of fire purchased a one-way ticket to the big smoke, piled into Central Station and headed for Redfern, joining forces with many political people already active in the groundswell of resistance.

They and many others are responsible for the biggest political stance the Aboriginal people have seen and, unfortunately, they are all but forgotten. Their famous names are tabled only to complete an assignment, which is very heartbreaking as the Freedom Fighters fought for basic rights of humanity – not fame, not fortune, not even flash cars.



A file photo of Redfern looking back to the Sydney city centre.

They fought because they knew in their hearts that what was going on for the Aboriginal people was wrong, and the courage these young kids – all around age 20-21 – displayed was very inspirational.

The passion of these people is rare to find these days – a bit like cheap petrol!

I understand it is called *Redfern Now*, not Redfern Yesterday, and I am no filmmaker, nor do I have any experience in this type of industry, but I feel it would make a brilliant episode in

honour of the fallen heroes that helped put Redfern on the map.

And what a great chance to highlight some of the real truths of the struggle, because if we are not careful, the Aboriginal people will be written out of the history books.

We can no longer sweep our stories under the carpet in the hope that some try-hard history lover like myself will come along and delve a little bit deeper into the books to find out what really went on in this country, only to find that myself and many other

Aboriginal people do not know enough about our own history.

The ABC every Thursday at 8.30pm provides us with a little bit of insight into Redfern – and it's free to air!

When the young activists boarded the trains they were fighting for something that was taken away and it was also free – it was called freedom!

I congratulate the people behind *Redfern Now*.

MARC DALEY
South Grafton, NSW

Searching for members of her family

MY name is Aileen Edwards (now known as Aileen Bell) and I am trying to find my family.

My mother's name is Nancy Jhonatheen Green (known as Edwards), and if anyone who is related or knows someone who is

part of my family could you please call me on 0401 565 511 or email me on wturkey1@hotmail.com

All I want is to get to know my family and to meet them, that is all – so I can feel like a member of a family.

I am a member of the Stolen Generation so I have never had that time to know my family and all of my relations.

AILEEN EDWARDS
Windale, NSW

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

A BIG thanks to all of our readers for sending letters, poems and other feedback; we love hearing from you.

You can help us by keeping your letters to 400 words or less and poems generally no more than 25 medium-length lines. This will increase your chances of being published.

Even if sent via email, all letters and

poems must be accompanied by the author's full name, home town/city and state/territory, and a contact number so we can verify content. After that, we're happy to withhold names and addresses upon request.

We will publish 'Looking For' letters as long as they do not breach the privacy of individuals mentioned.

And we're happy to consider photos alongside letters – as long as they're of a high enough resolution and standard, and as long as copyright requirements are met. We accept no responsibility for returning original photos, so please send copies instead.

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POETRY

Black And Beautiful

I'm Black And Beautiful
Everyone's My Brother,
And Everyone's My Sister,
No Matter What Their Colour,
Or, If Their Face Is One Big Blister,
I Wish You Could See My Heart,
How I Hope For Your Deliverance,
From The People That Persecute You,
And To Your Liberty They're A Hindrance,
No Matter Where You Go,
Or Wherever You May Be,
They Always Seem To Stare,
'Til You're No Longer Free,
Emotional Abusers,
Won't Leave You Alone,
Because The Burdens That They Carry,
Are Their Heavy Hearts Of Stone,
There's No Compassion In Their Souls,
Or Any Love In Their Hearts,
And Because Of This Attitude,
From Them You Must Depart,
God Made Me Black And Beautiful,
And I Love Who I Am,
And If You Don't Feel This Way,
Then That Is Just A Shame.

Abi DRabi

Mad King Ethanol

I don't like alcohol, I don't trust it,
I don't like the taste of it,
I don't like the smell of it,
But it sure likes me.

Makes itself right at home, right from the very first sip,
Plonks itself down on the sofa of my serenity,
muddy boots and all,
And starts barking out orders;
"get me this, get me that"
"go here, go there"
"say this, say that"
"do this, do that"
and on and on and on it goes.

Until finally, bewildered, angry and exhausted,
I turn and yell;
"HEY!! WHO DIED AND MADE YOU KING?"
It just looks back at me, with its toad-ugly dictator's face,
and, grinning like Satan, says:
"you did".

GRAHAM BALLARD
Casino, NSW



Australian Government

Are you **READY** for digital TV?

Analog TV signals are being switched off in Melbourne and surrounding areas on 10 December 2013*

*Some towns may switch off earlier and will be informed of the date. See the website for more information.

After this date, you need to be ready for digital TV or you won't see your favourite TV shows.

If you can see ABC2, SBS TWO, GO!, 7TWO or Eleven, you are digital ready and don't need to do anything.

To make sure you get digital TV signals:

You'll need
a digital set-top box or
digital TV recorder*
connected to
your analog TV



OR...

a digital TV



If you have problems with your TV picture or sound, you can get an endorsed Antenna Installer to check your antenna and cabling.

*A digital TV recorder has a set-top box built-in, so you do not need an additional set-top box for your analog TV.



If you live in the area shaded maroon on the map, your TV is switching to digital-only signals.

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For help or more information on how to get digital ready in your area:
Call: **1800 20 10 13** or visit: **www.australia.gov.au/digitalready**
(free call except from mobile phones)

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Indigenous Art by
Bronwyn Bancroft



Homophobia in our communities

This is an open letter addressing homophobia in our communities

WE are a group of strong and fabulous Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lesbian, gay, bisexual, sistergirl (transgender) and queer people who would like to highlight our existence and the positive roles we undertake in our communities. We would also like to congratulate the makers of the first episode of *Redfern Now*, and to respond to recent homophobic comments in the mainstream and social media.

Our 'Black Rainbow' peoples are making excellent contributions in politics, sports, arts, land rights, health, education, justice, business, science, research, the bureaucracy, healing, community life, family life and most importantly, in cultural survival and restoration. We are your family members, community workers, advocates and leaders. We bring strength and love to our communities.

For some in our communities, however, they seem to be hung up on the lies that 'homosexuality is a white man's thing', and 'there wasn't homosexuality in traditional cultures', so we would like to share a few home truths.

1. Homosexuality exists in all cultures and all peoples – always has, always will. There was same sex attraction in pre-invasion Aboriginal cultures, just as there is now. It might not have looked like the same as the lives available to us today, but you can rest assured, wherever there were humans, there was a diversity of sexual and romantic expressions. It is not an aberration. It is natural. It is as old as humanity.

2. Any straight man or woman who is challenged by homosexuality is often not comfortable in their own masculinity or femininity.

3. The process of invasion has seen some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities adopt views that are more aligned with some fundamental parts of Christianity, Islam or other religions that actively promote discrimination



Kirk Page as Peter and Deborah Mailman as Lorraine in *Redfern Now*, a Blackfella Films production for ABC TV. Picture by Steve Brack

toward same-sex attracted people. Unfortunately, some of our own peoples are buying into colonisation's lie and confusing some imported religious beliefs with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

4. When people say 'I have many gay friends and family, but it's not our culture', it's like a white person saying 'I have many Aboriginal friends, but I don't want them in my house or marrying my daughter'. You are being a bigot.

5. One of the ways in which white colonisation works is to keep 'minorities' like women, Aboriginal people, gays and lesbians, multicultural

communities and people with disabilities separate. Some of our people say they fight against racism, but their hatred of gay and lesbian Aboriginal people plays into the hands of white male colonial power.

6. All teenagers question their sexuality as a normal, healthy but often painful part of adolescent development. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are questioning, or coming to terms with their sexuality are already at a much higher risk of suicide than others. The inaccurate comments made by Anthony Mundine are harmful to the emotional wellbeing of our

brothers, sisters and peers.

7. For anyone to suggest there is something evil about how people are born, they are giving the doubtful teenager another reason to consider suicide. Through this hate, they are choosing to put the blood of their own people on their hands.

8. It confirms that not every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person is an expert on every aspect of their cultures, and the media should not give credence to everything any one person says on a matter.

9. We challenge Anthony Mundine, in the spirit of healing and understanding, to meet with

some of us, away from the media, to work together to build a better community for our mobs and our future.

We would like to thank and celebrate the creators, cast and crew of *Redfern Now*, particularly Kirk Page and Andrew Wills, for their brilliance and honesty in storytelling, art and production – your work makes our lives better.

We write this letter to remind everyone that diverse sexualities do exist in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, have always existed, and will continue to flourish. We stand proud and strong and will not be swayed by bigotry.

This is a cause for which many of us have died, and so we honour them by continuing to thrive.

We acknowledge and thank our partners, families, friends and many allies for their love and solidarity.

Most importantly, we want to say to anybody from a diverse sexuality – whether lesbian, gay, bisexual, sistergirl (transgender), intersex, queer or unsure – that it's okay to be who you are. There'll always be people trying to tell us we don't belong but we can take comfort knowing our cultures make us a part of something much bigger and stronger than even our loudest oppressors.

We are united, we stand strong and we reclaim our rightful places in our cultures.

With Pride,

Gregory Phillips, Dr Peter Anderson, bryan Andy, Damein Bell, Dameyon Bonson, Allan Clarke, Michael Costello, Cory Czok, Lennart Dahlen, Michael Doyle, Tim Goodwin, Gemma Hayman, Greg Kitson, Kenny Latham, Brendan Leishman, Denise McGuinness, Outblack (Victoria), Kirk Page, Leanne Phillips, Dr Shannon Price, Dr Nino Scuderi, Dion Tatow, Dr Janelle Trees, Peter Waples-Crow, James Ward, Adrian Wills and many other deadly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lesbian, gay, bisexual, sistergirl (transgender), intersex and queer peoples.

Concern over NT leases

CURRENTLY in the Northern Territory, the Federal Government is in the process of 'negotiating' 99-year leases with some communities.

Concerns have been raised about the process of engaging communities in these negotiations.

Previously, the Government has talked

about a blitz in communities to get these leases signed, leading to a perception of haste in the government approach.

Ninety-nine-year leases will have an impact for several generations, and communities need to have time to consider the implications of these leases and most importantly they

need to be able to seek independent legal advice about what is being offered.

Consultations also need to include all the traditional owners. Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has been quoted as saying that the Government had every intention of 'informing' all traditional owners about the leasing.

Informing is not the same as negotiating and certainly does not meet the principle of free and prior informed consent, a right upheld by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples.

GABRIELLE RUSSELL-MUNDINE
Woy Woy, NSW

Bora ring shame

IN the last few weeks I have had reason to stop at the Tucki Tucki cemetery in far northern NSW and was disappointed to see the bora ring uncared for.

I have since contacted Lismore Council with a view to mowing the overgrown grasses and thistle myself. It seems there is some contention over jurisdiction and access. The site is very special and needs attention, so I hope this letter will stir some action from the owners of the site.

ALEX MITCHELL
Tullera, NSW

Have you seen a ghost? Or do you have a ghostly yarn to tell?

Warwick Thornton has created a new online project called
'THE OTHERSIDE'

It's an archive of Indigenous ghost stories to share with future generations.

We will audio record your story and give you a free tshirt!

**Come down to The Otherside Story Booth at Corroboree Sydney,
Wharf 2/3, 15 Hickson Road, Walsh Bay**

Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th Nov - 9.30-11am, 11.30-1pm, 2.30-4pm

Contacts: otherside@scarlettpictures.com.au tel: (02) 8333 9090.

www.theothersideproject.com



Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council

Call for applications for appointment to National Boards for Health Professions

Applications are now sought for appointments to vacancies for members and Chairs on the following National Boards:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia
- Chinese Medicine Board of Australia
- Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia
- Occupational Therapy Board of Australia.

Applications are sought in two categories:

- practitioner members, and
- community members.

National Board appointments are made by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council, under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* as in force in each state and territory. Terms are expected to commence on 1 July 2014. Appointments and reappointments are for up to three years as decided by the Ministerial Council.

For more information on the role and the application process, please download the Application Guide and Application Forms from

<http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Health-Professions/Board-member-recruitment.aspx> or for general enquiries contact **boardappoint@ahpra.gov.au**

Expressions of interest close by **5.00pm AEST on Monday 9 December 2013.**

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Australian Government
Department of Industry

**Language, Literacy
& Numeracy Practitioner
Scholarships Program**

LLN Practitioner Scholarships APPLY NOW for 2014

The Australian Government is providing scholarships of up to \$5250 to individuals to undertake an approved adult Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) practitioner qualification through the LLN Practitioner Scholarships Program.

LLN practitioners play a vital role working with people to improve their low LLN skills, supporting their transition to further education and/or employment.

The program is targeted at:

- new entrants (individuals with no prior qualifications as teachers or trainers) who wish to gain an adult LLN qualification and work in the field
- vocational trainers wishing to gain an adult LLN specialisation and work in the field
- individuals with prior relevant training (e.g. generalist teachers) wishing to add an adult LLN specialisation with the intention of working in the field.

Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

The fourth application round under the program opens on Saturday 16 November 2013. Applications are invited from eligible individuals interested in undertaking an approved course in adult LLN, commencing in 2014.

For more information, including program guidelines and a link to the online application form:

Visit: **www.industry.gov.au/llnscholarships**

Email **llnscholarships@startgrowrun.com.au** or phone (02) 9113 0813.

Applications must be received by 5.00pm (AEDT) on Wednesday 11 December 2013.

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Comment

Why we must aspire, achieve and be leaders

ONE of our biggest challenges is the growing culture of failure in welfare-dependent Indigenous communities. These communities have high unemployment and illiteracy and low school attendance. 'Sit-down money' has kept generations in poverty and bred anti-social behaviours.

One such behaviour is 'humbugging'. That's actually too soft a word for it. It's really begging, bullying or extorting people's money. Humbuggers target women, older people and people with jobs. I know companies who've hired Indigenous workers, only to see them quit because the pressure to hand over wages was too much.

In Alice Springs recently I met organisations with great ideas for economic development who identified humbugging as a major hurdle to their success.

Incarceration and crime is another problem. Nationally, Indigenous people comprise 25 per cent of the prison population, and half of juvenile detention. Incarceration rates are so high in some communities it's becoming normalised.

I visited Aboriginal boys in juvenile detention recently. Their stories reflect others I've heard: no schooling except in detention; plenty of training which hasn't translated to a job; difficulty adjusting to life outside detention; and some preferring detention to their community.

These realities discourage education and work – the only pathways out of poverty. Why work if you get more humbugging or are beaten for your wages? Why attend school if your friends don't or if prison will mark your credibility? Why contribute to a community that's so bad you prefer detention?

I told the boys in detention a story about an Aboriginal boy who, despite education and a good family, had become a lost, angry teenager unable to read or write above primary level. He got into fights, alcohol and drugs and was arrested and detained as a juvenile. With support from his parents, the local priest and a neighbourhood couple who mentored him, he was given another chance. He got a labouring job, completed school and never looked back. My message was that through education and work they could achieve, even if they had made mistakes.

It worries me when failure is a young person's expectation of their future. This isn't the way of



NYUNGGA WARREN MUNDINE

our traditional cultures where people were expected to contribute to community, obey law, show respect and eventually become leaders themselves.

There's another problem. Successful black people experience a particular bigotry, a vicious variation of the tall poppy syndrome, whereby a black person who's successful, votes conservative or attains leadership or wealth is a traitor to their culture; pursuing personal benefit over their race.

The bigotry comes with labels like 'Uncle Tom', 'house nigger', 'Jackey Jackey' and 'coconut'.

Bigotry

See for yourself. Google one of those expressions together with the name of any successful black person, from any part of the Western world. People experiencing this bigotry include Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr, Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, Bill Cosby and Spike Lee. Often these slurs are dished out by other black people and assumed non-racist. But an insult that's reserved for one particular race or colour is by definition racist.

The Uncle Tom narrative is that successful black people have betrayed their race and become white. It's a dangerous narrative because it only makes sense if white people are seen as superior.

Indigenous people insulted in this way include Mick Gooda, Noel Pearson, Ken Wyatt, Bess Price, Marcia Langton and Neville Bonner. To suggest any of them have betrayed their

cultures is ludicrous. They've all been acutely focussed on Indigenous culture and deeply committed to the advancement of Indigenous people.

I was first called an 'uptown nigger' over 30 years ago for wearing a suit and attending university. I've been levelled with these insults since for similar infringements. Most recently I've experienced this bigotry for agreeing to chair the Indigenous Advisory Council.

Yet Indigenous politics, education and culture has been my life's work. I've worked to advance Indigenous land rights, cultural rights and native title; championed Aboriginal dance and culture; and lobbied for Indigenous education needs. I gave my children Bundjalung or Wiradjuri names and am active in my ancestral lands.

My record doesn't justify a sell-out tag, so people scrape the barrel – my wife is white, I work with non-Left politicians and there's that whimsical comment that I'm the 'white sheep of the family'. Add in bitterness from Labor apparatchiks and disputed hearsay from obvious detractors and – voila – I'm a race traitor.

Indigenous people are being wedged. At one end of the spectrum there are communities where failure is normalised; at the other, disapproval of Indigenous people who succeed.

Success and leadership are very much part of traditional cultures, which had no concept of a tall poppy. Elders, lawmen and songmen led people through ceremony and others deferred to them.

The story I told the boys in detention was, of course, a story about me. I was the boy fortunate enough to be diverted. Failure need not be the natural path for those boys either.

The gap will never close if we believe that success is for white people; achievement means abandoning culture; prison is a rite of passage; or earning money will invite abuse.

We must not tolerate a narrative that failure is 'cultural' and achievement is 'white'.

We should all want our people to aspire, achieve and be leaders in our own communities and society at large, free of bigotry and lateral racism.

And to do so proudly.

This is an edited version of Nyunggai Warren Mundine's full paper which is available at www.indigenouschamber.org.au

A black and white portrait of an older Indigenous Australian man, Ray, with a grey beard and mustache, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. He is wearing a light-colored collared shirt.

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

- RAY

What will **YOU**
quit for?

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.”



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Award is good medicine



CENTRAL
Australian
communities
helping to
preserve bush
medicines have
earned an award

at the inaugural NT Natural
Resource Management
Awards in Darwin.

The Bush Medicine
Harvesters project won the
Best Use of Indigenous
Ecological Knowledge in
Natural Resource
Management for bringing
together nine communities
from eastern Central Australia
to help protect medicinal
plants used by Indigenous
people in the region.

More than 50 traditional
owners, rangers and
representatives of nine
communities and outstations
east of Alice Springs attended
a Bush Medicine Workshop
at Ross River earlier this
year to discuss the uses,
knowledge and experiences
of a diverse range of
medicinal plants.

Using custodial knowledge,
the traditional owners
developed protocols or
'manners' for harvesting bush
medicines and produced four
regional maps that will aid
medicinal plant management
activities.

Akeyulerre Healing Centre
chair Amelia Turner helped set
up the workshop with support
from Territory Natural
Resource Management
(TNRM), along with Petria
Cavanagh from the Ltyentye
Apurte Ranger Group and



Territory Natural Resource Management chair Kate Andrews
with Amelia Turner from Akeyulerre Healing Centre, Kim
Webeck and Petria Cavanagh from the Central Land Council
at the NT Natural Resource Management Awards.

Central Land Council's
Women's Land Management
facilitator Kim Webeck.

Bush medicines still used
in the region include arrethe
and utnerrenge, which are
used as rubbing medicines

to heal wounds and ease
aches, pains and cold
symptoms.

Ms Webeck said the
community had raised
concerns about the future of
bush medicine, including a

loss of knowledge, harvesting
practices and threats such as
erosion, fire, weeds and feral
animals.

The Natural Resource
Management Awards and
supplementary forum

showcased the work done by
thousands of volunteers,
rangers, pastoralists
and residents across the NT
to protect natural resources
including land, water, soil,
plants and animals.



**Education &
Communities**
Aboriginal Affairs

SURVEY - Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Honourable Victor
Dominello MP has developed a survey to seek the views
of Aboriginal people of NSW on the operation of the
Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

You can complete the survey online at:
<http://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au>

The information collected will help the NSW Government
improve the way the Act delivers benefits to Aboriginal
people.

You can do the survey even if you are not a member of a
Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The survey will close on 29 November 2013.

Report: one in five in poverty



ABORIGINAL and Torres
Strait Islander people are
more likely to experience
poverty than other
Australians, according
to a report into child

poverty in Australia. The Poverty in
Australia report said that 19.3 per cent of
Indigenous people were struggling with
poverty, compared with 12.4 per cent of
other Australians.

The report used measures developed
by the Brotherhood of St
Laurence that indicate social
exclusion, including health,
education, employment,
material resources, social
connection, community, and
personal safety.

ACOSS chief executive Dr
Cassandra Goldie said it was time for all
sides of politics, business and the
community to come together to develop a
comprehensive national poverty
reduction plan.

"Reducing poverty must be a key
plank of the nation's efforts to improve
participation and productivity, and secure
a sustainable revenue base to meet the
future needs of our country," she said.

"The sad reality is that, despite two
decades of strong economic growth and
enormous success in reducing child
poverty since the 1980s, we've gone
backwards in recent years.

"Our updated Poverty in Australia
report shows that nearly 600,000 or 17.3
per cent of children in Australia are living
in poverty.

"The most recent Household, Income
and Labour Dynamics in Australia
(HILDA) report found that child poverty

people unemployed and the low income
super contribution rebate are all on the
chopping block without clear plans to
invest more in our poorest children,
families and communities.

"In contrast, many tax breaks for
people on higher incomes seem set to be
continued."

UNICEF Australia spokesperson Tim
O'Connor said the only way to reverse
the trend was for the new parliament to
unify behind a renewed commitment to
reduce child poverty.

"We must start by developing
a national anti-poverty plan with
children at the centre," he said.

"This national plan needs to
be ambitious but both attainable
and measurable. We already
have a model in the UN

Millennium Development Goals, which
have been enormously successful in
reducing child poverty globally.

"It is ironic that while internationally
the rate of child poverty is decreasing, a
wealthy nation like Australia is slipping
when we really should be a world leader
in ensuring that all our children get the
best possible start in life so they can
reach their full potential."

**'The early signs of our new
government seem to be taking
us in the wrong direction.'**

has increased by 15 per cent since 2001.

"Half of these children are in sole
parent families, and Australia has the fifth
highest poverty rate for sole parent
families of OECD countries.

"The early signs of our new
government seem to be taking us in the
wrong direction.

"Foreign aid, the school kids bonus,
the modest supplementary allowance for



Orana Haven Annual General Meeting

All members of the Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation
are invited to the Annual General Meeting. The details
are as follows:

Date: 10th December 2013
Venue: Conference Room, Orana Haven
(1 Byrock Road, Gongolgon)
Time: 12:30

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

A bus service will be organized to pick up and drop off
members in Brewarrina only. If you wish to book a seat
on the bus, or for any other enquiry please contact
Orana Haven on 02 6874 4886 by Friday 29th
November 2013.

Ted Fernando
Chairperson
Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation

Warning issued on Divas Chat scams



AT least three Aboriginal women have had money stolen through lottery-type scams operating on the social networking site Divas Chat, the WA Department of Commerce has

warned. The scammers are targetting young people in remote Aboriginal communities. The Divas Chat site is popular in areas with limited telecommunications options because all users need is a Telstra mobile phone and 3G network coverage.

Users simply have to confirm they are 18 to gain access to the site.

WA ScamNet at Consumer Protection has heard from three Aboriginal women who have lost money through scams linked to them being on Divas Chat.

One woman lost \$3000.

Another reported knowing of someone who had lost \$6000-\$7000.

And it's not just money that can be stolen. So can people's identity.

The department has issued a warning about sharing personal information online and advises that if someone

on social media asks for money – either for the sender to get a prize or to help them – it will usually be a scam.

More advice for consumers can be found at www.cybersmart.gov.au or by phoning WA ScamNet on 1300 30 40 54.

Medicine goal for WA nurse

Debbie McAdam receiving a WA nursing and midwifery award for her advocacy from Fremantle Hospital and Health Service's Ruth Letts.



By GEOFF VIVIAN



DEBBIE McAdam is lobbying to help Aboriginal people get affordable medication. The Kija (Kimberley region) woman, a registered nurse, said Aboriginal people with no money often found themselves discharged from hospital and unable to pay for prescribed medicines.

On the other hand, she said some Aboriginal patients north of the 26th parallel could get free medication on week days at Aboriginal medical services.

"They're registered with a Closing the Gap GP who has a memorandum of understanding with a particular pharmacy to dispense these scripts," Ms McAdam said.

"My job is to try and make it easy for all Aboriginal people to be able to

access the meds, whether it's pay week or off-pay week.

"If they get a script and go home on the weekend, they go to a pharmacy to fill the script, they pay full price for it (at present)."

Ms McAdam said she was lobbying to have the free annotated scripts introduced into the hospital system.

"We've got to get the annotated scripts approved by Medicare so that when Aboriginal people are discharged with them they can go to any pharmacy and receive free medication," she said.

Support

Ms McAdam works at Geraldton Regional Hospital in WA's mid-west and says her medical director supports her, as does the WA Health Department's Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer Catherine Stoddart.

"I would definitely support it," Professor Stoddart said.

"There's a role for doctors but there's also a role for nurse practitioners being able to do that.

"The life expectancy of Aboriginal people is equivalent to many of the third world countries.

"I think that we have the health expertise to change that. What we struggle with is mechanisms by which to increase engagement in health systems.

"People like Deborah ... are significant in changing that.

"(She) just won the Aboriginal Health Award for Nursing and Midwifery and not only is a role model for employment and for education for Aboriginal people, but also represents the face of health to Aboriginal people."

Ms McAdam is continuing to lobby for annotated prescriptions in hospitals.

"I've actually got to take it a little bit further now and go to our parliamentary representatives to get that change made," she said.



Vince Coulthard has started his 15th year as chair of the Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association.

Coulthard back as ATLA chair



VINCE Coulthard has his sights set squarely on language revitalisation, employment and protection of sites and spirituality as he begins his 15th year as chair of the Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association (ATLA) in Hawker, South Australia.

Despite calls for a change, Mr Coulthard was overwhelmingly re-elected to the position at the association's annual general meeting.

"It is an honour to have my people show their full support to me once again," he said.

"We have achieved so much as an organisation and we still have a lot of work to do.

"I want to see our language revitalised, Adnyamathanha people employed in all areas of the Wilpena Pound Resort and we need to continue to work hard to ensure our sites and our spirituality is protected at all costs."

Mr Coulthard said there had been 'a great deal of misinformation spread through the community about the management of ATLA'.

He was also elected unopposed as the ATLA representative for the Elder men.

"This is a position I take very seriously and I will be looking to the other Elder men for guidance and assistance as we face the challenges this year," he said.



The Karrabina plant.

Aboriginal name for plant genus



FOR just the second time in Australia, a new genus of rainforest trees is to be officially given the Aboriginal name of the plant.

The trees will be named 'Karrabina' after the Yugambeh (south-east Queensland) language name for the genus.

The new genus has been published in the journal *Australian Systematic Botany* in a study undertaken by researchers Dr Helen Fortune Hopkins (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London), Dr Andrew Rozefelds (Queensland Museum) and Dr Yohan Pillon (University of Hawaii).

Before their research, the Australian species had been thought to belong to a genus of plants found in New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Fiji.

But the new studies, using molecular data, have shown that the Australian plants are distinct.

Dr Rozefelds said it was surprising the distinction wasn't uncovered earlier because of the startling differences in the appearance of the flowers in the two plant types.

The result was that a new name was required for the Australian species.

Appropriate

The researchers sought advice from Dr Margaret Sharpe and other linguists about an appropriate Aboriginal name for the trees, which occur in south-east and north-east Queensland.

They also contacted Yugambeh woman Patricia O'Connor who has been involved in recording and preserving the language in the Yugambeh region, an area that extends from the Logan River in the north to the Tweed River in the south.

"It is important that Aboriginal knowledge and word use are passed on to future generations," Ms O'Connor said.

She said the Aboriginal name for the trees was also the common name for other forestry trees – that is, 'Car(r)abeen'.

Aboriginal names appear rarely as the basis of scientific names.

Dr Rozefelds said botanists were traditionally expected to use formal Latin and Greek words when naming and describing new plants.

Language barriers had also precluded the adoption of Indigenous names and knowledge of the rainforest trees, he said.

And much of the early Western research on Australian flora was done by botanists who were based in Europe, and not in contact with Aboriginal communities.

The only other genus known to be named with an Aboriginal name is 'Yakirra'.

\$500,000 grant for languages



THE future of 25 Indigenous languages is safer thanks to a major government grant to a team of researchers from Charles Darwin University (CDU) in a project partnership with several other institutions.

The \$500,000 grant from the Australian Research Council (ARC) has gone to the Living Archive of Aboriginal Languages project, which aims to preserve more than 4000 books, recordings and audiovisual materials in Indigenous languages.

With Indigenous languages and literature under threat, the researchers have travelled thousands of kilometres in the Northern Territory in search of the stories in 20 'literature production centres'.

CDU professor of education and project leader Michael Christie said the team aimed to build a digital archive of threatened literature with the communities where the language is spoken.

"Thousands of books and other school materials were produced in Australian Indigenous languages by Aboriginal people, in collaboration with staff in school bilingual education programs across the NT," he said.

"The stories are valuable tools chronicling Indigenous cultural heritage, and range from environmental knowledge to traditional practices, oral literature, ethno-botany and history."

Working with Prof Christie is the other chief investigator, Dr Brian Devlin, and project manager, CDU linguist Cathy Bow.

"The collection of previously unrepresented languages will be of key significance to remote schools in the NT, where new educational policies emphasise the bilingual nature of all schools in communities where Aboriginal languages are spoken," Dr Devlin said.

'Living archive'

An ARC grant last year enabled the team to digitise and create a 'living archive' of 16 Australian Indigenous languages. The next step of the project aims to involve more partner organisations to increase the number of languages and document types that will be available online.

"Stage two of the project will allow us to preserve books and other materials including many items from language communities which never had bilingual programs but still produced written stories in Indigenous languages by Indigenous authors," Prof Christie said.

"We'll also be able to focus on re-engaging people in communities with these stories and in classrooms and research organisations all over Australia and the world."

When launched, the web-based archive will be more than simply a repository of materials to preserve language. It also aims to enable researchers to work with the texts and the original language communities to pursue research.

"Australia's languages have evolved over many thousands of years to enable and enact unique human relationships with the social, cultural, technical and natural worlds," Prof Christie said.

"This resource will make publicly available a large archive of previously unavailable resources to support this work."

"Moreover, as a living archive that will continue to grow, this resource will facilitate connections with knowledge and language owners, most often descendants or relatives of the original story-tellers."

The project also includes the Australian National University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, NT Department of Education, Northern Territory Library and the NT Catholic Education Office.



Tour Da Country riders in Moruya during their cycling tour across south-east NSW to raise awareness of Aboriginal health issues.

Peddalling to close gap



DALE Wright wants to be a modern-day warrior. He and his mates have cycled 900km across the south-east of NSW to close the gap between the health of Australia's First People and other Australians.

Mr Wright is the mastermind behind Tour da Country, an Indigenous cycling event spreading the message of better health for Aboriginal people.

He and 10 other riders headed out from Wollongong on October 27 for a tour

travelling down the NSW south coast through Moruya and Bega before heading over the Snowy Mountains to Cooma and Tumut, south to Wagga Wagga and finishing in Albury.

With a 10-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and other Australians, and with Indigenous Australians almost three times as likely to have a lifestyle disease, Mr Wright says there's a lot of work to do to improve health outcomes.

When the cyclists pulled over in Moruya for a lunch hosted by tour sponsor

Southern NSW Medicare Local, Mr Wright, who is an Aboriginal health worker in the Illawarra, told those gathered that his family inspired him to change his ways.

"I realised when I had kids that it wasn't just about me any more. It's about how my kids see me," he said.

'Role model'

"I want to be a role model for my kids and my people."

"My doctor told me five years ago I'd have a heart condition by the time I was 40 if I didn't change my ways. So I decided to

change my life and spread the word of health, about not dying at 60. The journey to health starts with one step."

Mr Wright completed the ride in honour of his father, Batemans Bay local Richard Wright, who passed away recently.

The success of Tour da Country relies on sponsorships and goodwill and the work of the riding team members, who organise all the logistics themselves with a small support crew – everything from accommodation to publicity to police permission.

TVGUIDE

20TH NOVEMBER TO 3RD DECEMBER



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WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:15 Winanga-Li G (Kids)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Time On The Road (Lifestyle)
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Living Black (News/Current Affairs)
12:00 Go Girls PG (Comedy)
1:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
1:30 RHEF 2013 PG (Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
6:00 Kai Time On The Road (Lifestyle)
6:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
7:30 Wrong Side Bala PG (Documentary)
7:40 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)
7:45 Playing With Fire PG (Documentary)
8:00 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
8:15 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Torres to the Thames PG (Documentary)
9:30 Kids To Coast (Documentary)
10:00 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:15 Winanga-Li G (Kids)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Time On The Road (Lifestyle)
10:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Wrong Side Bala PG (Documentary)
11:10 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)
11:15 Playing With Fire PG (Documentary)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:45 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Torres to the Thames PG (Documentary)
1:00 Kids To Coast (Documentary)
1:30 Australian Biography PG (Documentary)
2:00 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
6:00 Kai Time On The Road (Lifestyle)
6:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
7:30 Fit First PG (Series)
8:00 Dream It Do It Deadly! PG (Series)
8:30 Rez Rides (Series)
9:00 The Black Olive G (Lifestyle)
9:30 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)
10:00 Aeroplane Dance PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
7:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:15 Winanga-Li G (Kids)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Fit First PG (Series)
11:30 Dream It Do It Deadly! PG (Series)
12:00 Rez Rides PG (Series)
12:30 The Black Olive G (Lifestyle)
1:00 The Best Of Grounded G (Kids)
1:30 Aeroplane Dance PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
3:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
6:00 Awaken NC (News/Current Affairs)
6:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
7:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
7:30 Awaken NC (News/Current Affairs)
8:00 Living Black Conversations NC (News/Current Affairs)
8:30 Wrong Side Bala PG (Documentary)
8:40 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)
8:45 Playing With Fire PG (Documentary)
9:00 Jazz PG (Series)
10:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
11:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Awaken NC (News/Current Affairs)
1:00 Living Black Conversations NC (News)
1:30 RHEF 2013 PG (Series)
2:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
3:00 Wrong Side Bala PG (Documentary)
3:10 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)
3:15 Playing With Fire PG (Documentary)
3:30 Tangaroa With Plo G (Lifestyle)
4:00 Jazz PG (Series)
5:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Milli Milli PG (Documentary)
7:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Dark Science PG (Documentary)
8:30 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Boy M (Movie)
11:00 Mataka M (Documentary Series)
11:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Volumz G (Entertainment)
10:00 A-League Live NC (Sp)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Cracks In The Mask G (Documentary)
1:30 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
2:30 Te Kaea 2013 NC (News/Current Affairs)
3:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
3:30 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sp)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Indigenous Cultural Affairs Magazine 96 NC (News/Current Affairs)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Double Trouble G (Series)
8:00 Korraiyin G (Documentary)
8:30 The Abolitionists PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Charlie Zone MA (Movie)
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

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MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:15 Winanga-Li G (Kids)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
9:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Awaken NC (News/Current Affairs)
10:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
11:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Indigenous Cultural Affairs Magazine 96 NC (News/Current Affairs)
12:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
12:30 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Korraiyin G (Documentary)
2:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
3:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (Kids)
6:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
7:30 Tangaroa With Plo G (Lifestyle)
8:00 Samaqan: Water Stories G (Documentary Series)
8:30 The People Of The Kattawapiskak River PG (Documentary)
10:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (News/Current Affairs)
10:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:15 Winanga-Li G (Kids)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
9:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Tangaroa With Plo G (Lifestyle)
11:30 Samaqan: Water Stories G (Documentary Series)
12:00 The People Of The Kattawapiskak River PG (Documentary)
1:30 Te Kaea 2013 NC (News/Current Affairs)
2:00 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
3:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
6:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
7:30 Awaken NC (News/Current Affairs)
8:00 Living Black Conversations NC (News/Current Affairs)
8:30 Go Girls M (Comedy)
9:30 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)
10:00 RHEF 2013 PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:15 Winanga-Li G (Kids)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
9:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Living Black Conversations NC (News/Current Affairs)
12:00 Go Girls M (Comedy)
1:00 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)
1:30 RHEF 2013 PG (Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
3:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
6:00 Kai Time On The Road (Lifestyle)
6:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
7:30 Thum G (Documentary)
7:35 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)
7:40 Micky And Frankie G (Documentary)
7:55 Music Videos G (Documentary Series)
8:15 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Freedom Ride 2011 PG (Documentary)
9:30 Teach Tiwi Proper Way G (Documentary)
10:00 My Mother, My Son PG (Documentary)
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:15 Winanga-Li G (Kids)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
9:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Time On The Road (Lifestyle)
10:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Thum G (Documentary)
11:05 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)
11:10 Micky And Frankie G (Documentary)
11:25 Music Videos G (Documentary)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:45 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Freedom Ride 2011 PG (Documentary)
1:00 Teach Tiwi Proper Way G (Documentary)
1:30 My Mother, My Son PG (Documentary)
2:00 Bush Plum G (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
3:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
6:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
7:30 Fit First PG (Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary)
8:30 Rez Rides M (Series)
9:00 Korraiyin (Documentary)
9:30 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)
10:00 Cold Turkey M (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:15 Winanga-Li G (Kids)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
9:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Fit First PG (Series)
11:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary)
12:00 Rez Rides M (Series)
12:30 Crossing The Line PG (Documentary)
1:30 The Coolbaroo Club G (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
3:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
6:00 Awaken NC (News/Current Affairs)
6:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
7:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
7:30 Awaken NC (News/Current Affairs)
8:00 Living Black Conversations NC (News/Current Affairs)
8:30 Thum G (Documentary)
8:35 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)
8:40 Micky And Frankie G (Documentary)
8:55 Music Videos G (Documentary)
9:00 Jazz PG (Series)
10:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
11:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Awaken NC (News/Current Affairs)
1:00 Living Black Conversations NC (News)
1:30 RHEF 2013 PG (Series)
2:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Doc)
3:00 Thum G (Documentary)
3:05 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)
3:10 Micky And Frankie G (Documentary)
3:25 Music Videos G (Documentary)
3:30 Tangaroa With Plo G (Lifestyle)
4:00 Jazz PG (Series)
5:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
7:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Freedom Ride 2011 PG (Documentary)
8:30 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Mosquita Y Mari M (Movie)
11:00 Mataka M (Documentary Series)
11:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER
12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Norforce G (Documentary)
1:30 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
2:30 Te Kaea 2013 NC (News/Current Affairs)
3:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
3:30 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Indigenous Cultural Affairs Magazine 96 NC (News/Current Affairs)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Double Trouble G (Series)
8:00 In The Frame (Series)
8:30 The Abolitionists PG (Documentary)
9:30 The New Black M (Movie)
11:00 Thanks For All The Fish G (Documentary)
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)



BAREFOOT SUNDAY
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MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER

12:00 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)
2:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
3:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
4:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
5:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
6:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
6:30 Tales Of Tatonka (Kids)
7:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:15 Winanga-Li G (Kids)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
9:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
10:00 Awaken NC (News/Current Affairs)
10:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
11:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Indigenous Cultural Affairs Magazine 96 NC (News/Current Affairs)
12:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
12:30 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
1:30 In The Frame (Series)
2:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
3:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
4:30 Tales Of Tatonka (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
6:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
7:30 Tangaroa With Plo G (Lifestyle)
8:00 Samaqan: Water Stories G (Doc Series)
8:30 War Dance M (Documentary)
10:00 Malcolm X M (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

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12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
6:30 Tales Of Tatonka (Kids)
7:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:15 Winanga-Li G (Kids)
7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
9:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Tangaroa With Plo G (Lifestyle)
11:30 Samaqan: Water Stories G (Documentary)
12:00 War Dance M (Documentary)
1:30 The Massie Affair PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
3:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
4:30 Tales Of Tatonka (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
6:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
7:30 Awaken NC (News/Current Affairs)
8:00 Living Black Conversations NC (News/Current Affairs)
8:30 Go Girls M (Comedy)
9:30 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
10:00 RHEF 2013 PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News/Current Affairs)
11:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)

Narrogin will host community festival



NARROGIN will play host to a new community festival showcasing art, music, dance and Noongar culture from across the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia.

The event is called Kambarang, the traditional name for the Noongar season at the end of spring. It will take place at Gnarrogin Park in Gordon Street on Saturday, November 30, from 3-7pm.

A highlight of Kambarang will be a free live music concert featuring performers Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse, Damien Thornber and The Orphans, Cortext, Healing Songs singers from the Eastern Wheatbelt and a Noongar pop culture performance by students from Narrogin schools.

Kellerberrin hip-hop group Static Crew is also on the program.

Free music workshops and a songwriting clinic will be on November 29.

For details go to www.canwa.com.au

Workshops aimed at entrepreneurs



INDIGENOUS entrepreneurs who have a business idea they would like to turn into reality are invited to attend a series of free 'Into Business' workshops. Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is running the three one-day workshops.

"Many Indigenous Australians have created successful businesses out of things they are passionate about, but commercially viable businesses need more than passion to make them a success," IBA chair Dr Dawn Casey said.

"Before taking the exciting, but often risky, leap into business ownership, entrepreneurs need to fully investigate their ideas and learn what it takes to run a business.

"The better developed your research, vocational and management skills are, the greater your likelihood of success."

The next workshops are in Brisbane on November 26 and Coffs Harbour on November 27.

For further information, visit www.iba.gov.au/itb or freecall 1800 107 107.

\$10m donation for uni health centre



FREIGHT magnate Greg Poche has donated \$10 million to the University of Western Australia for a new centre for Indigenous health.

The donation by the founder and former owner of Star Track Express will fund a new Poche Centre for Indigenous Health in Perth, alongside other centres at Flinders University in Adelaide and the University of Sydney.

The UWA Poche Centre will complement the university's School of Indigenous Studies, its Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health and its Rural Clinical School.

The centre will work on children's health, disability and developmental outcomes, as well as chronic disease.

\$75,000 grant for healing centre plan



GUREHLGAM Corporation has received a grant of \$75,000 from the Indigenous Healing Foundation to undertake a development plan for a proposed Indigenous healing centre in the Clarence Valley of northern NSW.

The Indigenous Healing Foundation is a national body funded by the Federal Government and set up to address the legacy of pain and hurt in Indigenous people's lives caused by past government policies. It was formed in 2009 following the former Labor Government's national apology to the Stolen Generations.

Gurehlgam has secured the services of local Indigenous woman Janelle Brown to coordinate the project.

Community consultations will begin soon and cover the five Aboriginal communities of the Clarence Valley – Grafton, Baryulgil, Malabugilmah, Maclean and Yamba.

New national body for South Sea Islanders

By DARREN COYNE



AUSTRALIA'S South Sea Islander residents have a new national body to represent their interests.

Representatives of the estimated 40,000-strong community met recently in Brisbane for WANTOK 2013 to elect leaders for the Australian South Sea Islanders National Representative Board.

The board members are president Natalie Pakoa, vice-president Dennis Bobongie, treasurer Alan Johnson, secretary Jennifer Darr, and directors Lesley Yasso, Natalie Franks, Louise Pfeffer, Sandra Georgio, Christine Monday, Darryl Lingwoodock, Fiona Mount and Emelda Davis.



Members of the new Australian South Sea Islanders National Representative Board.

They represent the descendants of so-called 'blackbirds' – Pacific islanders who were kidnapped or brought as contract labourers to Queensland to work in the agricultural industry between 1863 and 1906.

Outgoing president Emelda Davis told the *Koori*

Mail that the formation of the new national body had been a long time coming.

"This is huge for Australian South Sea Islanders simply because it's been 40 years since the last significant conference addressing the national voice," she said.

Ms Davis said WANTOK 2013 had been well

attended and had proved 'a very emotional journey'.

She said a highlight was a speech from Congress of Australia's First People's co-chair Les Malezer, who spoke about the role of the United Nations in recognising the rights of Indigenous people.

Ms Davis said the new board was keen to meet with Mr Malezer and his fellow co-chair Kirstie Parker to fine tune how the new board could work with Congress for the benefit of both groups.

She said the new national body would lobby the Federal Government to provide support for the South Sea Islander community with such things as reconnecting to family and capacity building.

The next WANOK will be held at Tweed Heads in NSW on December 7-8.



The launch of the Bulgarr Ngaru Clarence Valley Aboriginal Women's Health Group breast cancer awareness booklet in Grafton.

Breast cancer book launched

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHEN Gumbayngirr woman Kathleen Flanders discovered three lumps on her right breast, she had a natural but potentially fatal reaction. "I was a very stubborn black woman. I had all the signs of breast cancer but I ignored them for three months," she told the *Koori Mail*.

Family saved Ms Flanders. Her daughter Sandra, son-in-law Ron, and sisters pushed her to see a doctor at Bulgarr Ngaru Aboriginal Medical Service in Grafton, northern NSW.

Ms Flanders was rushed into treatment, including a mastectomy.

She is now in remission.

Ms Flanders is one of three Aboriginal women from the Clarence Valley who told

their stories for a new book about breast cancer awareness, produced by Bulgarr Ngaru and organised by local woman Lana Mundine.

"A big group of us Aboriginal women put this book together and it includes tips to help with breast cancer," Ms Mundine said.

'Don't ignore signs'

Ms Flanders said: "I wanted to put the word out there for all ladies and men, but especially for my mob, not to ignore the signs. When I found out I had cancer it was very emotional, I was shattered.

"I shut myself away. I didn't want to talk to friends or family – but they wouldn't let me."

Ms Flanders said the health professionals at Bulgarr Ngaru were 'fantastic' as were staff members at the

Cancer Institute in Coffs Harbour.

"I see life differently now. I've taken the blinkers off," she said.

"I thank God for giving me a second chance.

"My friends and family have been such a great support. I am a survivor and I'm going to keep on surviving."

At the launch of the breast cancer booklet MC Trevor Kapeen, from Bulgarr Ngaru, said everyone needed to look after their health and have check-ups.

"Cancer affects all the family, not just the person who gets the disease," he said.

"Cancer doesn't discriminate. It affects everyone, but we can all come out of it one strong mob.

"This book is by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal people – and I've never seen anything like it before."

Volunteer awarded



OVER the past 10 years, Ken Bolt has volunteered his time to drive more than 150,000km for more than 3500 trips driving frail and sick people to their medical destinations and back.

It's that kind of dedication and commitment that has earned him the Regional Volunteer of the Year award at the 2013 NSW Volunteer Awards.

Mr Bolt has worked with Tweed Byron and Ballina Community Transport (TBBCT) for more than 10 years, since its Aboriginal transport program started.

He is renowned for his reliability and sense of responsibility, with a great sense of humour that helps him to remain calm in the face trying circumstances. He is now heading off to the state awards in Sydney on December 5.

TBBCT manager Phil Barron

said Mr Bolt was a role model for his community.

"TBBCT has been able to grow its service to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community over the past 10 years largely because of the dedication of Ken and our Aboriginal transport team," he said.

"I believe Ken's nomination puts a spotlight on the fantastic job Aboriginal volunteers are doing in our area, and Ken deserves to win."



Jason Wilson, Barbara Wilson and Maureen Sulter gathered at Narran Lake, western NSW, to celebrate the new facilities and Aboriginal collaboration in management of the nature reserve.

Celebration at Narran Lake



ONE of NSW's most important waterbird breeding areas, Narran Lake Nature Reserve near Walgett, now has new facilities and a new memorandum of understanding to increase Aboriginal management of the area.

About 150 people gathered recently to enjoy the new facilities, with traditional dances by students from Lightning Ridge Central School and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Walgett.

National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Northern Plains regional manager Rob Smith said the reserve covered about 28,000 hectares at the end of the Narran River, between Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Brewarrina.

"As well as being an internationally

recognised wetland, it is an important site for historical and contemporary Aboriginal culture," he said.

"The new Yuwaalayaay Visitor Area comprises picnic tables, shelters, toilet, car park, walking track network and interpretive signage which provide an excellent way for people to experience

'We are very pleased that in north-west NSW, 35 per cent of NPWS-managed lands are now under co-management agreements...'

the area, promote Aboriginal culture and facilitate the ongoing connection of Aboriginal people to country.

"The visitor area was developed in conjunction with the Narran Lake Nature Reserve Co-management Committee as the focal point for a range of activities

including culture camps, educational and cultural tours, and community gatherings."

At the celebrations, NPWS Western Branch director Mark Peacock signed a memorandum of understanding with the Narran Lake Nature Reserve Co-management Committee formalising the relationship that began in 2009 between NPWS and the Aboriginal community for management of the reserve.

"We are very pleased that in north-west NSW, 35 per cent of NPWS-managed lands are now under

co-management agreements, including Deriah Aboriginal Area near Narrabri, Terry Hie Hie Aboriginal Area near Moree, Boonalla Aboriginal Area near Gunnedah, the Pilliga reserves near Baradine, and Toorale near Bourke," Mr Smith said.

Palm Island will have Xmas stable

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island men, women and children will be actors during their first Stable on Palm Christmas celebrations on November 29 and 30.

The community event will be modelled on the successful Stable on the Strand Christmas celebration which has been held in Townsville for the past 12 years. More than 40,000 turned out for the event held at Strand Park and on the nearby beach in December 2012.

The event is designed to remind people of the true meaning of Christmas and embrace the spirit of the holy period. There will be an interactive town of Bethlehem, where visitors were able to see people playing the three wise men, shepherds with their sheep, King Herod, Roman soldiers, traditional trades people (baker, carpenter, fishmonger, weavers) and Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus.

The event is organised by the Council of Churches, and committee member Richard Hosking said Townsville Indigenous pastor Ada Boland was coordinating the Palm event.

Pastor Boland said the event had the support of Palm Island Council and churches and that more than 60 people from the combined churches of Townsville would travel to the island for the event.

"The plan is that the locals will provide most of the actors and our people will train them up," she said.

A small concert is scheduled for November 29, the main presentation the following day, and a combined churches meeting including Palm religious leaders on December 1.

Other activities will include clowns, buskers and bubble blowers.

A local Aboriginal family will play baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

The Townsville Stable on the Strand will be held later in December.



Pastor Ada Boland and singer Pat Morgan.

Governor-General dedicates



Canadian Aboriginal veterans joined the dedication ceremony. With Adelaide's Stephanie Gollan were, from left, Lt Colonel Art Lefever, Captain Marlene Lefever and Canadian Aboriginal Veterans and Serving Members' Association chief executive Richard Blackwolf.



Dan Shirley shares a joke with Raymond Boland and Dennis Walkington. Canadian Aboriginal veterans are in the background.



● Above: Tanya Hosch, Sir Eric Neale and Lowitja O'Donoghue prepare to lay wreaths at the memorial in Adelaide.

● Right: The Australian Defence Force catafalque party marches off the memorial.



NITV's Natalie Ah Mat with Frank Lampard, deputy chairman of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial Committee.



Labor politicians Warren Snowden and Senator Nova Peris, both from the NT.



Ceremony MC David Rathbone addresses the gathering.

new memorial in Adelaide



The smoking ceremony as part of the memorial dedication.



Ex-serviceman Steve Dodd, a member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial committee, salutes.



Governor-General Quentin Bryce chats with Aunty Marj Tripp, the chairperson of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial Committee.

National status goal

By DARREN COYNE



AUSTRALIA'S Governor-General Quentin Bryce has officially opened a war memorial in South Australia dedicated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and women.

The committee behind the \$1 million memorial are now hoping it will be given the status of a national memorial.

The ceremony was attended by hundreds of ex-service men and women, and dignitaries including South Australian Premier Jay Weatherill, along with many state and federal politicians.

The memorial, built on the north-west corner of Adelaide's Torrens Parade Ground, features a World War I nurse and a World War II soldier cast in bronze on a large boulder overlooking the ritual circle, which includes a coolamon on another rock to be used for smoking ceremonies. There is also a winding path that leads to the memorial which has



Governor-General Quentin Bryce lays a wreath at the memorial.

the names of Indigenous servicemen and women.

Lee-Ann Tjunypa Buckskin, Michelle Nikou and Tony

Rosella designed the memorial, while South Australian sculptor Robert Hannaford completed work on the statues, which were

cast in bronze by Tim Thomson. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial Committee deputy chair Frank

Lampard said the memorial would be a constant reminder of the sacrifices made by Indigenous people who fought for Australia.

"They fought for its soil and for the safety of our families," Mr Lampard said.

"The memorial of our people is alongside the memorial of our brothers in arms from the Vietnam War, and if there is one thing none of us will forget no matter our heritage, it is that during service in the army, our skin was exactly the same colour – the colour of our jungle uniform – green."

Mr Lampard said he hoped the memorial was replicated in other states of Australia, although it was hoped that the Adelaide memorial would eventually be recognised as a national memorial.

Committee chair Marj Tripp, who was the first Aboriginal woman to join the Royal Australian Navy, said the memorial had been a long time coming.

"Finally we have this recognition and a place to honour our people who served," she said.



Artwork showing the design for the new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander memorial in Sydney.



An wartime image of artist Tony Albert's grandfather Eddie Albert.

Design chosen for Sydney memorial

By DARREN COYNE



QUEENSLAND artist Tony Albert did not have far to search for inspiration when designing a new memorial for Hyde Park in Sydney.

The City of Sydney had put out the call for artists to come up with a memorial to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who had served in the armed forces.

Mr Albert, whose winning design was unveiled last week by Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore, drew his inspiration from his family's 80 years of combined military service, but especially his grandfather's remarkable experiences as a prisoner of war during World War II.

His aunty, Trish Albert of Cairns, wrote down that story in a book called *Unsung Hero*, published in 2010.

It told how Digger Eddie Albert and six other soldiers had escaped from a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany, only to be caught by Italian soldiers who lined them up to be executed. Three men were shot before the Italians realised the men were prisoners and should have been returned to Germany.

The story resonated with Mr Albert, who has given his memorial design the working title *Yininmadyemi – Thou didst let fall*.

He said it was a reminder of how his grandfather and fellow service people were treated differently to their white comrades after the war.

The memorial will be made of marble and steel, with a bronze



Trish Albert, Lord Mayor Clover Moore and Tony Albert in Sydney's Hyde Park with a drawing of the winning design.

finish, and will be installed in Hyde Park South, near the Pool of Remembrance, by Anzac Day 2015, to mark the centenary of Australia's Gallipoli campaign in World War I.

It will include four giant standing bullets to represent those who survived, and three fallen shells in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Author Anita Heiss, a Wiradjuri woman, will work with the artist to

help capture service people's war stories to inscribe on the bullets.

Lord Mayor Moore said it was time to show the recognition and respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and women that had been denied for too long.

"Tony has created a powerful and emotionally moving work that stems from his family's military experiences and represents the many stories of our brave Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander service men and women abroad and at home," she said.

Pastor Ray Minniecon, an organiser of the annual Coloured Diggers Anzac Day march in Sydney, said it was time for all councils around Australia to consider giving due recognition to Indigenous service men and women.

"I look forward to a nation that embraces this side of history because these are our forgotten heroes," he said.

The City of Sydney also announced it was seeking former and current Indigenous service men and women to share their stories of war and peace as part of an oral history project.

Aboriginal artist and curator Fabri Blacklock will select up to 20 stories to take pride of place on the city's new oral history website, sydneyoralhistories.com.au, with audio recordings, transcripts and photographs.

'I look forward to a nation that embraces this side of history because these are our forgotten heroes.' – Pastor Ray Minniecon





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eHealth vital for Aboriginal Community Controlled Health

THE chair of National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), Justin Mohamed, has welcomed Federal Health Minister Peter Dutton's recent announcement for a review of the current Personally Controlled Ehealth Records (PCEHR) program, but has called on the Federal Government to ensure consultation is a participatory process reflective of the sector, to support and fund the continued use of it by Aboriginal community controlled health services (ACCHS).

Mr Mohamed said he agreed with the minister that the concept of electronic health records must be fit for purpose and cost-effective, and that the review should be able to put the controversial electronic health records program back on track.

"Given the state of Aboriginal health in this country and the fact that our Aboriginal population is expected to grow to over a million by 2031, we need to educate healthcare professionals on the role that Telehealth and ehealth technology can play to help close the gap," he said.

"We recognised in our recent Investing in Healthy Futures for Generational Change plan 2013-2030 that five years on from setting targets to 'Close the Gap', Aboriginal Community Controlled Health



NACCHO's Dr Jason Agostino discussing the benefits of eHealth records with Jessica Mitchell, who recently registered.

Organisations (ACCHOs) have been responsible for many of the health gains achieved servicing 311,000 clients annually (see page 14) and that ehealth records have and will into the future play a vital role in recording improvements, identifying risk factors, performing health checks, planning care, and managing and treating high-risk individuals.

"The ACCHS sector mechanism has successfully embraced the concept of a national ehealth program to ensure continuity of care for a frequently mobile population with high incidence of illness.

"ACCHSes are often small health organisations

that rely on external providers, including cardiac and renal specialists, physiotherapists, pathologists and radiographers.

"If a patient say from Tennant Creek is visiting a clinic in Alice Springs, the administering health professional has in the past been locked out of the patient's complex medical history, unless they go through the cumbersome process of requesting a health summary from the home clinic.

"A shared electronic health record has enabled our Aboriginal patients to receive health care consistent with their

condition, treatment history and specialist advice, reducing risk of over treatment or testing.

"Our ACCHS's access to the PCEHR system will meet the needs of mobile satellite clinics and population; enable a patient to receive health care consistent with their condition, treatment history and specialist advice; reduce risk of over-treatment or testing, capturing important data that is otherwise easily lost; and allow for information sharing and broad analysis, empowering the patients, and affording greater flexibility and choice of health care provider.

"The national ehealth

record system would do well to mimic the model of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services – regional, locally controlled health services that promote participation and are responsive to local need rather than a big one size fits all model," Mr Mohamed said

The goals of the PCEHR already aligns with existing government reform such as the Medicare Australia app as well as with Aboriginal electronic health information systems to contribute to improving primary health care services for Aboriginal Australians by building capacity at the service level and the system level to

collect, analyse and interpret data that will:

- Inform understanding of trends in individual and population health outcomes;
- Identify factors influencing these trends; and
- Inform appropriate action, planning and policy development.

Mr Mohamed said that as active implementers of the PCEHR, the ACCHS sector looks forward to participating in this review in its pursuit of the highest quality and continuity of health care for Aboriginal people towards Closing the Gap.

The submission closing date for the review is December 31. For further details go to www.naccho.org.au/health-reform/ehealth-pcehr/



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CEO's Executive Report

WHAT a year NACCHO has had! It gives me great pleasure in providing the NACCHO membership with an overview of the NACCHO Secretariat's performance over the last 12 months.

As you will see, the NACCHO Annual Report (see pages 4-5) has been measured against the NACCHO Strategic Plan both in policy and operations to give greater clarity of the work undertaken and the benefits to members.

The Strategic Plan has three areas of focus:

- National Health Reform
- NACCHO Members Support
- Research & Data

The NACCHO & AIHW Healthy Futures Report Card

demonstrated the effectiveness and impacts that our Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services are making towards achieving better health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with key successes in the following areas:

- 80 per cent of the NACCHO membership provides comprehensive primary health care to over 311,000 clients annually
- 2 million episodes of care delivered annually

"Collectively, we demonstrate and strive for the Centre of Excellence in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health through our model of service, and I believe our performance speaks for itself." – NACCHO CEO Lisa Briggs



- 66 per cent reduction in child mortality rates since 2009

- 33 per cent reduction in overall mortality rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people since 2009.

The Report Card wasn't the only national policy framework developed by the secretariat, with the NACCHO 10-point plan and NACCHO Male Health OCHRE Blueprint both launched in the old and new Parliament Houses respectively.

The NACCHO secretariat also held its inaugural Health Summit in Adelaide this year, showcasing our members' best practice in comprehensive primary health care, with the following results:

- 100 keynote speakers and presenters from the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services

- 300 representatives from the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services

- Media impact of making page 3 of *The Australian* – Election page

- Social Media traction through twitter of 5.5 million people during the election period. Top three were Election, AFL and NACCHO Health Summit.

A key focus area of the NACCHO Secretariat has been the Sector Governance Network (SGN) and the Sector EQHS Sector Accreditation Status, which has been a joint initiative with all

of the State and Territory Affiliates.

This initiative in particular assists us in Reducing Risk, ensuring a more sustainable ACCHS sector and providing the platform to achieve continuous quality improvement through Accreditation both clinically and organisationally, again demonstrating best practice and high quality standards.

Our contribution did not stop there, with the NACCHO operational programs equally achieving great results, including:

- QUMAX entering into our 5th agreement to 2015 – 74 (49 per cent) ACCHSes participating
- Research capacity and evidence building in more than 60 per cent of ACCHSes

- Workforce professional development provided to 891 staff from ACCHSes

- 63 ACCHSes receiving Telehealth grants totally \$405,477.67.

Although this is only an overview of the activity of the NACCHO Secretariat, there have been plenty of government submissions and hearings provided to the House of Representatives and Senate Committees as well as the ongoing relationship building with the whole of government and other health related national peak bodies.

NACCHO is the national authority in Aboriginal comprehensive primary health care.

Collectively, we demonstrate and strive for the Centre of Excellence in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health through our model of service, and I believe our performance speaks for itself.

We are on the right path to achieving health outcomes for our people.

Yours in solidarity,

**LISA BRIGGS
CEO, NACCHO**

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We are currently partnering Queensland Aboriginal Islander Health Council (QAIHC), Victorian Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO), and many other primary care and research organisations in their continuous quality improvement (CQI) work by developing their custom sites within qiConnect.

"QAIHC continues to lead CQI work for the Aboriginal and Islander Community Control Health Services in Queensland and continues to work with the Improvement Foundation in further improving systems, data collection and analysis".

Dr Katie Panaretto, Public Health Medical Officer (QAIHC).

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Deadly Choices goes pink

AWABAKAL Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative and the Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation have formed a partnership that aims to raise awareness of women's health in the local Aboriginal community.

For a limited time, an exclusive Deadly Choices Breast Cancer jersey will be available for Aboriginal women who visit the Awabakal Aboriginal Primary Health Care Centre (AAPHCC) for a women's health check.

The initiative is part of Awabakal's Deadly Choices program which was introduced to the Hunter in August this year and aims to improve Aboriginal health by educating and empowering local Aboriginal people to make healthy choices.

Since the program was introduced, the organisation has seen a 630 per cent increase in the number of Aboriginal people undergoing health checks. The success of this program can be placed, in part, on the highly-prized and very exclusive Awabakal Deadly Choices jerseys, which can only be claimed following a health check at the AAPHCC.

Awabakal Chief Executive Officer Don MacAskill said the partnership with the Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation would bring breast cancer and women's health awareness to the forefront of Aboriginal health.

"Breast cancer is a serious disease, with one in eight women diagnosed nationwide. It doesn't discriminate between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations, which is why partnerships like this are so important



Check it out: These women model the exclusive Awabakal Deadly Choices Breast Cancer jersey.

in our attempts to tackle chronic disease in the local Aboriginal community," Mr MacAskill said.

Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation President Rosalie Taggart said the region would benefit from the additional support of Awabakal and its community to promote health awareness.

"The Awabakal Deadly Choices program

is an excellent model that really encourages people to think about their health and take proactive steps. This is an exciting partnership that we hope will encourage all levels of breast cancer support to work with Awabakal to improve local Aboriginal health," she said.

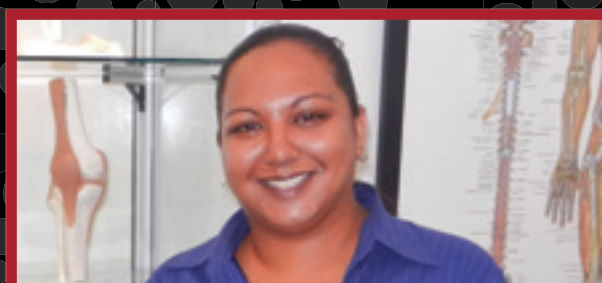
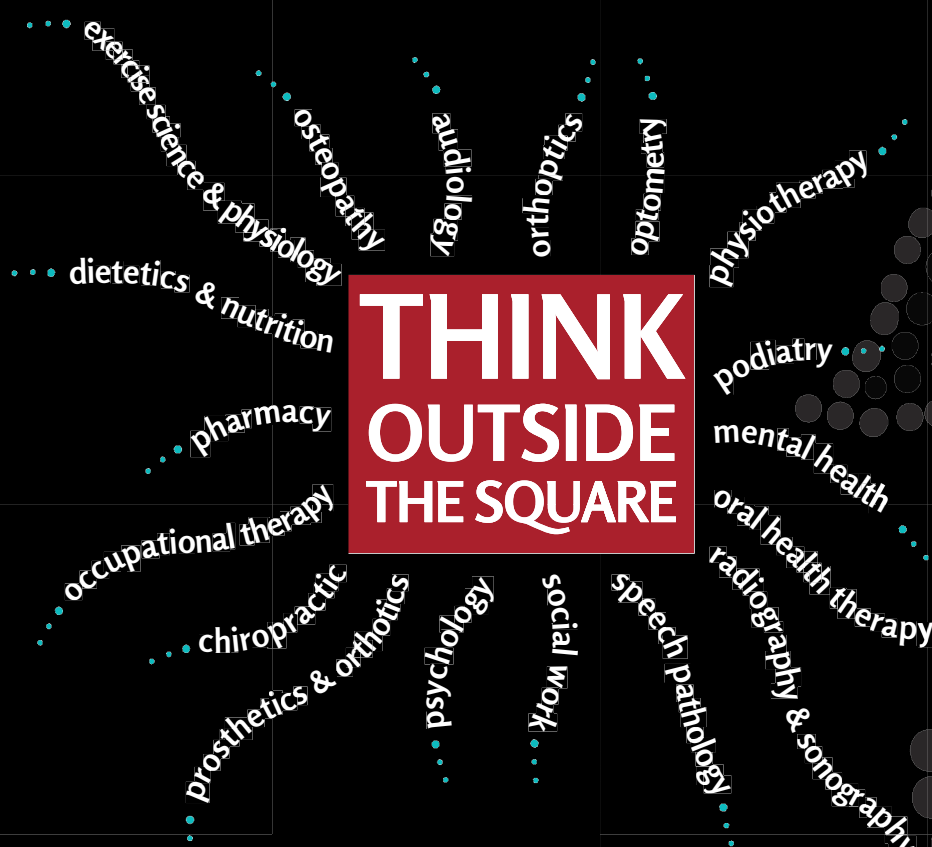
The Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation provides grassroots support for people

undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

Since January this year, the Foundation has provided more than 600 post-operative comfort cushions, 178 professional cleaning services and 69 lawn care services.

Volunteer drivers have undertaken 338 trips, travelling 26,683km taking patients to and from treatment appointments.

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- Lynelle Fallon, Radiography Student & IAHA Member

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NACCHO's activities

It is my pleasure and honour as Chairperson to once again to present to you NACCHO's Annual Report for 2012-13.

"There is a way forward if only the government would listen to NACCHO" read the headline of the editorial in a national newspaper at the end of July this year.

This rousing and welcome endorsement of NACCHO and the Aboriginal community control model of health delivery was published towards the end of a huge year for NACCHO and our members as we focused on articulating our vision, delivering good policy, celebrating our successes and raising our profile on both the national and international stage.

A little over 12 months ago we resolved to approach the year ahead with a heightened sense of purpose in a bid to ensure the sector was in a pivotal position coming into the Federal election and beyond, regardless of who won office.

With new CEO Lisa Briggs at the helm, an engaged and active Board and a very hard-working office, NACCHO has certainly had one of the busiest and more successful years in its 21-year history.

NACCHO's Ten-point Plan Investing in Healthy Futures for Generational Change 2013-2030

There have been so many highlights this year it is hard to know where to start, but perhaps the most significant achievement was the launch of NACCHO's Ten-point Plan, *Investing in Healthy Futures for Generational Change 2013-2030*, alongside the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report card on Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

The ten-point plan was, for me, the realisation of 20 years of work in our sector. Throughout my career I have watched various well-intentioned governments drive the Aboriginal health agenda and dictate to our sector their plans for us to follow. Rarely have we had the opportunity to properly spell out our collective approach and provide our own vision at the national level: to drive policy rather than react to it.

The ten-point plan, created with the knowledge and experience of the Aboriginal Community Controlled health movement and timely in an ever-changing environment, spells out how gains in Aboriginal health can be achieved from our perspective of "Aboriginal Health in Aboriginal Hands".

It provides our sector, stakeholders, partners and governments with a clear set of priorities and strategies that will result in improvements in Aboriginal health outcomes. It is underpinned by the goals and sentiments of the Close the Gap Statement of Intent signed in 2005, so it has at its core shared vision for a better future for our people.

It was officially launched at a Parliamentary Breakfast in Canberra in June, which was attended by a range of Aboriginal leaders, elders and senior government Ministers and officials.

Healthy for report Card

At the event we also launched research we had commissioned from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare which gives a great overview of the success of ACCHOs and delivers the evidence of just how big a contribution our members make to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal people.

The comprehensive report shows that



From left: NACCHO deputy chair Matthew Cooke, chair Justin Mohamed and board member John Singer launching the *Blue Print for Aboriginal Male Healthy Futures 10 point plan 2013-2030* at Parliament House, Canberra, in August.



NACCHO chair Justin Mohamed (left) and NACCHO board member John Singer (right) were proud to present to Buddy Franklin, Michael O'Loughlin and Adam Goodes the NACCHO jumpers for the Indigenous All Stars team to tour Ireland for a two-test International Rules series, sponsored by NACCHO.

Aboriginal Community Controlled services provide culturally appropriate primary health care to over 310,000 Aboriginal people each year, around half the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, and are credited with three quarters of the health gains made against the Close the Gap targets.

It shows our members perform over two million episodes of care per annum which is a 100 per cent increase since this report was last handed down four years ago.

Not only are we providing more comprehensive primary services to more of our people and seeing evidence-based very real improvements in some key health areas such as mortality rates, birth weights and chronic disease. Through our membership and Affiliates we are also seeing more of our people employed in

sustainable and meaningful positions across the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations sector.

Reports like this clearly establish the economic viability of investing in our sector and simply cannot be ignored by decision-makers. Coupled with the ten-point plan, the report has enabled NACCHO to increase the intensity of our national political lobbying efforts and demonstrate our value to some of the most senior Members of the Federal Parliament.

This was a critical part of our strategy in the lead up to the Federal election – to raise the profile of our sector, illustrate its effectiveness and reinforce our multi-partisan approach to delivering good health outcomes for our people.

The release of the ten-point plan also helped us raise the profile of Aboriginal

health in the broader, mainstream community, attracting significant national media attention.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan (NATSHP)

The ten-point plan compliments the long-awaited National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan (NATSHP) released by the Gillard Government in July this year.

NACCHO is proud of our influence on the content of the NATSHP. We advocated for a health system free of racism with culture at its heart and we are pleased to see these points became an integral pillar of the final plan.

We welcome the broad national recognition of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health services as a key to success as well as an acknowledgement of the need for capacity building in our communities.

Going into 2014 our job now is to work with the new Abbott Government to advocate for a robust implementation and delivery process of the NATSHP toward genuine change and advances in the priority areas our sector fought hard to be included in the plan and not lost in its interpretation during this next phase.

NACCHO's ten-point Male Health Blueprint

Another key policy initiative highlight this year was Ochre Day and the launch of

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NACCHO's ten-point Male Health Blueprint which offers tangible, practical solutions to the appalling state of Aboriginal male health. Ochre Day was a spectacular celebratory gathering of Aboriginal men from across Australia followed by a public event in Federation Mall. NACCHO's Male Health Blueprint again attracted national media coverage and raised this important issue to the national agenda.

Building stronger partnerships

Complementing these significant policy initiatives, NACCHO has spent the year strengthening some key partnerships. In May we signed a landmark agreement with Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand aimed at increasing medical student placements in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care settings. This agreement will also support NACCHO's potential to build the capacity to recruit more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical officers.

As part of building stronger partnerships with other Aboriginal National Bodies we welcomed the invitation for the NACCHO Chairperson onto the Lowitja Institute Board, Australia's only national health research organisation with a sole focus on the health and wellbeing of Australia's First Peoples.

Close the Gap

NACCHO continues to work closely with our partners on the Close the Gap steering committee and as Co-Chair of the National Health Leadership Forum of the National Congress, I want to ensure a coordinated and collective voice is given to Aboriginal health in the national arena. Aboriginal Community Controlled Health services must be given due weight and provide leadership in those forums.

Partnership with the AFL: In an effort to further spread good health messages to our communities and exemplify the excellent work that is being delivered by our member organisations to the broader community, NACCHO has also been pursuing a new partnership with the AFL this year.

Through this partnership we hope to leverage the respect and goodwill towards the AFL in both Aboriginal and Non – Aboriginal communities, encouraging more Aboriginal men and women to consider their health and seek out their local Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, while educating the non-Aboriginal community about the tremendous value our sector brings to the National Health system.

International

NACCHO has also been active internationally in 2013, attending the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York City where the human rights of Indigenous people in Australia and across the world were put under the spotlight as part of the Indigenous Peoples Organisation Network.

NACCHO Aboriginal Primary Health Care Summit: Closer to home, NACCHO has continued its commitment to listen to and communicate with our affiliates and members. In addition to delivering regular updates and news across the sector through the NACCHO communiqué, emails and social media outlets, attending



NACCHO chair Justin Mohamed, Professor Megan Davis and NACCHO deputy chair Matthew Cooke at the launch of NACCHO's *Investing in Healthy Futures for Generational Change 10 Point Plan 2013-30* at Parliament House Canberra in June.



NACCHO chair Justin Mohamed (left) and NACCHO board member John Singer (right) with Greater Western Sydney coach Kevin Sheedy at the AFL Indigenous Round in June, sponsored by NACCHO.

numerous member meetings, conferences and forums, as well as hosting an election planning workshop, we held the first ever NACCHO Aboriginal Primary Health Care Summit, in Adelaide in August 2013.

The Summit was a direct result of the call from members at the 2012 AGM to provide a forum for our sector where we could highlight and share our achievements, celebrate our wins, address our challenges, network and learn from each other.

The Summit attracted more than 350 delegates and more than 100 speakers, covering the core themes: Governance, Comprehensive Primary Health Care and Workforce.

It was an inspirational three days, providing an array of insights, new directions, innovation and lessons, with strong positive feedback from delegates that they would like the "NACCHO Summit" to be a regular inclusion in the annual event calendar.

The future Aboriginal Health through Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations

We have achieved much in the last twelve months. Looking to the next twelve

months, we face new challenges and opportunities as we continue to develop our relationships with a new Federal Government and work collectively in bringing genuine gains in Aboriginal Health through Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations.

I am confident our collective work to date has positioned us well for what lies ahead and I look forward to working with our partners, affiliates and members over the next twelve months as we continue to improve the health and wellbeing of our people.

JUSTIN MOHAMED
NACCHO Chair



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10 *Healthy Futures 2013-2030* Point Plan

Guided by

Aboriginal
Community
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Culture



Self
Determination



Health Equity

Affiliates

NACCHO

Australian, State & Territory Governments

By investing in

1 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector

To deliver

2 Innovative Comprehensive Primary Health Care

Driven by

3 Aboriginal
Health Leadership

4 Partnership

5 Health
System Reform

Underpinned by

6 Health
Financing

7 Health
Workforce

8 Health
Infrastructure

9 Research
and Data

10 Accountability, Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation

We will achieve

A Healthy Future for Generational Change



10-Point Plan for a healthy future

It has been more than five years since state, territory and federal governments of all persuasions signed up to address the appalling health and life expectancy rates of Australia's Aboriginal people.

This was a landmark occasion where, for the first time, all governments recognised that solving the complexity of Aboriginal health issues requires a long-term vision and investment that transcends funding cycles, short term policy fixes and the fortunes of governments and political parties.

It was also the first time there was meaningful recognition across the board of the critical primary health role Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) play within their communities. Five years on, ACCHOs provide culturally appropriate comprehensive primary health care to over 310,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people each year (close to 50 per cent of the total Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of this nation) and are credited with three-quarters of the health gains made against the Close the Gap targets.

In June this year, NACCHO launched its Ten-Point Plan, laying out the steps for delivering the generational changes needed to address the appalling health and life expectancy outcomes for Aboriginal people.

"Our Ten-Point Plan is about planning for the next stage, because there is absolutely more to be done to Close the Gap and reduce disadvantage," said NACCHO Chair Justin Mohamed at the launch.

"This is driven by genuine partnerships with Aboriginal communities, capacity building within communities and services, and for ongoing monitoring and evaluation against targets."

The Plan incorporates the goals of the 2008 Close the Gap Statement of Intent signed by NACCHO alongside federal, state and territory governments, reinforcing the need for investment in Aboriginal community controlled services; for genuine partnerships with Aboriginal communities; for capacity building within communities and services; and for ongoing monitoring and evaluation against targets.

The Plan reaffirms that the grassroots model of Aboriginal people working to improve the health of Aboriginal people must continue to be the way forward if we are make any real difference and achieve generational change.

"We urge governments of all levels to look to the plan when developing or implementing policy on Aboriginal health," Mr Mohamed said.

"Putting Aboriginal health in Aboriginal hands is about more than respect and understanding of cultural values. It is also an efficient, effective model that is having real results, with three quarters of the Close the Gap target gains credited to ACCHOs. We are the solution to 'Closing the Gap'."

Justin Mohamed's speech at Parliament House Canberra (June 19, 2013)

Today I am proud to be launching the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation's 'Ten-Point Plan' for achieving a healthy future for Aboriginal people.

The Plan provides a clear path for



Federal MP Andrew Laming, NACCHO CEO Lisa Briggs and Deputy Chair Matthew Cooke at the 10-Point Plan launch.



● Above: At the launch, from left, Jennifer Gerseck, CEO Vision2020, Lisa Briggs, CEO NACCHO, Dr Mark Wenitong, Senior Aboriginal Public Health Medical Officer NACCHO, Cleveland Fagan, CEO Apunipima Cape York Health Council, and Les Malezer, Co-chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

● Left: Aboriginal Medical Service Alliant Northern Territory (AMSANT) CEO John Paterson.



delivering the generational change needed to address the appalling health and life expectancy outcomes for our people. It provides us all a roadmap to follow and be guided by which will make long and lasting

improvements to the health of Aboriginal people now and into the future.

For me, this Plan is a realisation of more than 20 years' work in our Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector, during

which I have had the privileged to be taught and guided by many "forward thinkers of our time" about Aboriginal health.

The lessons, wise words of warning and, at times, stern direction were not lost on me, as a youth worker to health services manager, CEO and now Chairperson.

During this time, I quickly realised and strongly believed in the need for a clear plan and vision. The need for an articulated vision and national plan for both our sector and our people is vital.

ACCHOs at the local level provide us with the building blocks for what we see today in a collective national direction, spelling out goals to guide our actions and policy into the future.

Too often, well-intentioned plans, policies and laws have been a top down, prescriptive approach where we have been told what is good for us. Rarely have we had the opportunity to properly spell out our collective approach and provide our own vision at the national level: To be drivers of policy rather than reactors to it.

Until today.

The Plan provides our members, stakeholders, partners and governments with a clear set of priorities and strategies that will result in improvements in Aboriginal health outcomes.

It is underpinned by the goals and sentiments of the Close the Gap Statement of Intent signed in 2005 by many of the organisations and political parties in the room today.

It reinforces the need to invest in capacity building, supporting and expanding Aboriginal Community Controlled Health services to ensure more Aboriginal people can access more services in more places around the country including urban, regional and remote.

The Plan focuses on innovation, leadership and accountability so that we make sure we are providing best practice services tailored to the needs to our communities.

It ensures we maintain strong partnerships and strengthen the role we play in the development of health policy, program development, reform, implementation and monitoring into the future. The health workforce is also a critical priority in the plan to ensure we are not only delivering culturally appropriate services but also providing local employment for Aboriginal people in their own communities.

We have designed the Plan so it can be utilised to inform and guide policy makers – both in government and the NGO sectors – as they develop their own policy and plans. Without an evidence-based approach that uses accurate data and quality research, plans, aspirations and goals can all fall short or lose direction.

I trust it will complement the Government's eagerly awaited National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan, so both NACCHO and government can work together to continue the great benefits the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health model brings to Closing the GAP in Aboriginal health.

I urge you to take them away and review them – to consider the goals, strategies and vision of our sector and than consider how you can work with us to provide a healthier future for our people.



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Practice of the Year

MOSSMAN Gorge Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC) was named AGPAL's Rural & Remote General Practice of the Year in a gala event in Sydney on Friday, September 27.

Mossman Gorge PHCC, the only community controlled primary health care centre on Cape York, is run by Apunipima Cape York Health Council which provides culturally appropriate, family-centred comprehensive primary health care to 11 Cape York communities.

Australian General Practice Accreditation Ltd (AGPAL) is the leading provider of accreditation and related quality improvement services to general practices. Accreditation is based on standards developed by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

Apunipima Program Manager: Family Health Leeona West says the award is a significant milestone for Apunipima, Mossman Gorge PHCC and, most importantly, the people and communities of Cape York.

"AGPAL accreditation demonstrates our ability to provide the highest quality care," she said.

"This award means we are providing the highest quality of care possible in a rural and remote setting. It is significant as we were competing against mainstream organisations from across Australia.

"To be recognised as the Rural and Remote General Practice of the Year sends a clear message that Aboriginal Health Organisations are providing the best care in



Staff at the award-winning Mossman Gorge Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC) and, at right, their trophy.

the country. The people of Cape York deserve the very best care. This award recognises that our service is providing it."

The health picture in Mossman Gorge has changed significantly since Apunipima took over the community's small Queensland Health clinic in 2009.

"Back then, the clinic had paper records

and doctors who visited the community for four hours a week. Anecdotally, health outcomes were poor with high rates of smoking, drinking and chronic disease," Ms West explained.

"Apunipima took over the clinic in December 2009, rebuilt it to AGPAL standards by June 2010, introduced

electronic records and billing and was accredited by AGPAL in January 2011.

"We even implemented an Aboriginal patient friendly recall system which was so successful that the Brisbane Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service copied our system for their clients."



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NACCHO's Adelaide Summit a Success





NACCHO Chair Justin Mohamed speaking at the Adelaide Summit.

Inaugural Summit a major success

THE inaugural NACCHO National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Summit during August this year in Adelaide was a great success!

The three-day talkfest featured dozens of seminars and discussions looking at Aboriginal health from all angles.

In the words of NACCHO CEO Lisa Briggs, it was “an opportunity to showcase the national, state and local best practices in the management of the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.”

The conference opened with a passionate speech by NACCHO Chair Justin Mohamed, who outlined a 10-point plan for achieving a healthier future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

This framework to Aboriginal health embodies a passion in Justin that dates back over 20

years, since he started working as a junior with Rumbalara Medical Clinic in Shepparton. This aim to improve health and life expectancy – a multi-generational issue – is all about community, because that’s where it comes from.

Rather than the often-used top down, prescriptive approach, NACCHO’s vision represents a collective effort, where the community drives the policy as opposed to reacting to it. The 10-point plan is underpinned by the Close The Gap Statement of Intent signed by governments and NGOs.

The plan also follows Article 24 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which ensures the right to the enjoyment of highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

Justin said: “This is a plan strong on innovation, leadership

and accountability to realise best practice. Above all though, it’s about developing culturally appropriate services and providing employment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in their own communities.

And that goal seems to be going superbly well if you consider the numbers in a recently released report.”

Impressive

Compiled by the Australian Institute of Health & Welfare, the report highlights the work done by Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. And the numbers are impressive.

NACCHO provides primary health care to 350,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people per year, with three-quarters of health gains made having been against Close the Gap Targets directly attributable to NACCHO’s

150 member organisations.

Eighty per cent of NACCHO members see more than 300,000 clients each year, or around half of our Indigenous population.

There were two million episodes of health care, a 100 per cent increase since the last report was tabled four years ago.

Between 1991 and 2010, there was a 37 per cent decline in overall mortality, and over the same period, a 62 per cent improvement in infant mortality.

The report also says that because of NACCHO, 84.2 per cent of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander babies are now born at normal birth weight.

NACCHO is also Australia’s largest single employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, a promising achievement as it closes in on the targets set for Close the Gap 2030.

Of course, Justin Mohamed is

not saying the job is done... far from it.

“The report card does confirm that the grassroots model of Aboriginal health in Aboriginal hands is the solution to closing the gap,” he says.

“This is because we know our people, we understand their needs and we know how to treat our communities, families and individuals in a holistic way.”

The NACCHO conference highlighted how much is being achieved by communities when they are empowered to find solutions to their health issues.

The conference brought together workers and stakeholders from around the country to share stories and insights that are obviously flourishing in a service delivery framework of pride, innovation and deep cultural knowledge.

The road to closing the gap may finally have some signposts.



Culture – critical to Aboriginal health

It is time to move away from the deficit model that is implicit in much discussion about the social determinants of health, and instead take a strengths-based cultural determinants approach to improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

This was one of the messages from Ngiare Brown, Professor of Indigenous Health and Education at the University of Wollongong, in a keynote address to the NACCHO Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Summit in Adelaide today.

Professor Brown also stressed the importance of a focus on resilience, and the value of the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health (ACCH) sector as a national network for promoting cultural revitalisation and sustainable intergenerational change.

Connections to culture and country build stronger individual and collective wellbeing

Although widely accepted and broadly researched, the social determinants approach to health and wellbeing appear to reflect a deficit perspective – demonstrating poorer health

outcomes for those from lower socioeconomic populations, with lower educational attainment, long-term unemployment and welfare dependency and intergenerational disadvantage.

The cultural determinants of health originate from and promote a strengths-based perspective, acknowledging that stronger connections to culture and country build stronger individual and collective identities, a sense of self-esteem, resilience, and improved outcomes across the other determinants of health including education, economic stability and community safety.

Exploring and articulating the cultural determinants of health acknowledges the extensive and well-established knowledge networks that exist within communities, the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service movement, human rights and social justice sectors.

Consistent with the thematic approach to the Articles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), cultural determinants include, but are not limited to:

- self-determination;
- freedom from discrimination;
- individual and collective rights;
- freedom from assimilation

and destruction of culture;

- protection from removal/relocation;
- connection to, custodianship, and utilisation of country and traditional lands;
- reclamation, revitalisation, preservation and promotion of language and cultural practices;
- protection and promotion of Traditional Knowledge and Indigenous Intellectual Property; and
- understanding of lore, law and traditional roles and responsibilities.

Power of resilience

The exploration of resilience is a powerful and culturally relevant construct.

Resilience may be defined as the capacity to “cope with, and bounce back after, the ongoing demands and challenges of life, and to learn from them in a positive way”, positive adaptation despite adversity or “a class of phenomena characterised by good outcomes in spite of serious threats to adaptation or development”

Resilience is important because:

- it is culturally significant – we are a resilient culture, surviving and thriving;
- resilient people/communities are better prepared for stronger, smarter, healthier, successful futures and

have better outcomes across the social determinants of health (education, health, employment);

- resilient individuals are more likely to provide a positive influence on those around them and are better able to develop and maintain positive relationships with others – family, friends, peers, colleagues;

- resilience promotes collective benefits – social cohesion, community pride in success, economic stability, and improved health and wellbeing.

There is a developing body of international work describing cultural continuity and cultural resilience.

Scholars such as Fleming and Ledogar propose dimensions including traditional activities, traditional spirituality, traditional languages, and traditional healing.

Further, Native American educators propose cultural protective factors and cultural resources for resilience such as symbols and proverbs from common language and culture, traditional child rearing philosophies, religious leadership, counsellors and Elders.

The cultural determinants of health and wellbeing may be seen to be wrapping around – or cutting across – individual,

internal, external and collective factors.

A ‘social and cultural determinants’ approach recognises that there are many drivers of ill-health that lie outside the direct responsibility of the health sector and which therefore require a collaborative, inter-sectoral approach.

There is an increasing body of evidence demonstrating that protection and promotion of traditional knowledge, family, culture and kinship contribute to community cohesion and personal resilience.

Current studies show that strong cultural links and practices improve outcomes across the social determinants of health.

There are certain services only the NACCHO and ACCH sector can and should do – child protection; mental health; women’s business; and men’s health. This is useful in assisting policy and resourcing decision-making dependent upon context, geography, demography and tailoring services to local needs and priorities

The ACCH sector provides a true national network and a vehicle for cultural revitalisation. A cultural determinants approach and cultural revitalisation drive sustainable intergenerational change.

Telehealth signals the future for Aboriginal Health Services

“INCREASING the uptake of Telehealth across the community controlled sector has the potential to make a huge difference for patients,” NACCHO’s Telehealth Delivery Manager Roy Monaghan announced at this year’s Summit.

“For many, the Telehealth project will mean the end of driving long hours on bad roads to get vital medical attention. For the chronically ill, this could be a life-extending development.”

Roy Monaghan says the aim is to enhance Aboriginal peoples’ access to

specialists by supporting patient consultations using videoconferencing facilities within Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) across Australia.

But Telehealth is not just for doctors and their patients. Service providers can also hook-up and swap information, and of course so can communities. A problem shared could mean a problem solved. This will allow ACCHSs to develop Telehealth plans tailored to their needs, along with the pre-requisite training.

Telehealth is still to impact on a majority of

eligible services. A recent NACCHO survey of 100 services revealed that only 30 were involved in Telehealth. NACCHO has 150 members and Roy Monaghan wants them all involved.

Encouragingly, 63 services have taken advantage of NACCHO’s infrastructure grants, which means they can now be networked and linked with specialists in remote areas.

“You will now have those services talking together and the fact is communication is one of the great keys for improving the way those services

operate,” Monaghan says.

NACCHO hopes that all 150 members will join the model within the next two years and use the capital grants to help them meet the establishment costs of the required infrastructure. This may happen even sooner if Monaghan can encourage members to make a stand.

“Members need to speak out about wanting this service, which will help increase pressure on decision makers,” he said.

Over the next four or five months, teleconferences will be held to explain how Telehealth will work, with

the ultimate fanfare sometime in the 2014/15 financial year when a new satellite is launched. This will reach communities that the much-hyped NBN will not or cannot service because of cost. The new satellite will guarantee the minimum level of upload and download speeds that Telehealth needs to function, although Monaghan concedes that the more people using it, the slower those speeds will become.

Monaghan will be visiting services around the country to further sell the Telehealth concept, a technology many

IT-shy Elders are struggling to get their heads around. But he is convinced that eventually Telehealth will become a “very natural process. The more that we’re able to get services talking to each other about the good practices that they already undertake, the ability to be able to transfer that information across the entire nation, it will have a beneficial effect.”

“I can’t quantify it at this time but it is going to be something that has a definite effect on how we deliver services for our people, and non-Indigenous Australians too.”



Twitter empowers our Storytellers

SOCIAL media, particularly Twitter, had a huge impact on amplifying the discussions and reach of the NACCHO Summit in Adelaide earlier this year. Within days of the Summit launch, 5,563,625 impressions from 3097 Tweets were recorded, adding gravity to NACCHO's heavyweight influence in the political arena on Aboriginal health issues in the lead-up to the federal election.

Pride emerged very strongly as a Summit theme, as well as a grab of the conference's Twitter analytics. One of the foundation stones of NACCHO and Aboriginal self-determination is community control. The community provides the expertise, drives the program and controls the message, which makes social media a perfect fit for an event like the inaugural NACCHO Summit.

While experienced social media users enjoyed the social media wave of #NACCHOSummit, many, including senior NACCHO people, were taken aback by the coverage results. NACCHO's CEO Lisa Briggs remarked:

"I think the social media coverage has been absolutely fantastic and taken the conference to places it probably wouldn't have been able to reach, just with newspapers and radio. So I think it's a very important and effective tool.

"The viralness (sic) of Twitter certainly surprised me, absolutely, and I think it's the attraction and the interest. Finding people's interests and them tweeting back, 'That's really good, can I hear more about those stories?', and

then getting in touch with others who are presenting them. I think I now know more people on social media than I do face to face."

The Summit convinced a number of NACCHO staff to join the Twitterverse and, with thousands of tweets generated by the end of the conference, there was plenty to inspire the "Twitter-virgins".

NACCHO Summit attendee Jake Byrne is not a Twitter virgin, although previously he tended to observe rather than join the debate. No longer.

"I'm probably going to have to get an account that's a bit more focused and work specific. I have to try and get a bit more active in the space, promoting different programs and ideas and things that I've been seeing.

"I reckon the more we spread the word, the better it is for everyone in promoting those really good stories that all too often in Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal health are the ones that don't get the spotlight shone on them."

Lisa Briggs expected social media at the NACCHO Summit to oscillate only within the limited reach of attendees and colleagues back at the office, but with federal election campaigns well underway, the topic of national Aboriginal health was blazing. Twice during the conference NACCHO's twitter tag "trended" nationally, meaning



that it was one of the top conversational subjects on the Twitter platform. These spikes, along with the sheer numbers of tweets, helped convince a government bureaucrat to make a hasty trip to Adelaide from Canberra to see what was

'I was impressed to see all the Tweets coming from the summit did put some pressure on the polities and brought it to national attention, and we were trending.'

grabbing Australia's attention.

Samantha Palmer is the First Assistant Secretary to the Office for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health and she sat in on the final day of the conference. With the election campaign in full swing, and the Federal Government in caretaker mode, Palmer wasn't able to speak publicly but she did spend private time with NACCHO members.

NACCHO CEO Lisa Briggs did

not mind that Samantha was unable to talk publicly at the summit – the coincidence of the election campaign and the conference was perfect.

"I think it's been a fantastic opportunity to get the good stories and inform wider Australia what's going on," she said.

"Through social media we've kept it on a political platform, asking questions about how they're contributing to Aboriginal Community Control and health in particular.

"During our Summit you would've seen more tweets directed at Tanya Plibersek (Federal Health Minister) and Peter Dutton (Shadow Health Minister). They may not be here physically but there are other ways of getting to them," she said.

At the other end of the political scale, NACCHO conference attendee Marlee Ramp, a 19-year-old medical student from Cairns, has now seen up close the potential

of Twitter.

"This week with all the hash tags, I started an account and followed the feed," she said.

"Obviously this week is all health focused, but it gives me a broader perspective of health and what my role may be in the future, and who I can get involved with."

Young, active, aware people like Marlee Ramp represent the future for Aboriginal self-

determination, as does social media. Why? Because it empowers the storytellers.

Jake Byrne, 30, could easily see the value in Twitter influencing political circles.

"I was impressed to see all the Tweets coming from the summit did put some pressure on the polities and brought it to national attention, and we were trending," he said.

"I actually got to understand what trending was and the power it has, which I wasn't really aware of before coming here.

"If we can control our message, that's brilliant. We've heard a lot in the past few days about myths that were being smashed through the evidence that's been collected so far, but I think those myths are propagated by other people sending messages about our community. If we can get our stories out there the way we want them to be told, that's really empowering."

The next NACCHO Summit is scheduled for April or May 2014. That means organisers and delegates will be filling social media just as budgets are being finalised by the new Coalition Government, and we now have no doubt the government will again be paying close attention to our sector's social media dialogue. Now that is handy timing.

If you would like assistance with social media such as Twitter contact the person who put this project together, NACCHO Media and Communications advisor Colin Cowell, who you can follow @NACCHOAustralia or email media@naccho.org.au

Active innovation at Warburton

ARECENT community-led initiative from the Western Desert township of Warburton to reduce the impact of chronic disease has led to the establishment of the Warburton Women's Exercise Group. Within three months attendance grew from five to 90 community members!

Warburton women Julie Porter and Lynnette Smith originally devised a plan involving three days per week of walking, a ladies-only gym, cooking classes and swimming at the local pool. The community has even produced an exercise DVD.

Owing to high temperatures, the activities tended to happen at sunset, Julie commenting that they enjoyed "stretching and laughing together as the full moon rose over the community."

Now as many as 20 community members attend each group and the culturally appropriate program has

broadened to include softball, jogging, dancing and, for the colder periods, indoor exercise. The positive feedback from all about making their "blood sugar low and losing weight" is a sentiment confirmed by visiting health specialists.

As with the Bush Camp program, the community drives this initiative as they are the experts in their own health and well-being. This approach fosters trust and respect.

A qualified trainer will visit Warburton later this month to show community members how to maintain a quality exercise program.

Healthy catering

Meanwhile, on the other side of the country, the fight against obesity and chronic disease has seen the Queensland Aboriginal Health Council (QAIHC) develop an innovative program around food catering guidelines, spurred

by a 2004/5 survey that showed less than 50 per cent of Aboriginal people eat sufficient fruit, and less than 8 per cent eat sufficient vegetables at rates recommended by 2003 dietary guidelines.

QAIHC has delegated a staff member to develop a preferred catering supplier list based on compliance to: the Australian Guideline to Healthy Eating; limited amounts of saturated fats, sugars and salt; promotion of healthy options via vending machines and at fundraising drives; adequate food safety measures; special dietary requirements of staff and visitors where possible; and the following metrics:

- at least 80 per cent of total food offered is healthy;
- at least one option is vegetarian; and
- at least one-third of the food is fruit and/or vegetables.

Despite battling staffing and accreditation issues, which have somewhat stifled implementation, after 12 months QAIHC's Catering Guidelines have generated some real changes.

A survey of consumers reported that 80 per cent liked the food offered, with 86 per cent reporting eating less unhealthy food since implementation.

Numerous venues are also now offering healthy menus, while the preferred caterers say they are now more aware of healthy food options.

These Catering Guidelines are being shared with other service providers, including drug and rehabilitation services and the Cancer Council.

QAIHC staff say the key from here is to keep food choices varied and provide nutrition workshops that will keep the providers up to date with any new tastes and trends.



NACCHO Healthy for Life

HEALTHY for Life (HfL) is the first Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH)-funded program with a strong focus on continuous quality improvement (CQI). It collects and reports on health outcome data that go beyond service activity reporting. The formal objectives of the program are to:

- improve child and maternal health care services;
- improve men's health;
- improve prevention, early detection and management of chronic disease;
- increase the capacity of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce for improving long-term health outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

The Healthy for Life program is available to established primary health-care providers in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSes), state and territory health services and Divisions of General Practice. ACCHS comprise about 65 per cent of the services participating in the program.

A national report based on HfL data was published by AIHW early this year (AIHW 2013a). This report card was prepared by AIHW for a subset of ACCHS included in the national report with funding from NACCHO.

This report card

This report card provides data from a number of sources: preliminary population and housing data from the 2011 Census (ABS 2012a and 2012b), data from AIHW work on health expenditure and data from HfL and Online Service Reporting (OSR). Information is provided against Essential Indicators from

the HfL Program for ACCHS that have participated in the program since 2007.

Therefore, this data only provides information on the ACCHSes that submitted data for the entire collection period from 2007 to 2011, not all ACCHSes.

These indicators enable ACCHSes to benchmark themselves and assess areas where they have done well since the inception of the HfL program, as well as areas that could be improved.

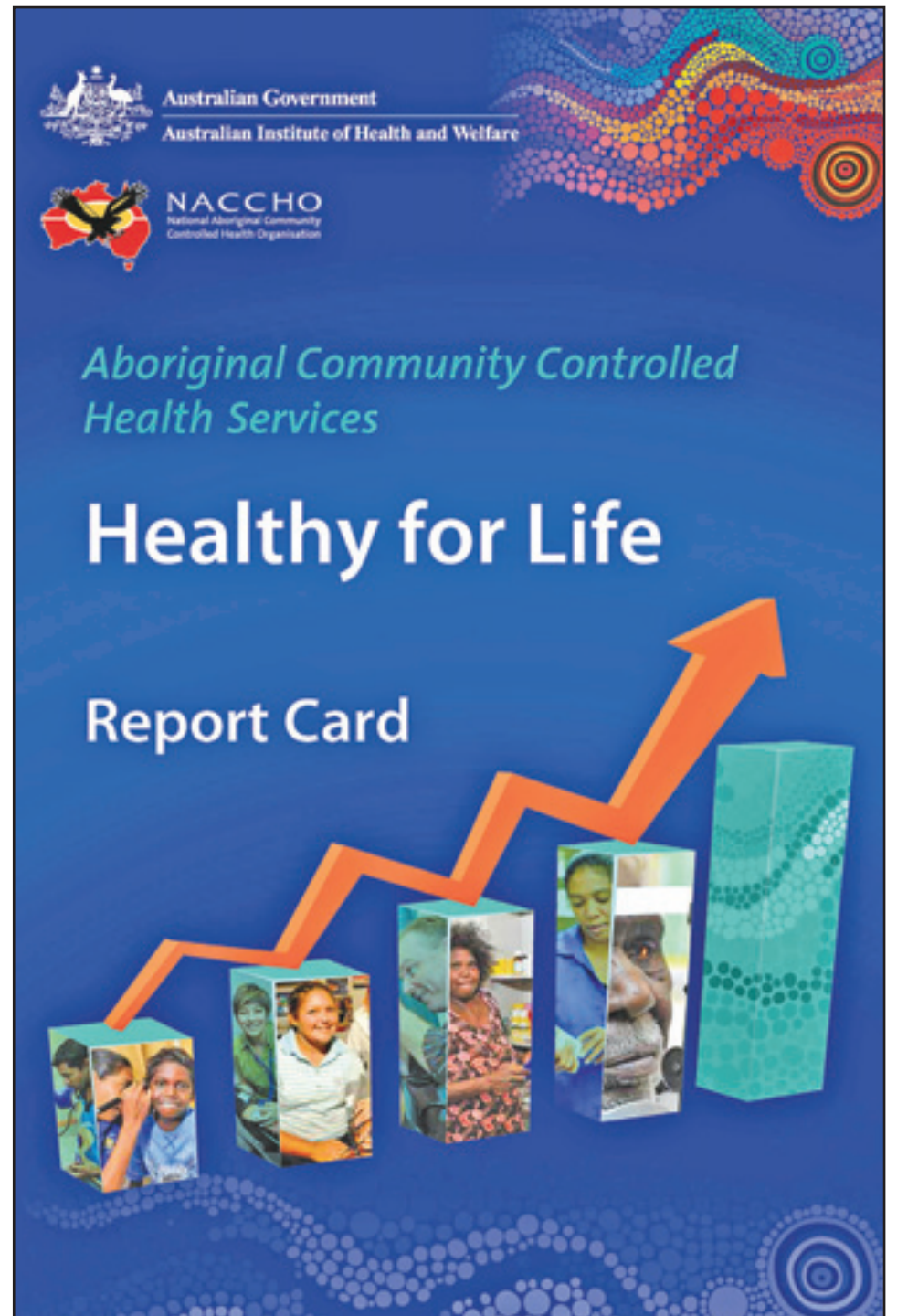
Additionally, information is presented from the Online Service Reporting (OSR) data collection on staffing, client numbers, governance, accreditation status, and use of technology to provide more context about ACCHSes.

While there are no health expenditure data specific to ACCHSes, data for the total Australian Indigenous population are provided to show the investments made in this area and how they are spent.

How much money is spent by Australian governments on health of Indigenous Australians?

Indigenous health expenditure was estimated to be \$4.55 billion in 2010-11, 3.7 per cent of the total Australian health expenditure. The corresponding figure for non-Indigenous Australians was \$119 billion. In 2010-11 health expenditure per Indigenous person was \$7995, an increase of 12 per cent from \$7139 in 2008-09. For non-Indigenous people, per person expenditure in 2010-11 was \$5436.

For every dollar spent per non-Indigenous



Australian, \$1.47 was spent per Indigenous Australian (AIHW 2013b).

Australian Government expenditure on Indigenous-specific health services has continuously increased since 1995-96. In 2010-11, the Commonwealth funding for Indigenous-specific programs was \$624 million. This is a real growth of 265 per cent since 1995-96 (AHMAC 2012).

Community health expenditure

In 2010-11, total health expenditure on community health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians was \$1119.6 million. Of this, \$444 million (36.3 per cent of the total Indigenous health expenditure) was directly administered by

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the Australian Government, while states and territories spent \$673 million (21.6 per cent of total Indigenous health expenditure by state and territory governments) on community health services. An estimated \$429 million of Australian Government expenditure on community health services was administered through ACCHSes.

Expenditure by remoteness

The average expenditure on health for Indigenous Australians was lowest in Inner regional areas and Major cities in 2008-09 (the most recent year for which figures are available). Expenditure per capita on hospital care within public hospitals for Indigenous people was greatest in the more remote areas.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) expenditures were greater in more remote areas where the section 100 arrangements apply. Under section 100 of the *National Health Act 1953*, clients of approved remote area Aboriginal Health Services (AHSes) are able to receive PBS medicines directly from the AHS at the time of medical consultation, without the need for a normal prescription form and without charge. Expenditure through OATSIH grants to ACCHS was also higher in Remote and Very Remote areas.

Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSes)

In 2010-11, a total of 235 primary health care services provided data for OSR (AIHW 2012) and 117 of these were ACCHSes. In total, 310,038 clients attended 109 ACCHSes in 2010-11 and, of these, 78 per cent were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.

The OSR collection mainly includes data on clinical and non-clinical staffing, both paid by the service and visiting; primary health care services delivered including health prevention; numbers of clients; and episodes of care. Contextual information such as governance, accreditation and access to technology are also from OSR.

- Most ACCHSes were located in Inner and Outer Regional areas, followed by Very Remote areas

- Most ACCHSes had governing bodies which were 100 per cent Indigenous

- All services had internet/web access, but 18 per cent had no broadband

- The majority of services used an electronic patient information recall system, but 15 per cent did not

- The clients of ACCHSes also came predominantly from Inner and Outer Regional areas followed by Remote and Very Remote areas

- Although the client numbers were highest in Inner and Outer Regional areas, this is not reflected in the availability of clinical staff. Clinical staff per 1000 clients in these regions were lower than in others, and distribution of AHWs were similar in all regions, but



● Above: Investing in Healthy Futures for generational change like the kids from Titjikala, south of Alice Springs.

Photo courtesy The Centralian Advocate

● Left: Aboriginal health workers at Danila Dilba Darwin play a vital role in Healthy Futures.

nurses were less available in Inner and Outer Regional areas compared with Major Cities Remote and Very Remote areas

- The rate of administrative staff per 1000 clients was relatively high in Remote and Very Remote areas

- The availability of drivers/field

officers was high in Remote areas

- The number of dental health staff was highest in Major Cities, with far fewer dental health staff in other regions.

ACCHS locations

Of the 117 ACCHSes participating in Healthy for Life, the

majority were in Inner and Outer Regional areas of Australia (30 services in each of the regions). There were 17 ACCHS in Major Cities and in Remote areas, while 23 were located in Very Remote areas.

Please note that regions are defined using the ABS ASGC

remoteness classification. Accordingly, for Queensland, services in Brisbane are classified as being located in Major Cities, those in Dalby as Inner Regional, in Chinchilla as Outer Regional and in Roma and Longreach as Remote and Very Remote areas respectively.



NACCHO

Aboriginal Male Healthy Futures

Blueprint 2013-2030

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Masculinity
Social and Cultural
determinants



Respect for

Laws
Elders
Culture
Traditions



Responsibility

Leaders
Males
Teachers
Holders of Lore
Providers
Warriors
Protectors of
our Family
Women
Old People

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By investing in

1 Aboriginal Male Health

To deliver

2 Innovative gender based Comprehensive Primary
health care for Aboriginal Males

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3 Health

4 Mental
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5 Social
Determinants

Underpinned by the need to improve

6 Access

7 Male
Workforce

8 Integration

9 Research
Data

10 Accountability, Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation

We will achieve

Aboriginal Male Healthy Futures for Generational Change



Aboriginal males came from around Australia to launch the blueprint at Parliament House, Canberra.

Male Health vital

THE National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation has long recognised the importance of an Aboriginal male health policy and program to close the gap by 2030 on the alarming Aboriginal male mortality rates across Australia. Aboriginal males have arguably the worst health outcomes of any population group in Australia.

To address the real social and emotional needs of males in our communities, NACCHO proposes a positive approach to Aboriginal male health and wellbeing.

NACCHO, its affiliates and members are committed to building upon past innovations and we require targeted actions and investments to implement a wide range of Aboriginal male health and wellbeing programs and strategies.

We call on State, Territory and Federal governments to commit to a specific, substantial and sustainable funding allocation for the NACCHO Aboriginal Male Health 10-Point Blueprint 2013-2030.

This blueprint sets out how the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHO) sector will continue to improve our rates of access to health and wellbeing services by Aboriginal males through working closely within our communities, strengthening

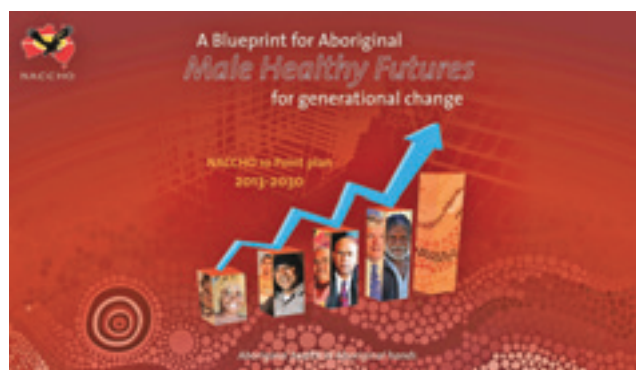
cultural safety and further building upon our current Aboriginal male health workforce and leadership.

The NACCHO 10-Point Blueprint Plan is based on a robust body of work that includes the Close the Gap Statement of Intent and the Close the Gap targets; the National Framework for the Improvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Health (2002); NACCHO's position paper on Aboriginal male health (2010); the 2013 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan (NATSIHP); and the NACCHO Healthy Futures 10-Point Plan 2013-2030.

These solutions were developed in response to the deep-rooted social, political and economic conditions that effect Aboriginal males and how these conditions relate to the delivery of essential health care.

Our Blueprint is evidence and needs-based, aimed at addressing critical inequalities in Aboriginal male health services toward achieving equality of health and life expectancies between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal males by 2030.

This Blueprint celebrates our success to date, proposing partnership strategies to which governments, NACCHO affiliates and member services must commit to ensure major health gains are maintained into the future.



NACCHO, our affiliates and members remain focused on creating a healthy future for generational change and the NACCHO Aboriginal Male Health 10-Point Blueprint 2013-2030 will enable comprehensive and long-term action to achieve real outcomes.

To close the gap in life expectancy between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal males within a generation we must achieve these 10 Points:

1. To call on government at all levels to allocate a specific, substantial and sustainable fund for the NACCHO Aboriginal Male Health 10-Point Blueprint Plan 2013-2030, which is a comprehensive, long-term Aboriginal male health plan of action that is based on evidence, targeted to need and capable of addressing the existing inequities in Aboriginal male health.
2. To assist in the delivery of community-controlled, comprehensive primary male

health care services that are culturally appropriate, accessible, affordable, high quality and innovative. This will in turn bridge the gap in health standards, respecting and promoting the rights of Aboriginal males in urban, rural and remote areas, leading to lasting improvements in Aboriginal male health and well-being.

3. To ensure Aboriginal males have broad access to health services and infrastructure that are equal in standard to those enjoyed by other Australians.

4. To prioritise specific funding to address mental health, social and emotional well-being and suicide prevention for Aboriginal males.

5. To address social determinants relating to identity, culture, language, land, violence, alcohol, employment and education.

6. To improve access to and responsiveness of mainstream health services and programs that deal with Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people's health. This may include restructuring clinics to accommodate male specific areas or off-site areas, even specific service access points (eg. back door entrance) to improve attendance and acknowledge culturally sensitive gender issues.

7. To build an adequate workforce to meet Aboriginal male health needs by increasing the recruitment, retention, effectiveness and training of male health practitioners working within Aboriginal settings, especially across the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce.

8. To identify and prioritise where appropriate key Aboriginal male health issues in the development, execution and monitoring of all policies and practices across all Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs). Specialised Aboriginal male health programs and targeted, timely interventions must be developed to address the life cycle of male health.

9. To build on the evidence of what works in Aboriginal health, using AIHW-standard research and data on relevant local and international experience.

10. To measure, monitor and report on our joint efforts against benchmarks and targets in order to ensure that we progressively reach our shared vision.

Notes: NACCHO is the national authority in comprehensive primary Aboriginal healthcare.

The NACCHO Healthy Futures 10-Point Plan 2013-2030, launched in June 2013, provides our sector, stakeholders, partners and governments with a clear set of priorities and strategies that will result in improvements in Aboriginal health outcomes. It is the foundation for this NACCHO Aboriginal Male Health 10-Point Blueprint Plan 2013-2030.

Throughout this article, the word Male is used instead of Men. At the inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Health Gathering at Alice Springs in 1999, all delegates present agreed that the word Male would be used instead of the word Men, with the intention being to encompass the Male existence from its beginnings in the womb until death.

Also, the word Aboriginal is used instead of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. This is in line with the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) being representative of Aboriginal People. This does not intend to exclude nor be disrespectful to our Brothers from the Torres Strait Islands.

We celebrate Aboriginal masculinities and uphold our traditional values of respect for our laws, respect for elders, culture and traditions, responsibility as leaders and men, teachers of young males, holders of lore, providers, warriors and protectors of our families, women, old people, and children.



Aboriginal Male Healthy Futures Blueprint 2013-30





Saving sight in NT

THE Fred Hollows Foundation (The Foundation) and the Northern Territory Government delivered a week of eye surgery to Indigenous Territorians at the Alice Springs Hospital during September this year.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults are six times more likely than other Australians to go blind and with the rise in diabetes related eye disease, matters are only going to get worse.

"The good news is that up to 94% of vision loss for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is preventable or treatable, and the surgeries happening in Alice Springs this week by Dr Tim Henderson and all those involved in coordinating this activity, are integral to improving access and delivering services to address the alarming statistics of blindness." (Jaki Barton, Manager, The Fred

Hollows Foundation, Indigenous Australia Program, September 2013).

Central Australia and Barkly Integrated Eye Health Strategy

The Central Australia and Barkly Integrated Eye Health Strategy (CABIEHS) was initiated in 2007 and is a collaboration of service providers, funders and advocates working towards the vision that "All people in Central Australia and the Barkly have access to timely and appropriate eye health and vision care services".

A review of the Central Australia and Barkly Integrated Eye Health Strategy concluded that eye health issues are significant for Aboriginal people in Central Australia and the Barkly; and there are indications that Aboriginal people in the region have the poorest eye health status in

Australia (Health Policy Analysis, 2011, commissioned by The Foundation).

Since the commencement of CABIEHS, The Foundation has undertaken a central role in coordinating, facilitating and monitoring the development of an effective and integrated eye health system in the Central Australia and Barkly regions.

Coordinated service delivery is the key to achieving improved effectiveness and efficiencies to achieve equitable service delivery, increased access and improved outcomes in eye health.

To build the sustainability of CABIEHS, The Foundation is seeking to transfer its coordination responsibilities to the other CABIEHS partners over time.

CABIEHS comprises five major partners, representing the key service providers, funders, policy makers and advocates for eye health services in Central Australia

and the Barkly regions of the NT:

- The Fred Hollows Foundation has the primary coordination role for the implementation of the wider strategy; and specifically coordinates the planning and implementation of the Intensive Eye Surgery Weeks (IESW) and the management of stakeholder relations.

- The Foundation's Indigenous Australia Program staff play a critical role in supporting patients during their stay in Alice Springs and during their patient pathway at the Alice Springs Hospital.

- The Foundation also contributes financially to the each of the IESWs; and is responsible for the recruitment and contracting of external and additional medical staff to assist NT DoH Alice Springs Eye Clinic staff during the IESWs. The Foundation recruited and contracted two external medical staff to work during the Intensive Eye Surgery Week in September.

- Northern Territory Department of Health, Central Australia Hospital Network (Alice Springs Hospital/Eye Health Clinic) conduct the eye surgery at the Alice Springs Eye Clinic; and the DoH's Patient Assistance Travel Scheme arranges travel and accommodation for those patients who live more than 200km from Alice Springs;

- Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Inc provides additional support, as required, during the IESW;

- Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation provides support to assist patients at the hospital during the IESW;

- Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing financially supports the CABIEHS coordination costs and has financially contributed to the implementation of the Intensive Eye Surgery Weeks since they commenced in 2007.

Eye surgery restores Bruce's vision

BRUCE Clifford Swan lives at Lilla, a small remote community located 10km from the iconic Kings Canyon, part of the Watarrka National Park, 320km south-west of Alice Springs and 1300km south of Darwin. The community has a very small population and is accessible only via 4WD in good weather conditions.

Bruce is married and has three adult children and three grandchildren.

Bruce's eye condition is diabetic retinopathy and cataracts.

Over several hours, Bruce travelled with his wife by car to Alice Springs from Lilla earlier this year to receive cataract surgery in one eye. This was his first trip to Alice Springs (or anywhere for a surgical procedure). Ophthalmologist Dr Tim Henderson successfully performed the cataract operation and within days Bruce had completed his post-operation assessment, reporting no pain or discomfort.

Bruce received diabetic retinopathy laser treatment at his local community clinic at Ukaka (located near Lilla) about 18 months ago and since then has had to wear close vision spectacles.

Over a year ago, Bruce was told by outreach ophthalmology staff that he needed cataract surgery, but he was unable to

make the trip to Alice Springs at that time. He was very excited to be able to finally receive cataract surgery recently and has been advised by medical staff it is likely he will not need to wear the close vision spectacles after the cataract surgery. This will be confirmed in three months time after he receives a routine check-up at his local health clinic.

What does Bruce do?

Currently, Bruce works with his wife, Vera and her two sisters conducting cultural tours within Watarrka National Park and around the Lilla community. With his improved vision the horizons on business and home life look a lot broader.

What does it mean to Bruce to see again?

For many years Bruce has worked in a variety of jobs in his region. He is locally renown as a bush mechanic, "the go-to man" for locals and tourists needing mechanical assistance.

He has worked extensively with road contractors to operate and maintain heavy vehicles and machinery for road building and maintenance works. He has also worked in the pastoral industry building fences, etc.

In more recent years he has worked in the Night Patrol checking on road conditions and

signs to ensure safety of road users. Bruce's impaired vision during the past two years has prevented him from driving a vehicle and significantly limited his capacity to undertake manual work, in particular his mechanical work and his role with Night Patrol.

How did Bruce feel about receiving the operation?

Bruce says he was very excited about his surgery, as he missed out a year ago on the surgical procedure. He reports that the local health clinic staff had briefed him well and let him know about the surgery so he was not scared at all.

How did Bruce feel when they took the bandage off?

Note that when the patch is removed 24 hours after cataract surgery, some people can see immediately, but eyes need to adjust to light so for many their vision remains blurred for a couple days.

While Bruce experienced some blurring initially, he is now back to doing things he has always done.

"It's good to see again," Bruce said.

The Fred Hollows Foundation

Bruce has heard stories about The Foundation including the work the Foundation does with Aboriginal communities in Australia and overseas. He has seen Fred Hollows, the



Bruce Clifford Swan, 55, from Lilla, following his recent successful cataract surgery in Alice Springs.

man, on TV and heard about Fred visiting Aboriginal communities in the "early days". See also www.hollows.org

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- * Demonstrated understanding and knowledge of issues related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

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Applications are now sought for the Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship for 2014.

Applicants must be people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.

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Preference will be given to applicants who do not already hold any other substantial scholarship.

The Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of an advisory committee appointed by the AMA. The value of the Scholarship given in 2014 will be \$9,000 per annum, paid in a lump sum each year of the course. The Scholarship will be awarded for a full course of study, subject to review at the end of each year.

Applications close 30 January 2014.

To receive further information and an application package, please contact Sandra Riley, Administration Officer, AMA on 02 6270 5452 or email sriley@ama.com.au. An application package can be downloaded from the AMA website www.ama.com.au/indigenous-peoples-medical-scholarship-2014.

The Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship Trust Fund has been established with a contribution from the Australian Government. The Trust Fund is administered by the Australian Medical Association.

The Australian Medical Association would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the Reuben Pelerman Benevolent Foundation to the Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship.



Tomorrow's Dream...

YOUNG, healthy girls are one of the target groups of the Tomorrow's Dream campaign aimed at reducing smoking by Aboriginal people.

Figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (2008*) showed 23 per cent of the male population smoked, along with 19 per cent of the female population. But, when you factor race into the equation, the data shows almost 50 per cent of Aboriginal males smoke and about 45 per cent of Aboriginal women. Of particular concern is the number of pregnant women smoking – about 50 per cent, with no sign of decreasing.

It is a damning statistic that a small band of health workers are hoping to change with a new campaign aimed at encouraging Indigenous Australians to quit smoking.

The Tomorrow's Dream radio and television campaign stars two popular Indigenous personalities – Aboriginal actor Kylie Farmer and Noongar hockey player Nathan McGuire.

Using language that is familiar to Aboriginal Australians, the pair encourage people to consider the benefits of quitting smoking, in particular the benefits to children.

Hayley Matthews is the coordinator of the Population Health team at the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia. She says the campaign aims to engage with people in an unthreatening manner.

Hayley Matthews, Kylie Farmer and Dr Dan McAulley at the launch.



"Currently there's a culture of blame and there's a culture of shame around people who smoke," Ms Matthews said.

"We want to highlight that there are benefits of quitting, rather than focusing on the shame of smoking. We're not here to tell people off for what they do but we're here to promote an alternative health behaviour. And, of course, who doesn't want their family to be healthier and who doesn't want to save more money?"

The campaign aims to promote a healthy lifestyle by explaining and

celebrating the health and financial benefits of quitting. It will air on commercial television and radio, as well as display ads on buses along selected routes in the Kwinana, Thornlie/Armadale, Malaga and Midland areas around Perth.

The message will be further reinforced through outreach programs across metropolitan areas, including 'mums and bubs' classes, drop-in centres and youth centres.

The message is simple: "Smoke-free environments for children and reminding people that when you smoke, they smoke," Ms

Matthews said. "We encourage people to think about the benefits to our children and families when you quit smoking. It's not a scare campaign, it's a really positive, upbeat (one)."

Ms Matthews says the success of the campaign will be determined in a number of ways, from monitoring call numbers to Quitline to surveying target audiences on recall of the campaign message. – *By Samia O'Keefe, ABC Indigenous Online*

* 2008 ABS figures were used as 2011-2012 smoking data does not include race breakdown.

'Respect Yourself, Respect Your Culture. Quit today'

THE harm from cigarette smoke has no economic, cultural or racial barriers, but statistics show that the rates of young Aboriginal people smoking are alarmingly high.

Tomorrow's Dream is about encouraging people to celebrate healthy choices they have made; choices that will create a healthy future for them and their families.

It is not about scaring people or telling anyone off. We promote change and helping people find the resources and support they need to make that change, particularly quitting smoking.

DO YOU HAVE A

smoke-free

WORKPLACE POLICY?

If not, would you like assistance to develop a policy?

NACCHO currently has a program to assist Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to develop and implement their organisations Smoke free workplace policy.

What is the NACCHO Smokefree Program?

On 29 November 2008, the Council of Australian Governments agreed to a \$1.6 billion National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes to fund a broad package of initiatives the target of closing the life expectancy gap within a generation.

A key part of the NPA is reducing of the burden of tobacco related chronic disease by reducing Indigenous smoking rates. One strategy in achieving this is by mandating smoke free Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service workplaces.



NACCHO's aim

To assist all Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to become Smoke free workplaces; by assisting in the development and implementation of Smoke free workplace policy in services.

Further information

If you would like to further discuss developing or reviewing your current Smoke free workplace policy, please contact

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check out our website
<http://www.naccho.org.au/health-reform/smoke-free-project>





Health workers' vital role

THE role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers is poorly understood, despite their important work in Closing the Gap, the NACCHO Summit was told.

A range of multimedia resources to help improve understanding has been developed by the Rural Health Education Foundation. The resources aim to raise the profession's profile, foster greater respect for their role and contribute to improved inter-professional relationships, according to RHEF CEO Helen Craig.

The resources were developed after the Health Workforce Australia "Growing Our Future" report highlighted a range of barriers to this workforce achieving their potential. Ms Craig cited the report's finding that "a growing body of evidence links the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker workforce to improved health outcomes in diabetes care, mental health care, maternal and infant care, and palliative care".

Some key issues highlighted in the report:

- The lack of a nationally consistent understanding of the role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and their scope of practice

- Varying levels of respect, recognition and support shown to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers by other health professionals and employers.

NACCHO asked Ms Craig to identify the most important remaining barriers, to which she replied: "There needs to be more done within the curricula to ensure all healthcare professionals understand the role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers, their unique cultural skills and



Aboriginal Health Workers performing some of their important work.

understanding, and the importance of having this within the health team.

"Many of Australia's First Peoples find it difficult or daunting to access mainstream health services, or to connect with a non-Indigenous health provider. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers help bridge this gap. They are able to bring

the services into the community and to connect the community with the services."

A poll held during the live Summit panel program highlighted that 35 per cent of health teams where the audience members worked did not have any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Health Workers. A further 43 per cent stated that where there were some

in the team, they weren't fully utilised. The main reason put forward by half of the respondents was the lack of recognition of cultural expertise being required.

"Employers need to recognise that this role is vital to closing the health gap," Ms Craig declared.

"More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers need to be employed and to be able to work in a culturally safe workplace.

"Unfortunately, this isn't always the case, and so we hope that these resources will aid employers in understanding the need to change this and stop the burn out of this workforce.

"We urge people to use these resources and videos, and to encourage others to use them, and we hope that making these widely and freely available will help contribute to this passionate and committed workforce being recognised and valued, as they deserve to be."

The RHEF resources include a documentary, *A Unique Profession*, a clip of live panel discussions, filmed case studies and interviews, and an online and printable Learning Guide, providing self-directed in-depth education.

The Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education (LIME) network has worked with RHEF to develop eight short video training clips, which will be embedded in their teaching resources.

Ms Craig concluded: "This has been a significant and very valuable project that over the coming years will continue to help address the issues highlighted in the HWA 'Growing Our Future' report."

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In pursuit of quality



Sarah Paterson, left, and Aislinn Martin, right, presenting the first copy of RACGP Standards to NACCHO CEO Lisa Briggs in Canberra.

THE National Aboriginal Accreditation Officers Network is an affiliate-based network with an understanding and knowledge of the unique nature of the Aboriginal community controlled sector that acts as a national voice on quality improvement and is a responsive and appropriate support system for its sector.

The Network has been developing a range of initiatives that are designed to both tap into and build capacity in the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector. Focused on promoting and celebrating the quality and accreditation successes of the sector, the Network aims to ensure that organisations are well supported in pursuing their quality and accreditation journey.

The Network's expertise has been pooled in order to gain best results in the areas of support and resource provision to the sector. This will lead to better access to resources and information for Aboriginal Community Controlled Health services.

A key project under way is the development of an online one-stop-shop of resources and information about quality business systems. Member services will be able access information about key systems such as risk management, document control and organisational planning. Tool boxes of resources will be made available and connections to accreditation standards will be clear.

Excitingly, this key resource draws on the real experiences and expertise of people who work in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health services, ensuring that the resources provided are relevant and contemporary. The one-stop shop will be a dynamic space that invites services to upload their stories and share in sector wide pride about how our services do business. Project lead Lauren Trask from the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council has facilitated the inclusion of Queensland based services and been a strong advocate of drawing on service's expertise.

Relationships

Stakeholder relationships have also been a key focus for Trish Jean, NACCHO's Quality and Accreditation Officer and lead of the National Network.

"We really value relationships and working together and it's a way of inviting people to participate in building quality services and acknowledging that strength of knowledge and skills in the sector that contributes to better services for our communities," she said.

"The Network is opening up new frontiers in the inclusion of personnel from the sector in our projects. I also make the time to visit services and I've been fortunate enough to visit Danila Dilba Health Service in Darwin, Apunipima Cape York Health Council and Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre in Far North Queensland, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Brisbane, the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre and the Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service in South Australia."

This focus on stakeholder relationships saw the Network spend the day at the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners in Melbourne in June. This was an important event for continuing to develop mutual understanding of how best to use standards and accreditation in the development of quality services.

The RACGP's National Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and the Network are now working together to problem-solve and identify opportunities for meaningful application of the standards in the sector.

A key collaborative project funded by the Department of Health, led by the College and with the input of NACCHO and the sector is the second edition of the *Interpretive Guide to the RACGP Standards for General Practices (4th Edition)* for Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. NACCHO was delighted to host a visit from RACGP staff who delivered copies of the guide and provided a demonstration of the online version.

● **To stay up to date with news on accreditation support and the work of the National Aboriginal Accreditation Officers Network, go to <http://www.naccho.org.au/promote-health/accreditation/>**

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Are you eligible for support to help your service become accredited?

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- Celebrate accreditation and quality achievements;
- Give you access to accreditation and quality business systems resources and support;
- Provide expertise on quality business systems and successfully gaining accreditation; and
- Give you the opportunity to have a voice in the development of standards and accreditation processes.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that our health services are able to move along the quality and accreditation journey.

Are you eligible for support to help your service become accredited?

Organisations eligible for assistance are those that receive the majority of their recurrent funding for health service delivery as their core business from the Indigenous and Rural Health Services Division (formally OATSIH) of the Department of Health, such as Primary Health Care service providers. Substance Use and Social and Emotional Well-Being services, Link-up and Bringing Them Home services may also be eligible.

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Lauren Trask - QAIHC, Trish Jean - NACCHO & Roberta Newton - Apunipima - image courtesy of Apunipima Cape York Health Council

Keep an eye out for further information or contact your State and Territory Affiliate for more information.



Video boosts GP support for Aboriginal Health

“WORKING in an AMS gives you best bang for your medical buck,” according to GP Supervisor Dr Peter Fletcher, from Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service in Kempsey, NSW.

Dr Fletcher is one of a number of GP Supervisors, Practice Managers, Registrars and Allied Health Professionals appearing in a new North Coast GP Training (NCGPT) video which is helping to promote registrars working in Aboriginal Medical Services.

“You get the best bang for buck by working in an Aboriginal Medical Service because the community has been identified with the greatest needs medically, and at the same time you’re contributing to closing the medical gap,” Dr Fletcher says.

The new 10-minute video, *The Aboriginal Medical Service Experience*, was developed to highlight the benefits, rewards and challenges of working in an AMS whilst dispelling some of the myths and misconceptions which exist about what it is like to work in Aboriginal health. It also shines a light on the critical role which GPs and GP registrars can play in reconciliation and helping to close the gap on Indigenous health disadvantage.

“The need for the video first came out of discussions with some of our stakeholders within Aboriginal health services,” NCGPT Aboriginal Health Training Strategy Coordinator Liz Degotardi said.

“The AMSes wanted to see better promotional tools developed to target new registrars with accurate information about the services AMS’s provide.”

The video was also intended as a tool for junior doctors thinking of undertaking GP training to help them to decide whether working as a GP is for them, and also where they would like to be placed.

Filming took place at a number of NCGPT Aboriginal Health Training Services including Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service in Kempsey, Casino Aboriginal Medical Service and Galambila Aboriginal Health Service, Coffs Harbour.

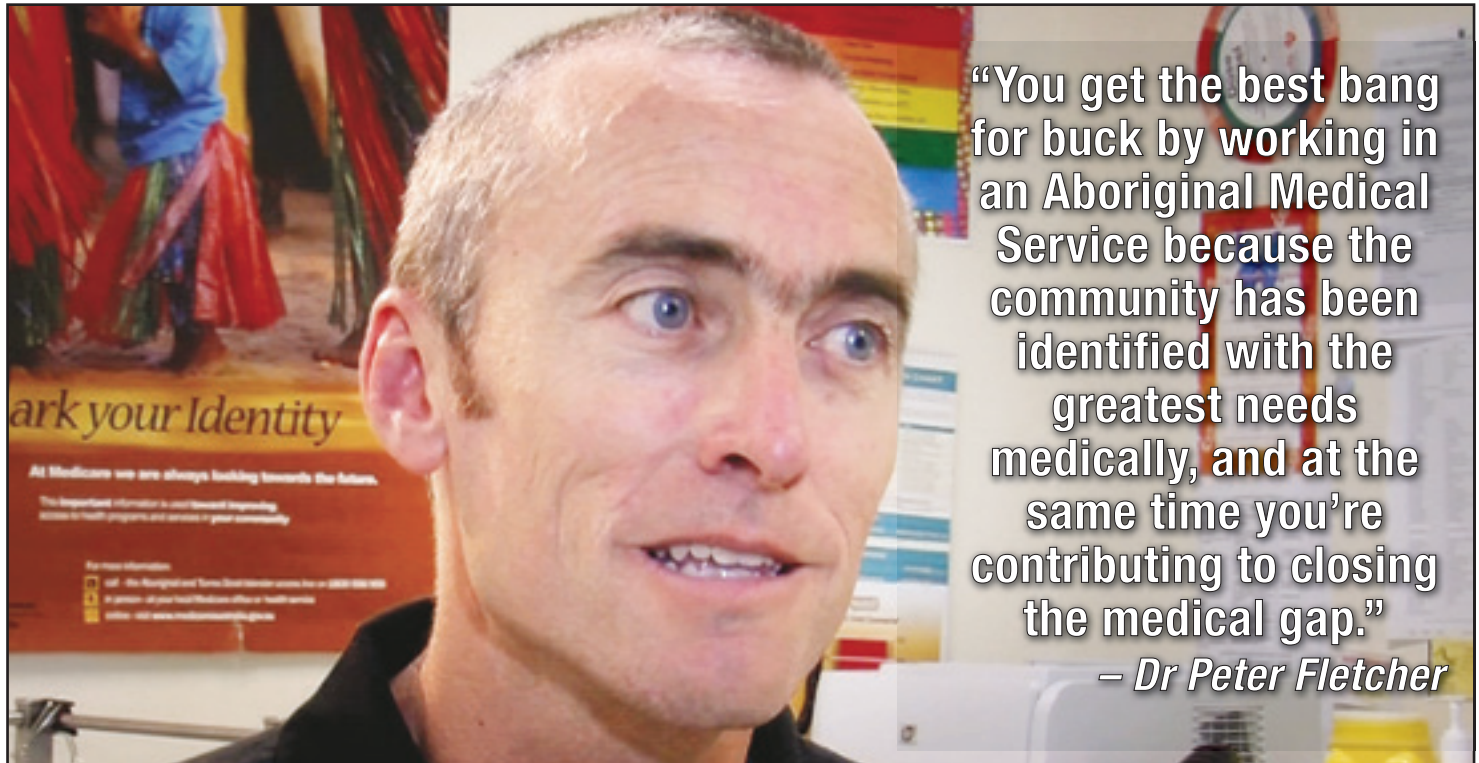
“People were really eager to support this project and to join the conversation. There was lots of discussion and content – in fact it was really difficult to condense it all into a couple of minutes!” Liz Degotardi said.

Important role

CEO of Casino AMS Steve Blunden wanted to use this opportunity to bring awareness to the current situation of Aboriginal health in communities, and the important role doctors play. “The reason why the AMS is involved with North Coast GP Training is that we really care about doctors understanding the problems experienced by Aboriginal people, and we really want them to experience the different types of health problems that our community have,” he said.

The video makes apparent the broad range of health issues patients present with at AMSes, which make for a strong learning environment for registrars.

NCGPT Registrar and 2013 RACGP Registrar of the Year Dr David Chessor said: “I’ve talked to a lot of friends who have significant apprehension about not seeing a wide enough breadth of medicine



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– Dr Peter Fletcher

to prepare them properly for exams and that’s just not true – there’s a really diverse range of medicine that you see in an AMS.”

The Aboriginal health services model is quite different to the norm in General Practice. There is a very strong focus on the importance of collaboration and teamwork between the doctors, allied health professionals and Aboriginal health workers to create a holistic approach to medicine.

“We have Indigenous and non-Indigenous people all working in together as a team to achieve the same thing, a continuation of care for our patients,” says Aboriginal Health Worker Jim Hurley.

Rewarding

A collaboration between NCGPT and participating AMSes, the video producers wanted to highlight the richly rewarding experience which comes from working in Aboriginal health which past registrars have called “life changing” and “a powerful, enriching and confronting experience”.

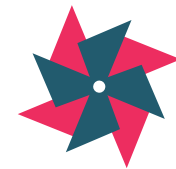
Although brand new and not yet distributed, the new video has already received hundreds of hits online and is having an impact.

“Since the production of the video, our Registrar Support Officer has received a lot of interest about placements within AMSes for 2014, so it is obviously hitting the mark!” Liz Degotardi said.

As it is a valuable tool for recruitment and promotional purposes, NCGPT is offering free use of the video to other Regional Training Providers or Government Departments to attract further interest in General Practice.

North Coast GP Training offers registrar placements within six accredited Aboriginal Medical Services throughout the Mid North and North Coast regions of NSW. To find out more about becoming a registrar and working in Aboriginal health, please contact NCGPT on (02) 6681 5711 or go to their website www.ncgpt.org.au

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NACCHO's new Sports Healthy Futures program gives Aboriginal youth the opportunity to improve their overall health and wellbeing through active participation in sports.

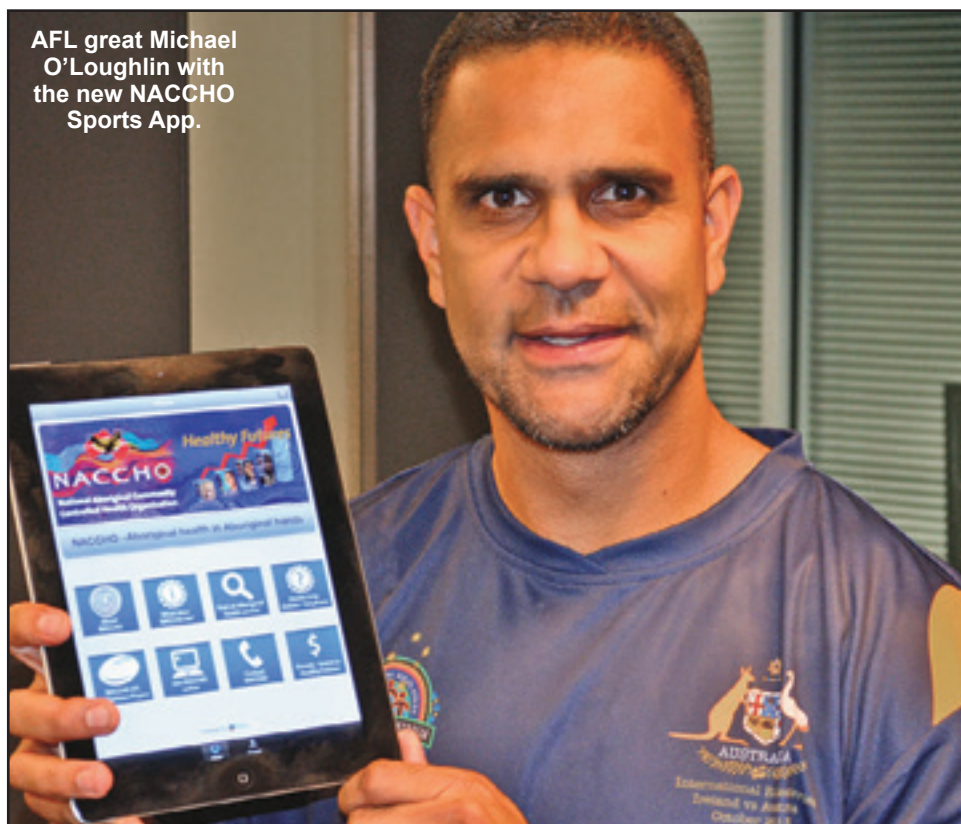
To qualify for the donated sports equipment, the applicant must partner with a NACCHO member and organise for all team members to have a health check at an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service or other medical service if applicable.

All team members are also encouraged to download the new NACCHO Aboriginal App from their relevant App store.

What can our sports healthy future program achieve in the long term for Aboriginal youth?

NACCHO's Investing in Healthy Futures for Generational Change Plan 2013-2030 has just been released, coinciding with the launch of our Sports Healthy Futures program. This program gives Aboriginal youth the opportunity to improve their overall health and wellbeing

AFL great Michael O'Loughlin with the new NACCHO Sports App.



through active participation in sports.

Additionally, by now partnering with the AFL and Aboriginal community sports organisations around Australia, we strengthen our resolve to Close the Gap for

future generations, with sports participation a key strategy.

Research shows that if a young person is happy and healthy, they will get the most out of their education, build their confidence

and self-belief, hopefully one day becoming a well-educated "Indigenous All Star" in the sport or employment of their choice.

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- Team sports help kids deal with winning and losing.
- Team sports can help kids overcome shyness

How to apply?

We invite every NACCHO member, Aboriginal community, sports or school to complete online application at www.naccho.org.au/sportshealthyfutures

How you can donate?

NACCHO recently launched a powerful Health & Sports App that, among many other features, will allow you to:

- Make secure credit card donations to the Sports Healthy Futures program
- Access instant receipts delivered to your device – no more hassles at tax time!

We would welcome your support, donation or participation in this exciting project.

NACCHO SPORTS APP TO CLOSE THE GAPP

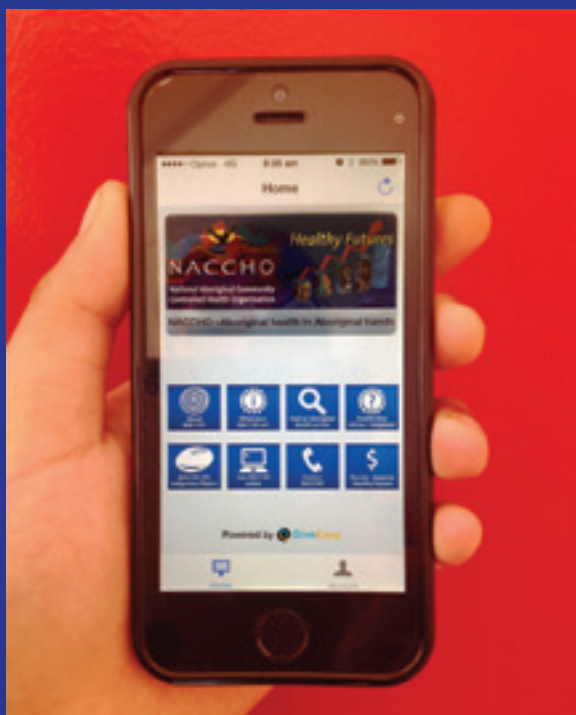
NACCHO's new Sports APP promotes the Sports Healthy Futures program that will give Aboriginal youth the opportunity to improve their overall health and wellbeing through active participation in sports.

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The App runs a geo locator, which will help you find the nearest Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation in your area, providing online health information and contact details across a wide range of topics, as well as further information or assistance should you need urgent help.

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The NACCHO App allows users to share, connect or contact NACCHO through our social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, daily news alerts and the NACCHO website.

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Tennant Creek success



A RECORD 77 Charles Darwin University students in Tennant Creek have just gained tertiary qualifications.

Tennant Creek Centre leader Kate Young said a mixture of flexible study modes and a broad range of certificates and diplomas had contributed to academic success in the town.

"Each student had their own challenges and demands, so to complete a qualification is something each graduate and their families can be proud of," she said.

Qualifications were presented in subjects including hospitality, automotive, arts, electro-technology, business, community services, resources and infrastructure, and training and assessment.

Ms Young said visiting lecturers from Darwin and Alice Springs had provided support, as had long-term local Indigenous academic support officer Chris Rothery and administrative officer Helen Hargraves.

"Without their combined support, very few people in Tennant would be able to access CDU training," she said.

"It has been a good year of steady growth and one on which I anticipate we will build next year."



Tennant Creek successes: CDU staff and Julalikari and Barkly Shire Night Patrol members with their certificates.



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Amanda Radomi, Bachelor of Arts (Indigenous Cultures and Australian Society) and Aaron Ken, Graduate Certificate in Aboriginal Studies.



University of South Australia

Students celebrate petitions



St Mary's Primary School students Emily and Graham enjoy some Aboriginal body painting with Uncle Mark Smith.



IT'S 50 years since the Yirrkala Bark petitions were created, and 55 students from the Catholic Diocese of Lismore came together to celebrate then in an overnight expo at Yarrowarra Cultural Centre, Corindi Beach, on the NSW north coast.

St Mary's Primary School, at Bowraville, hosted the NAIDOC event and invited students from five primary schools at Macksville, Wauchope, Laurieton, Dorrigo and Coraki, plus Newman Senior Technical College in Port Macquarie, to join them.

St Mary's principal Troy Baker said the event was designed to introduce Indigenous and other students to specific cultural activities.

"We were really excited as a total of 55 students attended, with each Indigenous student bringing a friend to participate in the expo," he said.

"It was a special event in that we wanted Indigenous students to participate in traditional activities but also have their non-Indigenous friends enjoy the uniqueness of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture."

Bowraville Elders Aunty Elaine Walker and Aunty Anne Edwards told stories to the students. Other activities included dance workshops, ochre painting, leatherwork, Indigenous games, bush tucker and music workshops.

The event was considered so successful that it will be held twice a year.

"The children and teachers enjoyed themselves immensely and we all look forward to the next one," Mr Baker said.

Helena receives minister's award



INDIGENOUS primary school student Helena Norton, 12, has received a Minister for Education and

Child Development Award, one of two primary school recipients in South Australia.

Helena, from St Mary Magdalene's School in Elizabeth, received the award in recognition of her outstanding academic and sporting achievement, her concern for others, the environment and the community.

The Narrindjeri/Kaurna/Arrente girl won a scholarship for her secondary schooling. She is a skilled netball player and is regarded by her school as a fine role model, 'willing to support others in sorting out conflict quickly and peacefully'.

The other award recipient was Georgia Vassallo-Wakefield, from St



SA Education Minister Jennifer Rankine presents Helena Norton, 12, with her award.

Joseph's School, Payneham, who had to re-learn how to talk and walk after suffering a major illness.

The awards are given as part of Children's Week celebrations.

New director right at home



THE incoming director of the University of Canberra's Ngunnawal

Centre, Craig Dukes, says he feels like he's coming home as he prepares to take charge of the university's support service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

A former student of the university, Mr Dukes graduated in 1990 with a Bachelor of Applied Science in the Conservation of Cultural Materials.

He said he used the Ngunnawal Centre at the time, and that returning to the university 'was part of the attraction' of the role.

"In many ways it feels like I am coming home ... it feels very familiar and I have fond memories of my time at the



Craig Dukes

Picture by Michelle McAulay, University of Canberra

centre, particularly as I made some lifelong friends while studying at the university," Mr Dukes said.

"It was a fantastic place to study and I am sure it will be a great place to work."

Mr Dukes' two children are also University of Canberra graduates.

"I am impressed that the university is committed to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander equality and supports an open and genuine dialogue to close the gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the wider community," he said.

Mr Dukes comes to the job after four years as the inaugural chief executive officer of Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA), an organisation that represents Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health professionals and students.

He starts his new role on December 2.



Kirwan High School ATSIMS students at Orpheus Island Research Station on the Great Barrier Reef.



Wilfred Reuben, of Thuringowa High School, at Orpheus Island Research Station.

Program to help reef



BLENDING Western science with traditional knowledge is helping encourage north Queensland Indigenous youth to aspire to a career in marine science, by tapping into their experience of countless generations of habitation near the Great Barrier Reef.

About 40 Indigenous Year 9 and 10 students visited James Cook University (JCU) on November 13 in the final chapter of its new five-week Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders in Marine

Science (ATSIMS) program. ATSIMS founding director Joe Pollock said the program was designed to inspire Indigenous youth to reconnect with their culture's marine knowledge and use this understanding to improve research and management of the reef.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have extraordinary contributions to make to Australia in every aspect of life including culture, economy and science," he said.

"They possess a wealth of both traditional and applied knowledge of Australia's marine systems, which should bolster



ATSIMS high school students with ATIMS founding director Joseph Pollock.

existing research and management initiatives and spark new lines of inquiry."

Indigenous Australians account for only 0.3 per cent of staff at Australia's

national science agency, the CSIRO, although they make up 2.5 per cent of Australia's population.

"At ATSIMS our aim is to help fill the gap between the potential of Indigenous Australians and the opportunities available in marine science and management to Australia's traditional custodians," Mr Pollock said.

The field-based science programs are offered mainly to Indigenous high school students to bolster their interest and skills in tertiary studies in marine science.

"During (recent) weeks, these talented Indigenous students have participated in in-class lectures by

enthusiastic, young marine scientists; explored the coral reefs adjacent to Orpheus Island Research Station; and visited the Australian Institute of Marine Science," Mr Pollock said.

"Some of the students are from freshwater – or inland – peoples, as opposed to saltwater peoples, so this would have been a steep learning curve for them, but a fascinating one."

Mr Pollock said the JCU events showed students what to expect from university and what job opportunities were available in marine science and management.

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Mallee health boost



THE biggest 'one-stop shop' for Aboriginal Health in north-west

Victoria is open for business.

The new \$4 million Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) Community Health Centre, in Mildura, officially opened with a community celebration day.

The new complex is the first purpose-built health service in the 30-year history of MDAS. It doubles the size of the existing health centre and is designed to relieve pressure on the growing staff and client base.

MDAS chief executive Rudolph Kirby said it was an exciting day for the Aboriginal community in north-west Victoria.

"The life span of Koori people is still about 10 years shorter than the non-Indigenous community, and it is that gap we have to keep focussed on closing," he said.

"We can't do that without health services that are efficient



At the opening, from left, MDAS CEO Rudolph Kirby, Aunty Lottie Williams, Mildura Mayor Glenn Milne, Member for Mallee Andrew Broad, and Commissioner for Aboriginal Children Andrew Jackomos.

and effective but, importantly, are also culturally appropriate and comfortable for Aboriginal people," he said.

"This new facility ticks all the

boxes. It is a state-of-the-art medical facility that is entirely professional, but has a feel that Koori people are comfortable with."

MDAS general manager of health and family services Nahtanha Davey said the new centre in Mildura provided an opportunity to improve Aboriginal

health by helping people manage chronic conditions and encouraging preventative health-care.

"Problems such as kidney failure, diabetes, asthma and bronchitis are much more prevalent among Aboriginal people," she said.

"The three major risk factors for Indigenous health are still obesity, tobacco and alcohol. In our catchment alone, we estimate the healthcare costs resulting from those factors to be about \$3 million a year.

"Culturally appropriate, targeted healthcare and prevention programs make the most difference in Aboriginal health outcomes."

MDAS said rising demand for health centre services had forced the corporation to rent extra space in another nearby building, separating management from the operational aspects of the organisation. The new building would allow all staff to be located back on one site.

Congress has new president



ONE of South Australia's first male Aboriginal registered nurses is the new board president of the Congress of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM). Shane Mohor knew early in life that his ambition was to become a nurse to benefit his community.

Since becoming SA's first male Aboriginal registered nurse, in 1995, he has worked as a clinician and advisor on Aboriginal health issues. More recently he held a senior position in the Aboriginal community-controlled health sector.

Mr Mohor said his focus would be on making sure that Indigenous nurses and midwives were given every opportunity to develop and grow, and were supported by CATSINaM.

"I think having a voice at the important tables is what our members want to see – and as president, I will seek to make sure that this happens," he said.



Shane Mohor

Orange gets new learning centre



Dr Dash Newington, TAFE Western's Kate Baxter and Aboriginal community consultant Ian Long at the new centre.



A NEW Aboriginal Learning Centre in Orange, western NSW, will build on the work of the nation's single largest provider of vocational education and training for Aboriginal people.

TAFE Western, which has more than 7600 student enrolments each year, recently opened its Winhanganha Aboriginal Learning Centre.

The new multi-function facility has a focus on training in health and children's services and is equipped with technology such as video-conferencing to link

students living in communities outside of Orange.

Junior doctor Dash Newington, of Orange Health Service, completed her Diploma of Aboriginal Studies at TAFE in 2008 before undertaking medicine at the University of Sydney. She is an Arrernte woman from Alice Springs, but was raised in Canberra.

"Without TAFE I would never have gone to university and studied medicine," Dr Newington said.

"Going to TAFE changed my life. It provided me with the sense of belonging and taught me a lot about my people and culture.

"I feel this new centre will help

close the gap on the disadvantage Aboriginal people experience in relation to education, training and employment."

TAFE Western Aboriginal community consultant Ian Long welcomed the new centre.

"The Orange Aboriginal Community Working Party in conjunction with TAFE Western has been lobbying for a centre to train Aboriginal people in health and children's services for over 10 years," he said.

"This new facility will build on the good work that TAFE Western has been doing in Aboriginal education."

Freeze is over for research



THOUSANDS of microbiological samples that have been ultra-frozen for up to 20 years are about to be

thawed out for a study to help improve treatment of middle ear and lung infections in Indigenous children.

The retrospective study of ear and lung data hopes to lead to improved diagnosis, prevention and treatment options for Indigenous families.

Senior research fellow at the Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) Kim Hare has been awarded a Peter Doherty Australian Biomedical Fellowship to fund her research for four years to collectively analyse the many individual studies conducted by Menzies' child health researchers over the past 20 years.

"I will use my fellowship funds to combine data from the different studies, which will increase the numbers for analysis and enable me to examine interactions between antibiotics, vaccines and the environment – something that is not generally possible in individual studies," she said.

"My research will add value to the original studies which were undertaken at considerable expense and involved an enormous amount of work."

Using some of the latest DNA techniques, and with appropriate informed consent, analyses can be performed that were not possible when the samples were initially collected.

Staying Strong...



Aboriginal hip hop group The Last Kinection bring the Staying Strong: Act Connect Survive campaign to communities across NSW.

A DEADLY band is helping spread a deadly message. Award-winning hip-hop trio The Last Kinection has teamed up with the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW (AH&MRC) to deliver 'Staying Strong: Act Connect Survive', an arts-based campaign to educate young Aboriginal people about alcohol and drug use, as well as raise awareness about preventing the spread of blood-borne viruses.

The band will host workshops using art, music and dance to promote smart health choices in communities across NSW.

Workshop participants will help write and record a song with The Last Kinection and design Staying Strong posters to be displayed at other workshops throughout NSW.

The Last Kinection will take part in three-day workshops at Bega Showground, November 18-20; John Moroney Centre, Windsor, November 25-27; in Inverell from December 3-5; Warren Central School, December 9-11; and Acmena Juvenile Justice Centre, Grafton, from December 16-18.

A free community showcase will feature the creative work of participants, concluding with a performance by The Last Kinection.

AH&MRC CEO Sandra Bailey said the use of creative arts was a powerful way to engage young Aboriginal people around health issues.

"The AH&MRC believes these workshops are an ideal way to open a dialogue with young Aboriginal people about being resilient and helping them to come up with strategies to manage situations where they might come in contact with alcohol or other drugs," she said. "The Staying Strong campaign is being driven by the Aboriginal community for the Aboriginal community."

Students look to rural areas



MORE Indigenous medical students than ever are opting to undertake clinical placements in rural regions.

Programs coordinated by the University Centre for Rural Health (UCRH) on the NSW North Coast enable undergraduate doctors to gain important work experience in a range of clinical settings.

Benjamin Armstrong, a third-year medical student from the University of Wollongong, was recently elected as national student representative on the board of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA).

He is undertaking a 12-month clinical placement at the Ballina-based Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service, as well as spending time at Lismore Base Hospital and Ballina District Hospital in northern NSW.

Mr Armstrong spent five years working in a pathology lab after completing his undergraduate degree, but discovered he had bigger ambitions.

"Whilst I enjoyed this work and had some fantastic colleagues, I had a greater desire to learn more about people as patients with



Medical students Marissa Barker and Benjamin Armstrong.

problems, instead of tubes and barcodes," he said.

There are currently about 180 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors and 260 Indigenous medical students in Australia.

"My placements here have so far given me a lot of top-notch teaching, and I'm getting a great base for the future," Mr Armstrong said.

"The benefit of being in a regional area such as this is not just the type of opportunities we get, but the frequency –

senior doctors are very willing to teach us and give us a lot of opportunities to practice skills and knowledge."

Marissa Barker, from the University of Western Sydney, is in her final months of medical training.

"I come from the small country town in north-western NSW called Lightning Ridge, which had limited healthcare facilities," Ms Barker said.

"Growing up I saw many friends and relatives becoming sick or suddenly injured and being forced to travel to the nearest hospital which was at a distant destination, sometimes up to four hours, in order to receive appropriate healthcare."

As a descendant of the Muruwari people, she said she understood the health issues that put Indigenous health and socio-economic status on par with some developing countries.

"Healthcare services should be equally accessible for all Australians, including Indigenous Australians and those who live in rural and remote areas," Ms Barker said.

"I believe the recruitment of new healthcare professionals to rural areas is a key aspect in resolving this health disparity."

Breast cancer guide to help women cope



A NEW, illustrated booklet to help Indigenous women deal with breast cancer has been launched.

My Breast Cancer Journey: a guide for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women was launched by federal Health Minister Peter Dutton at Cancer Australia's Pink Ribbon Breakfast.

The booklet, developed in conjunction with Indigenous women and health experts, will be distributed nationwide.

"Every woman who has been affected by breast cancer knows that detection is just the beginning of a long process – a long journey – of treatments and hopefully onto recovery," Mr Dutton said.

"The journey, so beautifully illustrated in this culturally appropriate booklet, covers diagnosis, types of treatment, how treatment can make you feel, going away for treatment and follow-up care.

"All women with breast cancer face the significant challenge of treatment, but Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have the added burden of often struggling to navigate these complex breast cancer pathways, and as a result, are less likely to receive and complete treatment.

"That is why this booklet is a valuable resource for Indigenous women."

The booklet can also be downloaded at <http://canceraustralia.gov.au/sites/default/files/>

Bundjalung vision

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



BUNDJALUNG culture, language and stories will be celebrated and showcased in an ambitious new dance theatre work being devised in Lismore, northern NSW, over the next three years under the artistic stewardship of arts dynamo (and Bundjalung woman) Rhoda Roberts.

The major new performance project has been envisaged as a refined and powerful original work – and which could go on to tour nationally and internationally.

Earlier this month, Northern Rivers theatre company NORPA hosted a standing-room-only community forum to introduce *Bundjalung Nghari: The Gathering*. It was also a chance to hear from the high-profile artists who will be assisting Roberts in bringing the vision to reality.

The creative team consists of Bundjalung artists Melissa Lucasheko, David Page and Djon Mundine, who are joined by Kokatha choreographer and dancer with Bangarra Dance Theatre Frances Rings.

Roberts, who is the Sydney Opera House Indigenous programmer and Boomerang festival director, said the time was right for a great Bundjalung story.

"We really want to hear what you've got to say," she told those attending the forum. "To put on a show that could be anything we want, to talk to the rest of the world – that's incredibly exciting."

"I call this time now 'after the



Members of the team working to produce *Bundjalung Nghari: The Gathering*, from left, Rhoda Roberts, David Page, Frances Rings and Djon Mundine.

silence' ... The fact that our culture and language has survived intact after that era of the Protection Board, there's no other word for it but 'resilience' – the resilience of our old people."

Roberts drew comparisons with the long-running 'comedy about a massacre' *Bindjareb Pinjarra*, which she commissioned 20 years ago. The show was presented by NORPA in Lismore last year and will feature at next year's Boomerang Festival to mark its 20th anniversary.

"Here was a community which

had this compelling story," she said. "We brought in the theatre makers and musicians and 20 years later it's still going – with a whole new generation of actors. And that's what this should be."

Living culture

Rings, who is married to 'a Ballina boy', said she could feel the living Bundjalung culture during regular family visits to the area, and it inspired her.

"At Bangarra one of the principles is when we work with communities – other nations –

they have complete ownership," she said.

"The communities retain their stories, but they share with us aspects of their culture in order for it to be interpreted into a contemporary expression."

Rings went on to talk about visiting Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre with Bangarra composer David Page, meeting with the Arabuna people and learning what their ancestors had passed on.

"We went back and forward over a few months," she said. "We saw the lake when it was full, and

went back and saw it when it was a dry salt pan. We went out and walked with Arabuna Elder, Uncle Reg.

"He wears the landscape like a second skin. It's an intrinsic part of how he lives his life. He would only tell stories when he was on country ... There's a visceral connection."

"And it's really evident here (in Bundjalung country). You can see it in people. The stories are waiting to be unearthed."

Roberts said she wanted the work to be something people could engage with.

"For me it's about leaving a legacy for the coming children," she said.

"The intergenerational exchange that occurred when we were kids needs to happen, but don't underestimate our younger generation. The youth have an extraordinary voice in this project as well."

"There's so many stories, who knows what we'll uncover. It's not just about our creation stories, but our creation stories link us to this community, this landscape."

"Everybody feels there's a Bundjalung-ness and strength and feeling about the landscape ... and we want to bring that into the light. We want to do that with integrity. We want to excel when we tell that story, so it's not trivialised and remains true to this place, and to us."

Performance workshops with members of the Gathering creative team will take place at NORPA in early 2014. For more information and to register interest, contact Melitta Firth on producer@norpa.org.au

Holmes' painting is the people's choice



NORTHERN Territory artist Michelle Holmes has been voted the People's Choice Award winner of this year's 30th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

The 45-year-old artist, from Ampilatwatja in the NT, received 121 votes of the

1781 votes cast for her painting *My Country* (pictured left), an acrylic on canvas which depicts the country she lives on.

Museum and Art Gallery of the NT (MAGNT) director Pierre Arpin congratulated Ms Holmes on her win.

He said *My Country* was one of 77 works featured as part of the award that has so far attracted an audience of

more than 53,500 visitors since the exhibition opened in August.

"*My Country* is a visually spectacular painting full of vibrant colours that easily draws a viewer towards it and I suggest that's this is why it proved to be so popular," Mr Arpin said.

My Country can be viewed at the MAGNT website or at <http://natsiaa30.nt.gov.au/>



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Alice Springs singer-songwriter Jacinta Price.

Price to launch her first album



NT EVEN before the release of her debut album *Dry River*, to be officially launched tomorrow (November 21), Jacinta Price had made a name for herself as a singer-songwriter with her soulful voice, winning Artist of the Year at the NAIDOC Awards in 2011 and nominated for Most Promising New Talent in Music at the 2012 Deadlys.

Price's blend of folk, blues and country music is a style that reflects her Aboriginal/Celtic heritage – her mother, a traditional woman from the Warlpiri tribe of Yuendumu (300km north-west of Alice Springs) and her father, an Irish Catholic from Newcastle.

Her parents' passion for travel saw her spending large periods of her

childhood living out bush in swags, and by the age of seven she had been through every state in Australia.

By the time she was 12 Price had travelled the world, and these international influences have shaped the musician she is today.

Her family ended up settling in Alice Springs, which Price credits for nurturing her musical career.

'Home'

"Alice Springs is a place that blends people from all walks of life, a place where blackfellas and whitefellas get on and love one another, a place where world travellers and fellow Australians visit, fall in love and make it their home," she said.

"A place of opportunity and a place that I feel

blessed to have grown up."

A duet with her partner, Scottish soul-man Colin Lillie, can be heard on the album. *Night and Day* was a finalist in the folk category at the 2012 NT Song of The Year Awards, while *Money Problem Blues* was a finalist in the blues category at this year's awards.

Dry River is produced by Bill Chambers, the father of Kasey Chambers and a country music star in his own right, and also a long-time family friend of Price's.

He recently performed alongside Price and her band at the Mbantua Festival, and will perform again with them at the album launch in Alice Springs tomorrow (November 21). The free concert will be on the banks of the Todd River, the place of inspiration for her debut album.

Scholarships are the first



SIX Indigenous authors and illustrators from across Australia are the first recipients of a nationwide literary scholarship program funded by one of the country's smallest publishing houses.

Magabala Books, based in the Kimberley town of Broome, has given a boost to established and emerging authors and illustrators through its inaugural Australian Indigenous Creator Scholarships.

A total of nearly \$19,000 has

been granted to six individuals, four of whom have already published work with Magabala.

The recipients are Dub Leffler of Croydon Park in NSW, Fern Martins of Swansea in NSW, Archie Weller of Cranbrook in WA, Joshua Button of Broome in WA, Jannali Jones of Ashfield in NSW, and Tori-Jay Mordey of Brisbane.

The scholarship program has been funded through private donations.

Magabala philanthropy manager Sharon Griffiths said the grants provide crucial

support to the development of authors and illustrators and their future work.

"It is exciting that a small publisher like Magabala can initiate, and garner the support of the wider community for, a program of national significance, and we are very proud of the outcome," she said.

A fundraising appeal is now under way for next year's scholarship program.

"Giving to our scholarship fund means helping someone realise their dream. What could be more special than that?" Ms Griffiths said.



Magabala scholarship recipients Tori-Jay Mordey, left, and Dub Leffler.

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Cake Man on stage at Belvoir

A PLAY hailed as laying the foundations of contemporary Indigenous theatre is being staged at Sydney's Belvoir Theatre. *The Cake Man*, by Robert J Merritt, is an examination of white paternalism from a black Australian point of view.

Belvoir has joined with Perth-based Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company for the season of *The Cake Man*, which continues until December 8.

In the play, a family – Sweet William, his wife Ruby and their 11-year-old boy Pumpkinhead – struggle with unemployment, alcohol, white history and modern life on a western NSW mission.

Ruby finds solace in the Bible, while Pumpkinhead steals coal for the family and listens to his mum's Dreamtime story of the Cake Man every night.

Inside the portrait of this family is an account of the roots of despair and of the means of overcoming it.

Yirra Yaakin artistic director Kyle J Morrison is one of the people behind the new production.

"What I really like about this show is how it sits in a really interesting time in Aboriginal history," he said.

"The idea of Aboriginal people dreaming, having aspirations for the future, dreaming about what it is they can do.

"Going out, grabbing hold of life and making their own, that idea was a very new concept in the early 1970s (when the play is set).

"What I hope audiences get from that is a sense of the change that has happened in this country; how we have been able to move forward together."

The cast includes Luke Carroll (*Capricornia*), Oscar Redding (*Forget Me Not*), George Shevstov (*Signs of Life*, Sydney Theatre Company), Tim Solly (*Waltzing the Wilarra*, Yirra Yaakin), Irma Woods (*Redfern Now*, ABC1) and young James Slee as Pumpkinhead.

In an interesting aside, Robert J Merritt watched his first opening night under police guard: he was an inmate of Long Bay Jail in Sydney at the time.

● Pictured: Irma Woods stars as Ruby in the production of *The Cake Man*.



Bedford works in exhibition



TO celebrate the recently-launched Qantas 737-800 Flying Art series aircraft called *Mendoowoorji*, featuring a design based on

the artwork of the same name by the late Paddy Bedford, (see report page 19) William Mora Galleries in Richmond, Victoria, has opened a new exhibition.

Paddy Bedford, Masterpieces from the Estate will continue until December 7, at William Mora Galleries, 60 Tanner Street, Richmond.

More details at www.moragalleries.com.au

● Pictured above: , *Thalngarrwany (Saddlers Jump Up)* by Paddy Bedford, 2005, ochres and pigment with acrylic binder on Belgian linen. Copyright: the estate of Paddy Bedford.



Desart show at Alice Springs



THE *Desart Artworker Photography Prize Exhibition* will open at 6pm next Wednesday, November 27, at Tangentyere Artist Gallery in Alice Springs.

The exhibition shows photographs captured by artworkers from Desart member art centres, including this image by Christine Multa, from Ikuntja Artist Centre, titled *My grandmother went hunting*, 2013.

More information about the exhibition at www.desart.com.au

Festival chance for Moree talent



Taylor Williams, 14, one of the successful performers featured at the 2013 Cultural Showcase.



MOREE'S best Aboriginal emerging talents have the chance to kickstart their careers by winning sponsorship to appear at the 2014 Tamworth Country Music Festival's Aboriginal Cultural Showcase.

A talent quest is being organised by New England North West (NENW) Family Referral Service and Miyay Birray Youth Service to increase the number of young people from the north-west region involved in the cultural

showcase festival program, where they can take advantage of the exposure, mentoring and development opportunities.

NENW Family Relationship Service manager Tania Willis said the showcase was a great event for performers starting out in the industry.

"Being part of the Tamworth Country Music Festival means that there is exposure and performance opportunities that will put newcomers in touch with experienced artists from right across Australia," she said.

"We saw this opportunity and jumped at it to support a young person from our community to participate."

Each year the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase brings the talent of Aboriginal communities from all over Australia to the crowds descending on the Tamworth Country Music Festival. It acts as a launching pad for many Aboriginal musicians into the main festival.

Auditions will be held at the Moree Multipurpose Centre tomorrow (Thursday, November 21) from noon.

New book focus on ideology of the '80s



A NEW book explores how the prevailing political ideology of the 1980s had a momentous effect on Aboriginal people and their communities and their struggles for political rights.

In *Protest, Land Rights and Riots*, author Barry Morris writes on how the 'economic rationalism' policies of the 1980s targetted those least integrated socially and culturally and who enjoyed fewer economic opportunities. More details about the book at www.aiatsis.gov.au

We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Please make them to the point and include all 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 specifically for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services for carers. Call 1800 242 636 Monday to Friday.

Counselling for Carers – Carers NSW supports unpaid carers across NSW through the National Carer Counselling Program. 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

November 25-27: National Indigenous Health Conference, designed to bring together government and other agencies working in Indigenous health. Held at the Pullman Cairns International Hotel, Cairns. Registration fees apply.

Details at the website www.indigenoushealth.net or admin@indigenoushealth.net

NSW-ACT

Until January 27: *Illuminate* exhibition. A community initiative which captures the aspirations of the Goomeroi people in the communities of Toomelah and Boggabilla. Held at the Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney, daily from 10am-5pm. Free admission. Details: 1800 679 278 or visit www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au

Until 8 December: *Always...* An exhibition by Frances Belle Parker. Held at the Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy Street, Grafton, Tues-Sun 10am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until December 10: Redfern Wrap Around. Connecting community to services all under one roof. Held once a month at the Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo, Redfern, from 10am-2.30pm. Details: (02) 9288 5713.

November 21: Moree auditions, to find Moree's best Aboriginal emerging talent. The prize is sponsorship to appear at the 2014 Tamworth Country Music Festival's Aboriginal Cultural Showcase. Held at Moree Multipurpose Centre, High School, Frome St, Moree.



Castlemaine hosts major film festival



THE gala opening night of the Castlemaine Local and International Film Festival (CLIFF) tomorrow (Thursday, November 21) features a strong Indigenous flavour. Activist Gary Foley will introduce the

provocative films of the 'enfant terrible' of Aboriginal art, Richard Bell, that challenge mainstream assumptions on race and cut to the heart of difficult conversations.

CLIFF is showing at Castlemaine's Theatre Royal, the longest continually operating cinema on mainland

Australia, and considered a hub of cultural and social activity in regional Victoria.

For tickets and more information, go to www.theatreroyal.info

● Pictured: Richard Bell's *Scratch an Aussie*. Picture courtesy the artist and Milani Gallery, Brisbane

Details: Tania Willis on 0408 156 736 or Buddy Knox on 0431 387 764.

November 21: Rally and march by families and the supporters relating to the Bowraville children's murders. The march is to NSW Parliament House from the Hyde Park Fountain (Macquarie Street end), starting at 10am. Details: Barbara Greenup-Davis on 0401 198 430.

November 21: Research project seminar conducted by University of Sydney student Sarah Ciftci on the topic 'Aboriginal Care Circle Program'. Held at Auntie Faye Smith room, Lismore TAFE, Conway St, Lismore, from 10.30am-1.00pm. Details: Amanda Dodds on (02) 66233 620 or 0428 541 582 or email Amanda_dodds@agd.nsw.gov.au

November 27: Getting Indigenous Australians into Business in Coffs Harbour.

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is running workshops to assist Indigenous people in Coffs Harbour interested in going into business. Details: 1800 107 107 or visit www.iba.gov.au/itb

November 27-December 18: The Staying Strong: Act Connect Survive campaign, part of a statewide health promotion effort to empower young Aboriginal people to make smart health choices. Held at various locations in NSW including Windsor, Inverell, Warren and Grafton. Details: Monique McEwan on (02) 9212 4777 or email mmcewan@ahmrc.org.au

November 29: White Ribbon Event – Walk a Mile Koori-Style. Includes a barbecue and concert and raffling of an NRL All Stars jersey. Held at King Edward Park, Newcastle, at 9am for walk at 10am. Details: Annissa Hooper on (02) 4950 1566.

December 7: Yuin Back to Country celebration. A

celebration of Yuin culture and history includes Doonooch dancers, traditional arts, crafts and games, entertainment and caring for country activities. Held at Tilba Showground, Tilba, South Coast, NSW from 9am-4.30pm. Free admission. Details: 1300 361 967.

December 11-14: Our Home 'Ngalpun Mudth' Performance by NAISDA Dance College, held at the Carriageworks. The performances draw on the culture of Moa Island. Held at Carriageworks, 245 Wilson St, Eveleigh on Wed-Sat from 8pm. Costs apply. Bookings essential through Carriageworks. Details: (02) 8571 9099 or visit www.carriageworks.com.au

Victoria

Until December 7: *Paddy Bedford – Masterpieces from the Estate* exhibition. Showcasing the works of the late Paddy Bedford. Held at William Mora

Galleries, 60 Tanner St, Richmond, Tues-Fri, 10am-4pm, Sat-Sun noon-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (03) 9429 1199 or visit www.moragalleries.com.au

November 21-24: Castlemaine Local and International Film Festival (CLIFF). Opening night on Friday, November 22 featuring an Indigenous flavour. Held at Theatre Royal, Hargraves St, Castlemaine. Details: Neil Boyack on 0409 685 621. More details at www.cliff.net.au

November 21-22: The 'Closing the Credibility Gap' Aboriginal Health Symposium. The symposium will showcase the perspectives from Indigenous health leaders in the implementation of the National Indigenous Health Plan 2013-2013. Held at Onemda Health Unit, level 4, 207 Bouverie Street, University of Melbourne. Details: Maurice Shipp on (03) 9035 6677 or email **● Continued next page**

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November 22: Getting Indigenous Australians into Business in Victoria. Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is running free business workshop to assist Indigenous Australians in Victoria who are interested in going into business. Details: 1800 107 107 or visit www.iba.gov.au/itb

Queensland

Ongoing: The Ration Shed Museum. When people were moved off the land and taken to Cherbourg they were cut off from their traditional sources of food and 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

Until December 1: *Voice and Reason* exhibition. Since the colonial era, Indigenous artists have been examining the conversations and conflicts involving their ancestors and settlers in Australia. Held at the Gallery of Modern Art, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane, from 10am-5pm, Mon-Fri and 9am-5pm Sat-Sun. Free admission. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/exhibitions

November 22: Congress 'Rights' Workshop. National Congress of Australia's First Peoples will hold a free forum aimed at raising awareness of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and how it can be applied locally. Held at Tully Conference Room, Pullman Cairns International, 17 Abbott St, Cairns, from 8.30am-5pm. Details: 1800 266 477 or visit www.nationalcongress.com.au/congress-events/

November 23: Singout Sista. A series of concerts that celebrates the voices of women who represent the far corners of the globe, featuring Brisbane Indigenous songwriters Sue Ray and Emily Foster. Held at The Queensland Multicultural Centre, 102 Main St, Kangaroo Point from 7-10pm. Entry fees apply. Details: (07) 3391 4433.

November 23-24: 'Reclaiming The Family Gathering' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Touch Football Carnival weekend. Restricted to 24 teams, nomination fee is \$580.00 a team. Held at Redlands Touch Association, Cleveland Showgrounds, Long St, Cleveland. Details: Talitha Bowie on 0477 067 440.

November 26: Getting Indigenous Australians into Business in Brisbane. Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is running workshops to assist Indigenous Australians in Brisbane who are interested in going into business. Details: 1800 107 107 or visit www.iba.gov.au/itb

November 30-March 2: *Traversing Borders*, art from the

Kimberely. A collection of works from the Kimberley Region in Western Australia including artists Rover Thomas, Queenie McKenzie, Jarinyanu David Downs and more. Held at QUT Art Museum, 2 George St, Brisbane from Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun, 12-4pm. Details: (07) 3138 5370 or visit www.artmuseum.qut.edu.au

Northern Territory

November 21: Album launch and free concert. Indigenous singer-songwriter Jacinta Price will perform a free concert in Alice Springs, the place of inspiration for her debut album, *Dry River*. Held at the Old Telegraph Station, Alice Springs, from 6pm. Free event. Details: (08) 8951 9708.

November 22: Frog Spotting in the Desert. The event is open to the public, but numbers are limited. Meet at Sim Gap Shelter, Alice Springs, from 7pm. Free but bookings essential. Details: (08) 8951 8247.

Western Australia

November 22-December 22: Rosella Namok – *Naagchi Ngumu'luugku* exhibition. A solo exhibition by Queensland artist Rosella Namok. Held at Japingka Gallery, 47 High Street, Fremantle from Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm, Sat-Sun 12-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details (08) 9335 8265.

Until December 22: *A Common Ground*, an exhibition of stories and tradition behind the sharing of food. Artists include Njalikwa Chongwe, Anna Fiala, Charmaine Green and more. Held at Mundaring Arts Centre, 7190 Great Eastern Hwy, cnr Nichol St, Mundaring from Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun 11am-3pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 9295 3991 or visit www.mundaringartscentre.com.au

December 5: Curtin University free workshops on 'Building Mental Wealth'. Presented by National Congress of Australia's First Peoples director Tammy Solonec and Professor Pat Dudgeon of the School of Indigenous Studies, University of WA. Held at Centre for Aboriginal Studies. Building 211, Room 222/223, Curtin University, Kent St, Bentley from 9am-4pm. Free event.

RSVP by December 2. Details: (08) 9266 9266 or Register at the website ww.workshopsbmw2013.eventbrite.com

December 6: Curtin University Public Seminar – 'Building Mental Wealth Through Innovation: The Indigenous Way Forward'. Includes keynote speaker Professor Sandra Eades, a medical epidemiologist and other Aboriginal guest presenters. Held at Tim Winton Lecture theatre, Building 213, Room 104, Curtin University, Kent St, Bentley from 8.30am-5pm. Free event.

Reply by December 2. Details: (08) 9266 9266 or register at www.buildingmentalwealth013.eventbrite.com.au



Entertainer Darcy Turgeon: "There is no feeling like walking out on the main stage in that beautiful auditorium and performing for people who have come to know you and enjoy listening to you sing."

Darcy takes centre stage



DARCY Turgeon is a senior superstar. He started performing when he was aged in his 50s after a long career working with and for his people.

If not for an operation and a series of procedures for cancer when he was 50, Mr Turgeon says he would probably be 'still in harness!'

In what Mr Turgeon says will be a test of his staying power, he has been invited to perform in 10 shows at Brisbane City Hall from December 2-6, as part of the Lord Mayor's Seniors' Christmas Parties.

"I am very proud of my Aboriginal heritage, my mother

Sheila Currie being born at Beaudesert over 100 years ago," Mr Turgeon said.

"It is my belief I have inherited the Mununjari fortitude, tenacity and pride in self from mum. She was such a dignified woman."

Since he started performing, Mr Turgeon has won many karaoke talent quests and was a Queensland finalist in the Karaoke World Championships three years running, aged 56, 57 and 58.

He has performed on cruise ships, at community events, in senior citizens' centres and at many functions for the Queensland Premier and the Lord Mayor of Brisbane.

In August this year he performed at Brisbane City Hall

in the Lord Mayor's Seniors' Cabaret Showcase.

He placed third in the City of Brisbane Senior Superstar Talent Quest in 2008, and won the event in 2009.

Every year, the Lord Mayor of Brisbane sponsors the Christmas shows for seniors.

"There is no feeling like walking out on the main stage in that beautiful auditorium and performing for people who have come to know you and enjoy listening to you sing," Mr Turgeon said.

More than 9000 people are expected to attend the concerts over the week-long program, with two cabaret-style shows each day. There is no charge for seniors. Bookings can be made by phoning 136 246.

Employment

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At the launch of the Telstra Indigenous Workforce pilot program on Thursday Island, from left, North Queensland Commercial Consulting Services's Joe Di Bella, Roy Pearce, of Roy Boiiz Cleaning and Gardening Services, and Telstra's Lauren Ganley.

Telstra goes to the top



INDIGENOUS communities in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) of Queensland are set to have access

to more job opportunities under a partnership involving Telstra.

A pilot program for local Indigenous people to train and find work with organisations contracted to clean and maintain grounds around key Telstra communication network facilities was announced recently on Thursday Island.

The Torres Strait and NPA pilot follows similar programs already under way on the Coburg and Cox peninsulas in the Northern Territory, where Telstra is working with the

Northern Land Council through its ranger program.

Telstra Indigenous Directorate head Lauren Ganley said the aim was to expand the program to communities across Australia.

"This program will help bring sustainable employment and training opportunities and business skills into remote Indigenous communities located near Telstra's infrastructure," she said.

"We are also working with the companies we contract to undertake this work, to upskill their workforce and assist them to increase their ability to tender for other non-Telstra-related work.

"We have a large network of key facilities across regional and remote Australia including radio

towers, mobile base stations and exchanges. Grounds maintenance for these facilities is as critical as it often is challenging because they're so remote. Vegetation growth can make it tough for our technicians to get to key communications equipment needing maintenance or repair. It can grow over crucial solar panels and transmitters, interfering with signals, and snakes and vermin can also be encouraged to take up residence at our sites.

Important

"The point is this is important work that will help keep the communications network in the area going."

In the Torres Strait and NPA, Joe Di Bella, from North

Queensland Commercial Consulting Services (NQCCS) Pty Ltd, has partnered with local cleaning and gardening contractor Roy Boiiz Cleaning and Gardening Services, tailoring courses to train and mentor staff on grounds maintenance and cleaning.

Training given to Roy Boiiz has helped the company develop its business plan and a better understanding of the competitive tendering process.

Roy Pearce, of Roy Boiiz, said the partnership had already led to the company increasing its workforce by three to seven.

"A training curriculum has been tailored to suit participants in this program and as a result our employees have successfully completed Telstra's

induction process," he said.

"There are plans to extend training to include general pest control, noxious weeds and mosquito control.

"We hope our workforce will continue to grow thanks to this pilot project, and look forward to continuing our work with NQCCS who have committed to provide training and mentoring locally in communities to support us."

Ms Ganley said the partnership was the latest example of Telstra's commitment to Indigenous Australia.

"Partnerships such as this are sustainable in the long term, to make a positive and lasting difference for Indigenous communities and help strengthen people's connections to their community," she said.

It's your guide to employment

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Senior Child Protection Practitioner (Aboriginal Family Decision Making)

Division: North

Branch: Child Protection

Salary: \$81,093 - \$89,604 (+ Superannuation)

Employment Type: Part-time (0.5)/Ongoing

The Senior Child Protection Practitioner (AFDM) is responsible for supporting and developing Child Protection Practitioners in the integration of theory and practice whilst demonstrating their expertise through direct case practice and live supervision of child protection practitioners.

This position will work collaboratively with practitioners and teams to strengthen case practice with Aboriginal children and families, to provide effective service delivery and to support other practitioners.

For further information contact Pina Molea on 03-9479-0390
Closing date for applications: 24 November 2013

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**Learning Teaching and Student Engagement
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Officer

School Assistant 4 Salary Range: \$54,064 - \$58,700 (PN: 01997)

Details: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education section is seeking applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people for the position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Officer. The successful applicant will be responsible for working as a member of a team to provide support to ACT Public schools and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Applicants must have knowledge of the educational issues, programs and initiatives relating to increasing educational outcomes and ensuring high expectations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The Officer is required to work school hours and conditions, liaise between school staff, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, families and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the ACT and region. Work in a team with program administrators, Directorate staff and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education staff to implement programs and activities aimed at improving education outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Encourage parent/caregiver participation in their child/young person's schooling, including involvement in educational decision-making forums. Liaise with external agencies to support the education and training needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Work toward raising awareness and embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives throughout the school community and in the curriculum. Support and implement programs with teachers and other school staff that build relationships and understanding between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal students.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Possession of a current driver's licence, Year 12 certificate or equivalent and willingness to undertake relevant Certificate IV or equivalent qualification.

Notes: This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Contact Officer: Beth Craddy (02) 6205 9195 beth.craddy@act.gov.au

Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* may be required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable people registration refer to - http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people.

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If you have broadcast experience, this would be an advantage, although NIRS can provide support and training for successful candidates.

The ideal applicant is required to research stories, compile news bulletins, get grabs and produce for radio and publish online sources.

Audition material must be submitted along with your application – audio should be mp3 format and up to 5MB.

Applicants must address the selection criteria and send their expressions of interest via email to manager@nirs.org.au.

**For further information contact
Brett Leavy on (07) 3226 4200.**

The National Indigenous Radio Service invites First Nations people to apply for this position.

Department of Community Safety

Cultural Liaison Officer Identified

Queensland Corrective Services, Custodial Operations

Department of Community Safety

Salary: \$61 641 - \$67 780 p.a.

Location: Mareeba

REF: QLD/17124/13

Key Duties: Provide significant contribution the case management of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners within the correctional system. Ensure prisoner's individual, cultural and social needs are met.

Skills/Abilities: Mandatory Qualifications and Mandatory Requirements. There are no Mandatory Qualifications or Mandatory Requirements for this position. Success Factors (Leadership capabilities for the role).

Enquiries: Daryl Joseph (07) 4092 9204

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Police Liaison Officer

Queensland Police Service, Central Region

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$53 212 - \$58 406 p.a.

Location: Woorabinda

REF: QLD/17177/13

Key Duties: Knowledge and understanding of local cultures, customs and community organisations.

The capacity to be accepted by the local community.

Skills/Abilities: Learn and apply relevant laws, Queensland Police Service and other government policies. Problem solve and organise. Effectively communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Enquiries: Senior Sergeant Kris Richards 07 4913 2333

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Australian Government

Indigenous Jobs and Training Review

Have your say...

Meet with the Chair of the Review, Mr Andrew Forrest and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, the Hon Alan Tudge MP to share your thoughts on how to dramatically improve training and employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians and end the disparity.

Make a submission to the Review online via the website:
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For further information and to apply online, visit our careers page and search job reference number 494200.

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AWABAKAL LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package
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PLEASE NOTE: This is a recognised Aboriginal position, as authorised under s.14d NSW Anti-discrimination Act 1977

The Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is seeking applications from

experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO will be required to assist and support the Awabakal LALC Board in implementing the Awabakal LALC's Community Land Business Plan.

The successful applicant will have to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW), the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. An in-depth knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues, including culture and heritage and social housing, would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the

recruitment package containing the position description, selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

Recruitment package:

Candy Towers (Acting Office Manager)
Phone number 02 4965 4532

Inquiries:

Debbie Dates (Chairperson) Phone number:
0411 812 610

Applications can be forwarded to
reception@awabakallalc.com.au
or posted to:

The Chairperson, Awabakal LALC
PO Box 101, ISLINGTON NSW 2296

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Applications close:

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Hunter Medicare Local is the lead health agency for primary health care providers and services in the Hunter region. Our role is to facilitate and support the development of a robust primary health care system that delivers improved health outcomes for our community.

Our Primary Care Integration team is seeking applicants for the following positions:

Care Coordinator

Taree/Great Lakes
Fixed Term Contract

An exciting new role in the Taree/Great Lakes area has been created. We are seeking a **Registered Nurse** or an AHPRA registered, **Allied Health Professional** to work within Hunter ML's Care Coordination Team. Care Coordination is rewarding, patient centred work and combines the skills of patient assessment and education with sound health system knowledge and navigation to deliver improved coordinated care to people with severe chronic disease and complex needs from both the indigenous and non-indigenous populations.

Annual remuneration for this position is \$79,568 plus superannuation and generous salary packaging benefits. This fixed term position is linked to the funding cycle for the programs until 30 June 2015.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker

Taree/Great Lakes
Fixed Term Contract until 30 June 2014

This is an identified position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker is part of our 'Closing the Gap' – Improving Indigenous Access to Mainstream Primary Care Program. The aim of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker is to provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members and their families, in accessing primary health care services, as well as enabling best practice care to be delivered by GPs and other health professionals

For further information regarding the above positions please contact Donna Clucas, Care Coordination Manager on 0434 560 043 or email dclucas@huntermil.com.au

An application form and position descriptions for the above positions, including selection criteria, can be found on our website at www.huntermil.com.au/jobs

Applications **must** include an application form and also address the Key Selection Criteria as outlined in the position descriptions.

Applications can be emailed to HR Officer at jobs@huntermil.com.au before **5pm, Friday 29 November 2013**.

Applicants for all positions are required to hold a current NSW driver's license and have access to a comprehensively insured motor vehicle.

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Academic appointment in Indigenous Health

- An appointment can be made at lecturer to professor level depending on the candidate, with a more senior appointment preferred.
- Applications are invited from academics in the disciplines of Complementary Medicine (Chinese Medicine, Chiropractic, and Osteopathy), Nursing and Midwifery, and Psychology.



RMIT is a global University of technology and design focussed on creating solutions that transform the future for the benefit of people and their environments. Founded in 1887 it is one of Australia's original education institutions and is now the nation's largest tertiary institution enjoying an international reputation for excellence. The School of Health Sciences is one of ten schools in the College of Science, Engineering and Health with over 2000 students in its undergraduate, postgraduate and research degrees. The School's mission is the education of well-qualified health practitioners in an exciting and interesting mix of disciplines and the generation of new knowledge in those disciplines.

RMIT is seeking an academic to lead in the teaching of Indigenous health across the entire Health portfolio and undertake research and community engagement. The appointment can be flexible in discipline, level and focus to attract the best candidate. The appointee will contribute to the course co-ordination, teaching and research activities in the School of Health Sciences, providing academic leadership for programs undertaken by Indigenous students and other students undertaking Indigenous studies. S/he will be involved in curriculum review, development, delivery and ongoing evaluation and improvement across the University in courses with an Indigenous focus, while maintaining and advancing their own scholarly research and/or professional capabilities relevant to the health sciences and Indigenous health field.

The person will have a PhD or be close to completion and have experience in working successfully within Indigenous communities, with extensive knowledge and understanding of the needs of the Indigenous people, their families, community and culture and a record of achievement in advising on policy and program developments in Indigenous affairs. Depending on the level of the appointment, the person should be able to demonstrate achievement and/or potential in research. A senior appointment will also demonstrate leadership skills in interdisciplinary research and the capacity to attract external grant and contract funding and deliver high quality outcomes. The ability to lead teams in the development of Indigenous studies curriculum and a record of effective teaching is essential at all levels. Appointment to this position is subject to passing a Working with Children check.

CLOSING DATE: 16 December 2013

This is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander designated position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS:

Enquiries and requests for Position Description to
Denise Wiseman on +61 412 403 567 or denise@carolwatson.com.au
or Carol Watson on +61 419 523 410 or carol@carolwatson.com.au

Applications to: amanda@carolwatson.com.au



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Communications Specialist , NITV

NITV and Marketing Division, Sydney

The Communications Specialist, NITV is a key member of the SBS Communications team tasked with coordinating and implementing communications campaigns focusing on NITV programs and services. This will include publicity and other projects across multiple channels, for a variety of programs and campaigns.

The Communications Specialist also assists the NITV and SBS Marketing teams to implement marketing and other media campaigns as well as community and stakeholder events as required.

You will need a minimum of two years' experience implementing effective communications campaigns – using a wide variety of marketing channels including traditional publicity, social media, events and other channels. You will have a broad knowledge of Indigenous and mainstream media in Australia.

You'll be a highly effective writer and communicator with excellent stakeholder management skills. Your outstanding organisational skills will be displayed as you coordinate numerous projects simultaneously whilst ensuring deadlines are met.

Please visit www.sbs.com.au/jobs to view the Duty Statement. For further information about the position please contact Jo Papadopolous on 02 9430 3851.

Applications must be received by 5pm on the 5th of December.

A free story: National Indigenous Television (NITV) is part of the SBS family of free-to-air channels broadcasting across Australia, providing a nationwide Indigenous television service via cable, satellite and terrestrial transmission means and selected online audio visual content. The content for these services is primarily commissioned or acquired from the Indigenous production sector. For the first time, NITV became free to all Australians in December 2012.

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ABORIGINAL SERVICES DIVISION

ABORIGINAL CLIENT SERVICE SPECIALIST (ATSI IDENTIFIED)

Clerk Grade 3-4

Moree Court House, Temporary Full-Time (Up to 6 months)

Salary range: \$62,587 – \$68,531 p.a.

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$75,795 p.a.

The Aboriginal Client Service Specialists Programme (ACSSP) seeks to provide targeted and responsive service delivery to Aboriginal clients in order to improve access and equity, and enhance the ability of Aboriginal people to effectively participate in the justice system.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Knowledge of the needs/issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system;
- Ability to work effectively with local Aboriginal communities, service providers and other government/non-government agencies;
- Knowledge of community resources in the legal, advocacy, community and welfare sectors
- Well developed oral and written communication skills, including the ability to develop material, organise and deliver information to groups;
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team;
- Current Driver's Licence.

Applications addressing the selection criteria must be lodged electronically via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au by **11.59pm on Sunday 24 November 2013**. Please do not email applications direct to the contact officer.

Enquiries: Brian Dennison (02) 6771 5148; brian_dennison@agd.nsw.gov.au

ABORIGINAL SERVICES DIVISION

COORDINATOR ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY JUSTICE GROUP (ATSI IDENTIFIED)

Clerk Grade 3-4

Moree, Temporary Full-Time (Up to 6 months)

Salary range: \$62,587 – \$68,531 p.a.

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$75,795 p.a.

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;
- 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;
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.

Applications addressing the selection criteria must be lodged electronically via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au by **11.59pm on Sunday 1 December 2013**. Please do not email applications direct to the contact officer.

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Applications close: 5pm Friday 29 November.

Please send resume and brief covering letter addressing selection criteria to:

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

School of Medicine, Sydney

Head of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Programmes

(Level C-D, Full-time)

Salary: \$108,094 – \$129,320 per annum (Plus 12% Superannuation and 17.5% Leave Loading)

The School of Medicine, Sydney is seeking a Head of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Programmes to support its pursuit of excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and rural health with an aim to 'closing the gap' in health outcomes. The appointee will work closely with stakeholders in health and education to create alternate pathways into the medical course for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and to expand the clinical and non-clinical learning opportunities in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health for all students.

To be considered for this role, applications should address the selection criteria as listed in the position job pack: <http://www.nd.edu.au/jobs/sydneyjobs.shtml>

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You will have a demonstrated understanding of the cultural heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the capacity to build linkages with Indigenous people across Australia.

CLOSING DATE: 28 November 2013



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Education Leader sought Senior Schools Officer Canberra

Come and join the newest team at Reconciliation Australia and be a key part of our new, national schools program. The program aims to impact the Australian education landscape by assisting schools to develop *meaningful relationships* between teachers, students and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This program will provide a diverse range of experiences and you will play a key part in assisting Australian schools to foster high levels of *knowledge and pride* in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions.

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Applications close: 5pm Friday 29 November 2013.

Please send resume and brief covering letter addressing selection criteria to:

Alex Shain
Reconciliation Australia
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A satisfactory "Working with Children Check" and a medical will be conducted.

Salary: As per award - Social, Community, Home Care and Disability

Services Industry Award 2010. A generous remuneration package plus superannuation, leave loading and including a generous salary sacrificing arrangement will be negotiated.

In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination act 1977.

Location: Lismore.

Contact: Lenore Marlowe – CEO, email lenore.marlowe@ngunyarjarjum.com

Information Packages: Must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request by contacting the office on (02) 6626 3700.

Send Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 580, Lismore NSW 2480.

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Indigenous Family Violence Strategy Coordinator

Position: VPS4

Salary: \$70,281- \$79,742

Employment type: Fixed-term until 06 October 2014.

Full-time (76 hours per fortnight)

Work location: Box Hill

The coordinator will work directly with Indigenous communities and a range of community based organisations to support the operations of the local Indigenous Family Violence action group. The role involves empowering and supporting communities to examine issues of family violence, develop local solutions and raise awareness of the impact of family violence in Aboriginal communities.

www.careers.vic.gov.au



Department of
Human Services



Health Hunter New England Local Health District

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Administrative Assistant

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Reference ID: 160577
Closing date: 28 November 2013

Cancer Care Aboriginal Health Education Officer

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Reference ID: 166708
Closing date: 1 December 2013

These are identified Aboriginal Positions. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Cessnock-Kurri Community Health
Enquiries: Kerrie Moore, (02) 4991 0438
Reference ID: 165572
Closing date: 29 November 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.

2nd/3rd Year Graduate Community Nurse

East Lakes Community Health Centre
Westlakes Community Health Centre
Enquiries: Karin Sams, (02) 4944 5300
Reference ID: 167335
Closing date: 8 December 2013

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.

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Administration Support Officer

2 positions
ABORIGINAL TARGETED POSITION
Business Services
Operational Communications and Information Command
SURREY HILLS
Clerk Grade 1/2
Permanent Full-Time
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 000024JU

Salary Package: \$67,162. **Salary:** \$55,985 – \$60,863. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The position of Administrative Support Officer provides administrative and clerical support in the delivery of personnel, quality assurance, human resource services and finance to the business services unit and business units within the Operational Communication and Information Command.

This position provides a wide range of executive, administrative and clerical functions across the Command. The nature of duties will vary and will depend upon the nature, volume, period and workloads across the business units and will support the portfolios of personnel, human resources, quality assurance, customer service, and finance.

The Administrative Support Officer may be required to undertake reception duties as required.

Job Notes:

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- 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: Diana Mbaka on (02) 9265 4717.

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 000024JU

Closing Date: Sunday 24 November 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?
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Indigenous Australians seeking support to apply for a vacancy are encouraged to contact the University. Email your contact details, quoting the position number, to hr-careers@unimelb.edu.au

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Local Health District

Registered Midwife – Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Strategy

Ref: 162630, P/T 20 hpw at Narellan

Salary: \$27.97–\$39.28 ph

Enq: Erika Lehner

Ph: (02) 4640 3515

Closing Date: 22 November 2013

Please apply online by visiting:
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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) -
Ngunnawal Centre

UC Level 6 Salary Range:

\$68,615 - \$73,862 pa, plus Super

This is a continuing full-time position

Vacancy Reference No: 130194

The Ngunnawal Centre has a distinctive place in the University of Canberra and plays a key role in guiding the University of Canberra to achieve these aims. It does so by helping to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, by working with faculties and central areas to form and achieve relevant plans and targets, and by engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Reporting to the Director of the Ngunnawal Centre, the University is seeking an Executive Assistant to provide high-level administrative support and manage the administration associated with the Director's office. The Executive Assistant acts as the first point of contact for the Ngunnawal Centre, and will assist the Director with the preparation and monitoring of correspondence, finances, travel, meetings, and functions.

The successful applicant will be required to manage a large volume of work competently with a high degree of accuracy. Applicants will need to demonstrate executive administrative experience within a large and complex environment, including the ability to:

- liaise with internal and external stakeholders
- demonstrate superior organisational, analytical and relationship management skills
- demonstrate initiative, forward thinking and intuitiveness

For more information on this position please contact,
Jason Young, Director - Office of the Deputy Vilor
(Education) on (02) 6206 8654.

Closing Date: 24 November 2013



The University is an EO employer offering excellent conditions and benefits including generous superannuation.

People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

For more information on this position and how to apply please, go to our website at
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TAFE Western Institute
has a position of

Head Teacher Health & Community Services

in our new Winhanganha unit in Orange.

This is an Aboriginal Identified position.

TAFE Western is a leading provider of vocational education to Aboriginal peoples and can offer more choices to more people in more places.

With over 8,000 identified Aboriginal enrolments, TAFE Western is committed to attracting, employing and retaining Aboriginal peoples in an increasing range of employment opportunities right across our vocational education business and communities.

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To find out more, contact

Susan Carey on 6883 3400

Total salary package up to \$114, 492 pa.

Closing date: 8 December 2013

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Jobs that make a difference

Senior Program Officer

Service Design and Implementation Group
Youth Justice and Disability Forensic Unit
VPS5 \$81,093 to \$98,116 + Superannuation

The Senior Program Officer develops innovative program and service responses for young Aboriginal people, in contact or at risk of contact with the youth justice system.

- Do you have an understanding of and positive relationships with the Victorian Aboriginal community?
- Can you work with the Victorian Aboriginal community to develop innovative responses for young Aboriginal people?

Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply as this position is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, Section 12 (1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Lisa Hema on (03) 9096 0985. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on vacancies.

Please quote reference DHS/SDI/00375980.

Applications close 1 December 2013.

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Prison Officer Recruitment

Placing a high emphasis on workplace diversity, team culture, and ongoing career learning and development, a job with the Department of Justice could be your next career move. Koori applicants are now sought for a variety of roles such as Prison Officers. This is your chance for a rewarding career where you're truly making a difference in people's lives.

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To find out more information about these vacancies, or to come along to an information session, please call the Koori Employment Team on (03) 8684 0385.

These positions are exempt under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 to be filled by Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander People.

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Aboriginal Ear Health Program Coordinator

PPT, Salary: \$32.43 ph, Recruitment No: 160301,
Enquiries: Jacaline Kelly, 0419 687 663 or jacaline.kelly@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au Close: 13/12/13.

Bathurst

Social Worker – Building Strong Foundations (BSF) Program

PPT, Salary: \$28.01–\$40.59 ph, Recruitment No: 160293,
Enquiries: Jacaline Kelly, 0419 687 663 or jacaline.kelly@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au Close: 13/12/13.

For an Application Kit or to apply online please go to
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>



Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

Civil Law Para Legal

Salary: \$50,000

Status of Employment: Full Time

The Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service is an organisation committed to protecting and enhancing the rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities in Victoria.

We are seeking to employ a full time Civil Law Para Legal to provide high quality legal support to the Civil Law solicitors. This support will ensure high quality services, including duty lawyer services, representation, advice and information in civil law matters.

This position is based at the VALS office in Preston, Victoria.

Mandatory: Must hold a Victorian Drivers Licence. Enrolled in Bachelor of Laws or eligible for admission as a legal practitioner in Victoria.

Applications must address the key selection criteria. Position descriptions may be obtained by contacting Kayla Ketchell on 9418 5999.

Applications should be addressed to:

Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
PO Box 52, Preston VIC 3072

Applications close: 6th December 2013



Ground-breaking employment opportunity for an innovative person with a passion for mental health!

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The Partners in Recovery (PIR) program is an exciting new program that aims to support consumers with a severe and persistent mental illness who also have many needs, and their carers and families to access services and supports from multiple sectors.

SUPPORT FACILITATOR Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Specialist

- 1 position available
- Provide culturally appropriate assistance to consumers with a focus on accessing, advocating and maintaining services for ATSI consumers living with a mental illness
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The Support Facilitator ATSI Specialist will be part of the Neami staff team and will work within a collaborative team approach. By using a community development approach, the Support Facilitator ATSI Specialist will build their local knowledge of the available services and will seek to encourage a recovery orientated approach by these services.

Applications close: Sunday 8 December 2013

visit www.neaminational.org.au to apply



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ACADEMIC

Murina Course Coordinator Centre for Pathways & Participation – Riawunna Vacancy No 520

★ 1113KM CRICOS Provider Code: 00586B

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UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA



Assistant Roster Officer

ABORIGINAL TARGETED POSITION
PoliceLink

Operational Communications and Information Command
TUGGERAH
Clerk Grade 1/2

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 000024KR

Salary Package: \$67,162. **Salary:** \$55,985 – \$60,863. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The position of Assistant Roster Officer provides administrative and clerical support in the delivery of personnel and human resource services to PoliceLink Command. This position provides a range of administrative and clerical functions to support the Roster Unit.

Job Notes:

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- 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: Inspector Barry Powter on (02) 4352 0011.

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 000024KR.

Closing Date: Sunday 24 November 2013.

N31083



Administration Support Officer

ABORIGINAL TARGETED POSITION
Communications Group

Operational Communications and Information Command
POTTS HILL
Clerk Grade 1/2
Permanent Full-Time

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 000024KQ

Salary Package: \$67,162. **Salary:** \$55,985 – \$60,863. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The position of Administrative Support Officer provides administrative and clerical support in the delivery of financial, personnel and human resource services to the Metropolitan and Regional Radio Network Services Centres and Communication Group. This position provides a wide range of executive, administrative and clerical functions to support the Commander.

Job Notes:

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- 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: Diana Mbaka on (02) 9265 4717.

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 000024KQ.

Closing Date: Sunday 24 November 2013.

N31084

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Aboriginal Health Drug & Alcohol Clinician

Aboriginal Health Team

Part Time, Ongoing, 48 hours per fortnight

- Diverse and engaging career opportunities
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An opportunity exists for a Aboriginal Health Drug and Alcohol Clinician in our Aboriginal Health Team located at Healesville. The position will be responsible for supporting a caseload of consumers pre, during and post withdrawal from all types of substances; provides referrals to other appropriate agencies, ensures the service meets timelines and the supports Aboriginal Health Team members.

The Aboriginal Health Team provides primary care services to the Aboriginal people and their families, across the eastern region and is part of the Community Health stream of Eastern Health.

Eastern health is the largest public health provider in the eastern suburbs, providing a comprehensive range of high quality acute, sub-acute, palliative care, mental health, drug and alcohol, residential care and community health services to people and communities that are diverse in culture, age, socio-economic status, population and healthcare needs.

To be successful in the role you will have:

- Tertiary qualification in Psychology or Social Worker
- Registration with relevant professional body
- Experience in the delivery of counselling in the drug and alcohol context
- Ability to work effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Ability to work as part of a diverse team

The successful applicant to this position will be required to undergo a pre-employment Police and Working with Children Check.

Enquiries: Andrew Kaias on 0418 719 460

Please apply online at: www.easternhealth.org.au

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JOB REFERENCE NUMBER: 14096

**Application Closing Date:
6 December 2013.**





Indigenous Traineeship (12 months)

City of Melbourne is proud to be partnering with Aplus to provide Traineeships to applicants from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background in different work areas across the organisation. Together Aplus and the City of Melbourne can work towards providing trainees with meaningful work experience and on the job training for 12 months whilst studying towards an accredited qualification.

Successful trainees will be able to choose between a number of different work areas within the City of Melbourne including; Engineering Services, Customer Relations, Human Resources, Library Services, Parking & Traffic or Family Services.

For more information on traineeships within these work areas, we will be inviting prospective trainees to attend an information session in January 2014.

To be successful for a Traineeship, you will...

- Be committed to fulfilling the requirements of a 12 month traineeship including the completion of a Certificate III qualification in Business Administration or a similar discipline
- Be willing to learn and apply enthusiasm to the role
- Have good verbal and written communication skills
- Possess computer application and keyboard skills
- Have an interest in local government and gaining work experience in one or more of the work areas listed above

For further information and how to apply for the traineeship, please visit our website:
www.employment.melbourne.vic.gov.au

Applications close: Tuesday 31 December 2013.

Only people from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background are eligible to apply.



Ashfield Council

Ashfield Council has been recognised for its innovation, community focus and organisational excellence. With beautiful contemporary office spaces situated on train and bus lines less than 10km from the Sydney CBD, Ashfield is one of the most progressive Councils in NSW.

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL OFFICER

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A wonderful and unique opportunity has arisen for a qualified and experienced to assist with the implementation of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan. Reporting directly to the Team Leader Community Programs, this position is responsible for building relationships and cultural awareness within the Council and the community.

The successful applicant must have experience in community engagement and the delivery of community education. Strong interpersonal and communication skills and project management skills as well as the ability to work as part of a team is essential.

An hourly salary range between \$30.52 - \$35.70 is offered depending upon competencies, knowledge and experience. Benefits include close proximity to public transport, flexible working hours and employment based on EEO principles led by progressive management, with a strong safety focus.

How to Apply:

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Specific Enquiries:

Anthia Hart, Acting Team Leader Community Programs (02) 9716 1866

Closing Date:

4pm Thursday 28th November 2013



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Ongoing, Full time

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To view the Duty Statement and Selection Criteria and to apply, please visit our website www.sbs.com.au/jobs

For further information about the position please contact Nakari Thorpe on (02) 9430 2551 or Nakari.Thorpe@sbs.com.au

Applications must be submitted online by midnight (AEDT) on 6 January 2014.

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AG79580



Aboriginal Community Development Officer

(Permanent Full-time)

Salary: \$68,510 - \$73,755 + superannuation per annum

Do you have a passion for working with community groups and interest in shaping the future of Lake Macquarie? Council has a permanent full time position available for an Aboriginal Community Development Officer to join the Community Planning Team.

To apply: www.lakemac.com.au <<http://www.lakemac.com.au>>

Closing date: 5pm Monday, 2 December 2013



Trade & Investment

Administrative Officer Indigenous Cultural Development Arts NSW

The NSW Department of Trade & Investment drives sustainable economic growth in New South Wales. The Department works with and supports the vast range of businesses and industries across NSW to advance investment, innovation, activity and improvements across all industry sectors including Arts NSW.

This position supports the Senior Aboriginal Cultural Development Officer and the Strategic Initiatives team with general administration and in particular, assisting with the implementation of the Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy. This role builds and maintains relations with the Aboriginal arts and cultural sector, assists in the preparation of documents, including routine correspondence, submissions, reports, briefing notes and Ministerials and provides general administrative support involving the organisation of meetings, workshops, seminars, special events and redirecting or responding to emails, correspondence and phone calls as required.

For further information, including the selection criteria, position description and to apply online, applicants should go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search for Job Reference No: 000025H1.

Enquiries: Sharni Adamietz – PH: (02) 9995 0667

Closing date: Sunday, 1 December 2013

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Education & Communities

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer x 2

ACLO

Permanent full-time position

Position numbers and Locations:

174440 (Gosford) and 174443 (Mt Druitt)

Total remuneration package valued to: \$75,624 p.a. (salary \$62,587 to \$68,531 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Working as part of a team to support and develop partnerships and understanding between the Aboriginal community and the Department at all levels, thereby helping to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal school students.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Proven ability to work collaboratively in teams. Knowledge of Aboriginal education programs, departmental communities and external agencies. Skills to facilitate change. Understanding of Aboriginal Education Consultative Group role. Effective interpersonal, oral and written skills. Driver's licence or willingness to obtain one. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education and Communities, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/New-Working-with-Children-Check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment

Notes: There are 2 positions available. Please list your locations in preferred order.

Special Notes: It is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria/prescreening questions.

Enquiries: Natalie Pierson (02) 9408 8939.

To apply online please visit JobsNSW website and refer to keyword 174440

Closing Date: 4 December 2013

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

N34058

Chief Executive Officer

Broome, WA

- * **Executive level remuneration package!**
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The Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council (KAMSC) have a once in a lifetime opportunity for a **Chief Executive Officer** to lead the organisation's strategic direction based in Broome, WA. Reporting to the Board of Directors, you'll be **responsible for the overall management of the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council**. You'll be rewarded for your efforts with an **executive level remuneration package** as well as a range of generous benefits including **fully furnished accommodation, relocation expenses covered, annual airfare subsidy, a vehicle & more!**



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IACC is a community owned organisation, which manages a number of Education and Care services in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven. IACC is the auspice for the early learning component of Cullungutti Aboriginal Child and Family Centre opening January 2014. We are seeking applicants for the following positions:

Early Childhood Educator (Diploma)

(Position No. 48/13)

Full Time, 38 Hours per week
Cullungutti Early Learning Centre East Nowra

Diploma of Children's Services

Traineeship (Position No 50/13)

Full Time, 38 Hours per week
Cullungutti Early Learning Centre East Nowra

Support Worker Cook

(Position No 51/13)

Part Time – 25 Hours per week
Cullungutti Early Learning Centre East Nowra

Clerical Administration

(Position Number 49/13)

Part Time 14 Hours per week
Cullungutti Early Learning Centre East Nowra

Salary will be in accordance with the relevant award and the policies and procedures of IACC Ltd.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For application packages and enquiries contact IACC Office: 02 4223 1100 or Download from www.iacc.com.au

Closing Date: 30th November 2013

Youth Liaison Officer Indigenous Youth Career Pathways

Full Time 13th January – 30 June 2014

2 Days per week

1st July – 30 December 2014



CentaCare provides a broad range of innovative social services in response to the needs of communities in Western NSW. The following position is available under the Indigenous Youth Career Pathway Program to identify, establish and maintain school based traineeships and apprenticeship placement opportunities for the Indigenous youth in Dubbo, Forbes, Bathurst, Mudgee, Condobolin, Brewarrina and Broken Hill. The position is full time till June 2014, and then two days a week for the following 6 months. The position can be located in Orange, Forbes or Dubbo Office.

With a commitment to 'strengthening the pathways between school and employment, education and training' the selected candidate will be responsible for liaising with education institutions, employers and employer groups and families to generate employment and training opportunities. You will assist Indigenous young people to engage in School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships and transition effectively from secondary school into employment or further education.

Essential Criteria:

- Respect for Catholic ethos.
- Working with Children Check Number
- Experience working with young people
- An understanding of School Based traineeships and apprenticeships and the processes involved.
- Well developed oral and written communication skills and an ability to negotiate and liaise with a diverse range of people.
- Experience working within education institutions and local businesses;
- Ability to communicate effectively with Indigenous people and a knowledge and understanding of Indigenous culture.
- Current Driver's licence and willing to travel to regional towns throughout NSW.
- Ability to build and maintain effective working relationships and act with diplomacy and discretion when dealing with sensitive and confidential issues.
- Ability to assess priorities and manage competing deadlines both independently and as a member of a team.

Applicants must also be prepared to undertake a National Police Check. An attractive remuneration package is on offer commensurate with qualifications and experience.

For further information about this position, please contact Helen Clark on 02 6393 1903.

For an information package visit www.centacarewf.org.au/about-us/positions/vacant, phone 02 6850 1788 or email: careers@centacarewf.org.au

Applications close

5pm on Monday 2 December 2013.

Proudly part of the Catholic Social Services network and the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes





Attorney General & Justice

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

WITNESS ASSISTANCE OFFICER (Indigenous Identified)

Prosecution Officer (Administrative) Level 4

Provide professional support and assistance to victims and witnesses in criminal matters prosecuted by the Office, with a focus on victims and witnesses from an Indigenous background.

This is an identified position for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. This is a permanent full-time position based in the Sydney CBD and the position covers Sydney and the greater metro areas, South Coast and South Western region of NSW. Considerable travel is required in this role. Where possible, an eligibility list will be created.

Salary of up to \$81,520 per annum plus annual leave loading and superannuation.

For further information and to apply, visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au (Job Reference No: 0000261W).

Closing date: 2 December 2013

N92115



VACCA Connected by culture

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services.

We are seeking Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to apply for the following positions:

AFLDM Convenor Family Violence Case Worker Integrated Family Support Worker

The Early Intervention and Family Support Service within VACCA provides a range of programs for Aboriginal families. Our Program currently offers Aboriginal families interventions across a continuum of support ranging from early intervention & prevention work to the provision of both secondary and tertiary services.

Our programs are delivered in line with an integrated model of service delivery and whilst staff are allocated to program areas, it is expected that they can and are able to work across all program areas within the EI&FS Team.

For further information please contact Narelle Slater on (03) 8388 1840 or by email: narelles@vacca.org

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria which all applicants must address, please email recruitment@vacca.org

Applications close: Sunday 1st December 2013

BUNGREE Aboriginal Association Inc

Chief Executive Officer Aboriginal Services

Toukley, NSW

- Are you passionate about the Aboriginal community and ready for a new challenge?
- Have you got what it takes to be the CEO of a pioneering Aboriginal Service?
- Do you have the leadership and people skills we are looking for to make a difference?
- Are you a strong decision maker?

About the Organisation:

Bungree Aboriginal Association is a Central Coast Aboriginal community organisation based in Toukley, which provides a wide range of services to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the Central Coast of NSW.

About the Opportunity:

Bungree Aboriginal Association has a rare opportunity for a highly motivated individual to lead the strategic direction of the organisation as Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer is the primary agent to the Board of Directors (BOD) and will provide overall leadership and management in the delivery of quality services to the local Aboriginal community. This will include providing expert policy advice to the BOD as you manage the implementation of the organisations strategic goals and objectives. You will manage multiple tasks while ensuring compliance with regard to legislative requirements and requirements of funding bodies.

Please note: This is an Aboriginal Australian identified position. Bungree considers that being an Aboriginal Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under the Anti Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

About the Benefits:

This is an excellent opportunity to drive positive change and make a difference in the community within one of NSW most highly regarded Aboriginal Services.

The successful applicant will be offered a remuneration package negotiated on their skills and experience, this role is inclusive of salary packaging.

To apply please include a cover letter and detailed resume or to enquire further and request a position description, please contact Terri Blakesley at recruitment@inspire-success.com

**All final applications are required by
7th December, 2013**

Legal Aid NEW SOUTH WALES

Civil Law Solicitor Grade I-III, (Aboriginal Targeted), Dubbo

Permanent Position
Package to \$109K

Applications must be submitted online through www.jobs.nsw.gov.au to be considered.

Closing Date: 4 December 2013

Enquiries: Patrick Latham on 6885 7731
patrick.latham@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

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Health Sydney Local Health District

Administrative Officer (Level 4) – Planning and Aboriginal Health

Ref: 160710, F/T at RPAH

Salary: \$54,636–\$55,956 pa

Eng: Pam Garrett, 0477 333 863

Closing Date: 29 November 2013

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



Aged Care Case Managers

Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd (GEGAC) is seeking applicants for 2 full time (negotiable) Aged Care Case Managers in Bairnsdale. Experience or tertiary qualification in health or related fields is mandatory. This service provides support and care coordination for older Aboriginal people requiring assistance to remain in their own homes & community.

Successful candidates must address the Key Selection Criteria in writing. Applications close 5pm, Friday 13 December 2013.

Please note the position will commence in January 2014. For a copy of the Position Description and Key Selection Criteria please contact Kyla Di Fiore on 03 5150 0703 or email kdifiore@gegac.org.au

Previous applicants need not apply.

Applications must be addressed in writing to:
**Aged Care Case Management Position
GEGAC**

P.O. Box 634, BAIRNSDALE, VIC 3875

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

GEGAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Internal Applicants are eligible to apply.

AlfredHealth

Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer

• Full time or part time.

We invite applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are interested in making a difference within a large health organisation. This is a designated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander position.

As part of a team of two workers supported by staff, the community and an Aboriginal Advisory Committee your role will provide: face to face secondary consultations with patients, families and health professionals to improve access and care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients; identify opportunities for improving service delivery; and contribute to building the capacity of staff to provide a culturally safe environment.

You will also work collaboratively with Caulfield and Inner South Community Health Services, to develop efficient and coordinated services in response to the needs of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

**Enquiries: Lorraine Xavier-Ambrosius on
Tel 03 9076 3026.**

Applications Close: 27/11/13

Alfred Health incorporates The Alfred, Caulfield Hospital and Sandringham Hospital.

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**Apply online:
www.alfred.org.au**

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PIUS X ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MOREE

Aboriginal Outreach Worker

Full-time

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation is seeking to recruit a full-time **Aboriginal Outreach Worker**. The successful applicant will work as part of a non-clinical member of our multi-disciplinary health team.

The position is funded under the Indigenous Chronic Disease program and is aimed at raising awareness with young Aboriginal people about the risk factors of diabetes as well as assisting the community to make better use of available health care services.

For information package including selection criteria and position description please contact Mrs Kim Connors, Administration Officer on

0267521099 or; email admin@piusx.com.au
Written applications including detailed resume, letters of application and names of referees should be marked "Confidential" and be addressed to the CEO, Pius X Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 363 MOREE NSW 2400.

Applications to be received by:

Friday 6th December 2013.

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation promotes EEO principles and provides a smoke-free work environment. Relevant Criminal and Working with Children Checks will be conducted prior to appointment.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. These positions are available only to Aboriginal people.

Vacancies currently exist at the following schools. Contact the Principal for further information:

SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER - ABORIGINAL

- Denison College Kelso Campus School - 02 6331 4544
- Dubbo West Public School - 02 6882 3086

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER - ABORIGINAL

- Moree East Public School - 02 6752 1798
- Picton High School - 02 4677 1242
- Vincentia High School - 02 4441 6766

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER

- Muswellbrook South Public School - 02 65431896

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.dec.nsw.gov.au/careers

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 4 December 2013.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

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Education & Communities

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Permanent full-time position

ACLO, Mount Druitt

Position number: 124971

Total remuneration package valued up to \$75,624 pa (salary \$62,587 to \$68,531 pa) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Working as part of a team to support and develop partnerships and understanding between the Aboriginal community and the department at school, region and State Office level, thereby helping to improve the outcomes for Aboriginal school students.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Proven ability to work collaboratively in teams.
- Knowledge of Aboriginal education programs, Departmental communities and external agencies.
- Skills to facilitate change.
- Understanding of Aboriginal Education Consultative Group role.
- Effective interpersonal, oral and written skills.
- Driver's licence or willingness to obtain one.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Notes: This is a permanent full-time appointment. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education and Communities, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/New-Working-with-Children-Check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Special Notes: It is a requirement that all candidates submit their application and resume online. No paper based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria/pre-screening questions.

Enquiry Officer: David Galea (02) 9622 3575.

To apply online please visit JobsNSW website: jobsnsw.taleo.net/careersection/all_jobs/jobsearch.ftl and refer to keyword 124971.

Closing Date: Wednesday 4 December 2013

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	08/504	GIRALIA RESOURCES PTY LTD	6581.52HA	104km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 50' S Long: 116° 44' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	39/1088	MURRIN MURRIN HOLDINGS PTY LTD GLENMURRIN PTY LTD YILGARN MINING (WA) PTY LTD	3128.02HA	85km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 9' S Long: 123° 1' E	MENZIES SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 20 November 2013

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **20 February 2014**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **20 March 2014**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Government of Western Australia
Department of Lands

EXTRACTS OF ORDERS FOR TAKING LAND
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997

section 177(5)(a)

The land/interests in land in the schedule below has/have been taken by order(s) of the Minister for Lands in accordance with sections 177 and 178 of the Land Administration Act 1997. The order(s) has/have been registered by the Registrar of Titles, with registration number(s) stated in the schedule. Extract(s) of the order(s) follow:

Location of Land	Designation	Description of Land/Interests Taken	Registration Number of Order	Job Number / Reference
Shire of Broome in the vicinity of James Price Point	Parcel of Land No. 1: Industrial Precinct Grant of a lease for the purpose of a multi-user industrial precinct for processing liquefied natural gas (LNG)	That part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being the area of approximately 1980 ha marked B on Deposited Plan 72951 and now shown as Lot 310 on Deposited Plan 75838	M450695	01606-2008-16RO / Job No. 130226
	Parcel of Land No. 2: Third Party Contractors' Site Grant of a lease for the purpose of a light industrial area	That part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being the area of approximately 199.87 ha marked C on Deposited Plan 72951 and now shown as Lot 306 on Deposited Plan 75838		
	Parcel of Land No. 3: Workers' Accommodation Site Grant of a lease for the purpose of a workers' accommodation area	That part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being the area of approximately 199.86 ha marked D on Deposited Plan 72951 and now shown as Lot 309 on Deposited Plan 75838		
Shire of Broome in the vicinity of James Price Point	Parcel of Land No. 1: Port Land Reserved for Port Purposes	That: (i) Part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696 being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565; and (ii) Part of Lot 3001 on Deposited Plan 68245 being part of the land in certificate of Crown land title volume 3159 folio 448 being the area of approximately 109.78 ha marked A on Deposited Plan 72951 and now shown as Lot 312 on Deposited Plan 75838	M450694	01606-2008-16RO / Job No. 130226
	Parcel of Land No. 2: Service Corridors Reserved for the purpose of service corridors associated with the Browse LNG Precinct	Those parts of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being: (i) the area of approximately 168.70 ha marked H1 on Deposited Plan 72951 and now shown as Lot 307 on Deposited Plan 75838; and (ii) the area of approximately 21.75 ha marked H2 on Deposited Plan 72951 and now shown as Lot 305 on Deposited Plan 75838; and (iii) the area of approximately 30.50 ha marked H3 on Deposited Plan 72951 and now shown as Lot 308 on Deposited Plan 75838		
	Parcel of Land No. 3: Pipeline Corridors Reserved for the purpose of pipeline corridors associated with the Browse LNG Precinct	That: (i) Part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565; and (ii) Part of Lot 3007 on Deposited Plan 68252, being part of the land in certificate of Crown land title volume 3159 folio 452, being the area of approximately 241.87 ha marked E on Deposited Plan 72951 and now shown as Lot 313 on Deposited Plan 75838. That: (i) Part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565; and (ii) Lot 3004 on Deposited Plan 68251, being the whole of the land in certificate of Crown land title volume 3159 folio 450, being the area of approximately 195.18 ha marked F on Deposited Plan 72951 and now shown as Lot 311 on Deposited Plan 75838		
Shire of Broome in the vicinity of James Price Point	Dedication as public roads	Those parts of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565 being: 1. the area of approximately 188.29 ha marked G1 on Deposited Plan 72951 now shown as Lot 302 on Deposited Plan 75838; and 2. the area of approximately 36.83 ha marked G2 on Deposited Plan 72951 now shown as Lot 303 on Deposited Plan 75838; and 3. the area of approximately 41.38 ha marked G3 on Deposited Plan 72951 now shown as Lot 304 on Deposited Plan 75838	M450696	01606-2008-16RO / Job No. 130226

Copy(s) of the order(s) can be obtained from Landgate, 1 Midland Square, Midland, WA or www.landgate.wa.gov.au.
For other queries, contact Benjamin Jeong, Project Officer, Land Asset Management and Projects, Department of Lands, PO Box 1143 West Perth 6872 or Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth Tel (08) 6552 4767.

Dated this 31st day of October 2013

DIRECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

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Attorney General
& Justice

COURT SERVICES, LOCAL COURTS
CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (ATSI IDENTIFIED)

Clerk Grade 1-2
Bourke Magistrate's Circuit, Permanent Part-time 35 hours per fortnight
Salary range: \$27,993 – \$30,432 p.a.
Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$33,658 p.a.

Provide a range of general, clerical, administrative support and client services to meet the needs of clients on the Bourke Magistrate's Circuit. Services may include routine customer enquiries, daily correspondence data entry and records management. In Local Courts, position holders are primarily involved in assisting in the operation of court rooms.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Well developed clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation and follow procedures;
- Strong commitment to client service with demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- Ability to apply initiative to quickly solve problems;
- Willingness to carry out different activities in a variety of work environments;
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment and the ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards;
- Knowledge and understanding of ethical practice as it relates to the Court environment;
- Current NSW Drivers Licence.

The position holder is required to travel as court sits on circuit at locations in the Bourke Area, overnight stays may be required.

Applications addressing the selection criteria must be lodged electronically via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au by 11.59pm on Sunday 1 December 2013. Please do not email applications direct to the contact officer.

Enquiries: Mark Nicholls (02) 6339 9300, mark_nicholls@agd.nsw.gov.au

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ABORIGINAL MANAGER CASEWORK –
OUT OF HOME CARE

Total Package: \$91,153.65

(Base salary \$78,500 including leave loading, plus superannuation and salary sacrifice opportunities)

Do you want a job that will give you the opportunity to make a real difference in the day to day lives of Aboriginal children and families who are in need of support?

KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is the largest accredited Aboriginal OOH service in NSW. We currently have a management position vacant within our Out of Home Care Program due to our on-going service growth.

This position sits within the case management division of the existing Out of Home Care Program. As the Manager Casework you will be responsible for the growth, development and support of a team of dedicated caseworkers in conjunction with the Program Manager. The agency will provide you with all of the supports and resources required to effectively carry out your role.

We are looking for a dedicated and motivated person to join our team and help us make a difference to the lives of children and families in their time of need.

For more information on the Aboriginal Manager Casework– Out of Home Care position you can download the job description from our website www.kari.org.au.

To apply for this position please contact Kristie-Lea Curry, by either phone: 02 8782 0300 or email: kristielea.curry@kari.org.au

CULLUNGHUTTI
Aboriginal



CHILD &
FAMILY
CENTRE



Interim Director
Early Childhood Teacher
(No 47/13)

Fixed Term 38 hours per week
Cullunghutti Aboriginal Child and Family Centre (East Nowra)

IACC is a community owned organisation, which manages a number of education and care services in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven. IACC is the auspice for the early learning component of Cullunghutti Aboriginal Child and Family Centre opening January 2014.

We are seeking a motivated, passionate and experienced Early Childhood professional to work in partnership with the leadership team to establish and lead the new Early Learning Service.

To be considered for this position it will be crucial to have respect and understanding of Aboriginal culture and values and the ability to work effectively and collaboratively with the Shoalhaven Aboriginal community.

Salary will be in accordance with the IACC teacher's collective agreement 2012 and the policies and procedures of IACC Ltd.

Applicants who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are encouraged to apply.

For application packages and enquiries contact IACC Office: 02 4223 1100 or Download from www.iacc.com.au

Applications addressing Selection Criteria and two work related references to:
CEO IACC Ltd Unit 2, 210 Shellharbour Road Warrarong NSW 2502

Closing Date: 30th November 2013



Aboriginal Advocacy Program Officer

Full time, based in Perth.

The Health Consumers' Council WA is an independent organisation, advocating for the consumer's voice in health policy, planning and service delivery.

We have a full time opportunity for a passionate and energetic Aboriginal applicant for the role of Aboriginal Advocacy Program Officer. This position provides support to Aboriginal people experiencing a problem with a health service and works in partnership with health services to improve service delivery.

The position will be based in Perth but requires travel throughout the state, networking and liaising with Aboriginal consumers and health services.

For further information about the position please call Laura Elkin on (08) 9221 3422

For an application package please email:
amy.mcgregor@hconc.org.au

Applications close Friday 6th December
and must address selection criteria.



ABORIGINAL SERVICES ABORIGINAL CLIENT SERVICE SPECIALIST

Clerk Grade 3-4

Broken Hill, Temporary Full Time (up to 12 months)

Salary range: \$62,587 – \$68,531 p.a.

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$75,795 p.a.

The Aboriginal Client Service Specialists Programme (ACSSP) seeks to provide targeted and responsive service delivery to Aboriginal clients in order to improve access and equity, and enhance the ability of Aboriginal people to effectively participate in the justice system.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Knowledge of the needs/issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system
- Ability to work effectively with local Aboriginal communities, service providers and other government/non-government agencies;
- Knowledge of community resources in the legal, advocacy, community and welfare sectors
- Well developed oral and written communication skills, including the ability to develop material, organise and deliver information to groups;
- Ability to travel within NSW (overnight travel will be required).

Applications addressing the selection criteria must be lodged electronically via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au by **11.59pm on Sunday 1 December 2013**. Please do not email applications direct to the contact officer.

Enquiries:

Cheryl Suey 0459 810 912 cheryl_suey@agd.nsw.gov.au

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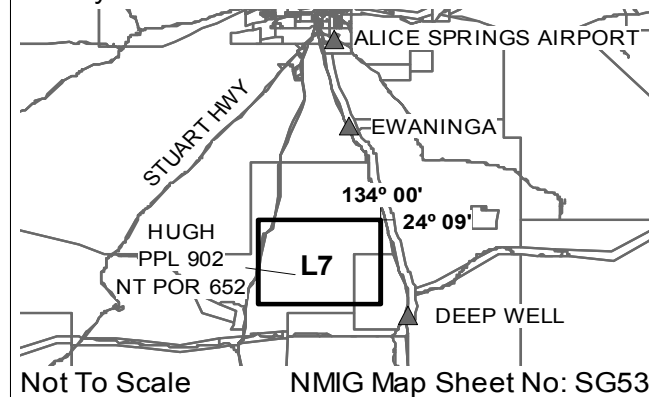
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF PRODUCTION LICENCE (PETROLEUM)

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN, NT 0801, hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) that application has been for, and the Minister intends to grant, a Production Licence (Petroleum) ("Licence") under Division 2 of Part II of the *Petroleum Act* (NT) as follows:

Application to which this notice applies:

Production Licence L7 sought by MAGELLAN PETROLEUM (NT) PTY LTD ACN 009 718 183 over an area of 6 Blocks depicted below for a term up to 25 years, within the OODNADATTA locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a production licence under the *Petroleum Act* authorises the holder to explore for and recover petroleum from the licence area and to carry out such operations and execute such works in the licence area as are necessary for the exploration for and recovery of petroleum for a term that the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the production licence referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801,

or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5396.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 Adelaide, SA 5001, or telephone (08) 8205 2000.

Notification Day: 20 November 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth)

The Gundungurra Native Title Claim Group and the State of New South Wales, Minister administering the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW), Director General under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW), Sydney Catchment Authority, Director General of Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, delegate of the Forestry Commission of New South Wales and Blue Mountains City Council propose to enter into an area Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA) pursuant to Subdivision C of division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). The objects of the ILUA in which the State of New South Wales will acknowledge the Gundungurra People identify as the successors of the traditional owners at the time of sovereignty of the ILUA area are:

- to resolve the Gundungurra Native Title Claims by agreement, to stipulate the limited circumstances in which Native Title Claims can be brought in future, to enable the Gundungurra People to consent to the undertaking in the Agreement Area of certain acts which may be future acts, to provide Gundungurra people with the opportunity to provide input into the management of certain State lands within the Agreement Area, to record and confirm the validity of certain past acts and future acts which have taken place prior to the making of this Deed, to enable the Gundungurra People to receive certain procedural rights of certain classes of acts (Class 1 Post Registration Acts and Class 2 Post Registration Acts), that the State proposes to undertake in the Agreement Area, to record the consent of the Gundungurra People to the undertaking by the State of various acts (Class 3 Post Registration Acts) in the Agreement Area and to provide for the withdrawal of the Gundungurra Native Title Claims.



The ILUA area is as show on the map above and is within the area covered by the above listed Native Title Claims which are registered Native Title Claims. The Gundungurra Native Title Claim Group as described in the ILUA is all present and past members of Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation, all present and past members of Gundungurra Aboriginal Heritage Association.

The ILUA area does not include any area within any other Native Title Claim.

AUTHORISATION MEETING

An authorization meeting regarding the ILUA will be held at Katoomba, New South Wales as follows:

Date: Sunday 8 December 2013

Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm

Place: Blue Mountains Region office, National Parks & Wildlife Services, 38 Whitton Street, North Katoomba.

NPWS and OEH is not directly involved nor have any part in the Gundungurra Authorisation meeting

Purpose: To authorize the ILUA between the Gundungurra Native Title Claim Group and the State of New South Wales.

You are invited to attend the Authorisation Meeting if you consider you are a member of the Gundungurra Native Title Claim Group or that you may hold Native Title in relation to the ILUA area.

Note: If you intend to come to the Authorisation Meeting you must register your interest so that arrangements can be made for catering and logistics. Registering your interest If you consider that either:

- you are a member of the Gundungurra Native Title Claim Group; or
- although not a member of the Gundungurra Native Title claim Group you hold or may hold a Native Title in relation to the ILUA area,

you are invited to register your interest by Friday 29 November 2013 by providing details of:

- your name and contact details; and
- the basis upon which you claim to be a member of the Gundungurra Native Title Claim Group or if not a member of the Gundungurra Native Title Claim Group the basis on which you claim to hold Native Title in relation to the ILUA area.

Responses should be directed to:

Kathleen Brown or Dawn Harris on:

Phone: 0247 829 767 or

Email: sharonbrown@gundungurra.org.au

Post: Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation, 14 Oak Street, Katoomba. NSW 2780

Merle Williams

Phone: 02 47573 223 or 0409 466 583

Post: Gundungurra Aboriginal Heritage Association, PO Box 31, Lawson NSW 2783

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Community Programs Officer – Identified

Clerk Grade 7/8

Temporary Full-Time

Department of Education and Communities

Aboriginal Affairs NSW

Tamworth

Reference No. 00002620

Total remuneration package valued up to \$102,792 per annum (Salary: \$83,962 pa – \$92,940 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The positions throughout NSW will undertake a range of functions consistent with Aboriginal Affairs (AA) responsibilities under the NSW State Plan, the Coalition Of Australian Government's (COAG) National Indigenous Reform Agenda (Closing the Gap) and the NSW Government's Aboriginal Affairs Strategy, in accordance with the priorities and needs of the region, including:

- working with other Government agencies and peak bodies to deliver on government priorities including service improvement planning across their region
- working with nominated Aboriginal communities to implement AA programs
- implementing AA projects in their region
- liaising with Aboriginal community groups and service providers to respond to emerging issues

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Superior understanding and sensitivity to Aboriginal culture, and an in-depth understanding of the Aboriginal community issues and demonstrated ability to engage and work in partnership with Aboriginal communities and organisations, to deliver real outcomes in Aboriginal communities.
- High level verbal communication skills, including cross cultural, for negotiation and conflict resolution, working with stakeholders, management of sensitive issues and provision of advice to regional management and partners on a range of issues.
- Sound written communication skills and the ability to prepare reports, briefs, correspondence and submissions.
- Proven analytical and high level problem solving skills with an innovative solution focus.
- Ability to exercise sound judgement, tact and discretion and maintain strict confidentiality.
- Demonstrated project management experience and ability to meet deadlines and work independently.
- Current motor vehicle Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is an Identified position. In this position, an applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period up to 28 March 2014 with a possibility of extension under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. The successful applicant will be subject to criminal record checks. The position will require regular overnight travel. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Mr Tad Kiernski 0425 324 119

Information Packages and to apply on-line: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Reference No: 00002620

Closing Date: 6 December 2013

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PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT
SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit applications applied for under section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* .

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0110	Rusa Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd	7626 km²	Shire of Carnarvon (84.3%) Shire of Ashburton (15.7%) Shire of Exmouth (<0.1%)

LOCALITY
The application is located in the Southern Carnarvon Basin. The application occupies a total of 97 5'x5' blocks of which 85 blocks are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SF50 (Hamersley Range), 9 are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet S49 (Cloates) and 3 blocks are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SG50 (Meekatharra). The north-west corner of the application is located approximately 87 kilometres south-south east of the township of Learmonth, the south-west corner being approximately 100 kilometres north-north-east of the city of Carnarvon and the north-east corner approximately 92 kilometres south-west of the Nanutarra Roadhouse on the North West Coastal Highway. The application commences at a point 114°15'4.72"E, 22°59'55.38"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°45'4.74"E, 22°59'55.37"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°45'4.74"E, 23°4'55.37"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°50'4.74"E, 23°4'55.37"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°50'4.74"E, 23°14'55.37"E, 23°14'55.37"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°55'4.74"E, 23°14'55.37"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°55'4.75"E, 23°34'55.38"S, thence west along parallel to a point 114°25'4.74"E, 23°34'55.39"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°25'4.76"E, 23°49'55.40"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°30'4.77"E, 23°49'55.40"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°30'4.79"E, 24°14'55.41"S, thence west along parallel to a point 114°25'4.79"E, 24°14'55.41"S, thence north along meridian to a point 114°25'4.77"E, 23°59'55.41"S, thence west along parallel to a point 113°55'4.75"E, 23°59'55.42"S, thence north along meridian to a point 113°55'4.74"E, 23°54'55.42"S, thence west along parallel to a point 113°50'4.74"E, 23°54'55.42"S, thence north along meridian to a point 113°50'4.73"E, 23°44'55.42"S, thence east along parallel to a point 113°55'4.73"E, 23°44'55.41"S, thence north along meridian to a point 113°55'4.72"E, 23°24'55.40"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°15'4.73"E, 23°24'55.39"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 114°15'4.72"E, 22°59'55.38"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0111	Rusa Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd	7691.63 km²	Shire of Murchison (50.6%) Shire of Shark Bay (45.5%) Shire of Upper Gascoyne (3.9%)

LOCALITY
The application is located in the Southern Carnarvon Basin and the Perth Basin. The application occupies a total of 100 5'x5' blocks which are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SG50 (Meekatharra) The application is straddled north to south by the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP). The south-west corner of the application is located approximately 147 kilometres north-north east of the township of Kalbarri and approximately 49 kilometres east-south-east of the Overlander Roadhouse on the North West Coastal Highway and, the north-east corner being approximately 166 kilometres south-west of the peak of Mount Augustus. The application commences at a point 115°50'4.88"E, 25°39'55.39"S, thence east along parallel to a point 116°5'4.89"E, 25°39'55.38"S, thence south along meridian to a point 116°5'4.91"E, 25°59'55.38"S, thence west along parallel to a point 116°0'4.91"E, 25°59'55.39"S, thence south along meridian to a point 116°0'4.94"E, 26°19'55.40"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°40'4.94"E, 26°19'55.42"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°40'4.95"E, 26°24'55.42"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°30'4.94"E, 26°24'55.43"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°30'4.95"E, 26°29'55.43"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°25'4.94"E, 26°29'55.43"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°25'4.95"E, 26°34'55.43"S, thence west along parallel to a point 114°55'4.92"E, 26°34'55.43"S, thence north along meridian to a point 114°55'4.91"E, 26°9'55.44"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°0'4.91"E, 26°9'55.44"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°0'4.91"E, 26°4'55.45"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°5'4.91"E, 26°4'55.44"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°5'4.90"E, 25°59'55.44"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°10'4.90"E, 25°59'55.43"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°10'4.90"E, 25°54'55.43"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°15'4.90"E, 25°54'55.43"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°15'4.89"E, 25°49'55.43"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°40'4.89"E, 25°49'55.40"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°40'4.89"E, 25°44'55.40"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°50'4.89"E, 25°44'55.39"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 115°50'4.88"E, 25°39'55.39"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of petroleum exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further two 5 year terms.

Notification Day: 6 November 2013

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **6 February 2014**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 6 March 2014**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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Sport

Williams in squad for China matches



LYDIA Williams (*pictured*) is in the Matildas women's soccer team for this month's two internationals against China.

The opening fixture will take place at WIN Stadium,

Wollongong, on Sunday, November 24, followed by a clash at Parramatta Stadium on Wednesday, November 27.

The squad features many of the players that travelled to USA last month for a meeting with the world No1 side.

Striker Kyah Simon was injured in that match and is out of the game for 12 months. – *With AAP*



Early call for entries



IT'S a long way off, but already organisers of the 2014 James Kelly Basketball Carnival are calling for entries.

The carnival will be held on April 19-20 at South Hedland at a venue yet to be confirmed.

Entries close on April 11, 2014.

It will cost teams \$150 to enter.

There will be separate competitions for men and women and an under 14 mixed competition.

Details: Chrissie Black on 0457 244 027; fax (08) 9140 2295 or email christineb@wmhsac.com

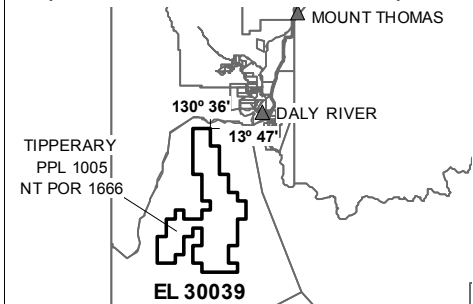
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

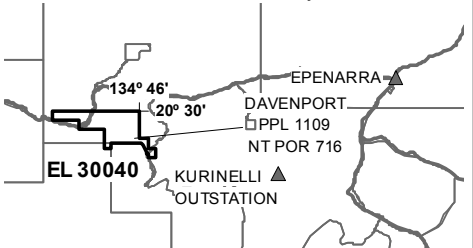
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 30039 sought by ARGECO PTY LTD, ACN 122 153 271 over an area of 72 Blocks (240 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALY RIVER locality.



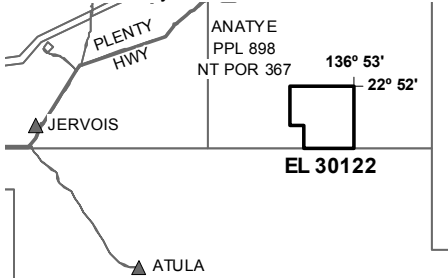
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Exploration Licence 30040 sought by ANGELO FALZON, THOMAS RAYMOND HALL, ANDREW STEVEN HOPPE and KEVIN DUNNELL over an area of 28 Blocks (82 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DAVENPORT RANGE locality.



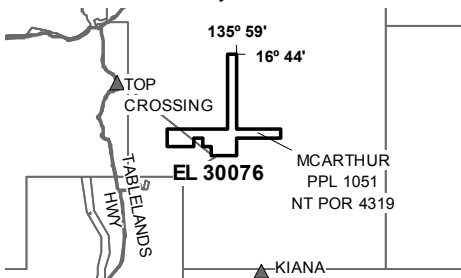
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Exploration Licence 30122 sought by OYASA EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 152 243 653 over an area of 66 Blocks (209 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TARLTON locality.



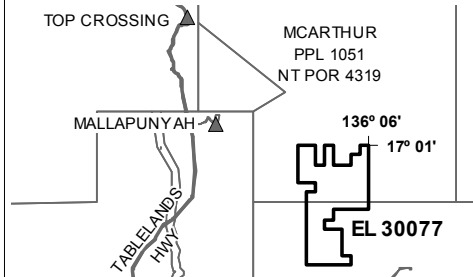
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Exploration Licence 30076 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 022 068 over an area of 31 Blocks (102 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MALLAPUNYAH locality.



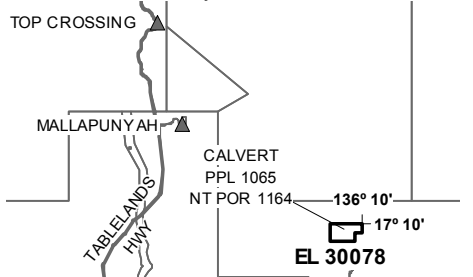
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Exploration Licence 30077 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 022 068 over an area of 67 Blocks (220 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LANCEWOOD locality.



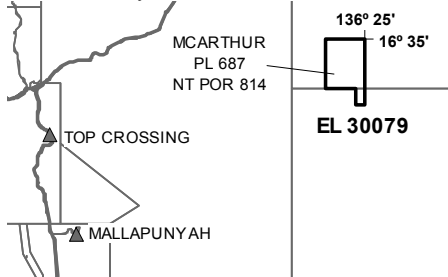
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Exploration Licence 30078 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 022 068 over an area of 7 Blocks (23 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LANCEWOOD locality.



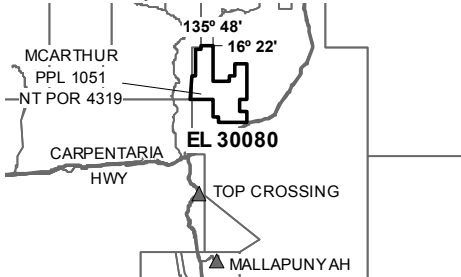
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Exploration Licence 30079 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 022 068 over an area of 32 Blocks (106 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.



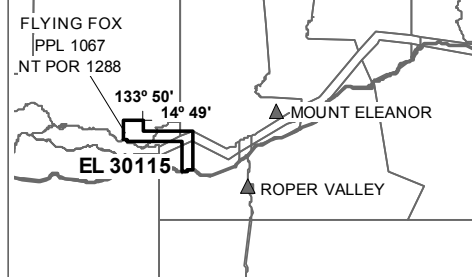
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Exploration Licence 30080 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 022 068 over an area of 77 Blocks (251 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATTEN locality.



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Exploration Licence 30115 sought by NEIL HENRY SCRIVEN, RODNEY JOHNSTON and RONALD JOHN EDWARDS over an area of 12 Blocks (40 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MOROAK locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 20 November 2013



Janaia a true sporting all-rounder



ASK 10-year-old Janaia Donovan what her favourite sport is, and the answer may differ from one day to the next. But there's no doubting her sporting prowess.

For one so young, she has tried her hand at a number of sports, and excelled at them all.

Most recently, the Panania Public School Year 4 student qualified to represent NSW at the primary school national titles in Queensland.

She will compete in the high jump in Queensland on November 23.

Pressed to nominate her favourite sport, Janaia leaned towards athletics – and more specifically – high jump.

But she's no slouch at netball, touch football, soccer and basketball.

She was recently selected in the Bankstown representative under 11 netball squad and has also made the Bankstown Jets touch footy team since the age of 7.

Janaia also plays weekend netball for the local Pumas and soccer for Panania RSL, reaching grand finals in both sports.

So many sports

Janaia has also represented the school in many sports, including netball, basketball, T-ball, touch football and athletics, and qualified in a host of events at the zone athletic carnival.

She has never lived in the Nambucca Valley, on the NSW North Coast, but is descended from the Dhanggati and Gumbayngirr mobs from that region.

Her proud mum Leah Donovan said Janaia had three brothers – Jayden, 18, Kodi, 13, and Reagan 12 and sister Kiana, 7.

Her brothers and sister all play sports – the boys play Oz tag, football and softball at club and representative levels, and her little sister also does Little Athletics and netball.

Which means, that as a single mum, Leah does lots of running around.

It's a big ask, but Leah wouldn't have it any other way. To see her children so heavily involved in sport is satisfying and rewarding.



Janaia Donovan with her state athletics medal.



PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM PRODUCTION LICENCE SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Production Licence application applied for under section 50 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* .

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-PRA-0007	Origin Energy Developments Pty Limited and AWE (Beharra Springs) Pty Ltd	149.28 km ²	Shire of Irwin (100%)

LOCALITY

The application is located in the Perth Basin. The application occupies a total of 2 5'x5' graticular blocks which are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SF50 (Perth). The south-east corner of the application is located approximately 26 kilometres north of the township of Eneabba and the north-west corner approximately 29 kilometres south-east of the township of Dongara. The application commences at a point 115°10'5.11"E, 29°24'55.59"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°15'5.11"E, 29°24'55.59"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°15'5.13"E, 29°34'55.60"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°10'5.13"E, 29°34'55.61"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 115°10'5.11"E, 29°24'55.59"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

Nature Of The Act: A petroleum production licence, while it remains in force, authorises the licensee, subject to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* and in accordance with the conditions to which the licence is subject –

- (a) To recover petroleum in the licence area and to recover petroleum from the licence area in another area to which he has lawful access for that purpose; and
- (b) To explore for petroleum in the licence area; and
- (c) To carry on such operations and execute such works in the licence area as are necessary for those purposes.

A licence granted remains in force for an indefinite term.

Notification Day: 20 November 2013

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **20 February 2014**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The petroleum production licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**20 March 2014**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the petroleum production licence.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Prospecting Licence	04/267	PLUTON RESOURCES LIMITED	73.57HA	137km N'ly of Derby	Lat: 16° 4' S Long: 123° 31' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5854	DOBBIE, Kristina	25.19HA	8km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 10' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5855	HIGGINS, Darren Rodney	8.05HA	7km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 13' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5856-7	XIAO, Zhi Qiang	397.22HA	32km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 120° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5858	HIGGINS, Darren Rodney	16.00HA	15km N'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 21' S Long: 121° 32' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5859	XIAO, Zhi Qiang	199.63HA	6km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5860	RAMELIUS RESOURCES LIMITED	194.37HA	21km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 20' S Long: 121° 27' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2811	ATRIPLEX LTD	200.11HA	73km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 120° 38' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2221-S	SANDER, Thomas Peter	9.98HA	31km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 9' S Long: 117° 47' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2222-S	SANDER, Thomas Peter	9.99HA	31km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 9' S Long: 117° 47' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4765	BORROMEI, Rino	11.16HA	28km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 121° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4766	PHOTIOS, Michael John HALLIGAN, Robert William	7.93HA	67km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 120° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4767-9	OREX MINING PTY LTD	466.75HA	64km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 0' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4770-83	OREX MINING PTY LTD	2547.98HA	21km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3976	BARRICK (AUSTRALIA PACIFIC) LIMITED	27.58HA	10km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3977	KALGOORLIE LAKE VIEW PTY LTD BARRICK (AUSTRALIA PACIFIC) LIMITED KALGOORLIE LAKE VIEW PTY LTD	9.72HA	5km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 29' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2163	LANDTEC PTY LTD	127.52HA	33km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2180-S	WICKS, Shane Raymond	9.95HA	14km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1258	WARNOCK, Stephen Manton	89.23HA	114km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 122° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	36/1788	HASS, Neil William	173.24HA	41km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8434-S	BELL, Michael Barry	9.84HA	54km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 26' S Long: 121° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8435	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	179.26HA	40km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 28' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8436-7	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	392.75HA	35km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 121° 38' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4099-4102	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	567.25HA	44km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 122° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5439-40	MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	226.31HA	43km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 121° 45' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5443	PEARCE, Christopher James MAULONI, Thomas Samuel	197.60HA	57km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 121° 54' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5450-1	MINERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD	284.48HA	50km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 121° 49' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5453	SELGA, Mark	199.66HA	27km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 122° 7' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5456	DIXON, Trevor John	119.95HA	48km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 121° 54' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5457	DIXON, Trevor John	169.76HA	44km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1331	MADIGAN, Michael Francis	161.18HA	48km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 121° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/1820	CALLEGARI, John Cedric	149.67HA	39km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 50' S Long: 120° 29' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2825	BRUTUS CONSTRUCTIONS PTY LTD	195.24HA	50km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 118° 13' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2827	BRUTUS CONSTRUCTIONS PTY LTD	22.65HA	55km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 0' S Long: 118° 11' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1611-6 & 58/1622	LEYLAND, Michael Terrence	889.41HA	10km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 117° 45' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1990-S	DUNCAN, Tobias James	9.00HA	56km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 117° 9' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2030	BISLO RESOURCES PTY LTD	17.47HA	2km SE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 117° 41' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4236	SHERWOOD, Robert Sylvester SHARP, Dean Francis CLEMENTS, Leonard John FLETCHER, Donna Tracey	0.15HA	4km NW'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 11' S Long: 119° 17' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Retention Licence	47/7	ORION EQUITIES LIMITED	381.87HA	103km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 34' S Long: 116° 20' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE

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Pressure on Franklin



LANCE Franklin would start pre-season training with the Sydney Swans two weeks ahead of schedule to establish himself with the club's young players, AFL.com.au reported. It said the superstar forward, who was put on notice by new teammate Adam

Goodes last week, would train briefly with the Swans' first-to-fourth-year players before taking a short break and returning with the senior group on December 2. Goodes last week said he would be looking at how fit Franklin was when he returned to training, as it would be an indication of his commitment to his new teammates.

Franklin's manager, Liam Pickering, said there was no issue between the former Hawthorn star and Goodes, and Franklin was committed to making a strong impression at his new club. "He has spoken to 'Goodesy' about it and they're good as gold," Pickering told Melbourne radio station 3AW. "He said, 'What (Goodes) said was

right. Of course I have to present well.' "He's going to start back on Monday and at least spend a couple of days with the young fellas so they know who he is. He's due back on December 2." Pickering said Franklin understood the scrutiny he would encounter after signing a nine-year deal worth more than \$10 million. The goalkicker has been counselled on what to expect from the media in Sydney since his move was announced. "You take the responsibility that comes with accepting a contract like that and moving to a team like Sydney," Pickering said. "If you think you're going to Sydney to escape media, then it's not going to be the case. "Buddy, from an AFL perspective, is a celebrity. The Swans have mentioned that to him and so have I. "He's been up there for five minutes really and there have been a number of stories about him ... he's getting his head around it."

First impressions

Goodes said first impressions would say a lot about Franklin's attitude ahead of the 2014 season. Goodes told News Ltd that if he wanted to quickly earn the respect of his new teammates, he'd present himself in great shape. "On day one, the first thing I'm going to be looking at is how fit he is when he rocks up to training," Goodes said. "That's a great sign on day one as to how much thought he's put into his off season and how much hard work he's done. "It will also show how much he's trying to get around the boys because it's going to be a big task how he makes relationships with every player." Goodes insisted he had no issue with Franklin's behaviour, just days after the premiership forward reportedly acted like 'an ego out of control' at the Melbourne Cup. Just as Kurt Tippett did 12 months ago, Franklin will arrive on the first day of his pre-season having created significant controversy by switching clubs. But to Tippett's credit, Goodes said, he let his hard work do the talking and his teammates responded. "Kurt Tippett was able to do very well last year in that department. "It is a big challenge for Buddy but he said before he came up here he was up to that challenge."



Lance Franklin. Adam Goodes says all eyes will be on superstar Franklin when he returns to training with the Swans on December 2. Picture by Peter Argent

Wrong email address

PEOPLE wishing to comment on the design of the Reconciliation Flag featured on page 69 of the *Koori Mail* (edition 563) can contact Paul Clarke at clarke.paul.a1@edumail.vic.gov.au The wrong email address was published in edition 563.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2462	EPIENERGY PTY LTD	1BL	104km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 47' S Long: 116° 45' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2475	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	82BL	66km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 45' S Long: 117° 27' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2518-I	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	3BL	121km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 44' S Long: 116° 19' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2067	YO YO BOING PTY LTD	9BL	104km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 50' S Long: 116° 12' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1399	VALLEY FLOOR RESOURCES PTY LTD	6BL	12km NE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 24' S Long: 121° 38' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1401	ABEH PTY LTD	14BL	23km SE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 121° 20' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1402	AVOCA MINING PTY LTD	1BL	39km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 48' S Long: 121° 46' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/840	PEGASUS METALS LTD	16BL	39km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 7' S Long: 117° 42' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	27/523	KALNORTH GOLD MINES LIMITED	5BL	68km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 121° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2339	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	30BL	72km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 48' S Long: 123° 50' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2340	PLATINA RESOURCES LTD	10BL	80km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 15' S Long: 122° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2341	MILLWARD SURVEYS PTY LTD	18BL	81km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 122° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2354	ST BARBARA LIMITED	4BL	138km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 122° 46' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2355	ST BARBARA LIMITED	3BL	119km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 122° 38' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/895	MT IDA GOLD PTY LTD	2BL	69km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 120° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1056	ST BARBARA LIMITED	46BL	136km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 8' S Long: 122° 41' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/826	ECHO RESOURCES LTD	4BL	42km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 40' S Long: 121° 1' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1167	ALPHABRASS RESOURCES PTY LTD	15BL	21km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 121° 20' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1169	JAGUAR PROJECT PTY LTD	9BL	36km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 24' S Long: 121° 15' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2836	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	2BL	77km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 33' S Long: 123° 30' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2874	ARADIA VENTURES PTY LTD	11BL	105km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 32' S Long: 121° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2878	YELO RESOURCES PTY LTD	22BL	130km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 29' S Long: 124° 5' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2882	GREATLAND PTY LTD	20BL	188km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 26° 36' S Long: 123° 59' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/326	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	10BL	59km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 22' S Long: 121° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/328	ALPHABRASS RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	27km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 6' S Long: 121° 27' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4182	TOP IRON PTY LTD	9BL	59km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 120° 35' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4268	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	1BL	76km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 119° 10' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4269	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	2BL	73km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 38' S Long: 119° 14' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/998	KIAMORA PTY LTD	33BL	75km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 19' S Long: 120° 40' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2942	HANSON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PTY LTD	2BL	40km SW'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 50' S Long: 116° 23' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2961	QUARRYTECH CONSULTING PTY LTD	10BL	77km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 48' S Long: 118° 4' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	51/1592	WYADUP GOLD PTY LTD	6BL	20km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 42' S Long: 118° 21' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1598	WYADUP GOLD PTY LTD	34BL	40km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 47' S Long: 118° 10' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1600	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	32BL	55km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 117° 46' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1602	GENERAL MINING CORPORATION LTD	2BL	51km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 26' S Long: 118° 1' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1603	GENERAL MINING CORPORATION LTD	13BL	52km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 30' S Long: 117° 59' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1604	GENERAL MINING CORPORATION LTD	14BL	59km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 24' S Long: 117° 56' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2943	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	117BL	163km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 49' S Long: 119° 54' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2951 & 52/2953	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	300BL	97km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 14' S Long: 119° 42' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2969	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	18BL	188km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 25° 3' S Long: 119° 50' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2974	NINGHAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	49BL	156km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 33' S Long: 117° 15' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2975	NINGHAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	33BL	184km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 46' S Long: 117° 4' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1793	CADRE RESOURCES PTY LTD	14BL	105km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 33' S Long: 119° 47' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2000-I	LEE, George Francis	7BL	17km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 117° 30' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2001-I	LEE, George Francis	5BL	21km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 117° 29' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1652	WA MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	17BL	15km NW'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 4' S Long: 121° 43' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1664	EAST PILBARA IRON PTY LTD	200BL	25km NE'ly of Esperance	Lat: 33° 40' S Long: 122° 2' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1668	NEAROLOGY PTY LTD	63BL	28km SW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 12' S Long: 121° 31' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4486	NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	70BL	16km E'ly of Goomalling	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 117° 0' E	CUNDERDIN SHIRE, DOWERIN SHIRE, GOOMALLING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4491	SWANCOVE ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	20BL	45km SE'ly of Merkanooka	Lat: 29° 24' S Long: 116° 25' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4521	DARLING RANGE PTY LTD	49BL	32km N'ly of Narrogin	Lat: 32° 39' S Long: 117° 14' E	CUBALLING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4522	DARLING RANGE PTY LTD	10BL	14km N'ly of Narrogin	Lat: 32° 49' S Long: 117° 14' E	CUBALLING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4523	DARLING RANGE PTY LTD	44BL	5km S'ly of Narrogin	Lat: 32° 58' S Long: 117° 11' E	NARROGIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4538	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	38BL	30km SE'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 118° 33' E	MERREDIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4539-I	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	25BL	62km N'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 29° 45' S Long: 116° 26' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2154-I	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	3BL	85km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 119° 14' E	YILGARN SHIRE

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Tough going in France



THE NSW Indigenous Youth tour squad played their second round of matches in France on

Friday, coming away with a win and a loss in incredibly difficult conditions.

Team Red, Black and Yellow took on the Carcassonne under 16s in the earlier game, and had to contend not only with the extreme wind and rain, but also a lopsided penalty count that finished at 22-3 in favour of the home team.

Although they defended valiantly, the Indigenous side was unable to withstand the sheer weight of possession to the Carcassonne side, with the locals running out 12-4 winners.

Hard-working front-rower Tyrone Roach was named man of the match for a non-stop performance for the Indigenous team.

Team Deadly took to the field against the Carcassonne under 17s looking to repeat their heroics of a few days earlier when they defeated the Toulouse open-aged side, and were up against it from the opening whistle against an extremely physical Carcassonne side.

With some questionable referring once again making things difficult for the touring side, Team Deadly showed plenty of courage to continually defend their own line and ran out with a 12-4 victory despite the 15-3 penalty count against them.

Hooker William Last was named man of the match for a tireless performance.

Earlier, the under 16s team claimed victory in their first two matches in France, defeating Toulouse under 16s 32-6 and an open aged Toulouse side 20-16.

The touring players were split into two sides, with the Red, Black and Yellows taking on the Toulouse under 16s in the opening game.

Running into a gale force wind, the Red, Black and Yellows carved a 16-0 lead at half-time



The victorious NSW Indigenous Under 16 side at this year's All Stars festival.

and played exciting football in the second half to run out 32-6 victors.

Front-rower and NSW under 16 representative Tyler Terare was named man of the match.

Team Deadly were next to take the field and had their work cut out for them in facing a strong Toulouse open-aged side.

In a hard-fought first half, Team Deadly went into the break with an unexpected 10-4 lead that shocked their hosts.

Toulouse levelled just after half-time, but Team Deadly went on to score two more tries to their opponents' one to run out 20-16 winners.

Fullback Chris Kirby was named man of the match.

The team's next match will be a highly anticipated clash with the London Broncos Academy side.

South Sydney, Queensland and Australia superstar Greg

Inglis forked out for players from rugby league's first ever Indigenous tour of Europe to visit Disneyland in Paris later this month.

The 32-man squad, made up of youngsters from across NSW are on the tour that coincides with the Rugby League World Cup.

The party's first port of call was Barcelona, and then France, where they visited the grave of an Indigenous soldier buried at the Somme.

In Paris, the players will visit Disneyland, where Inglis has shouted the \$85 entry fee for every member of the squad and its management.

The team will then fly to London for a game against the London Broncos Academy before taking in the World Cup semifinal double-header at Wembley Stadium on November 23.

— NSWRL Media and AAP



Ngangarra Barker, from Newcastle, scores a try for the Indigenous team in their first game against Catalans under 16 selections squad.

Soward's clean slate



JAMIE Soward says he has put his time at St George Illawarra, good and bad, behind him as he

sets about once again proving himself as a National Rugby League (NRL) footballer with Penrith next year.

A 2010 premiership-winner with the Dragons, but a lightning rod of criticism for the club's lacklustre performances since 2011, Soward was unceremoniously cast aside by the joint venture this year as they struggled to one of their worst seasons.

He then spent a short stint in the Super League with London Broncos before joining the Panthers for pre-season training a fortnight ago.

The enigmatic playmaker said the time away gave him the opportunity to clear his head,

reassess and return to the NRL with a clean slate.

"I got away and had some time to reflect and realised I was trying to prove things to the wrong people. I just need to prove that I can still do it (play good football) to myself," Soward said last week.

"I just needed to get back into a comfortable environment where I am now and working with people who I want to work with to get the best out of me. I know that is when I play my best football.

"Now I'm at the Panthers, I'm not going to stand around and talk about the Dragons for the next four years. I want to get that out of the way now and concentrate on playing my best football here."

Some eyebrows were raised when the Panthers signed the former State of Origin five-eighth to a four-year deal starting in 2014. — AAP



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Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
37/1056	ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES NL	434194	78.34HA	20km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/1056	ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES NL	434188	26.12HA	20km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 121° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
51/1168	MURCHISON EXPLORATION PTY LTD	429824	36.00HA	84km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 58' S Long: 118° 55' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
59/1328-I	MINJAR GOLD PTY LTD	431448	72.28HA	67km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 116° 58' E	YALGOO SHIRE
59/985-I	MINJAR GOLD PTY LTD	431447	99.98HA	71km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 117° 2' E	YALGOO SHIRE
77/2080	MONTAGUE RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	433819	163.99HA	87km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 10' S Long: 119° 43' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

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Dolphins' clean sweep

Story by ALF WILSON
Photos by MAHALA STROHFELDT



SYDNEY Roosters signing Jonathon Reuben of Darnley descent won the best player award at the Cairns All Blacks carnival, scoring an amazing 17 tries in six games for grand final winners North Coast Dolphins.

Coached by Jonathon's big brother Sam Reuben, Dolphins thrashed Samu Balas 52-6 in the decider of the men's competition that featured 17 teams at Barlow Park.

Sam Reuben said the star-studded Dolphins side also included Parramatta Eels halfback Chris Sandow, Northern Pride outside back Davin Crampton, former NQ Cowboys and Queensland

State of Origin player Ty Williams, Roy Baira, of Badu descent, and highly-rated Yarrabah forward Noel Underwood.

"North Coast Dolphins took teams into the men's, under 19 and women's divisions and we won all three finals. We broke a 43-year record at the Cairns carnival when all three teams won their divisions," Reuben said.

Player of the final

Nippy Dolphins five-eighth P J Hart was named player of the final and Andrew Ward the best forward.

A week before the Cairns event, Jonathon Reuben had played for Bowen Stingers at the Bindal carnival at Townsville.

That side was also coached by Sam Reuben.

In the Cairns semifinals, Samu Balas

beat Mackay Stallions, and North Coast Dolphins were too strong for Central Queensland Warriors.

Samu Balas was a side put together by Torres Strait Islander Harry Mooka and it was their first carnival.

The Shirley Damon Memorial Northern Dolphins beat Innisfail Waru 20-12 in the under 19 final.

In the four-side women's competition, the Sharon Abendego Memorial Dolphins rolled Highlanders 18-10 in the climax.

The Dolphins under 19 and women's sides included numerous players of TSI descent.

In the men's Plate final, a Murgha-Saltner Memorial side defeated Cairns Strikers 30-22.

The Cairns carnival was not sanctioned by the QRL and referees from

that organisation did not officiate.

However, organisers arranged for other referees and big crowds were reported.

Dolphins trainer Troy Kennedy paid tribute to the organising committee and carnival stalwart Sarah Addo.

"The QRL put some hurdles in their way, but the carnival was great and the referees – they were good," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said that Chris Sandow was an inspiration to the players.

"Chris was great value and spoke to the players about his NRL experiences and everybody listened," Kennedy said.

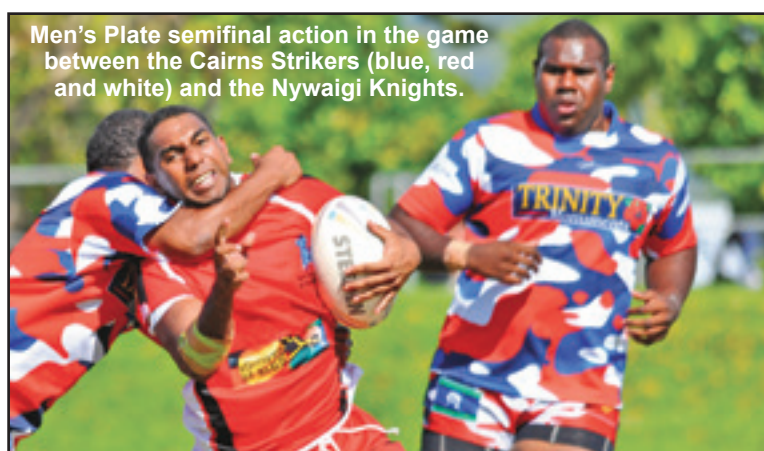
The carnival usually runs on a weekend when no other North Queensland All Blacks carnivals are held, but this year it clashed with the Zenadth Kes on TI which was QRL-sanctioned.



- LEFT: The Cairns All Blacks men's grand final winners: North Coast Dolphins.
- ABOVE: The Men's Plate winners: Murgha Saltner Memorial team.
- RIGHT: Malu Kiai (red and white) take on Kulkgal Balas.



A Mackay Stallions player is well held in the game against DT Raiders.



Men's Plate semifinal action in the game between the Cairns Strikers (blue, red and white) and the Nywaigi Knights.



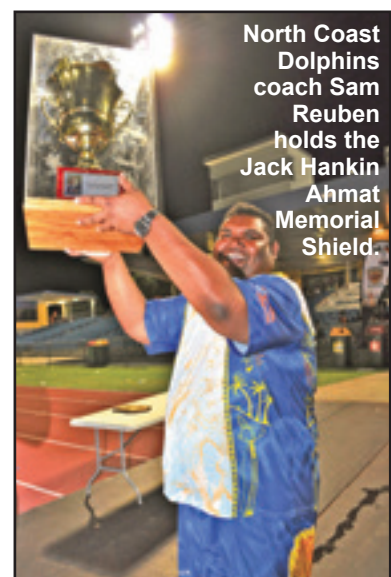
A DT Raiders player is dumped by Mackay Stallions defenders.



A North Coast Dolphins player makes a strong run in the women's final against Highlanders.



The North Coast Dolphins defence closes on a Highlanders player in the women's final.



North Coast Dolphins coach Sam Reuben holds the Jack Hankin Ahmat Memorial Shield.



Yarrabah All Blacks rugby league carnival winners Palm Island United.



Carnival runners-up Descendants.



A Yarrabah East Coast player catches the Bwgcolman Brothers defence going the wrong way.



Hopevale defenders stop an Atilla Knights ball-carrier.



A Palm Island United player pushes into the Hopevale defence.



● LEFT: A Yarrabah Sea Girls player is grounded in the game against Mossman.

● RIGHT: A Yarrabah No 1 player is well held in the game against Descendants.



11 teams line up at Yarrabah

Story by ALF WILSON
Photos by CHRISTINE HOWES



ELEVEN men's sides battled it out at Yarrabah's Bishop Arthur Malcolm All Blacks carnival, with Palm Island United beating Cairns side Descendants 26-24 in a thrilling final.

The Descendants team consisted mainly of Torres Strait Islanders.

Held at Jilara Oval on October 26-27, four Yarrabah sides (Maroons, White, Yulu, East Coast Heroes), Hope Vale Mala Yabbas, Wujal Wujal Yindili, Bwgcolman Brothers (from Palm Island), Atilla Knights (from Cairns) and CQ Warriors (Woorabinda) were the other teams.

Skipjacks (Palm Island) had nominated, but forfeited its first scheduled game and withdrew from the carnival.

Bishop Arthur Malcolm is the patron of the Yarrabah Seahawks Carnival that is named in his honour and he was there to watch the action.

Qualifying matches were played in four pools, with the top eight teams advancing to quarterfinals on day two.

In those games, Descendants beat Yulu 18-6, Hope Vale defeated Wujal Wujal 22-10, Palm Island rolled Atilla Knights 20-10 and Yarrabah Maroons eliminated

Yarrabah White 14-10.

In the semifinals, Palm Island beat Hopevale 22-12 and Descendants defeated Yarrabah Maroons 20-8.

Palm Island was co-coached by Telstan Sibley and Fred Bulsey, who captained the side and was named player of the carnival.

Palm's best players in the final were Fred Bulsey and his brother Jason, hooker Pita Bourne, Obe Geia Jnr, Germaine Bulsey, Robin Nallajar and Gresham Ross Jnr.

Dropped ball

Descendants coach Elia Ware said his side had a chance with three minutes to go when winger Sario Kusu went over the line untouched with no-one around him, but he did a victory dance and dropped the ball.

"We had our last shot with 20 seconds to go 10 metres out and the same winger went over untouched but the pass was called forward by the referee," Ware said.

Best back of the grand final was Eddy Daniel (Descendants); best forward of the grand final, Raoul Miller (Palm Island); player of final, Darryl Pearson (Palm Island); best forward of the carnival, Shaun Davidson (Yarrabah Maroon); player of the carnival, Fred Bulsey (Palm Island); best back of the carnival, Joshua Bowen (Hope Vale).

In the Plate final, East Coast beat Bwgcolman Brothers 26-24.



A Yarrabah Sea Girls player lands awkwardly in the women's game against Mossman.

Ella 7s come to



THE NSW-based Kamilaroi Young Guns stole the show at the 2013 Ballymore Ella Sevens rugby union carnival in Brisbane.

In the four-team round-robin women's division, Murri Magic 1 won.

Griffith University won the women's Plate final over Walker's Raiders 31-7, but were no match for the eventual champions, who conceded only two tries throughout the tournament.

Murri Magic 1 added to the 15-10 win against their counterparts, Murri Magic 2, to sweep the Cup final 39-0.

In the men's competition, eight teams

were split into two pools, with Moreton Bay looking impressive early in the tournament, scoring 144 points to 31 against.

Having previously lost to Moreton Bay 5-22 in the round-robin, the Kamilaroi Young Guns turned this disappointment around in the Cup final, prevailing 22-19 in a tight contest.

Adding to the day's silverware, the Griffith University men's team complemented their women's team with a win over Ipswich in the Plate final.

The stifling 35-degree heat made for tough conditions, but did not dampen the skills on display.

With the previous two editions taking place in Cairns and Coffs Harbour, the

2013 Ella Sevens series attracted more than 53 teams and 600 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women.

A principle event in the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team's (LMRDT) program, the Ella Sevens series provides players with an opportunity to represent their communities as well as compete for selection into the National Indigenous Rugby Sevens men's and women's teams.

Organisers said the family and community spirit prevalent throughout the Ella Sevens series was a hallmark of the Ballymore tournament.

Former Wallaby and Australian Sevens player Andrew Walker was in attendance,

and although he did not play, his family was well represented by daughters Cherie and Lowana, and son Dylan – who participated as part of Walker's Raiders in the women's and men's competition.

The Ella Sevens series will resume in Coffs Harbour in 2014 and will see the introduction of the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council as principal sponsors of the Cairns and Ballymore tournaments.

The three-event series provides a pathway for Indigenous players to showcase their talent for an opportunity to represent Australia at the 2014 Commonwealth Games for men, and Rio 2016 Olympic Games for men and women.



The Kamilaroi Young Guns – winners of the 2013 QAIHC Ella Sevens Ballymore tournament.



A Moreton Bay ball carrier attempts to break free from a Purga defender.



The Griffith University women's team.



Murri Magic 1 women's team.



The Moreton Bay team.



The Tyreece Doak Memorial team.



The Murri Magic 2 women's team.



The Walkers Raiders team.

Ballymore



The Griffith University men's team.



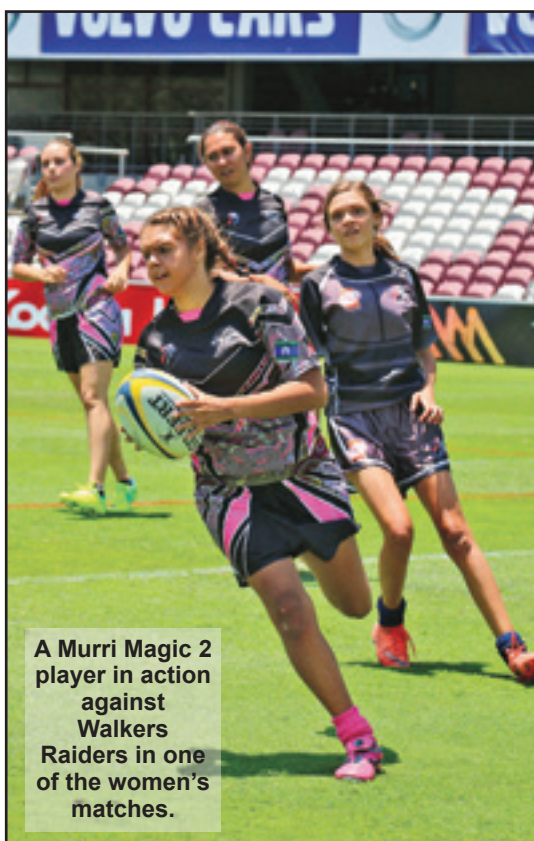
The Walkers Raiders women's team.



The Ipswich Last Minute team.



A Walkers Raiders player tries to evade an Ipswich Last Minute defender.



A Murri Magic 2 player in action against Walkers Raiders in one of the women's matches.

Lalor to take on Poms in Alice Springs



NEW South Wales left-arm bowler Josh Lalor is in the Cricket

Australia Chairman's XI squad for the match against England on November 29-30 at Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

The team will be captained by West Australian Michael Beer.

Cricket Australia national talent manager Greg Chappell said each player in the squad had represented their state at senior level, except Jake Doran, who, at 16, was a member of the Australian under 19 squad.

"England has been one of the most successful international teams in recent years and the Chairman's XI team contains some of the most exciting young cricketers in the country.

"Kane Richardson and Luke Robins are products of the very successful youth development program in the Northern Territory, while Josh Lalor is one of two Indigenous cricketers on state contract lists, with Daniel Christian being the other.

"This is a great opportunity to bring elite cricket to Alice Springs. Traeger Park is a high-class venue at which we expect top-class cricket will become a regular visitor."

Northern Territory Sports Minister Matt Conlan said he hoped Northern Territory cricket fans would descend on Traeger Park in their thousands for the match.

"It's been 13 years since the town last hosted an international cricket team and we can't wait to see the England side in action against the Chairman's XI," he said.

Cricket Australia's National Cricket Centre (NCC) head coach Troy Cooley will coach the side, with NCC high-performance coach Graeme Hick as assistant coach. Chappell will accompany the side as team manager.

The 12-man squad is: Michael Beer (c - WA), Steve Cazzulino (Tas), Jake Doran (NSW), Marcus Harris (WA), Michael Hill (Vic), Alexander Keath (Vic), Josh Lalor (NSW), Alister McDermott (Qld), James Muirhead (Vic), Kane Richardson (SA), Luke Robins (NT), Ashton Turner (WA).

Josh Lalor
Picture: AFP



Hooper continues on his winning way



RISING Aboriginal boxer Damian Hooper continued on his winning way on Saturday night when he stopped Thai Panya Chomphoo-phuang in the second round of their World Boxing Council (WBC) world silver youth light-heavyweight title fight in Brisbane. The London 2012 Olympian now has a 5-0-0 (5ko) professional record.

Hooper, 21, was knocked down in the first round by the previously undefeated Thai, but recovered to drop Chomphoo-phuang in the next round of the scheduled 10-rounder at the Royal International Convention Centre at the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds.

Also on the card was rising Moree Aboriginal light-middleweight Cameron 'The Hammer' Hammond, who won a unanimous eight-round points decision over Sydney-based Filipino Joel De La Cruz. Hammond also has a 5-0-0 professional record.

Hooper's professional boxing career began last April when he stopped Townsville veteran Garth Murray in five rounds.

In his first five pro fights, Hooper has only boxed a combined total of 14 rounds.

Trainer Gareth Williams said Hooper was by far the next best thing on the boxing scene.

Williams is not the only one with confidence in the 22-year-old... boxing champion Anthony Mundine said: "I love Damo because he's real and he's got all the skills needed to go all the way and fly the flag for our people. I'm looking forward to seeing him blossom into a champion of the world."

Hooper works with the Deadly Choices program to engage and ultimately improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout south-east Queensland.

His connection to his flag and culture has been evident throughout his career. He was headlined at the London Olympics for entering the ring while wearing an Aboriginal flag on his shirt despite

Olympic rules against political statements.

"When I step into a ring, I do it as a proud Aboriginal man, it is a part of my every being," he said.

He is particularly proud of the work he is doing outside of the ring for the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health. "I go out to schools and talk to kids about the importance of staying healthy and keeping active and I love the work I do," he said.

Like Hooper, the Brisbane-based Hammond has a promising professional career ahead of him.

The former Olympian had his first pro fight last December when he beat Chinese fighter Zhi Xiang Jiang with a second-round tko in Hong Kong.

He then had a points win over Daniel Roy Maxwell in Brisbane in April, followed by a sixth-round tko win over Kane Buckley in his home town of Moree.

His fourth fight was at Dubbo, where he beat Jody Allen. The referee stopped the fight in the fourth round of a scheduled six-round.



Damian Hooper during the 2012 London Olympics.

Picture: AAP

Take your pick

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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THIS year there were close to 80 Indigenous players across the 18 Australian Football League (AFL) clubs.

In selecting the All Stars team, we were faced with a number of tough choices given the array of talent at our disposal.

There will always be arguments as to who are the best players and club allegiances will always come into play as well as different communities having their favourite sons.

To show how difficult the process is, I have developed a top ten, but my final list is far from being definitive as I came up with some 15 variations – all of which could have been my final list.

I invite you to have a crack after checking out my top 10.

All I am pleased about is that there were no salary cap restrictions!

Stephen Hill the speedy Freo Docker has it all.

The looks, the legs and the kick.

Taken at pick three in the National Draft in 2008, Hill is obviously a talent and it's showing at Freo.

He can fly like a bird, run like a cheetah and threads it through the goals like a needle and thread.

Last year was a big year for Hill – let's hope he can keep it that way as he progresses.

Steven Motlop is one of the favoured sons at the Cats.

This guy is a rising star and sure to be a champion.

He is like a predator when he needs to chase someone down. He can kick a goal from any angle and has a winning smile.

He had a stellar 2013 and it can only get better.

Mathew Stokes is another Geelong player and has the pure talent that is the envy of all.

He still has to put in the hard work, but with two premierships under his belt, he is a player others can look to for inspiration.

Eddie Betts is still one of my favourite players.

One of the Blues' best

He can be relied on to kick a goal or 48, which he did in 2012 and continued to be one of the best players for the Blues last season.

Betts knows how to get the ball, how to use it and mastered the high fives with teammates.

He is a player the fans love to watch.

Shaun Burgoyne is a tough nut.

Originally from Port Adelaide and winning a premiership with them, he made the move to the Hawks in 2010.

Smart move, Shaun!

Burgoyne is a veteran of the game, still playing good footy and a star on the field.

He can play back, forward and in the middle and is the ultimate versatile player.

Patrick 'Paddy' Ryder, from Essendon, is a big guy (almost two metres tall), but he can wrangle the footy.

In 2009 he won the Anzac

Medal, judged best on ground in the Essendon-Collingwood Anzac Day game.

After that breakout game, Ryder has gone from strength to strength in the seasons that followed.

He can hurdle over any ruckman, take a 'speccy' or two, and is a great guy to boot.

Ryder's work rate on the field playing forward, back or in the ruck makes him a valued asset.

Andrew Walker must have been a bird in a past life, or he's at least a robot with springs for legs.



Michael O'Loughlin has a high opinion of Fremantle star Stephen Hill, saying he can 'fly like a bird, run like a cheetah and threads it through the goals like a needle and thread'.

Picture by Peter Argent

Either way, this guy can take a great grab.

In 2011 he won Mark of the Year with an incredible leap onto Essendon's Jake Carlisle, then coming down with the ball.

Predominantly a forward, taking marks and kicking goals, season 2013 has seen Walker move down back to provide run and drive for the Blues.

He can play anywhere, which shows his true talent.

Cyril Rioli is almost unstoppable.

Players can't catch this Speedy Gonzales.

When Rioli is fit, he can manoeuvre any way he wants with the ball. It's like he's got it on a string.

He's the player with magnetic hands; if the ball comes near, it's already his, and he'll get by the entire opposition to kick a goal with ease.

At the tender age of 23, Rioli already has winning premiership experience under his belt and will be instrumental in the Hawks' drive to another grand final to defend their title.

Buddy Franklin is under immense media scrutiny with his move to the Swans.

But there is no doubting he is one of the true stars of our game.

Deadly accurate

He can kick goals from the boundary line, from the centre circle, from his left, from his right.

His transition into the strong Swans culture and the attention he is already receiving from an unforgiving Sydney media will make Buddy one of the sub-plots of season 2014.

Thankfully, he will have the great **Adam Goodes** by his side for guidance and support.

Adam has achieved everything the game has to offer and is still one of the most humble and thoughtful people I have had the privilege to meet.

With two Brownlows, two premierships, AFL Rising Star, four-times All-Australian, three-times best and fairest and current captain of the Sydney Swans, Goodes has done it all.

He's a hero not only for Sydney, but for Indigenous players everywhere.

Goodes has done so much for the game on-field and off-field, he's a deserved leader of any group of Indigenous players chosen.

Nobody will argue with his inclusion in my list.

The rest is up for debate. What do you think?

Until Next time.... Keep Dreaming!

Tomorrow's stars join Widders at leadership camp



NATIONAL Rugby League (NRL) Indigenous player welfare and education programs manager Dean Widders has spent a weekend at

Armidale with 14 of game's future Indigenous leaders taking part in the 'Lighting the Fire Aboriginal Youth

Leadership Camp'.

The Holden Cup players were joined at the University of New England by Aboriginal students from across NSW taking part in forums, discussions and sessions about leadership, history and current challenges facing Indigenous youth in Australia.

"We are hoping to give our young

men cultural experiences that can help them grow both on and off the field," Widders said ahead of the forum.

Widders was joined by historian Gary Foley, Former Senator Aden Ridgeway and NSW Aboriginal Land Council (ALC) CEO Geoff Scott.

Holden Cup players at the forum were Jaden Clarke (Sharks), Zane Walford

(Sharks), Kyle Saunders (Sea Eagles), James Roberts (Panthers), Tyrone Peachey (Panthers), Will Smith (Panthers), Jacob Gagai (Knights), Steve Widders (Knights), Jaelene Feeney (Knights), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Chris Grevsmuhl (Rabbitohs), Shaquille Blair (Roosters), Johnathan Rueben (Roosters), Denzel King (Bulldogs).

Real ambassadors

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

THE world of rugby league has changed a lot since I ventured forth from Tingha as a young teenager chasing a dream.

Most of the change has been for the better.

I remember when I first came to the Gold Coast, I was fortunate to stay with the Searle family, which made the transition to the big world a little bit easier.

It is funny to think that I was rooming with Michael Searle, who is now my boss, while his dad Tommy still works in the area of recruitment.

Where I was lucky: the majority of kids who were brought from the country to play with the then ARL clubs were to a large degree left to fend for themselves.

It is in this area of player welfare that the game has changed the most and for the

betterment of the players and the clubs.

Last week I attended a second training day for NRL education ambassadors, where staff, current and former players were trained to deliver a number of workshops, including career development and mental health.

These are workshops that will be delivered across the country to junior elite players as they pursue their dreams to become professional players at the NRL level.

Importantly, they are messages that are relevant to all youth – not just those who want to play the game.

People are aware that the area of mental health is something that I am passionate about and I have been working with the NRL and the Black Dog Institute to ensure that we are addressing this key area of need.

Things have improved

Players moving from the country are far better looked after.

Each NRL club has a welfare officer and a career coach to look after their off-field needs.

I am currently working on the career development qualification that they all require and have also done the mental first aid qualification that is also a requirement for all staff.

I know that they have been working on assessment tools to assist in ensuring a young player who relocates has issues addressed, including a better understanding of their cultural backgrounds.

Although there is a large number of staff involved, three of the key drivers of this agenda are former players Nigel Vagana, Andrew Ryan and my good mate Dean Widders.

Having worked alongside Dean at the Titans and on the ARL Indigenous Council, I can attest to his passion and drive in

National Rugby League player welfare and education programs manager Dean Widders. Preston Campbell says the former league star has a passion to ensure the needs of Indigenous players are high on the game's agenda and that their welfare and cultural needs are addressed.



ensuring the needs of our Indigenous players are high on the game's agenda.

I can think of no better example of this than the Indigenous Players Camp held earlier this year and the continuing development of the likes of Greg Inglis and Johnathan Thurston as true

leaders in our game.

Greg and Ryan James are two players who are providing off-field inspiration as they pursue university qualification with the likes of Jamal Idris and Aiden Sezer following in their footsteps.

The National Youth Competition has perhaps been

the biggest catalyst, ensuring that this life balance is the way of the future for all our players.

Players are not registered to play in this competition unless they are enrolled in a TAFE or university course or are employed in some meaningful context.

The game backs up this rhetoric with grants to assist with course fees and equipment for apprentices and trainees.

One simple barometer of the effect of this program was the fact that 25 per cent of Indigenous players in this competition were enrolled in university courses.

This is outstanding on a number of levels.

For many, they were the first in their families to attend university.

Statistically, as a group, they were more than six times the national average of Indigenous representation in tertiary study.

Role models

They have become true role models in their communities and are sending a key message about what it takes to be successful in professional sport.

NRL players have often been seen as our heroes.

Some have held the position of role models.

But this next generation has the opportunity to become our true ambassadors.

They can present a new face of the future for our youth.

Sport will not only be seen as the equal playing field, it will be seen as a pathway to a positive and independent life well beyond the limited time as a professional athlete.

It is one of the reasons that I remain so passionate about the great game of rugby league.

In community programs and the key area of player education, the game is contributing to a brighter future for all our youth.

State of Origin schedule under review



THE Australian Rugby League (ARL) Commission is set to

condense the State of Origin period into a shorter, more intense

format in 2014 amid concerns from National Rugby League (NRL) clubs that the lengthy nature of this year's series created too great a flat spot for teams and fans.

The quality of football and interest in the NRL flagged considerably this year during another epic Origin series, with Melbourne Storm coach Craig Bellamy amongst those leading calls for the scheduling of the three-match contest

to be reconsidered.

The NRL draw for 2014 is expected to be released at the end of the month – four weeks after the AFL announced theirs – and the State of Origin schedule is understood to be one of the biggest talking points between the game's major shareholders, including all 16 clubs, TV broadcaster the Nine Network and the game's governing body.

With the spotlight on Origin, the NRL competition takes a backseat during the interstate series and at no time was that more evident than during this year's seven-week stretch, which impacted upon eight rounds – almost one-third of

the season's 26 rounds.

NRL boss David Smith, in a Twitter exchange on Monday, flagged major changes to the scheduling of the Origin series.

Concerned

Hosting questions under the hashtag #AskDaveNRL, Smith fielded a number of queries from fans, including one keen to point out the '8 week deadspot' in the NRL competition when State of Origin is played.

To which Smith replied: "appreciate your views, an area we are concerned about too. We are looking closely at this for 2014." – AAP

1000km a week just to play cricket



HOW'S this for commitment? Tennant Creek cricketers are travelling 1000km a week just to play club cricket in Alice Springs.

Tennant Creek is 508km north of Alice Springs.

Distance is an obstacle, but not enough to stop the young Tennant Creek cricketers – some of them Aboriginal – from travelling to Alice Springs and back to play with the Federal Cricket Club in the Alice Springs competition.

Competition cricket hasn't been played in Tennant Creek since the mining industry slowed in the region in the mid-1990s.

Now, each weekend, the Tennant Creek playing contingent leave school early on the Friday afternoon to make

the 500km journey to play cricket on Saturday. The players and their chaperones stay with family of devoted father and coach Wayne Green.

They then make the five-hour pilgrimage back to Tennant Creek after lunch on the Saturday afternoon.

On occasions the group will stay in Alice Springs an extra night if Wayne's eldest son, 15-year-old Matthew, represents Federal in the senior grades.

This commitment started about 18 months ago when coach Wayne Green contacted NT game development officer Phil Lovell, expressing an interest in including Tennant Creek players in Alice Springs club cricket.

Green has been the coordinator of a Tennant Creek in2CRICKET Centre for five years and regularly has between 30 and 40 children in attendance. Several children attending the centre were at an

age where learning cricket skills was not enough, and Green sought a regular competition for his players.

In stepped Federal Cricket Club and in particular Federal Cricket Club junior coordinator David Young, who has created a strong bond with the Tennant Creek players. David regularly makes the trip to Tennant Creek to run development camps for the Tennant Creek players on behalf of Federal club, with the assistance of NT Cricket. Since the relationship began, the Tennant Creek squad has steadily grown to 15 players, but due to transport limitations, only six players can be transported to Alice Springs each week.

The Federal club is now investigating the feasibility of playing a number of matches in Tennant Creek this season to support the growing pool of junior players it has in this region.



Liam Fitz, one of the Tennant Creek youngsters who make the trip to Alice Springs each weekend.

Juniors make debut



TWENTY-TWO teams converged on the newly laid cricket pitch at Kalano Sports Ground,

Katherine, for the 11th annual Nitmiluk Cup tournament.

The carnival brought together male and female cricketers of all ages and abilities, playing in 40-degree heat.

For the first time, a Junior Nitmiluk Cup was contested, with 10 teams from five schools participating – Mataranka, Daly River, Pine Creek, Clyde Fenton and Clontarf (Katherine High School) – in a Super 8s format.

The emphasis was on participation and enjoyment, with every player getting the chance to bat and bowl.

The Junior Cup was the culmination of NT Cricket's 2013 Red Dust Cricket Program which saw NT Cricket development staff travel more than 6000km to provide cricket clinics to remote schools across the Top End.

The senior competition began at 2pm on Friday, November 8, and continued throughout the weekend with matches running from 8am until 7pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Coordinated by Marcus Rosas from the Indigenous Sports Unit in conjunction with NT Cricket, this year saw a record 12 teams participate, including teams from Robinson River (800km south-east of Katherine), Elliot (420km south), Timber Creek (286km south-west) and home side Kalano, as well as several Katherine-based sides.

In an encouraging development, the Robinson River Fillies, led by Dani Kalinic, and Katherine-based Bad Company, led by May

Rosas, were two all-female teams, joining two mixed sides and eight men's teams for the weekend.

Katherine High School played a team of students and teachers and showed tremendous spirit as teachers gave up their weekend to play alongside students.

The Robinson River Brumbies and the Robinson River Fillies travelled 800km to participate in their third community carnival for 2013.

An even field of play saw many matches go down to the last over, with strong batting performances from Katherine sides Bad Company and Strongbala a highlight.

Timber Creek did well. Desmond Jones almost bowled his team to victory over eventual winners the Tindal Buffs, taking 3-6 in one over.

Too strong

A good blend of youth and experience in the Kalano Crocs saw them through to the final, but the Tindal Buffs were too strong and took out the Nitmiluk Cup.

Other notable performances included April Rosas (Bad Company), Steve Whalan (Longreach Warriors) and the Anderson sisters – Shonada, Shantelle, Shawnee and Shyanne (Robinson River Fillies) all impressing with the bat.

Louis Lampton (Kalano) took 3-9 off two overs and matched his bowling effort with 33 runs in one match.

While the Nitmiluk Cup finalises NT Cricket's 2013 community cricket season, all teams will continue their preparations for the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs in February 2014.

Kalano will start a six-week community cricket season while the Robinson River Brumbies and Fillies will team up with Borroloola sides to train in the lead-up to the Imparja Cup.



Shonada Anderson, from the Robinson River Fillies, swings to leg.



Trent Raymond, from St Francis Xavier School, Daly River.



Shawnee Anderson, from the Robinson River Fillies, plays a stylish shot.

Pick of the crop

Story and pictures by
PETER ARGENT



EXCITING young Indigenous footballers are in contention at this year's Australian Football League (AFL) national draft at the Gold Coast Convention Centre tomorrow.

Jack Martin, collected as a 17-year-old priority selection with the Gold Coast Suns last year, would have headed the Aboriginal draft prospects in 2013 and may have been the first Indigenous number one draft selection.

But there are still a heap of



Robbie Young

Indigenous names that are expected to among the candidates this year.

The standout from the national title-winning South Australian under 18 side is Moonta lad Malcolm Karpany, with Raukkan, Narrunga and Kurna heritage.

Electric wingman/small forward Dwayne Wilson is the next best chance from the Croweaters.

He is from Unity College, in Murray Bridge, which has produced young Port Adelaide shooting star Chad Wingard and Geelong Cat Brad Hartman.

Other South Australians in the mix include Zac Bates from West Adelaide, livewire Magpie Robbie Young, over-age player in the under 18s nationals this year Sean Lemmens, and mature-aged Eagle Byron Sumner, who had a stint at Sydney.

A 'smokie'

Josh Pitson, from Norwood, is seen as a real smokie.

"Mal is in the 25 to 45 (draft) range we suspect," 2013 All-Australian coach Brenton Phillips said.

"His strengths are great evasive skills and a feel for the game.

"Wilson is a skilled footballer and elite user of the ball.

"He was in the AIS program for two years.

"Most of our others have more chance in the rookie draft."

Willie Rioli and Baydon



Malcolm Karpany



Zac Bates

Ngalkin, both St Mary's players from the NTFL who spent the southern winter at South Fremantle, are seen as likely rookie prospects.

Rioli's heritage in the game is elite.

"AFL clubs would need to back in his (Rioli's) natural ability, which he proved at NTFL level with the Chaney Medal in the grand final as a 17-year-old in March," NT Thunder coach Brenton Toy said.

"He was good in patches at the national under 18s and has played solid football in South Fremantle."

Daniel Cox, from Halls Creek, is an athletic type who is a rookie prospect.

Victorian Country and Murray Bushranger Jarman Impey – expected to be as high as a second-round pick – has a great combination of speed, vertically leap and evasive skills.

"He's (Impey) a terrific young man, very team orientated and coachable," Victorian Country coach Mark Ellis said.

"When the ball in his area, something is going to happen.

"Jarman is able to play forward and back – he's a quality kid.

"His work ethic is strong and he has a lot of upside."

Victorian Country teammates Alex Saunders and Clayton McCartney are small forward types who are seen more as rookie options.

Oakleigh Chargers talent and Victorian Metro small forward Jay Kennedy-Harris is another small forward in that mix between picks 25 and pick 60.

Well-skilled

His attributes include strong defensive pressure, good leg speed and leadership skills.

"At AFL level, Jay is seen as a small forward that can go through the middle," 2013 Victorian Metro coach and James Hird Academy mentor at Essendon, Martin Allison, said.

"He's a strong-minded and determined individual. He's intelligent and has the capacity to absorb the information he'll receive in an AFL program.

"I'd expect that he'd be a second or third round pick and I have no doubt he'd be a green acquisition to the club that secures him."

The intriguing question is what will happen to exciting West Australian talent Dayle Garlett,



Dayle Garlett

who didn't get collected last year.

This season he kicked 49 goals with Swan Districts, playing in the WAFL.

West Australian under 18s coach Michael Pratt was high in his praise for the much maligned footballer.

"Dayle is a great talent as he proved in the WAFL this year," Pratt said.

"He's a fantastic lad and I had no trouble with him.

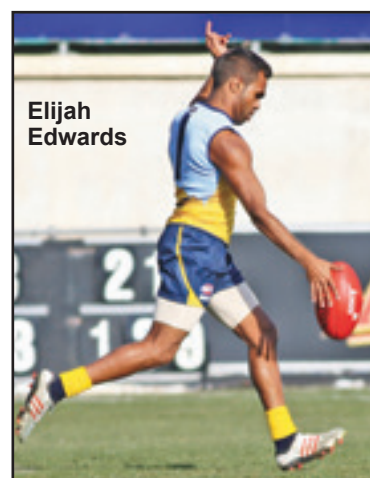
Others from the west in contention are 19-year-old Tim



Jarman Impey



Clayton McCartney



Elijah Edwards

Kelly, from South Fremantle, and Clayton Cameron and Steven Edwards, who are seen more as late draft or rookie options.

Elijah Edwards, a scholarship holder at Collingwood as a 15-year-old, played his football with Scotch College in Melbourne, along with being a member of the GWS Giants Academy.

"Elijah played mainly as a small forward in the NSW-ACT program," coach Jason Saddington said.

"He's from Batemans Bay and displayed ability to exert defensive pressure.

"His best chance is as a rookie.

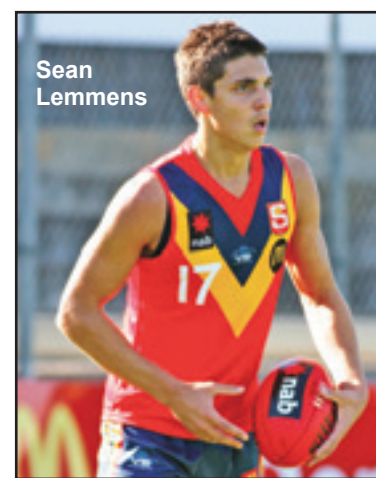
"Tarren Etto is the other Indigenous lad able to be drafted and he played some NEAFL football with the Sydney Swans reserves.

"He was used as a small defender/midfielder and his strength is his competitive nature."

If a player isn't collected at the national draft, they have a second chance at AFL pre-season draft and AFL rookie draft on Wednesday, November 27.



Byron Sumner



Sean Lemmens



Northern Territory prospects Willie Rioli, left, and Baydon Ngalkin.

On ya bike... get set... go!



Participants of the inaugural Tour de Nunga – a three-day bike ride designed for Aboriginal people through South Australia's majestic Flinders Ranges.

By PETER ARGENT



AN exciting mountain biking event – the Tour de Nunga – encourages people in South Australian Aboriginal communities to get fit and keep active.

The inaugural Tour de Nunga has just been completed in the Flinders Ranges, to the north of Adelaide.

A contingent of young Aboriginal people spent three days cycling through the magnificent Flinders Ranges.

The ride featured physical activity and workshops on healthy lifestyles choices and avoiding drugs and alcohol.

There was also a welcome to country and culture-history session delivered by the local Adnyamathanha people.

The South Australian Office for Recreation and Sport coordinated the event and hopes the community will take on a major role in the coordination of the tour in years to come.

Ride director was Karen Fuller and the coordinators included former Hawthorn footballer Harry Miller Jnr, former Sturt player in the

SANFL Jeremy Johncock and Russell Coulthard.

"But it wasn't all about riding," mentor and ride leader Jeremy Johncock said.

"Of the 43 people who participated from across the state, eight attended a leadership camp last November in Melrose, in the mid-north of South Australia.

"This group learned mountain bike riding skills, bike maintenance and how to lead a ride group safely. "All these skills were put into practice on the Tour de Nunga, with all ride leaders having an active role in leading a number of rides.

Regarded by organisers as huge success, the coordinators said it was great to see so many individuals from throughout South Australia taking part in a sport that is quite new to 'our mob'.

"Many participants enjoyed the ride so much that they want to continue riding when they return home, which is great to know," Johncock said.

"You never know what opportunities may come out of a program like this.

"In fact, two participants showed some potential.

"We're examining opportunities for suitable programs that will showcase their talent."



Tour de Nunga participants included, from left, Nartiea Morgan, Amy Reid and Leticia Dorizzie.

Clarke to coach Thunder



Xavier Clarke



FORMER St Kilda and Brisbane Lions Australian Football League (AFL) star Xavier Clarke is the new Northern Territory Thunder head coach.

He has been appointed on a two-year deal and will take over from Daniel Archer, who announced his departure in October.

Clarke has spent the last 14 months working as the AFL's national Indigenous programs coordinator which allowed him to pursue his coaching aspirations as a head coach of this year's Footy Means Business program and coaching roles with the Flying Boomerangs that toured South Africa last February and Fiji in December 2011.

His experience, professional approach and

understanding of the game led to a number of development roles within the Brisbane Lions, in particular at NEAFL level with their reserves.

He was also appointed the role as opposition analysis coach with the Brisbane Lions from 2011-12, and coached the World Team at the 2012 under 16 national championships.

His AFL career spanned 106 games with St Kilda (2001-09) and the Brisbane Lions (2009-11).

Northern Territory Football Club CEO Jarred Ilett said Clarke was a local product who knew the AFL pathway.

"He will provide a real insight into the challenges, dedication and demands of making it in the AFL while being based in the Northern Territory, but more importantly, he will be able to coach and develop our athletes with his 10

years of AFL experience as a player," Ilett said.

"Xavier is highly regarded within the AFL system as a football coach, teacher of the game and manager of people.

"His appointment is what NT Thunder is all about – tapping into the vast knowledge and professional expertise we have available through Territorians that have made it in the AFL."

Clarke said it was an exciting opportunity for him to continue in his coaching pathway and work with a football club that he had a connection to.

"I want to help develop Territory football, I want to see more Territory boys play at the elite level who have come through the Thunder program and I want to see the NT Thunder become a successful team again," he said.



Taking in the view at the Empire State Building, back row, from left, Tali Tabuai, Luke McKenzie, Jack Wilson, Colin Sampton, Georgia Gleeson, Nathan Djerrkura, coach Tim Rowe, Justin Miller; front, Evelyn Dhamarrandji, Elise Hull, Charmaine Patrick and Carla Snow.

11 ran, 11 finished

IMP team returns triumphant from New York Marathon



THE 11-strong Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) New York Marathon

runners are back home after conquering the world's most famous long-distance race.

They crossed the finish line on November 3 to finish off nine months of training under the watchful eye of former world champion marathon runner Rob de Castella.

The athletes are said to be recovering well after the 42.195km New York Marathon.

Hermannsburg runner Charmaine Patrick said that despite the return of a foot injury at the 30km mark of the race, she was proud to have achieved her goal.

"The race was pretty hard for me because I ended up in a lot of pain and I was really struggling," she said.

"I just wanted the race to finish and for it to be over and done with, but I got through it, and I am really happy and really proud of myself."

For Townsville's Jack Wilson, a year of dedication and sacrifice paid off as soon as he crossed the finish line.

"Words can't describe how proud and happy I am. All the hard training and hard work that I put in throughout the year definitely came in handy," he said.

"It was the toughest thing I have done, mentally and physically, and there were moments where I just wanted to give up and stop, but that wasn't happening. I now realise that if you have a goal, you really should shoot for the stars, because anything is possible."

Long journey

Jack Wilson, Nathan Djerrkura, Luke McKenzie, Tali Tabuai, Justin Miller, Colin Sampton, Georgia Gleeson, Carla Snow, Evelyn Dhamarrandji, Charmaine Patrick and Elise Hull were selected as part of the 2013 IMP squad in March this year, and spent the past nine months training for the race, as well as completing a Certificate IV in Health and Leisure.

The 11 athletes stood tall alongside 48,000 other competitors at the start line of the world's biggest marathon and showed the world that if you put your mind to it, you can achieve anything.

Despite testing conditions and a number of athletes battling injury, the 11 runners put their hard work and training into practice, with Jack Wilson, from Townsville, leading the pack over the finish line in 3:14.49 followed by Nathan Djerrkura, from Yirrkala, in 3:24.53.

Georgia Gleeson was the first IMP female runner across the line in 4:09.38, closely followed by Carla Snow in 4:15.41.

Official times: Jack Wilson (Townsville, Qld), 3:14.49; Nathan Djerrkura (Yirrkala, NT) 3:24.53; Luke McKenzie (Murray Bridge, SA) 3:29.50; Justin Miller (Katherine, NT) 3:37.22; Tali Tabuai (Cairns, Qld) 3:37.22; Colin Sampton (Cairns, Qld) 4:13.01; Georgia Gleeson (Queanbeyan, NSW) 4:09.38; Carla Snow (Coffs Harbour, NSW) 4:15.41; Evelyn Dhamarrandji (Elcho Island, NT) 4:55.33; Charmaine Patrick (Hermannsburg, NT) 6:20.12; Elise Hull (Bathurst, NSW) 7:12.20.

While in New York, the athletes were presented with their Certificate IV in Health and Leisure at a function welcoming them to New York.

They spent the next two days taking in the sights and sounds of New York City before returning home.

The IMP has now seen 32 runners cross the finish line of major marathons, including New York, Boston, Tokyo and Melbourne.



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Tackle with force

This Samu Balas player (No 8) came in for some heavy treatment in the Cairns All Blacks rugby league carnival semi-final match against the Mackay Stallions. But Samu Balas won the game 32-22 to set up a grand final showdown with North Coast Dolphins. The Dolphins ran away with that match, winning 52-6. The Samu Balas team consisted of Torres Strait Islanders and were playing in their first carnival.

Picture by Mahala Strohfeldt

● See page 86 for Alf Wilson's story and more Mahala Strohfeldt pictures from the Cairns carnival

● See page 87 for our coverage of the All Blacks rugby league carnival at Yarrabah

● See pages 88-89 for action at the Ella 7s rugby union carnival at Ballymore



Mundine confident



ANTHONY Mundine believes Shane Mosley's decision to walk out on their October 23 Sydney fight could work in his (Mundine's) favour.

Mundine admits he was struggling to make weight for his aborted World Boxing Association (WBA) light-middleweight fight against Mosley.

He believes he'll be in the best shape of his career when he steps into the ring on November 27 to take on Mosley at Allphones Arena, Sydney.

The former two-time world champion was devastated when Mosley flew back to the US just 24 hours before the fight after promoter Vlad Warton failed to stump up the cash to pay the Californian \$700,000 he was owed.

However, Mundine now says that setback could prove to be a blessing in disguise given how badly he felt on the eve of the bout, having only just made the

69.9kg weight limit.

"I made 150-151 (pounds), but I drained myself a little bit, I left it a bit too late and the morning of the weigh-in ... I didn't feel that great," he said.

"I would have felt better the next day with some food in me, but I was too confident I would make the weight and I thought I'd be sweet.

Hot baths, saunas, starving

"But I was then taking hot baths, saunas, starving myself to make the weight the day before and I don't want to do that this time."

Mundine has fought at super-middleweight, middleweight and light-middleweight in his 49-fight career and has become used to stripping his bodyweight before a bout.

However, he said he won't be leaving it too late to get into shape this time around and has embarked on the toughest training regime of his life to get in shape for the fight he said will define his career.

"It's tough making weight. If I was light-heavyweight it wouldn't be a problem," Mundine told AAP.

"But light-middleweight is very hard.

"It takes discipline, dedication and hard work to do it.

"People don't see that side of the preparations."

Seven-time world champion Mosley will be the best-credentialed opponent Mundine has stepped into the ring with since he lost to the outstanding Danish former super-middleweight Mikkel Kessler in 2005.

He claims to be an infinitely better boxer than when he fought Kessler.

Mosley said the fight was to prove to the 'whole world' that he's not done.

"I'm serious. I'm not coming back just for the money ... but because I want to be the best, I want to fight the best and I want to be a world champion again and on top of the hill," he said.

"If I didn't believe I could beat Mundine I wouldn't have picked the fight."

Meanwhile, Mundine's manager, Khoder Nasser, has revealed Mosley has already been paid upfront for the rescheduled contest.

Nasser flew to the US to reopen discussions with Mosley's management, Golden Boy Promotions.

Chasing Mayweather

Nasser has now taken over promoting the contest that Mundine hopes will create an opportunity for a world title tilt against Floyd Mayweather if he beats the American.

"Shane and Golden Boy just wanted certain stipulations to be met and they were very easy to deal with and accommodating," Nasser said.

"We flew out there for a meeting. They just wanted us to be honest and straight up and that is all they asked for.

"Paying up front is a stipulation ... this is common in boxing. The money is lodged in an account." — *With AAP*

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