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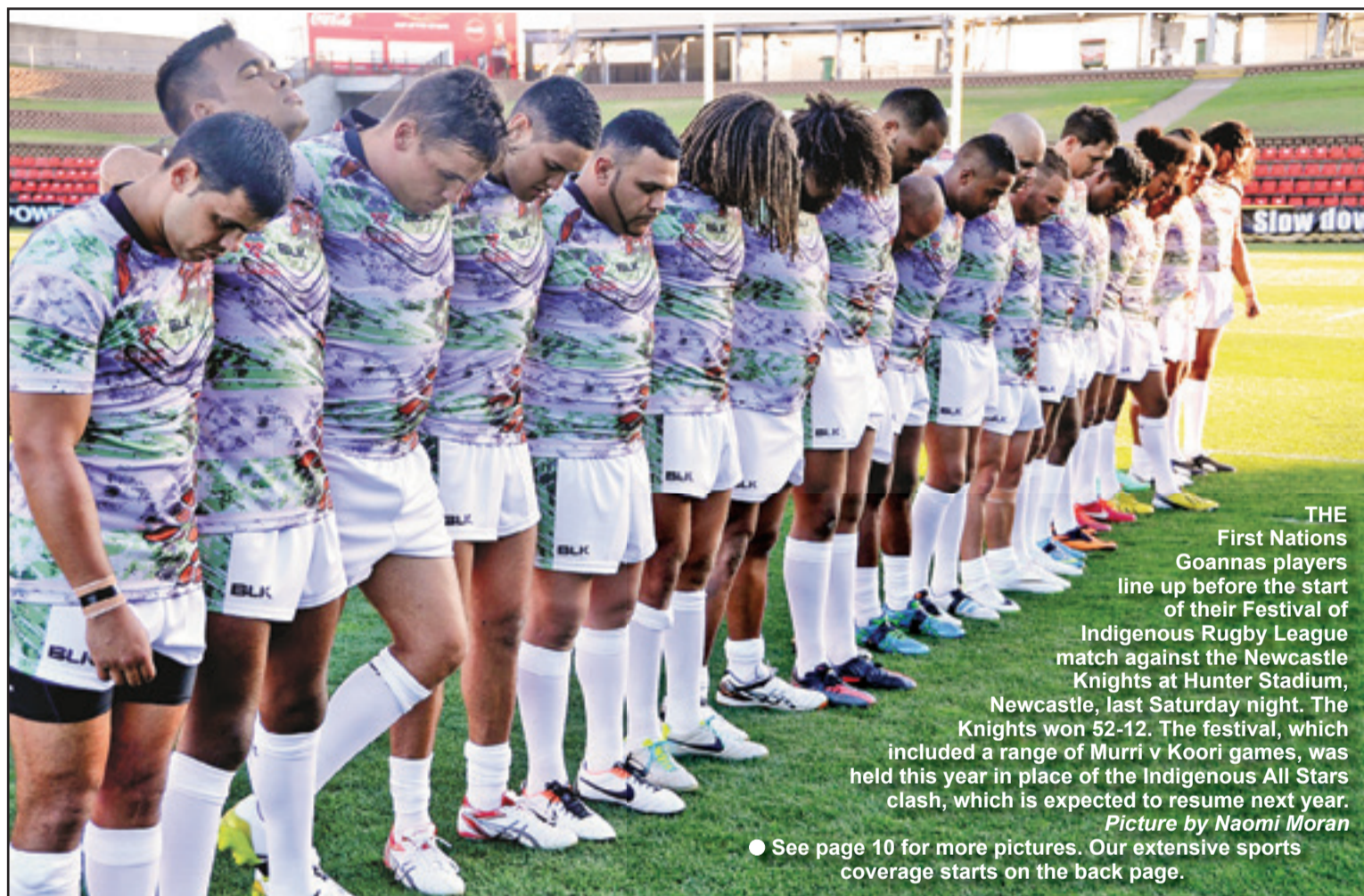
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Goannas' night of Knights



THE First Nations Goannas players line up before the start of their Festival of Indigenous Rugby League match against the Newcastle Knights at Hunter Stadium, Newcastle, last Saturday night. The Knights won 52-12. The festival, which included a range of Murri v Koori games, was held this year in place of the Indigenous All Stars clash, which is expected to resume next year.

Picture by Naomi Moran

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National Congress staunch in face of uncertainty

What does the future hold for the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples? See our special report starting on page 7.

Is this justice?



Queensland will see the already

LAWYERS, activists and human rights organisations are worried that proposed new laws in NSW and

disproportionate numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in detention explode.

In Queensland, one of the most controversial of the proposed changes to the *Youth Justice Act* is to remove the emphasis of

detention as a last resort. Laws are also expected to allow for the naming and shaming of repeat young offenders between the ages of 10 and 16, no longer wipe clear juvenile criminal histories, and include the automatic transfer of

17-year-olds to adult prisons.

Amnesty International said the Newman Government's planned changes in Queensland were in direct conflict with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In NSW, the Aboriginal Legal Service is concerned that huge increases in fines coupled with mandatory minimum sentences will see even more Aboriginal people locked up.

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My FAMILY

JESSICA ADDO – Cairns, Qld



MY name is Jessica Addo. I am 21 years of age, and I have one brother and five sisters and my partner is Keith. I became a young, proud mother at 18 to my beautiful daughter Lyneisha.

On my mother's side I am from Cairns in Queensland, and on my father's side I am from Mornington Island community in the Gulf of Carpentaria. My tribe from Mornington Island is the Lardil people.

I love fishing, hunting and hanging out with family and friends. When I went to Mornington Island we would have a campfire and eat bush tucker, which my family would hunt.

I plan to go back soon to Mornington Island where I'll get my daughter's language name.

My major achievement in life would have to be completing the TAFE Certificate III in Business traineeship while being a mother and caring for my daughter at the same time.

I was working at the Tropical North

Queensland TAFE and my traineeship was in partnership with Skill360 Australia.

My work ethic was well recognised when I was nominated in the 2013 Skill360 Employment Awards in the category of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trainee of the Year.

Currently I am working as an administration officer with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and also studying externally for a Certificate IV in Business.

I want to study primary health care or mental health, and work in the mental health area so I can give back to my community and hopefully make a difference one day.

What's most important to me is my daughter and partner, who mean the world to me and have always supported me.

I have learnt that the best things in life are free.

Anything in life can be possible if you set your mind to it!

● Pictured: At left, Jessica Addo and her daughter Lyneisha and, above, Lyneisha, Jessica and Jessica's mother Irene.

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OUR CHILDREN



Malic Collard, 10, Hannah Rule, 9, Bradley Humphries, 9, Ebonii Collard, 9, and Sasha Humphries, 10, at the Perth Survival Day celebrations. See pages 32 and 33 for our coverage. Picture by Lesley Desmond

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They're happy campers



BEST of friends Mahali Mason, from Forcett, and Ava Rose Cole, from New Norfolk, with wooden hammers they made at the Preminghana camp in north-west Tasmania. The camp began 15 years ago, providing a way for Tasmanian Aboriginal people to get away from Australia Day celebrations on January 26. About 90 Aboriginal people came from across the state to this year's camp, where they celebrated culture, community and connection. Turn to page 35 for more pictures and a report. Picture by Jillian Mundy

Embezzler told to pay



THE former head of a NSW Aboriginal health service has been ordered to pay more than \$1.2 million after he embezzled large amounts of money from the organisation.

The Federal Court found Damien Matcham had made unauthorised payments of more than \$700,000 for bonuses, time in lieu, superannuation, recreation leave and life insurance when he was CEO of Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services.

In a judgment last week, the Federal Court ordered Matcham to pay \$705,905 in compensation to the organisation, pay the Commonwealth of Australia \$500,000 and also pay legal costs.

Mr Matcham has been disqualified from managing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations for 15 years.

"It is plain that Mr Matcham abused his position of trust by obtaining payments of large amounts to which he was not entitled and which were obtained for his personal use," the written judgment said.

"His breaches of trust were committed over a period of four years in circumstances which demonstrate that he should have been aware that he was not entitled to the payments."

The not-for-profit corporation provides health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the NSW far south coast and receives state and federal funding.

The service was placed in special administration in late 2011 after an investigation revealed Matcham had been transferring money to himself.

Governance

Reconciliation Australia co-chair Tom Calma said the facts behind the court's judgment proved the need for greater emphasis on governance and for more effort being directed to governance and leadership training.

"The circumstances behind this decision show just how damaging the impact of poor governance can be," he said.

"Effective governance in this instance would have prevented such fraudulent behaviour occurring.

"While examples like this represent a small minority of the

more than 2500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations currently registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, it is clear that poor governance does threaten the efficiency and effectiveness of some organisations."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion welcomed the decision.

"This case sends a powerful message to those who think Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations are an easy mark and beyond the reach of the law," he said.

"The decision is a major event in advancing Indigenous governance and shows that we are serious about pursuing unscrupulous people that abuse taxpayer funds intended for the betterment of Indigenous Australians.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have strong expectations that corporations that are meant to act on their behalf have the highest standard of accountability. They expect the Government and the regulators to do their job and ensure that organisations intended to benefit Indigenous people do so." – *With AAP*



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Thurston backs reconciliation



RUGBY league superstar Johnathan Thurston, pictured, has teamed up with the Queensland Government to kick some goals for reconciliation by

promoting the 2014 Queensland Reconciliation Awards throughout the state.

For the second year running, the Kangaroos five-eighth and North Queensland Cowboys NRL captain is acting as ambassador for the awards, which offer \$25,000 in prizemoney across the five award categories of Business, Community, Education, Partnership and the Premier's Reconciliation Award.

"It's a cause that is very close to my heart and one that I devote as much time to as I can to during the rugby league season," Thurston said.

The awards recognise projects that help build cross-cultural understanding through a variety of ways, which could be by creating employment or training opportunities, educational institutions offering healthy eating or cultural programs, or businesses working in partnerships with local Indigenous communities.

"It's a great initiative run by the Queensland Government about

recognising businesses and educational institutions and other community organisations that help recognise and advance reconciliation throughout the Queensland community," Thurston said.

Queensland Premier Campbell Newman said that over the past 11 years, the awards had recognised more than 150 initiatives demonstrating reconciliation in action.

"Some of these projects are not only making a significant impact in local communities, but stimulating change across Queensland and Australia," he said.

Thurston said it was an honour to take on the role of ambassador.

"I'm very proud to represent the awards and their work in recognising the commitment, initiative and innovation that enriches our Indigenous community," he said.

The NRL star encourages anyone who knows of a project that's helping to advance reconciliation to jump on the website and nominate them before Monday, March 3 – visit www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au for details.

Winners will be announced at a ceremony during Reconciliation Week, May 27 to June 3.

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– Qld Reconciliation Awards ambassador Johnathan Thurston

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NT education review calls for overhaul



INDIGENOUS education in the Northern Territory is failing to meet students' basic needs and an urgent overhaul

is needed, a government report says.

The report, released last week, recommends a comprehensive overhaul of the education system to give Indigenous students the best chance at life.

"These students are the Territory's future and the system is leaving them behind," Education Minister Peter Chandler said in a statement.

"(The report) describes an education system that is currently failing to meet students' most basic needs and is in urgent need of reform.

"The report paints a deeply concerning picture about the system's inability to provide the

best quality education to our children."

Mr Chandler said the study was the most thorough review of the Indigenous education system in the NT for more than 15 years.

It showed literacy and numeracy results for remote Indigenous students were well

sharper focus on early years programs, literacy in primary schools, the delivery of secondary education, the structure of the department and attendance.

Other recommendations include community engagement, student wellbeing and behaviour management,

roles and responsibilities of teachers and principals, workforce planning and funding.

Public consultation on the report will be held across the NT before a final report is submitted.

"Once finalised, this report will be one of the

most important policy papers considered by government," Mr Chandler said.

He also said the Government's future approach to Indigenous education would be results-driven.

Submissions can be made to iereview.decs@nt.gov.au and close on March 9. – AAP

"The report paints a deeply concerning picture about the system's inability to provide the best quality education to our children."

below the results of students in major centres in the NT and remote communities in other jurisdictions.

The draft review is especially critical of the delivery of secondary education in very remote schools.

It outlined 37 recommendations including a

AIATSIS to host ancient ceremony



AN ancient Aboriginal Bone Ceremony from Kakadu will be performed in Canberra to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Australian Institute of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

The ceremony, which has never been performed off country, was done as part of the final funerary rite for traditional owner of the Bunitj clan estate in northern Kakadu, Big Bill Neidjie, known as 'The Kakadu Man'.

Big Bill Neidjie, who passed away in 2002, was the keeper of ancient knowledge and the last remaining Gagudju-speaking member of his Bunitj clan. He was instrumental in establishing Kakadu as a national park.

This culturally significant ceremony will open celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of AIATSIS on March 25 at Reconciliation Place in Canberra.

Led by Yolngu Elder Djakapurra Munyarryun, a former cultural consultant/dancer to Bangarra Dance Theatre, the ceremony will also feature traditional custodians and Big Bill's son, Jonathan Nadji.

The ceremony also encompasses the handover to AIATSIS of the World Heritage Listed 35mm footage of the final funerary rite and Bone Ceremony of Big Bill, held at Hawke Dreaming in Kakadu National Park in 2005.

The man whom the Elders approved to capture the ceremony, Kevin Lucas, said it was the first time it had ever been filmed.



Djakapurra Munyarryun's family members perform at Bunitj Elder Big Bill Neidjie's final funerary rite and Bone Ceremony at Hawke Dreaming on Bunitj country in 2005. Image courtesy of MusicArtsDance films and the Neidjie family

"Bill's funeral ceremony extended over several years and the Bone Ceremony, which we captured, is how it was done in old times ... a ceremony for men of high degree," he said.

"The footage has World Heritage

value because it holds what we call an intangible culture asset, and the Neidjie family and the community entrust AIATSIS to provide a secure and tangible home for the original footage, which remains the

property of the Neidjie family."

AIATSIS chair Mick Dodson said the free event would be a rare opportunity for Australians to see a very special and timeless ceremony never before performed off country.

Fears raised over 'one-punch' laws

By RUDI MAXWELL



LEGAL organisations in NSW are concerned that the much-publicised new 'one-punch' laws will mean more Aboriginal people go to jail.

The O'Farrell Government recently introduced the first suite of new legislation that is supposed to deal with 'coward-punch' incidents, but also includes huge increases in on-the-spot fines for offensive language, failure to comply with 'move-on' directions by police and offensive behaviour.

The legislation was supported by the Labor Opposition but opposed by the Greens, in the wake of a few highly-publicised violent incidents in Kings Cross and George Street in central Sydney.

The Government is also planning to introduce mandatory minimum sentences for assaulting police and assault occasioning bodily harm.

NSW ACT Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) chief legal officer John McKenzie told the *Koori Mail* that, based on the numbers of Aboriginal clients it represents, the new laws would mean 1000 more Aboriginal people in jail each year in NSW.

"These mandatory minimum

sentences really concern us, because they put a lot of Aboriginal people in jeopardy," he said.

"Anyone with any understanding of the history of assault police and Aboriginal people can just imagine what's going to happen here.

"People can be charged with assaulting police without any physical contact; for example, someone pretty drunk who takes a swing at an officer that's wildly misdirected and doesn't even go close to connecting.

"With a minimum two years in jail this has got the potential to lock up huge cohorts of Aboriginal people, and really increase frictions on the street between police and community members."

A spokesperson for NSW Indigenous Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said the Government had committed to conducting a review of the amendments to the *NSW Crimes Act* within three years. "At that time we will be in better position to assess their impact," he said.

"Through OCHRE, the NSW Government plan for Aboriginal affairs, we are improving opportunities for Aboriginal young people through initiatives which help them to build pride in their identity and culture, support Aboriginal students to stay in school and get fulfilling and



Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT chief legal officer John McKenzie

sustainable jobs.

"OCHRE aims to support strong Aboriginal communities, deter criminal behaviour and keep Aboriginal young people out of juvenile detention."

The fine for failure to comply with a 'move-on' direction by police has increased from \$200 to \$1100, and for offensive language from \$150 to \$500.

In NSW, failure to pay a fine

attracts penalty fees and the State Debt Recovery Office can cancel driver's licences and car registration after a three-month period.

"In remote and regional areas there are not always good relations between police and Aboriginal communities and, unfortunately, these fines are handed out fairly often to Aboriginal people, which will indirectly lead to a greater number of Aboriginal people in prison," Mr McKenzie said.

"Say you get an \$1100 fine, which you can't pay because of poverty, within 12 months that becomes \$2000, and you have your licence suspended for non-payment.

"In regional areas where there is no viable public transport to get to a doctor, hospital, a job, or a Centrelink interview, unfortunately the reality leads many Aboriginal people to continue driving and sooner or later they get picked up and sent to jail for driving while disqualified.

"We estimate at the moment approximately 30 per cent of the adult prison population is there for driving offences."

The spokesperson for Mr Dominello said that while the penalties had increased, Work and Development Orders (WDO), which allow people to clear fines through

unpaid work, educational courses or treatment, would continue.

"People experiencing homeless, financial hardship, and/or serious addictions to drugs and alcohol can apply for a WDO with the support of an approved organisation or health practitioner," he said.

"These are made by the State Debt Recovery Office, and Legal Aid NSW works with eligible Aboriginal people to ensure they are aware of the benefits of WDOs."

Mr McKenzie said Aboriginal people in NSW already made up 25 per cent of the prison population.

"But that doesn't make one big headline like eight years for one punch," he said.

"I understand the public outrage about people dying. The reality is tragic, but it is very rare.

"But to make laws on the basis that 'this cleans the streets up', because of issues in Kings Cross and George Street, does not give a proper basis for laws in this state, and Aboriginal people in the bush will wear the detrimental effects."

The NSW Bar Association, Law Society and former Director of Public Prosecutions Nicholas Cowdery have all condemned mandatory sentencing as non-effective as a deterrent and is a recipe for injustice.

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Jeremy Whiskey is on the program.



South Australia's Robert Champion.

Top talent to play at Desert Fringe



PORT Augusta audiences will sample a melting pot of national and local Indigenous talent mixed with international acts when the Desert Fringe festival returns to the town on March 14 and 15.

A feature attraction over the weekend will be Torres Strait Islander and Cairns band Reggae Bliss, who will appear on opening night at the free Desert Fringe Club cabaret night at The Barracks.

Other seasoned Indigenous artists appearing on the packed program include South Australian

performers Robert Champion, Warren Milera, and Jeremy Whiskey, and the Iwantja band from the state's Antakarinja Lands.

Adelaide Fringe creative producer Sasha Zahra said she had tried to increase the Indigenous content of the Desert Fringe event to appeal to local audiences.

Local artists

She has included a smattering of Aboriginal artists from Port Augusta and neighbouring areas in the line-up, with up-and-coming hip hop artists Junior, from Whyalla, and Port Augusta local Big D appearing on the program.

"Port Augusta borders Nukunu

and Barngarla country, and the Desert Fringe event is now a real mix of mob from across country as well as locals mixed with international artists," Ms Zahra said.

A free sunset concert and barbecue will close the event, featuring the Desert Fringe Super Band with Robert Champion, Warren Milera and Jeremy Whiskey taking to the mic for a set backed by members of the Iwantja Band.

Other highlights of the weekend include Israeli acrobatic street performers Cirque No Problem, the award-winning solo theatre show *A Solitary Choice*, a free arts market and family day, and the Mr Spin Family Show.



Whyalla hip hop artist Junior will play at the Desert Fringe festival next month.

Division over treaty

By MEZ FISHER



WARREN Mundine's call for the Federal Government to make a raft of separate treaties with each individual Aboriginal nation has been met with a mixed response.

The Northern Territory's Yolngu Nations Assembly (YNA) supports it, Tasmania's Michael Mansell offers broad support but says it would produce disparities, and First Nations political party founder Maurie Japarta Ryan says any treaty should be made with the Queen of England, not the Australian Government.

In a controversial speech on January 26, Mr Mundine, the chair of Prime Minister Tony Abbott's Indigenous Advisory Council, said he didn't think a treaty between Australia and its First Peoples as 'one amorphous group' could ever work.

"There are no individuals who speak for Indigenous people as a whole," he said.

"A treaty would have to be between Australia and the individual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribal groups; an agreement between Australia and each Indigenous group, nation to nation.

"And, of course, each could choose whether to sign onto the treaty or not."

YNA co-convenor Matthew Dhulumburrk Gaykamanju supports a treaty because 'we need a foundational agreement for the

Mixed reaction to call from Warren Mundine

Australian government and the Yolngu government'.

"We want a treaty because right now we get directives just from the government side – for housing, education, skills training. This is one-sided talk that never ends in things that work," he said.

"Government needs to listen to Yolngu thinking for Yolngu problems."

YNA spokesman Djiniyini Gondarra concurs. "All of Arnhem Land, we still maintain our law, maintain our language and have our land," he said.

"We have not been conquered. We need our society recognised."

Indigenous band Yothu Yindi put the issue of a treaty in the international spotlight with their hit song *Treaty*, released in 1991 and co-written by the band's lead singer, Dr Yunupingu.

Yalmay Yunupingu said her late husband, who was awarded a posthumous Companion of the Order of Australia last month, wanted a treaty to recognise Yolngu as First Peoples.

"He wanted self-management, self-determination and respect as human beings," Ms Yunupingu said.

"He (Dr Yunupingu) wanted to stop the death of Yolngu law, custom, and language, to stop the genocide of his people. He wanted mutual respect for each other.

"Treaty for Yolngu people was a big part of my husband's mission. He wanted harmony. So for that he received an award on Australia Day: Companion of the Order of Australia. If Australia respects this award, they will respect this call for treaty. He was never angry, he was always calm. Let's work toward treaty likewise."

But Tasmania's Michael Mansell said Mr Mundine should re-think his idea for local treaties.

"That would produce disparities in outcomes," Mr Mansell said.

"The NT Aborigines would get far more than South Australian Aborigines, and WA blacks even less.

"I don't think that is desirable."

Mr Mansell said other ideas that could be considered were an Aboriginal Assembly with legislative powers, customary law and protection of Aboriginal culture and heritage.

However, he broadly supports the concept of a treaty, saying it could finally give Aboriginal people a land base by disposing of the 'costly and time-wasting native title process'.

"The treaty could designate certain vacant Crown land to be once again Aboriginal owned," Mr Mansell said.

"The attraction of a treaty is that it does not require constitutional change. A treaty can simply be a piece of federal legislation. That is how ATSIC was established – quickly, simply and painlessly."

First Nations political party founder Maurie Japarta Ryan said separate treaties with the Australian Government would not be appropriate.

"We don't want to have a treaty with the Australian government; we don't want to make treaties separate – we are all First Nations people," he said.

"Any treaty should be done with the Queen of England. Not with Australia, with England, because we have never acquiesced our sovereignty from 1788 to the present day."

But Mr Ryan doesn't hold much hope of seeing a treaty signed any time soon.

"All governments have created policies embedded in racism and lies – and they all procrastinate," he said.

Congress staunch in face of uncertainty

By CHRIS GRAHAM*

LATE last year, shortly after the Liberal-National Party Coalition won office, the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples received an invitation to attend the official opening of the 44th Parliament of Australia on November 12.

Parliamentary openings are always big affairs. Soldiers parade the grounds, newly-minted ministers walk the halls with beaming smiles, shadowed by armies of advisers. They even line up cannons out the front to fire off ceremonial salutes.

And then there's the parties. Australian governments are fond of referring to the 'rivers of grog' that flow through some Aboriginal communities, apparently unaffected by the irony that Canberra is a literal 'ocean of grog' during the first sitting week of any new parliament (not to mention every subsequent parliamentary sitting week).

In any case, Congress declined the invitation. It had a prior engagement.

Instead, senior officials from Congress, including newly elected co-chairs Kirstie Parker and Les Malezer, turned up to Parliament House the following week to sit through the comparatively boring Senate Estimates hearings.

On the one hand, there's a certain amount of appeal around an organisation like Congress turning down the pomp and ceremony of a parliamentary opening to keep a pre-arranged appointment. It's a pretty business-like approach, and a respectful one.

On the other hand, it's perhaps not the shrewdest political move from an organisation that is, effectively, entirely reliant on the public purse for its funding. The absence of Congress at the opening of Parliament did not go unnoticed by those who occupy the white halls of power.

But things went from frosty to frozen, when the new Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion met up with Congress shortly after.

Senator Scullion, known for his affable nature, welcomed Congress as an important body, and indicated that the Government would be open to receiving advice on a range of issues affecting Aboriginal people.

The response from Mr Malezer, apparently, stunned the new minister. He told Senator Scullion that the National Congress had not been established to advise government.

Sources suggest Senator Scullion was taken aback. A meeting, which from the Government's perspective had been called to start the process of building a working relationship, had been derailed from the outset.

For his part, Mr Malezer says that account of the meeting 'leaves out important pieces', and also misses the point.

"We're not set up to be a government advisory body," he argues. "Our constitution is quite clear – we are there to represent the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"Our role is not to provide a submission on an employment inquiry. It's to show government how, in the framework of self-determination, government can help achieve their determinations and ambitions.

"We're not saying we don't advise government. We say we're not an advisory body TO government. We explain that clearly to people we deal with."

Whatever the perspectives of the two parties, a month later no-one was left in any doubt about the new Government's relationship with Congress.

A week before Christmas, Minister Scullion met with the Congress to inform



them they were unlikely to be receive continued funding, courtesy of the new Commission of Audit looking at expenditure across the entire government.

Senator Scullion acknowledged the timing – a week out from Christmas – was unfortunate.

But what of the minister's apparent 'promise' prior to the election that an Abbott Government could see no problem with continuing funding to Congress?

"We definitely did not promise funding," he says.

Government sources have indicated that if Mr Malezer had not rebuffed the Minister's

right-hand man during ATSIC's fall.

But Mr Malezer doesn't just have the backing of 8000-plus members of the Congress. He and the rest of the democratically elected Congress also have the backing of the United Nations.

In 2009, the Labor Government endorsed the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, a 46-article document which, among other things, urges governments to support the efforts of First Nations peoples towards self-determination.

Says Senator Scullion: "We're supportive of the UN Declaration, of course. But there's a range of elements that people will quote



"We're supportive of the UN Declaration, of course. But there's a range of elements that people will quote you, and say, 'This means you have to fund us.' I think that's drawing a pretty long bow." – Minister Nigel Scullion

offer, the Congress would likely not be facing an end to its funding. Other sources go further, suggesting that the Abbott Government would not deal with Congress while Mr Malezer was there.

Close watchers of Indigenous affairs might be getting a sense of déjà vu. In 2004, the Howard Government abolished the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) because it reasoned that although Aboriginal people chose Geoff Clark as their elected leader, and although the Government thought democracy was a good thing, it could sometimes be a bad thing if the person elected was deemed unacceptable to non-Aboriginal people.

Mr Malezer, ironically, was Geoff Clark's

you, and say, 'This means you have to fund us.'

"I think that's drawing a pretty long bow."

Article four of the declaration states: "Indigenous peoples, in exercising their right to self-determination, have the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to their internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means for financing their autonomous functions."

While that doesn't explicitly state that Government should provide the funds, read with Article 39, as it's intended, there's not a lot of wiggle room left: "Indigenous peoples have the right to have access to financial and technical assistance from States and through international cooperation, for the enjoyment

of the rights contained in this declaration."

In response, Senator Scullion says there's nothing to stop the Government – or Congress – working together.

"I think we should ensure anytime Congress wants to talk to us about something, they should talk to us, whether it's advice, or a position on something," he says.

He's just not prepared to pay for it, although the Abbott Government is financing a range of non-elected advisory bodies, including the Indigenous Advisory Council and the Empower Communities Steering Committee.

Senator Scullion indicated that in relation to Congress, he preferred a 'fee for service' model, leaving the door open to more drip funding for specific projects.

If Congress members feel betrayed by the Coalition's likely withdrawal of funding, then they should save at least some of their anger for the Opposition.

The original model proposed by Congress was constructed to ensure that the organisation would not be reliant on government for funding.

Congress was to be established as a company, with a series of capital injections by the Commonwealth that would provide enough funding to ensure Congress lived off the interest of its own investments, a model based on the current NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) structure.

This would have ensured Congress genuine independence from government and a capacity to truly represent the interest of First Nations peoples, free from the ever-present threat of being defunded.

But that is precisely the position Congress now faces, courtesy of the Australian Labor Party.

In 2010, former Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin chose to offer Congress only drip funding, ensuring it would remain under Canberra's control.

Labor also dragged its heels on providing Congress charitable status, so that it could pursue tax deductible donations from corporates and philanthropics, thus raising its own capital.

Whatever the politics, Mr Malezer says with or without government funding, Congress intends to continue representing the views of its rapidly growing membership base.

It has enough money in the bank to survive in the short to medium term, has recently appointed a new CEO (Geoff Scott, former boss of NSWALC) and, to date, more than 8000 individuals have joined.

Organisations can also join Congress, and that number is approaching the 200 mark, giving Congress a legitimate claim that it represents the interests of tens of thousands of First Nations people.

"When government doesn't give us funds, it doesn't mean our organisation is finished," says Mr Malezer. "We were designed to be independent. There was always

going to be a time when we would have to operate without the assistance of government.

"So in that sense it's not the biggest crisis we're going to have to face.

"We will survive whether the government supports us or not ... but (this) shouldn't interfere with our obligations, which include an engagement with government."

And so engage Les Malezer does, with a pointed message for the minister and the Abbott Government about their current direction in Indigenous affairs.

"The Abbott Government has been in four months now. (In that time there's been) the appointment of Warren Mundine to the

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Big names at concert



DARWIN-based young Aboriginal woman Jasmin Onus believes tomorrow's (Thursday, February 13) Melbourne concert 'Apology – Heal Our Past, Build Our Future Together' is an inclusive way to unite all Australians through its celebration of the anniversary of the Apology to the nation's Stolen Generations.

The free concert at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl tomorrow will feature performances by some of Australia's best Indigenous and non-Indigenous musicians.

It will feature artists including Christine Anu, Archie Roach, Frank Yamma, Jimblah, Thelma Plum, Kutcha Edwards, Tim Rogers from You Am I, Clare Bowditch, Horror Show and Blue King Brown.

"Music and storytelling through the arts have always been a part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture," Ms Onus said.

"The apology concert is a way in which Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians can come together to reflect on this history, to honour the resilience of the Stolen Generations, and

to celebrate the progress we've made so far."

The concert is hosted by the Healing Foundation, an organisation established on the first anniversary of the apology to support members of the Stolen Generations and their families through healing programs.

Ms Onus is a member of Young Healers, a group that educates and promotes healing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

"Through the injustice, the violation of human rights, the racist policies – the Stolen Generations' resilience and strength of spirit inspires me," she said.

"On the anniversary of the apology I will take the time to think of my family members past and present who were impacted, and their journey. It's also a time to reflect on how, as a nation, we can stop intergenerational trauma."

The free Apology – Heal Our Past, Build Our Future Together concert will be held from 6-10pm at Sidney Myer Music Bowl, with gates opening from 5.30pm.

For a list of apology events across the country, go to www.healingfoundation.org.au



Jimblah is one of the artists performing at the free Melbourne concert Apology – Heal Our Past, Build Our Future Together tomorrow, February 13.

National Congress staunch in face of uncertain future

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National Advisory Council ... they're off on some vague expedition, and meeting four times a year," he says.

"They're putting the future of employment of our people in the hands of (mining billionaire) Twigg Forrest.

"They're getting rid of Aboriginal Education Consultative Committees, and Constitutional reform (is in the hands of) a parliamentary committee.

"Most of Aboriginal Affairs has been put into committee.

"Meanwhile, the government imposes punitive actions and disempowers communities, such as sending an army of truancy officers in to force our kids into schools they don't want to go to.

"If we interpret their actions, it's quite clear it is to take the legs out of Aboriginal leadership, to shut down the voice and decision making of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and take it off the political agenda so that it doesn't embarrass the 'Prime Minister of Aboriginal Affairs'. That's the clear picture.

"We're getting further and further away from self-determination. That might sound like a hollow cry in the wind. But this is 2014."

And the timing, says Mr Malezer, is crucial. Later this year, Australia will appear before the United Nations World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

"The Australian Government will have to account for ... its performance and where it has got to in the last 20 years.

"They're that ignorant on these issues, they probably can't see the wave that's going to hit them."

Senator Scullion would probably argue the same thing about Congress.

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Disquiet over Qld youth justice plan



HUMAN rights and legal organisations believe planned changes to Queensland's *Youth Justice Act* will breach United Nations conventions, and have particularly detrimental effects on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

The State Government's tough-on-crime agenda will spread to the Youth Act as a matter of urgency when Parliament resumes this month.

Laws are expected to allow for the naming and shaming of repeat young offenders between the ages of 10 and 16, no longer wipe clear juvenile criminal histories, and include the automatic transfer of 17-year-olds to adult prisons.

One of the most controversial of the proposed changes would be to remove the emphasis of detention as a last resort.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service in Queensland CEO Shane Duffy said he was extremely concerned the reforms would have a disproportionate and detrimental impact on young Indigenous people. "Indigenous people, especially juveniles, are already substantially over-represented in the criminal justice system in Queensland," he said.

"These short-sighted, punitive policies will only result in more young Indigenous people filling our prisons."

Amnesty International has written to Premier Campbell Newman to ask for the bills to be removed from debate.

Amnesty's government relations manager, Louise Allen, said the planned changes were in direct conflict with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states that the arrest, detention and imprisonment of young people should only be used as a last resort.

"This proposal goes against international standards for protecting children and contravenes major human rights standards," she said.

Measures

"International human rights law makes it imperative for relevant governments to develop non-custodial measures within their legal systems and reduce the use of juvenile imprisonment."

Indigenous youth make up 63 per cent of young people in detention in Queensland.

The 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody recommended that arrest and imprisonment should be a last resort for Indigenous youth.

While Mr Newman said he was concerned that changes would result in higher incarceration levels for Indigenous youth, he said regional communities were sick of youth crime.

"The people of Townsville particularly, people of Cairns, are demanding a proper response to end the misery of constant house break-ins, car stealing and petty theft that's going on," he said.

"It is really driving people around the twist up there and I assure them the Government knows that, and we've got to find our way through this to take away that criminal element but properly try to give a pathway to a real life for these young offenders.

"We won't be jumping to knee-jerk responses."

A government study, published in July last year, showed most of the 4000-plus surveyed support naming and shaming and transferring young offenders to adult jails.

Human Rights Law Centre director of international advocacy Ben Schokman said the reforms would violate a number of Australia's human rights obligations.

"Children don't belong in prison," he said.

"Locking children up should only be done in the most exceptional circumstances and

as a measure of absolute last resort.

"These reforms turn that principle on its head and will result in prison being the norm, rather than the exception."

In the letter to the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Rights, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services in Queensland and the Human Rights Law Centre have asked the UN's independent expert to investigate.

"We should be addressing the underlying causes of crime, namely social and economic disadvantage, instead of simply beefing up the punitive lock-'em-up-and-throw-away-the-key approach," Mr Schokman said.

After the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Rights visited Australia in 2009 he expressed concern about the alarmingly high levels of incarceration of Indigenous peoples in Australia, particularly young people.

In his report on Australia, the independent expert made a number of recommendations regarding addressing over-imprisonment, including adopting the many recommendations made by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody in 1991 that have never been implemented. – with AAP

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Upgrade forces closure

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



AN embattled far north Queensland Indigenous business owner has vowed to take on Cairns Regional Council in a bid to recover an almost total business loss in the wake of an upgrade to the Cairns city centre.

Cultural Place restaurant manager Damon Leftwich and head chef Naomi Mabo have united with a group of around 20 other small business owners to engage lawyers in a bid to demand compensation from the council and the State Government.

The unique Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-run restaurant was forced to close its doors to the public recently after suffering a massive downturn in their lucrative lunchtime day trade.

"We lost 60 per cent of our day trade in the first two weeks of the works starting in October and the numbers gradually got worse until we were forced to lay off our staff and close our doors," Ms Mabo said.

"It's been a devastating loss for us because we were so busy when we first opened.

"We started with nothing and we built it from the ground up and we're really proud of what we've achieved.

"The council came around two months before they started the works and really sugar-coated the process, saying it would be done within three months and that the footpaths would remain open. One week later they reneged on that promise and no-one could find us."

Ms Mabo said the restaurant, which closed its doors in January, had been existing on private function bookings until just last week, when complete access to the restaurant had been entirely blocked.

"I just turned up for work one afternoon and the entire access to the restaurant was blocked," she said.

"No-one can get in or out the front door and the situation is even worse than before as we're now losing the only revenue we had, which was our private functions. I did have a function coming up that I've had to



Cultural Place restaurant owner and head chef Naomi Mabo says Cairns Regional Council's upgrade to the CBD has forced the once-thriving restaurant to close its doors.

cancel. It's going from bad to worse.

"This is ruining us and the most disappointing thing is that the council have not reached out and tried to communicate with us. We've only heard what's going on through the media.

"I just heard on the radio that the council are considering compensation but they haven't spoken to us yet.

"At the very least we want to be compensated for the loss we've had to incur since the works started in October and we want the council to start talking to

us directly and let us know what's going on.

"I'm not giving up. It's always been my dream to run my own restaurant and I'm working on a brand new menu inspired by my family to serve to the public when our doors finally open again and I can't wait for people to try it."

Cairns Regional Council infrastructure services general manager Bruce Gardiner said the project to open up the CBD had been in the planning stages for many years and was due to finish in September.

"When the decision was made early last

year to proceed with the project as a matter of priority, considerable consultation was undertaken with businesses in the vicinity," he said.

"That consultation and communication has continued throughout the process. Council has been in regular contact with businesses, including the Cultural Place, to discuss and implement strategies to mitigate any impact and to keep them informed of the project."

The council would not comment on compensation.

Call for Qld taser ban



ABORIGINAL activist Sam Watson has called on Queensland police to hand in their tasers after an officer shot a woman in the eye. The woman's family said she has lost the use of her eye.

"The Queensland Police Service just cannot be trusted with these taser weapons," Mr Watson told the ABC.

"They are very dangerous. They can cause permanent damage as we've seen."

A unnamed woman has told the ABC it was her sister who was shot.

She said her sister had become upset during a visit from social workers, prompting an ambulance and police to arrive. Then the weapon was deployed.

"The taser was in her eye and she was in so much pain she said to the police officer, 'The taser's in my eye, the taser's in my eye', screaming all the while," the woman said.

"The police officer came to the ambulance to speak to (my sister) and said 'I know you probably don't want to speak to me right now but I am sorry'."

A neighbour who witnessed the incident, but did not want to be named, said the woman was shot when she was about five to seven metres away from officers.

"I doubt a tasering was necessary," he told the ABC.

The 34-year-old woman had surgery to remove the metal taser prong from her eye.

A hospital spokeswoman said the woman is in a stable condition.

Police say the woman was tasered after she threatened officers with a table leg that had nails sticking out of it at her home at Logan, south of Brisbane.

The officer who deployed the weapon is an experienced senior constable and a qualified taser instructor.

He's now the subject of an Ethical Standards Command investigation.

Risk

Police service guidelines on taser use specifically warn of the risk of eye injuries.

"Tasers should not be aimed so as to strike the head or neck of a subject unless this is unavoidable," the guidelines say.

Police Commissioner Ian Stewart said the service would take lessons away from the incident.

"It's a very sad matter, one that we will learn from, and we will take all action that's necessary," he told reporters in Brisbane.

Police say they are considering possible charges against the woman. — AAP

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'Frontier Wars' highlighted



AS part of their Invasion/Survival Day weekend action, Aboriginal people in Canberra rallied in front of the Australian War Memorial (pictured) to

draw attention to the 'Frontier Wars'. Wiradjuri woman and long-time Redfern community worker Jenny Munro pointed out there was no memorial to the thousands of Aboriginal people who died at the hands of colonisers.

"There have been hundreds of massacres in the 200 years since white contact, none of it was peaceful; our people fought every inch of the way," she said.

"Our history is the same in every part of the country: people laid down their lives defending our land and families.

"White Australia cannot continue to be this arrogant to celebrate Australia Day on the date of invasion every year."

● More photos and a report from Canberra on page 34. Picture by Con Oilseed

A great week of league



THE result of the main game mightn't have been what the fans were hoping for, but there was still plenty to celebrate at the week-long Festival of Indigenous Rugby League held

in Newcastle. A solid crowd turned out for the main game on Saturday night, where NRL side the Newcastle Knights prove too strong for the the all-Indigenous First Nations Goannas, winning

52-12. The non-elite Goannas represented the best players from the 2013 Queensland Murri carnival and the 2013 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival. A few former

National Rugby League stars were included in the Goannas line-up and made short appearances on the field.

A range of Koori v Murri games was also played as

part of the football festival.

The *Koori Mail's* Naomi Moran was at the festival and took these pictures.

● Turn to sport for our festival coverage.



Auntie Sandra Griffin gave the welcome to country joined by ARL Indigenous Council chair Linda Burney, MP.



From left, Kyeema O'Mealey, 7, Shane Phillips, Kareel Phillips, 2, Siobhan Mealey, Mavis Phillips and Tianah-Lea Johnson, 3, in Newcastle.



Nyoaka Eiggins and Newcastle Knights fan Maddox Pratten-Eiggins, 4, at the main game.



Rowena Jarrett, Jennah Dungay and Shailyn Williams enjoyed the main game.



Indigenous rugby league hero Preston Campbell joins the fans.



Former NRL star Wendell Sailor with young fan Jobie Castledine.



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Philip Beeton moves through a guard of honour to lay a wreath on the steps of the Tasmanian Parliament in commemoration of lives and lands lost in invasion. Pictures by Graeme Gardner



Nala Mansell addresses the rally.

Standing strong

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABOUT 200 Aboriginal people and supporters gathered in Hobart on

January 26 to honour lives and lands stolen during invasion, and to continue the call for Australians to wake up to what they are celebrating on the country's national day and change its date.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) cultural promotion worker Nala Mansell told the rally that Australia Day was a race-based callous celebration, its only significance being the anniversary of the arrival of white people in 1788.

"It is one thing to acknowledge the fact of invasion; it is quite another to celebrate it," she said.

"The British were armed to the teeth and from the moment they stepped foot on our

country, the slaughter of Aborigines and dispossession began.

"Australia reveres its fallen warriors at Gallipoli with monuments and public holidays.

"Prime ministers attend funerals of each digger killed in Afghanistan.

"Yet Australian history is blind to the killings of tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of Aborigines massacred in the quest for new lands.

"There are no monuments, and no holidays, for the fallen victims of the celebrated nation.

'Genocide'

"Callously, Australia chooses to celebrate its national day in complete disregard to ethnic cleansing and genocide.

"Australia is the only country that relies on the arrival of Europeans on its shores as its official national day."

Ms Mansell noted that

Australia had not once apologised for the invasion of Aboriginal lands, rather celebrating it and naming monuments, streets and infrastructure in honour of racist perpetrators of murder, rape and genocide, such as the Batman Bridge in Launceston and the Bowen Bridge in Hobart.

She believes it is unprincipled to participate in Australia Day celebrations and for Aboriginal people to accept associated awards.

While acknowledging there are genuinely held views that recognition of individual effort is recognition of the Aboriginal struggle, she believes it has not made a scrap of difference.

"(Former Australian of the Year) Mick Dodson was to have a conversation," she said.

"(The current Australian of the Year) Adam Goodes will fare no better.

"It seems the more Aborigines accept the propaganda the more we

legitimise the right of whites to govern, and the right of Aborigines to be governed. Would Palestinians accept an Israeli of the Year award?"

Ms Mansell suggested that the date of a treaty could mark a new national day.

Aboriginal activist Jim Everett encouraged Aborigines to turn their backs on white Australia. "It's a regressive society. We should be focussing on our own community and building our culture, knowledge and heritage," he said.

Mr Everett said he emailed Australian of the Year Adams Goodes, not to congratulate him but to encourage him to use the award to

'open the doors for discussions on sovereignty and changing the day that they celebrate their Australia Day'.

"White Australia is very aggressively defending what they don't understand. They make fools of themselves," he said.

Former Greens leader Bob Brown suggested the first day of spring would be a more appropriate date, referring to it as 'wattle day, a day of green and gold'. "Maybe we could take a referendum," he said.

Other speakers included president of the Australian Lawyers Alliance Greg Barnes, Aboriginal activists, Ricky Maynard and young Aboriginal sisters Natika Hughes and Brooke Bourke.



Natika Hughes, pictured with her sister Brooke Bourke, says she would love to celebrate this beautiful country, but not on a day that marks the invasion of a people.

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Young leaders sought



YOUNG Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a passion for politics are being invited to apply for

the 2014 National Indigenous Youth Parliament (NIYP), a week-long leadership program to be held in Canberra in May.

The NIYP is run by the Australian Electoral Commission for Indigenous people aged 16 to 25. Its centrepiece is a two-day simulated parliament held in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, where participants debate 'Bills' and important social issues.

"The NIYP offers 50 young Indigenous Australians a chance to travel to Canberra and find out how government works and how laws are made," acting Electoral Commissioner Tom Rogers said.

"They'll get expert training in public speaking and in dealing with the media, and they'll meet with Members of Parliament and other national leaders.

"It's a fantastic opportunity and no specific skills or experience are required to apply, apart from a desire to have a say



Participants at last year's National Indigenous Youth Parliament in Canberra.

in what's going on in your community."

The NIYP is from May 28 to

June 3. Participants will be chosen based on their ideas and interest in government and

parliament, and their potential leadership skills. Applications close on

Monday, March 10. Forms are available at www.aec.gov.au/NIYP



A Royal Commission has been set up to investigate child sexual abuse in institutions such as government agencies, churches, missions and foster care, and how those institutions responded.

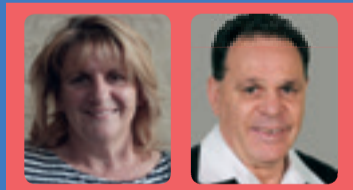
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Rainbow flag at Boomalli



BOOMALLI Aboriginal art gallery is flying the rainbow flag for the 2014 Sydney Mardi Gras.

Artists including Jeffery Samuels, Arone Raymond Meeks, Karla Dickens, Adrian Wills, Elaine Syron, William Yang, Jenny Fraser, Sione Falemaka, Jessica Johnson, Jasmin Sarin, Ella Bancroft, the Boomalli artists' collective and Eric Nair are inviting people to have a glimpse into their world of passion and colour.

Organisers said they were celebrating the *Black Rainbow*.

"In Aboriginal culture there lives the

Rainbow Serpent, one of the oldest continuing religious beliefs in the world," they said in a statement.

"In some cultures, the Rainbow Serpent is male; in others, female; in yet others, the gender is

ambiguous or the Rainbow Serpent is hermaphroditic or bisexual, an androgynous entity.

"The *Black Rainbow* will hold and dance with your senses, inclusive of all otherness and with great spirit."

The said the new collection of works would 'showcase a multi-coloured arc, both directly and indirectly'.

The exhibition opens on Wednesday, February 26, at 6pm at Boomalli Art Gallery, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, Sydney.

● **Pictured: *Flatheads* by Jasmine Sarin, one of the works to feature in the *Black Rainbow* exhibition at Boomalli Art Gallery in Leichhardt, Sydney. Also featured is *Banded anteater* (inset) by Jenny Fraser.**



A dip into the black arts



Koorioboree, a cultural dance gathering of traditional dance groups from around Victoria – just one of the free offerings at this year's Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival.



POSSUM skin stitching, a little black bastard and Aboriginal reggae rock performed on a grand organ are just some of the diverse works on show during the 12-day Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival.

Today, February 12, pioneering Aboriginal reggae rock artist Bart Willoughby will perform on the Melbourne Town Hall's grand organ.

Willoughby and his guest Deline Briscoe will pay homage to the late poet and activist Kevin Gilbert in *We Still Live On*, melding traditional Indigenous culture, didgeridoo and the classical pipes of the grand organ. The event is free, but bookings are required.

Tomorrow, February 13, renowned dancer, actor, director and choreographer Noel Tovey opens his brave autobiographical monologue *Little Black Bastard* for a three-night run at Arts House.

At the Koorie Heritage Trust, Victoria's Indigenous visual artists will display their diverse talent in the *The Koorie Art Show*, 9am–5pm, Monday to Friday, while the National Gallery of Victoria will have a demonstration of possum skin cloak stitching, Wednesday and Thursday, February 12 and 13.

On the last weekend, stroll up to Parliament Gardens to hear the opinions of Victoria's most gifted Aboriginal leaders from the last century, as *Blackfulla Soapbox* recreates moments in Australia's history, from 1pm on Saturday, February 15.

On Sunday, February 16, the world premiere of Tiriki Onus' *William and Mary* will take centre stage at the Malthouse, telling the story of activists Bill Onus and Mary Kelly using elements of theatre, storytelling, classical folk song and operatic performance.

For details visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/miaf

Services aid abuse survivors



A COALITION of Aboriginal Services has been established in Victoria in order to respond to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The Coalition was set up to assist Aboriginal community members to tell their stories to the Commission and receive appropriate support, and consists of a range of services, including health and legal services.

The Royal Commission, which has been in place for a year, is investigating incidents of sexual abuse that occurred in institutions such as children's homes, orphanages, foster care and other religious and non-government institutions.

The Commissioners are hoping to hear from Aboriginal community members who experienced sexual abuse while in an institution, and are travelling around the country in order to do so.

The Victorian Coalition of Aboriginal Services aims to help community members to tell their stories to the Royal Commission, and support them before, during and after the process.

By hearing from Aboriginal people who were sexually abused as children, the Royal Commission will

recommend to government changes that will ensure that children in care today are safe.

Community members can also obtain legal information from KnowMore Legal Service, which has recently set up an office in Melbourne.

KnowMore is able to answer any legal questions that may arise while telling your story to the Royal Commission, and is a free, independent service with offices also in Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

Assistance to engage with the Royal Commission can also be sought from other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal services around the country, or by calling the Royal Commission directly.

Should you wish to tell your story to the Royal Commission, you can contact the Royal Commission on 1800 099 340.

If you are in Victoria and require assistance, you can call the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS) on 1800 064 865 or the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) on 1800 687 662.

If you require legal assistance, you can phone KnowMore on 1800 605 762.

For more information go to: www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au or www.healthpast.org or www.knowmore.org.au

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Artwork "Journey to Healing" by Emma Bamblett, Wemba Wemba

The Australian Government has established a Royal Commission to hear about sexual abuse that happened to children in an institution.

It's important for people in the Victorian Aboriginal community to tell their story.

This will help prevent child sexual abuse in institutions from happening again.

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For more information, contact the Royal Commission on 1800 099 340

Visit www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au

Or contact one of the following Victorian Aboriginal Coalition organisations:

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS)

Information, legal support and referral
1800 064 865

Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA)

Information, support and referral
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Transitional Housing Program participant Shenola Taylor and her daughter Quinaya Chulung outside their home.



Home scheme offers benefits



A HOUSING scheme in Western Australia is reducing welfare dependency and changing the lives of Aboriginal people in Kununurra, in the state's Kimberley region.

The Transitional Housing Program, funded by the Federal Government, provides people with a rental home and access to support services to help them develop independence.

In return they must be employed or in training, and their children must attend school regularly.

The scheme is being overseen by WA Department of Housing director general Grahame Searle, who says it has a focus on individual responsibility that has proved successful at increasing workforce participation and school attendance, as well as reducing overcrowding in Aboriginal households.

"The overall goal is home ownership and intergenerational wealth transfer," he said.

"This is achieved by providing motivated Aboriginal people with a safe and secure place to live to create wealth and as a result reduce welfare dependence."

Since the program began last year, an average of 92 per cent of children in the program go to school, compared with 68 per cent across the Kimberley.

And all the tenants are employed or in training – double the state labour force participation rate for Aboriginal people of 50 per cent.

The program is a partnership between the Department of Housing, the Wunan Foundation, which provides support services, and Community Housing Ltd (CHL), which is the property and tenancy manager.

Four householders have had their applications to buy their property approved, with eight more home purchase applications in progress.

Wunan Foundation chairman and executive director Ian Trust believes the program will break the welfare cycle.

"There is absolutely no reason why people should be living in poverty for two or three generations when they are surrounded by opportunities, and this program is one of the ways we can do it," he said.

The program is as much about changing the people's mindsets as it is about delivering a physical outcome.

"It's amazing, the power of reward for effort," Mr Trust said. "We've had examples of people who have never been in work, on welfare for many, many years."

"After they got the first one or two pays they realised all of a sudden this money is all theirs and getting that car or buying a house is not too far away. It's amazing how they can just change."



Kimberley Transitional Housing Program participants Tracey Richards and Norman Dodd with their new puppy.

'We were living in fear'

Mabo's widow tells of ASIO spying on family

By ALF WILSON



BONITA Mabo, the widow of native title founder the late Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo, said her family lived in fear when they were spied upon by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) in the mid-1960s. However, she did not know until recently that ASIO was taking pictures of her husband.

The photos of leading Australian and Torres Strait Islander activists, including one of Eddie Mabo, are part of an exhibition in Sydney of pictures taken by ASIO.

Included is a picture taken of Eddie Mabo in August 1965 when he was attending a meeting.

Other Indigenous men whose photos are in the exhibition include activist Gary Foley and the late actor Bob Maza, who is also of Murray Island descent.

The spying has featured in the documentary *Persons of Interest*, which has screened on SBS television.

Eddie Mabo was born on Murray Island in the Torres Strait on June 29, 1936 and died in Brisbane on January 21, 1992. He made history taking his battle for native title to the High Court of Australia. On June 3, 1992, Mr Mabo and a group of Murray Islanders were deemed to have rights to their land.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail* from her home in Townsville recently, Mrs Mabo said

she knew about the spying and lived in constant fear.

"I didn't know they were taking pics but we knew ASIO was spying on Eddie," she said.

"That was in 1965 when Eddie worked at the Townsville Harbour. We lived in Sturt Street near the city then.

"If he came home late I panicked and feared something bad had happened to him."

The 70-year-old Mrs Mabo said it was terrible being scared all of the time for herself, her husband and family.

"But there was nothing we could do about it even though it wasn't right and invaded our privacy – I always told Eddie to be careful at all times," she said.

Strange phone calls

Mrs Mabo said the family also received strange phone calls, which was upsetting.

Mrs Mabo is the mother of seven, has 40 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

At the 21st anniversary celebrations of the High Court decision held last June in Townsville, Mrs Mabo wore a shirt proclaiming 'Proud of You Darlin'.

It was near a photo of her husband at his memorial in Townsville's Central Park where she made an emotional speech to several hundred people including many students.

Mrs Mabo feels the exhibition organisers should have gained permission from family members before displaying the pictures.



Mrs Bonita Mabo at the memorial to her late husband Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo.

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Report focus on kids



A NEW report into early childhood of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children has found programs that work with parents and families and a culturally-sensitive approach have the best outcomes.

The paper released by the Closing the Gap Clearinghouse, 'Review of early childhood parenting, education and health intervention programs for Indigenous children and families in Australia', reviews prevention and

early intervention research design and outcomes for more than 50 research reports.

A common characteristic of successful programs with positive outcomes for children was that they focussed strongly on attracting and retaining Indigenous families, often through the use of Indigenous workers.

The report, produced by Jennifer Bowes and Rebekah Grace, found that children's behaviour was improved through programs that involved active education for parents and had a

culturally sensitive approach, including the Indigenous Triple P parenting program, the parent-delivered early childhood program HIPPY (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters), and the behaviour-focussed Let's Start Parent-Child program.

Evaluations

"Based on the 10 evaluations of programs related to early childhood education, Indigenous-specific programs, supported playgroups and transition-to-school programs seem to offer the most

promise for promoting change in the early learning and development of Indigenous children through interventions external to the family," the report says.

A key message from the research was that how a program is delivered is as important as what is delivered.

Strategies found to be important in the implementation and delivery of a program included:

- the building of trust and the establishment of relationships with the community;
- running programs in places

that are perceived as comfortable and safe, and where participants feel a sense of ownership and control; and

● adopting a strengths-based, family-centred approach.

A second Close the Gap Clearinghouse paper, 'Supporting healthy communities through arts programs', shows that arts programs can have a range of benefits for Indigenous communities, such as increased social inclusion and cohesion, improvements in school retention and attitudes towards learning.

The Black Line on display in Tasmania

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABOUT 100 people attended the recent opening of *The Black Line*, the Brisbane-based Aboriginal contemporary artist collective ProppaNOW's first exhibition in Tasmania.

Local Plangermairreenner man Jim Everett, who opened the exhibition, described the work as challenging in terms of living in a white Australia 'where invisible oppression was ever present'.

"We know it because we live under that impression," he said.

"It's the white privilege, the white privilege ceiling, that we always have around us."

Mr Everett encouraged people to enjoy the work while listening to the challenge it presented.

Artist Richard Bell, one of the collective's founding members who travelled to Hobart for the opening, said he created art to empower Aboriginal people and let white Australians know the thoughts and discussions that were going on in Aboriginal homes.

"I don't want 'em to buy just the artwork, I want 'em to buy the ideas as well," he said.

ProppaNOW formed in 2003, bringing together a group of friends and like-minded Aboriginal contemporary artists from Queensland, partly in response to an attitude which invalidated the identity of urban Aborigines.

"Australia saw the 'real' Aboriginal people as the blacks in the desert, and those who lived in urban areas were rendered invisible or not really Aboriginal,"

said Megan Cope, who joined the collective in 2011 and also came to Hobart for the opening.

"I guess ProppaNOW is famous for transgressing ideas of Aboriginal art. We make contemporary art about our lives as Aboriginal people and often this doesn't result in dot paintings because we are urban Aboriginal people."

The Black Line is a collection of thought-provoking works on big issues like land rights and genocide, as well as critiques of sorry and reconciliation.

Poignant words

Cope created a series of reproduced historic maps and documents, superimposed with poignant and relevant words, for the Tasmanian exhibition, including one from which the exhibition takes its title, a map detailing the strategic areas of the notorious 1830s colonial military operation designed to drive Tasmania Aborigines from their homelands.

Having lived in Tasmania from age five to 16 and hearing stories of invasion and warfare, Cope said she regarded them as somewhat mythological.

"I think the majority of people in Australia never really reapproach it. They think a couple of people died and that's it," she said.

Cope's reproductions of real maps and documents with their accompanying words invite the viewer to consider the reality.

The Black Line is at Bett Gallery in North Hobart until March 1. It also features works by proppaNOW's Tony Albert, Vernon Ah Kee, Laurie Nilsen, Gordon Hookey and Jennifer Herd.



Artists Richard Bell and Megan Cope with Gordon Hookey's work *Terraist I* and *Terraist II*.



● Above: Megan Cope's artwork *The Black Line* caught the attention of Sara Maynard, Gennaveve Sullivan and Sky Maynard. Sara has been researching and writing a management plan for the area of the Black Line detailed on the map.

● Left: Aaron Everett shapes up to Jennifer Herd's *Warrior Woman Series* featuring her daughter Genevieve.





The Australian Centre for Child Protection's first Ambassador for Children Sue Blacklock with the centre's director Professor Fiona Arney. Picture by Will Venn

Kin care to reduce trauma



GAMILARAAY Elder Sue Blacklock believes the key to reducing the trauma of Aboriginal children who are removed from their families and placed in care is by housing them with other Aboriginal families, to ensure they maintain a sense of identity and culture.

'Kinship care' is the focus of a new national approach being adopted by the Australian Centre for Child Protection (ACCP), which has just named Ms Blacklock as its first Ambassador for Children, in recognition of her lifetime of community work dedicated to improving the lives of Aboriginal children in care.

Ms Blacklock, a senior Elder of the Gamilaraay nation from Tingha in northern NSW, chairs Winangay Resources, a volunteer organisation working in partnership with the ACCP on a project to enhance community and family responsibility for the protection of Aboriginal children.

Recent statistics reveal that 4.72 per cent of Australian children aged 0-17 years are Indigenous, yet they constitute a third (33.6 per cent) of those placed in out-of-home care.

"For many Aboriginal children being removed from the family home also means loss and disconnection from their local community, from their culture and

land," Ms Blacklock said.

"The sense of loss of identity and culture, dispossession, and separation from local community that these children grow up experiencing is the same as those experienced by the Stolen Generation. It's traumatic and the communities are left crying for these children.

"Kinship care reduces the trauma for Aboriginal children and their communities – and reducing kids' trauma must be a government priority."

"It's traumatic and the communities are left crying for these children."

Winangay Resources and the ACCP are working to adopt a new national approach that uses new assessment tools and supports provided to carers, enabling a higher proportion of Aboriginal children to be placed safely with Aboriginal

carers and communities.

The approach includes training 70 practitioners in culturally appropriate and culturally valid methods of assessing carers of Aboriginal children.

Ms Blacklock, a descendent of one of the survivors of the Myall Creek massacre and a great grandmother to more than 65 children, welcomed the opportunity to work more closely with the ACCP.

"It's a privilege and an honour to be an ambassador for the children. My main aim is to make sure kids are safe and that they have a voice and that they are heard," she said.



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New docs on the block



SIX high-achieving former medical students from the University of Western Sydney (UWS) are the latest contingent to add to the increasing numbers of Indigenous doctors.

The six students completed the transition from university graduate to hospital intern and junior doctor at the university's recent summer graduation ceremony.

The UWS graduates will be pivotal in the long-term care of Indigenous Australians, with a growing sense that one of the effective strategies in closing the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is to support Indigenous students in their medical careers.

The young doctors will take up two-year internships in locations such as Gosford, Westmead, Campbelltown, Prince of Wales and Nepean hospitals.

There are currently an estimated 180 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors and 260 Indigenous medical students in Australia.

The UWS School of Medicine currently has 19 Indigenous students enrolled.

The graduates and current students also help to inspire the many young Aboriginal high school students who participate in the university's Heartbeat program, which encourages young students to consider health careers.

● **University of Western Sydney graduates Dr Kelly Needham, Dr Raquel Fraser, Dr Josephine Guyer and Dr Dana Slape.** (Not pictured are Dr Marissa Barker and Dr Alyce Giardina, who also graduated at the 2013 ceremony.)



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SA builds bridges with RAPs



LAST week South Australian Government agencies joined together to collectively launch their

Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs) and Statements of Commitment to strengthen the partnership between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Ian Hunter said South Australian public sector agencies were demonstrating their willingness to further reconciliation.

"Reconciliation Action Plans provide a practical pathway towards genuine reconciliation," he said.

"I hope that our efforts set an example for other state and territory governments.

"More importantly, I hope that this initiative will result in

real and positive change for Aboriginal South Australians."

The RAPs were developed by each agency in consultation with Aboriginal staff and stakeholders.

They include addressing racism in the public service, providing opportunities for

then consulted to ensure that every plan complied with its requirements for registration.

Reconciliation Australia deputy CEO Simon Gordon said it was great to see the South Australian Government's renewed commitment to building stronger relationships, respect,

and trust between Aboriginal peoples and other Australians.

Reconciliation South Australia co-chair Robyn Layton said the State Government's RAPs are leading initiatives aimed at reconciliation and strengthening support for Aboriginal people across all government agencies and services.

"Reconciliation South Australia joins with Reconciliation Australia and welcomes their endorsement of the plans which have a strong focus on achieving measurable positive outcomes for Aboriginal people across the whole of Government," Dr Layton said.

"Reconciliation Action Plans provide a practical pathway towards genuine reconciliation."

mentoring and training, and making Aboriginal culture more visible.

All plans were reviewed by the South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council, which provided feedback to each agency.

Reconciliation Australia was

Smoking ceremony is a first



● Above: International students studying at the Australian Defence College with Indigenous dance troupe, the Wiradjuri Echoes.

● Right: The Wiradjuri Echoes and Ngannawal Elder Aunty Agnes Shea performed a smoking ceremony and welcome to country to kick off the 2014 academic year at the Australian Defence College in Canberra.



IN a first for the Australian Defence College in Canberra, staff and students have kicked off their 2014 academic year

with an Indigenous smoking ceremony and welcome to country, performed by dance troupe the Wiradjuri Echoes and Ngannawal Elder Agnes Shea.

The ceremonies included the presentation of a message stick to the principal of the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, Ian Errington, and Commandant of the Australian Command and Staff College, Brigadier Peter Gates.

Brigadier Gates said the presentation was an incredible privilege and an honour for the Australian Defence College.

"Through these ceremonies we wanted to show our respects to the Indigenous community and highlight their importance to the staff and students at the Australian Defence College," he said.

"This event was an excellent opportunity for our local and international students to learn about history and traditions of Indigenous culture, including their contribution to the defence of Australia.

"This experience is something they are not likely to forget. It was a great way to start the academic year."

NRL execs 'abandoned' young star



BLAKE Ferguson's lawyer has lashed out at the NRL for launching the young star into an alcohol-soaked celebrity bubble and abandoning him when he faltered.

Ferguson walked free from Sutherland Local Court last week, two months after being found guilty of touching a woman's crotch in a dimly-lit Sydney pub.

Magistrate Jacqueline Trad handed him a two-year good behaviour bond but Ferguson will appeal against the sentence.

"We don't agree with the magistrate's findings or decisions, so we're taking this matter up to a superior court," his lawyer Adam Houda told reporters outside court.

Ferguson did not know the woman he indecently assaulted during a night out at Cronulla's 2230 Bar last June.

He'd been celebrating his NSW Origin selection with teammate Josh Dugan and the court heard evidence he was drunk.

CCTV footage from the night showed the 23-year-old posing for photographs and hugging a young woman.

He then turned and moved toward his victim, who could be seen slapping and shoving him before walking away.

Mr Houda said the NRL had let the former Canberra player down.

"They're quite happy to throw 18-year-old kids into a culture that's embedded in alcohol; they're quite happy to throw them into the spotlight of celebrity life where every part of their movement is scrutinised, but when they can't handle that

pressure they want to crush them," he said.

He argued that no conviction should be recorded because with Ferguson's career already in tatters and his reputation 'savaged'. He'd been punished enough.

"To lose your only source of livelihood – in the hundreds of thousands – and to be humiliated is punishment enough," Mr Houda said.

Ferguson is without an NRL contract after being sacked by Canberra late last season.

But magistrate Jacqueline Trad said it was naive for anyone in the public eye to expect to escape scrutiny after committing an unprovoked assault.

"There's no excuse; there is no circumstance where it could be appropriate to cross that line, whether or not it's caused by intoxication or whether or not it's caused by past difficulties," she said.

Ferguson's cousin, boxer Anthony Mundine, hugged him after the sentence was handed down and stood at his side as he walked through the media scrum outside court.

Ferguson would not comment on reports he has been seen drinking in the months since the assault. Mundine's father Tony, a former boxing champion, was blunt when asked how he would respond if the rumours proved true.

"If he gets back on the booze I'll knock him out," he said outside court.

Mundine was optimistic about Ferguson's chances of returning to rugby league.

"Blake is very lucky he got two years of bond," he said.

"Now he can go on and try to get a club to play for." – AAP



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The Sapphires.

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Singing Saltwater Country by John Bradley, a story about the Yanyuwa people of the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Your favourite sport?
Basketball and netball – Go Rumbal!

What do you like in life?
That we have an amazing culture and history that I can draw strength from every day and pass on to my kids, nieces and nephews.

What don't you like?
When someone holds back and misses an opportunity to realise how great they are.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My grandfather and my two boys Narran and Moroka.

If you could, what would you do to benefit Indigenous Australians?
Make sure our history, culture, language and heritage is the first thing our kids learn and have a greater ability to care for our community, families and kinship networks.

**Belinda is pictured with her son Narran Boon.*

Quote



“The Queensland Police Service just cannot be trusted with these taser weapons.”

– Old Aboriginal activist Sam Watson speaking after a woman was tasered in the eye by police

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Unquote

These laws are simply unjust

In a country that already locks up its First Nations people faster than you can say ‘throw away the key’, you would think addressing this gross over-representation in detention would be a matter of some importance for governments.

However, in NSW and Queensland, new laws proposed by the conservative governments are sparking fears that the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in detention will increase.

If you are Indigenous you are already 15 times more likely than the rest of the population to be in prison.

In Queensland, the Newman Government should be ashamed of even considering Draconian measures that ‘name and shame’ children as young as 10 as well as divorcing itself from the UN-supported principle of detention as a last resort for kids.

They're children. Whatever mistakes they make, they deserve support, education and the chance to make it right.

They don't deserve to pay for the rest of their lives with no opportunity for redemption.

And in NSW, the Aboriginal Legal Service has calculated that proposed mandatory minimum sentences would mean an additional 1000 Aboriginal people in jail per year.

All this posturing about harsher sentences is simply governing by tabloid headline. There is no evidence that minimum mandatory sentences work as a deterrent.

Has Australia really reached the point where instead of directing resources to the underlying social problems – poverty,



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disadvantage, poor health, poor education – that cause crime, our supposed leaders are washing their hands and saying, ‘This is too hard; we'll just abandon these people behind locked doors’.

The case for justice reinvestment, which seeks to divert young people before they ever come into contact with the criminal justice system, has never been more compelling, but state governments are ignoring it in their race to be seen to be tough on crime.

What are a few gross violations of human rights obligations when you've got a chance to be a hero to shock jocks?

What are a few black kids' lives worth when they can be the football in the game of law and order?

Apparently not much to the governments of NSW and Queensland.

AND from over-representation in one field to another – but this time much more welcome.

Six young Indigenous medical students graduated as doctors at the University of Western Sydney. (See story page 18.) Congratulations on seeing through all those years of hard work – and may you make a real difference in your communities.

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“I want to see our youth thrive, not just survive.”

CHOICES have consequences. Choose right and you go forward; choose wrong and you go backwards. That's the basic message John Mogridge, pictured, has given thousands of young Noongars over the past decade.

And, the Perth Indigenous youth worker and community pillar is pleased to say, it's a message that many have heeded.

So many, in fact, that the Midlands-based City of Swan Council Indigenous youth and community projects officer can lay claim to changing for the better the lives of a great many of his young Aboriginal brothers and sisters.

It's a claim backed by leaders in his community, including Midlands stalwart Associate Professor Cheryl Kickett-Tucker. “Put simply, John's a life-changer,” the leading Indigenous health academic told the *Koori Mail*.

“He's highly regarded across the board – Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

“It's very rare for a man as young as John to have the respect that he does.

“He's a beacon, shining a light for his people. He's helped so many of our young ones, especially boys.”

John Mogridge was born 40 years ago in Perth. Like so many of his contemporaries, his early years were hard. The family moved around Western Australia a lot.

His mother raised him and his younger brother in their early years, his father taking over after his mother died when Mogridge was 16.

It wasn't easy, but the one thing young John Mogridge got was an education.

“It's the key for all our young people – a good education,” he told the *Koori Mail* from his home in suburban Bellevue, near Midland.

Leaving school, Mogridge drifted for a while.

He eventually took on a job with Australia Post, delivering mail in Perth.

He met his partner Joanna, and they have four girls – Alleisha, 18, Delorraine, 14, Alyssa, 13, and a little surprise, Jaylah, now just four.

Mogridge's interest in youth was sparked in a strange – and fortuitous – way about a decade ago.

He had an argument with his girls' school principal over a policy affecting his kids, among others.

That same principal, impressed by Mogridge's attitude and tenacity in arguing his case, offered him a job at Midvale Primary School, initially assisting a struggling Year 7 Indigenous boy.



Changing lives for the better

“It changed my life,” the quietly spoken Noongar man said.

“I grabbed the chance, and I haven't looked back.”

That Midvale job led to a

part-time position as an Aboriginal Islander Education Officer (AIEO) at Swan View High School, where, among others, he still guided the young Midvale student.

And, about seven years ago, that in turn led to his current position with the City of Swan Council.

It's in that role that he's had by far his biggest impact.

“I'd been working as a volunteer on youth programs being run by the council,” Mogridge said.

“That resulted in my job with the City of Swan, and we've been able to expand our youth activities since then.”

That's an understatement.

When Mogridge came to the council, there were about five youth workers. Now there's 15 on the job.

“Our youth – all youth – need help, and with the support of the council among many others, we're pleased to give it,” he said.

“I see my role as showing our youth the right choices, of giving them the knowledge and self-esteem they need to move ahead.

“I want to see our youth thrive, not just survive.”

Among the many programs he runs to that end, one of the most popular is Midnight Basketball.

“No, they don't play basketball at midnight,” Mogridge said.

“We run an evening tournament over 16 weeks a year. It attracts a lot of kids and, typically, the competition continues – for me at least – until midnight.

“But it's all worth it. We tie in workshops on rules and respect and we get organisations like headspace (a youth mental health foundation) involved. I think a lot of the kids really gain from it.”

Mogridge's programs have attracted plenty of local support. He's been able to take young basketballers to Canberra and even Singapore thanks to generous donors.

“We've all really benefited from it – the youth and the community,” he said.

Ten years from now, John Mogridge – or Uncle John as he's known to a generation of local youth – wants to still be helping local kids.

“But in a funny way, I'm hoping our services won't be needed as much as they are now,” he says.

“There's still so many of our young ones who need help. But I can only hope there's going to be fewer down to track because things have improved.”

So whatever happened to that young Year 7 fella at Midvale Primary School who started John Mogridge on the road of helping so many Indigenous youth?

“He's turned out all right,” Mogridge says, with a hint of pride.

“He's working in the mines now and making good money – really good money.”

He's not the only one who's doing well, thanks to the help of ‘Uncle’ John Mogridge.

“It's very rare for a man as young as John to have the respect that he does. He's a beacon, shining a light for his people. He's helped so many of our young ones, especially boys.” – Associate Professor Cheryl Kickett-Tucker

Act 'helps business'



DESPITE sadness and despair it causes to many, the *Native Title Act* has helped boost Aboriginal business ventures, an RMIT researcher has concluded.

Dr Leonie Kelleher investigated disparate outcomes of the Act for Aboriginal business in her doctoral research.

Dr Kelleher, who is committed to working with the Arabunna People of Lake Eyre, concluded that 'despite the very serious problems and hardships it causes', the *Native Title Act* has led to the creation of new business ventures by Aboriginal people.

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"I found that despite the tragedy for Aboriginal people that has resulted from Australia's *Native Title Act*, and the sadness and despair it causes individuals and families, Aboriginal people have – often against all odds – created new business ventures that could not have existed without it."

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During her research, she considered different theories about business

entrepreneurship, such as Schumpeter's theory, which proposes that entrepreneurial opportunities emerge from a process of major destruction, irretrievably breaking an existing situation to enable something new to emerge.


The *Native Title Act* appears to have contradictory effects on Aboriginal business.

"Whilst not explicitly stated, the Act tends to operate so as to discriminate against Aboriginal business," Dr Kelleher said.

"It prohibits Aboriginal people from blocking competitors who wish to establish alongside them, with the only options being to negotiate certain conditions via complex agreements, or through the Native Title Tribunal."

But even if unsuccessful in a determination that native title exists, regulatory change alters the business setting in such a way that new entrepreneurship results.

"It is possible that this is because it forces together groups of people who would otherwise not communicate and, thereby, builds trust and alliances," Dr Kelleher said.

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There's a song in Joe Geia's heart

By CHRISTINE HOWES



IF you were from anywhere else you wouldn't know the difference between Invasion/Survival and Australia Day events on

January 26, songwriter and singer Joe Geia says.

But with a second national anthem – like New Zealand and South Africa – there might be a new understanding.

"It's good to have a tune in our heart about this country," said Mr Geia, who has written a song he believes would make a good anthem.

"We've seen the political arguments in our hearts. And music says a lot.

"New Zealand has done it with their national anthem. South Africa has done it.

"This song may change attitudes of a lot of Australians and how they feel for Aboriginal people.

"We've got to be mentioned somewhere.

"The lyrics now are just about people prospering, how they can come here, dig the place up and get rich.

"But adding my song to it also tells that we have a black history and we're still here."

A website that includes a recording of the proposed combined anthem says Mr Geia's song, *Yil Lull*, was composed as a dedication to the Aboriginal flag.

"We believe that it is time – some 43 years after the flag was designed – that it should also have a song," the site says.

"We believe the flag unites Aboriginal and Islander people across Australia with pride and unity.

"We are not asking for *Advance Australia Fair* to be replaced, but to be played with it.

"Just as our flags fly together, so should our anthem – just as South Africa and New Zealand have done in acknowledging their First Peoples."

The song is already part of the lives of students at St Alipius Primary School in Ballarat, Victoria.

Principal Eileen Rice said one of the school's teacher/parents worked with Mr Geia to combine *Advance Australia Fair* with *Yil Lull*.

"We have a deep commitment to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders students in our school and to the broader community too," Ms Rice said.

"It's our responsibility that they know Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and stories, and know that it's part of their stories.



Musician Joe Geia on Palm Island. Mr Geia has written a song, *Yil Lull*, as a dedication to the Aboriginal flag and believes it is time Australia had a combined national anthem.

"It's an Australian story; we don't have Australian history and Aboriginal history, we have Australian history that started hundreds of thousands of years ago."

Ms Rice said St Alipius had an increasing number of Indigenous students.

When Mr Geia was a guest at the St Alipius NAIDOC Week celebrations last year, he came with the idea of a combined anthem, which was developed further.

"Our students have been singing the song at the start of our fortnightly assemblies now since about August of last year," Ms Rice said.

"And then we had the opportunity in December last year to have the first public singing of the song and we invited all the local Aboriginal Elders and people from our local community to be part of that celebration.

"Then we had a number of yarnning circles for all those people who had gathered to talk about what they thought of the strength of the song and what were the possibilities, so it was just a really good discussion.

"People who were there just commented on the joy of the kids' faces when they sang the combined song."

Mr Geia has been trying to garner support for a combined anthem from politicians and others.

"It's not just about the Southern Cross or the Union Jack, it's about the red, black and yellow too," he said.

"That's just me as a musician saying there's this really silent flag here flying on this pole that not enough people really know about, and they should."

For more information and to hear the song go to the website <http://www.anthemcombined.com.au>

The terrible pain of not knowing

In Alice Springs Mum lays at peace in that unmarked grave

I HAVE written a poem (published at right) dedicated to my family I will never know.

I grew up in Mt Isa, north Queensland, without knowing my mother or any side of her family, and from today forward will be working to bridge the gap of not knowing.

I have a lovely family with six beautiful kids and a gorgeous wife and, even though my life should be complete, I have a hole in my person I find hard to explain.

Sharing this poem for me will be like standing on a big hill and screaming out to the world, "It is me, this is how I feel."

I would like to say thanks for helping me scream.

We (me and some of my family) took this photo (right) a few weeks ago in Alice Springs, where Mum is buried. This is the second time I have been to this cemetery. The first time I was about 22 and was told that Mum was buried around there, which was somewhere is an area about 10m by 10m.

My sister and I put a plaque on the gravesite where we think Mum is, but there is still some doubt as to it being the right spot. My sister had help from Link Up to locate the site and was flown there for a reunion a few years ago.

Anyway, I am one of many with the same story, and I know we are all struggling with the past.

KURT STEINSCHERER
Newman in the Pilbara,
Western Australia



In an unmarked grave scattered with rocks
Lays my mother whom I have not forgot
We can't be certain it is where we stand
It wasn't important at that time to the Government
Just another Murri put her here
No records needed, so now it's not clear.

Taken from me when I was so young
She never knew her family or her only son
I grew up without knowledge or information
It is still today the scourge of a nation.

I was 47 before I seen her face
We are by circumstance part of that stolen race
This is a tribute to the family that I will never know
I wish, we wish we knew you so together we could grow.

My grandmother was taken by force and without explanation
My sons and daughters we are all part of the Stolen Generation
It doesn't stop at sorry or on a particular day
The loss, the not knowing, the silence, will never go away.

Let me take your family, your loved ones, and your heritage
and erase it from your mind
Welcome to our world now, your life is more like mine.

You think you understand but you will never know
My kids, their kids, have no grandmother to whom they can go
Move on you say, forget about the past sorry has been spoken
Too easy for you, not for me, my need to know has been woken.

Who are they, my family, and who am I, you take it for granted without consideration
We are proud, we are strong, we are lost, we are part of the Stolen Generation.

Sorry is a word with no meaning meant to appease yet does not describe

All the losses, the theft, the hurt, what is gone, the anger, the forgiveness, that we shelter inside.

Say a prayer for the Indigenous souls buried in our lands who were numbered not named
And together as a nation we shall all walk with hands held and our heads hung in shame.

To my grandfather Ronald my grandmother Ivy and my mother Fay, in my heart I am carving your story. My journey has begun.

Kurt Steinscherer

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The Koori Mail welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Preference will be given to submissions of interest to Indigenous Australians. Please include your town and State of residence, and daytime telephone number for checking purposes. Items may be edited and reproduced.

ALL my life black people have called me white, white people have called me black and both sides were responsible for creating inner conflict relating to emotional chaos, disorder and negativity.

One side would teach me to hate, mistrust and hold on to anger, frustration and resentment. The other side was adamant that I must participate, let go and forgive.

One told me to accept and be proud of who I am, and the other told me to deny and lie about who I was.

Both held fanatical and extremist views. I was called

Australia, I forgive you

derogatory names by both societies and I was made to feel like I was sub-human, a genetic dysfunction and something that was not entirely complete.

I am so grateful for this treatment, as it allowed me to come to the understanding that I am actually a threat to both sides.

The reason for me being a threat is that I do not accept division, apartheid

and separatist views, as to deny my heritage and claim purity would be to deny my own existence.

I am not a half-breed, a quarter-cast, a black fulla, a mixed blood, a rainbow, a wannabe-white and I am not even an Aborigine. I am a person, I am Alawa and I am Marra, I am English, German and I exist not as a colour, but as a human. A human being who feels pain, cries

real tears, laughs out loud, loves my children and believes in humanity, as one family.

I am a new human, a new sub-species and I have an amazing ability to bring worlds together, as I have already done so within myself. I am now complete and I no longer have internal conflicts and this allows me to make the following statement.

In 2008 the then Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, apologised to Aboriginal Australians for the injustice, the pain, suffering and collective hurt experienced by my people. Is it not customary that when one human genuinely apologises for wrong doings, the other must forgive that person, so the path toward healing can be walked together?

I am standing up and

have decided to lead a new way for our future generations, and I say to Mr Rudd and Australia that I accept your apology and I forgive you for what our ancestors have done to us.

So what next?

Well we now take the first steps on an endless road toward rediscovering our compassion, our love and our care for one another.

It is now time to learn how to hunt and gather as one tribe because in 1000 years we are all Aboriginal Australians.

SIDNEY WATTS
George Town, Tasmania

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WE are inviting anyone with any valuable historical image/s to share and be included in the 'Yabbering – Wellington Aboriginal Photographic History CD-ROM Project' to enable a diverse and broad representation of the Aboriginal lives and families from Wellington, NSW, since colonisation.

It's all about making a part of history to leave for generations to come.

Putting this together and transferring our history from the old photographic memories once kept in an album and pulled out at the family gatherings, to modern information and technology, is vital. It will ensure the preservation of our history along with accessibility, and appeal to our younger new technology generation.

This project will give us the opportunity to share our history with our children and tell their families' stories behind those images.

So if you would like to share some of your images and stories, please do. It is something special to leave your children and grand children.

The 'Bringing Them Home' team of me and Ray West, from the Wellington Aboriginal Corporation, are planning to have all the images and documentation prepared very soon for our graphic designer/photographer, Charles Sturt University graduate Jacob Forrest, to set up the CD-ROM project. It will then be produced by the students of Wellington High School. The goal is to launch the CDs this May 26, National Sorry Day.

It's time to share our stories and teach our children about their families and their history. This will be important information for future Stolen Generation clients in bringing them home.

We know there are many old images from Wellington out there. So wherever you are, if you have anything to contribute, you are warmly invited to contact me or Ray West on (02) 6845 2565.

JODY CHESTER
Bringing Them Home Female
Social Emotional Well Being Team
Wellington, NSW

Editor's note

WE love getting letters and poems at the *Koori Mail*. But, to be considered for publication, we need contact details, including full name and phone number. We've had quite a few letters recently that we can't publish because no contact details have been included.

We are happy to consider publishing letters without names where there are reasons, but we need to know who has written to us.

Thanks – and please keep the poetry and letters flowing.

Correction

ON page 28 of the *Koori Mail*, January 29, we incorrectly reported that five deaf Aboriginal dancers performed at the opening ceremony of the second International Conference of the World Federation of the Deaf.

In fact the dancers performed at a side event.

The *Koori Mail* apologises for the error and any offence caused.

My 'anger and shame'

BETWEEN the ages of eight to about 11, I hated the fact I have Aboriginal heritage. Those were years lived in Darwin, when I attended a primary school with some kids who had 'Aussie Pride' heavily instilled in them from a young age.

My first encounter with racism, innocent as it was, is a vivid memory I've replayed countless over the years.

I asked a boy in my grade three class what his favourite colour was – a standard technique for trying to make friends with the class cutie. His reply came quick and cold.

"White," he said. I didn't bat an eyelid, but he wasn't finished. "Because it's the opposite of black, and I hate anything black."

I remember everything about the way he said it; he was looking me dead in the eye.

I laughed it off and turned around in my seat. On the inside my stomach was churning.

"I'm only a quarter," I told myself.

At lunchtime the same boy walked past me and something took over. I walked up to him and said, "Hey!" I then kicked him in the leg and ran away. I left an impressive bruise and was later told off by a teacher with the memorable line: "Horses kick, not little girls." I was not asked if I was provoked, nor did I have any intention of sharing my side of the story. I was ashamed, but also – surprisingly – enraged. What scared me was I had no idea why I was angry; I had no concept of racism or the fact that I'd been a victim of it. Later that day I told my friends I did it because he'd poked his tongue out at me.

Twelve years later the same anger grips me when I witness any form of racial



Rachel Hocking

abuse, and every 'Australia Day' my body shakes with it.

I am an Australian with Aboriginal and mixed European heritage. I am educated and privileged in ways so many people are not, because, by pure luck, I was born here into a loving family. I love Australia for many reasons. Australia Day, sadly, is not one of them.

I'll go back to the memory I painted. Those feelings of anger and sadness that are so strong in me today, did not overrule an underlying shame I felt at such a young

age any time it was announced in public that I was Aboriginal.

While part of my upbringing had been in my Aboriginal community, Lajamanu, and my parents always encouraged my siblings and myself to be a part of Indigenous events at school and elsewhere, I could not emphasise enough my European roots when it came to hanging with my white Australian friends. Growing up, Australia Day was yet another reminder that I didn't quite fit the narrow parameters of the born-and-bred Anglo-Saxon Australian.

I have seen the same feelings of shame and embarrassment in my Nepalese colleagues, who have made a life for themselves in this country but are still told to "Speak English, puh-lease" for speaking in an accent they have grown up with. Isolation is a powerful thing. It can strip a person of their reasonable understanding of self and empowerment and forge envy where it's not due.

January 26, in its arrogance and indifference, has the unnerving ability to make human beings feel like they don't belong.

Australia's 'day' should be a cohesive celebration of the roots of this land, its indigeneity, and the contributions of people from all backgrounds since. It should also be a day for acknowledging a terrible history of massacre and disposition of our native people, and learning from it. Australia is only Australia because of all these things. We are not perfect, and we need to acknowledge that so we can be better.

Whatever day we choose to celebrate as our national day will carry with it offence for groups that have been marginalised both past and present; through *terra*

nullius, the White Australia Policy, through our government's current treatment of asylum seekers. Until Australians and the government are able to incorporate our beautiful, damning and controversial history – Indigenous, European and otherwise – into a celebration of our nation's identity, then I will not be ready to commemorate any so-called Australia Day.

I ask those who rejoice on the 26th, to please try to respect and understand why there are Invasion Day and Survival Day marches and festivals, why there are charity concerts with all proceeds going to Oxfam and refugee charities. Or better yet, next year attend one of them. Ask questions, and do not blindly accept that because the government decreed it, you should be shouting "Aussie, Aussie, Aussie!" when so many people who are trying to reach our shores are being treated like animals, and when so many of our country's traditional owners are being reminded of a broken past.

On January 26, I thought of all the young Indigenous boys and girls who are too scared to admit to and know their heritage, and who desperately need Australians to remind them of everything they should be proud of. Because, as a descendant of Australia's First People, I do have so, so much to celebrate.

And I eagerly await the day when more Australians will revel in each other's unique make-up, on this land that feeds us all.

RACHAEL HOCKING is a third-year journalism student at RMIT. She is a 20-year-old Warlpiri woman with family living in the Tanami Desert communities, Lajamanu and Yuendumu. This story was first published by Catalyst magazine.

Send kids to school

IN 1962 a group of parents in Goulburn participated in one of the most successful protest actions in Australian history. Their actions triggered a fundamental shift in Australian education policy that continues to this day.

And they did this simply by sending their kids to school.

In the 1960s Australia still harboured sectarian divisions between Catholics and Protestants and Catholics experienced widespread discrimination.

The Catholic Church offered non-government education to all Catholic children. Catholic schools received no government funding but had begun to lobby for funding to help with rising costs. However, all political parties believed providing direct funding to non-government schools would cost votes.

A dispute between the NSW Education Department and Goulburn's Our Lady of Mercy Primary School broke this impasse. The department threatened to deregister the school because it didn't have enough toilets. However, the school couldn't afford to build more. The Bishop informed parents the school would have to close until it could afford new infrastructure. The general meeting of parents and friends went further, resolving to close all Goulburn's Catholic schools and send their 1300 or so students to public schools instead.

One Monday Goulburn's public schools were flooded with students they weren't resourced to accommodate. The parents had made their point. If the government had to educate all Catholic students it would have to supply more teachers, resources and buildings to public schools, which would cost much more than providing some funding to Catholic schools.

All political parties eventually embraced state-aid to non-government schools and the policy has continued to this day, including in the Gonski reform proposals. What years of negotiation failed to achieve was delivered through a simple and lawful action – parents sent their kids to school.

Priority

School attendance is the number one priority in Indigenous education. In some areas school attendance is woefully low and some kids never attend school. It's a national disgrace. Without education, Indigenous people living in poverty will remain there and if kids don't attend school they won't get educated.

I'm astonished by the excuses used to justify poor attendance. Parents are poor; schools don't teach Indigenous languages; the government has cut funding; schools aren't resourced to handle all the kids; their parents experienced racism.



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

I get particularly annoyed when people use the excuse that the mainstream education system isn't suitable to Indigenous children, especially those in traditional communities.

The universal public education of children is one of the greatest social developments in history. All over the world, in both modern and traditional cultures, kids attend school. Are we to believe Indigenous children are the only

humans on the planet who can't be educated and attend school?

Anyone who believes this should look at the school in Yilpara (Baniyala), a community of about 150 people in East Arnhem Land in the Yolgnu homelands. There aren't many Indigenous communities in Australia more traditional than Yilpara.

Clan Elder Djambawa Marawili AM spent years agitating the NT Education Department for a proper school in Yilpara. The school has now been in operation for over four years with two full-time teachers living in community.

It teaches a mainstream curriculum that incorporates culture and language. It has 100 per cent attendance. School attendance has become a habit and children know going to school is what is expected of them by their parents, community and Elders.

All Indigenous parents have the right to demand quality education, qualified teachers and that children are taught their traditional languages as well as English. But they don't have the right to let their kids skip school.

I'm well aware of the problems in many schools that are supposed to educate Indigenous students. But accepting these as excuses misses the point. If kids don't attend school these problems remain invisible. The best way to expose these problems and force departments to address them is for

Indigenous parents to send their kids to school.

Many condemned the NT Government's recent cuts to remote school funding. But these happened because funding is based on attendance and attendance was low. NT parents have the power to force the government to reinstate funding by sending their kids to school.

If 1300 Catholic kids in Goulburn could trigger such a radical change in Australia's education system, imagine the impact if on Day 1 Term 1 2014 the tens of thousands of Indigenous kids currently absent from school actually showed up; and then the next day and every day for the rest of the school year. The flood of students would compel a response.

The only thing stopping our kids from attending school is us. Indigenous parents should exercise the self-determination we talk so much about. They can make the strongest statement about the importance of Indigenous education and the most effective protest about school quality – simply by sending their kids to school.

NYUNGGAÏ WARREN MUNDINE is executive chairman of the Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce and chair of the Federal Government's Indigenous Advisory Council

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Bangarra out to rekindle youth spirit



BANGARRA Dance Theatre is inviting high-school-aged Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander youngsters in regional areas of NSW and Queensland to apply for its youth program Rekindling.

Rekindling uses dance theatre to reconnect Indigenous youth with their culture. Young people will research and gather stories from their communities with the help and guidance of local Elders, and develop performance and creative skills to enable them to produce their own dance works.

The program is led by Sidney Saltner, who performed for 15 years with Bangarra. The team also includes former Bangarra dancers Patrick Thaiday, Chantal Kerr, Gina Rings, Barbra Drummond and Kirk Page.

Mr Page is a widely acclaimed artist and actor who has performed in many films, dance and theatre productions including ABC's *Redfern Now*, Griffin Theatre Company's *Silent Disco* and Sydney Theatre Company's production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

'Opportunity'

"Coming back to be a part of the company again is a wonderful opportunity to complete the circle, return to my roots, my first professional experience and help a new generation continue their evolution as performers," he said.

"I think Bangarra really gives you a solid grounding in quite a small industry.

"The great thing about NAISDA, the school where most of us have come through, is you do have to be multi-skilled. I trained as a dancer, fell into acting, did some teaching and directing, but it's still all grounded in performance. There comes a time when the body can't jump around like it used to."

Mr Page said he would encourage all young Indigenous people to apply.

"The main aim of the game is to give it a go, have a try, and then if you don't like it, say it's not for me," he said.

"There are so many big things you get out of it.

"Dance teaches you about personal growth, putting yourself on the line. Performance is a really fantastic confidence builder, breaking through walls.

"Lots of people feel like they're not able to achieve, that they're not good enough, so



Aboriginal actor and performer Kirk Page is returning to his roots with Bangarra Dance Theatre, helping to teach and mentor young dancers.



Participants in last year's Rekindling program at Kempsey, northern NSW. Picture by Tiffany Parker

learning and daring to achieve by dance and performance is a really valuable thing.

"The outcome is that you feel like you've really committed, achieved, learned choreography, how to walk on stage when you're shy or uncomfortable – achievements that you would not have realised if you didn't have the opportunity in such a supportive and fantastic environment."

Applications for the 2014

program are now open. Bangarra invites young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people based in or near the NSW communities of Nowra, Wollongong, Lismore and Coffs Harbour, and the Queensland centres of Theodore, Beaudesert, Weipa and Cairns to apply to be part of the youth program.

For more information and to register for Rekindling, visit www.bangarra.com.au/rekindling



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council chair Nyunggai Warren Mundine with children from Mungullah community near Carnarvon. Forty-eight children were at the Mungullah Breakfast Club to get a feed before heading into Carnarvon for day one of school this year.

Strategy to get kids in classrooms



"EVERY child, every day, no excuses." That was the message delivered by Federal Indigenous Affairs

Minister Nigel Scullion during visits to communities in Western Australia last week.

The minister, along with the chair of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council, Nyunggai Warren Mundine, visited Carnarvon, Roebourne and Meekatharra.

"We must break what has become a culture in many communities that children can go to school when they choose," Senator Scullion said.

"A child in a classroom only 80 per cent of the time is not receiving an education that will equip him or her for the challenges of adulthood, particularly the challenge of securing meaningful work."

The Government's Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) started last week in Western Australia, with the resumption of school. School started in most other areas the week before.

Under the RSAS, the Government is providing \$28.4 million for 400 school attendance supervisors and school attendance officers to work with schools, parents and children in 40 communities across New South Wales, the Northern Territory, Western Australia, South

Australia and Queensland.

In most of these communities attendance has been below 70 per cent over the past five years. In some, attendance has been below 45 per cent.

The school attendance officers identify students who are not at school and visit those families to work with them to break the cycle of non-attendance.

The officers can also help with issues such as not having a uniform or shoes.

"In Tenant Creek, there were 175 more children at school on day one of this year than there were in 2013, and in Yuendumu there were an additional 46 students," Senator Scullion said.

'Positive trend'

"This positive trend appears to be happening in the west as well, but we all have to ensure the early gains are sustained and that we don't let things slide."

"Our approach really seems to be having an impact. It's community driven – giving communities the responsibility for educating their children."

"The school attendance officers recruited through the Remote Jobs and Communities Program are local Aboriginal people who know the families and children they are working with."

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples

congratulated Senator Scullion for reaching a negotiated arrangement with the leadership of the Yolngu Makarr Dhuni (Yolngu Nations Assembly) to get kids to school in north-east Arnhem Land.

Congress co-chairs Kirstie Parker and Les Malezer said the Minister should not only continue with this approach but go further and allow local communities to design and plan their own ways to increase school attendance.

"In the past decade, policy has focussed on the roles and responsibilities of parents and schools specifically on getting our kids to school," Mr Malezer said.

"However, we believe education is a two-way relationship – schools and the education system meeting the needs of communities and students; and communities and parents committing to attendance and achievement."

Ms Parker said Congress had mapped out a blueprint in its education policy.

"School curriculum, culture, infrastructure and resources must be tailored to local circumstances and there needs to be a profound understanding of the importance of school-community partnerships," she said.

"These are the areas that local schools and communities need to be supported in through good policy at both a state and a national level."

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Positions are available in a range of locations.

Applications close: 5:00pm, 17 February 2014.

To find out more and to apply, visit: sheriffs.hoban.com.au

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Department of Justice

Bunurong in administration

REGISTRAR of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven has placed the Bunurong Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation) under special administration following complaints from members. The corporation, based in Gembrook, about 50km south-east of Melbourne, is charged with managing Bunurong native title business and other cultural obligations.

Indigenous role models set for Leeton Vibe 3on3

NSW SOME of Australia's best known Indigenous role models will appear at the Leeton National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge – the Vibe 3on3 – on Wednesday, February 26.

Actor Luke Carroll will MC the event and artist and comedian Kevin Kropinyeri will host art workshops on the day, which includes basketball games, rapping and break-dancing lessons, a dance competition and a health expo. Also appearing will be *Move it Mob Style* dancers Jake Thomson and Juanita Duncan, hip hop artist Jimblah, and professional boxer and former rugby league star Joey Williams, who will be the health role model.

A 'Chat with a Champion' workshop will be led by a Vibe facilitator, a local mental health worker mentor and a high-profile Indigenous celebrity role model.

"There'll be opportunities for the young people to learn about keeping your cool under pressure, better ways to manage conflict, and some good tools to help problem solving," executive producer Gavin Jones said.

The event, which is capped at 400 students, will be held at the Leeton Indoor Stadium and includes a free healthy breakfast and barbecue lunch.

To participate, young people need to pre-register in teams of four or five through their school by Wednesday, February 19.

Visit the website www.deadlyvibe.com.au/vibe-3on3/registration or call 02 9361 0140.



Move it Mob Style dancer Juanita Duncan will show off her moves at the Leeton Vibe 3on3.



Department of Justice

Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic)

Recognition and Settlement Agreement reached with the DJA DJA WURRUNG

The State of Victoria gives notice that it has entered into a Recognition and Settlement Agreement (the Agreement) under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic.)* (the TOS Act) with the **Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation** (ICN 4421) (the Corporation) as the "traditional owner group entity" appointed by the Dja Dja Wurrung traditional owner group to represent it for these purposes. The Agreement recognises the Dja Dja Wurrung as the "traditional owner group" in the Agreement area (see map below).



The Agreement commenced on **24 October 2013**. The Agreement only applies to Crown land. There is no impact on private land and all existing rights in Crown lands are protected. The Agreement includes the granting to the Corporation of 'Aboriginal Title' of some national parks and reserves to be jointly managed with the State. The Corporation can be contacted by email on ceo@djadjawurrung.com.au by telephone on (03) 5444-2888 and by mail at PO Box 1026, Bendigo, Victoria, 3552. For further information, visit www.justice.vic.gov.au and follow the links to Your Your Rights/Native Title, or contact the Native Title Unit by telephone on (03) 8684-1038 or by email nativetitle@justice.vic.gov.au

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM VICTORIAN TRADITIONAL OWNERS: MEMBERSHIP OF THE VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HERITAGE COUNCIL

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council works with all Victorians to protect, preserve and promote Victoria's rich Aboriginal cultural heritage. It was created under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* and is the first Aboriginal Council created under Victorian law. It is the only statutory decision-making authority in Australia whose members are all Traditional Owners.

The Council's principal functions involve:

- making decisions regarding the registration of Aboriginal Parties
- advising the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters in Victoria
- promoting awareness and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

To be eligible to be a Council member you must:

- be resident in Victoria
- demonstrate traditional or familial links to an area in Victoria
- have extensive knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues in Victoria
- have demonstrated ability to provide advice on issues affecting Aboriginal Victorians
- have adequate time to commit to the duties of the Council.

Council members are paid a sitting fee and are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with Victorian Government guidelines.

Please send your resume and written expression of interest, addressing the above criteria:

by post: Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat
Department of Premier and Cabinet
GPO Box 2392
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

or by email: vahc@dpc.vic.gov.au
or by fax: (03) 9208 3292

Expressions of Interest must be received by 5pm on Monday, 3 March 2014.

For further information, please telephone Maria Pizzi, Manager of the Secretariat to the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council, on (03) 9208 3280 or email maria.pizzi@dpc.vic.gov.au



Army career in his blood



TOWNSVILLE lad Kade Askey-Doran is following a long-standing family tradition of military careers, but he's set to be the first in his family to become an officer after signing up as an officer cadet with the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in Canberra.

Mr Askey-Doran is no stranger to the Australian Defence Force, with his mother and father in the Australian Army as a radio technician and vehicle mechanic, respectively. His grandfather was a particular inspiration, serving as a staff sergeant and vehicle mechanic with the army for 22 years.

"I come from four generations of soldiers, but I will be the first member of my family to become an officer," Mr Askey-Doran said.

"My whole family served. It's in my blood and I always had the drive to join the Australian Defence Force.

"I took my time to make the decision, though. I saw the world, got a trade as a mechanic and an electrician. In the end the right decision was to join the army and I know it's my decision; no one made it for me."

Mr Askey-Doran will spend the next 18 months at Duntroon.



Officer cadet Kade Askey-Doran receives his certificate of recognition from Lieutenant-Colonel Berlioz Nott during the 2014 appointment ceremony at Royal Military College, Duntroon, Canberra.

"This is not just a fresh new page of my life, it is a completely different book," he said.

"Some people want to represent Australia in the Olympics or wear the baggy green. Then there are people who want to represent Australia by wearing camouflage.

"I am proud to belong to an

organisation that protects and serves Australia."

The Royal Military College is currently recruiting for its July 2014 and January 2015 intake. For further information on military training at Duntroon or other careers in the navy, army or air force, visit www.defencejobs.gov.au or call 13 19 01.

NITV focus on Noongar people

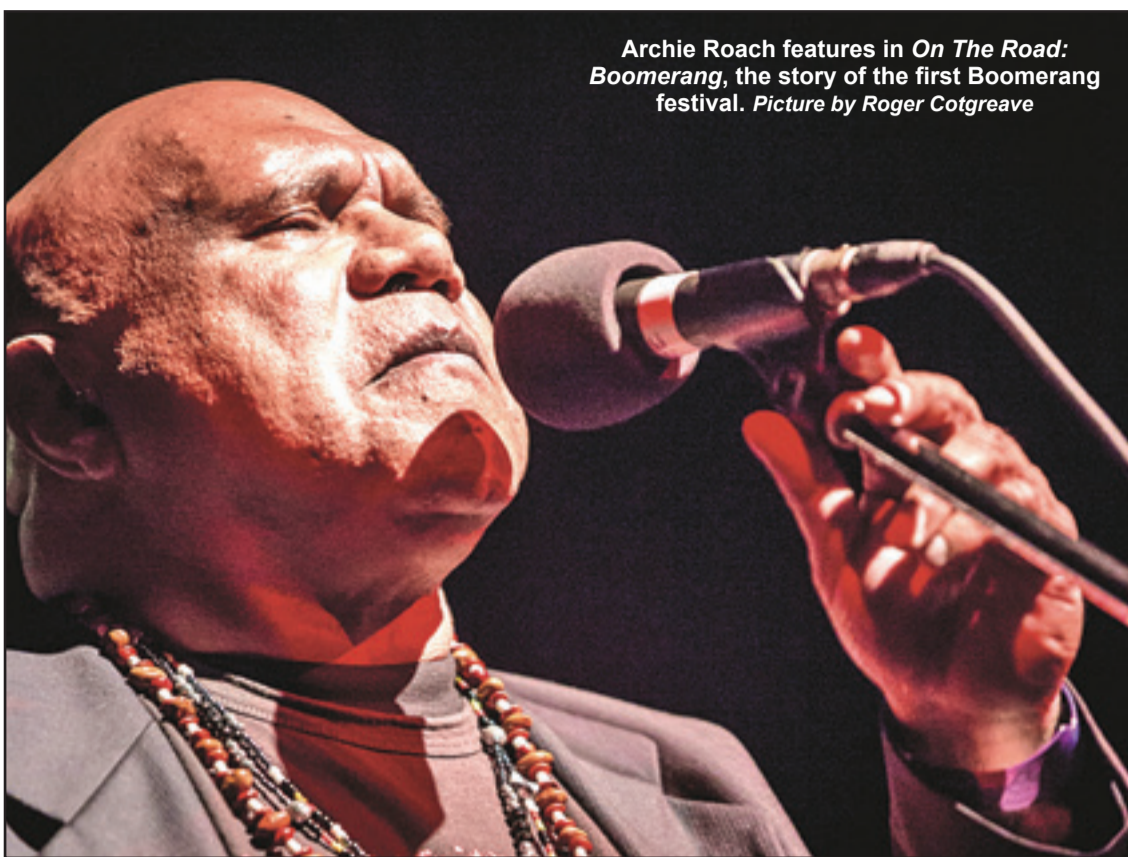


A POLITICAL drama, a celebration of arts and culture and a current affairs show shining a light on Western Australia are some of the highlights of the next fortnight's viewing on NITV.

A four-part series, *Noongar Dandjoo*, explores issues affecting the Noongar people of Western Australia, through a current affairs lense.

With each episode built on the themes of culture, politics, incarceration and land and country, the series features a number of Australians including athlete Ashley Spratt, community activist Glen Moore and artist Juanita Napp. Created by students from Curtin University, the series highlights important issues that carry national relevance, such as the link between culture and wellbeing, constitutional change and the teaching of Indigenous history in schools.

On the entertainment front, NITV reflects on Australia's first Boomerang Festival, which was held on the NSW far north coast last October. *On The Road: Boomerang* brings the stories and performances from artists



Archie Roach features in *On The Road: Boomerang*, the story of the first Boomerang festival. Picture by Roger Cotgreave

including Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, Archie Roach and Lou Bennett, to a national audience.

NITV channel manager Tanya Denning said Boomerang was 'a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the heritage of our

nation's First Peoples, showcase the diversity of Australian Indigenous culture to the rest of the world and soak up the

wisdom expressed through some of the best Indigenous art around'.

On The Road: Boomerang is part of a seven-part series showcasing arts and cultural events from across the country.

One of the film highlights on NITV this month comes from acclaimed director Steven Soderbergh, who honours the life of Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara in what has been described as an 'enthraling masterpiece'.

Screening across two consecutive weekends, the first film focusses on the Cuban revolution, from the moment Guevara landed on the Caribbean island, to the toppling of the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista. The second part focusses on Guevara's attempted revolution and eventual demise. The biopic stars Benicio De Toro as Che Guevara.

Other highlights this month include *The Circuit* screening on NITV for the first time. Starring Australian actors Aaron Pederson and Gary Sweet, it follows the experiences of Indigenous lawyer Drew Ellis in the Kimberley Circuit Court of Western Australia.

App looks at racism



A NEW mobile phone app aims to give white Australians a better understanding of racism.

'Everyday racism' is a game/education style app that challenges players to live a week in the life of an Aboriginal man, a Muslim woman, or an Indian student.

Players must decide how to respond faced with various scenarios of racial prejudice, from teasing or verbal abuse, to being ignored while ordering a coffee, or missing out on a promotion due to the character's cultural background.

'Everyday Racism' is a joint initiative by national anti-racism charity All Together Now, the University of Western Sydney, University of Melbourne and Deakin University.

All Together Now managing director Priscilla Brice told the *Koori Mail* that the app draws on real-life experience of Aboriginal men, Muslim women and Indian students, who shared their stories of racism.

"There are a lot of courses about racism, what it is, how to respond, but often they're not particularly

engaging for young people, so we wanted to use mobile technology," she said. "The 18-24-year-olds seem to be missing out on the real anti-racism message, so hopefully this app might help some people understand what to do when you witness racism."

Ms Brice said that for the app they'd looked at four different broad types of racism:

- racist talk, verbal abuse, slurs and name-calling;
- exclusion, people avoiding others because of their cultural identity or background;
- unfair treatment, where denied service or employment; and
- racist attacks, abuse and threats to property.

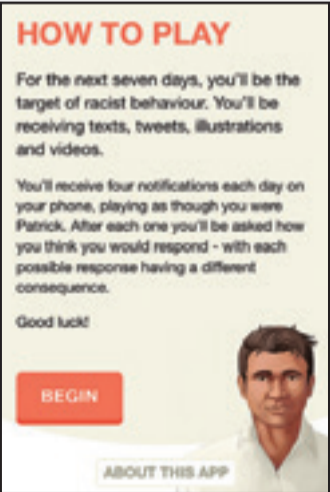
"The aim is to increase awareness and better understanding of racism," she said.

"Racist attitudes are often expressed in subtle ways, which makes it harder to confront.

"A 2011 study by the Foundation for Young Australians

found that seven in 10 young people regularly experience racism. This app will enable players to walk in their shoes."

To download the free app go to www.everydayracism.org.au for both iOS and Android devices.



A new app called 'Everyday Racism' seeks to improve empathy by enabling users to play a game that simulates racism in everyday circumstances.

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Darling River Local Area Command
Brewarrina

Clerk Grade 3/4

Permanent Full-time

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00002CNI

Salary Package: \$75,642. **Salary:** \$62,587 – \$68,531. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication, and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Part 2, Division 2, Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- Applicants **must** include/attach date and place of birth, drivers licence number and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks. The position is subject to the terms of the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- For your application to be considered you **must** attach an up-to-date resume and supply written responses addressing each of the selection criterion using the text boxes provided in the online application.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) and Work With Children Check prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Tegan Gardiner on (02) 6870 0806

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply – please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00002CNI.

Closing date: Sunday 23 February 2014



COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Aboriginal Targeted Position
Security Licensing & Enforcement Directorate
State Crime Command

Parramatta
Clerk Grade 5/6

Permanent Full-time

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00002H03

Salary Package: \$89,957. **Salary:** \$73,882 – \$81,520. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Compliance & Enforcement Officers are responsible for conducting audits and investigations, participating in operations, and taking appropriate enforcement action to ensure legislative compliance by the security, commercial agent and private inquiry agent industries. Such audits and investigations will typically be conducted at the business premises of security licensees and other locations where security activities are being carried out.

Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Part 2, Division 2, Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.
- Applicants will be required** to hold a current NSW Driver's Licence with no traffic offences recorded on their driving history within the last twelve (12) months.
- Applicants must be** willing and able to travel throughout the Sydney Metropolitan area and regional NSW.
- Applicants must be** willing to work under a flexible rostering arrangement, which may involve nights and weekends as required.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
 - Give written responses addressing each of the selection criterion using the text boxes provided in the online application; or
 - Attach a document addressing each of the selection criterion to your application.
 - Attach an up-to-date resume to your application.
- In accordance with the *Police Act 1990*, integrity checks are required for appointment to all vacant positions.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Andrew Whitehead – Manager, Assessment & Prevention on (02) 8835 9043

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply – please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00002H03.

Closing date: Sunday 23 February 2014

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12TH FEBRUARY TO 25TH FEBRUARY



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WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)
7:00 Grounded G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
10:00 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
11:00 In The Frame G (Series)
11:30 Noongar Dandjoo G (Series)
12:00 Arctic Air M (Series)
1:00 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 NITV On The Road: Laura Festival G (Entertainment)
2:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Bizou G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
6:00 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Colour Theory PG (Series)
8:30 Hard Rock Medical M (Drama)
9:00 Dreamtime Machine M (Documentary)
10:00 Burned Bridge M (Drama)
11:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)
7:00 Grounded G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
10:00 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)
10:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Colour Theory PG (Series)
12:00 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
12:30 Dreamtime Machine M (Documentary)
1:30 Burned Bridge M (Drama)
2:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Bizou G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
6:00 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
7:30 Dust Echoes G (Series)
7:45 The Black Olive G (Lifestyle)
8:00 Korraiyin G (Documentary)
8:30 Kill The Matador M (Documentary)
9:00 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
10:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
10:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
7:00 Grounded G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
10:00 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Dust Echoes G (Series)
11:15 The Black Olive G (Lifestyle)
11:30 Goin' Troppo In The Toppo PG (Lifestyle)
12:00 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)
12:30 Intervention Katherine NT PG (Documentary)
1:30 Yekertye G (Series)
2:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Bizou G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
7:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
7:30 Murri Carnival 2012: The Documentary G (Documentary)
8:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
9:00 2013 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
10:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
11:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
11:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)

SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
8:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
10:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
11:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Murri Carnival 2012: The Documentary G (Documentary)
1:00 Noongar Dandjoo G (Series)
1:30 RHEF 2013 PG (Series)
2:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
3:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
3:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Documentary Series)
4:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
4:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
5:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Maori TV's Native Affairs NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 Of Islands And Men G (Series)
8:30 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Entertainment)
9:30 The Land Has Eyes M (Movie)
11:00 Mana Mamau M (Series)
11:30 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)



SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
10:00 A-League NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Blood Brothers G (Series)
1:30 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 2013 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
4:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Around The Traps On NITV G (Entertainment)
7:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Laura Festival 2013 G (Series)
8:00 In The Frame G (Documentary Series)
8:30 The Circuit M (Drama)
9:30 Che: Part One M (Movie)
11:45 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
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4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
7:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
8:00 Samaqaq: Water Stories G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Rodeo: Life On The Circuit PG (Series)
9:30 Blackstone MA (Drama)
10:30 Rez Rides G (Series)
11:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
11:30 Samaqaq: Water Stories G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Courtin' With Justice PG (Documentary)
12:30 Pomurraw Art PG (Documentary)
1:00 Last Call Indian PG (Documentary)
2:00 Rez Rides G (Series)
2:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Bizou G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
7:30 In The Frame PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Noongar Dandjoo G (Series)
8:30 Arctic Air M (Series)
9:30 The Boondocks M (Comedy)
10:00 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Series)
11:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
11:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
11:00 In The Frame PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Noongar Dandjoo G (Series)
12:00 Arctic Air M (Series)
1:00 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
1:30 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Series)
2:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Bizou G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
6:45 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Colour Theory PG (Series)
8:30 Hard Rock Medical M (Drama)
9:00 Vote Yes For Aborigines G (Documentary)
10:00 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
11:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
11:45 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
10:45 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Colour Theory PG (Series)
12:00 Korraiyin G (Documentary)
12:30 Vote Yes For Aborigines G (Documentary)
1:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
2:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Bizou G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
7:30 VFL NC (Sport)
9:30 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)
10:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
10:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)
12:00 Milli Milli PG (Documentary)
1:00 Aeroplane Dance PG (Documentary)
2:00 Among Us PG (Documentary)
2:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Bizou G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
7:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
7:30 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
8:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout (Sport)
9:00 2013 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
10:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout (Sport)
11:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
11:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)



Laura Dance Festival
2013

SUNDAYS @ 7.30PM

SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Bizou G (Kids)
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
8:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
10:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
11:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
1:00 Noongar Dandjoo G (Series)
1:30 RHEF 2013 PG (Series)
2:30 Larger Than Life PG (Documentary Series)
3:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
3:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Documentary Series)
4:00 Cookin' At Jacko's G (Lifestyle)
4:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
5:00 Courtin' With Justice PG (Documentary)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Laura Festival 2013 G (Series)
7:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Of Islands And Men G (Documentary Series)
8:30 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Sport)
9:30 Australian Rules M (Movie)
11:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
11:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
10:00 A-League NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Blood Brothers G (Series)
1:30 Dreaming: The Art Of Aboriginal Australia PG (Documentary)
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout (Sport)
3:00 2013 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
4:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout (Sport)
5:00 Te Kaea 2014 (News)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Around The Traps On NITV G (Entertainment)
7:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Laura Festival 2013 G (Series)
8:00 In The Frame PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 The Circuit M (Drama)
9:30 Che: Part Two 1 M (Movie)
11:45 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Traps On NITV G (Entertainment)
11:00 Te Kaea 2014 (News)
11:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
12:30 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Series)
1:30 In The Frame PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 The Road To St Andrews G (Documentary)
2:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Bizou G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
7:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
8:00 Samaqaq: Water Stories PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Rodeo: Life On The Circuit PG (Series)
9:30 Blackstone MA (Drama)
10:30 Rez Rides PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
11:30 Samaqaq: Water Stories PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Emily In Japan PG (Documentary)
1:30 Ochre And Ink PG (Documentary)
2:00 Rez Rides PG (Series)
2:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Bizou G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
7:30 In The Frame PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Noongar Dandjoo G (Series)
8:30 Arctic Air M (Series)
9:30 The Boondocks M (Current Affairs)
10:00 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Series)
11:00 NITV News 2014 NC (News)
11:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)



Anthony Linn, host Damien Williams and Patrick Ah Kit in CAAMA's Alice Springs studios.

CAAMA gives men a voice



THE Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) has launched a new show to help address issues faced by men. Hosted by Western Arrernte man Damien Williams, along with Patrick Ah Kit from Ingkintja Male Health Clinic, and Anthony Linn from the Men's Shed, the new program *Brothers* is a chance for men to have a yarn about things that matter to them.

"The show acts as a platform upon which we as men can stand tall, proud and as one and as brothers," Mr Williams said.

CAAMA station manager Gerry Lyons said the purpose of the new program was to give men a voice. "It will be a vehicle that will allow men the opportunity to be heard, share stories and know they are valued," he said.

Aboriginal country music star Warren H Williams urged men who need advice to tune in to the new program.

"If you're in need of advice or want to talk, then have a chat to a brother from CAAMA," he said.

"We can help you and send you in the right direction."

Brothers is one of the first radio

programs in the country to deal directly with men's issues.

Damien Williams believes it will have a positive impact on the Indigenous community.

"There is nothing like *Brothers* around at the moment," he said.

"It is a great way for us to have a yarn and be comfortable about being men."

The first program went to air from CAAMA's Alice Springs studio last Friday at 10am.

Brothers will air nationally at 10am on Fridays.

For more information go to www.caama.com.au

Sports used to motivate youth



ABOUT 120 students joined in the latest week-long Indigenous Youth Sports Program (IYSP) at the University of Queensland's St Lucia campus.

Indigenous school leavers are half as likely to undertake tertiary study as their non-Indigenous counterparts, so the IYSP uses sports as the driving force to expose Indigenous youth to a university campus environment in a bid to increase their participation in higher education.

The program, started in Australia in 2011, is based on the National Youth Sports Program that has been running in the United States for 40 years.

University of Queensland



Participants at the Indigenous Youth Sports Program at the University of Queensland.

pro vice-chancellor (Indigenous education) Professor Cindy Shannon is passionate about the program, which this year attracted a record number of participants.

"This unique initiative is

vital for developing future Indigenous university students," she said.

"We're meeting a critical need to inspire and build the leaders of tomorrow."

Program coordinator John Brady said the university was

committed to encouraging initiatives promoting higher education.

"We have used sports as a vehicle for opening young people up to the many opportunities that exist," he said.

Charity breakfast to help close gap



THE Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) will hold its annual Close the Gap Day charity breakfast on March 20 to draw attention to health disparities between Indigenous and other Australians.

Coinciding with National Close the Gap Day, the charity event will support research into improving Aboriginal health and wellbeing.

People attending will have breakfast while enjoying cultural performances and hearing from leading Indigenous health experts about current projects which are having a measurable impact in improving Indigenous lives.

The breakfast will be from 7.30-9am at the Darwin Convention Centre. Limited tickets are available for individual purchase or table bookings at a discounted rate – visit www.menziesclosethegap.eventbrite.com.au

Vic Youth Summit will be the first



YOUNG Aboriginal people from across Victoria will come together for the first Koorie Youth Summit, at Rydges Bell City Hotel in Preston on May 8-9.

The two-day event, being hosted by the Koorie Youth Council (KYC), aims to give young Koories the chance to express their views, dreams and culture.

The KYC is calling for nominations for a panel of speakers. Organisers are also on the lookout for young Koories who are leading innovative programs so they can detail their achievements.

Visit koorieyouth.com.au for more information.

WA taser victim facing 10 charges



POLICE taser victim Kevin Spratt was taken from a psychiatric facility to a prison as he faced a string of new offences and could apply for bail next week, a Perth court has heard.

Spratt, 44, was arrested days after police officers Aaron Grant Strahan and Troy Gregory Tomlin were convicted of assaulting him by repeatedly tasing him at the East Perth Watch House in August 2008.

Spratt is now facing 10 charges including assaulting a public officer, obstructing public officers, stealing and aggravated burglary.

He is seeking compensation over the tasing incident. – AAP

Upgrading funds for Cape airstrips



THE airstrips at 39 remote Cape York communities will be upgraded using federal funding.

Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch said the work would help to ensure that aviation safety obligations were up to scratch and that air services, such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Australia Post, freight and other air transport services, could continue to meet local needs.

Communities including Aurukun, Kowanyama and Lockhart River will benefit from the program.

Islanders gather at Tweed Heads



NATALIE Pakoa believes Torres Strait Islander people are at the heart of South Sea Islander history in Australia, and their input is vital in obtaining recognition and

recording history. Mrs Pakoa was speaking at the Wantok Australian South Sea Islanders capacity building forum held recently at Tweed Heads, far northern New South Wales.

She said organisers were 'very happy' with the response to the forum, which had helped to spread the word nationally about the organisation for Australian Islanders.

Survival Day 2014 – Perth



Theona Councillor performs.



The Merindas were among the many acts to perform during Survival Day in Perth. Pictures by Lesley Desmond



Mira Bolton, 7, Bonnie Hall, 10, and Nay-Nay Bolton, 3, enjoyed their day.



Dwayne Hayden, Lisa Bolton and Barry Garlett.



MJ Garlett, Lateasha Garlett and Effie Garlett.



Joanna Wright, of Bellevue in Perth, with her mother Irene Wright, of Geraldton.



Jonathon Ford and the Balija Boys performing.



Local girls enjoying Survival Day in Perth, from left, Mary Skinner, Maijhahn Rogers, Kieesha Rogers, Brianna Rogers, Tarisha Clancy, Stevie Clancy, Shamara Bennett and Rahalymah Rogers.



A section of the Perth Survival Day crowd dancing to the band Jonathon Ford and the Baliya Boys.



Herbert Bropho stands proudly with the flag.

Solid turnout enjoys music



In the Elders' Tent, from left, Mark and Carol Kickett with Walter Eatts and Doolan-Leisha Eatts. Pictures by Lesley Desmond



A LARGE crowd turned out in perfect weather for Survival Day celebrations in Perth. The event, with the theme 'Celebrating the Songlines' was held at the Supreme Court Gardens.

Music was a highlight of the event, with acts during the day including Oz Island, DJ Zeke, Theona Councillor, and the Halo Dancers.

There were many activities for the kids, health and community stalls, a healthy living zone and special area for the Elders.

Organisers from the Perth NAIDOC Committee were pleased with the turnout.



Linda Lee and Marnette Jennings in Perth.



Agnes Humphries and Christine Kelly were among the crowd in Perth.



Ella Smith with her son Jeremy Bonney.



Midland (Perth) residents Jillian Watson and Terrance Headland.



Benny Walker on stage.



Yorta Yorta/Wemba Wemba woman Allyson Walker sings.



Yorta Yorta man David Dryden.

Frankston joins in celebration



PEOPLE from across south-east Melbourne packed the Frankston foreshore in Victoria on January 26 for the Baluk Arts Survival Day Picnic.

A highlight was music, with performances from Benny Walker, Illana Atkinson, Peter Rotumah, Allyson Walker and David Dryden. Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Aboriginal organisations

Willam Warrain and the Nairn Marr Djambana Gathering Place operated stalls, and there were children's activities.

Organisers from Baluk Arts thanked Arts Victoria, the Federal

Government through the Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support program, Peninsula Health, Frankston City Council, Frankston Arts Centre and Mornington Peninsula Shire for providing support.

Call for sovereignty

The sacred fire burns at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra on January 26. Pictures by Con Oilseed



INVASION Day events kicked off in Canberra with the word SOVEREIGNTY spelled out in metre-high letters on the lawns of the Tent Embassy, opposite Old Parliament House.

Wiradjuri woman and Redfern community worker Jenny Munro convened the day, which included the Isabelle Coe memorial lecture, in honour of the late Aboriginal activist.

"The arrival of the First Fleet marks the beginning of the destruction of the Aboriginal nations, the beginning of the prisons, the hangings, the germ warfare, the massacres and the dispossession that made us refugees on our own land," Ms Munro said.

"We talked about the importance of maintaining the embassy, particularly with (Prime Minister) Tony Abbott's conservative government in power.

"Our people have never ceded sovereignty and the current illegal occupiers keep ignoring that fact, hoping we will go away."

Ms Munro said it was time the call for sovereignty was recognised.

"This government is as racist as they are conservative," Ms Munro said.

'Conservative push'

"Sadly some people have fallen under the conservative push. It is not the way of our people.

"The Government needs to address the issue of sovereignty, and we need to have a treaty designed by Aboriginal people who have been articulating the arguments for so long, like Paul Coe, Irene Watson and Michael Mansell, three of the best minds in our country.

"This struggle has been going on for 225 years and will continue until it is resolved so that Aboriginal people get a fair and just deal.

"Our people have lived in poverty for generations. We should be billionaires in our country, not beggars."

On January 27, Ms Munro and others commemorated the 'First Day of Resistance' with a rally at the Australian War Memorial to contest the denial of the Frontier Wars there (see page 10).

"Our people are entitled to have war crimes against us recognised," she said.

"There was a war here, and every inch of our rivers ran with blood.

"The cover up continues and our people are collateral damage."



Bikies from Queensland joined with Tent Embassy supporters at the protest in front of Old Parliament House, Canberra.



Winners of the family section of the sandcastle competition, Harmony Narrier and Traayne Muir with their dad Marty Muir.



Glenn Last from Burnie with a batch of rope he learnt to make from bark at the camp.

Camping with their culture



Sisters Sheree Arnott with son Brody King, Kellie Arnott with daughter Chantelle Jones, and Janice Ross with Annika Scott, said the camp was like an unplanned family reunion for them.



Victor Ralph watches on as Jamie Everett and Scott Wells play a few tunes around the fire.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



AROUND 90 Aboriginal people travelled from all over Tasmania to the state's north west for the annual Preminghana camp to celebrate culture, community and connection. Creative energy abounded at the camp, with young'uns and adults alike creating decorative and practical traditional and contemporary items from a range of natural resources. There were kelp water carriers, shell jewellery, spears, waddies, rope, string and hammers.

On a more sombre note, there was a day trip to nearby Cape Grim, where around 30 Aboriginal men, women and children were massacred in 1827 by shepherds and their bodies disposed of over cliffs. The massacre ground is now a cattle farm.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre cultural promotions officer Ashlee Murray said many adults had an emotional response to visiting the area, the children not comprehending the gravity of the events that had taken place there.

"It was an eerie feeling, but people wanted to go there," she said.

There was also a sandcastle competition, music and yarning around the campfire, and lots of good tucker provided by the Burnie Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC), who organised this year's event.

"It was great. People got out on country and connected and practised culture," Ms Murray said. Preminghana is a 525ha area of land that was returned to Tasmania's Aboriginal community through the Aboriginal Land Act 1995. It stretches along 5km of coastline and has an abundance of bush tucker and craft resources.

Petroglyphs, thought to have been created between 1500 and 6000 years ago, along with numerous midden and artefact sites, bear testimony to the long and continued Aboriginal occupation of the area.

Do not be mistaken, these photos and this story may appear under the Survival Day banner, but most Aborigines in Tasmania refer to the date as Invasion Day.

The Preminghana camp began 15 years ago, providing an escape for Aboriginal people from the offensive celebrations of Australia's offensively placed national day.



Laura and Athol Burgess, from Wynyard, enjoyed a day visit to the camp.



All eyes are on Baden Maynard as he takes a mark from a tree.



Lisa Coulson with Kani Donald-Binns and Lily Harris, from Launceston.

Knights and Awabakal team up



TO coincide with last weekend's NRL

Indigenous Festival of Rugby League, the Newcastle Knights announced a key health-related partnership with the Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative.

Past and present NRL identities, including Indigenous Knights Dane Gagai and Travis Waddell as well as club chairman Paul Harragon, were on hand to help celebrate the new arrangement.

"This partnership will see a closer working relationship between our two organisations, and confirms Newcastle Knights' support for the Awabakal Deadly Choices program," Mr Harragon said at the launch.

"Deadly Choices focusses on encouraging people to quit smoking, get regular health checks, eat healthy and exercise daily.

"These are very important and essential health messages for everyone, and the



Awabakal Deadly Choices team members and footballers with Awabakal CEO Don MacAskill and local MP Sharon Claydon.

program has already achieved a huge amount since its official launch just a few months ago."

Awabakal Co-operative CEO Don

MacAskill detailed benefits of the new partnership.

"Our mob has a passion for sport, in particular rugby league,

so this partnership was a great opportunity to reach our community and talk about healthy lifestyle choices," he said.

"The Knights players are a great example of what can be achieved when we make those 'deadly choices' and take responsibility for

our health.

"It starts by visiting our Awabakal Aboriginal Primary Health Care Centre and having your free health check."

Project aims to beat smoking



A SPECIALISED project is helping Indigenous people in remote Western Australian communities to tackle smoking.

Called BOABS: Be Our Ally, Beat Smoking, the project has shown that culturally appropriate, multi-dimensional Indigenous quit-smoking programs can be successfully implemented in remote primary health care.

BOABS is a joint project between the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council, the Rural Clinical School of Western Australia, Derby Aboriginal Health Service and Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service.

It was sparked by the fact that smoking kills more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and puts more in hospital than all the other preventable illnesses put together, and Indigenous people smoke at much higher rates than other Australians.

BOABS worker Tracey Kitaura said the difference in smoking



From left, BOABS Aboriginal researchers Alaine Ross, Tracey Kitaura and Brian Hunter, Shane Kawenata Bradbrook from Maori (New Zealand) anti-smoking group Te Reo Marama, and BOABS lead researcher Associate Professor Julia Marley.

rates was growing between Indigenous and other people.

"We need better ways to reduce smoking rates amongst our people, and we need more trained Aboriginal researchers," she said.

Associate Professor Julia Marley, from The University of WA-affiliated Rural Clinical School of Western Australia and the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council, is one of the lead researchers.

"As part of this study, we developed a local program (Outreach) designed to provide intensive support to 166 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander smokers looking to quit or cut down," she said.

"We found that 11 per cent of the outreach group had quit smoking at 12 months – more than twice the quit rate of the group who received usual clinic care."

"An analysis of these findings and a comparable study of pregnant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women showed that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants assigned to the intervention groups were 2.4 times as likely to quit as participants assigned to usual care."

The BOABS researchers said intensive one-on-one interventions with substantial involvement from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers were likely to be effective in reducing smoking among Indigenous people.

Entries open for Ingram competition



ENTRIES are now open for the Dr Ross Ingram Memorial Competition for an outstanding essay

or artwork on Indigenous health by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

Run by the *Medical Journal of Australia*, the competition is named for an Indigenous doctor who died in 2003, aged 36, of cardiovascular disease.

Competition organisers are looking for contributions that present original and positive ideas aimed at promoting health gains and health equity for Australia's Indigenous people.

The essay can be up to 2000 words, while the original artwork must be health-related and submitted as a digital photograph or video, with a brief description (up to 300 words) of the message that the artwork is conveying.

Winning entries each receive a \$2000 prize.

Any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who is working or studying in a health-related field is welcome to submit.

The entry deadline is May 19. For more details, go to www.mja.com.au

NSW council lists myths about cancer



Breast cancer survivor Robin Payne, from Dubbo in central-western NSW, on the left at the launch of an Aboriginal cancer support group.



THE Cancer Council NSW used World Cancer Day on February 4 to raise awareness of the disease in Indigenous communities around the state.

Cancer is the second most common cause of death for Aboriginal people, who are 60 per cent more likely to die from the disease than other Australians.

The Cancer Council says that through ongoing dedicated research, it is working on closing that gap.

The organisation also released a list of misconceptions and facts about the disease. These included:

● **Myth:** Aboriginal people do not get cancer. Aboriginal people researched did not expect to experience cancer in their lifetime. Some participants said that cancer was 'new' for their community.

Fact: Cancer incidence in Aboriginal people is similar to that of the general population. Awareness, knowledge and experience of cancer were largely absent from people's lives until they were diagnosed.

● **Myth:** We don't need to talk about cancer.

Fact: Talking about cancer could improve outcomes for Aboriginal people. Awareness is the

"Aboriginal people think that cancer is a death sentence and they're going to die, but it's not a death sentence."

first step to early detection and improving health outcomes.

● **Myth:** There is nothing I can do about cancer.

Fact: Fatalistic beliefs about cancer, often equating cancer to death, can act as a barrier to screening, treatment and support.

● **Myth:** If you get cancer you will die.

Fact: About 60 per cent of all cancers diagnosed are curable.

● **Myth:** Cancer is unavoidable.

Fact: With a healthier lifestyle and diet, about 30 per cent of the most common cancers can be prevented.

● **Myth:** Cancer can't be treated.

Fact: There are many treatments for cancer. How well the treatment works depends on the type of cancer, how early it is found, how big it is, and whether the cancer has spread to other parts of the body.

NSW Aboriginal breast cancer survivor Robin Payne is helping to debunk the Aboriginal cancer myths.

She said this year's World Cancer Day theme 'Debunk the myths about cancer' was particularly relevant given the lack of open discussion and general awareness about cancer in Aboriginal communities.

"Aboriginal people think that cancer is a death sentence and they're going to die, but it's not a death sentence," she said.

"Aboriginal cancer sufferers would benefit from more support, information and direction from health professionals after diagnosis."

For more information on cancer, including prevention and support visit www.cancercouncil.com.au or call 13 11 20 to speak to a health professional about any concerns.

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HIPPY helps young



PARENTS in 25 Indigenous communities are set to have access to an early learning program to help them take on the role of their children's first teacher.

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) program is managed by anti-poverty group the Brotherhood of St Laurence for the Federal Government. It is already delivered nationally by partner organisations, and will soon be available in the 25 new sites along the Murray-Darling area, up the eastern seaboard to far north Queensland, and in the Northern Territory and the Kimberley region. Up to five jobs will be created in each community.

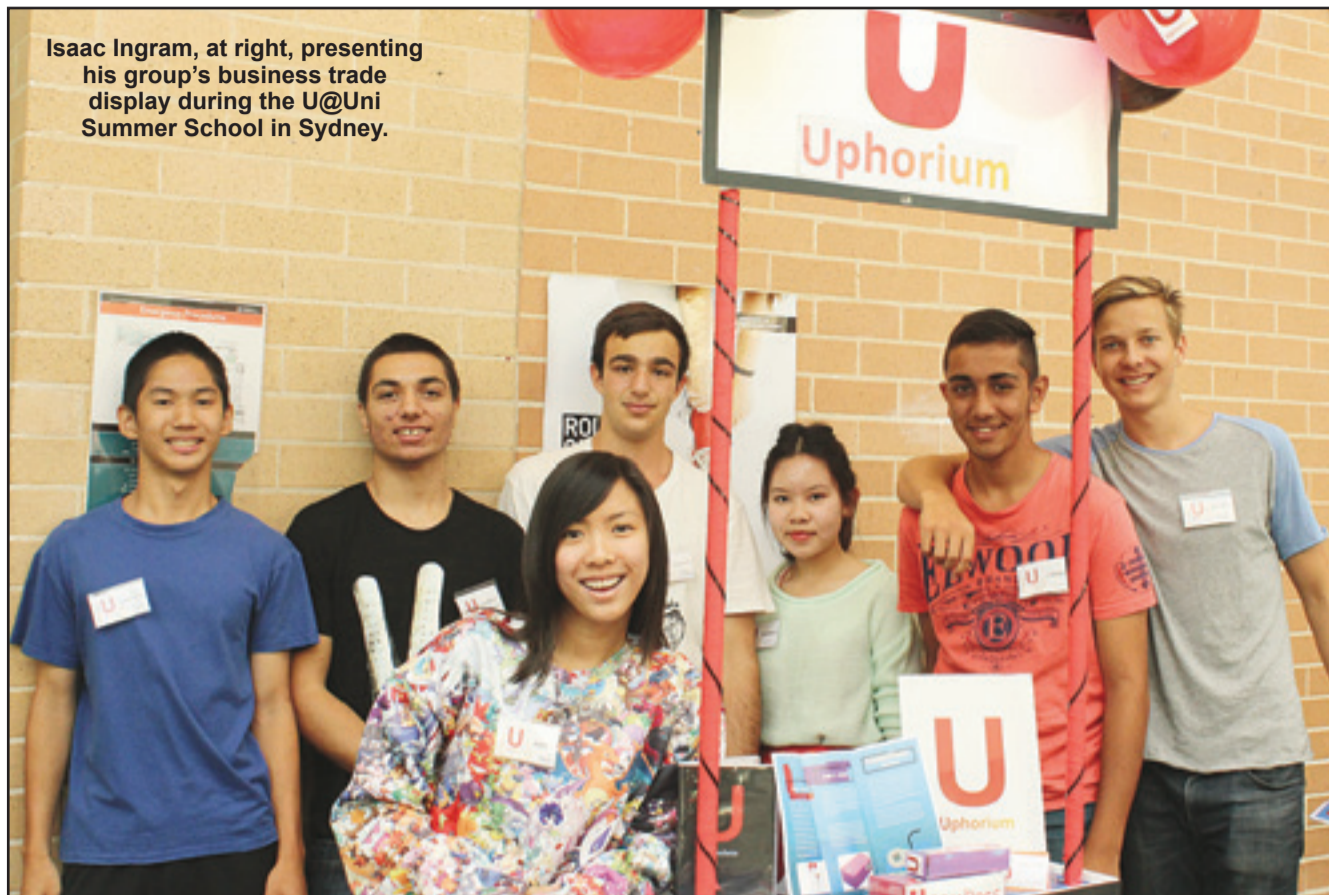
The two-year, home-based tutoring program supports parents to prepare their children for the transition to school. Families take part during the year before a child starts school and then during that child's first year at school.

The Brotherhood of St Laurence says research has shown that children involved in HIPPY generally begin the program with numeracy and literacy skills well behind the Australian average. But after two years on the program they had caught up.

Alice Springs woman Geraldine Stewart, who worked as a tutor, said she experienced the program's benefits while teaching her three grandchildren, whose first language was not English. "The one-on-one time was a great deal of help to them," she said.

"It gave them confidence to go to school. I saw how they grew. Now if you spoke to them, you'd never know they didn't grow up speaking English."

Isaac Ingram, at right, presenting his group's business trade display during the U@Uni Summer School in Sydney.



Summer school popular



BUILDING robots, starting a business and investigating a crime. These were just a few of the things 14

Indigenous students from schools in south-western Sydney and regional NSW did over their summer holidays.

They were among 220 Year 11 students at the University of Technology, Sydney, campus for the U@Uni Summer School.

Indigenous student Isaac Ingram, from Alstonville in far northern NSW, said the summer school program was

important in providing regional and Aboriginal students with an understanding of university life.

"From where I live, students have no idea what university is like ... To have resources like this is extremely relevant and important," he said.

Now in its sixth year, the program has grown into an opportunity for students to, among other things, create professional films using the university's equipment; push their creative limits

by designing lamps and fashion items; and take care of high-tech robotic

'patients' in a hospital setting.

UTS director of equity and diversity Jude Stoddart said the program aimed to demystify university study and encourage them to aspire to tertiary education and provide support leading up to their Higher School Certificate.

"The program aims to give the students a taste of university life and to keep the possibility of university as an option when it comes to making decisions for their future," she said.

"Most participants come from families where neither parent holds a university degree."



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ACU leads way on framework



THE Australian Catholic University (ACU) has led the way in creating a new teaching and learning framework for the development and delivery of Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing in social work curricula.

The Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) now stipulates that social workers need to be informed by Indigenous knowledge in all areas of practice.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing must be included as the core curriculum content in all AASW accredited social work programs to comply with the 2012 Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards.

ACU project leader Associate Professor Joanna

Zubrzycki, working with Associate Professor Dawn Bessarab, Associate Professor Sue Green, Victoria Jones, Dr Katrina Stratton and Dr Susan Young, has produced the first Australian evidence-informed framework.

'Issues'

"The process of integrating this area of new curriculum in social work education has required consideration of a range of issues, including the ownership and definitions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledges, the promotion of cultural safety in the classroom, field and the academy, and the need to address anxiety from educators about a crowded curriculum," Prof Zubrzycki said.

"These and other pedagogical (teaching-related) issues are addressed in the document."

The framework has been developed by ACU with Curtin University, the University of NSW, the University of Western Australia and NSW Health.

The developers say it is the culmination of extensive consultation, research and engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and other social work academics and practitioners.

They say that once universities adopt the framework, it could well lead to more Indigenous people graduating with social work degrees and teaching in universities.

Chancellor of the University of Canberra Dr Tom Calma, a former social worker and former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social justice commissioner, launched the framework last week at the University of Western Sydney.

More student support at Federation University



FEDERATION University Australia (formerly the University of Ballarat) has implemented an expanded student support system. "Our new Student Futures Program draws on our experience of providing high quality education to rural and regional students for many decades," deputy vice chancellor Professor Marcia Devlin said.

"The program incorporates a pre-study preparation program, individual mentoring, and student-led support and referral services. It has been expanded to

accommodate our Gippsland students from 2014."

The program starts with the offer of a free, one-week intensive program – called UniReady – before semester for all interested students to prepare them for the requirements of university study.

"Once the semester starts, we allocate an experienced and successful student mentor to every new first-year university student," Prof Devlin said.

"The mentor contacts the new student, arranges regular meetings, provides advice and guidance in the first few months of university study and introduces new students to each other and to the

services and help available to them."

Student Futures Program coordinator Ellen Sabo said the program also included Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) in some of our more challenging courses.

"The PASS program is conducted by senior students who have done well in these courses and who can understand the challenges facing new students and help them work their way through difficult concepts," she said.

"Student mentors and PASS leaders also provide a referral service to our learning skills advisors, counsellors and other services as required.



Wiri Yuwiburra woman Jannaya Santo with Rio Tinto's Marie Cameron.

New dentists start careers



Barry Collins and Tia Riggs in JCU's simulated dentistry lab.



INDIGENOUS pair Barry Collins and Tia Riggs have started careers in dentistry. They were among 53 new dentists to graduate recently at James Cook University, in far north Queensland.

Both were among the original intake of students when the JCU Dentistry School opened in Cairns during 2009.

Ms Riggs, who grew up in rural Queensland towns and went to Darwin High School, worked as a dental assistant for five years in Ayr before finding out she could study dentistry in Cairns. She is starting her career as a dentist in Sarina, near Mackay.

"I will be working at Smiles 4 Everyone and they have been

advertising that they have secured a dentist who grew up in rural Queensland, so it is important to people living in those areas to see someone who understands them," she said.

"It is a fantastic opportunity, as the dentist there does everything in-house, including implants, full mouth rehabilitation and laser work and he is keen to pass on his skills so I will really be able to broaden my own skills."

Keen to help

As one of JCU's first Indigenous dentistry students, Mr Collins was keen to help those studying the same course, and in his third year he tutored four younger Indigenous students in chemistry and anatomy.

In his final year of study last year he jumped at the chance to work with Aboriginal people in remote areas when he undertook clinical placement at Alice Springs.

"We took the dental van to Finke community, close to the border with South Australia, where we got to treat about 30 kids and many of the local adults," he said.

"We also visited Borroloola and Waruwi on Goulburn Island in the Arafura Sea, places where dentists visit only once or twice a year.

"Dental health was pretty poor, and while we could usually fix the problem, the determinants of brushing teeth regularly and eating well needed to be addressed."

Program pays for Jannaya



JANNAYA Santo has become the first person from the Wiri Traineeship Program to be accepted into university.

The program was established in 2006 as part of a goodwill agreement between Rio Tinto's Hail Creek Mine and the Wiri Yuwiburra traditional owners of central Queensland to help build their community's skills capacity.

Thanks to the program, Ms Santo, a Wiri Yuwiburra member who works at the coal mine, will study a Bachelor of Creative Arts (Visual Arts) through the Institute of Koorie Education at Deakin University. She has already completed a business administration traineeship at Rio Tinto Coal Australia's Mackay office.

"Working for Hail Creek Mine has been a valuable learning experience and I look forward to applying all my business and administration skills to tackle the new tasks and responsibilities of university," Ms Santo said.

'Challenges'

"I have enjoyed the challenges of working in a reception role and appreciated all the encouragement and support I have received from my Rio Tinto colleagues."

Hail Creek Mine business services advisor and Wiri traineeship facilitator Marie Cameron said the focus of the traineeship program was not only to build practical administration skills, but to build aptitude by mentoring and coaching trainees to strive for their goals.

Hail Creek Mine general manager operations Rowan Munro congratulated Jannaya. "Hail Creek Mine is proud to support development opportunities for the local indigenous community," he said.

Eight indigenous traineeships have been completed at Rio Tinto Coal Australia's Mackay office. Five additional trainees have completed the program in external host organisations.

Black Art White Walls is on show



WORKS from the oldest Aboriginal art gallery in Australia are now on show at the Grace Cossington Smith Gallery at Abbotsleigh School in northern Sydney.

The works, making up the *Black Art White Walls* exhibition, come from Adrian and Anne Newstead's collection of more than 1000 canvas paintings, barks, artefacts, prints, posters and sculptures.

Sixty of those works, from areas including Arnhem Land, the Kimberley, Tiwi Islands, the Western Deserts and urban areas, are on display.

Black Art White Walls features works by renowned masters including Emily Kngwarreye, Rover Thomas, Clifford Possum and Lin Onus.

The Grace Cossington Smith Gallery, a not-for-profit project run by Abbotsleigh, is open Monday to Saturday from 10am-5 pm. The exhibition continues until March 15. More details on (02) 9473 7878.

Amy's Story told at Gallery Central



THE first solo exhibition of Walmajarri artist Amy Ngurnta Nuggett is now on show at Gallery Central in Northbridge, Perth.

Called *Ngurntakura Wangki – Amy's Story*, the exhibition focusses on the art, life and storytelling of

Ngurnta. The exhibition name roughly translates as 'Story for Amy'.

The works offer insights into Ngurnta's homelands and the journey she made with family from the desert to the Kimberley's river country.

Ngurnta lives near Fitzroy Crossing, WA, where she paints regularly at Mangkaja Arts.

The exhibition, at Gallery Central, corner of Aberdeen and Beaufort streets, Northbridge, continues until March 1.

Applications open for NSW funding



ARTS NSW is seeking applications for the 2014 NSW Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund. The fund aims to provide support for arts projects that celebrate and promote Aboriginal cultural identities in regional NSW.

For the purposes of this fund, regional NSW includes the Central Coast, Newcastle and Wollongong and is defined as the areas or regions outside Greater Sydney. Funding of up to \$3000 is available for individual professional artists and up to \$15,000 for organisations.

Guidelines and application forms are available at www.arts.nsw.gov.au

For more details, call Sharni Adamietz on (02) 9995 0667 or free call 1800 358 594 (NSW). Applications close on March 10.

Desert works feature



WORKS by female artists from the Western Desert region are now on show at Art Equity in Sydney.

They are featured in the *Songlines* exhibition, which includes the works of Naata Nungurrayi, her sister Nancy Ross Nungurrayi (deceased), Makinti Napanangka (deceased), Ngoia Pollard Napaltjarri, and Lorna Ward Napanangka.

Songlines continues until February 21 at Art Equity, Level 1, 66 King Street, Sydney. More details at www.artequity.com.au

AB-sorbing display...



ARTIST Penny Evans pieces together her Aboriginal heritage in her latest exhibition, *The AB-sorption Method*, now on show at the Lismore Regional Gallery.

The exhibition of works on paper and film refers to the artist's Indigenous (Kamilaroi/Gomeri) heritage and is a reconstruction of her family identity.

The exhibition continues at the Lismore Regional Gallery, Molesworth Street, Lismore, until March 30.

First comes *Hope*, now comes *Love* for Thaylia



DARWIN-born Aboriginal singer Thaylia is celebrating the success of her first single, *Hope*, which has topped the AMRAP Airt Now Charts, making it the most ordered song for community radio across Australia.

Now based in Sydney, Thaylia began her musical journey at Abmusic College in Western Australia, where she returned as a music lecturer last year.

After backing Archie Roach for his 2013 'Into the Bloodstream' tour in Perth and Melbourne, she won the APRA-sponsored position with the Sydney Festival, and has since moved to Sydney.

Hope, which she co-produced with Rob Agostini (who had previously worked with the Yabu Band and John Bennett), was produced at Soundbaker Studios in Perth.

The single shot to the top of the



Thaylia on stage. Picture by Dan Mac

AMRAP charts and also made the top 10 in the Great Southern Charts.

Thaylia is now working on her second single, *Love*, with one of Australia's top producers, Steve Peach, the producer of Stafford Brothers, Marcia Hines and Icehouse.

The Aussie Music Blog describing *Hope* as 'a song that will make you hit the repeat button more than once'.

Thaylia said her life experiences and issues prominent in society heavily influenced her songs.

"If I had to put my music into a category I would define my genre as contemporary folk," she said.

"Contemporary as it is relevant to my time, and folk because I see my songs as narrative music with a social conscience."

Thaylia's next goal is to 'release an album that is organic, uncluttered and a true representation of what I do on stage'.

She said that as a young person she went through many years of struggle, 'but music has allowed me to reclaim my voice and through sharing my story I am liberated from the silence I was told to live in. For me, music is my freedom'.



Pormpuraaw and Injinoo dancers in a scene from *MALPA*.

Cape York dancers put culture online



PORMPURAAW and Injinoo dance troupes from the far north of Cape York united at the latest Woodford Folk Festival to share their culture online.

In a first for the festival, they created a special performance, *MALPA*, which was filmed and screened for the world wide web, attracting viewers from around Australia and the world.

Injinoo Dance Troupe member Wilfred Namai said it as important to show culture

to other people – white and black. "So that our culture doesn't die ... so it gets passed down to our younger generations," he said.

More than 35 dancers and crew were involved in *MALPA*. Dancers travelled almost 3000km by car to take part.

The organisers spent days rehearsing, filming, plotting a lighting design, and layering a soundtrack including live songs, drums, clapsticks and dance for the show.

Project producer Kate McDonald was delighted with the result.

"*MALPA*, supported by Arts Queensland, aimed to bring the arts from remote communities into the mainstream space as well- as taking larger festival experiences like the Woodford Folk Festival to people from remote and regional areas that may otherwise not access these types of arts and cultural exchanges," she said.

Williams Blanco, from Injinoo, said the cultural project was 'real powerful stuff'.

The production can be viewed at www.woodfordfolkfestival.com/malpa-live

Riley looks to Europe



ACCLAIMED performer Daniel Riley is leaving Bangarra Dance Theatre to pursue dance opportunities in Europe.

Riley is among several Bangarra senior dancers to have been nurtured as choreographers by artistic director Stephen Page, most recently as co-creator of *Blak*.

The Wiradjuri man's final performance with Bangarra will be at the company's appearance this month at the Holland Dance Festival.

Daniel Riley (formerly Daniel Riley McKinley) joined Bangarra in 2007. He toured nationally and regionally in 10 different Bangarra works – *Clan*, *True Stories*, *Mathinna*, *Fire – A Retrospective*, *of earth & sky*, *Belong*, *Terrain*, *Warumuk – in the dark night*, *Blak* and *Kinship*.

He has also toured overseas with Bangarra in *Awakenings*, *Rites*, *True Stories*, *Spirit* and *Warumuk – in the dark night*.

Stephen Page praised Riley's contribution to the company. "When Daniel joined the company in 2007, he brought a unique and distinctive creative talent," he said. "During his time at Bangarra, Daniel connected back to his clan and heritage and became a storyteller for his culture through contemporary dance."

"Supporting the company's creative vision

and my work as artistic director, Daniel inspired the artists of Bangarra as a dancer and a choreographer with two highly acclaimed works, *Riley* and *Scar*."

Riley received two award nominations in 2010: Dancer of the Year at the Deadly Awards, and Outstanding Performance by a Male Dancer at the Australian Dance Awards for his performance in *Fire – A Retrospective*.

That same year he made his choreographic debut for Bangarra creating *Riley*, from the double bill of *earth & sky*.

Nominations

In 2012, Riley was again nominated for a Deadly Award for Dancer of the Year, and last year he received an AusDance nomination for Outstanding Performance by a Male Dancer.

Also last year, he continued his choreographic journey, dancing in and co-creating *Blak* with Stephen Page.

"Bangarra will always have a special place in my heart and I will continue to carry the spirit of the company with me," Riley said.

"I feel so fortunate to have been a part of such a unique and powerful group of artists, remembering fondly our time in the studios and on tour, but especially on country in Arnhem Land with the traditional communities."



Daniel Riley on stage.

Expressions of Interest

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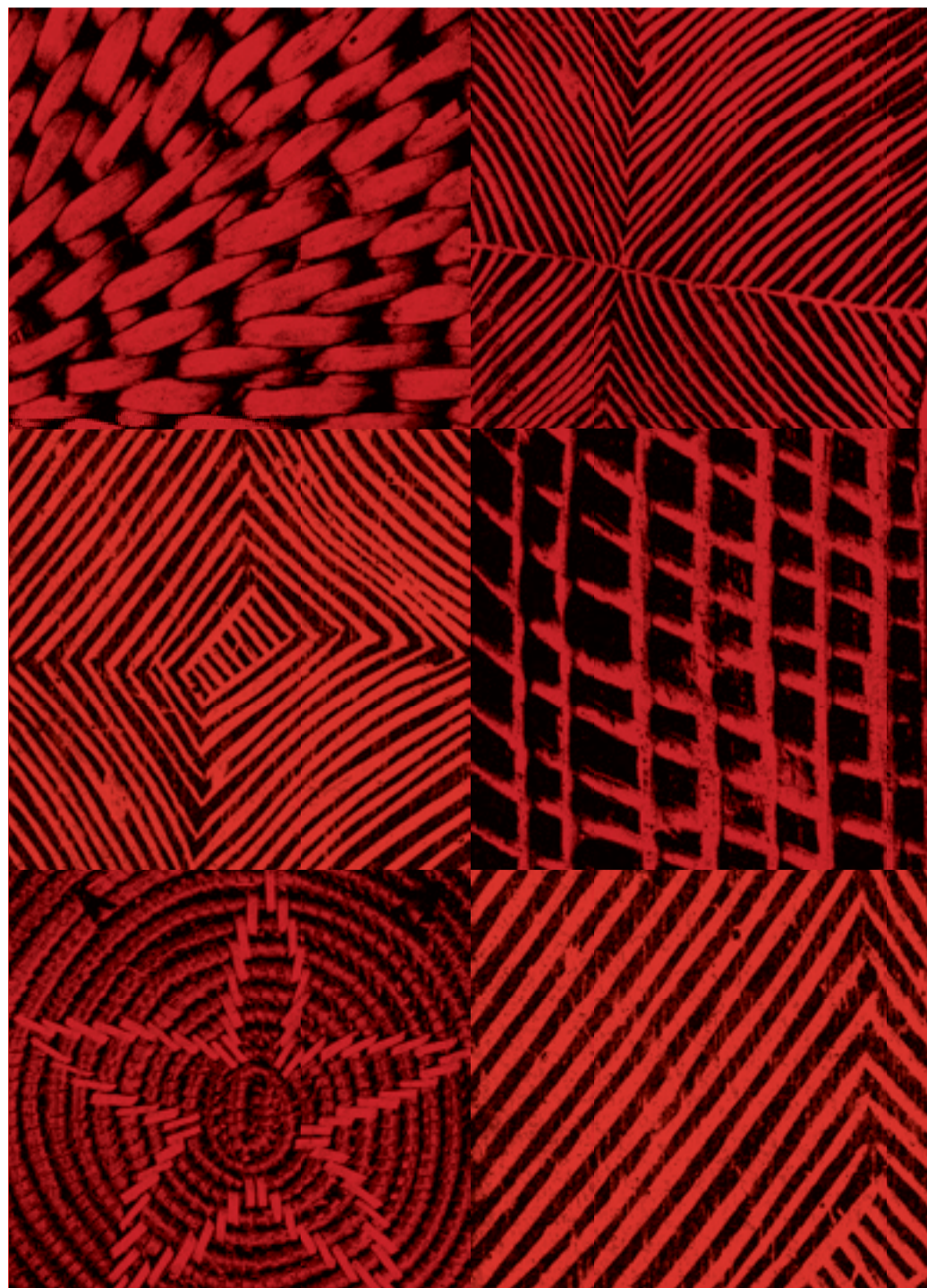
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Tiwi Islands artist
Timothy Cook
with his painting
Kulama.



Embracing differences



INDIGENOUS works from three geographically and culturally distinct regions – the Tiwi Islands, the Kimberley and north-eastern Arnhem Land – are on display in *The world is not a foreign land* at The Ian Potter Museum of Art, University of Melbourne, March 6-July 13.

Curated by guest curator Quentin Sprague, it presents works by Timothy Cook, Djambawa Marawili, Nyapanyapa Yunupingu, Ngarra,

Rusty Peters and Freda Warlapinni. Sprague travelled widely to research the exhibition and said it brings together a group of artists whose work highlights new ways of thinking between different regions, cultural groups or art histories.

“In this sense, it’s about highlighting new relationships – whether formal, material, or poetic – which activate areas of overlap, resonance and even contradiction,” he said.

The exhibition will tour nationally in 2014–16.

We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Please keep them short and to the point, and include a daytime telephone contact number. They can be sent to any of the addresses listed 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

Until March 7: OneSight and Ray-Ban Competition to find an original Indigenous artwork or design to be printed on a limited number of Ray-Ban Wayfarer sunglasses. Entry conditions apply. Details: (02) 9815 2523 or email onesightinfo@onesight.org.au or visit www.onesight.org.au/RayBan

February 17-28: Rekindling Youth Program. Bangarra Dance Theatre’s new program, designed to inspire and develop the next generation of Indigenous storytellers using dance. Involves an audition and community meetings. Held at Nowra, Wollongong, Lismore and Coffs Harbour in NSW and Theodore, Beaudesert, Weipa and Cairns in Queensland. Details: (02) 9251 5266 or visit www.bangarra.com.au/rekindling

South Australia

March 14-16: Desert Fringe. Featuring a line-up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and internationally renowned acts. Held at Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purti and the eastside Foreshore. Free event. Details: (08) 8641 9176.

March 15-16: Spirit Festival. Live music, workshops, art and food. Held at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, 253

Grenfell St, Adelaide from 10am-10pm. Free event. Details: (08) 8224 3200.

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: New Directions Mums and Bubs Program. A service helping to educate, support and provide professional care for mums, bubs and children up to eight. Held at the Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service, 120 Tamar St, Ballina, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-5pm. Details call (02) 6681 5992.

Until February 23: *Koori Art Expressions 2013* and *Saltwater Visions* exhibitions. Held at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, Sydney from 9.30am-5pm daily. Cost: \$7 adult, \$3.50 child/concession, \$17.50 family. Details: (02) 9298 3777 or visit www.anmm.gov.au

Until March 8: *WEEREWEA: Alternate Histories* exhibition. A surround-style work recreating the Lake George escarpment and the Weereewa lake bed, using glass fish baskets, fish scoops, dilly bags, textile prints and ceremonial body painting fingerprints by artists Jennifer Kenmarre Martiniello and Lyndy Delian. Held at Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, Cnr Church & Bourke Sts, Goulburn on Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat 1-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 4823 4494 or visit www.grag.com.au

Until 30 March: The *AB-sorption Method Exhibition*. This exhibition of works on paper and film by Penny Evans refers to the artist’s (Kamilaroi/Gomeri) Heritage. Held at the Lismore Regional Gallery, 131 Molesworth St, Lismore on Tues-Fri, 10am-4pm, Thurs 10am-6pm, Sat-Sun, 10am-2pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6622 2209 or visit www.lismoregallery.org

Until July 20: *On Country: Connect, Work, Celebrate*. Showcasing contemporary Indigenous land and sea management practices across Australia. Held National Museum Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton Peninsula, 9am-5pm daily. Free gallery entry. Details: 1800 026 132 or visit www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions

February 27-28: Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid Training Course. Held at Northern Rivers Community Gateway, 76 Carrington St, Lismore from 9.3am-4.30pm. Free of charge. Details: Michael Young on (02) 6621 7397

March 6: Parkes Indigenous Community Free Eye Testing. Held at the Parkes Neighbourhood

Centre, 80-82 Currajong St, Parkes. Please book in for your free consultation. Details: Amanda Corcoran on (02) 6862 4140

March 20: Close The Gap Community Painting. A campaign to improve Indigenous health, a unique community project creating a giant dot painting inspired by Mudgee. Held at Indigiearth, 1/55 Market St, Mudgee, from 9am-6pm. All materials supplied. Details: (02) 6372 1872 or visit www.mudgeeunderground.com.au

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 March 2: *Traversing Borders, Art from the Kimberley* exhibition. A collection of works 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

Until March 22: *Ngurra Nganampa “Community”* exhibition. Featuring artist Papunya Tjupi. Held at Wolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Wolloongabba on Tues-Sat, 9am-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or visit www.wag.com.au

Until June 9: *Our Dreaming: animating country* exhibition. Showing new ways that Queensland’s Indigenous stories are being passed on. An ongoing program of events, exhibitions, workshops and more. Held at the State Library Queensland, Stanley Place, Sth Bank, Brisbane from Mon-Thurs, 10am-8pm, Fri-Sun, 10am-5pm. Details: (07) 3840 7666 or visit www.slq.gov.au

February 20-22: *Gudirr Gudirr* performance. A solo dance piece and a warning cry to a people facing cultural change, performed by Dalisa Pigram. Held in Brisbane. For more information, performance times and to book tickets call (07) 3358 800 or visit www.brisbanepowerhouse.org/events/

February 25: National Apology Celebration. Includes Welcome to Country, Barambah dancers, a short film, book launch and a light

lunch. Held at the Ration Shed Museum, Cherbourg from 11am. Free event, please RSVP. Details: (07) 4169 5753

Northern Territory

Until March 2: *Treasures from Papunya and Road Cross* exhibitions. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, 61 Larapinta Dr, Araluen, from Mon-Fri, 10-4pm, and Sat-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 8951 1120 or visit www.artsandmuseums.nt.gov.au

Victoria

Until February 16: Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival (MIAF) 2014. Celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture with a diverse range of events spanning from music, theatre, dance, cabaret, visual art, film and conversations. For ticketing, times and prices visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/miaf

Until March 6: Registrations open for Deadly Funny Competition and Showcase. A quest to unearth the brightest and boldest new talent in regions across the country, a series of workshops and heats will be held in Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Sydney and Brisbane. For more information or to register call (03) 9245 3700 or email deadlyfunny@comedyfestival.com.au or visit www.deadlyfunny.com.au

February 13: Apology Concert. The concert brings Indigenous and non-Indigenous performers together in a shared future for all Australian, featuring a stellar line-up of musicians. Held at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl in the King’s Domain, Linlithgow Ave, Melbourne from 6-10pm. Free event. Details: (02) 4822 8230 or visit www.healingfoundation.org.au

February 27-March 30: *Diverse/City Aboriginal Art In Melbourne* exhibition. A unique exhibition featuring the diverse and innovative work of Indigenous artists from across Melbourne including Paola Balla, Megan Cadd, John Duggan plus many more. Held at The Light Factory Gallery, 21 Brougham St, Eltham on Wed-Sun, 11am-4.30pm. Details: (03) 9439 1206 or visit www.thelightfactorygallery.com.au

March 4: A Strong Voice For Jobs Seminar. Aimed at providing Aboriginal people with verbal communication skills to assist them during job interviews and in the workplace. Held at Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, Cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd, Preston from 1pm-5pm. Free event, Registration

only. Details: Keir Wells on 0412 081 855 or visit www.speaktoinfluence.com.au/events

March 5: National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge. A travelling sport and music festival that brings together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and non-Indigenous students for a fun day of basketball, dancing and music. Held at Bairnsdale Aquatic & Recreation Centre, 80 McKean St, Bairnsdale. Participants need to pre-register through their school by February 26. Details: (02) 9361 0140 or visit www.deadlyvibe.com.au/vibe-3on3/registration

Western Australia

Until 1 March: *Ngurntakura Wangki – Amy’s Story*. First solo exhibition by senior Wlmajarri artist, conveying unique insights into her homelands. Held at Gallery Central, 12 Aberdeen St, Perth on Mon-Fri, 10am-4.45pm. Sat 12-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 9427 1318 or visit www.gallerycentral.com.au

February 14-20: Equal Opportunity Commission Information session. A question and answer session on how the Equal Opportunity Commission assists in eliminating discrimination in Western Australia. Held at Perth, Coolbellup and Mirrabooka. Free event, please RSVP. Details: Diana MacTierman on (08) 9216 3905 or visit www.trybooking.com/EGHB

February 24: iNDIGital Workshop. A one-day indigenous digital storytelling symposium helping to bring Indigenous stories to the world. Held at the University of Western Australia Club from 9am, entrance #1, carpark #3, Hackett Drive, Perth. Free entry. Details: (08) 9202 1966 or visit www.2014.perthfestival.com.au

February 24-March 1: *The Shadow King*. A powerful melding of Shakespearean and contemporary Aboriginal storytelling. Held at the Heath Ledge Theatre, State Theatre Centre of WA, Cnr Roe & William St, Perth from 7.30pm. Cost: \$25-\$69.50. Details: (08) 6488 5555 or visit www.2014.perthfestival.com.au

February 24-March 2: *The Darkside* screening. Ghost stories abound in Australia’s Indigenous culture. *The Darkside* invites you fireside to hear these haunting perspectives on the afterlife. Held at Somerville Auditorium, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley from 8pm. Cost: \$12 - \$169.90. Details: (08) 6488 5555 or visit www.2014.perthfestival.com.au

Cultural careers

Alicia Mellor, 20, of Cairns, has completed an Advanced Diploma of Performing Arts majoring in music and is now a trainee with the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park in Cairns.



TJAPUKAI Aboriginal Cultural Park executives were so impressed with the calibre of performers at their Brisbane auditions that they awarded five traineeships instead of just two.

The five students from Brisbane's Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts (ACPA) were selected for paid traineeships at Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park in Cairns.

Tjapukai chief executive Geoff Olson said the traineeships would offer the students a unique opportunity to hone their skills with professional performers experienced in sharing their traditional culture

with the world.

"Tjapukai conducted auditions in Brisbane with the intention of awarding two students paid traineeships including airfares, but we were so impressed with the calibre of these aspiring performers we awarded an additional three traineeships to students returning to their Cairns homes for the holidays," Mr Olson said.

The students are:

- Cody Raymond, 20, of Cairns, a dance major and one of the dancers in NITV's *Move It Mob Style*;
- Tyrel Dulvarie, 20, of Cairns, a dance major who has worked with the Ochre

Contemporary Dance Company in Perth;

- Scott Campbell, 22, of Townsville, who is in the last six months of his diploma with a major in music and wants to be a singer;

- Alicia Mellor, 20, of Cairns, who has majored in music and wants to use her bass guitar and singing skills to front her own band; and

- Leonard Donahue, 19, of Kuranda, who has majored in acting and wants to work in films.

Mr Dulvarie, whose family is Yirrganydjji, the traditional owners of Cairns, said working at Tjapukai had not only helped

develop his performance skills, but had taught him more about his people.

"At ACPA I learnt some traditional dance, but it was very limited because of protocols, so this is a great opportunity to have permission from the Djabugay people to learn their traditional dances," he said.

"I didn't grow up here so I am not familiar with my culture, but now I have been able to learn some of the language and even met members of my family who work here."

Ms Mellor was astounded by the generosity of the Djabugay Elders working at Tjapukai who have shared their skills with

traditional dances, boomerang throwing, weaving and body painting.

"Other Indigenous performers I have worked with have slapped paint on, but the Djabugay people are true to their totems when they paint-up," she said.

Mr Campbell, who is descended from the Djabugay people, believes the philosophy of the Tjapukai performers in honouring their traditional culture sets them apart from other Indigenous performers.

"There are a lot of people in mainstream performing arts, but if we know our own culture then it will make us stand out from other performers," he said.

It's your guide to employment

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ABORIGINAL CULTURAL LIAISON OFFICER

Salary Package \$69,303

(Inclusive of \$58,500 base salary, leave loading, superannuation and salary sacrifice opportunities) KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is the largest accredited Aboriginal Out of Home Care (OOHC) service in NSW. There is currently the opportunity to join this ever growing service located in Liverpool.

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?

The Cultural Liaison Officer is an integral member of the OOHC team. As an active member of the Aboriginal community this worker will provide the OOHC team with support in following Aboriginal Placement Principles, locating possible kinship placements for children and young people as well as assisting to identify other cultural opportunities that may provide the child, young person and family with a strong cultural heritage.

If you have experience working with Aboriginal children, young people, families or communities, we want to hear from you. We are looking for dedicated and motivated people to join our team and help us make a difference to the lives of children and families in their time of need. This is an identified position.

For more information on the Aboriginal Cultural Liaison Officer position, or to apply, please contact Nicole Alexander on (02) 8782 0300 or nicole.alexander@kari.org.au.



ACT
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Justice and Community Safety

ACT CORRECTIVE SERVICES

Community Corrections

Administrative Assistant

Administrative Services Officer Class 4

Salary Range: \$58,870 - \$63,917

PN: 49895, several

As a partner in the criminal justice system ACT Corrective Services contributes to community safety through excellence in the delivery of adult correctional services that hold the confidence of the community by:

- Encouraging and promoting the rehabilitation, reintegration and throughcare of offenders.
- The safe, humane and, where appropriate, secure management of offenders and detainees.

ACT Corrective Services offers a range of employment benefits including a competitive salary, a range of professional development initiatives, salary packaging, paid parental leave for eligible employees and a fantastic work life balance.

The successful applicant will work as a team member in a high volume work environment. Coordinate a range of tasks efficiently within a given activity with the purposes of completing it fully in accordance with the established time lines, legislation, policy, procedures and standards. Correctly decipher/extract and analyse information from a variety of sources and stakeholders. Maintain the storeroom and provide administrative assistance, including reception duties, photocopying, filing, record keeping, retrieving files. Undertake data entry, including accurate interpretation of Court and releasing authority Orders. Communicate effectively and clearly at all levels and within the team exchanging appropriate information. Maintain up to date, accurate and relevant manual and electronic records, including statistical reports and regular management reports.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: A drivers licence and a Senior First Aid certificate are essential. Eligible applicants will be subject to a police record check. Working with Vulnerable People Check clearance essential.

Applications close on Wednesday 26 February 2014. To view the full position description and for details of how to apply please view the following link <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au>

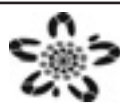
For a confidential discussion about this role please contact Simone Fowle on +61 2 6207 0355.

Information about ACT Corrective Services can be located at www.cs.act.gov.au. Employment conditions can be found in the Justice and Community Safety Directorate Enterprise Agreement 2011-13 www.sharedservices.act.gov.au/docs/agreements

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Abcare

Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Family Community Care Centre (Abcare).

Selection Criteria

Caseworker - Out of Home Care (Female)

Essential Criteria:

- Aboriginality (documented).
- Demonstrated experience in child protection, foster care support, out of home care or child related discipline.
- Relevant experience in Case Management.
- Strong computer skills and ability to provide accurate reports through use of Microsoft Office programs, Data base, Internet.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively work independently and as part of a team and follow established Policies and Procedures.
- Ability to work to plans and effective time management.
- Strong working knowledge of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998.
- Current NSW Drivers Licence.
- Understanding of Workplace Health & Safety 2011.
- Understanding of Office of Children's Guardian.

Desirable Criteria:

- Experience in working in or with an Aboriginal organisation.
- Tertiary qualifications in relevant Human Services field or equivalent knowledge and experience.
- Knowledge of NSW Office of the Children Guardian OOHC Benchmark Standards.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or minimum 3 years relevant experience in working with disadvantaged children and families.

Job Note: The position is 35 hours per week and has been classified under the Social Community, Home Care and Disability Award. Salary Packages \$62,000 Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Attractive Salary Packages with a \$16,000 per annum tax free component will be negotiated with the successful applicant and will be based on qualifications and experience.

A Satisfactory NSW "Working with Children Check" applies for this position. You must be willing to work on a weekly roster on call system for after hours. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Abcare considers being a female is a genuine occupational qualification for this position Under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enquiries and information Pack: Contact Ms Belinda Jackson - OOHC Manager on (02) 6648 3678 or email: Belinda@abcare.org.au Applications should be addressed to the Chairperson, Abcare, PO Box 521, Coffs Harbour, NSW, 2450 and marked "Confidential".

Closing date for applications: Friday 4pm 28 February 2014.



Clinician/ Senior Clinician Echuca



- Echuca location (Loddon Mallee & Aboriginal Services)
- Part time position (.8 FTE)
- Excellent salary packaging opportunities
- Full private use of a vehicle

Take Two, an integral part of Berry Street, is a state-wide service that provides high quality therapeutic services to children and young people who have suffered significant abuse or neglect and are clients of Child Protection.

We are seeking a qualified Clinician/Senior Clinician to work across two programs based in Echuca. In this position you will work 2.5 days/week as a Clinician with our Loddon-Mallee team to provide high quality clinical assessment and treatment services to Child Protection clients referred to Take Two.

In the other 1.5 days/week you will work as Senior Clinician with our Aboriginal team in partnership with Njernda Aboriginal Cooperative, in the role of Therapeutic Specialist to the Aboriginal Therapeutic Home Based Care Program. In this role you will work in a culturally-appropriate manner to enhance and support the capacity of carers and workers to provide therapeutic experiences for children in Foster and Kinship Care.

The successful applicant will have a relevant tertiary qualification in Psychology, Social Work or a related discipline, a sound understanding of the complexities of the service system, a demonstrated ability to provide direct service in the clinical assessment and treatment of young people and families, and a sound understanding and demonstrated ability to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and workers. Experience working within the CQI frameworks of the Australian Council of Healthcare Standards would be an advantage.

Queries to Chris Tanti (Team Leader, Aboriginal team) on 0429 388 786 or Mitch Bayliss (Team Leader, Loddon-Mallee team) on 0400 196 762.

Applications addressing the key selection criteria should be submitted via the application form below by 5pm on the 19th of February 2014.

To download a Position Description and apply for this role, please go to the Employment Page on our website.



Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Aboriginal Targeted Legal Support Officer, Clerk Grade 1/2, Wagga Wagga Office (Permanent)

- Permanent Part-time position – 28hpw
- Package up to \$67K
- Jobs NSW Reference No. 00002GMS

Enquiries: Lee Robbins on (02) 6933 7622

Applications must be submitted online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au to be considered.

Closing date: 23 February 2014

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Teacher (Aboriginal) Literacy

Various Locations
Vacancy ID: 00002E0B

Primary Purpose of the Position:

Responsible for delivering Education and Vocational Training courses to offenders and providing administrative and case management support for these courses.

Current locations including, but not limited to: Tamworth, Kempsey and Wellington

In this position, the applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent. However non-indigenous applicants who are able to demonstrate strong involvement in work relating to the Aboriginal community are encouraged to apply and may be considered on merit for temporary employment.

For enquiries, contact: Rachael.Harper@dcs.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 8346 1458

For further information or to apply for the advertised vacancy, go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 23 February 2014

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EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance (NATSIWA) is a newly established national organisation. NATSIWA is in the process of establishing its organisational processes and principles, but will empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women to make strong, strategic and effective policy advocacy interventions into issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women. Working with Members of NATSIWA, assist the CEO to bring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's voices to both priority issues for the Australian Government and to emerging and hidden issues that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women and communities are facing.

The NATSIWA Executive Administration Officer is an IDENTIFIED POSITION:

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

The Executive Administration Officer is the appointed officer of NATSIWA who has administration responsibilities of the Secretariat and is responsible to the Chief Executive Officer; and assists the CEO to serve the Board and Executive Committee of the Organisation.

Position: Pay rate is consistent with the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Award and will also contribute to superannuation and annual leave loading as part of this package.

Reporting: NATSIWA Chief Executive Officer
Location: MT DRUITT NSW
Hours of work: FULL TIME 35 hours per week – 5 days per week

Rate of pay: Negotiable between Common Salary Pay Points of the above award.
Level 4 Pay Point 1 - \$771.24 to Level 4 Pay Point 4 - \$831.84

Duration: To 30th June 2014

Qualifying period: Three months probationary period

Position objective: To provide professional reception and administrative support to NATSIWA.

Selection Criteria for the Executive Administration Officer

- Ability to work effectively with minimal supervision
- Ability to draft project documents or written communications for different audiences
- Demonstrated team and customer service skills, including friendly and competent phone manner, meeting logistics skills, time management, priority setting and management of multiple demands
- Capacity to prepare accounts for payment, and liaise with AMSWS finance team
- Ability to meet deadlines and work within a small team
- Demonstrated computer skills, including proficiency in the Microsoft Office suite, capacity to update web-sites and ensure integrity and risk management of the IT system
- Current, valid driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle; an ability to travel in small planes if required; a police check and working with children check will be required.

How to Apply for this Executive Administration Officer Position: Please send your CV and application to Ms Sharan Nicholson-Rogers to ceo@natsiwa.org.au using the subject line: NATSIWA Administration Officer.

Applications close by COB Friday the 28th February 2014.

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

REFERENCE NO A14/6258

Aboriginality is a genuine requirement for this position under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act.

Council is seeking the services of a suitably qualified and motivated individual to join its Community Services area in the position of Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer. The position holder will be responsible for liaising with cross sections of groups within the local Aboriginal Community. The position holder is responsible for Council's "Gayinyaga" Aboriginal Advisory Committee and will coordinate Council sponsored celebrations such as Naidoc Week and reconciliation Week in conjunction with that committee.

Please contact Council's Manager of Community Services, Jane Guilfoyle on telephone 0267703688 for more detailed information.

The salary offered ranges from \$1178.70 to \$1355.00 per week dependant upon your qualifications and experience plus 9.25% superannuation, study assistance and participation in Council's rostered day off system.

Applicants must address the selection criteria listed in the position description, and provide a current resume along with details of at least two referees.

Applications close on **21st February 2014** and are to be addressed to The Manager, People & Performance, Armidale Dumaresq Council, P.O. Box 75A, Armidale NSW 2350.

Council is a non-smoking workplace and is committed to the principles and practices of Equal Opportunity and Cultural Diversity.

We are an innovative and vibrant workplace with excellent opportunities to develop your skills and career potential.

Trainee, Library Assistant

- **ATSI identified**
- **12-month traineeship**
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A challenging and engaging way to jump-start your career in Library Services. You will undertake a TAFE Certificate III course while training on-the-job. There is a great opportunity to be permanently appointed into a Library Assistant role on completion of traineeship.

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Enquiries: Ken Cullen on 9335 2135.

For a Job Pack, visit www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au
Apply by 25 February 2014.

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Ngambri Local Aboriginal Land Council CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Remuneration package negotiable)

Ngambri Local Aboriginal Land Council based in Queanbeyan NSW is a progressive organisation that are 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 Board in implementing the NLALC Community Land and Business Plan, as well as other Legislative and Regulatory compliances.

The successful applicant will have to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of 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 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:

Col Williams 02 6297 4152 Email: nlalc1@bigpond.net.au

Applications can be forwarded to:

marked "Confidential"

Email: nlalc1@bigpond.net.au

Applications can be posted to:

marked "Confidential"

The Chairperson
Ngambri Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 150, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Applications close: Friday 7 March 2014

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply



Charity gives, justice changes

Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service is a community service organisation that has been helping people battle poverty and disadvantage since 1976.

As an organisation committed to social justice, Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service, is working towards reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We employ direct services, administrative and management staff in the following areas:

- **women and girls**
- **young people**
- **families and children**
- **financial inclusion**
- **business and finance**
- **marketing and fundraising**
- **organisational development**
- **social policy and research**

We advertise all our positions at www.goodshepvic.org.au where you can also register to receive job updates via email for all Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service's vacancies.

Please remember to follow the application process outlined in the position description and address the **key selection criteria** if you wish your application to be considered.

Employment is subject to a current Working with Children Check (E) & Police Record Check.

INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT OFFICER

Employment Equity & Diversity Continuing Appointment

The role of the Employment Equity & Diversity (EED) Unit is to develop and implement fair workplace programs and policies and promote a campus free of discrimination and harassment; support the development of a diverse and skilled workforce with special programs for equity groups; and distinguish UOW as an employer of choice by maintaining a range of work/life initiatives for all staff.

This position supports the EED objective of improving access to employment and retention of Indigenous Australians and the implementation of the University's Indigenous Employment Strategy. This includes working with the campus community to identify Indigenous employment opportunities, develop and deliver Indigenous cultural awareness sessions and support and mentoring Indigenous staff.

If you are passionate and committed about driving Indigenous employment outcomes and have experience in planning, developing and managing projects this is the job for you!

This position is identified for Australian Indigenous people, pursuant to section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act. Proof of Aboriginality is a requirement.

Visit employment.uow.edu.au for a full position description with Selection Criteria. You must address the Selection Criteria as part of your application.

Contact: Julie Croft on + 61 2 4221 3917

Applications Close: 2 March 2014

Reference No: 24962

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OFFICE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT GERALDTON REGIONAL OFFICE

Catholic Education in Western Australia is the second largest education provider in the state. We cater for more than 73,000 students from Kununurra to Esperance and employ more than 9000 people.

We are currently looking for a talented leader to fulfil the role of Aboriginal Education Consultant in the Geraldton Diocese.

The successful applicant will travel and work across the region providing leadership and support to staff involved in Aboriginal Education. The role will involve working cooperatively with schools in developing and implementing programs that enhance the capacity, knowledge and skills of teaching and support staff.

Enquiries should be directed to Robyn Collard (role specific enquiries) on **08 6380 5290** or Sally O'Dea (Geraldton enquiries) on **9920 0201** or email careers@ceo.wa.edu.au.

All relevant information and documentation can be found on the CEO website <http://employment.ceo.wa.edu.au/>.

Applicants must be fully supportive of the objectives and ethos of Catholic education.

Closing date for all applications will be Wednesday February 26, 2014.



UTS: JUMBUNNA
INDIGENOUS HOUSE OF LEARNING

LEARNING ASSISTANCE TUTORS

Expressions of Interest are sought in part-time Learning Assistance Tutor positions at UTS: Jumbunna. Tutors will specialise in either Mathematics or Academic Communication and provide tuition to Indigenous students at UTS. Hours and days of work are negotiable.

QUALIFICATIONS

Tutors must have a relevant degree qualification. Post-graduate qualifications are highly regarded but not essential.

EXPERIENCE

Tutors must have teaching/tutoring experience or be prepared to develop tutoring skills on the job.

ATTRIBUTES

Tutors need to:

- > have enthusiasm and commitment to working with Indigenous students
- > have an approachable manner and be able to establish rapport with students
- > be able to break down complex knowledge, information and tasks and to communicate this analysis effectively to students.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

Students may be enrolled in any of the degree courses offered at UTS. Tutors will be required to:

- > research the academic demands of the subjects students are enrolled in
- > provide one-to-one, small group or 'drop-in' tuition to students in study skills and either Mathematics or Academic Communication
- > complete administrative duties related to tuition accurately and promptly.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tutors are particularly sought. Expressions of Interest and a current Resume should be emailed to Adrian.Kelly@uts.edu.au

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DEPARTMENT of ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM and the ARTS

Project Officer – Aboriginal Sport and Recreation

Culture, Recreation and Sport / Sport and Recreation Tasmania

Vacancy No: 424311

Salary: \$61,741 – \$71,407 p.a.

Job Type: Permanent, full-time (36.75 hours per week)

Location: Hobart, Tasmania

Closing Date: Friday 28 February 2014

Duties: Coordinate the delivery of the Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Program. Facilitate increased sport and recreation participation opportunities and encourage Aboriginal people to participate in sport.

Essential Requirements: Aboriginality: The Director, State Service Management Office, has determined that this is an Aboriginal Identified role and that it will be filled in accordance with Employment Direction No.10: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment in the Tasmanian State Service.

Applications to: Human Resources, Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts, GPO Box 646, Hobart, TAS 7001, phone (03) 6165 5193, email applications@development.tas.gov.au

Enquiries to: Julia Tomat, Senior Project Manager, phone (03) 6165 5091, email julia.tomat@development.tas.gov.au

www.jobs.tas.gov.au



**Family &
Community Services**
Housing NSW

Client Service Officer

Clerk Grade 2/4
Housing Services
Location: Orange
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 000027E7

Total remuneration package valued up to \$75,795 per annum (Salary: \$57,921 pa – \$67,010 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Client Service staff are the public face of our business, providing critical services and quality housing advice to applicants, tenants and stakeholders, including those with complex needs.

Selection Criteria:

- Understanding of and capacity to relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds including those with complex needs.
- Strong interpersonal skills and demonstrated capacity to use sensitivity in interviewing, problem-solving and decision-making.
- Demonstrated ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands, in a high volume client focussed environment.
- Written communication skills, computer literacy and capacity to interpret policy and guidelines.
- Ability to work autonomously and in teams and partnerships.
- Willingness to work with tenants in their homes.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a Permanent Full-Time vacancy. An eligibility list will be created to fill future vacancies. Please note that the successful applicants must be willing to work with clients in their homes.

New employment legislation will apply to the NSW public sector from 24th February 2014. All current and new employees will be employed at a classification level and assigned to a role rather than appointed to a position. Employees may be re-assigned to other roles at the same classification over time, in line with organisation priorities and/or personal development plans.

Enquiries: Ian Middleton, Team Leader, Orange – (02) 6363 6073

Information Package: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 000027E7

Closing Date: 28 February 2014

N46066



Juvenile Justice
Attorney General & Justice

Vocational Instructor (Cook)

Level 1 Year 6 – Level 2 Year 4
Juvenile Justice Operations
Orana Juvenile Justice Centre, Dubbo
Permanent Part-Time

Position No: 00002BEL

Total remuneration package valued up to \$67,314 per annum (Salary: \$53,064 pa – \$60,863 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Full-time salary quoted. Hourly rate: \$26.17 ph – \$30.01 ph.

Job Description:

The position holder is responsible for the development and delivery of Vocational programs for detainees in custody within the Centre.

Selection Criteria:

- Completion of TAFE Certificate II in Commercial Cookery or Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) and Train Small Groups (Category 1) or equivalent.
- Experience in the development, preparation, evaluation and supervision of developmental programs and activities.
- Ability to prepare orders for foodstuffs required for the menu and demonstrated industry experience in the preparation, cooking and attractive presentation of meals on a large scale.
- Demonstrated ability to maintain acceptable standards of cleanliness and hygiene in the kitchen and food storage areas.
- Ability to ensure the proper care of kitchen equipment and the proper security measures are maintained with dangerous implements.
- Possess effective oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work and respond flexibly to situations.
- Knowledge of and respect for Aboriginal culture.

Job Notes: This is a **Permanent Part-Time position (19 hours per week)** and the position holder will primarily be responsible for food preparation in the Centre. It is an offence under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position.

Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. An Eligibility List may be created to fill future permanent or temporary positions.

New employment legislation will apply to the NSW public sector from 24th February 2014. All current and new employees will be employed at a classification level and assigned to a role rather than appointed to a position. Employees may be re-assigned to other roles at the same classification over time, in line with organisation priorities and/or personal development plans.

Enquiries: Kimble Appleyard, (02) 6881 0801 or email kimble.appleyard@dj.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 28 February 2014

N46044



**Family &
Community Services**
Housing NSW

Senior Client Service Officer Specialist (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 5/6
South Eastern Sydney District, Maroubra
Temporary Full-time

Job Reference No. 00002E02

Total remuneration package valued up to \$90,161 per annum (Salary: \$73,882 pa – \$81,520 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The purpose of this role is to provide specialised advice and support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients, including those with complex needs. Also to develop and manage relationships, partnerships and networks between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the Department to improve communication on, and access to, services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and support sustainable tenancies.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality.
2. Demonstrated understanding of and experience in providing support to and initiating and maintaining relationships, partnerships and networks with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients and communities.
3. High level influencing, negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
4. Demonstrated ability to identify and analyse problems and propose effective and innovative solutions to meet client needs.
5. Willingness to participate in community events and internal reference groups.
6. Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period up to 6 months with possible extension under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act, 2002*. Further information about this position is available online and you must address the full selection criteria. In this position, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

New employment legislation will apply from 24 February 2014. From this date, all current and new Public Service non-executive employees will be employed at a classification level and assigned to a role rather than appointed to a position. Employees may be re-assigned to other roles at the same classification over time, in line with organisation priorities and/or personal development plans.

Enquiries: Adam Perrett, (02) 9266 3941

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00002E02

Closing date: Wednesday, 26 February 2014

N46061



Family Services Manager

Muloobinba Aboriginal Corporation is seeking applications for an exciting new position, **Family Services Manager**, that will oversee a number of family support projects the organisation currently offers.

Priority will be given to Aboriginal applicants under S14d of NSW Anti Discrimination Act

Wages are negotiable depending on experience and qualifications.

Information kits must be obtained by contacting:

Petrice Manton (02) 4969 5299

admin@mulookinba.org.au

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 9 am to 5 pm

Applications close 5pm Wed 26 Feb 2014



Lightning Ridge Aboriginal Land Council

Postal Address: PO Box 903

Address: 12 Pandora Street,

Lightning Ridge, NSW, 2834

Phone: (02) 6829 0105 Fax: (02) 6829 0274.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - Part time

The Lightning Ridge Local Aboriginal Land Council (LRLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant to achieve employment on a Part Time basis.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Lightning Ridge LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, 1983, 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.

A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

Experience working with Aboriginal peoples would be an advantage.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

For a recruitment package contact the Chairperson, by email: lightningridgelalc@bigpond.com or on (02) 6829 0105.

Applications can be forwarded to lightningridgelalc@bigpond.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson

Lightning Ridge Local Aboriginal Land Council

PO Box 903, Lightning Ridge, NSW, 2834.

Applications Close: WEDNESDAY 12th March, 2014.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



SPORTSREADY EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Indigenous Mentor

AFL SportsReady, South Australia

AFL SportsReady is a national not for profit employment and education company dedicated to sourcing and facilitating meaningful employment and education pathways for young people.

AFL SportsReady is currently undergoing significant growth across Australia and is seeking an experienced and driven Indigenous Mentor to join our South Australian Team in a part-time role.

Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position. *This action constitutes a special measure by virtue of section 65 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1985 (SA.)*

This role requires demonstrated experience in mentoring Indigenous young people or a similar support role, strong stakeholder engagement skills, effective written and verbal communication skills, proficiency in administration and the ability to work independently as well as part of a team.

The role also requires an understanding of issues affecting Indigenous people, and an ability to communicate respectfully and effectively with Indigenous people.

To apply for this role, you will need to submit your resume and a cover letter outlining your experience in the "essential and desirable qualifications, skills and values" reflected within the position description. Previous applicants need not apply.

For a detailed position description, please contact Leah Thomson on (08) 8210 1300 or leah.thomson@aflsportsready.com.au.

For all enquiries relating to this position please contact Michael Smart on (08) 8210 1300.

Applications close
Friday 19 February 2013 5:00pm, Time CST

Community Development Coordinator: Get a career that matters.

We seek a creative Aboriginal Coordinator to establish partnerships between Aboriginal people and service providers in Taree, Wauchope & Port Mac. Region. You will join a strong local team resourced by both local congregations and the state wide Jaanimili team.

Visit our website for the selection criteria.

getacareerthatmatters.com.au

Apply by 2 March 2014. Call Alf Beale on 02 8796 9705.

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation is a thriving health and community service facility based in Airds, New South Wales. We are seeking enthusiastic and motivated persons to fill two positions currently vacant in our Tackling Smoking Program.

*Tackling Smoking and Healthy Lifestyle Workforce
- Djurali Program*

Tobacco Action Workers X 2 Position

Position: Full time

Location: Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation / Campbelltown, NSW.

Join us to become part of a dedicated team aiming to support our community to live more healthily. Opportunity exists for a rewarding and challenging career providing quit smoking health promotion and support programs to the community.

Tobacco Action Worker will be responsible for:

1. Implementing local health promotion activities e.g. community forums, promoting smoke-free homes and workplaces, sharing information about quitting smoking, to increase community understanding of the benefits of quitting smoking and benefits of smoke-free environments, and the dangers of smoking;
2. Assisting the Regional Tobacco Coordinator in the delivery of regional smoking prevention and promote quit smoking social marketing campaigns and events;
3. Delivering quit smoking support programs, and refer people to other health programs as appropriate;
4. Working in partnership with the network of Tobacco Action Workers in the region, with the State-based mentor as appropriate, and with the broader national network coordinated by the National Coordinator;
5. Undertaking induction and other training specifically provided for the COAG Tackling Smoking measure and the broader Closing the Gap National Partnership;
6. Undertaking a program of further learning and development, through appropriate training programs and networking opportunities, including national conferences, workshops and seminars;
7. Collecting data to assist in the evaluation of the Djurali Program
8. Promoting and support smoke-free workplace strategies in the host organisation;
9. Exemplifying non-smoking and quit smoking behaviours;

The ideal candidate

- Demonstrated experience working with, Aboriginal people and within Aboriginal organisations
- Certificate IV in Aboriginal Primary Health Care
- Demonstrated experience and skills in gathering health information from Aboriginal people.
- Demonstrated excellent verbal and written communication skills, including computer skills.
- Current NSW driver's licence

This position is covered by the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act of 1998. All positions are Aboriginal identified; exemption sought under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Address Applications to: Chief Executive Officer, Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 290, Campbelltown, NSW, 2560 or email: dcwright@tacams.com.au.

Applications close on Friday, 28 February 2014.



Helping people change their lives for 200 years

Aboriginal Community Development Worker & Community Development Worker

Both roles based in Kempsey NSW

The Aboriginal Community Development Worker (Permanent Full-time) and the Community Development Worker (Permanent Part-time of up to 20 hours per week) are responsible for promoting and co-ordinating the activities and interests of the Communities for Children program, and will develop positive relationships with local communities, Government and Non-Government sector service providers in providing a range of support services and facilities that meet the current and future needs of the local communities.

A relevant Tertiary qualification or experience in community and social work, community health or social welfare is essential, as is demonstrated ability to work with families in disadvantaged and CALD communities, as well as an understanding of early childhood and child protection issues.

We offer a \$16,050 tax free salary component which means more in your take home pay. You will also benefit from on-going professional development, a supportive working environment and great flexibility including a monthly accrued day off for full-time employees.

For further information please contact **Lisa Ramsay** on **0427 835 356** or for a copy of the position descriptions please visit our website. Applications must address the selection criteria found in the position descriptions and be sent to: ccadmin@benevolent.org.au by **February 19, 2014**.

The Benevolent Society is a not-for-profit, non-religious organisation and we've helped people, families and communities achieve positive change for 200 years.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply. The Benevolent Society considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

www.benevolent.org.au

Indigenous Australian Employment Development Program (IAEDP)

The University of Melbourne is a leading international university focusing on teaching and research. The main campus is located in Parkville and employs people of outstanding calibre and offers a unique environment where staff are valued and rewarded.

The Indigenous Australian Employment Development Program (IAEDP) provides a rewarding and challenging employment opportunity for Indigenous Australians to work in various business areas and complete a nationally recognised qualification in Certificate IV (Business Administration).

The program is seeking Indigenous job seekers to fill several positions on a two year contract, around Parkville in various professional roles which include staff and student support and administrative roles.

The successful candidates will possess a genuine interest to work for the University, have the ability to work in teams and have good communication skills. In addition, you will need to have enthusiasm and commitment for your work with the ability to problem solve and a willingness to learn and professionally develop.

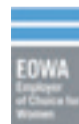
Salary: \$48,730 p.a. plus 9.25% superannuation.

Job No: 0030093

For more information about our University and current vacancies visit www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers

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Koori Employment Department of Justice



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. Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander 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.

Prison Officer positions are available in various locations across Victoria.

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.

www.cvcareers.com.au



Department of
Justice



**Office of
Environment & Heritage**
NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service



Field Officer (Enhanced Bushfire Management Program) (Aboriginal)

Peak Hill
Field Officer Grade 1/4
Temporary Full-time
Vacancy Ref: OEH 014-14

Total remuneration package to \$62,815 p.a. including salary \$43,098 p.a. – \$57,497 p.a.

The position is part of a field team responsible for implementing the Enhanced Bushfire Management Program (EBMP). The EBMP field team is primarily involved in bushfire fuel reduction activities. The position is also expected to undertake maintenance and improvement to park infrastructure and other related field duties in accordance with EBMP objectives.

Selection Criteria: To apply for this position, applicants must obtain the information pack which contains selection criteria that must be addressed in your application.

Notes: This is a temporary position for the period up to 12 months. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*. New employment legislation will apply to the NSW public sector from 24 February 2014. All current and new employees will be employed at a classification level and assigned to a role rather than appointed to a position. Applicants must address the selection criteria and apply online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Please do not submit copies of qualifications online. If you are invited to attend an interview, you will be required to produce relevant documentation then. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. Late applications will not be accepted. Overseas applicants must have a current working visa to apply for this position.

Enquiries: Fiona Buchanan, (02) 6966 8144

Information Packages contact: (02) 6966 8114

Applications are to be lodged online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. If you experience difficulties applying online please contact (02) 9585 6659 during business hours for assistance.

Closing Date: Sunday, 23 February 2014

N46082



**ACT
Government**

Justice and Community Safety

ACT CORRECTIVE SERVICES Community Corrections

Team Leader

Senior Officer Grade C
Salary Range: \$89,786 - \$96,809
PN: 43413

As a partner in the criminal justice system ACT Corrective Services contributes to community safety through excellence in the delivery of adult correctional services that hold the confidence of the community by:

- Encouraging and promoting the rehabilitation, reintegration and throughcare of offenders.
- The safe, humane and, where appropriate, secure management of offenders and detainees.

ACT Corrective Services offers a range of employment benefits including a competitive salary, a range of professional development initiatives, salary packaging, paid parental leave for eligible employees and a fantastic work life balance.

The successful applicant will manage teams of probation and parole staff, providing leadership, direction, also monitoring and evaluating staff performance. Ensure the provision of quality written and verbal advice to Courts and releasing authorities and responses to ministerial requests and questions. Liaise and negotiate with Court, the Sentence Administration Board of the ACT, victims and victims' agencies, community agencies, key stakeholders and offenders to provide assistance and advice on correctional matters.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Demonstrated experience in working with offenders in the criminal justice system would be a distinct advantage. Relevant tertiary qualifications or management experience would be an advantage. Certificate IV in Correctional Practice – Community is required or the ability to complete this qualification within 12 months. Eligible candidates will be required to undergo a criminal history check. Eligible applicants may be required to undertake psychological aptitude testing as part of the assessment process. Current drivers licence is essential. Eligible applicants may be required to maintain a current working with vulnerable people check.

Applications close on Wednesday 26 February 2014. To view the full position description and for details of how to apply please view the following link <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au>

For a confidential discussion about this role please contact Simone Fowlie on +61 2 6207 0355.

Information about ACT Corrective Services can be located at www.cs.act.gov.au. Employment conditions can be found in the Justice and Community Safety Directorate Enterprise Agreement 2011–13 www.sharedservices.act.gov.au/docs/agreements

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For more information on these positions and how to apply, visit www.jobs.act.gov.au

Remote Area Maternal and Child Health Nurse Community Development Project Officer Tjuntjuntjara - Spinifex Lands, WA

- * **Two roles available - perfect for an adventurous couple!**
- * **Excellent salaries offered circa \$107,000 & \$68,836 plus generous benefits!**

Spinifex Health Service and Paupiyala Tjarutja Aboriginal Corporation have exciting opportunities available in remote WA. *Spinifex Health Service* is seeking a **Maternal and Child Health Nurse** to be **responsible for providing and promoting a Comprehensive Primary Health care service to improve health outcomes for women and children within the community.** Offered alongside this role is a **Community Development Project Officer** position with *Paupiyala Tjarutja Aboriginal Corporation*. In this rewarding role you'll be **responsible for working with clients and the community board to identify and implement community projects and drive improvements.**

This opportunities would suit a couple who are looking to pursue a new adventure! In return for your hard work and dedication, these organisations are offering excellent salaries circa **\$107,000 & \$68,836 plus salary packaging benefits.** You'll also receive **generous leave provisions, allowances, relocation assistance and subsidised accommodation with free power, water and gas!** Apply Now!



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(Funded by NSW Ministry of Health)

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service is currently recruiting to the position of Men's Sexual Health Worker. This position forms part of the Social & Emotional Wellbeing team which also consists of Bringing Them Home male and female worker, Aboriginal Family Health Worker, Drug and Alcohol Worker and the Social & Emotional Wellbeing Team Leader.

Sexual Health Worker (Male)

The Men's Sexual Health position will have a primary focus of supporting, encouraging and promoting the sexual health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal community of Wellington. This will include case management clients in consultation with other sexual health services. The successful applicant must possess Certificate 1V or higher qualifications in sexual health which must be supported by extensive experience in the sexual health field.

Note: *Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above position and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. WACHS considers being a male is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s. 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).*

An attractive package will be negotiated with the successful applicant in line with relevant qualifications, skills and experience.

Suitably qualified, skilled and experience persons are to contact Cherie Colliss, SEWB Team Leader at Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (02) 6845 2565 for an information package which will detail the "Essential Criteria" to be addressed in the application.

Application close 5pm Monday 3 March 2014

No faxed or late applications will be accepted.



Government of
Western Australia
Western Australian Museum

Senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisor

Department of Culture and the Arts

Position No: Pool Ref 13127

Level/Salary: Level 7, \$107,200 - \$114,897 pa, PSGOGA (2011)

The Western Australian Museum's vision is to be an excellent Museum service, valued and used by all Western Australians and admired and visited by the World.

Conditions and Location: This full-time, fixed-term position for a period of 12 months with the possibility of extension or permanency. There will also be a pool running for a period of 18 months. This position will be based in the Perth CBD.

Job Description: The Museum is seeking to appoint a Senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisor to provide high level strategic advice to the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Management Team. Working with the Museum's Aboriginal Advisory Committee, key Museum staff and stakeholders, the Advisor will provide advice on policy, strategy development and implementation, as well as protocols that will ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are central to ownership, governance and program development. Aboriginal Australians are encouraged to apply for this position.

To Apply: Visit www.jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the position number (13127) into 'Web Search No.' to access the full advertisement.

If you are experiencing technical difficulties, or if you are unable to apply online, please contact the helpline on (08) 6552 7499, for further assistance.

For Specific Enquiries: Please contact Robin Ho on (08) 6552 7817 or 0426 955 328.

Closing Date: Wednesday 5 March 2014 at 4pm (WST)

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Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Aboriginal Identified Solicitor, Legal Officer I-III, Family Law, Central Sydney Office (Permanent)

- Perm Full-time
- Package up to 109K
- Jobs NSW Reference No. 000025C0

Enquiries: Maureen Power on (02) 9219 5128

Applications must be submitted online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au to be considered.

Closing Date: 23 February 2014

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VICTORIA POLICE

Priorities Communities Division

Corporate Strategy &

Operational Improve Department

Community Portfolio Manager

Victoria Police are now recruiting a Community Portfolio Manager for its new Priority Communities Division. As the successful applicant, you will ideally have specialist knowledge and a background in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community issues including, but not limited to, working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth, mental health and disability portfolios.

A VPS Grade 6 (\$101,207 – \$135,435) ongoing full time position has become available for a highly motivated, skilled and innovative employee to progress the future direction of Victoria Police service delivery to the community of Victoria. You will also be supported by the following skills: policy, research, capacity building and stakeholder communications and management.

The position will be located at the Victoria Police Centre, 637 Flinders Street Docklands, and will be working within the Priority Communities Division.

For further information on this position and instructions on how to apply please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au and search by entering reference 20027529A for the position description. Please contact Commander Sue Clark on 03 9247 6752 or Acting Inspector Nicole Warner on 03 9247 6170 for any additional information.

Closing date for applications is midnight, Sunday 23 February 2014

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Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Administration Trainee

Newcastle Community Health Centre
Enquiries: Leanne Morris (02) 4016 4900
Reference ID: 172010
Closing Date: 16 February, 2014

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

Please note: You are ineligible to apply if you currently hold a Certificate III or higher in any vocation unless it is more than seven (7) years since completion of Certificate III or IV qualification and it is in a different field of study to the position described.

Project Officer Aboriginal Cancer Care

Primary and Community Networks, Site Negotiable
Enquiries: Tony Martin, (02) 4924 6376
Reference ID: 177513

Nuclear Medicine Technologist PDY

John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle
Enquiries: Margaret Carmody, (02) 4921 3388
Reference ID: 175575

These are identified Aboriginal Positions. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Wait List Clerk

John Hunter Hospital, New Lambton
Enquiries: Michelle Kirk, (02) 4985 5486
Reference ID: 177530

Administrative Officer


John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle
Enquiries: Margaret Carmody, (02) 4921 3388
Reference ID: 174690

These are targeted Aboriginal Positions. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Part 9A, Section 122J of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
Closing Date: 2 March, 2014

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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**ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY
LIAISON OFFICER**
**COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER**

See our other ads for the
NSW Police Force on page 29





BENELONG'S HAVEN LTD
**Program Support
Officer**
Permanent Full Time
7 day rotating roster

Selection Criteria

- Relevant degree or working towards same or minimum 3 years experience relevant to position.
- Demonstrated experience working with clients who have alcohol and drug issues.
- Demonstrated experience facilitating groups in a therapeutic environment.
- Demonstrated excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated experience with computers including word processing, spreadsheets, email and other programs as required.
- Current full NSW drivers license.

Remuneration will be in accordance with
SACS Award Level 3.

*Benelong's Haven Ltd is an equal opportunity employer;
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people are
encouraged to apply.*

All applications must be in writing to:
Positions Vacant
Senior Program Support Officer
Benelong's Haven Ltd
PO Box 24
GLADSTONE 2440

Closing Date: 28/2/14



PROGRAM LIAISON OFFICER
**Aboriginal Coordination Team,
Operational Program, Major
Events & Incidents Group**
Parramatta
Clerk Grade 7/8
Permanent Full-time
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00002H0N

Salary Package: \$102,559. **Salary:** \$83,962-\$92,940. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:
The Program Officer (Aboriginal) is a member of the Aboriginal Coordination Team (ACT) with responsibility for ongoing coordination, development, implementation, monitoring and review of policy and programs, which facilitate the delivery of policing services, in line with corporate objectives and government and NSW Police policy. The ACT works closely with the Corporate Spokesperson for Aboriginal Issues and maintains a support and liaison role for operational Police Officers involved in program delivery. Each officer in the ACT has lead responsibility for particular facets of the Team's work. The Program Officer (Aboriginal) assists or takes a lead role in developing, implementing, monitoring, and reviewing policy or programs that bring about positive outcomes between Police and Aboriginal people, and which are in line with NSW Police policy. The Program Officer (Aboriginal) works closely with the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers (ACLOs), the Aboriginal community, Aboriginal community organisations and other service providers in their day-to-day activities. The Program Officer (Aboriginal) promotes an awareness of NSW Police to Aboriginal people and communities, and promotes an awareness of Aboriginal issues to Police. The Program Officer (Aboriginal) will be required to develop working partnerships/relationships with Police of various ranks.

Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by *Part 2, Division 2, Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.*
- **Applicants must** hold a current Driver's Licence with a clear driving record for the past 12 months and be prepared to travel as required.
- For your application to be considered, you **must:**
 - Give written responses addressing each of the selection criterion using the text boxes provided in the online application; **or**
 - Attach a document addressing each of the selection criterion to your application.
 - Attach an up-to-date resume to your 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: Nita Dowel on (02) 9768 0705

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply – please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 000022H0N.

Closing date: Sunday 23 February 2014

join our team

**Associate Lecturer in
Early Childhood Education**

See our ad on page 27





Health
South Eastern Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Mental Health Worker
Mental Health Services, Maroubra
Permanent Full Time
Enquiries: Suzanne Faraj – 0413 777 607
Reference ID: 178184
Closing Date: 2nd March 2014

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au
or email application quoting Ref. No. to:
seslhd.recruitment@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
or send application to:
Recruitment Unit,
Ground Floor Admin Building No. 2
Prince of Wales Hospital
Randwick NSW 2031

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Targeted Position
Handyman (Hospital Assistant Grade 3)
Ref: 158713 – F/T at Liverpool
Salary: \$43,631 pa
Closing date: 28 February 2014

This is a targeted position in accordance with Part 9A of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*; Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and greater consideration will be given to suitable Aboriginal applicants, in order to improve access to employment and career opportunities. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criterion.

Please apply online by visiting:
http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Recruitment

**Aboriginal Sexual
Health Worker**
(Identified position)
Part - Time; Three days per week

In this position, an applicants' Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.

Our well respected Albury client, a successful Aboriginal health service is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Part- Time Aboriginal Sexual Health Worker.

The purpose of this position is to assist in reducing the incidence of HIV, STI and hepatitis C within local Aboriginal communities. Responsibilities for the role include providing culturally appropriate services, support and education to the different target groups within the local Aboriginal communities as well as improving the quality of life, life expectancy and reducing geographical isolation of HIV positive Aboriginal people through adequate treatment, care and support.

The successful applicant will have a demonstrated knowledge of a broad range of issues associated with blood borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections as well as the ability to plan, deliver, and evaluate health education and prevention programs and liaise and network with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities and organisations.

Relevant tertiary qualifications, group facilitation skills and excellent written and verbal communication skills will be required.

If you think you possess the skills and qualities to be successful in this role then please contact:

To apply please visit:
www.mppersonnel.com.au
Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285
admin@mppersonnel.com.au
PO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640

mp personnel and training



Primary Care Connect currently has the following exciting opportunities.

**Koori Alcohol and Drug
Diversion Worker
(Fixed Term Part Time - 0.6EFT)**

Previous applicants need not apply for the above listed positions.

For further information and an application kit please visit our website at **www.primarycareconnect.com.au**

Applications must address the key selection criteria.

Applications Close on Friday 21st February 2014.



SPORTSREADY
EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

**National Corporate Programs Coordinator
(Indigenous Programs)**
AFL SportsReady Eight month maternity leave position

We are a not for profit employment and education company dedicated to providing opportunities for young people.

We deliver the Australian Government's Indigenous Employment Program and Indigenous Youth Careers Pathways Program, and work with corporate partners including banks.



This role coordinates our programs with key corporate and government partners. The role requires experience in the delivery of education or employment programs, stakeholder engagement skills, and attention to detail. It requires an understanding of issues affecting Indigenous communities, and an ability to communicate respectfully with Indigenous people.

Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position. *This action constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).*

For a PD, please contact Lauren Borg: Lauren.Borg@aflsportsready.com.au

For enquiries, please contact Jade Colgan, Executive Manager – Indigenous Programs: (03) 8413 3500

Applications close 19 February, 5.00PM

Health
Central Coast
Local Health District

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Employment Opportunities**

Central Coast Local Health District is the largest employer on the Central Coast and aims to be an employer of choice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Our Region is renowned for its natural beauty, fantastic swimming and surfing beaches and relaxed lifestyle, and it is only an hour's drive from one of the world's great cities, Sydney.

We are growing rapidly with many young families and retirees choosing to live here. And why wouldn't they, it's a great place to live and work, it provides the District with an excellent opportunity to help create more employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The District **values** the **unique skills, experience** and **knowledge** Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander people offer, and we encourage you to consider a career with us.

We recognise the strong link between improved health outcomes for Aboriginal clients and the involvement of Aboriginal staff and community in all of our workplaces.


The District acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout this district and their continuing **connection to land, culture and community.**

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and are committed to building the Aboriginal workforce and provide a range of opportunities for Aboriginal people. Aboriginal staff members work across all areas of the Local Health District.

We provide many opportunities including the following;

- **Administrative and Support roles** – aimed at establishing a pool of candidates who are suitable to be employed in various roles within the District.
- **Certificate III** in Health Services Assistant – Limited placements available, allowing you to work as an Assistant in Nursing.
- **Cadetships in Nursing and Midwifery and Allied Health occupations**
- **School Based Traineeships**
- **Human Resource Graduate role**

If you are interested in being part of our workforce or know someone of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who wants to work in health please contact **Wayne Merritt, the Aboriginal Workforce Coordinator on 4320 3519 or wayne.merritt@health.nsw.gov.au** who will contact you to discuss your application for current positions or when suitable positions matching your profile become available.





**Wirringa Baiya
Aboriginal Women's Legal
Centre Inc**

Aboriginal Community Legal Education Worker (CLEW).

Full time, fixed term @ 35 hrs per/week.
4 month contract with the possibility of extending after this time.

Position may continue after this depending on funding.

Wirringa Baiya provides services to Aboriginal women, children and youth in relation to issues such as domestic violence, adult and child sexual assault. The position involves organising and delivering legal education sessions to the community. The position is also responsible for assisting in the development of legal and non-legal resources targeting Aboriginal women and children

regarding their rights. Some travel, overnights stays and weekend work are required. Being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification under sections 14 & 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).

Rate of pay: Pay point 4 SCHADS Award. Level to be negotiated depending on experience.

To obtain a job package contact Christine Robinson on (02) 9569 3847 christine_robinson@clc.net.au

Closing date: 5pm, Friday 21 February 2014

**NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
Field Officer Traineeship Program
Discover Your New Career**



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Our exciting new two-year Field Officer Traineeship Program offers a rewarding career.

Applications open 17 February 2014.

For further information (including location of positions, Aboriginal identified positions and

information sessions) and to apply online check out www.jobs.nsw.gov.au (Job Vacancy Nos: OEH 040-14; OEH 041-14; OEH 042-14) or contact (02) 9585 6900. Applications close 7 March 2014.



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SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

**Technical Trainee –
Chemical and
Physical Sciences**

REF NO. 129/14

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Laboratory Technical Trainee
Campbelltown Campus
Full-time, 3 Year Fixed-Term Contract**

Eligibility: This is an identified position and applicants must be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. Being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised under Section 14(D) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.

Do you have a passion for Health and Science? Do you want to become an integral part of a team that is helping create highly trained scientists and researchers? Do you want to gain your own scientific qualification at the same time? Do you want to join a University that is growing every day?

A unique opportunity is available for highly motivated Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons to join the University of Western Sydney as a technical trainee to complete a three year program with the School of Science and Health. For information about the School of Science and Health please visit: <http://www.uws.edu.au/ssh>

With guidance and support from the Director, Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment and Engagement and the Technical Manager, School of Science and Health, the trainee will primarily focus on providing technical support to staff, students and for various research projects in the School of Science and Health. The trainee will follow mandatory apprenticeship studies at TAFE NSW as required by TAFE NSW Higher Education. The TAFE NSW course will be based in Sydney CBD.

Please ensure that all applications are completed on-line through the UWS jobs web site.

Remuneration Package: HEW Level 3 Trainee \$22,357 to \$44,715 p.a., plus 17% Superannuation, plus Leave Loading

Position Enquiries: Dr Shane Griffin, (02) 4620 3276 or email shane.griffin@uws.edu.au

Closing Date: 23 February 2014

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply for this position and to access the Position Description, please go to the UWS Website at <http://careers.uws.edu.au/Current-Vacancies>

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NORTHEAST HEALTH WANGARATTA

**► ABORIGINAL HEALTH LIAISON/
TRANSITION OFFICER**

Community Health & Partnerships, 32hrs/fortnight until June,
Ref No: 14/03

We are seeking an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to support Aboriginal clients to link with Hospital, Community Health and Primary Care services; assist health staff to make their services culturally appropriate; and develop working relationships with other professionals and services. Some funding is available to support training and development of the successful candidate.

Contact: Tessa Archbold (03) 57225073
or Sandra Darlow (03) 5722 5284

Closing Date: 21st of February 2014



The successful applicant will have undergone a WWC & police check. For further details including a position description visit:

www.nhw.hume.org.au



**Northern Rivers Women's Domestic
Violence Court Advocacy Service**

**Assistant Coordinator
(Outreach/Administration)**

**Northern Rivers Women's Domestic Violence
Court Advocacy Service
Tweed Heads/Byron Bay**

The Service has an exemption under s31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 to employ women in this role. The Service operates out of the Lismore office and Tweed Heads and Byron Bay Courthouses and assists women applicants in ADVO matters. This is a permanent position at 24 hours per week, SHCADS Level 5. Ph: 6621 1000 for a job kit.

Closing date: Wednesday 26th Feb 2014 at 4pm



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Targeted Position

Enrolled Nurse

Ref: 174656 – Perm P/T 24hwp

Salary: \$26.66 - \$27.39 ph

Closing date: 28 February 2014

This is a targeted position in accordance with Part 9A of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply and greater consideration will be given to suitable Aboriginal applicants, in order to improve access to employment and career opportunities. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criterion.

**Please apply online by visiting:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>**

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**The Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis
Council (NTAHC) is seeking applications from a
suitably qualified and experienced individual to
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is Darwin based.**

We are a non-profit organisation providing a diverse range of services for the community which include: HIV and Hepatitis B and C Support; Information and Education; a Needle and Syringe Program, Aboriginal Sexual Health programs; as well as the Sex Workers Outreach Program.

An attractive remuneration package is available. Position description including selection criteria is available at www.ntahc.org.au or contact the President, Bill Paterson on 0400 547 176.

Applications in writing with a response to the selection criteria, curriculum vitae and the contact details of three professional referees must be submitted by **COB 21 February 2014 to:**

The President
GPO Box 2826, Darwin NT 0801
or by email president@ntahc.org.au



MDAS
Mallee District Aboriginal Services

The Mallee District Aboriginal Services has many exciting opportunities for suitably qualified and experienced professionals to join our organisation. These opportunities would be suited to highly motivated and organised individuals looking to work as part of a professional team committed to improving Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are **Strongly Encouraged** to Apply for the position listed below.

People & Culture Services Position Vacant

Manager – People & Culture

1 Full-time Position – Mildura Location

The Manager – People & Culture would be responsible for reporting to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and working closely with the Executive team, the People and Culture (P&C) Manager will lead the management of functions relating to human resources, learning and development, occupational health and safety and industrial relations.

To discuss the position in more detail please contact David Lim, General Manager – Corporate Services on (03) 5018 4100.

Family Services Positions Vacant

Manager – Family Services

1 Full-time Position (2 year contract)

Various Locations -Based in Mildura, travel between Swan Hill and Mildura Regions required

The Manager, Family Services manages all services within the Family Services Division including the Prevention and Early Intervention team, Intensive Case Management team, Aboriginal Child Specialist Advice and Support (ACSASS) and Intake and Assessment. The Manager will be required to work independently on a day-to-day basis, exercise delegation of authority and make appropriate decisions.

Team Leader – Aboriginal Child Specialist Advice & Support Service

1 Full-time Position – Various Locations

Based in Mildura, travel between Swan Hill and Mildura Regions required

The Team Leader – ACSASS is primarily responsible for managing all service delivery and staff within the ACSASS team to assist, support and strengthen Aboriginal families, who are in contact with Child Protection.

Cultural Advisor

1 Full-time Position – Various Locations

Based in Mildura, travel between Swan Hill and Mildura Regions required

The Cultural Advisor position has a strategic leadership role working across the whole of organisation. This position will be responsible for providing cultural advice on policy, program development and service delivery, facilitating the pathway for community engagement through advice and facilitation of appropriate cultural protocols.

Support Worker – Housing & Community

1 Full-time Position – Swan Hill Location

The Support Worker, Housing and Community will work across Home and Community Care, Respite, Planned Activity Group and Disability Services with a primary focus of engaging members of the Aboriginal Community who are elderly or whom have a disability and require care.

To discuss these positions in more detail please contact Debbie Fankhauser, Team Leader – People & Culture on (03) 5018 4100.

The ability to salary sacrifice will be offered, and a competitive remuneration package will be negotiated dependant on relevant experience and qualifications.

Please Note: Recruitment Agencies are welcome to refer applicants to jobs at MDAS but only applications meeting all requirements outlined in the "How to Apply" instructions on our website will be considered. Enquiries from genuine applicants are welcome however enquires made on behalf of an applicant will not be received or returned.

How to Apply

For full details including a position description and details on how to apply please refer to the positions vacant section of our website www.mdas.org.au. Closing date for the above position is **5pm, Sunday 23rd February 2014**.



Juvenile Justice
Attorney General & Justice

Assistant Unit Manager – Identified

Clerk Grade 4/5
Department of Attorney General & Justice
Juvenile Justice

Job Reference: 00002F5Z

- **Location:** Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre, Kariiong – Metropolitan North Region
- **Total remuneration package valued up to \$84,290 per annum (Salary: \$66,487 – \$76,212 pa), and employer's contribution to superannuation.**

The Assistant Unit Manager directs, coordinates and supervises the work of Youth Officers across Units to ensure adherence to daily routines, security, casework progress and detainee program attendance while maintaining the care and custody of detainees, safety of staff, consistent application of the unit programs, and adherence to legislation, centre and agency policies and procedures.

Selection Criteria:

1. Completion of Certificate IV in Juvenile Justice (Youth Work) or Community Services or equivalent plus relevant experience.
2. A thorough knowledge and understanding of policies, procedures, guidelines and legislation relating to juvenile justice.
3. Extensive experience and ability to work, motivate, support and communicate effectively with detainees with challenging behaviour, including an understanding of their needs.
4. Demonstrated ability to manage a team responsible for the admission, transfer, release and safety of detainees and demonstrated conflict resolution skills, negotiation, liaison, problem solving and advocacy skills (on behalf of detainees).
5. Ability to implement and monitor service delivery of detainee case plans including programming needs and demonstrated ability to prepare accurate and concise reports and make recommendations.
6. Computer skills, with a thorough knowledge of CIMS and related policies and procedures.
7. Possession of, or enrolled in, a Senior First Aid Certificate and possession of a minimum NSW Class 1C Driver's licence.
8. Knowledge of and respect for Aboriginal culture.

Job Notes: This is a Permanent Full-Time position. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. It is an offence under the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. This position will require a Working With Children Check if you are successful, please go to www.kids.nsw.gov.au on how to apply. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks and must address the full selection criteria.

Closing date: Friday, 28 February 2014.

For enquiries: Contact Fiona Reberger, on (02) 4340 3800

Thank you for your interest in this position.

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ACT
Government
Education and Training

Office for Schools
Tuggeranong Network
Richardson Primary School

Koori Preschool Assistant

School Assistant 2
Salary Range: \$39,431 - \$43,728 (PN: 30731)

An exciting opportunity exists for a Koori Preschool Assistant to join the educational team at Richardson Primary School. The successful applicant will be working as a member of a team to provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The successful applicant will work closely with and receive direction from the teacher in assisting with the management and learning of children in Richardson Primary School's Koori Preschool program. As part of a team the Assistant will assist with program material preparation, behaviour management, supervision of children on the playground and on excursions and any specialised medical requirements.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Desirable: First Aid qualification, or willingness to undertake appropriate training. From the start of 2014 all ACT public school preschool unit assistants will be required to have, or be working towards a minimum qualification requirement of a Certificate III in Children's Services or Certificate IV in Education Support.

Notes: This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position. This is a part-time position working 15:37 hours per week. 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.

Contact Officer: Jason Borton (02) 6205 8200 jason.borton@ed.act.edu.au

Applications Close: 24 February 2014

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For more information on these positions and how to apply, visit **www.jobs.act.gov.au**



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	12/23	PREMIER COAL LIMITED	48.20HA	10km SE'ly of Collie	Lat: 33° 23' S Long: 116° 15' E	COLLIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	25/355	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	1769.06HA	18km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	52/1065	WARWICK RESOURCES PTY LTD	2783.86HA	29km W'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 22' S Long: 119° 27' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1318-I	STROTHER MINING PTY LTD	130.61HA	48km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 32' S Long: 119° 21' E	KONDININ SHIRE
Mining Lease	77/1271	SOUTHERN CROSS GOLDFIELDS LTD	175.11HA	101km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 54' S Long: 119° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	77/1272	SOUTHERN CROSS GOLDFIELDS LTD	220.96HA	96km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 57' S Long: 119° 24' E	YILGARN 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: 12 February 2014

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 **12 May 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. 12 June 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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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland
Notification day: 19 February 2014



National Native Title Tribunal



QI2013/088 Kalkadoon Post-Determination ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 38,720 square kilometres and is located in the vicinity of Mount Isa.

Relevant LGAs: Burke, Boulia, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, McKinlay Shire Councils and Mount Isa City Council.

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (Qld).

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Kalkadoon Native Title Aboriginal Corporation
RNTBC; and
Kalkadoon Community Pty Ltd
C/- Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd
Level 10, 307 Queen Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd
Level 10, 307 Queen Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
State of Queensland
C/- Crown Law
GPO Box 5221
Brisbane QLD 4001

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

5.1 The parties consent to the validation of any Future Acts done prior to the Execution Date by the State in the Agreement Area to the extent they were done invalidly for the purposes of Native Title and can be validated in this Agreement.

5.2 The consent at clause 5.1 includes but is not limited to:-

(a) The creation of the Leichardt River Reserve and all subsequent interests granted over the Leichardt River Reserve; and

(b) Any interests created on the understanding that native title had been extinguished by Crown to Crown grants if that assessment was incorrect including, but not limited to, interests over lot 61 on SP136478, lot 7 on TG37, lot 201 on SP136477, Lot 342 on SP136492 and lot 7 on GR48.

5.3 The parties:

(a) consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts to the extent that they are Surrenders or Future Acts; and
(b) if any of the Agreed Acts, which are also Future Acts, are done prior to Registration, agree to the validating of those Agreed Acts.

5.6 The parties agree that any Surrender over a Surrender Area or a Potential Surrender Area permanently extinguishes all Native Title Rights and Interests in the area of the Surrender from the date the Surrender takes effect.

1.1 'Agreed Acts' means all acts necessary to give effect to this Agreement including but not limited to any acts done as part of, or in relation to the acts specified in Schedule 6.

[A copy of Schedule 6 can be obtained from the Tribunal Case Manager upon request.]

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane, Queensland, 4001 by 19 May 2014.**

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Wangary Aboriginal Home Care Branch Care Worker Positions located in Hornsby - Mt. Drutt/Nepean Blue Mountains

ARE YOU A CARING PERSON?

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Wangary Home Care provides a diverse range of services to support Aboriginal people who are frail aged, disabled and/or their Carers, that allows them to live independently in their own homes and communities.

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Requirements:

- Aboriginality
- Ability to work without direct supervision
- Capacity to work in a strong team environment
- Ability to undertake domestic, personal care and respite care tasks
- Sensitivity to the needs of customers from diverse backgrounds
- Good communication skills and ability to work hours as required
- Must have a current driver's licence, own registered vehicle, third party property motor vehicle insurance and telephone.
- Attend training as required
- Be available to work before and after hours

If you are interested in this position you will need to submit your application outlining your skills and experience for the position in no more than three pages. You **must** address the above selection criteria and include two referees.

Applications close Friday 14th March, 2014.

For further information, please contact Annette Longbottom on 02 47349446 or email Annette.longbottom@facs.nsw.gov.au
PO Box 1893 Penrith BC 2751



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
45/3323-I	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	436774	19.97HA	45km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 49' S Long: 119° 40' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
57/769-I	AUSTRALIAN VANADIUM CORPORATION (HOLDINGS) PTY LTD	437195	402.58HA	65km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 25' S Long: 119° 6' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/769-I	AUSTRALIAN VANADIUM CORPORATION (HOLDINGS) PTY LTD	437196	169.62HA	61km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 27' S Long: 119° 7' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/769-I	AUSTRALIAN VANADIUM CORPORATION (HOLDINGS) PTY LTD	437197	250.89HA	64km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 26' S Long: 119° 6' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
57/769-I	AUSTRALIAN VANADIUM CORPORATION (HOLDINGS) PTY LTD	437198	1076.52HA	68km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 23' S Long: 119° 6' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
59/1097-I	FERROWEST LIMITED	427503	294.87HA	12km NE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 15' S Long: 116° 46' E	YALGOO SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 12 February 2014

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **12 May 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 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 12 June 2014**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 26 February 2014



National
Native Title
Tribunal



This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 26 May 2014**. After 26 May 2014, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)* there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Jabirr Jabirr
Federal Court File No: WAD357/2013
Date filed: 23 September 2013

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

Description: Application covers about 2,330 sq km and is located approximately 20 km north of Broome.

Relevant LGA: Shire of Broome.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate (WA).

For assistance and further information about this application, call Claire Smith on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Sport



Andrew McLeod, the coach. Picture by Peter Argent

McLeod back at Redlegs

By PETER ARGENT



ABORIGINAL football's longest serving AFL player – former Adelaide Crow Andrew McLeod – is back at The Parade in a

full-time coaching role.

An assistant at Norwood to Nathan Bassett in his inaugural South Australian National Football League (SANFL) premiership success in 2012, McLeod was in a part-time line coach role with the senior team that winter, but this year he'll be the reserves coach at the Norwood Football Club.

"Andy said it is time to dip his toe in the water and see if he likes it," new senior coach at Norwood, Ben Warren said.

"He'll be a big sounding board for me.

"Naturally, Andrew brings a wealth of knowledge, being an ex-AFL champion and it is great he is giving something back to the grassroots.

"He enjoyed helping the younger player get better and the feedback from the playing group about having him on board has been very positive.

"It is also a bit of a coup for

SANFL football having people of Andy's calibre back in local footy."

McLeod had a strong relationship with Norwood football manager Mark Ross.

"I was always a great admirer of the way Andrew communicated at Norwood and the Crows," Ross said.

"His speech to the playing group before the second semifinal in 2012 still remains a talking point with the players and staff involved.

"His main attribute is his ability to communicate with youngsters.

"He will also be a part of the senior team in the coach's box.

"We're here to help Andrew as a coach."

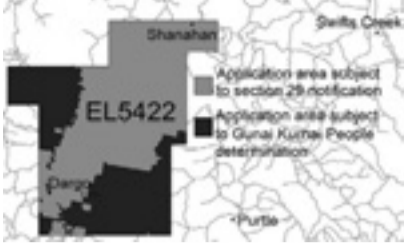
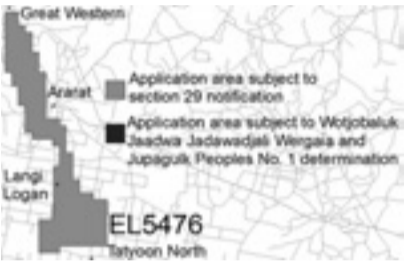
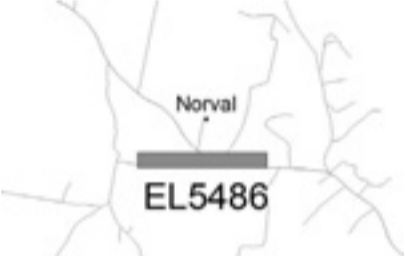
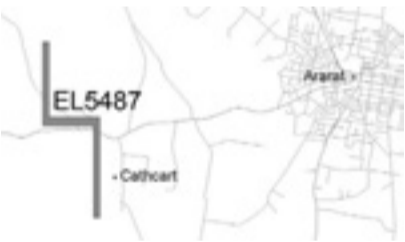

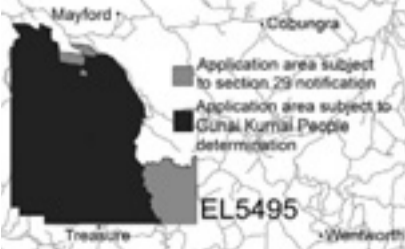
McLeod's playing record is nothing short of iconic: a pair of Norn Smith Medals in the Crows' premiership wins of 1997 and 1998, along with three Malcolm Blight Medals (Adelaide Crows best and fairest), and runner-up to the Brownlow Medal in 2001.



He was captain of the Dream Team in 2008 and first ruck-rover in the Indigenous Team of the Century.

There were also premierships with the Port Adelaide Magpies in 1994 and the Northern Territory Thunder in NEAFL during 2011.

Notice under Section 29(3) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

The State of Victoria, through the Department of State Development, Business and Innovation, GPO Box 4509, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Energy & Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following exploration licences under section 25 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

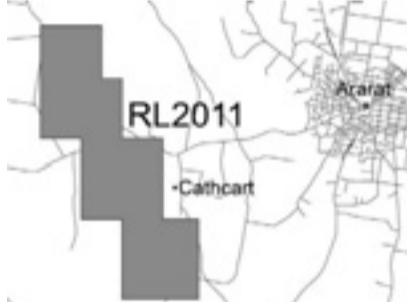
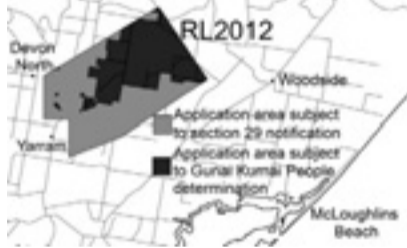
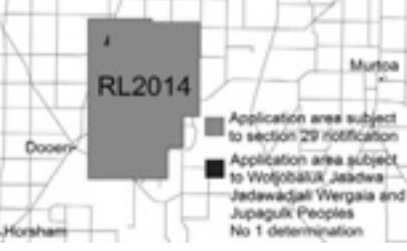
TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL5422	NAME: Ian Alexander Rathjen & Hugh McDonald Rogers LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Shanahan and Dargo as shown on the attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 65: E7-E9, F7-F9, G6-G9, H6-H9, J6-J8; Map 83: E2, F2, G2, H2 TERM: 5 years AREA: 490km2 MUNICIPALITY: Alpine Shire, East Gippsland Shire and Wellington Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 530400E 5861900N Z55 Centre 100k map 8323
EL5476	NAME: Navarre Minerals Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Langi Logan as shown on the attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 56: F4-F6, G4-G9, H6-H9; Map 57: B8-B9 TERM: 5 years AREA: 172km2 MUNICIPALITY: Northern Grampians Shire, Ararat Rural City	 Centre MGA Co-ord 670100E 5868500N Z54 Centre 100k map 7423
EL5486	NAME: Stavely Minerals Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 0.5km south of Norval. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 56: F6 TERM: 5 years AREA: 2km2 MUNICIPALITY: Ararat Rural City	 Centre MGA Co-ord 663900E 5875000N Z54 Centre 100k map 7423
EL5487	NAME: Stavely Minerals Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 5km west of Ararat. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 56: F6 TERM: 5 years AREA: 5km2 MUNICIPALITY: Ararat Rural City	 Centre MGA Co-ord 665600E 5871100N Z54 Centre 100k map 7423
EL5489	NAME: Jamieson Minerals Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 7km east of Jamieson. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 63: E6-E7, F6-F7, G6-G7 TERM: 5 years AREA: 123km2 MUNICIPALITY: Mansfield Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 436050E 5870400N Z55 Centre 100k map 8123
EL5495	NAME: One Corporation Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 5km south of Mayford as shown on the attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 65: C3-C6, D3-D7, E3-E7, F4-F7, G5-G7 TERM: 5 years AREA: 398km2 MUNICIPALITY: Alpine Shire and Wellington Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 516400E 5880400N Z55 Centre 100k map 8323

EL5496	NAME: MZ & WY Investments Pty Limited LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Mount Helen and Garibaldi as shown on the attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 76: E5, F3-F6, G3-G6, H5-H6 TERM: 5 years AREA: 145km2 MUNICIPALITY: Ballarat City, Golden Plains Shire & Moorabool Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 754550E 5824100N Z54 Centre 100k map 7622
EL5497	NAME: Black Range Metals Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Kia Ora as shown on the attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 56: C8-C9, D7-D9, E7-E9 TERM: 5 years AREA: 61km2 MUNICIPALITY: Ararat Rural City	 Centre MGA Co-ord 652500E 5858200N Z54 Centre 100k map 7423

Nature of the act(s): The grant of an exploration licence, which authorises the holder to explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to five years.

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The State of Victoria, through the Department of State Development, Business and Innovation, GPO Box 4509, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Energy & Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following retention licences under section 25 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
RL2011	NAME: Stavely Minerals Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 5km west of Ararat as shown on the attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 56: F6-F7, G6-G7 TERM: 10 years AREA: 1274.3 hectares MUNICIPALITY: Ararat Rural City	 Centre MGA Co-ord 664900E 5870500N Z54 Centre 100k map 7423
RL2012	NAME: Greenmount Sustainable Energy Resources Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 1.2km north east of Yarram as shown on the attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 98: D9, E9; Map 104: D2, E2-E3, F2, G2 TERM: 10 years AREA: 8349.3 hectares MUNICIPALITY: Wellington Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 477300E 5736050N Z55 Centre 100k map 8220
RL2014	NAME: WIM Resource Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 6.2km north east of Horsham as shown on the attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 40: F3-F4, G3-G4 TERM: 10 years AREA: 6472 hectares MUNICIPALITY: Horsham Rural City	 Centre MGA Co-ord 616550E 5945100N Z54 Centre 100k map 7324

Nature of the act(s): The grant of a retention licence, which authorises the holder to intensively explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to 10 years (unless the Minister decides otherwise).

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Notification Day: 12 February 2014

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* persons have until three months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the potential grant of the licences. The three month period closes on **12 May 2014**. Enquiries about becoming a native title party may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Melbourne Registry, telephone 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further information about the potential grant of the licences, including identification maps, may be obtained from the Earth Resources Information Centre at Level 16, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000, telephone (03) 9658 4456.

Please note: The Earth Resources Information Centre will be closed from 13 February 2014, reopening on 17 February 2014 at 113 Exhibition Street, Melbourne (telephone as above).

For further information about native title and the right to negotiate process, contact James O'Callaghan, Native Title Coordinator, Department of State Development, Business and Innovation, telephone (03) 5336 6645.



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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2342	MAINCOAST PTY LTD	73BL	102km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 37' S Long: 124° 49' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2537	METAL HOLDINGS PTY LTD	138BL	137km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 22° 51' S Long: 115° 23' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2547	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	27BL	68km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 53' S Long: 115° 43' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1400	STRINDBERG, Maxwell Peter	1BL	19km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 23' S Long: 121° 25' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/830	HEAVY METAL EXPLORATION PTY LTD	55BL	16km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 18' S Long: 117° 58' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/838	DIGADIG PTY LTD	70BL	45km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 10' S Long: 117° 32' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	21/178	GASCOYNE RESOURCES LIMITED / MURCHISON GOLD MINES PTY LTD	65BL	40km SW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 34' S Long: 117° 30' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	21/179	MINERAL AND GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	6BL	17km S'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 34' S Long: 117° 56' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/506	STRINDBERG, Maxwell Peter	4BL	54km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 122° 13' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2368	MRG METALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	21BL	97km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 45' S Long: 122° 40' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2369	DEMPSEY MINERALS LTD	69BL	126km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 25' S Long: 123° 19' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2372	ATRIplex PTY LIMITED	29BL	91km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 41' S Long: 122° 31' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2375	ST BARBARA LIMITED	18BL	137km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 122° 46' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2387	FRASER RANGE METALS GROUP LTD	2BL	102km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 124° 20' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2388	FRASER RANGE METALS GROUP LTD	2BL	107km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 124° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2391	FRASER RANGE METALS GROUP LTD	1BL	107km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 124° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/894	MAINCOAST PTY LTD	5BL	61km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 120° 33' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1060	STRINDBERG, Maxwell Peter	4BL	123km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 122° 19' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1168	EARTH AUSTRALIA MINERALS PTY LTD	1BL	10km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 58' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1175	SNAP HOOK (WA) PTY LTD	1BL	53km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 25' S Long: 121° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2784 & 2795	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	13BL	20km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2900	SULPHIDE RESOURCES PTY LTD	58BL	204km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 124° 43' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2902	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	72BL	113km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 123° 39' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1748	LEGACY IRON ORE LTD	70BL	51km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 2' S Long: 122° 37' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1770	MIDAS RESOURCES LTD	6BL	70km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 122° 27' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1781	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	70BL	219km N'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 6' S Long: 124° 48' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1783	BARACUS PTY LTD	9BL	122km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 122° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1784	NIWEST LIMITED	2BL	53km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 121° 48' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4277	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	2BL	79km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 118° 59' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4292	HOLOCENE PTY LTD	133BL	48km SE'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 53' S Long: 122° 39' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4298	AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PTY LTD	7BL	70km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 2' S Long: 119° 27' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4304	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	45km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 48' S Long: 119° 33' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4305	AREVA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	83BL	59km N'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 0' S Long: 119° 59' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4306	AREVA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	44BL	23km NE'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 15' S Long: 119° 43' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4307	AREVA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	5BL	38km NE'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 11' S Long: 119° 51' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4323	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	70BL	50km NW'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 8' S Long: 119° 5' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	46/1003	MINERAL AND GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	24BL	57km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 46' S Long: 120° 39' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1007	AUSTRALIAN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PTY LTD	3BL	55km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 2' S Long: 119° 36' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2347	IRON ORE HOLDINGS LTD	4BL	34km N'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 24' S Long: 117° 53' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2348	IRON ORE HOLDINGS LTD	7BL	21km NE'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 33' S Long: 117° 55' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2701	IRON ORE HOLDINGS LTD	2BL	4km SW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 43' S Long: 117° 46' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2703	IRON ORE HOLDINGS LTD	1BL	4km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 40' S Long: 117° 45' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2903	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL	87km NW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 22° 44' S Long: 119° 13' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2949	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	1BL	99km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 21° 54' S Long: 117° 20' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2968	CROFT MINING PTY LTD	36BL	91km N'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 22° 34' S Long: 119° 29' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2974	HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	5BL	68km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 52' S Long: 118° 19' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/2987	KALAMAZOO RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	118km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 41' S Long: 116° 30' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2988-9	BARACUS PTY LTD	209BL	50km NE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 15' S Long: 116° 35' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2995-I	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	6BL	113km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 42' S Long: 116° 41' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/955	GREENWOOD RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	9km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 119° 20' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/956	YELO RESOURCES PTY LTD	54BL	17km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 119° 27' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/458	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	7BL	71km W'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 118° 34' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1950-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	13BL	49km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 22' S Long: 117° 11' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1955-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	1BL	57km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 117° 10' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1984	MOUNT GIBSON MINING LTD	8BL	36km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 117° 21' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1996	MOUNT GIBSON MINING LTD	18BL	57km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 2' S Long: 117° 9' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1997	MOUNT GIBSON MINING LTD	3BL	49km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 117° 14' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2013	ENTERPRISE URANIUM LIMITED	7BL	78km NE'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 115° 54' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2014	ENTERPRISE URANIUM LIMITED	36BL	68km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 58' S Long: 116° 7' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2016	STANDARD MINING INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	60BL	24km SW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 116° 28' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1670	ATRIplex PTY LIMITED	55BL	84km E'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 58' S Long: 122° 37' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1671	SCADDAN ENERGY PTY LTD	47BL	51km SE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 23' S Long: 121° 54' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1673	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	103BL	89km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 54' S Long: 122° 35' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1674	ASKINS, Paul Winston	10BL	69km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 11' S Long: 122° 20' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1678	ATRIplex PTY LIMITED	70BL	58km E'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 0' S Long: 122° 21' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1679	MINING TENAMENTS INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	49BL	68km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 9' S Long: 122° 21' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1689	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	40BL	130km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 20' S Long: 120° 24' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3140	SWANCOVE ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	77BL	216km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 26° 3' S Long: 123° 7' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3197	ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES NL	48BL	199km W'ly of Giles Meteorological Station	Lat: 25° 19' S Long: 126° 21' E	NGAANYATJARRAKU
Exploration Licence	69/3242-I	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	45BL	137km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 29' S Long: 120° 12' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3246	AUSQUEST LIMITED	200BL	71km SW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 42' S Long: 123° 10' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3247	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	158BL	172km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 51' S Long: 120° 10' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4482	TRONOX WESTERN AUSTRALIA PTY LTD / YALGOO MINERALS PTY LTD	9BL	48km SW'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 115° 32' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4483	TRONOX WESTERN AUSTRALIA PTY LTD / YALGOO MINERALS PTY LTD	5BL	16km E'ly of Jurien Bay	Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 115° 12' E	DANDARAGAN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4506	NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	34BL	35km NE'ly of Merredin	Lat: 31° 14' S Long: 118° 30' E	MERREDIN SHIRE, WESTONIA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2173	LAKE HILLMAN MINING PTY LTD	20BL	22km SE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 119° 36' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2174	HILL, Adam Frank	1BL	71km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 119° 9' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4828	WEILAND, Christopher David	2BL	46km E'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 11' S Long: 128° 6' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4833	URAMIN PTY LTD	199BL	129km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 56' S Long: 128° 44' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE, WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4839	SIBUDU PTY LTD	111BL	139km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 19° 8' S Long: 126° 46' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4841	MCKINTOSH RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL	77km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 36' S Long: 127° 59' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4842	MCKINTOSH RESOURCES PTY LTD	9BL	63km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 44' S Long: 127° 57' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5784	LANDTEC PTY LTD	9.69HA	27km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 120° 57' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5882	XIAO, Zhi Qiang	9.31HA	3km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2826-7	PAUL, Len Scott Edward / SINCLAIR, Glen Allen	225.14HA	51km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 120° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	21/719	BURNELL, Ryan Edward	98.30HA	6km SW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 27' S Long: 117° 49' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	21/725	GOODFELLOW, Derek Laing	96.92HA	8km SW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 28' S Long: 117° 49' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	26/3990	INTERMIN RESOURCES LTD	189.43HA	7km W'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 23' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2185-S	SMITH, William John	10.06HA	39km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 24' S Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/8443	JABIRU METALS LTD	8.23HA	50km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 121° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8447	GAHAN, Nicholas Justin / BARGERBOS, Michael William	199.67HA	27km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 22' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8448	MAULONI, Thomas Samuel	8.05HA	41km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 121° 39' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4108	KUBLER, Joachim Joseph	70.67HA	32km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 19' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4114	KUBLER, Joachim Joseph	5.43HA	51km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4115	KUBLER, Joachim Joseph	31.09HA	52km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 122° 24' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4116-20-S	MORGAN, Jeneen Pearl	46.31HA	16km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5358-9	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	255.81HA	43km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 122° 0' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1336	RUDZITIS, Krista Alize	166.54HA	42km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1711-3-I	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	577.16HA	104km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 34' S Long: 116° 20' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1714-I	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	128.05HA	104km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 34' S Long: 116° 21' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2868	ZEBINA MINERALS PTY LTD	127.70HA	51km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 26' S Long: 118° 0' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 12 February 2014

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 **12 May 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.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 12 June 2014**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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'The Hammer' continues his ranking climb



CAMERON 'The Hammer' Hammond continued on his winning way with a unanimous four-round points victory over Thai debutant Pramool Boonpok in Brisbane on

January 29.

The light-middleweight bout was on the undercard to the Anthony Mundine-Gunnar Jackson fight at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre.

The judges' scores in favour of Hammond were 40-36, 39-37 and 40-36.

The Moree-raised former Olympian Hammond, who now lives in Brisbane, has won all seven of his professional fights – three inside the distance.

Hammond now is rated No 11 light-middleweight in Australia and has a global ranking of 320.

League re-entry plan reversed

By ALF WILSON



THE Townsville and District Rugby League has backflipped on an earlier decision to approve the entry of the Palm Island Barracudas and Aboriginal club Bindal into the 2014 mainland competition.

At its annual meeting in December, the TDRL board gave provisional approval for Palm Island and the Townsville-based Bindal to enter.

Palm Island was to have A grade and under 19 sides, while Bindal was to enter in reserve grade.

A draw for the 2014 season had been prepared. It included Brothers, University, Centrals, Norths and out-of-towners Herbert River, Charters Towers and Burdekin along with Palm Island-Bindal.

Palm Island had appointed Telstan Sibley as coach and the side was drawn to meet University in round one on March 16.

Under the ruling at the TDRL annual meeting, there would be no home games on Palm Island for the first year. Designated home matches were to be played at Bindal's Shark Park in Townsville.

However, at a meeting with TDRL officials on February 4, Palm and Bindal



Jenny Pryor with Palm Island Barracudas captain Fred Bulsey.

Picture by Alf Wilson

officials were advised that the entry had been knocked back.

A TDRL official said that some conditions required from Palm and Bindal had not been met and confirmed that they would not be part of the competition.

Bindal's Jenny Pryor was disappointed that the final submissions had not been accepted by the TDRL.

"We were informed that our final admission to the TDRL was denied – Palm Island did not submit sufficient responses and guarantees to meet the requirements," she said.

"Bindal met all requirements, but needed to have the football functions separated from the mother organisation Bindal Sharks United Training and Employment Sports and Recreation Aboriginal Corporation.

"Bindal will definitely be ready for 2015 with a newly incorporated body specifically for rugby league."

A lot of hard work was done by Palm Island Rugby League president Lex Wotton and his committee and community leaders in the lead-up to the TDRL annual meeting.

There had been a series of meetings between Queensland Rugby League Northern Division, TDRL and Palm Island Rugby League (PIRL) board members.

On November 18, Northern Division Townsville-based operations manager Kerri Ritchie and TDRL chairman Ross Anderson travelled to Palm Island to receive submissions on the application.

That followed a meeting in Townsville on November 12 when Lex Wotton and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Councillor Eddie Walsh met with TDRL officials.

Palm Island was last part of the TDRL in 2002 and did not seek affiliation the next season due to the high cost of travel.

The TDRL said it was open to application from Palm Island-Bindal to enter the 2015 competition.



Trade & Investment Resources & Energy

Mining Lease Application 463 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease
An area of 158.8 hectares situated approximately 17 kilometres north north-east of Lithgow in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

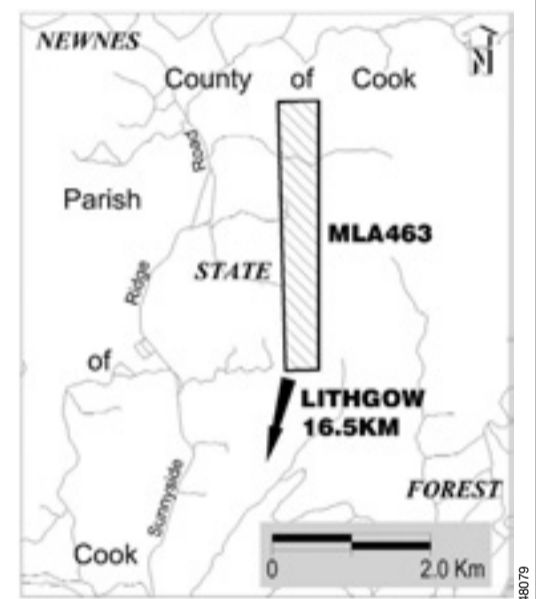
Description of the nature of the act
Centennial Springvale Pty Limited (ACN 052 096 812) and Springvale SK Kores Pty Limited (051 015 402) is the applicant of **Mining Lease Application 463 (Act 1992)**, for a mining lease which would authorise the mining for coal and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

Anthony Roberts, Minister for Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained
Further information may be obtained from Jeff Inman; Titles Program, Trade and Investment NSW, (02) 4931 6578.

Notification Day
For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **27 February 2014**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



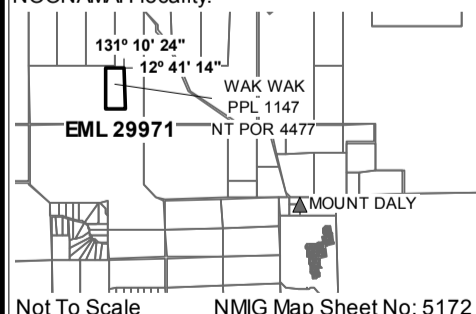
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXTRACTIVE MINERAL LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

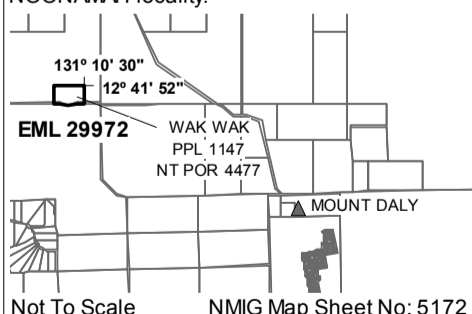
The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act(s) namely to grant the following extractive mineral lease application(s).

The applications to which this notice applies:

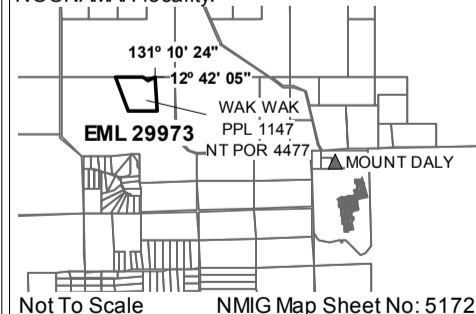
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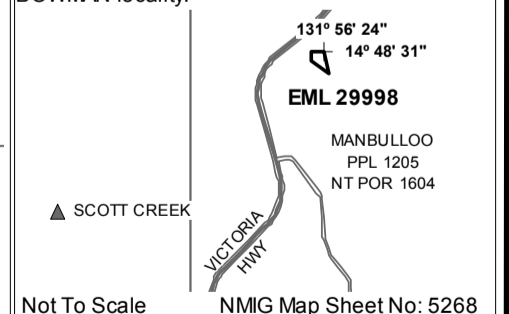
Extractive Mineral Lease 29972 sought by A AND SF MADDALOZZO PTY LIMITED, ACN 009 624 015 over an area of 29 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



Extractive Mineral Lease 29973 sought by A AND SF MADDALOZZO PTY LIMITED, ACN 009 624 015 over an area of 92 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



Extractive Mineral Lease 29998 sought by ALLAN KING & SONS CONSTRUCTIONS PTY LTD, ACN 068 688 148 over an area of 33 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the BOWMAN locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an extractive mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to extract or remove (whether by quarrying or other means) from, on or below the natural surface of the land, extractive mineral(s) for a term not exceeding 10 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the extractive mineral lease/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550, Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5213.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Notification Day: 12 February 2014



The Black Bream men's team and some of their young supporters. Pictures: Alf Wilson

Teams shine in Qld 'Ashes'

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS sides West Indigies men and Black Bream women performed strongly at the Goldfield Ashes cricket carnival in

Charters Towers in late January.

The 66th Ashes had a world record 228 teams in five grades and included an estimated 500 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cricketers.

The carnival started in 1948 with just six teams.

Black Bream finished second in the nine-team women's competition, winning their first three matches against Hormoans, Travelbugs and Whipper Snippers.

In the battle to determine the winning team on the final day, Black

Bream was out for 130 in reply to 200 by Townsville team Bright in Tights.

There were 138 teams in the B-2 men's grade contested by West Indigies, who won their games against Beerabong XI, Grazed Anatomy and Bigger Than Jesus to finish in the top eight sides.

Skipper Glenn Butler said that Kevin McKean, Bobby McLean and Nathan Baker scored half centuries on the final day.

60 fields

The Ashes was played on 60 fields in and around Charters Towers.

Former Queensland Imparja Cup batsman Mick Prien shone for the Mingela XI, which also contested the B-2 grade.

Prien played alongside his cousin Anthony Stout and Anthony's brother

Gus Stout.

The Black Bream men also were in B-2 and won their first match before losing narrowly on day two 131 runs to 116 to the Weipa Crocs.

Champion rugby league player Johnathan Thurston and Queensland Imparja Cup cricketer Brad Stout played for the Bulls Masters versus Invitational XI held during the Goldfield Ashes.

The T20 match was played at the Charters Towers Cricket Association headquarters and an estimated 5000 people attended.

Thurston was second top score with 21 in the Masters' total of 9-128.

Bradley Stout snared 2-24 with his medium pacers for the Invitational team.

In reply the Invitational was 0-8 when rain washed out play.



Jordan Baker Snr sends down a delivery against Graze Anatomy.



● ABOVE: The West Indigies XI.
● RIGHT: Back from left, Black Bream's Bianca Simpson, Missy Moore, Robyn Purcell, Christine Hero, Nikki Edwards, Sarah Santo-Hero; front, Chantelle Santo-Hero and Brook Henderson.



Reed scores his second supercross win of 2014



INDIGENOUS Australian Chad Reed is continuing in his winning way and moved to within a whisker of the American Supercross series lead after posting his second win of the season in Anaheim.

The 31-year-old led all 20 laps of the round-five event at Angel Stadium on February 1, having fended off charges from current points leader Ryan Villopoto and determined rookie Ken Roczen.

The victory comes just two weeks after Reed posted his first win of the year, also in Anaheim, ending a 22-race drought.

"This win means more to me than the last one where I came from behind because it's tougher to go out there and lead all 20 laps," Reed said.

"We had our bike dialled in tonight and it was one of those nights where it felt one with me."

This was the third and final season stop in Anaheim for the Monster Energy AMA Supercross Series, and Reed also won at Angel Stadium two weeks earlier.

Roczen won the first Anaheim race January 4, which opened the series' season.

Supercross is the stadium version of off-road motorcycle racing, or motocross.

Reed is the oldest rider on the starting line for the 450SX class but he is showing that age is not an excuse. He has found a new home on his Kawasaki and is comfortable to push the limits like he has as a past champion.

"I honestly feel the strongest I have in a long time," said Reed. "We made some risky changes to the bike and they ended up working in our favour. The set up we have on the Kawasaki really works for me and allowed me to ride hard for the full 20 laps on such a sketchy track."

The series was set to continue last Saturday in San Diego, California.

Leading into San Diego, the New South Welshman was in second place on the championship standings, just two points behind Villopoto with 12 rounds remaining.

It marked a remarkable comeback for Reed, who missed large chunks of the 2012 and 2013 seasons recovering from a knee injury sustained in a horrific crash two years ago. — With AAP

Yileen Gordon shown the door



YILEEN Gordon's rugby league future is in limbo after the National Rugby League (NRL) journeyman was sacked by the Wests Tigers last week.

Gordon signed a one-year deal with the Tigers last November, but was released just days out from the club's opening trial match of the pre-season for 'a breach of his playing terms and conditions'.

The 26-year-old debuted for South Sydney in 2005 and played four seasons with the Rabbitohs before stints at Canterbury and Penrith.

The club refused to reveal the breach, but said the termination of his contract was immediate following a meeting with club chief executive Grant Mayer last Tuesday.

"Wests Tigers takes its position as a leader in the community very seriously and has high expectations of all its players," Mayer said.

Gordon had been named to play in the Tigers' opening trial against Parramatta last Saturday night. — AAP

Just the Goodes

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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READERS will already be aware of my ties to Adam Goodes and my admiration for him as a person and as a friend that goes well beyond his status as one of the great players of Australian football.

My pride in his announcement as Australian of the Year is still bubbling.

But people really need to understand why his choice in this position is inspired and inspiring.

Already, the fringe critics have got it all wrong.

To suggest that Adam Goodes was named Australian of the Year for calling out a 13-year-old girl at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in between chasing a piece of inflated red leather around a footy oval is totally off the mark.

Others asking what has the Swans footballer done compared with those who have served and lost lives in Afghanistan, or produced miracles in operating theatres again shows a lack of true understanding.

It's what Adam can do over the next year that makes his appointment one of the most inspired choices in years.

When it was revealed that the 34-year-old had received the honour, the news was overwhelmingly applauded – yet also caused a predictable ripple of discontent.

That ripple wasn't so much laced with racist undertones as questions about whether Goodes was a worthy recipient.

After all, he is just a footballer!

It's not the first time the worthiness of the Australian of the Year winner has been questioned, nor will it be the last.

This type of response comes from those who will never be happy about anything.

Goodes is the first sportsman to win the award since former Australian Test

captain Steve Waugh in 2004, and before that the likes of Pat Rafter (2002), Mark Taylor (1999) and Cathy Freeman (1998).

With all due respect to those Indigenous sportspeople who have gone before him – including Lionel Rose (1968) and Evonne Goolagong (1971) – Goodes' influence can be immense.

A footballer, yes, but so much more than that.

On May 24 last year, a picture of Goodes ran on the back of some News Ltd publications, with him standing in the middle of the SCG on sunset, lifting his Swans jumper and pointing to his dark skin.

He was dipping his lid to another Indigenous hero – St Kilda's Nicky Winmar – who, 30 years earlier, had lifted his shirt and said "I'm black and I'm proud" after Collingwood fans had baited him with barbs such as "Go and sniff some petrol".

"That's exactly what the photo symbolises to me," Goodes said of Winmar's remarks.

"Even today, 20 years later, it highlights how every Indigenous person should feel about their heritage."

The newspaper image of Goodes that day – that came at the start of the AFL's Indigenous Round – was almost as significant as the iconic picture of Winmar.

Imagine, then, the grief Goodes must have felt when he

was standing near the boundary line at the MCG later that night when a 13-year-old Collingwood fan called him an 'ape'.

"People don't understand how one word can cut me so deep," Goodes says in a video on the Australian of the Year website, before later adding: "I haven't always been a confident, young man. I was shy growing up. I learned about standing up for what you believe in."

Now, there's standing up for what you believe in, and there's standing up in front of tens of thousands of people at the MCG and watching on TV at home and on the 6pm news for the next week.

But it isn't about that moment that makes Goodes a hero.

Plenty of reasons

It is about the next day, when he took a call from a distressed teenage girl, and then asked via social media for the community to support her.

It is about how he handled Pies president Eddie McGuire a few days later after he joked on radio that Goodes would be a good promoter for the *King Kong* stage production.

It is about the way Goodes has used his own ugly, heartbreaking experience and turned it into the best possible tool to wipe out the stain of racism that is still there, even now.

It is about the GO Foundation he has formed with me in 2009 to provide scholarships for Indigenous students.

It is about the last year when he has been at the forefront of raising awareness of the issue of domestic violence.

Adam Gilchrist, former cricketer and Australia Day Council chairman, said last week: "People might debate if we made the right choice, but they can never say we made the wrong choice."

Goodes will further a debate this country has been having since Australia Day 1788, with so much more to go, and surely that makes him the right one.

He can lead an inclusive debate on the national stage to not only fight racism, but to progress the rights of our people.

He can provide a platform to grow opportunities for the generations to come.

Goodes has always been a proud Aboriginal man prepared to take a stand.

The courage of his convictions has always made him a great Australian.

His recognition is important as we seek proper recognition in this country's Constitution as the First Peoples.

He is just the Goodes to help us deliver this rightful recognition.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



Australian of the Year Adam Goodes in Canberra.

It's on this week



AUSTRALIA'S best Indigenous cricketers are in action this week in Alice Springs during the Imparja Cup carnival.

More than 40 teams representing the length and breadth of Australia began arriving in the Red Centre last Sunday for the week-long carnival now in its 21st year.

Players have travelled thousands of kilometres – some from remote locations – for the annual celebration of Indigenous cricket and heritage.

Men's and women's state and territory teams are contesting the senior national titles, while Major Centres, Community and Schools teams are competing in separate competitions to form the rest of

the 40-plus team tournament.

After breaking New South Wales' two-year hold on the men's competition, Queensland is defending its 2013 title, while the New South Wales women are looking to make it four straight crowns.

The competition caps a significant 12 months for Indigenous cricket, a period that was highlighted by the graduation of three representatives from the 2013 tournament to KFC T20 Big Bash League rookie contracts this season.

BBL rookies playing

Ben Abbatangelo (Melbourne Stars), Hayden Collard (Perth Scorchers) and Ryan Lees (Hobart Hurricanes) were signed as BBL community rookies due in part to their performances in Alice

Springs last year.

Expectations are high that more Indigenous talent will announce their arrival and continue in this trio's footsteps in 2014.

Abbatangelo, Collard and Lees have returned to the Imparja Cup this year for Victoria, Western Australia and Tasmania respectively.

For the first time in the tournament's history, players and coaches from the men's State and Territory division received mentoring from former Australian Test and first-class players.

In partnership with the Australian Cricketers' Association, Jimmy Maher, Brett Gieves, Greg Matthews, Tim Cruikshank, Adam Crosthwaite, Phil Emery, Ben Johnson, Lee Carseldine,

Wayne Holdsworth and Ken Skewes competed in the ACA Masters team last Sunday and stayed on for day one of the Cup on Monday to help players and coaches with preparation, match tactics and game awareness.

Follow the carnival

For tournament details, live scores and live streaming of the 2014 Imparja Cup finals, visit www.imparjacup.com.au

Men's and women's State and Territory finals will be streamed live from 2.30pm, February 15, at www.imparjacup.com.au

Fans can keep up to date with the Imparja Cup on Twitter via Cricket Australia's Twitter page @cricketaus and #Imparjacup

Muir turns out for adopted state



AARON Muir is back at the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs this week, but the former NSW star is lining up for Western Australia.

Muir has relocated to the west and scored 147 in a second grade match just before Christmas and has been promoted to the Bayswater-Morley first grade team in the West Australian Cricket Association competition.

The wicketkeeper/right-hand batsman has been a regular at the Imparja Cup.

Other newcomers in the WA Imparja Cup team are Dempsey Badorek, who impressed in a couple of trial matches as an all-rounder, Bevan Bennell, who withdrew at the last minute from last year's Imparja Cup, and Stewart McLean.

His brother Rob McLean played for WA last year, but missed out this time.

Keren Ugle and Jermaine Davis have played for WA in previous years and are returning this year in what may be their last crack at the Imparja Cup.

Missing from last year are Alistair Bivens, who opted to focus on grade cricket commitments in Perth following a century earlier this season, Jay Collard, who had work commitments, Dallas Coyne (work commitments), Hugh Sando, who is an emerging talent, but has had a poor run with the bat this season, and Rob McLean.

Bailey at helm

The side is being captained by in-form Gosnells batsman Michael Bailey, while it also includes senior Country Week All-Star Dane Ugle, from Warnbro, Dowerin's Perth Scorchers community rookie Hayden Collard and talented Northam all-rounder Bevan Bennell.

WA last won the Imparja Cup in 2010 and were runners-up in 2011.

Coach Matt Abrahamson said



West Australian players in a celebratory huddle after winning the 2010 Imparja Cup. Picture by Graham Hunt

the group was determined to get back to being the best.

"We haven't made the final in the past two years and this group is keen to get back there," Abrahamson said.

"We've got a team good enough to win it, but we'll need to deal with the challenges thrown our way. Our first goal will be to make the top four. In a T20 tournament anything can happen in the semifinals."

WA's first match in the seven-round T20 tournament was against Northern Territory on Monday.

The top four qualify for the semifinals.

One player to keep an eye on is Bailey, who has scored 346 runs in three innings in his past

three first grade matches for Gosnells, including two centuries.

"He's had a blistering impact at Gosnells in recent weeks with bat and ball. He took a five-for against Claremont-Nedlands last round in addition to his hundreds," Abrahamson said.

Impact

"We don't want to put pressure on him, but in his own head he'll have set himself to make a big impact at the Imparja Cup."

"This will be Bails' sixth Imparja Cup and his second as captain. A lot of the younger guys look up to him."

The three Ugle brothers from Warnbro Swans, in Peel, are key players.

Vice-captain Dane Ugle is

fresh from being named in the Senior Country Week All-Stars having made 268 runs for the WA Indigenous XI.

Paraburdoo's Willy Nona, who was part of WA's triumphant 2010 side, and Dowerin's Collard were part of last year's Imparja Cup Black Caps, along with Bailey.

Collard has spent the past few weeks training with the Perth Scorchers as part of his community rookie contract.

"We expect the T20 format will suit him. We want him to unleash and bowl some fiery overs," Abrahamson said. "We expect him to rattle a few cages."

Debut

Northam's highly-rated Bevan Bennell will make his Imparja

Cup debut, having enjoyed an encouraging season with Midland-Guildford.

Bennell made 99no for the Swans in second grade cricket in November and recently posted 74 at first grade level.

"We're excited to have him part of the team. He keeps, he bats, he bowls. He's very capable and exciting," Abrahamson said.

Broome's Rhonen Maher is an 'ultra-athletic' all-rounder who adds depth to the squad.

WA Imparja Cup squad: Michael Bailey (c), Dane Ugle (vc), Keren Ugle, Liam Ugle, Hayden Collard, Jermaine Davis, Yagan Walley, Bevan Bennell, Dempsey Badorek, William Nona, Rhonen Maher, Aaron Muir (wk), Stewart McLean.

Women out to improve on last year



WESTERN Australia are looking to improve on their 2013 Imparja Cup women's competition debut during this week's carnival in Alice Springs.

The women's competition starts today (Wednesday) and Western Australia are up against powerhouse NSW in their opening game and Victoria in the late game.

WA fielded their inaugural team in the Imparja Cup in 2013 where they failed to claim a win, but learned many lessons.

This year's squad is determined to make good use of those lessons and build on them, according to WA coach Brian

Shields.

"The girls got a taste of it last year and now know what's expected of them," Shields said.

Among the squad is Albany talent Samara Williams, who has spent time with the Alcohol Think Again Western Fury.

Kirsty Bennell is captain.

WA Girls underage representative Emily Bowden is in the squad, along with six players from the Mid-West region, headlined by vice-captain Kavita Pepper, who trained with the Fury in pre-season.

"Samara is a really exciting talent given her skill set and involvement with the Fury set-up," Shields said.

"Kavita Pepper has been playing B-grade men's cricket in Geraldton and is a promising player."

The team's Mid-West contingent includes Kavita and Natalie Pepper, Marika Smith, Dainira Papertalk, Shakiya Cross and Lennelle Papertalk.

"All of the Mid West girls have been working hard in various camps and playing community cricket," Shields said.

Passionate

"Travel from Geraldton is no issue for them because they are so passionate."

Squad members Michelle Woosnam, Courtney Michael and Teleisha Hill all hail

from the South-West region.

"All three girls were involved in our program last year, so they'll have learned from that and will be ready to go," Shields said.

"Teleisha has played club cricket with Perth Demons, Michelle has a softball background, while Courtney has played some Aussie rules."

WA Imparja Cup Female squad: Kirsty Bennell (c), Kavita Pepper (vc), Samara Williams, Emily Bowden, Natalie Pepper, Marika Smith, Candice Franklin, Dainira Papertalk, Michelle Woosnam, Courtney Michael, Shakiya Cross, Raquel Cross, Teleisha Hill, Lennelle Papertalk.

Geale rejects fight against world champ



DANIEL Geale has written to a leading television executive to explain why he has knocked back a fight with Gennady Golovkin and to stress that he definitely wants a crack at the

hard-hitting boxer.

Former World Boxing Association (WBA) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) world middleweight champion Geale will fight world-ranked fellow Australian Garth Wood in Sydney on February 19 in his first bout since losing the IBF strap to Englishman Darren Barker last August.

Geale wants to prove he isn't 'done and dusted' after that loss and is worthy of a shot at another world title.

Felix Sturm, who took the title off Barker last December, wants a rematch later this year with Geale, who dethroned the German in 2012.

However, another Australian, Sam Soliman, is the mandatory contender.

Offered TV fight

Geale was offered an April 26 HBO TV fight against Kazakhstan's WBA and International Boxing Organisation (IBO) world champion Golovkin, the man with the best KO percentage of any top-flight fighter.

However, he turned it down as the fight would not have been seen in Australia, as the main pay-TV provider is already committed to bringing in

a UFC promotion on that date.

Geale has written to HBO president Ken Hershman to emphasise he wasn't running scared of unbeaten Golovkin, who has won 26 of his 29 bouts by KO.

"Because it's the truth, we weren't ducking him," Geale told AAP.

"If they had given us a week later or a week before, it would have been perfect.

"But they wouldn't budge on the date and I want the people of Australia to be able to see a fight like that.

"Golovkin has built his name up so well. He's stopped pretty much everybody he's been in there with.

"I don't want to go over there and do something great and nobody see it."

Geale remains confident of beating Golovkin, who defeated him in their amateur days, after watching the champion stop Osumanu Adama, the Ghanaian who took the Australian 12 rounds in a world title bout in Hobart in 2012.

Geale is determined to make a statement and impress against Wood to disprove any sceptics who believe his career is on the slide after the Barker loss.

"I've got a point to prove now and I've got to show people I'm not done and dusted," Geale said.

"A lot of people do think that probably now I've been beaten, that's going to be it.

"But I've got to show people that I'm back and better than ever, more hungry." – AAP



Jesse Williams posted this picture on Facebook and Twitter of himself holding the Super Bowl Lombardi Trophy after the Seattle Seahawks' win over the Denver Broncos in New Jersey.

Injured Jesse wins Super Bowl ring



QUEENSLAND gentle giant Jesse Williams became the first Australian to win a Super Bowl ring on February 3

despite not taking the field for the Seattle Seahawks during the 2013 National Football League (NFL) season.

Williams, who was nicknamed 'The Monstar' when he was part of a fearsome Arizona defence during his college career, was drafted in the fifth round of the NFL draft by the Seahawks last April.

However, the giant defensive tackle, who tips the scales at 147kg and measures 191cm, badly damaged his knee during

pre-season training and was placed on injured reserve, ruling him out for his entire rookie season.

Despite this, the Thursday Island-born 23-year-old was still classed as part of the Seattle squad and received a winning ring following his side's 43-8 hammering of the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl 48 at MetLife Stadium, New Jersey.

Williams posted on Facebook: "Great experience being at the Super Bowl, disappointed I couldn't play but feels great being a part of a great team!"

Another Williams posting said: "Great night for the Seattle Seahawks! Glad to be with this great club! Can't wait to come back and play!" – With AAP

ACT stuns NSW in women's T20



INDIGENOUS cricketer Sally Moylan had a hand in the unheralded ACT Meteors'

biggest upset in domestic women's cricket history to earn a national T20 final berth.

The Meteors toppled star-studded defending champions NSW Breakers in their semifinal on February 5, ending the hosts' 25-match unbeaten run in T20 matches dating back to the 2011-12 season final.

Last Friday's final against

the Queensland Fire was the first played without the Breakers in the T20 competition's four years.

Fielding a team with many young NSW products who moved interstate to break into the national league, the Meteors won their semifinal by 12 runs at Blacktown International Sportspark.

The Meteors bowled the Breakers out in the final over for 134. Earlier, the Meteors posted a competitive 8-146 off their 20 overs.

A 56-run second-wicket stand between Alyssa Healy and Alex Blackwell (29 off 24)

put the Breakers in the box seat.

Fellow internationals Ellyse Perry (12 off 12) and Healy (51 off 44) combined for a quick-fire 24-run third-wicket stand, but the momentum of the game changed when allrounder Perry was run out by a direct hit from Sally Moylan with 95 runs on the board.

Earlier, batting at No 8, Moylan scored nine runs off five balls. She did not bowl, but she figured in another dismissal when she held a catch to dismiss Nicola Carey.

– AAP

Anthony Mundine, right, and New Zealand's Gunnar Jackson during their light middleweight bout in Brisbane on Wednesday, January 29. Picture: AAP



Mundine extended



IT would hardly have made Floyd Mayweather sit up and take notice.

But Anthony Mundine still hoped he had taken the first step towards

challenging the world's best pound-for-pound fighter with a unanimous points decision over Kiwi Gunnar Jackson in their World Boxing Association (WBA) light-middleweight bout in Brisbane on January 29.

Mundine could have been forgiven for simply being happy that Jackson had turned up after a chaotic lead-up to what the former NRL star dubbed a 'fill-in fight'.

However, Mundine at times may have

regretted that he had as the plucky Kiwi went down swinging in the 10-round bout.

Mundine (46 wins, 27 KOs, five losses) hopes the fight will lead to a match-up with the renowned Joshua Clottey, who has gone the distance with Manny Pacquiao and Miguel Cotto.

Keeping active

At 38, Mundine hopes remaining active in 2014 and racking up wins over the likes of Clottey will force Mayweather's hand by year's end.

Still, staring down Mayweather appeared a world away after he held out Jackson, a 27-year-old drain layer who agreed to fight barely a week ago.

A week earlier, initial opponent Carson Jones pulled out due to the 'flu and his replacement – American journeyman Billy Lyell – failed to sign his contract on time.

That forced Mundine to ask Jackson (18 wins, six knockouts, five losses, three draws) if he was doing anything and wanted to visit Queensland for the first time.

'Gunnar the Stunner' – named by his parents after 1980s thoroughbred Go Gunnar – had not trained in four weeks and had just days to prepare for the biggest fight of his unheralded career.

His trainer Chris Walker said that ideally, Jackson would have needed a six-week lead-up, but had kept his fingers crossed for a boilover after his charge had 'remained

reasonably active over December'.

Still, Jackson ensured a solid workout for Mundine.

Mundine eventually outpointed his rival 100-90, 100-90, 100-90.

Dangerous opponent

Mundine had rated Jackson 'more dangerous than Mosley' ahead of the bout due to the Kiwi's desperation to register a huge notch on his belt.

And Mundine was proven right as the Kiwi ensured the former NRL star was on the back foot from the outset.

Mundine met Jackson's ferocity but was never able to put the plucky Kiwi away. – AAP

Shot at Mayweather still in Choc's sights

BY all accounts, Floyd Mayweather loves a flutter. He is nicknamed 'Money', after all.

But even the world's best pound-for-pound boxer would not gamble on a bout with Anthony Mundine judging by the former National Rugby League (NRL) star's unconvincing performance against Gunnar Jackson in Brisbane on January 29.

Mayweather is no stranger to placing huge bets – he added to his reputation by outlaying almost \$A15 million on last week's Super Bowl.

However, even he would balk at the odds of facing off against Mundine by year's end as predicted by the ex-Dragons playmaker after the Australian's unanimous points win over plucky Kiwi Jackson.

Still, Mundine (46 wins, 27 KOs, five losses) believed his victory over the drain digger who had less than a week to prepare for their 10-round fight was a step toward achieving boxing greatness in 2014.

"I regained my killer instinct. I had bad intentions when I hit him.

I wanted to hurt him," Mundine said.

"In the (Daniel) Geale fight last year, I wasn't right mentally.

"But Gunnar made me switch on straight away because I knew this guy meant business.

"I put pressure on him at a world-class pace.

"All I need to do is switch on mentally.

"Mind over matter, that is how it happens."

Mundine lowered his sights somewhat by claiming post-fight that Cuba's Erislandy Lara, the

WBA super-welterweight world champion, was a better bet than Mayweather in the near future.

But he still appeared at long odds of facing off against Lara any time soon after being forced to battle manfully by Jackson – albeit at 27, a rival 11 years Mundine's junior.

Mundine had hoped his last win two months ago – sealed when American legend Shane Mosley was forced to retire with back spasms – would be a stepping stone to the big leagues. At 38, Mundine believes

staying active in 2014 and notching wins every 10 weeks at least will force the likes of Lara or Mayweather's hand by year's end.

Mundine said he wanted his next fight in April, but warned locals need not apply.

"All the Aussie fighters calling me out, you are not on my radar," he said.

"If I wanted the money I could fight Geale, I could fight (Danny) Green.

"But I am chasing the dream." – AAP

Muscleman
Luke
McNally

Big muscles – big heart

Bodybuilder also builds an empire



MEET Luke McNally, a proud Wulgurukaba man who is arguably Australia's best-known bodybuilder, a fireman and co-owner of a thriving sports nutrition company.

His friend Matthew Ross proudly declares that McNally is the best Aboriginal body builder in the world and 'is a great guy with a big heart'.

McNally, from Tweed Heads, has been living on the NSW Northern Rivers for 21 years, and even though he comes from the Wulgurukaba mob around Townsville, declares himself a Northern NSW 'local'.

He has competed in a string of bodybuilding competitions since 2006 and in 2012 won Mr Australia and finished 10th in the Mr Universe titles.

The 29-year-old 174cm-tall weighs around 110kg in the off season, but when he's competing, trims down to around 91kg.

He took up bodybuilding in 2002 and began to take it seriously in 2004 before competing for the first time in 2006.

He recalls being a 'really skinny kid'.

"I started with weights when I was 17 and weighed 56kg," he said.

"I wanted to get into the fire brigade so thought I'd better beef up a bit."

He's been a fireman for 11 years and has married his full-time job with his passion for bodybuilding.

He lists his other interests as eating, training, rugby league and music.

In 2000 he won a NAIDOC medal for organising an Indigenous concert for the Tweed district youth.

"I am passionate about my people. I am a representative of the Aboriginal Fire Safety Program in the NSW Fire Brigade," McNally told the *Koori Mail*.

"I have been a firefighter for 11 years and this new initiative excites me a lot as it allows me to work closely with our locals to educate and bring employment to more Indigenous Australians in the NSW Fire Brigade."

"Mr lifetime goal is to help our people better themselves by recruiting and helping young Aboriginal people become firefighters."

"As far as I know, I'm the only male Aboriginal who has won the Mr Queensland, Mr Australia and been competitive in the Mr Universe."

McNally said health and wellbeing of his people were very important to him.

"I run the largest sports nutrition company in Australia and I aim to serve as a mentor to our people, especially those wishing to gain opportunity in the corporate world."

He is co-owner of Mass Nutrition, which has 37 stores around Australia and has an internet presence.

Bowen ready to fill big shoes

SUDDENLY Matt Bowen can empathise with the man attempting to replace him as North Queensland Cowboys rugby league fullback, ex-Penrith No 1 Lachlan Coote.

Just as big shoes await Coote in the National Rugby League (NRL), Bowen also has a hard act to follow at new club, English Super League champions Wigan Warriors.

Once North Queensland's favourite son, Bowen must win over a new legion of fans as much-loved Wigan No 1 Sam Tomkins' replacement.

England fullback Tomkins' 23 tries were the catalyst for Wigan's stellar 2013 that included the Super League and Challenge Cup double – not that Bowen needed to be reminded.

Attempting to fill the void left by New Zealand Warriors recruit Tomkins will be

hard enough.

But Bowen – 32 in March – is also trying to hold off youngsters Ryan Hampshire and Lewis Tierney who have claims on the fullback jersey.

Wigan coach Shaun Wane has given Bowen first crack after the veteran impressed on their recent pre-season training camp in Florida.

Wane named Bowen in a near full-strength squad for their final pre-season trial against St Helens last Saturday.

Bowen was hoping to impress in his Wigan debut before the Warriors officially launch their Super League title defence against Huddersfield the following week.

"I've big shoes to fill with Sam leaving, but saying that, I'm here to play my own game and see what happens after that," Bowen told reporters in England.

"I came over with an open heart willing to learn."

"I got to know the boys on the Florida trip and how we want to play."

"It's been great. I've fitted in well."

"(And) with the structure we've got I'm sure I'll be crossing the white line a few times – fingers crossed."

Thirteen years after making his NRL debut for North Queensland, Bowen said he felt like an excited rookie again.

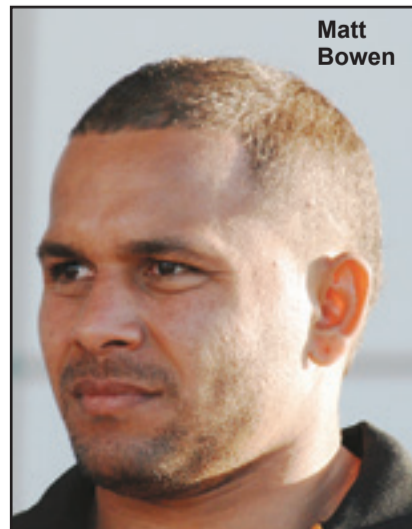
"I can't wait. I'm jumping out of my skin," he said.

"It's like my first-grade debut again only I'm a little older and in a different jersey."

"(And) the fans have been great since I've been here, stopping and wishing me well."

"Hopefully I won't disappoint them."

– AAP



Matt
Bowen

National sports festival planned



A NATIONAL Indigenous sports festival on the Gold Coast in September is the aim of the newly-established National Indigenous

Community Sports Commission (NICSC).

Central Queensland woman Cherissma Blackman is the driving force, supported by Louise De Busch.

Blackman is from Central Queensland Njardoo Training and Development, who organised the Australian Indigenous Basketball Championships (AIBC) on the Gold Coast last year.

This followed on from a hastily arranged basketball tournament in Hobart in 2012.

Blackman rushed in to run the Hobart

carnival following the 11th-hour abandonment of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Basketball Association (ATSIBA) carnival that was to have been held in Hobart. She said NICSC had been established to assist in the establishment, planning stages, coordination and sustainability of the 2014 Indigenous Sports Festival to be held on the Gold Coast from September 18-21.

Expressions of interest

Blackman said NICSC was now seeking expressions of interest for people who wanted to come on board.

"We are seeking skills in the areas of board members, volunteers, expertise in arts, research, lobbying, funding opportunities, general information on

Australian Indigenous sports more specifically basketball, cricket and netball," she said.

"The commission invites skilled and/or qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with an interest to participate in the big picture plans to host future festivals."

She said that in September 2013, Njardoo Training and Development hosted the first successful Australian Indigenous Basketball Championships (AIBC) held at Runaway Bay.

Blackman said that, with the support of Louise De Busch from Innovative Consultancy, she wanted to see the vision expanded to encompass other sports such as netball and cricket.

"The 2014 Indigenous Sports Festival will be run yearly and supported by the

National Indigenous Community Sports Commission," she said.

"We believe this is a great opportunity to expand by embracing other sports in one place and all together.

"The National Indigenous Community Sports Commission has been designed to bring together and showcase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander talents through sports of every kind at a community level across the country.

"By showcasing deadly talent and hosting this event, we can open the doors for a strong partnership between sporting networks, government and corporate sponsorship to establish future training programs and institutions."

People requiring more information can email NICSC at nicsportscommission@gmail.com

In from the cold



Dan Christian, left, and Australian skipper Michael Clarke during the recent one-day international against England at the revamped Adelaide Oval. Picture by Peter Argent

By PETER ARGENT



DAN Christian looks to be back in favour with the Australian cricket selectors and national coach Darren Lehmann.

During the recent one-day series against England, Christian was recalled to the national side for the third Sydney game and also played in two international T20 fixtures against England.

All-rounder Christian has been playing in Big Bash League for the Brisbane Heat for a third year.

He replaced Shane Watson in the national team, returning after 15 months out of this side.

His previous game was against Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates in September 2012, and in his return match against England, Christian collected 2-52 from his nine overs, included a magnificent caught and bowled to dismiss Eoin Morgan.

He also took a strong outfield catch in Australia's emphatic seven-wicket win.

During Australia's only loss to England in Perth over the 13-game Test, one-day and T20 series, Christian surprisingly only bowled three overs (taking 1-15), but captured the wicket of Ian Bell.

In his only trip to the batting crease in Australian colours in the 50-over format, he made 23, including a boundary and a six.

He was also a part of the three-nil T20 whitewash against the old enemy.

Previously, his representation in this form of the game was in the ICC World T20 at the start of the 2012-13 season in Sri Lanka.

In the 2013 Indian Premier League, Christian played a couple of matches for Royal Challengers Bangalore and his form with the Heat in BBL3 was strong, including a pair of half centuries and a top score of 70

not out against the Hobart Hurricanes. He finished with an unbeaten 68 against the competition yardstick, the Melbourne Stars.

Christian's form with the Brisbane Heat was crucial in his recall to the Australian ODI squad against England.

"He is a class player; remember he made a hundred opening the batting for Victoria in the Ryobi Cup (one-day competition)," Heat and Queensland coach and one-test cricketer Stuart Law said.

"He has all the attributes to be an elite short-form cricketer.

"Dan is a naturally gifted athlete.

"In our 2013-14 campaign, I'd call his performances more consistent.

"His 68 was in a situation where he had to bat away from his normal style.

'Devastating'

"He's a devastating hitter, has great hands in the field and can bowl for any situation.

"Dan is clever cricketer.

"From a coaching point of view, knowing his immense natural ability, you'd just like him to deliver on a slightly more regular basis.

"Around the boys he is an honest character and definitely one of the lads.

"He enjoys having fun, but is also prepared to work."

Players eventually chosen in the Australia squad for the ICC World T20 to be held in Bangladesh next month will also play the three T20 fixtures against South Africa following the upcoming Tests series in that country.

A 15-man Australian squad for that tournament is scheduled to be announced on February 16.

The World Cup T20 tournament will be held between March 16 and April 6 in three venues – Mirpur, Chittagong and Sylhet – with the Aussies playing Pakistan in their opening encounter on March 23.

Roaring success

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

THE result of the First Nations Goannas game against the Newcastle Knights will be known by the time you read this, but whatever the result, the whole exercise has been a great success.

I have arrived in camp with the boys and in talking with Dean Widders, Rod Jensen and Dennis Moran, we cannot but help compare the feeling in the camp with the Dreamtime Team experience in the World Cup in 2008.

In that week we were preparing for a match against the New Zealand Maoris and you could be forgiven if you thought these guys were preparing for an international.

In one sense, they were because they were representing us, their communities and their families.

The First Nations name was not simply a title for them – it was real!

The spirit of All Stars is well and truly alive with these boys.

That has been the beauty of All Stars having a one-year break as this gives us the opportunity to promote the depth



Participants at the Indigenous Players Camp in Newcastle in the lead-up to the Indigenous Festival of Rugby League. Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council chair Linda Burney is pictured with the players.

of Indigenous talent in the game. Overall, the players have had a great two weeks.

In the first week, players had the opportunity to train with a National Rugby League (NRL) club in Sydney and although this could be improved, the majority gained an insight into what is required at this level.

From feedback, I have to give Parramatta and the Bulldogs a huge rap as they really looked after the players in their care.

The Goannas came into the NRL Indigenous Players Camp where more than 30 players had started a program coordinated by Dean Widders in his role within NRL Education and Welfare.

Dean really wanted to use the camp as a means for the players

setting the agenda in this space and saw the opportunity of involving the Goannas as a way of ensuring players at their level were involved.

The camp had a quality line-up of presenters and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Gary Foley returned after being a hit at the inaugural camp last year.

His standing as a leading advocate for the rights of our people is unquestioned and his role as an historian allows him to pass on knowledge and wisdom to all he comes into contact with.

Continue the battle

He challenged us to pick up the torch and continue the battle for our people.

Gary confirmed his view that our players were in a position of real influence to make real changes for our youth in particular.

As an activist, he promoted the need for the players to understand the history of the battle, but to use a new language that reflected today's world.

Education was seen to be a key pathway for our players and our youth as we continued to move forward.

This theme was continued by Glen Brennan when he presented to the players on financial management.

Glen is a member of the NRL Indigenous Council as well as being the Head of Indigenous Finance and Development.

He was able to provide some

telling statistics about Indigenous home ownership and other telling facts, while at the same time providing some practical advice about simple budgeting and financial management.

Some of the boys shared their own experiences of poor advice and there was also a frank discussion around the issue of gambling.

This fitted in well with a discussion led by Brian Dowd around factors that affect the lives of many people – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – including our players.

Brian is well-known for his Black on Track program and the boys responded to his concept of being a 'people mechanic'.

His core message of taking responsibility for your own life choices resonated across the room.

The boys were treated to a unique experience when Stephen Page and a troupe of dancers from Bangarra Dance Theatre gave them an overview of their company and the put the boys through a workshop.

The whole exercise has the ultimate aim of the NRL players collaborating with Bangarra to create a celebratory dance to be unveiled at the next All Stars match.

Even in the early stages the sense of energy and purpose created by the group suggested that this could produce something very special.

This creative atmosphere provided a perfect preparation for the boys who – along with the Goannas – were given the task

of recreating an historical event on stage as part of the evening's entertainment.

This provided an hilarious opportunity for the boys to have fun as well as develop their knowledge of events like the Freedom Ride.

Despite the controversy surrounding the judging of the event, it proved to be a winner and capped off a great day.

Linda Burney as chair of the NRL Council was present across the whole camp and she provided her observations of the camp at the final session on the Monday morning and posed the vital question of where to from here.

Rod Jensen then facilitated a discussion, with many of the boys opening up about issues they confronted and how they wanted to improve things for the next generation.

The challenge of Gary Foley had been accepted!

Linda, Dean and others were there from the NRL to take the messages on board and the likes of Greg Inglis, George Rose and Nathan Merritt gave their commitment as player leaders that the agenda would be followed through.

When 'GI' addressed the whole group on the steps of the hotel, there was a sense that the Goannas were ready to play there and then.

The camp provided a unique opportunity for this cross-section of players to learn from each other.

The tradition of the All Stars is alive and the agenda continues to grow.



Bangarra's Stephen Page supervised a dance session for players at the camp.

Franklin focussed



SYDNEY Swans co-captain Kieren Jack has been taken aback by the focus shown by prize recruit Lance Franklin and is excited by the 'problem' of having so many talented key forwards at his Australian Football League (AFL) club.

Dual Hawthorn premiership winner Franklin inked a nine-year deal with the Swans in late 2013. He joins an already imposing list of key forwards at the Swans that includes Kurt Tippett, Sam Reid and Adam Goodes, although the latter two were injured for most of the second half of last season.

All over 190cm, they have kicked almost 1300 goals between them, but whether all four can fit into the forward line at one time is debatable.

Jack is pleased that decision will be

down to coach John Longmire.

"It's a nice problem to have, I tell you," midfielder Jack said.

"I'm glad I'm not making the decision. That can be down to 'Horse.' (Longmire).

"From a midfielder's point of view, we'll be looking up and banging the ball into Reid, Goodes, Tippett, Franklin – take your pick – so we're rapt in the midfield."

Asked if anything about Franklin had surprised him, Jack said, "Probably how focussed he is. I think that's something I've really been taken aback by.

"He's focussed on coming here and he's certainly made a positive impression on the club.

"He's training hard and he wants to win premierships, which is what we're all about and that's why we're rapt to have him." – AAP

Buddy already has the Swans' respect



AFTER Buddy Franklin's shock move to Sydney was confirmed last October, Swans captain Adam

Goodes challenged him to adopt the club's renowned 'Bloods' culture, and he has responded in kind.

As news of Franklin's \$10 million move north reverberated around the Australian Football League (AFL) world, concerns were raised as to what sort of fit the former Hawthorn superstar would be in the Harbour City.

But Goodes says Franklin has earned the respect of his new teammates by tearing into pre-season training.

"It's amazing how those comments I said were received. I just said that Buddy, when he comes to the football club, he has to earn the respect of the players and he has certainly done that through his hard work at training and I have been really happy with the way he has approached training," Goodes, Australian of the Year, said.

"You can tell he is just like any new player that has come to our footy club over the years. They are coming in and absorbing the culture.

"It is great to see that he is working hard and he is getting fit."

Goodes remains in rehabilitation as he recovers from a knee injury that wrecked much of his 2013. But he said he can't wait to play alongside Franklin this year.

"Buddy has just joined in skills which is a really good bonus with him because we really want to get that forward line structure working well by the time we start round one," Goodes said.

"He offers a lot. He is a fantastic athlete. He can take high marks. He can kick goals from anywhere.

"I am really looking forward to expecting everything... it's amazing. An athlete like that can produce some pretty special things out there.

"But I think the things we want him to work on as a football club is forward pressure and making sure he competes well in the air and that is as simple as it will be for his role I would have thought." – AAP



Adam Goodes, left, and Lance Franklin in Sydney last August. Franklin then was playing with Hawthorn, but now is a teammate of Goodes in the Sydney Swans. Picture by Darren Coyne

Goodes set for return to AFL in the opening round



ADAM Goodes is confident of finally returning to football in round one this year in what

may be his final Australian Football League (AFL) season.

A knee injury wrecked much of Goodes' 2013, but the Sydney Swans captain says time away from the game has left him mentally and physically fresh heading into his 16th season of senior football.

The newly-crowned Australian of the Year began running in late December and says he is on course for return in the Swans' opening game of the season against crosstown rivals Greater Western Sydney on March 15.

He last played in round 13 against Port Adelaide in June.

"It is all going fantastically well. I have been running for the last five weeks now," Goodes said.

"I am really keen to get out there and do some skills with the players. It seems so, so long since I have done that.

"I am feeling really fit and just looking forward to going on camp with the boys to Coffs Harbour and the next week or two I should be out there doing some skills.

"Round one is a long way away, but I am better off than I was 12 months ago. At this stage I am much better off than I was compared with last year.

"I should play two pre-season games this year and I

didn't do that last year."

Goodes said this AFL season could be his last, but the 34-year-old won't make a decision on possible retirement until much later in the year.

"I have had discussions with the club and we have decided we will wait until the end of the year to talk about contracts," Goodes said.

"There is nothing to worry about there. It means I can just focus on my body and hopefully play out a healthy season.

"We can have that conversation at the end of the year.

"You should approach every season as though it is your last, that's how you keep driving yourself." – AAP

AFL to add names to guernseys



THE Australian Football League (AFL) will add names to the back of guernseys in a one-round trial

across Easter.

The move could be a precursor to the permanent addition of names, which will be positioned directly above the number on jumpers.

Legendary coach Kevin Sheedy has been one of the loudest supporters of adding names to

playing strips, saying it would help new fans to identify players, particularly in expansion sides.

AFL deputy chief executive Gillon McLachlan said several clubs and parties had requested the move.

"Many fans now identify with both an athlete's name and his number with a playing jumper across most other sports, while our game has traditionally just recognised a player for his number," he said. – AAP



The Southern Dingoes team, beaten 18-12 by the Newcastle Yowies in last Friday's Deadly Choices Interstate Challenge rugby league match in Newcastle.

Yowies beat Qld rivals in deadly game



● PICTURES: Action from the Interstate Challenge. Yowies players are in possession. Pictures by Renee McKay



THE Newcastle Yowies beat the Queensland Southern Dingoes 18-12 on Friday night in the Deadly Choices Murri v Koori rugby league Interstate Challenge in Newcastle.

The teams earned the right to meet each other when the Southern Dingoes won last year's Queensland Murri rugby league carnival at Ipswich and the Yowies won the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Raymond Terrace.

The Deadly Challenge was in its third year and NSW teams hold boasting rights, having won two of the three matches.

The Mindaribba Warriors won the first challenge from the Southern Dingoes on the Gold Coast in 2012, but the Argun Warriors balanced the books with a close victory over the Newcastle Yowies last year in Brisbane.

The match at the Newcastle Sportsground No 2 last Friday night was part of the build-up to the big match the following night at Hunter Stadium between the Newcastle Knights and the non-elite Indigenous Goannas.

The Goannas team was chosen from the best players for the 2013 Murri carnival at Ipswich and the NSW Knockout at Raymond Terrace.

Newcastle Yowies 18 (N Millgate, J Smith, J Toomey-White, C Ah See tries; J Smith 1 goal) d Southern Dingoes 12 (S Yorston 2 tries; D Kerr 2 goals).





The First Nations Goannas: Back row, from left, Rod Jensen, Kareel Phillips, Roy Smith, Kieran Vale, Davin Crampton, Malcolm Congoo; middle row, Robert Nona, Joshua Benjamin, Reginald Saunders, Rickki Sutherland, Noel Underwood, James Livock, Matthew Pittman; front row, Dennis Moran, Rex Johnson, Nathan Blacklock, Adrian Davis, Laurie Daley (coach), David Peachey, Javarn White, Phil Dennis.

Experience of a lifetime

Busy schedule for Goannas players

By YATU WIDDERS HUNT



FOURTEEN non-elite Indigenous rugby league players were given the opportunity of a lifetime, by

becoming temporary members of seven Sydney NRL clubs.

The clubs hosted members of the First Nations Goannas team, to give them a glimpse of what life is like as a professional footballer, in the lead-up to their match with the Newcastle Knights last Saturday.

The players were inducted at a morning tea at Sydney's Rugby League Central, where they met the NRL Indigenous Council chair Linda Burney, and fellow council representative and Goannas player David Peachey before donning their jerseys and joining their respective teams.

Manly Sea Eagles team operations manager Deanne Lees said the club was happy to support the initiative, particularly as a way of encouraging more young men to play professional football.

"If we can support more Indigenous kids, particularly country kids, and open our doors to them taking the next step in a possible career in NRL, then we are more than happy to do that," she said.

"The experience was a really positive one for everyone."

Former Manly premiership winning coach Des Hasler also showed strong support for the initiative, saying it 'provided an opportunity for the young men to show their skills against an NRL squad, and during their visits to the clubs'.

Promising stars James Livock and Adrian Davis were hosted by the Sea Eagles, with Davis going on to be named as captain of the First Nations Goannas.

"It's a real honour for me, because my cousin Tyrone Roberts was named as captain of the Knights for the trial match," Davis said.

Members of the Goannas also joined the NRL Indigenous Players Camp in the Hunter Valley and spent a week in Newcastle undergoing training, personal development workshops and community activities, in the lead up to the match.

The trial game was the finishing highlight of the week-long Festival of Indigenous Rugby League, which was held in place of the traditional rugby league All Stars match.



Festival of Indigenous Rugby League Ambassadors Lionel Morgan, right, and Scott Prince with the 2014 Lionel Morgan Trophy. Picture by Renee McKay

Trophy named after pioneer



AUSTRALIA'S first Indigenous rugby league Test player – Lionel Morgan – was honoured by having a trophy named after him.

The First Nations Goannas and the Newcastle Knights played for the Lionel Morgan Trophy at Hunter Stadium, Newcastle, last Saturday night.

Morgan, 75, was also an

ambassador at the inaugural Festival of Indigenous Rugby League alongside modern-day hero and recently retired Bronco Scott Prince, 33.

The pair joined the First Nations Goannas in camp last week ahead of their trial game against the Knights, with the match marking the culmination of the week-long cultural festival that took the place of the Rugby League All Stars program that is being rested in 2014

post-World Cup.

Scott, who has played in all four All Stars matches that have been contested since its inception in 2010, said: "It's a massive honour and I feel very proud to be named alongside Uncle Lionel."

"I am very passionate about the All Stars concept and the festival in Newcastle is a great way to still acknowledge and recognise the role Indigenous people play in our game."

Maroons snap a losing streak



QUEENSLAND centre Steven Tatipata scored two tries to end the Blues' dominance of the annual Interstate Indigenous under 16 boys Challenge at Hunter Stadium on Saturday.

The Maroons won 18-14 and it was their first win over NSW in five years.

Tatipata scored his first try in a thrilling first period which saw both sides score twice, with Blues fullback Tristan Sailor's conversion the difference at

half-time as NSW led 10-8.

After an early try in the second half to NSW halfback Zack Stewart to give the Blues' a 14-8 lead, it was all one-way traffic in favour of the Maroons with tries to Tatipata and Christian Power and a conversion to Michael Carroll.

Queensland Indigenous Under 16 Boys 18 (Steven Tatipata 2, Julian Christian, Christian Power tries; Michael Carroll goal) d NSW Indigenous Under 16 Boys 14 (Heath Gibbs, Dean Kelly, Zack Stewart tries; Tristan Sailor goal).



The Queensland and NSW under 16 boys' teams.



First Nations Goannas pair Bobby Nona, left, and James Livock keep the blood circulating as they take a breather during the game against the Knights.



Two NSW defenders arrest a Queensland player in the under 16 match.



The NSW and Queensland Indigenous women's teams. Pictures by Naomi Moran



A Queensland player gets a 'don't argue' fend during the women's game.

Redfern mum leads the way



REDFERN mum Lavina Phillips scored two tries to lead the NSW Indigenous Women to a hard-fought and entertaining 12-4 win over the Queensland Indigenous Women as part of the Festival of Indigenous Rugby League at Hunter Stadium on Saturday.

Phillips, playing in a curtain-raiser match ahead of her brother Kareel's turnout for the inaugural First Nations Goannas clash with the Knights later that night, scored her first try 10 minutes into the first half and halfback Kiya Simon converted

to give the Blues a 6-0 lead.

Queensland had the better of a hard-fought tussle in the second half with centre Chantelle Dodd forcing her way across the line with 11 minutes to go, taking the score to 6-4, with the conversion unsuccessful.

With less than two minutes remaining, Phillips put the match beyond doubt for NSW as she barged through the Queensland defence for her second try, which was converted by Khloe Caldwell.

"I'm so excited," said Phillips. "It's my first game playing in this position so I hope I proved myself but it was really a team effort."

"I could not be more proud to represent my community and it was great to have my little girl watch us."

NSW coach Dean Widders said: "It's no coincidence that the girls won."

"The girls have put in the hard yards for months and have all shown great commitment – they deserved to win."

"They've had the best attitude, no excuses; they just get it done. It's made the whole week a dream."

NSW Indigenous Women 12 (Lavina Phillips 2 tries; Kiya Simon, Khloe Caldwell goals) d Queensland Indigenous Women 4 (Chantelle Dodd try).



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The First Nations Goannas and the Newcastle Knights after their rugby league match at Hunter Stadium, Newcastle, on Saturday as part of the Festival of Indigenous Rugby League.

Knights too good



First Nations Goanna Davin Crampton was elated with his try in the second quarter.



THE Newcastle Knights had too much firepower, beating the all-Indigenous First Nations Goannas 52-12 at Hunter Stadium, Newcastle, on Saturday night.

The match was the highlight of the week-long Festival of Indigenous Rugby League at Newcastle.

The non-elite Goannas represented the best players from the 2013 Queensland Murri carnival and the 2013 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival.

A few former National Rugby League (NRL) stars were included in the Goannas line-up and made short appearances.

The Knights were expected to prove too strong and after leading 18-0 at quarter-time, it looked as if they would run riot.

Great second quarter

But the gutsy Goannas struck back in the second quarter, scoring two tries to one in that period and outscoring the Knights 12-4.

But that's where their scoring stopped and the Knights ran away to score a total of 10 tries.

The Knights got the jump on the Goannas, scoring the first three tries in the opening quarter.

But the Goannas responded though second-quarter tries to Davin Crampton and former NRL star Rod Jensen.

Jensen also had a hand in the Goannas' first try. It was Jensen who



Former NRL stars David Peachey, left, and Nathan Blacklock, centre, share a light moment with Bobby Nona during the First Nations Goannas' game against the Newcastle Knights. Pictures by Naomi Moran

slipped a pass to Crampton that allowed him to score.

Any hope of an upset was swiftly extinguished after the half-time break, as the Knights superior condition began to show.

The Knights began to run hot and scored 20 unanswered points in the third quarter.

Holden Cup graduate Jake Mamo finished with a hat trick of tries for the Knights.

Another young gun – Joseph Tapine –

crossed twice.

Indigenous players Travis Waddell and Dane Gagai were amongst the Knights' best.

Some of the Knights' big guns did not play on Saturday. They included captain Kurt Gidley, Jarrod Mullen, Willie Mason and Akuila Uate.

Knights 52 (Mamo 3, Tapine 2, McKinnon, Sims, S Mata'utia, Mantellato, Minto tries; G: Mantellato 6 goals) d First Nationals Goannas 12 (Crampton, Jensen tries; A Davis 2 goals).

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