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## Keeping vigil to help his people

UNITING Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) chair Reverend Ronang Garrawurra, from Elcho Island in the Top End, stands in front of Parliament House, Canberra, during his church's vigil for reconciliation and justice. About 300 people joined the vigil, part of the Uniting Church's week-long national campaign, 'A Destiny Together: A Week of Prayer and Fasting for Justice for First Peoples'. The gathering heard the Lord's Prayer in Yolngu. See our report and more pictures on page 12.

# Cape plan anger



ANGRY Cape York traditional owners have attacked the Queensland Government's draft Cape York Regional Plan, saying it was written without enough consultation.

They also believe it lacks protection for the region's rich cultural and environmental heritage.

Traditional owners from Pormpuraaw, on the western side of the Cape, have rejected the draft, with the community's Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) trustees and others demanding they have a veto on any mining, exploration and dams that may be planned for their area.

Also deeply concerned is the Western Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation, with chair Alwyn Lyall saying the plan has no references to cultural heritage or traditional owners' environmental concerns.



Wujal Wujal community leader Desmond Tayley says it's past time that parts of Cape York were nominated for World Heritage listing. See what he has to say on page 24.

Queensland Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney reassured communities that while the official draft plan consultation period may have ended, "the Government was prepared to take as long as is necessary to get this plan right".

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## Very model of fashion

MODELS Dream-May Langley and Renee Flavell show off apparel by Shona Tawiao and Dmonic Intent Designers for an Australian Indigenous Fashion Week event. See our story on page 6.

Picture by Wayne Quilliam

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## All Stars rugby league to return

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**F**AMILY is truly important to me, so it was great to be able to play in the same sporting team as my four sons.

That's us (pictured above) at the Goldfield Ashes cricket carnival in my home town of Charters Towers, north Queensland, in late January. There's me with, from left, my sons Matt Jnr, 23, Bobby, 22, Joel, 21, and Damien, 27.

We were members of local team Black Bream, made up of Aboriginal players.

There were 228 teams at the carnival from all over the place and our side played in the B-2 grade which had by far the biggest number of teams, with 138.

We won our first game and then narrowly lost our second to a side all the way from Weipa.

I was so proud of the four boys who all did well. I've seen them grow up into quality men who love their sport.

It was also good to see so many family

members and friends sitting under a small building on the sideline at the Mossman Park Jnr cricket grounds barracking for us.

We are close-knit and had a team bus to take us to the games. Many present have supported the team for years.

During the carnival we also got to go and watch our Black Bream women's side.

There were only a few teams at the Ashes which were made up entirely of Indigenous players – another was the West Indigies. But there were many Indigenous players in lots of other teams.

The Black Bream side was formed a fair while ago and is named after the fish caught in the Burdekin River, not far from Charters Towers.

I enjoyed the Ashes so much because of the family connections, and playing with my sons made it a wonderful weekend.

Hopefully we can play cricket together for many more years.

# OUR CHILDREN



These girls from Bwgc Colman Community School on Palm Island, north Queensland, were pictured after a recent concert night. They are, back from left, Shirl Barry-Curley and Kathleen Coolwell; middle row from left, Janeesha Roberston, Kathleen Haines, Moira Murray and Lavinia Inkerman; and, front from left, Jackaleen Ketchup, Alma Solomon and Racine Baira. *Picture by Alf Wilson*

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# Petition to help close a gap

These kids from Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria enjoy their reading.



ON Close the Gap Day last week, the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation (ALNF) launched a petition to draw attention to the need for more investment in literacy programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

ALNF executive director Kim Kelly said Indigenous students were five times more likely to fail the national minimum standard for reading and numeracy than other students.

"This is not good enough," she said. "In 2014, to have a literacy gap is unacceptable.

"We need a stronger commitment from our government to deliver equal outcomes for all Australian children. And this means investing in literacy programs that actually work."

The ALNF has set up a petition to close the Indigenous literacy gap.

## 'Crucial'

"Being able to read and write is crucial in allowing our kids to reach their true potential and make a positive difference within their communities," Ms Kelly said.

"Literacy changes lives. I need your support to stand up for Indigenous kids to say, 'Enough is enough.'

"Because with the right programs and opportunities, these kids achieve such amazing things... it's incredible.

"But the talking is done; we need action.

"It's not about reducing the gap. It's not about halving the gap. We need to *close* the Indigenous literacy gap to help these kids create better futures for themselves."

To sign the petition go to <http://www.closeheliteracygap.com.au/>

● For a full report on CTG Day, go to pages 26-27

# Landmark ruling on native title



THE High Court of Australia has made a landmark ruling in favour of traditional owners following a long-running native title dispute in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

The Ngarla people were granted a native title claim in the East Pilbara in 2007. But there was a dispute over whether a mining lease extinguished their rights.

The Federal Court ruled in favour of the traditional owners in 2012, but that decision was challenged by the WA Government.

The High Court has dismissed the appeal and determined that native title rights are not extinguished by 50-year-old mining leases.

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal

Corporation (YMAC) chief executive Simon Hawkins said it was 'very disappointing' that the State Government had challenged the Federal Court ruling. "The Full Federal Court had explained how these rights coexist: native title continues but the mining rights prevail and the native title rights give way," he said.

## 'Exercise rights'

"After mining has finished, the Ngarla people can fully exercise all their native title rights through the area again.

"The courts had been clear all along that the native title rights did not prevent mining companies from doing anything they were lawfully allowed to do under their mineral leases.

"This case was about whether native title is completely wiped out by the

leases or whether they can coexist in the meantime and beyond the term of the leases.

"The WA Government appears to be fixed on trying to extinguish native title at every opportunity, which does not make for a collaborative relationship with traditional owners wanting to close the gap."

The High Court dismissed the appeal and upheld the Full Federal Court's decision that, under the common law, the mining leases prevail but do not extinguish the native title rights. In doing so, the High Court rejected a 2005 Full Federal Court decision in *De Rose v South Australia (No 2)* which found that pastoral improvements like homesteads and dams extinguish native title at the location of those improvements. – *With AAP*



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# New album for Gina and Guy



Guy Ghouse and Gina Williams. Their new album will be launched on April 4. Picture by Gareth Andersen



LAST year's WA Music Industry (WAMi) Awards Indigenous Act of the Year, Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse, are set to launch their new album. Called *Kalyakoorl* (which means 'forever' in Noongar language), the album will be launched on April 4 at the Fly By Night Club in Fremantle. All tracks are in Noongar language.

*Kalyakoorl* is informed by four Noongar principles: Koort (Heart), Moort (Family), Boodja (Land) and Koorlangka (children and legacy). It features Russell Holmes (piano), Roy Martinez (bass), Arunachala Satgunasingam (percussion) and introduces Williams' daughters Lauren and Bella McGill (backing vocals).

Williams is a daughter of the Ballardong, one of the 14 clan groups which make up the Noongar nation. She also has links through her grandmother to the Kitja people of the East Kimberley region of Western Australia.

## Mission

Her grandmother was removed from Halls Creek and eventually brought to Mogumber mission, never to return to her homeland.

By official records, Noongar language is critically endangered (fewer than 250 full speakers left). Williams' mother and grandmother, both Stolen Generations members, were never allowed to speak their languages.

Gina Williams wasn't taken, but was relinquished as a baby for adoption and, for her, writing and singing songs in Noongar language is a personal mission.

Guitarist Guy Ghouse is best known for his performances with the group Desert Child, and has featured at many major festivals across Australia, Britain and the United States.

More details on the new album and launch at [www.facebook.com/kalyakoorl](http://www.facebook.com/kalyakoorl)

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# Concern at tough new youth laws



QUEENSLAND'S tough new laws on young offenders will have a negative impact on the state's Indigenous

population, according to the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (ATSILS).

The laws scrap the longstanding principle of detention as a last resort for juvenile offenders, something Amnesty International says is a breach of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The laws also allow repeat offenders to be named and pave the way for some 17-year-old offenders to be transferred to adult prisons. An adult defendant's juvenile criminal history will also become admissible in sentencing.

ATSILS principal legal officer

Greg Shadbolt said the laws will be unproductive in terms of addressing recidivism, and in some cases will make the situation worse.

"For the vast bulk of clients, particularly the naming and shaming will have an adverse impact on their future employment prospects," Mr Shadbolt said.

"We believe it won't be a deterrent; it will just mean more people in the criminal justice system."

## Greatest concern

Mr Shadbolt said the greatest concern was that a child of 17 could be transferred into an adult prison.

"Kids knocking around with hardened crims doesn't rehabilitate them, it only makes them better criminals – and that doesn't make for safer communities," he said.

Local Government Minister

David Crisafulli told Parliament the new laws represented a crackdown on out-of-control gangs of youths.

"This is the start of turning around a culture of saying to people 'It's okay because you've done it a bit tough,'" he said. "The people that we represent are under siege because of this."

But Mr Shadbolt said the laws won't address the underlying issues affecting Indigenous young people.

"There's already an appalling over-incarceration rate of Indigenous youth and these changes will inevitably make this situation worse," he said.

"If you really want to address recidivism, you've got to address the underlying causes of poverty and so on. These young people are victims themselves. If you want to invest long-term in safer communities, detention is not the answer."



# Homeground at Opera House



**BUILDING** on 13 years of the Message Sticks Festival, the Sydney Opera House will host Homeground, a

celebration of First Peoples' music, dance and culture, as a free outdoor event over the weekend of April 5-6.

Indigenous acts including Archie Roach, Steve Pigram, Stiff Gins, Shellie Morris, Casey Donovan, Street Warriors, Dubmarine and Marcus Corowa will join a mix of international performers.

Sydney Opera House head of Indigenous programming Rhoda Roberts said Homeground would demonstrate the unique spirit of First Nations culture.

"We have made this a free event to encourage all Sydneysiders and visitors to discover the cultural diversity in our own backyard and on our doorstep," she said. "From R&B to the traditional Gaelic harmonies of Woking, there is

something for everyone."

At the Dancestry Grounds, audiences will be able to join *Move it Mob Style's* modern fusions and learn the Maori haka or the Polynesian hula.

The Bar Badu ('bar on the water') will feature some of Australia's finest musicians, including Shane Howard, Shellie Morris and Casey Donovan, alongside acts such as the Celtic bagpipes of Breabach, songs from the Stiff Gins, and Dubmarine.

## Collaboration

The Boomerang Concert on Saturday night will present a collaboration of song, music, image and dance from three nations. In its Australian premiere, the production developed for the 2014 Commonwealth Games Festival in Glasgow will feature leading First Nations musicians and dancers with choreography by Frank McConnell (Scotland), Kemara

Kennedy (New Zealand) and Tim Bishop (Australia).

On Sunday night, a collaboration between Indigenous hip-hop pioneers Street Warriors, ARIA and Deadly Award-winning Casey Donovan and musician and playwright Troy Brady will present a "genre-defying spectacle". The work is the culmination of the Sydney Opera House's Songrites Project, in which the musicians worked with Playwriting Australia to explore their personal stories.

Closing the festival will be acclaimed Australian songwriter Shane Howard joined by guests Amy Saunders (Tiddas), Black Arm Band's Emma Donovan and the newest voice from Australia's Top End, Yirmal.

● Homeground is on April 5-6 at the Western Broadwalk, Sydney Opera House. Visit [www.sydneyoperahouse.com/about/homeground.aspx](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/about/homeground.aspx) for the full program.



Musician and playwright Troy Brady, a Birrigubba man born in Rockhampton, central Queensland, will join with hip-hop pioneers Street Warriors and singer Casey Donovan in a "genre-defying" collaboration at Homeground.

**Homeground's Boomerang Concert will present music and dance from Scotland, New Zealand and Australia in a show developed for the 2014 Commonwealth Games Festival in Glasgow, with performers James Duncan Mackenzie, Kemara Kennedy, Moana Maniapoto, Shellie Morris, Megan Henderson, Casey Donovan, Horomona Horo, Calum MacCrimmon and Laurence Kershaw (front).**



# Hackles raised over draft Cape York plan

By **CHRISTINE HOWES**



**TRADITIONAL** owner (TO) groups on Cape York are up in arms about the draft Cape York Regional Plan, saying it lacks protection for

cultural and environmental heritage and was written without sufficient consultation.

Porpuraaw TOs have gone as far as to completely reject the draft plan.

The Porpuraaw Aboriginal Council, Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) Trustees and TOs have demanded a veto against mining, exploration and dams.

A written statement accuses the Queensland Government of being "one-eyed" in a 10-year battle to ban mining and promote conservation investment across the Porpuraaw region.

"Our people were ready to get on board with Wild Rivers," the statement says.

"We are for protecting our

untouched rivers so they keep flowing all year round.

"We do not want water to be taken from our rivers for mining, exploration or dams. We worry for the top catchments of our big rivers as they are undisturbed by development with good clean water."

Pressure is building on the Queensland Government to extend consultation on the regional plan beyond the March 25 deadline, after promises were made to TOs in Mareeba on Friday.

"On our homelands there can be no mining, no exploration, no dams," the Porpuraaw statement says. "We reject the draft regional plan as it is today.

"The Queensland Government must respect our community's wishes. It must not take preference over us.

"But the Queensland Government has been listening to outside interests. It has listened to our community with only one ear.

"We want small-scale development only at our speed and

under our control."

Western Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation chair Alwyn Lyall said the draft plan had no references to cultural heritage or TOs' environmental concerns.

"It's the way that the State Government has colour coded the map, there's a lot of the green areas are open for development; well, at this moment a lot of those green areas hold a lot of cultural and sacred sites amongst them that haven't been mapped so the Government's not taking any notice of our cultural heritage," he said.

## 'Red area'

"We feel that some of these zones that they put in, they're not really strong enough because in a national park if they want to extract a resource they just change legislation and, boom, they've got a resource reserve in a red area.

"So, if they can continue to do that now in highly environmental places, what's it say for the rest of the areas?"

Laura TO and former Wujal

Wujal mayor Desmond Tayley said the plan didn't have enough protection for cultural and sacred sites.

"Say, for example, the Quinkan Rock Art Galleries on east Quinkan area – that cultural heritage was one of our main priorities, as was trying to get more protection over that area, and we all know it's a world-renowned rock art area," he said.

LNP Cook MP David Kempton said if TOs had major concerns about the plan he would take them back to the Government.

"But the overriding issue is the protection of these cultural features, in particular rock art, and I'm not sure that the Cape York Regional Plan is the process by which they will be protected anyway," he said.

Mr Tayley said TOs were also concerned about the lack of consultation for the draft plan.

"To date, we haven't had an audience with David Kempton other than the forum that we had to go to, uninvited, and make our presence known there so David could meet

with myself and a few of the other TOs from the Laura area," he said.

"There's people on country outside of the urban footprint of local government in Cape York and those people haven't been consulted."

Queensland Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney said that while official consultation on the draft plan closed on March 25, that was not the end of the process.

"The Queensland Government is prepared to take as long as is necessary to get this plan right, and I can reassure communities on the Cape that all their submissions and comments will be considered in finalisation of the plan," he said.

"We have always made clear that we are open to the community's views on the draft maps, the protections afforded to the areas mapped, and the possibility of making amendments to those areas."

Mr Kempton was due to meet with TOs in Laura and Lakeland on Monday, after the *Koori Mail* had gone to press.



# Designers strut their stuff

By YATU WIDDERS HUNT



WITH the first Australian Indigenous Fashion Week (AIFW) being held next month,

aspiring designers recently had the opportunity to present their work to some of the country's biggest names in fashion.

More than 20 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander designers presented their portfolios to a panel, which included former Sass & Bide designer Sophie Nixon and fashion editor of *Harper's Bazaar* magazine Brana Wolf.

Assessing portfolios both in person and via video link-up sessions for designers in remote locations, the panel used the process to select the finalists who will show at the fashion week, as well as provide feedback.

The sessions were hosted by Sydney's Billy Blue College of Design and involved its head of branded fashion design, Dr Mieke Leppens.

"The panel has given advice on everything from styling to business development and the designers have been really responsive and grateful for the feedback," she said.

"No matter what level everyone is at, they all bring creativity. They are not all technically trained, but so much of their work comes from the soul."

Northern Territory-based jewellery designer Kathleen Buzzacott travelled to Sydney for the session.



Model Dream-May Langley showcases one of Mia Brennan's designs. Picture by Wayne Quilliam

"I presented six to eight new looks and had my son help me develop a slideshow as well," she said.

"Even though it was daunting presenting something that no-one had ever seen before, the atmosphere was really inviting and warm. The panel gave me positive individual feedback but also a bit of personal mentoring."

In addition to being impressed

by the growth and development of so many Indigenous designers, the panel was particularly struck by just how much support designers receive from their families and communities.

Ms Buzzacott said she wouldn't be able to participate without her family.

"They go out bush and get the seeds for me to make my jewellery," she said. "Sometimes it

can take eight hours just to get a billy can full. My whole family is so proud of me and a little bit of them will be reflected in my work at Australian Indigenous Fashion Week."

Events for AIFW will run in Sydney on April 11-12.

For a list of events and the final list of designers, go to the AIFW website at [www.aifw.com.au](http://www.aifw.com.au)



Kathleen Buzzacott

# Minister, NT councils on course for stoush

By RUDI MAXWELL



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion looks to be heading towards a power struggle with the Northern Territory land councils.

Senator Scullion is determined to make the Territory councils more directly accountable to traditional owners and speed up their procedures.

But he also wants to head off any push to hand ultimate control of the Aboriginals Benefits Account (ABA), which manages mining royalties to land council representatives, who make up the ABA advisory board.

And Senator Scullion is also forging full steam ahead with negotiating 99-year leases directly with individual communities in the NT, a move that representatives from the two biggest councils, the Northern and Central land councils, have said should be met with great caution.

Senator Scullion was last week frustrated that he was unable to drum up sufficient parliamentary support to change a regulation to the *NT Land Rights Act* that would have put a three-month limit on the time NT land councils had to respond to requests from traditional owners for a devolution of some powers, to make decisions about land.

"The disallowance, at the instigation of the Australian Labor Party, of a regulation which would have significantly improved accountability of the land councils, is a slap in the face to local Aboriginal people," he said.

"The Act already allows for local decision making through an application to land councils. However, at present, there is no requirement for the land councils to respond to such requests. They can – and have – stymied requests for local decision making simply by not responding."

"One local Aboriginal group has been waiting more than three-and-a-half years for a response from the Northern Land Council."

"This regulation simply outlined what information local Aboriginal corporations must include in their applications for a delegation of powers and required land councils to respond to these requests in a timely manner, within three months."

"This would have given local Aboriginal people confidence that they would receive a

response and which could give them greater opportunity to make decisions about their own land, such as the granting of leases.

"Land councils still had first right to consider applications, within three months, with flexibility to seek an extension. Failure to do so then allowed applicants to apply to the minister for a decision on the application."

The minister said that while both Labor and the Greens had voted against the

change, the Greens had indicated they were now willing to discuss the matter further.

Previously, Central Land Council chair Maurie Japarta Ryan, a member of the ABA advisory board, has told the *Koori*

*Mail* that he believes the ultimate decisions about the account should be made by Aboriginal people, rather than the Indigenous Affairs Minister as now happens.

The issue came to a head last month when Senator Scullion overturned a decision by his predecessor Jenny Macklin to extend a grant by \$10 million to the

**"I don't think the idea of the ABA having control is unreasonable, and Maurie Japarta Ryan is worth listening to, but in this case I don't agree."**

Machado Joseph Disease Foundation, a Groote Eylandt-based charity that supports Aboriginal people with a severe wasting disease.

"Why should Aboriginal people in remote areas be buying wheelchairs with money from the ABA, when they should have access to mainstream health funding?" Senator Scullion said. "I don't think the idea of the ABA having control is unreasonable, and Maurie Japarta Ryan is worth listening to, but in this case I don't agree."

"It's a tried and tested program, and while this is effectively Aboriginal money ... there are challenges with the ABA trust. It has decreased over 54 per cent since 2008, due to changing commodity prices, and because it's a legacy trust it's important that we build it. I think it's quite a reasonable system; there's a board and in the vast majority of occasions it's a matter of signing off on their recommendations."

"I see my role as supervising to ensure that money is used for its maximum leverage to benefit Aboriginal people. I don't see it as overarching."

Last week the community of Pirlangimpi in the Tiwi Islands signed an agreement with Senator Scullion to restart negotiations for a 99-year township lease, the fourth and final community in the Tiwi Islands to sign up.

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Some of the 40 miniature bark canoes launched into the Derwent River near Hobart.

# New relationship launched

By JILLIAN MUNDY



A NEW relationship between Aboriginal people in Tasmania and Hobart's Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) is taking form, witnessed symbolically

by a flotilla of 40 miniature traditional bark canoes launched into the Derwent River on Saturday.

About a dozen Aboriginal artists and educators from around Tasmania have worked with children on Aboriginal-themed crafts at three of this year's weekly summer markets at MONA, known as MoMa.

Kids have created the little bark canoes, woven and sculptured kelp and made rope and string from native fibres.

Saturday, April 5, is this year's final Aboriginal activity at the market, when there will be more craft and the construction of a large traditional Aboriginal semi-dome hut from paperbark.

Patsy Cameron, who led the ceremonial canoe launch, said it was a reflection on MONA. "It resonates the old and new practices and symbolises how we can work and journey together to make something truly beautiful and powerful," she said.

"This ceremony also offers all of us a



Tas Langford, Aunty Patsy Cameron, Lana Lester-Thomas and Sheldon Thomas lead a procession from the MONA market to the waterfront.

unique opportunity to walk together and gather at this significant river edge near the heart of Hobart and reflect on the past and celebrate the present.

"We are privileged to work beside MONA

waterfront development that has contributed significantly to putting Tasmania on the map."

MONA is the largest privately funded museum in the southern hemisphere and

attracted more than a million visitors in the past three years.

Ms Cameron is optimistic that the journey with MONA is only just beginning. "Tasmanian Aboriginals have a lot to offer this state," she said.

Organisers of the Aboriginal activities for kids, children's curator Jen Murnaghan and MONA Aboriginal liaison officer Fiona Hamilton, agreed that the response had been "amazing" and said they were looking forward to a continuing relationship between MONA and the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

Ms Hamilton said it was the first time MONA had engaged with local Aboriginal artists.

"This has broken down the barriers and allowed this relationship to start and we hope it goes from strength to strength," she said.

The canoe making and launch fitted perfectly with the theme of the 2014 MONA markets, which is heavily focussed on waste and the clean up of the Derwent River.

The river, which flows from central Tasmania to Hobart, is polluted with toxic heavy metals in its lower reaches as a result of long-term discharge from a zinc smelter and paper mill.

# Govt acts on Fulton



THE Northern Territory Government will conduct a risk assessment and develop a treatment plan to return a mentally impaired

Aboriginal woman home to Alice Springs after she has spent 18 months in a Western Australia prison without being charged.

Born with foetal alcohol syndrome, Roseanne Fulton, 24, was found unfit to stand trial after she was arrested on driving charges in 2012.

WA's Mentally Impaired Accused Review Board placed her in a Kalgoorlie prison, despite Ms Fulton not being convicted, until suitable accommodation could be found.

Ms Fulton's legal guardian, former NT police officer Ian McKinlay, gathered a 100,000-strong petition on change.org calling for action and welcomed the review, but said Ms Fulton was representative of a national shame.

"Around Australia, governments have for the last decade been using prisons as a cheap alternative to providing proper

## Mentally impaired woman's jailing "a national shame"

facilities for cognitively impaired Indigenous Australians," Mr McKinlay said. "Because it's been a silent minority, they've been getting away with it."

He accused the NT Attorney-General and Health Minister of bungling the issue, and said it was within the NT's powers to facilitate Ms Fulton's release.

The NT Government reneged on a promise to place Ms Fulton in a secure facility in Alice Springs last month, saying two male clients at the facility posed a risk to her, which Mr McKinlay dismissed as "nonsense".

NT Health Minister Robyn Lambley told Parliament last week that she wanted "to set the record straight and dispel some of the mistruths that have circulated on what is a very emotional issue and

one in which the NT Government takes its obligations very seriously".

Ms Fulton has been under a guardianship order since January 2009. Ms Lambley said Ms Fulton had led a troubled life in Alice Springs.

While in WA, Ms Fulton stole a car and committed a number of traffic offences, and in January last year she was ruled to be a risk to the community and kept in prison under a custodial order.

Ms Lambley told Parliament she had requested the NT Office of Disability to conduct a risk assessment and develop a treatment plan for Ms Fulton's return to Alice Springs, which would have her "living in appropriate supported accommodation in Alice Springs, engaging with her local community and relatives, receiving

the care and support she requires and otherwise participating in normal life to the best of her ability".

Mr McKinlay has lobbied the Federal Government, including Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, to legislate to stop prisons being used to house cognitively impaired people.

"It is completely unsatisfactory that anyone should be in a jail when they're not ever going to be charged," Senator Scullion said.

The minister said the Government had been in negotiations "to get her back to Alice Springs, but they actually don't have the level of amenity there that they have in Kalgoorlie".

The Aboriginal Disability Justice Campaign (ADJC) said in a statement that Aboriginal people with a cognitive impairment face

multiple disadvantage, with the majority also experiencing mental illness, poor physical health and severe social disadvantage.

"Many Aboriginal people with a cognitive impairment are charged with serious offences and found unfit to be tried or not guilty due to their impairment," the statement said.

"This often leads to indefinite incarceration in prison (or sometimes a psychiatric hospital) despite the person not having been convicted."

The ADJC called on all governments to develop a legislative and service framework to address the needs of Aboriginal alleged offenders with cognitive impairments that includes more support, accommodation and alternatives to prison.

"We seek the end of the widespread and unwarranted use of prisons for the management of unconvicted Aboriginal persons with cognitive impairments," they said.

Ms Lambley said that, until all options are considered, it was in Ms Fulton's best interests to remain in Western Australia. — with AAP



# Hi ho, hi ho, it's... *Wulamanayuwi*



Dalara Williams stars in *Wulamanayuwi and the Seven Pamanui*, which is showing in Lismore, northern NSW.



THE play *Wulamanayuwi and the Seven Pamanui* mixes the tradition of European fairytales with the characters and stories of the Tiwi Islands. Following critically acclaimed seasons at the COME OUT Festival and the Darwin Festival (2011), *Wulamanayuwi* has embarked on a national tour, and Norpa is presenting the show at Lismore City Hall, northern NSW, on Tuesday, April 8.

And there's a special mob tix offer for local Aboriginal people.

Using the language and rhyme, culture and stories of the Tiwi Islands, playwright and performer Jason De Santis brings to life this tale of good, evil and magical redemption.

*Wulamanayuwi and the Seven Pamanui* uses puppets, song, dance and projections to bring to life a modern adventure story, inspired by *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

## Evil stepmother

The narrator Jarparra, the Moon Man, introduces us to *Wulamanayuwi*, the daughter of a Tiwi warrior, who has run away from her evil stepmother. Guided by a white cockatoo, *Wulamanayuwi* encounters creatures of magical significance – the seven Pamanui – who lead her on a joyful and surprising journey.

"It's mischievous, hilarious and magical," Mr De Santis said. "There's a lot in there for everybody. I think people will leave learning a lot about Tiwi culture but, also, about their own culture as well."

The show stars Dalara Williams, Kamahi Djordon King, Natasha Wanganeed and Jason De Santis. It is on at 11am and 6pm, Tuesday, April 8, at Lismore City Hall.

There's a pop-up diner (kids' menu included) and a special visitor from Macadamia Castle from 5pm. Ticket Prices: \$20-\$39, with \$15 mob tix (not available online but over the phone or at counter at NORPA). Bookings: 1300 066 772 or online at [www.norpa.org.au](http://www.norpa.org.au)

# Abandon pledge, new Tas Govt told

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE chair of Tasmania's Interim Aboriginal Heritage Council hopes that commonsense will prevail for

Tasmania's new Liberal Party Government and it will abandon an election promise to reopen off-road vehicle tracks that damage Aboriginal heritage.

Chairperson Rocky Sainty told the *Koori Mail* that the Government would be mad to reopen tracks closed in the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area (APCA) two years ago. The 100,000ha reserve in the state's north-west is home to spectacular coastal landscapes, diverse ecosystems and a rich Aboriginal cultural heritage landscape. It has been damaged by cattle agistment and irresponsible off-road vehicle use for years.

The Australian Heritage Commission describes the area as "one of the world's greatest archaeological regions" for its shell middens, stone tools, seal hides, hut depressions, rock shelters, stone tool quarries, rock art, stone arrangements and traditional burials and cremation places.

In 2012, Labor Government Minister Brian Wightman announced



This huge midden in the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area is just one example of Aboriginal heritage that is at risk of damage if unofficial vehicle tracks are reopened. Picture by Rob Blakers

the closure of 15 of the area's 65 tracks, to avoid further deterioration of natural and cultural heritage. He said most of the closed tracks duplicated other tracks, which would remain open.

At a rally to protest the closures, the same year, Liberal Party representatives made a commitment to a crowd of about 4000 to reopen the tracks if elected.

In the lead-up to Tasmania's election earlier this month, the Liberal Party reaffirmed that commitment, and said it would

spend \$300,000 on improving recreational access in the APCA and vowed to maintain "access to all areas that are currently accessible and reverse any track closures", referring to the track closures as "Labor-Green lock-ups".

Mr Sainty said it was not locked up. "It's accessible any day of the week. We're just asking people to be responsible," he said.

"There's been large amounts of dollars been put into educating people how to use that area responsibly.

"There's one main track from Temma to Sandy Cape Beach, and anything outside of that is where people used to go joy riding, just trashing the place.

"The whole place was being scarred, not only by 4WDs but trail bikes. It was mayhem really.

"Everyone would go nuts when they got down there, and drive everywhere and the Parks and Wildlife staff would pull their hair out having to go down and pull out idiots that had bogged themselves driving off that main track."

Mr Sainty said that when he visited the APCA last year, he could see the native vegetation coming back onto the tracks that had been closed to vehicles.

He is now waiting for the new Government to appoint portfolios and continue working on new Tasmanian Aboriginal Heritage legislation.

But in light of new Premier Will Hodgman's reaffirmation to reopen the tracks and also scrap the state Forestry Peace Agreement, Mr Sainty is worried about the future of Aboriginal heritage protection and the ongoing role of the council he chairs. "We're not going to sit at the table if he's going to sign off on the destruction of Aboriginal heritage, that clearly shows his (lack of) commitment to protecting Aboriginal heritage," he said.

## Federal aid sought for Nhulunbuy



THE Northern Territory Government has again asked the Commonwealth to provide funds to help bail out the

ailing community of Nhulunbuy in east Arnhem Land.

Rio Tinto announced last week it would add another \$50 million over the next five years to its support package for the region to help attract new economic activity and support the community's transition, after it announced late last year it would be winding down its operations at its alumina refinery at neighbouring Gove.

A total of 1200 jobs will go, a blow to the town of 4000.

Nhulunbuy would continue to be a centre for NT government services, Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

He said the Territory Government would spend more than \$1 billion on essential services over the next five years, including health, education and policing, with \$330 million to be spent before the end of this financial year.

A total of \$272 million would be spent on services, grants and infrastructure, \$58 million on public sector wages, \$66.5 million for local roads, \$14.4 million in housing contracts, \$7.3 million for new community facilities and \$5.46 million for education services.



# Ngarluma cleans up with partnership



THE Karratha-based Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation has partnered with Cleanaway to set up a \$17.5 million waste management facility in the Pilbara region of Western

Australia. Cleanaway, part of the Transpacific Industries Group, will build the facility with the capacity to collect and process large commercial quantities of solid and liquid waste.

Cleanaway general manager Gavin Denness said its strong relationship

with the Ngarluma enabled the company to build the much-needed waste and recycling management facility on Indigenous land to service the Pilbara's resource industry.

"The planned facility will ensure local construction and demolition waste can be processed closer to where it is being generated, thereby reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transporting the waste approximately 1200km from the Pilbara to Perth," he said.

"The \$17.5 million facility will include

a weighbridge, a 460-square-metre administration and operations office, bioremediation area, truck maintenance workshop, tank farm, purpose built dangerous goods banded area, banded slab for quarantine materials and a solid-waste sorting shed."

The site will be built on Ngarluma country on Warlu Way, Karratha, under a commercial land use agreement negotiated with the Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation.

Mr Denness said Cleanaway was pleased to announce the long-term and

mutual partnership with the Ngarluma people, which includes a 25-year lease agreement for the land site between the business and the corporation.

Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation CEO Paul Stenson said the relationship was a significant milestone as it allowed the creation of a partnership which would benefit Ngarluma people and the broader Pilbara community.

"Ngarluma has enjoyed a professional longstanding relationship with Cleanaway and looks forward to further opportunities in the future," he said.

## NRL star accepts apology for abuse



BRISBANE Broncos star Ben Barba has accepted an apology from a junior

rugby league player who racially abused him on a social media network.

But the 18-year-old junior player from NSW, who is registered with a Country Rugby League club, won't be able to participate in the sport again until he undergoes an approved cultural awareness program and shows remorse in a meeting with Aboriginal Elders.

The Canterbury fan sparked an Instagram row with Barba on the night the fullback made his Brisbane National Rugby League debut against the Bulldogs, when he aimed a bigoted slur at the Dally M Medallist.

The NRL said the Dapto teenager phoned Barba and expressed his remorse a few days later.

"I appreciate that people can make mistakes and I accept the apology offered," Barba said on the NRL website.

"I was once a teenager and made mistakes. I believe as long as this young man receives some education on racial abuse and the effects it has, he can learn from the incident.

"I certainly don't want him lost from our game."

The NRL said the teenager would need to complete an approved cultural awareness program and show remorse to the ARL Indigenous Council and Indigenous Elders in order to participate in the sport again.

"We take these matters very seriously and will continue to act strongly on any form of racial abuse in our game," NRL chief operating officer Jim Doyle said.

"Rugby league is an inclusive sport and vilification will not be tolerated.

"It is important we continue to educate everyone that this sort of behaviour is unacceptable, both in rugby league and in society in general."

Mr Doyle said the NRL Integrity Unit met with the teenager and his family.

Consultation between the

NRL champion Ben Barba: "I appreciate that people can make mistakes and I accept the apology offered."



NRL, Country Rugby League, Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council, Brisbane Broncos and the teenager's family determined his punishment.

"I am pleased to join the NRL in its condemnation, and action taken on this issue," ARL Indigenous Council chair Linda Burney said. "People need to understand how hurtful and unacceptable racial vilification is."

### Sorry

Barba's Brisbane teammate Sam Thaiday – a victim of racial abuse on Twitter in 2012 – said he felt sorry for the teenager.

"I think everyone talking about the issue is punishment enough," he said.

"He is probably sitting there knowing he has made a bad mistake. I feel for him a little bit."

The NRL stepped in after Barba's father Ken called on the governing body to crack down on racism, saying his son was spat on during games for the Bulldogs last year and was sick and tired of abuse.

Thaiday revealed Barba was initially "pretty gutted" by the Instagram slur.

"It is pretty rough to read those things about you," Thaiday said.

"There is no place for racism in league or society in general.

"Hopefully we can move on and get the focus back on footy." – AAP

## Concern over NT grog law

By NEDA VANOVA



SUSPECTED terrorists are not faced with the wide-ranging police stop-and-search powers that Aboriginal people deemed to have a drinking problem in the

Northern Territory deal with, an Aboriginal legal aid organisation says.

The North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) says the law regarding alcohol protection orders (APOs) is so broad and unstructured that it is open to racially discriminatory implementation.

APOs ban people from buying, possessing or consuming alcohol, as well as attending licensed premises, for between three and 12 months if charged with an offence that carries a six-month jail term while affected by alcohol.

But offences punishable by six months in prison include basic summary offences such as loitering, disorderly behaviour and shoplifting, NAAJA's principal legal officer Jonathon Hunyor says.

"The idea it relates to serious crime is something we've told the Government before is inaccurate, yet they continue to make that claim, which is disappointing because it's not how those laws work and not how they're being put into practice," he said.

"The law gives police extraordinary powers in relation to APOs, which frankly you wouldn't expect suspected terrorists to be subjected to."

Mr Hunyor says that if police reasonably suspect a person is subject to an APO, they can search them without a warrant, without believing they have breached an APO or committed an offence, or even that they are in possession of alcohol.

"That's completely unjustifiable, that they don't even have to suspect that someone's done something wrong to be able to stop them and search them," Mr Hunyor said.

"That is the sort of extraordinary

power you wouldn't even give in the matter of national security."

Last week, the NT Government announced that more than 800 people had been issued with the orders.

Mr Hunyor said a number of NAAJA clients had been issued multiple APOs, with one person issued 10, a sign they were not working.

A total of 631 people were charged with assault last February, compared with 496 people this February, according to preliminary police data, the Government said.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said that represented "an unbelievable drop" of 22 per cent. "It's only very early days, but if the long-term trend is even close to this, it will be a major win for

police in their efforts to keep the community safe," he said.

Mr Giles also said property crime had dropped to its lowest rate since record keeping began, and attributed both sets of statistics in part to APOs, which were implemented from December.

But official year-on-year crime statistics show that from 2012 to 2013, there was a 12.3 per cent increase in alcohol-related assaults across the NT.

"We're always pleased to see a

reduction in crime rates, and a one-month reduction in assaults is always welcome ... (but) it's just not credible to suggest that there's a link between a one-month reduction in assaults and APOs that have been in place for a couple of months," Mr Hunyor said.

He said APOs were a punitive, knee-jerk law-and-order response to a public health problem, and that they criminalise alcoholics.

"To be placing orders on these people that they obviously can't comply with – if you're an alcoholic you can't stop drinking tomorrow, that's the nature of being an alcoholic, but now you're subject to a police search without a warrant at any time – that is just completely an unprincipled way to deal with a difficult issue," Mr Hunyor said. – AAP

**"The law gives police extraordinary powers in relation to APOs, which frankly you wouldn't expect suspected terrorists to be subjected to."**



## Showing his true colours



**COLOURED Stone**, with frontman Bunna Lawrie (pictured), was one of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander acts featured at WOMAD, the world music festival held in Adelaide earlier this month.

Picture by Doug Clarke.

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# Gudjala claim court victory

By CLEO FRASER



AS native title over her ancestral land was formally handed to her people, north Queenslander Elizabeth Dodd looked to the heavens.

"The fight was all for them," the 43-year-old traditional owner said, referring to relatives who began the battle for recognition two decades ago but have since died.

"That's who I'm thinking about today; those who couldn't be here and always stood proud and never gave up."

Native title over 20,000 square kilometres of land near Charters Towers, inland from Townsville, was officially handed to the Gudjala people last week.

Ms Dodd said the Federal Court determination brings closure to those who have fought for the right to claim the land as their own.

"We always knew who we were and where we came from and that this is our country," she said



Gudjala applicants at the Federal Court in Charters Towers: Christine Hero, Priscilla Huen, Elizabeth Dodd and Gloria Santo. The fifth applicant Andrew 'Smokey' Anderson was unable to attend.

following celebrations with relatives on Tuesday.

"It's about peace of mind that people can't question our authority or authenticity over this land."

Native title will allow the Gudjala people to enter into formal negotiations with landowners over future land use.

It also gives them

greater access to the land to hunt, fish, camp and carry out ceremonies and will mean they have more say over how the land is protected.

Ms Dodd said native title isn't about financial gain but a chance to right wrongs and acknowledge traditional owners who are spiritually connected

to the land.

"Just like many places in Australia this land doesn't have a very good history and we will never forget that," she said.

"All we wanted was to be known as the people from this area.

"It's been a long time coming and today finally we've got here." — AAP

# New market at La Perouse



FIRST Hand Solutions have set up the new Black Markets at La Perouse in Sydney with the aim of reinvigorating Aboriginal tourism in the area.

First Hand Solutions acting chief executive Peter Cooley said market stallholders range from the snake man of La Perouse's grand-daughter, Kimberly Brown, launching her own snake show, to 80-year-old Laddie Timbery, whose family has been selling artefacts from La Perouse for 188 years.

"What we're trying to do is run these Aboriginal markets and workshops as a social enterprise, to generate income, put the profits back in so they become self-sufficient over time, then help fund community programs," Mr Cooley said.

"The big thing is reinvigorating Aboriginal tourism for Lapa.

"Everyone who flocks to La Perouse wants an Aboriginal experience and we're trying to provide opportunities for our skilled artists and craftspeople.

The markets are on the first Sunday of every month.

"It was a challenge getting them off the ground, but we had a lot of support from the local community for our first market on March 2," Mr Cooley said.

"For a day when the weather wasn't the best we had 750 people through the gate, including 200 local Aboriginal people. It was really pleasing to see local mob get behind it, and showed what's possible."

There are arts and craft stalls, food stalls with Indigenous flavours, a local Aboriginal-owned coffee business and cultural workshops and tours. The next market is on Sunday, April 6, from 9.30am-4.30pm, Bare Island, La Perouse.



Lapa girls dancing with Djaadjawun, Courtney and Shanelle Lyons, Tori Ella, Janna Martin-Cooley and Alkira Lindley.



# Sisters stride out in sevens



**INDIGENOUS**  
player  
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tries to break clear of a South Australian opponent in a Plate semifinal of the Australian Women's Rugby Sevens championships in Canberra earlier this month.

The national Indigenous team finished fifth. They won one of their three pool games, but in their quarterfinal the following day they were beaten 34-0 by the eventual tournament runners-up, NSW Blue.

They then played South Australia in a Plate semifinal and won 33-0 to set up a final against the Barbarians.

Having come close to beating the Barbarians in a pool game, the Indigenous team lifted to score a convincing 33-5 win.

● Turn to page 60 for more details.

# Lib MP threatens to cross floor over RDA



THE first and only Aboriginal member of the House of Representatives Ken Wyatt has warned his Coalition colleagues that he is prepared to cross the floor and vote against any changes to the *Racial Discrimination Act* (RDA).

Federal Attorney-General George Brandis is endeavouring to draft a change to section 18C of the RDA that will satisfy proponents of free speech and those who want legal protection against being offended, insulted, humiliated or intimidated because of their race.

The issue came to a head last week when a number of Coalition MPs voiced their concerns at a joint meeting of government parties in Canberra.

Mr Wyatt used his own experience of racial vilification to make the point that legal protection is needed.

It's a view supported by other Coalition members, including Reid MP Craig Laundy and Philip Ruddock, a former attorney-general from the Howard years.

Just as steadfast are the advocates of free speech who, like Senator Brandis, believe it should be legal to offend or insult people – even if they

don't agree with the insults.

Concerns about changes to section 18C have been raised by representatives of the Indigenous, Greek, Jewish, Chinese, Arab, Armenian and Korean communities, human rights groups, health bodies and legal organisations.

A day after Mr Wyatt and others raised their concerns, the attorney-general was telling the Senate that "reasonable people, decent people" can disagree in good faith and still be reasonable people.

"All voices in the Coalition parties are voices of reason," he said, prompting howls of laughter from Labor and Greens senators and wry smiles from his own colleagues.

Fingers were pointed at Liberal senator Cory Bernardi, well-known for his hardline views on single parents and gay marriage, who was demoted to the backbench for linking bestiality to homosexuality in a speech to the Senate.

After order was restored, Senator Brandis pointedly said a view existed that only one point of view or one set of opinions ought to be allowed to be expressed on sensitive social issues such as racism.

"And, if you dissent from that set of opinions, there is something wrong with you – that you are a



**Liberal MP Ken Wyatt has threatened to cross the floor and vote against any changes to the *Racial Discrimination Act*.**

bad person or a wicked person or a racist," he said.

Brandis claims he wants from his changes strong protections for freedom of speech and appropriate laws to protect people and groups from racial vilification.

The two are not inconsistent objectives, he insists.

There are signs Brandis will attempt to dilute, rather than repeal, section 18C of the Act, making only humiliation an offence.

It will no longer be unlawful to

offend, insult or even intimidate anyone because of their race.

That's unlikely to be enough for conservative commentators such as Andrew Bolt who ran foul of section 18C when he wrote two vitriolic columns in the Herald Sun claiming that it was fashionable for "fair-skinned" Aboriginal people to choose to identify as Aboriginal for the purposes of political, financial and professional gain.

Section 18D of the RDA provides good faith exemptions to 18C for artworks, academia and publishing a fair and accurate report or fair comment.

Justice Mordecai Bromberg ruled Mr Bolt did not qualify for the fair comment defence because of "the inclusion of untruthful facts, the use of inflammatory and provocative language and the failure to minimise the potential harm to those likely to be offended".

The Human Rights Commission reported a near 60 per cent increase in complaints under section 18C during 2012-2013.

Fifty-three per cent of racial vilification complaints were resolved at conciliation; 4 per cent were terminated or declined for being trivial, misconceived or lacking in substance while less than 3 per cent proceeded to court.

Representatives of the Indigenous, Greek, Jewish, Chinese, Arab, Armenian and Korean communities expressed their "vehement opposition" to changes to 18C.

"These changes would mean that the Federal Government has decided to license the public humiliation of people because of their race," a spokesperson for the group said.

"It would send a signal that people may spout racist abuse in public, no matter how unreasonably and dishonestly.

"It would be astonishing if an Australian government in the 21st century was prepared to embrace such a morally repugnant position. It would be utterly indefensible.

"The suggestion that section 18D might be amended by deleting the threshold of reasonableness and good faith comes as an especially unpleasant surprise to us.

"Australia's long-term national interests in maintaining a harmonious society and the respect of neighbouring countries are being sacrificed on the altar of political expediency in order to score points in the so-called 'culture wars'.

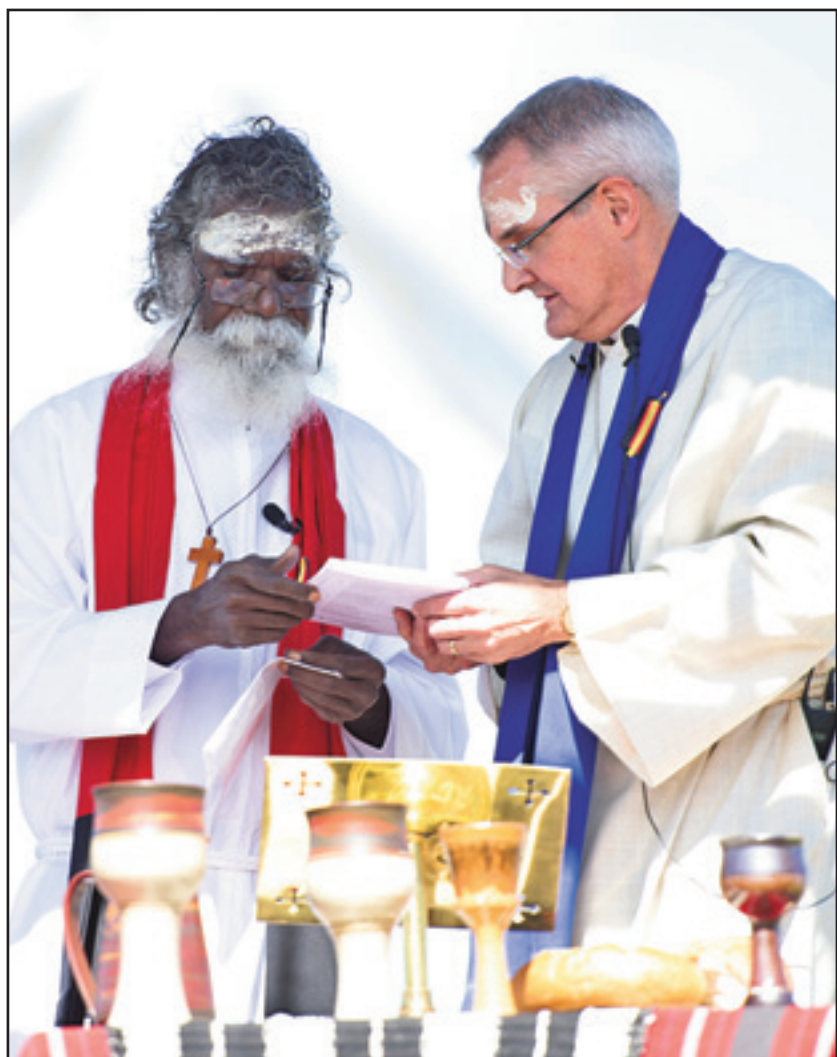
"It will leave a lasting stain on the legacy of the present government if they proceed with this." – with AAP





The vigil on the lawns of Parliament House, Canberra.

# Vigil held for justice



Rev Rronang Garrawurra and Rev Prof Andrew Dutney during the vigil.



ABOUT 300 members of the Uniting Church in Australia gathered for an act of public

worship on the lawns of Parliament House in Canberra on March 18, in a public expression of grief at the racism and injustice suffered by so many Indigenous people and hope for reconciliation and justice.

The vigil was part of the Uniting Church's week-long national campaign, 'A Destiny Together: A Week of Prayer and Fasting for Justice for First Peoples'.

The gathering shared holy communion, heard the Lord's Prayer in Yolngu, and reaffirmed commitments to a shared destiny for "Australia's First and Second Peoples".

Greeting the crowd in his native Yolngu language, Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) chair Reverend Rronang Garrawurra said: "We have come out today ... to show who we are. Now is the time that we have all come ... to stand in the presence of our Lord God and show ... to everybody that we will stand and walk together ... not to be frightened about any power, any authority that walks on this land."



The gathering heard the Lord's Prayer in Yolngu.

"We will be able to stand strong."

Church members from all over Australia came to Canberra to participate in the service, which was led by Rev Garrawurra and assembly president Reverend Professor Andrew Dutney.

## Symbol of grief

Ahead of the service, many people marked their foreheads with clay as a symbol of grief.

Rev Prof Dutney reminded people of God's command to do just one thing: to love one another.

"The cruel injustice and crushing disadvantage that our members from the First Peoples deal with every day hurts us all," he said.

"So we've committed ourselves to the task of working towards justice and reconciliation in the church – through our covenant, through the truth-telling of our amended Constitution, and through all the day-to-day, practical loving of one another that they imply."

"In doing that we become a sign to Australia of what God has done in Christ for the whole nation and the whole world."



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# Anger as houses bulldozed

By MEZ FISHER, with AAP



THE bulldozers moved in last week to demolish 23 homes designed and built by the Swan Valley Nyungah Community, effectively putting a stop to a decade-long campaign by the community to preserve the housing.

Local Aboriginal people have been at loggerheads with the Western Australian Government since being evicted from the houses in 2003, following allegations of child abuse in the settlement. They have vowed to fight on to reclaim the land to provide community housing.

Swan Valley Nyungah Community spokesperson Bella Bropho said the demolition came "out of the blue" and the first thing she knew about it was when a friend came to her house and told her the bulldozers had arrived.

"I got to the community just after 8am, real early, and the houses were practically all down," she said.

Ms Bropho accused WA Premier Colin Barnett of rushing a motion through Parliament the night before to put the issue in the hands of the Planning Department.

The 23 rammed-earth homes, designed to be environmentally and culturally sensitive, were built in 1997 along with other facilities and a school on site.

The homes have remained vacant since 2003, when the WA Government evicted residents in controversial circumstances, closing the settlement by an Act of Parliament following allegations of



Bella Bropho at a recent protest for the Swan Valley Nyungah Community in front of WA Parliament House. Picture by Lesley Desmond

widespread sexual abuse, rape and substance abuse, after a 15-year-old girl, Susan Taylor, committed suicide in 1999.

Former camp Elder Robert Bropho was originally jailed for 12 months for indecently assaulting a 13-year-old girl at the Swan Valley reserve in 2006.

He was then jailed for six years after the WA District Court convicted him of five counts of unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl under 13 between 1990 and 1991.

He died while serving the sentence.

Ms Bropho, his daughter, said she still would not accept her father was guilty, adding WA's child protection authorities were culpable for Ms Taylor's death.

"It was a political attack on him – and in the eyes of the family we don't see that (guilt)," she said.

In 2008, Ms Bropho, on behalf of the Swan Valley Community, lost an appeal to the Federal Court on the grounds that the eviction and loss of property was in breach of the *Racial Discrimination Act*

1975. She is challenging the decision in the High Court.

Community members rallied outside State Parliament House on March 11, a week before the demolition, calling on the Government to "give back our homes" and pleading that "our people are dying on the streets" since being evicted.

Ms Bropho said the Government was "trying to destroy the last visible vestiges of what was a thriving community", but she said the bulldozing wouldn't deter the Nyungah Community from pursuing housing options for local people.

"I think it's only just makes our fight stronger," she said.

"The land we can fight for – the land is registered as a sacred site.

"Colin Barnett can knock down houses but he can't knock down our spirits. It will only make us stronger to fight on."

Ms Bropho said she had been informed by letter that the Government intended to use the site to create a "healing place".

"If they want a healing place they can find it somewhere else. This is our home," she said.

WA Department of Planning acting director general Duncan Ord said the 23 dwellings had remained empty for more than 10 years and were uninhabitable due to extensive vandalism.

He said their removal occurred after extensive legal and community consultation processes. He claimed there was "overwhelming support for returning the former camp site to its natural state and for it to become part of a cultural and environmental place of reconciliation".

# Government hit by strife

By NEDA VANOVA



DIVISIONS in the Northern Territory Government have deepened as rumours persist that three Aboriginal

Members of Parliament have threatened to leave the Government if their demands are not met.

In a lively question time on Thursday, March 20, Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie asked Chief Minister Adam Giles to confirm that three MPs – Alison Anderson, Larissa Lee and Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu – had threatened to split from the Country Liberal party if they did not receive a Cabinet seat and more funding for their electorates.

"(Are) they asking for a seat in Cabinet to oversight additional spending in the bush, so your Government does something to start to deliver on the billions of dollars in unfunded election commitments you signed up to in contracts across the bush?" Ms Lawrie asked.

Mr Giles replied: "I am talking to the members for Arnhem, Arafura and Namatjira, but I talk to every member here about what they want in their electorates."

Ms Anderson told the ABC on Thursday she had ruled out



**"I am talking to the members for Arnhem, Arafura and Namatjira, but I talk to every member here about what they want in their electorates."**

**– NT Chief Minister Adam Giles**

leaving the Government to sit on the cross benches. "That's just a perception. It's been made up by people," she said.

Ms Anderson has previously been a Labor member and an independent. She did not respond to a request for comment by the time of going to press.

## Discipline

On Wednesday night, the Government voted with the Opposition to discipline Tourism and Central Australia Minister Matt Conlan for bullying and abusive behaviour.

It has been alleged that in a

CLP wing meeting in February, he said to Ms Anderson: "Why don't you do us all a favour, Alison, and f\*\*\* off, you c\*\*\*."

He apologised three days later under pressure from female colleagues, but neither he nor the Chief Minister have publicly addressed the allegations, which were first aired by Health Minister Robyn Lambley.

When asked on Thursday what disciplinary action would be taken against Mr Conlan, Mr Giles replied: "(He) has been disciplined. He offered an apology and I have accepted that apology." – AAP



## Calling all Aboriginal graduates who'd like an ongoing career in government

Are you an Aboriginal tertiary graduate or final year university student who is keen to make a difference in the community? If so and you're interested in an ongoing career in government, it's a great time to consider the **Aboriginal Pathway to the Victorian Public Service (VPS) Graduate Recruitment and Development Scheme (GRADS)**.

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Hannah, Pathway graduate, 2013

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# Honour roll hits the road



THE Victorian Indigenous Honour Roll statewide road show, recognising exceptional achievements of Aboriginal Victorians past and present, is rolling.

It was officially opened last week in Ballarat and will be on show in Traralgon, Bendigo, Dandenong and Echuca over coming weeks.

In Ballarat, Yorta Yorta woman Valmai Heap was inducted on to the roll, with her daughter Karen Heap, CEO of Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative, accepting the honour.

Nominations are now being sought for more Indigenous achievers to be placed on the honour roll.

New Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tim Bull said the roll, now in its third year, was part of the Victorian Government's commitment to closing the gap between Aboriginal and other people.

"The roll recognises the achievements of Aboriginal Victorians past and present who have been high achievers in the fields of art, sport, education, health, community service and military service," he said.

Mr Bull spoke at the opening ceremony about



At the honour roll road show opening in Ballarat, from left, Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation chair Bryon Powell, Karen Heap, the CEO of Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative who accepted the honour roll inclusion on behalf of her mother Valmai Heap, Nationals candidate for Buninyong Sonia Smith and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tim Bull.

Valmai Heap, a posthumous 2013 Honour Roll inductee, who was the first Aboriginal person employed by Museum Victoria and later went on to

become administrator at the Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative in the 1980s.

"Valmai Heap was a role

model for women of all ages and I know that through her story Victorians will be inspired to build a stronger community," he said.

The closing date for 2014 honour roll nominations is May 23. More information is available at [www.dpc.vic.gov.au/vihr](http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/vihr)

# Language loss is continuing



THE latest National Indigenous Languages Survey 2 (NILS 2) reveals a continuing trend of language loss nationwide.

But it also shows a growing recognition of the value of languages as elements of identity and self-esteem.

The survey, funded by the Federal Government through the Indigenous Languages Support Program, is the second such undertaking by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), which worked with language organisations and individuals to garner information on two key areas – language activities and language attitudes.

AIATSIS chair Mick Dodson said the complicated picture produced by the results showed the continuing trend of increased language loss across the country.

"From the information collected we estimate there's around 120 Indigenous languages still spoken today, a drop from 145 in 2005," he said.

"But at the same time, languages such as Wiradjuri from central-western NSW are being revived and are now

taught to children in local schools.

"This positive outcome clearly indicates the need for federal, state and territory governments to allocate funding for the development and delivery of programs to train language workers, interpreters and teachers."



The door to the principal's office at East Parkes Primary School, NSW – Wiradjuri country. 'Balgabalg' means 'boss man'.

Respondents to the survey held an almost unanimous view that connecting with and learning about language has a beneficial effect on people's wellbeing.

AIATSIS director of research in Indigenous social and cultural wellbeing Dr Jakelin Troy said there

was a growing recognition of the value of Australia's Indigenous languages, not only for communication, but also to strengthen identity and self-esteem.

"Languages are central to our identity, and remaining connected with them is critical to our wellbeing," he said.

"Our recommendation is that further research into the connection between language and wellbeing is absolutely necessary.

"The survey report strongly suggests our languages be recognised in the Australian Constitution as the first languages of Australia and promoted as a fundamental part of the unique heritage of our country.

"Governments and language advocacy groups should promote the importance of using our languages at home – especially with children.

"Survey respondents want their languages taught in schools because it is clear that this helps students succeed – they were united in saying they want their languages to be strong well into the future."

The National Indigenous Languages Survey 2 is available from [www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au)

## Grafton to see *The Darkside*



KATH Shelper, who produced Indigenous ghost stories movie *The Darkside*, will open the Travelling Film Festival in Grafton, northern NSW, tomorrow (Thursday).

The leading producer, whose film credits include *Samson and Delilah*, will also take part in a question-and-answer session at the opening.

The first movie to screen at the festival will be *The Darkside*, on which Ms Shelper worked with leading Aboriginal filmmaker Warwick Thornton.

The movie brings Australian ghost stories to life with the help of some of the nation's top actors, including Deborah Mailman, Shari Sebbens, Claudia Karvan and Aaron Pedersen.

Mr Thornton has created the concept The Otherside Project, an archive of Indigenous ghost stories that celebrate Indigenous spirituality and storytelling. People at the Grafton festival have been invited to share any stories they have.

The festival is at the Saraton Theatre, Grafton, until Saturday. Details at [www.sff.org.au/public/](http://www.sff.org.au/public/)



Actor Shari Sebbens in *The Darkside*.



# Marching in March



THOUSANDS of people, including many Indigenous Australians, took to the streets nationwide this month for the March in March, protesting about policies of the Abbott Coalition Government.

Cathy Eatock and Lyle Davis from the Aboriginal Rights Coalition carried a banner proclaiming "Aboriginal Control of Aboriginal Affairs" during the March in March in Sydney.

Ms Eatock said they joined the rally to protest against what she said was Prime Minister Tony Abbott's sustained attack on Aboriginal people.

"His Aboriginal council doesn't reflect Aboriginal people – it has CEOs of mining industry and financial institutions on it. What do they know about Aboriginal communities?" she said.

"And he's cut funding for legal services, family violence and Congress, while giving funding to mining companies to challenge native title claims."

Ms Eatock said the march was about

working with other people also sympathetic to Aboriginal issues and highlighted the similarity with the wider community concern.

Pitjantjatjara woman Margaret Campbell was one of a group which travelled 140km from Titjikala to Alice Springs for the protest. "I'm not happy with the way the Government is treating my people," she said.

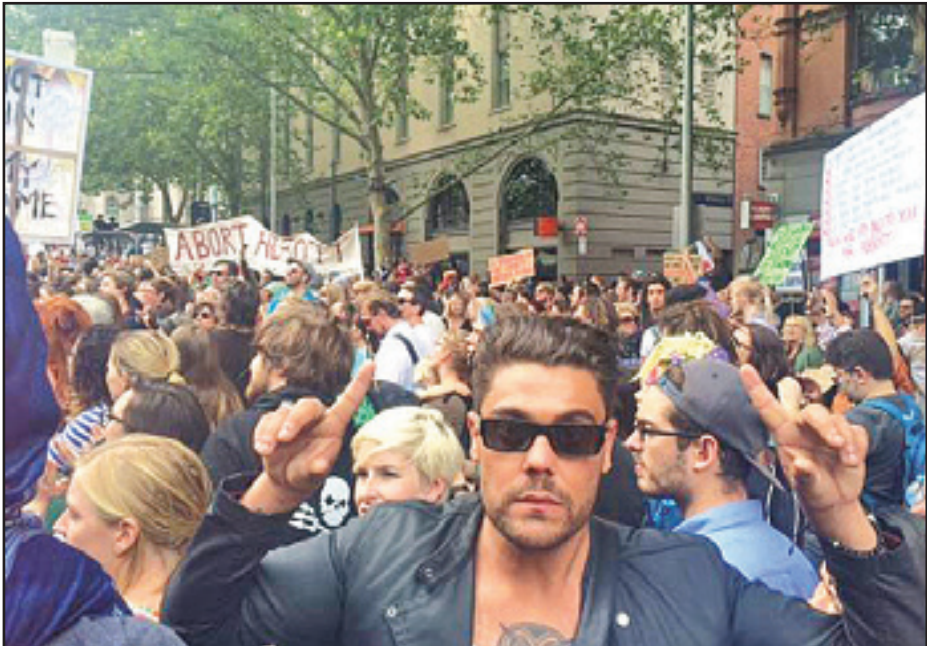
Musician Dan Sultan attended the march in Melbourne and posted on his facebook page that "throughout history the power to protest has helped shaped culture, legislation and provided hope for a brighter future".

"Imagine if Martin Luther King and the million people that marched with him in '63 had not had the opportunity to share with the world that he and other people of colour had a dream," he wrote.

"Imagine if in 1988, the thousands of Aboriginals who descended on Australia's capital were told to move along and denied the right to tell the nation about our version of what happened 200 years ago, when Europeans first invaded."



Cathy Eatock and Lyle Davis from the Aboriginal Rights Coalition at the March in March in Sydney. Picture by Stevie Eatock



Dan Sultan marching in Melbourne.



Titjikala mob travelled 140km to Alice Springs for the March in March.



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# Recognition journey on road again



ABOUT 300 Fremantle residents turned out to welcome the Journey to Recognition as it re-launched across the nation in a bid to have Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians recognised in the Constitution.

The relay set off again after celebrating the opening of a new Aboriginal Cultural Centre in the city and being hosted by Elders from the Whadjuk Noongar community, the traditional owners of the region.

Whadjuk Noongar Elder Cedric Jacobs gave a welcome to country. "I invite you on behalf of our Elders to walk with us, at our pace, in peace and unity, as it will align us with the soul and spirit of our land, and learn from our Aboriginal Elders," he said.

"For after all, this land's resources have been managed in a sustainable way by my ancestors for 50,000 years."

Noongar Elder Margaret Culbong, of the Whadjuk tribal nation, told those gathered that she particularly wanted to see constitutional recognition secured for future generations.

"The Journey to Recognition is about empowering our young people, both black and white; it's about working together to build a stronger, positive future for all

in our country," she said.

The Journey to Recognition began in Melbourne last May, with about 2000 people walking the first kilometre of the relay along the banks of the Yarra, led by AFL legend Michael Long, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and federal politicians.

Small relay teams of Recognise campaigners have since covered almost 16,000km by foot, bike, four-wheel-drive, kayak, surfboard and paddle board. They have visited more than 90 communities and had contact with more than 7500 people.

## Welcome

They finished in Perth last December, when about 1500 people were welcomed by Noongar Elder Len Collard and heard support for recognition from AFL champion David Worrup and actor Ernie Dingo.

In its WA leg from Fremantle, the Journey to Recognition will travel through the south-west of Western Australia, stopping in Mandurah and the Roelands Village – once the site of the Roelands Mission – before walking from Bunbury to Augusta over 10 days.

The WA leg will end in Esperance, before campaigners head north to Queensland.

To find out more, visit [www.recognise.org.au](http://www.recognise.org.au)



The Journey to Recognition in Fremantle is led by Uncle Ben Taylor, with Whadjuk Noongar Elder Cedric Jacobs, Senator Rachel Siewert, Mayor Dr Brad Pettitt and Noongar Elder of the Whadjuk Tribal nation Margaret Culbong carrying the Journey banner. Picture by Roel Loopers



From left, Macy Ford, Jessica Nelson, Kimberley Benjamin, Shaniah Alone and Doris Fletcher. The dancers are from Lockridge Senior High School, in Perth's east. They're called the Locko Dreamers. "Murduin Werrn, Yalgaranin Kaart, Kwaba Koort (Strong Spirit, Open Mind, Kind Heart)" Picture by Elizabeth Elphick

# 'Kinship care' plan



**VULNERABLE** Aboriginal children in NSW would be placed in 'kinship care' rather than

put up for adoption under proposed new child protection laws that aim to avoid repeating policies that led to the Stolen Generations, when thousands of Aboriginal children were forcibly removed from their homes.

Under the new laws, NSW

would become the first jurisdiction in Australia where child protection authorities would be required to consider adoption before placing a vulnerable child in foster care.

But Aboriginal children would be treated differently, with adoption only being considered if a court had ruled that a child was to be removed from their home until the age of 18.

Of the 18,000 children in out-

of-home or foster care in NSW, about a third are Aboriginal.

Community Services Minister Pru Goward said it was preferable for vulnerable children to be given up for adoption rather than placed in multiple foster-care homes if their birth parents were deemed unable or unwilling to care for them.

"Of course for Aboriginal children we would prefer kinship care or guardianship,

understanding the very unhappy history that Aboriginal children have with being removed from their families," she said.

The laws would also allow authorities to seize babies at birth if their mothers abused drugs or alcohol during pregnancy, rather than having to wait until after a child is born before they can intervene.

The reforms also have implications for women and

children affected by domestic violence, with mothers to be given an opportunity to end a relationship before their child is seized.

"This is a great improvement on the current system where there is no leniency, where there is no attempt to give the woman a chance to break off the domestic violence relationship. The child is just removed," Ms Goward said. – AAP

## Koori Employment Department of Justice



### Prison Officer Recruitment

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To find out more information about these vacancies, or to come along to an information session, please call the Koori Employment Team on (03) 8684 0385.

These positions are exempt under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 to be filled by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People.

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Department of Justice

## STOLEN GENERATIONS

Registration of Eligible Applicants for Possible Claim.

Aboriginal children who were taken from families and Communities and placed in delegated Children's Homes in NSW under provisions of Child Welfare legislation or the Aboriginal Protection Act prior to its revocation in 1969 have the opportunity to join an action.

**The Stolen Generations Council (NSW-ACT) Inc. is assisting in the preliminary process to register eligible applicants with appointed lawyers. The Council is providing assistance in expediting registration and ensuring opportunity to apply.**

Those who consider they are eligible and seek to be applicants are asked to contact the Council as a matter of urgency providing name, date of birth, address and contact details **by the 18th April 2014** and send to:

Potential Action  
Stolen Generations Council (NSW - ACT) Inc.  
PO Box 604  
Marrickville, NSW, 1475.

For more information please call 1800 263 881.



# Research into our service personnel

By RUDI MAXWELL



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander men and women have served in every armed conflict since the Boer War, frequently hiding their ancestry to join up.

But, according to professors Mick Dodson and John Maynard, there is very little documentation of Indigenous service personnel.

"It's a neglected history," Prof Maynard said.

"Aboriginal men and women have historically missed out on receiving recognition and I think it's timely that we made a move to change that."

The professors are part of a

team of researchers about to start compiling the nation's first comprehensive record of Indigenous service in the defence forces.

The 'Serving Our Country: a history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the defence of Australia' project will involve two years of community consultations followed by another two years of compiling the records of Indigenous servicemen and women, nurses, ancillary staff and peacekeepers from the Boer War through to 2000.

"There's been some – not a lot – recognition of individual stories but nothing comprehensive," Prof Dodson, from the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at ANU, said.



Professors John Maynard and Mick Dodson want to hear from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about family members who served in the Australian Defence Forces.

"Nothing that outlays the magnificent and extensive service that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have given for their country, in war, peacekeeping and in other ways to serve their country."

One of the key questions the research team is looking at is why Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people volunteered to fight for a country that denied their humanity.

"The undercurrent is that they went away fighting thinking they were fighting for social change, not

just taking part in the military for war but that when they came back that was going to be reflected in greater acceptance for their people," Prof Maynard, from Newcastle University, said.

"This was the major driving force, that 'we will fight and we will fight for our people and gain greater acceptance', but when they got back that wasn't the case and it was a major shock."

"And that was why many became heavily involved in the political fights after the first and second world wars."

Prof Dodson said the forthcoming centenary of Gallipoli provided an opportunity to tell a more complete ANZAC story.

It is estimated that about 1000 Aboriginal men landed at Gallipoli, but that number could rise as researchers uncover untold stories from communities.

The researchers are hoping to unearth letters, diaries, photographs, medals and memorabilia and are also collecting oral histories from returned service personnel and their family members.

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# Torres Strait groups unite for governance training



BOARD members from six not-for-profit Torres Strait organisations recently banded together for a two-day workshop to gain advice on corporate governance, strategy, risk

management and corporate sustainability. The workshop, facilitated by Effective Governance and funded by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), provided the board members with information about the roles, responsibilities and the government processes relevant to their organisations.

Participating groups were Mura Kosker Sorority, Lena Passi Women's Shelter, Torres Strait Youth and Recreational

Sporting Association, Torres Strait Co-operative Society, Port Kennedy Association Home and Community Care and Torres Strait Kaziw Meta.

TSRA chairman Joseph Elu said many people volunteered for board roles, but

governance strategies for their community organisation," he said.

Mr Elu said the Port Kennedy Association coordinated the group application for funding so that several different local organisations could benefit from the governance training.

"Submitting one application for all six organisations provided the smaller groups the opportunity to access education and support they would not have been able to gain otherwise," he said.

"The added advantage of these organisations coming together for the workshop meant there was a better learning environment for participants with the ability to network in a larger and more diverse group of people."

**"As a result of the training program, they are now better equipped to implement more effective corporate governance strategies for their community organisation."**

some did not have a great understanding of what was involved in their executive role. "As a result of the training program, they are now better equipped to implement more effective corporate

# Cash prizes and more in awards



THERE'S \$60,000 in prizemoney up for grabs in the 2014 Indigenous Governance Awards, and

Professor Mick Dodson is urging people to apply.

The awards judging panel chair says good governance will celebrate Indigenous success and move away from what he says is the mainstream media's "deficit discourse" on Indigenous governance.

The winners in the two award categories each receive \$20,000 to assist their project, while the highly commended winners are each awarded \$10,000.

All finalists also receive a 12-month partnership with a high-profile corporate partner to provide mentoring and assistance in an area identified by the finalist.

"It's important to celebrate our successes," Prof Dodson said.

"There are some extraordinary stories about people doing governance well and why shouldn't we yell about them?"

"I'd encourage people who think they've got a well-governed organisation,



Representatives of the winners at the most recent Indigenous Governance Awards, the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council in Central Australia.

community or even an unincorporated arrangement to put forward their names because we need to sing their praises."

The two award categories are:

- outstanding examples of Indigenous governance in Indigenous incorporated organisations; and
- outstanding examples of Indigenous governance in

non-incorporated initiatives or projects.

Prof Dodson said the awards helped shift the mainstream media's focus on governance failures to what Indigenous communities do well.

"It (bad governance) gets a lot of media attention. That's part of the mainstream media discourse – they're always looking at our deficits," he said.

"This isn't about looking at



Mick Dodson

our deficits; this is about looking at our successes.

"It's not just about putting it 'on show' – it's about improving the lives of our people, and we can mix it with the best of them.

"It fills me with enormous pride to see how well some people are doing things."

Nominations for the 2014 Indigenous Governance Awards close on May 30. Go to [www.reconciliation.org.au/iga](http://www.reconciliation.org.au/iga)

# Development program on offer



NORTH Coast NSW Medicare Local (NCNSWML) is offering a 12-month development program for an Indigenous person

serving on a board or in a management position to learn more about corporate governance.

NCNSWML CEO Vahid Saberi said organisational governance was a

complex and demanding role that required a specialised breadth of knowledge.

"We are pleased to be able to provide this program to enable a community member to receive specialised mentoring and training," he said. "North Coast NSW Medicare Local will ensure the particular needs of the successful applicant are met with a tailored program

of learning set up to suit that individual."

Funding support will be provided for course fees, travel, accommodation and textbooks. Support and mentoring will be provided from NCNSWML board members and senior staff.

Details and an application form are at <http://bit.ly/1iTN8fQ> or contact Shay Jaber on (02) 6618 5400 or at [sjaber@ncml.org.au](mailto:sjaber@ncml.org.au)

## Cancer taking toll on our kids



INDIGENOUS children are 36 per cent more likely to die within five years of a cancer diagnosis than

other Australian kids, a new report has found.

The joint study, the first to compare differences in childhood cancer survival on a national basis between Indigenous and other children, was conducted by Cancer Council Queensland, the Menzies School of Health Research and QIMR Berghofer.

Researchers examined data between 1997 and 2007, finding the five-year relative survival rate for non-Indigenous children was about 82 per cent, compared with just 75 per cent for Indigenous children.

Cancer Council Qld spokesperson Katie Clift said the findings were a concern.

"There are a range of possible reasons for this disparity, which urgently needs to be addressed," she said.

"While researchers found no significant difference in urban areas, the findings suggest remoteness is a major factor, whereby Indigenous children in outer regional, remote or very remote areas of Australia have a significantly increased risk of death compared to other children in the same region.

### 'Barrier'

"This could mean that access to diagnostic and treatment services in outer regional and remote areas may be a greater barrier for Indigenous children than non-Indigenous children."

The report also found that survival was comparatively lower for Indigenous children after adjusting for stage at diagnosis, indicating that at least some of the disparity was due to issues other than early detection.

"This finding emphasises the need for more research to understand why Indigenous children are less likely to survive a cancer diagnosis than non-Indigenous children," Ms Clift said.

"Other studies have found cultural and cross-cultural issues, such as fear of death or failure to be offered, or to fully understand, treatment options, play a substantial part in treatment compliance.

"Early detection must go hand in hand with appropriate and timely cancer treatment after diagnosis, to improve the child's chances of survival and quality of life.

"While there are only minor differences in survival for leukaemia and brain tumours, Indigenous children are nearly twice as likely as other children to die within five years from other solid tumours such as lymphomas or neuroblastoma.

"Greater awareness and ongoing research are vital to overcoming this disparity and closing this unacceptable survival gap."

More details are at [www.cancerqld.org.au](http://www.cancerqld.org.au)



# Igniting interest in fire



THOUSANDS of years-old traditional burning practices in the tropical savannas of north Australia are being redeployed in the fight against the modern issues of climate change and greenhouse gas emissions – and now there's some new resources to help Aboriginal communities revive their fire-based land management operations.

According to the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA), strategic early burning helps reduce carbon emissions by reducing the incidence, rate of spread and extent of fierce wildfires in the late dry season.

Fire management practices protect the biodiversity-rich savannas from such destructive wild fires, which consume more coarse fuels and high carbon-producing smouldering stems.

But NAILSMA says up to now there's been a key challenge facing their efforts to reinvigorate burning practices: a lack of suitable educational resources for Indigenous people that communicate the difficult concepts of climate change, carbon emissions and income-earning opportunities from managing fire.

To address this gap NAILSMA has developed a facilitator's manual and two animated movies about climate change and savanna burning.

Produced in partnership with Live and Learn Environmental Education, the animations take an innovative approach to community education.

One of the animations is about climate change and was adapted from a highly successful video made for south-west Pacific audiences. The second animation looks at opportunities for earning income using traditional-style fire management to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Both productions use entirely Indigenous Australian voiceovers for their audio and will be available in both English and Creole versions. The animations can also be easily adapted into other local languages and can be used in conjunction with the facilitator's manual, or as stand-alone educational tools.

The manual, *Climate Change and Carbon Farming in Northern Australia: Education Manual for Facilitators*, and the animations will be available around mid-June from the NAILSMA website, which already provides other carbon project resources – visit [www.nailsma.org.au/hub/programs/carbon-project](http://www.nailsma.org.au/hub/programs/carbon-project)



- Early-season burning in northern Australia can reduce greenhouse gasses.
- The new *Savanna Burning* animation resource will help revive traditional Aboriginal burning practices.

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**Cameron Clyne, NAB Group CEO**



## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## A Yarn With...



## JOCELYN FISHER

Student  
Dunoon, NSW

**Favourite tucker?**  
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**Favourite drink?**  
Lemon, lime and bitters.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Japan. Great food, cold climate and lovely people.

**Favourite sport?**  
Swimming.

**What are you reading?**  
*Winter's Heart*, book nine of the *Wheel of Time* series.

**What are you watching on TV?**  
*Orphan Black*.

**What have been the greatest highlights in life?**  
Knowing what I'm going to do with my life and being excited about it.

**What do you like in life?**  
The happiness I enjoy from everyday things.

**What do you dislike?**  
My trial exams are in three weeks.

**Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
US President Barack Obama.

**What would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?**  
Include our people in important processes of decision making.

## Quote



**"I believe as long as this young man receives some education on racial abuse and the effects it has, he can learn from the incident."**

**— Rugby league champion Ben Barba about a young man who racially abused him**

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## Unquote

## Talk and listen – it's that simple

**W**HEN are governments going to understand they can't make decisions about Aboriginal land without talking with and listening to traditional owners?

The Queensland Government is in the process of drafting a document that will affect Cape York for years to come – but, according to representatives of traditional owner groups and the Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council, the plan was drafted with meaningful consultation.

Consultation means much more than merely stating you're going to address Indigenous economic disadvantage. It means actually sitting down and speaking with people and then taking into account what they have to say.

As the Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council said: "The Queensland Government must respect our wishes as traditional landowners ... The Queensland Government must not take preference over us to meet the wishes of others when it comes to our Homelands and our community's future wellbeing."

As the *Koori Mail* went to press, the deadline had passed for submissions on the draft Cape York plan but Queensland MPs had agreed to hold meetings in Laura and Lakeland.

Let's hope the meetings are productive and worth more than lip-service to consultation.

Is, was and always will be Aboriginal land – what's so difficult to understand about that?



## OUR SAY

**I**t was heartening to hear that more than 100,000 people had participated in Close the Gap Day events last week.

Now, of course, the challenge is to translate all that support and goodwill into action to address inequalities between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

Sign the Close the Gap pledge – as we know there is strength in numbers, and with a tough Federal Budget coming up, the more names out there supporting Indigenous programs the better.

**F**antastic work by the Indigenous women's rugby sevens side for finishing fifth at the national championships. The Indigenous side beat state teams from Victoria and South Australia and fought off a strong Barbarians side in the Plate Final.

Great work, sisters! Deadly!

**W**e've included a new section in the *Koori Mail* this edition, printing some of the many comments we receive on stories from our Facebook page. We love hearing from our readers – so don't be afraid to let us know what you think.

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Harold Hunt in front of his portrait, by artist David Newman White, which was entered without success in the 2012 Archibald Award. "They didn't even hang it, yet everyone who sees it says it would have to be a winner. Strange mob at the Archibald," Mr Hunt says. Photo: Western Weekender / Melinda Jane

# He's 88 and still helping his mob

**H**AROLD Hunt has been many things in his 88 years – a stockman and shearer, parent, public servant, alcoholic and advisor to government among them.

He's known life's highs, and its lowest of lows.

But the Mullya Gnuppa (far north-western NSW) man has come through it all with an unswerving devotion to helping his Indigenous brothers and sisters.

That commitment resulted in his being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the latest Australian Honours List.

He'll receive it in an investiture ceremony at Government House, Sydney, on May 1, which happens to be his late mother's birthday.

"So I'll be dedicating the medal to her," he told the *Koori Mail*.

Mr Hunt's OAM citation

reads for "service to Indigenous communities of NSW".

The award has left a man usually not lost for words or an opinion more than a little bemused. "It's good to be recognised, but I really don't understand why I should be getting this," he says.

Read on and you'll find out why.

**H**arold Hunt was born on his country in 1925. Part of a large brood, he left school – something in which he had "zero interest" – after learning basic reading and writing to become a stockman and later a shearer.

"Back then that's all that was expected of us. We were told Aboriginal people couldn't learn," Mr Hunt says.

His early years were spent on the land across a wide area of western NSW. In fact it wasn't

until he was 25 that he first saw the sea, on a visit to Sydney.

Tragically, grog came to dominate his early life.

"It took over, it became everything," Mr Hunt said.

He knew he had to stop, and in 1969 – by then a father of four – he did just that.

To this day he's been a recovering alcoholic, with not a drop passing his lips.

It was his decision to quit the grog that changed his life in more ways than one.

In 1974, Mr Hunt was invited to become an alcohol counsellor.

"After I started the job, I knew it was what I wanted to do – to help advise on alcoholism issues," he said, "to change people's lives for the better, the way mine was."

Mr Hunt was an alcoholism counsellor at Redfern House Community Health Centre until

1976, and then followed more appointments in similar roles.

He counselled prison inmates and worked with the then NSW Health Health Commission.

Then followed jobs as a probation and parole officer and positions on the NSW Offenders Review Board and Aboriginal Advisory Committee, as well as advisory work with the NSW Police.

He's taught at universities about Aboriginal history, cultural awareness and alcohol-related issues.

**A**t age 88, you'd think a person might want to slow down a bit.

Not Harold Hunt.

He's still active in alcohol counselling and reform. He's also heavily involved in a new counsellor training project which, he says, "closes the gaps in so

many of the programs presently being taught".

Mr Hunt's hopeful it will be put in place by the powers that be.

"Alcohol remains the most destructive single element in our society today," he says.

"It's ruined so many lives and could so easily have destroyed mine.

"It's a fight we have to win."

Mr Hunt hasn't always won friends with his forthright views, many of which have been published over the years in the *Koori Mail*. But he certainly turned around more than a few lives.

"A lot of people made a difference to my life, and I hope I've been able to make a difference for people who needed some help," he says.

Come May 1, a proud Harold Hunt will be wearing a national honour – official recognition he's done just that.





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All people who hold or may hold native title rights and interests in the land and waters within the area of north west Victoria as shown in the map below, are invited to attend a meeting on:

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Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV) assists native title holders in relation to native title matters across Victoria. NTSV is organising this meeting to take instructions in relation to a Native Title and/or Traditional Owner Settlement Act claim.



If you would like further information, including assistance to attend the meeting, please contact Rhonda Dye or Charmaine Singleton (Community Liaison Officers) or Jill Webb (Lawyer) at NTSV on 1800 791 779.

# Taste of Kriol on offer



A COLOURFUL new cooking show brings a fresh taste to NITV, with the premiere of *Kriol Kitchen* on April 2.

*Kriol Kitchen* uses cooking as a way to reflect on and celebrate the cultural diversity of Australia's Dampier Peninsula, in Western Australia's Kimberley region, which enjoys Aboriginal, Chinese, Malaysian, Filipino and Japanese influences.

Hosted by sisters Ali and Mitch Torres, it invites special guests to share their recipes inspired by their Kriol heritage, featuring ingredients like Iiji Iiji, coral fish and bush fruit.

"I have always wanted to do a cooking show because I love cooking so much, especially for my family and friends," *Kriol Kitchen* director Mitch Torres said. "The food I have grown up with is pretty special and is infused with so much history and culture and family stories, that I have always thought that the merging of all these elements would make for a very different cooking show."

Other highlights on NITV this fortnight include another episode of



Mitch and Ali Torres explore the food of north-west Australia in the new NITV cooking program *Kriol Kitchen*.

*NITV On the Road*; looking back at the colourful Boomerang Festival; the film *Johnny Mad Dog*, which touches on the issue of child soldiers and provides a sombre insight into the civil

wars that ravaged Liberia; and a commemoration for the United Nation's International Day of Reflection on the Genocide of Rwanda, with the screening of *Shooting Dogs*.

# Exhibition looks at early photos

By RUDI MAXWELL



ABORIGINAL photographer and anthropologist Michael Aird has curated a new exhibition

that shows the earliest photos taken of Aboriginal people in Brisbane.

"I live and breathe photos," he said.

"My traditional area is the Gold Coast, and I have family connections in south-east Queensland, so I've had a particular interest over the last 30 years continually gathering photos."

*Captured: Early Brisbane photographers and their Aboriginal subjects* presents photos taken in Brisbane's first photographic studios from the late 1860s, when staged exotic portraits were in demand by European collectors.

The exhibition focusses on the work of four early Brisbane photographers, John Watson, William Knight, Thomas Bevan and Daniel Marquis.

"In the 1860s new technology meant photographers were able to reproduce eight to 12 prints, and there was a viable postcard market," Mr Aird said.

"So you had photographers taking photos and trying to onsell them, hoping to license photos in the UK and Europe. A lot of photos from the 1860s



Two photographs on display at the exhibition. The photo at left was taken by Thomas Bevan (1870s) and is from the City of Brisbane Collection, Museum of Brisbane. The photo at right, by Daniel Marquis (c1867), is courtesy of Michael Graham-Stewart.



ended up in Europe."

The exhibition showcases 46 original carte des visites (visiting cards) and more than 170 reproductions, from collections around the world, including the City of Brisbane Collection, National Gallery of Australia and Oxford University.

"They're small photos, all 60 by 100mm, in perfectly stable condition," Mr Aird said.

"I've been lucky to get access to a lot of institutions. Many of them had a lot of

misinformation or no information, some were incorrectly identified as being from Victoria, South Australia and even New Zealand.

"Some were clearly identified, and stamped, so I was able to do some detective work and deduct which photos were taken at what studio from the carpets, skirting boards and other markers."

Some of the figures in the photos have been identified, and Mr Aird has worked out who others are.

"Wherever you go in Australia there's a rich Aboriginal history, and in this case, this exhibition in the CBD of Brisbane, the photos were taken 150 years ago literally within kilometres of where you're standing," he said.

The exhibition will run until June 22 at the Museum of Brisbane, with the official book launch of *Calling the Shots, a collection of essays exploring the early photography of Indigenous Australians* on April 2.





# Someone all racists should be afraid of

I AM a huge fan of Professor Marcia Langton. She's a tough cookie and she has learnt to be over the years due to the fact she challenges people as a woman, and an Aboriginal woman, no less.

Of course there's a great deal I don't agree on with her, especially in regards to Alcohol Management Plans, but also for the fact that, like (Cape York-based campaigner) Noel Pearson, in my view she is part of the chronic problem of the governance of Aboriginal people stemming from far away urbanites and academics as opposed to the grassroots leaders and the communities themselves. And we wonder why progress on Aboriginal affairs is so slow!

Anyway, it's no new news that mainstream Australia has code words for when talking about Aboriginal people in public, such as 'homeless', 'itinerants', 'young offenders', 'street drinkers' and 'dole bludgers', which allows for a free-for-all of thinly-veiled racism because these terms could be applied to anybody. That's their scapegoat.

We can have some white people in this country saying they're native because they were born here (we've all heard that one) and that they deserve as much free stuff from Centrelink as the blacks get and so on and so on, but



**Professor Marcia Langton**

when one Aboriginal female counters this mainstream racism, all hell breaks loose.

I've had people up in my face before saying things like "I'm not racist but I think Aboriginal people don't want to work and just want

everything for free", but if you call them on it, all of a sudden you're as extreme and hurtful to them as (News Ltd columnist) Andrew Bolt claimed Marcia Langton was to him.

It's a double standard adopted by racists who can't blatantly express their hatred and fear, so instead attempt to subvert genuine debate around a topic or statement they themselves have made by low-calling those who are able to read between the lines racists. It's a psychological condition called projectionism.

White Australia love Marcia Langton and Noel Pearson for their leniency towards conservative thinking, however when one of them – in this case Marcia – goes head-to-head with another prominent although more holistically conservative public commentator, they jump ship.

All Prof Langton did was read between the lines and told us what she saw, and she does not deserve to be indirectly or directly vilified as an "overly sensitive black" when in fact she is the iron rod of truth in this regard.

In short, who's afraid of Marcia Langton? Racists should be.

Who's afraid of Andrew Bolt? Andrew who?

**JACK ANDREW WILKIE-JANS**  
Melbourne, Victoria

# Response from AECSL

I NOTE the comments by Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion about the reasons for ceasing funding to Aboriginal Early Childhood Support & Learning Inc (AECSL) published in the *Koori Mail* on March 12, and write to respond.

AECSL is the only Aboriginal organisation providing support and advocacy for Aboriginal early childhood in NSW, and has done so for over 20 years. Its motto is 'our kids, our way, their future'.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet formally notified AECSL on 18 December 2013 that funding would end on 31 December.

While AECSL was aware that the funding was being reviewed, the Commonwealth has been reviewing it since 2009 and AECSL was progressing 2014 plans assuming that a 2014 funding allocation would be provided and based on the 2013 allocation. Beyond the 13 days in December, there was no advance notice of cessation of funding, only reminders that funding was being "reviewed".

The Commonwealth is seeking to "cost shift" the kind of support offered by AECSL to the NSW Government, "preschool education" being the responsibility of individual state

governments.

National Partnership Agreements, including the ones on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education and Closing the Gap, are partnerships between levels of government and have bipartisan support.

AECSL does not receive NSW Government funding. While the NSW Government has a responsibility for preschool education, the Commonwealth maintains a role with Indigenous education at all educational levels, including early childhood.

AECSL welcomes a partnership between the NSW and the Commonwealth to joint

fund AECSL, which allows both governments to meet its commitments under national partnership agreements on early childhood and Indigenous education.

It is NSW Aboriginal children and families who have the most to gain from such a partnership, in particular those using NSW preschools.

To show support for AECSL, go to [www.make.my/aecslcampaign](http://www.make.my/aecslcampaign) – sign the petition and share it with your friends and colleagues.

**ANGELA WEBB**  
President, AECSL  
Sydney, NSW

# Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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

– EDITOR



Here's some comments taken from our Facebook page.

My name is Jon  
I am white. This was not my choice.  
I am adopted and part of the generation who were created by poor policy guided by cultural morals and poor ethics, so my family is not my birth family.  
I am part of Australia.  
This is my choice.  
I am Christian. This is my choice, but it is part of my heritage as well.  
I am a member of the Uniting Church. This is my choice.

I am sorry and this is my choice. It was not me, but it was my ancestors that brought injustice and suffering to the land and to the ancestors of the First People of the land.

I am sorry for this. It is something that I am understanding more and more with the help of my church.

I recognise me being sorry makes little difference to those who have been wronged by over 200 years of tragedy.

But I am learning to understand what that tragedy is and means to the First Peoples of this land. I am learning this because my church is calling me to be aware. I am learning to care because my Church is calling me to pray. I am learning this because my church is calling me to think about my faith and listen to the call for justice in the Bible and to act to undo the hypocrisy too often part of religion.

I am sorry. I am learning to adjust my attitude. Prayer and faith is helping me do this.

I am sorry that I am not doing enough to help Aboriginal people. I want to do more.

I respect that these words will be just more empty words for many in this conversation and will just serve to feed your anger. For this I apologise.

I am still learning. The problem is so big. The feelings are so raw. So at this stage I take my first steps and pray that my church and I can do more.

– Jon,  
written regarding the Uniting Church's week of prayer and fasting for justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

All I can say is thank God that the NRL have made the right decision of bringing back the Indigenous All Stars game in 2015.

We, the Indigenous communities of NSW and Queensland, are so happy that you have made the right choice.

The young children will be looking up to their role models playing again and the One Community Benefit Fund will be doing what it is funded for for the underprivileged children who never get to a game.

– Therese Cain,  
written in response to news that the NRL All Stars carnival would definitely be back on next year.



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# Reform for the future

**T**HIS month I visited the Tiwi Islands in the Northern Territory to sign a statement to negotiate a 99-year township lease covering the community of Pirlangimpi, the third statement I have signed since we came to government last September.

If Pirlangimpi agrees to the lease later this year, it will be a particularly significant milestone: all four communities in the Tiwi Islands will have a township lease agreement, paving the way for new businesses, jobs and home ownership.

The Tiwi community of Wurrumiyanga, which signed the first 99-year lease in 2007 under the Howard Government, is already benefiting, with 15 families in the community buying their own homes and a successful supermarket complex owned by the traditional owners opening last year. The supermarket complex was funded, in part, by a loan over 10 years from a mainstream commercial bank.

This is the first time we have seen local ownership of homes and businesses on this scale in an Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory.

Township leasing has brought about change unlike any seen before in remote Aboriginal communities.

There are three township leases over six communities in the Northern Territory, and a further three being negotiated (Pirlangimpi, Gunbalanya and Yirrkala). The leases only cover the town centre, houses, town infrastructure such as the airstrip and some vacant land for future development, but not the vast land surrounding these communities.

Far from stripping Aboriginal

people of their land rights, township leasing has recognised the importance of their continuing cultural connections, while providing opportunities for economic development.

Gaining land rights was a long and hard-fought battle for Aboriginal people.

Land rights have delivered recognition for the First Australians and have ensured that the connection Aboriginal people have to country is respected and protected for generations.

Aboriginal land can be leased but cannot be sold or individually owned.

While this is an important aspect of the *Land Rights Act*, this presents a challenge for Aboriginal people who want to develop their land for the benefit of themselves and their families.

In very remote Australia, housing is central to meeting our priorities of getting kids to school, encouraging adults into work and providing for safe communities where the rule of law applies.

There are no private rental options and no home ownership opportunities in much of remote Australia.

Most of these communities are dependent on Commonwealth-funded public housing managed by the states and territories.

Like many people in need of public housing in cities and regional areas, people in remote communities often have to wait a long time for public housing. There is simply not enough public housing for all families who need it.

Over the coming months, I will be working with the state and Northern Territory governments to reform the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous



## Nigel Scullion

Housing, the Government's \$5.5 billion investment in social housing in remote Indigenous communities.

I want to give preference to building new social housing in those places that have appropriate land tenure arrangement in place for home ownership, as well as giving priority for the allocation of social housing to families in employment and where children are regularly attending school.

This does not mean remote communities without appropriate land tenure arrangements are

abandoned. But we want to make it possible, as it is in other parts of Australia, for good tenants to purchase their public housing.

We are starting to see land tenure reform and home ownership in Aboriginal communities outside of the Northern Territory as well.

In February, I was on Palm Island to witness the first resident of a Deed of Grant in Trust community (DOGIT) in Queensland sign an agreement for a 99-year lease. This was an historic occasion as it will lead to the signing of the first 99-year home ownership lease in a DOGIT community in Queensland.

Queensland is also considering allowing Indigenous land owners to convert some of their land to ordinary freehold to support private investment and home ownership.

Other states are also looking to progress economic development and home ownership through long-term leases or other tenure transfers.

I want to see uncomplicated land tenure and administration arrangements on Indigenous land progressed across Australia as a matter of priority, where that is the wish of traditional owners. It is critical to increasing home ownership, as well as private investment and economic development.

While Government regularly leases or controls individual lots of land in remote Aboriginal communities to assist in the delivery of services, these individual arrangements have not led to significant economic development opportunities for Aboriginal people.

Township leasing is starting to help change this in the NT.

Under section 19A of the *Land*

*Rights Act*, a lease can be secured over the township and administered by an independent Commonwealth statutory office holder, the Executive Director Township Leasing. The Executive Director then manages subleases granted under the township lease in strict accordance with the terms of the lease.

I understand that some people may be nervous about township leasing.

However, there is a long negotiation process before a township lease is executed. This involves the Australian Government and the traditional owners agreeing to the terms and conditions under which their land can be used. In all township lease negotiations to date, the traditional owners have been assisted by their land council and the advice of independent lawyers.

It is a voluntary process that helps traditional owners facilitate the aspirations of their community.

Following the signing of a township lease in the Northern Territory, the traditional owners have an ongoing say about how their town land will be used through a consultative forum.

Land tenure reform is not about benefiting government and it is not about giving government control of the land.

It is about giving Aboriginal people the same opportunities and responsibilities as other Australians to own their own homes, and leverage their land assets to generate wealth for the benefit of themselves, their families and their community.

*Senator Nigel Scullion is the Commonwealth Minister for Indigenous Affairs.*

# Time for Cape heritage action



## Desmond Tayley

**F**EBRUARY 1 marked yet another important point in the history of Cape York Peninsula and the aspirations of its traditional owners like me.

That's because February 1 each year marks the deadline for the Commonwealth to start the World Heritage listing process with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organisation (UNESCO) for the world-class natural and cultural values of Cape York.

Every year, this deadline is missed by government – Labor and Liberal, state and federal. The excuse they use is patronising. "We are not ready," they say. "We do not have agreement on a path forward."

But the traditional owners of Cape York Peninsula have done everything that has been asked of them.

Some four years ago, traditional owner groups interested in World Heritage committed to creating a country-based plan for their land. This plan would set out what natural and cultural values exist and what activities should take place across their country.

If the plan indicates that World Heritage protection is suitable for all or part of their country, then traditional owners undertake a process to reach consent, giving the green light to government to nominate our country's natural and cultural values for World Heritage protection.

This would form the platform for desperately needed economic development and job creation in culture- and nature-based tourism, carbon farming, tropical education and health, fire management and feral animal control.

Nine traditional owner groups took up this option, representing about 40 per cent of the Cape, far less land than the scaremongering we have heard from some people about a blanket listing of all of Cape York.

Several traditional owner groups have told previous federal Environment Minister Tony Burke, and now his successor Greg Hunt, that we consent to World Heritage over our country, while a number of other groups have indicated that they have a predisposition to doing so, but need further time and support from government to make a final decision.

On February 1 each year, UNESCO needs to be given 12 months' notice that a

nomination is coming. We urged Minister Hunt to lodge this tentative listing and provide traditional owners with support and certainty to complete their consent discussions over the next 12 months. This would not have locked us into submitting a formal nomination in 2015, nor does it outline boundaries for a proposed World Heritage Area. But, without the tentative listing the whole process stalls, with a World Heritage outcome not possible until at least 2017, beyond the Abbott Government's first term.

Over the past couple of years the assessment of the natural and cultural values of Cape York Peninsula indicates that they are of World Heritage standard. Last April, a group of Australia's pre-eminent scientists documented a region that contains a spectacular mosaic of escarpment country, intact river systems, dune fields, tropical savannah and rainforest. The Cape contains 50 per cent of Australia's bird species, a

third of our mammal species and a quarter of our reptiles and frogs.

Culturally, the Cape tells an extraordinary story of how the world's oldest living culture has shaped this ancient landscape through land and fire management, and how in turn the Cape's unique environment has shaped our stories and culture. The natural and cultural values of Cape York are interwoven and strong to this day.

One of the most cynical things governments can do is use traditional owner consent selectively when it suits them. When traditional owners consent to a mining project, it seems the government approvals process can't move fast enough. Right now, at least eight new bauxite, sand and coal mines are proposed for Cape York Peninsula.

But when we want to protect our natural and cultural values in a way that restricts activities like mining from some areas, the government process is painfully slow, unclear,

confusing and under-funded.

In this case, both the Gillard and Newman governments have been found wanting. It's now incumbent on the Abbott Government to restore the confidence of traditional owners in government. It can do so right now.

One thing traditional owners have learnt over the past 200 years is patience with government in having aspirations for our country met. We urge Environment Minister Greg Hunt to break the mould, listen to the wishes of traditional owners, and next year notify UNESCO that a World Heritage nomination for parts of Cape York is on its way.

*Desmond Tayley is from Wujal Wujal. His clan is eastern Kuku Yalanji and Kuku Nyungkul on his mother's side. On his father's side is Laura. It covers places such as Quinkan rock art gallery, crocodile station, right down to old Laura station, where his grandfather grew up on country.*



# Your Poems

## Is Sorry too Small

A mother has a baby,  
this we know is true.  
But God, can you be a mother,  
when your babies are not with  
you?

Yes, He replied with pride in His  
voice,  
I give many women babies.  
At times they leave,  
it's not their choice.

As a mum I know I've failed,  
and shed so many tears.  
Look at me I'm in prison, for five  
sad long years.

I wish I could see them night  
and day,  
I wish I could see them smile  
and play.  
With kids who say,  
My Mummy's at home, with lots  
of cuddles.

But how could that be,  
my babies can't say this, as I'm  
not yet free.  
Oh God I miss them dearly,  
I wish they were near.

Oh God I've learnt my lesson,  
but yet I'm still not free.  
I miss Kye and Jan so much,  
I think of them each day.

And when I go to sleep at night,

Graham and Rese is why I pray.  
But then in the morning,  
Kaya and DeDe make my day.

I love you my babies forever,  
and this is what I say.  
I smell your hair and kiss your  
cheeks and whisper in your  
ears,  
"Mummy loves you with all her  
heart, and wishes she was  
near."

I pretend I'm copin' every day,  
but it's just a great big lie.  
I pray to God to make me  
strong, for when the big day  
arrives,  
I'll see your little faces, and say  
"sorry I've done wrong".

**KELLY ELDRIDGE**  
Wellington, NSW

## The Broken Honey Jar

There goes the honey  
all over the floor,  
And I don't need no money  
for me to get some more.

But wouldn't it be funny  
and wouldn't it be a bore,  
If they had no bloomin' honey  
in the bloomin' store.

**ARRON RICHARDSON**  
Nimbin, NSW



## Black, Yellow and Red

An ancient people.  
And a flag Cathy took to  
the Olympics.  
Of a flag AOC took  
umbrage.  
Strong in colour.  
Black Yellow Red.  
Uncluttered.  
Birthed by Luritja's  
Harold Thomas in the  
heat of land rights.  
And Adelaide's Victoria  
Square, July 1971.  
Of a black people and a  
red earth. Of a brilliant  
yellow and a life-giving  
sun.  
Recognised officially 24  
years after its first  
raising.  
A flag of significance.  
Images of a proud people,  
steeped in history.  
Prehistory, Ancients of a  
faraway continent.  
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invasion.

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Students, staff and supporters at Nowra High School's Close the Gap Day event.

## Nowra High gets spirit

By YATU WIDDERS HUNT



IT was a simple email from Oxfam Australia that inspired Nowra High School English teacher Carly Zandstra to organise the school's first community event for Close the Gap Day.

Last Thursday, March 20, students, parents, teachers and community members had a lunchtime barbecue, and participated in student-led activities.

Year 12 Aboriginal Studies student Sarah Blank organised a mural painting activity, where she invited students and teachers to contribute to the artwork, which will be displayed in the school's native garden as part of Ms Blank's Higher School Certificate major work.

Even though the day was full of fun, Ms Zandstra said there was also a serious side to the event.

"What has been most rewarding is that a dialogue has now opened up within the school," she said.

"Students are asking

questions about what Close The Gap means and it has been wonderful to watch them grow."

Students also snapped the events at school to enter the Oxfam Australia Instagram Photo Challenge for a chance to win prizes including a signed football and poster from Australian of the Year Adam Goodes.

A photo booth was even set

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up at the school to give students the opportunity to record their hopes for Close The Gap Day.

Students were photographed holding quotes from Martin Luther King Jr to Shakespeare, along with their own personal messages about wanting to see better employment opportunities and

health outcomes.

Nowra High student James Ardler-Martin said he hoped the day would also be a way to help educate people in the local community.

"I think it's important to do events like this at school, because it helps to reinforce the fact that there is still a gap and that's something a lot of people still don't fully realise," he said. "I'm looking forward to hopefully changing attitudes."

Nowra High principal Angela Byron agreed, saying it was also important for students to realise that as a local community, they had a role to play in lending their voice to a national issue.

"We want our students to know that even when they leave school, they can be advocates for change," she said.

Oxfam Australia said more than 100,000 Australians held or attended a record number of events around the country this year to remind politicians of their commitment to closing the gap on health inequality between Indigenous and other Australians.



At the Nowra High School Close the Gap Day event, Sarah Blank at front with, back from left, students Nahomi Sandry, Hayley Walker, Katie Strutt, teacher Carly Zandstra and Felicity Hunt.





The Fitzroy Stars pictured with Oxfam's Josh Cubillo at the Close the Gap Day event in the Melbourne suburb of Carlton. The gathering was co-hosted by Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR), the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and Oxfam Australia.

# 1250 events draw crowds



MORE than 100,000 people attended a record 1250 events on Close the Gap (CTG) Day last week.

CTG campaign co-chairs Mick Gooda and Kirstie

Parker said the high number of supporters for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health equality showed that the community expected Indigenous health to remain a national priority in the lead-up to the federal Budget.

"It starts with our mob believing that we can have a better life experience," Ms Parker said. "Based on the statistics and what we've seen in our own families, I think a lot of our people have come to have a bit of a fatalistic attitude and that we need to change that."

"In my own family few men or women have made it into their 60s, which is less than 10 years below the life expectancy of Aboriginal people generally. I think there's a very personal element to closing the gap for all of our mob."

"As Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, we need to value and invest in ourselves to make sure we are along for the long term."

## Much work to be done

Ms Parker said there was much work that needed to be done at a political level, and she urged people to sign up to the CTG campaign – and to also encourage friends to make the pledge.

"We have had a long historical legacy of neglect of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and this needs to be addressed," she said.

"We call on the Federal Government to



At the Close the Gap Day gathering in Prince Alfred Park, Sydney, from left, Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council's Michael West, CTG co-chair Kirstie Parker, Oxfam Australia Indigenous rights advocacy lead Andrew Meehan and ANTaR national campaign manager Jane Powles.

show leadership by coordinating a national approach to closing the gap.

"We do not have a current agreement under the Coalition of Australian Governments (COAG) and we need a new arrangement and commitment and it has to be done in partnership with our communities and organisations, especially community-controlled health services and the like."

"We already have a rough mud map for that process under the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health plan. The next phase will be implementation of that plan – and we need governments and health bodies to partner with our mob on that."

To sign the pledge go to [www.oxfam.org.au/my/act/sign-the-close-the-gap-pledge](http://www.oxfam.org.au/my/act/sign-the-close-the-gap-pledge)



Prof Bronwyn Fredericks

## Professor urges end to disparities

DISPARITIES between Indigenous and other Australians should be addressed in our lifetime and not left for the next generation to fix! That's the message from Professor Bronwyn Fredericks, CQUniversity's pro vice-chancellor (Indigenous engagement) and BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) chair in Indigenous engagement.

Prof Fredericks, whose expertise is Indigenous health, says Australia needs to find ways to ensure that critical social issues affecting Indigenous health, such as education, housing, nutrition, employment and access, are addressed to to benefit all.

"The statistics of poor health and housing, low education and employment rates, low literacy levels and so forth are not just statistics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," the Murri academic said.

"We live with these statistics every day, day in, day out, week in, week out, within our families and communities. Even Indigenous people who are what society would call 'doing well' are part of an Indigenous extended family where many others are not doing well and in fact fail to thrive."

## Health equality

Prof Fredericks says everyone can have a role to play in Closing the Gap "by calling on governments to take real, measurable action to achieve health equality by improving Indigenous access and participation in health services, including health service delivery through to training and educating more Indigenous and non-Indigenous health workers and health professionals to work with Indigenous communities".

"There needs to be a commitment to strengthening the Indigenous health workforce, and including the employment of Indigenous people in the training and educating of that workforce," she said.

"All areas of the community are needed to address the disparities and to ensure that all Australians, including Indigenous Australians, have and get a fair go in our generation."

"The Close the Gap campaign is trying to address the inequities and disparity that have happened over numerous generations. Let's address these disparities in our generation."

"We need commitment to do this in our lifetime, and not leave it for the next generation to fix. What kind of legacy is that for our children and grandchildren?"



# Sights on truancy

By ALF WILSON



TRUANCY rates at Bwgcolman State and St Michael's Catholic schools on Palm Island, north Queensland, have reduced dramatically since 12 Student Attendance Officers (SAOs) have been employed under a Federal Government program, according to Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion.

The Remote Schools Attendance Strategy started in term one, and by the third week the average attendance rate was reported to have reached 98 per cent at one of the schools. During the first two weeks of the program it was 88 and 90 per cent, well up on average rates for last year.

Local residents have been recruited as Student Attendance Officers (SAOs) and their role is to check up on families when their children miss school, or help to find suitable transport options to ensure kids make it to class on time.

The team of workers at Campbell Page organisation is delivering the pilot program on Palm Island, working with local partner organisations, school principals, parents, carers and community.

Campbell Page chief executive Xavier Crimmins said it was good to see Senator Scullion taking a personal interest in the initiative.

"School attendance rates are already significantly higher and I'd like to congratulate all

involved on a great start to the year," he said.

"This couldn't have been achieved without the combined investment of schools, parents and the community."

Bwgcolman Community School principal Jeff Jones and St Michael's principal Gary Recklies described the program as a success.

Senator Scullion visited classrooms at the two schools last month and praised the students while stressing the importance of a good education. "The students here on Palm have really set the benchmark for schools around Australia. This is community-driven and the workers are locals who know the challenges facing families," he said.

## Praise

Mayor Alf Lacey also praised the program and said it was similar to one many years ago on Palm Island.

"Back then Elders would go around and take kids to school and talk to families," he said.

During his classroom visits, Senator Scullion asked students what issues they saw that could be improved.

They nominated overcrowding, transport such as need for roads to be fixed and more ferries and planes to the island, and the need for more local shops and cheaper food.

Senator Scullion spoke to some of the Student Attendance Officers about their roles, including Kylie Doomadgee and Simmeon Oui. Mr Oui said he felt privileged to play a part in ensuring kids attend school.



● Above: Minister Nigel Scullion and Mayor Alf Lacey with Student Attendance Officers, from left, Simmeon Oui, Jonathon Robertson, Kaylene Walsh, Kylie Doomadgee and Cameron Harris.



● Left: Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion makes a point to students at St Michael's Catholic School on Palm Island, north Queensland.



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## Data not supporting minister's claims

By NEDA VANOVA



IT'S early morning in the Tiwi Islands as the school bus begins its rounds.

Ten-year-old Jake is already on board, heading off to a day of sport.

He's joined by Giovanni, 4, Thomasina, 12, and Eli, 15, all of whom have been picked up by School Attendance Officers (SAOs), part of the Commonwealth's strategy to boost attendance in remote Indigenous communities around Australia.

Xavier College, in Wurrumiyanga on Bathurst Island, about 80km north of Darwin, has four SAOs, who were chosen by their community. They liaise with families to help kids access their education, and they're part of a wider network of about 350 officers across 40 remote communities in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland, NSW and South Australia, a two-year program costing \$28.4 million.

"The parents are happy,"

SAO Elsi Kerinuia says.

The Remote Schools

Attendance Strategy has been resulting in big improvements, claims Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion. But the data so far hasn't backed him up.

While Senator Scullion says, anecdotally, a lot more kids are turning up to school at Xavier College, and some remote schools might be "bursting at the seams", the figures show enrolments are actually down.

Senator Scullion says enrolments are often initially overstated, and the August census will give a clearer picture of attendance.

### 'Make sure'

"Aboriginal people are very mobile, so we need to make sure if somebody is not going to school here today it's because they've gone to Darwin or Nhulunbuy; we need to make sure those schools know they're coming, and the SAOs will pick them up and take them to school," he said.

"We need to make sure we have a fully integrated plan to make sure kids go to school, and when they're moving can still access education."

Schools in remote areas of

the NT face a number of obstacles to keep children in class: attendance drops during the wet season, and when families leave to attend a community funeral kids can be absent for weeks.

If a student only attends class 80 per cent of the time, even the brightest will struggle to keep up, Senator Scullion says.

The roll is taken five times a day at Xavier College, where attendance hovers at about 70 per cent, principal Tess Fong says.

She says parenting is much more difficult than it used to be.

"Traditionally everything was done in accordance with respect for Elders and there were consequences for breaking rules, but students are becoming more worldly and technology is much more a part of their lives," she said.

Senator Scullion said some kids threaten to call welfare on their parents if they try to discipline them.

Signs at the store say that students will not be served during school hours, and the pub can refuse to serve parents if their children aren't regularly attending school. — AAP

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# Services call for support



SNAICC deputy chair (Early Childhood) Geraldine Atkinson (right) with keynote speaker Dr Ngiare Brown, a member of the PM's Indigenous Advisory Council.



NATIONAL leaders were urged to secure a better future for Indigenous children during a recent breakfast meeting in Parliament House, Canberra.

Hosted by the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC), the breakfast was held in partnership with Early Childhood Australia, UNICEF and the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS).

Representatives from 10 SNAICC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander member services

put their case to Members of Parliament at the event.

The breakfast aimed to explore the evidence of what works for disadvantaged Indigenous children and families in the early years.

It also hoped to raise awareness of key service groups that support the policy platform to Close the Gap and overcome disadvantage in the early years — Budget Based Funding Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child and Family Centres.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, who

made a brief appearance, was presented with more than 1200 postcards from services and their supporters with messages emphasising the vital importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled early childhood services.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda and Professor Ngiare Brown, a Yuin woman from the south coast of NSW, who has just been appointed as a member of the PM's Indigenous Advisory Council, gave addresses at the breakfast.

# Free new phone app guides culture walks



ABORIGINAL culture in Sydney is part of a new free walking tour app.

Called Sydney Culture Walks, the City of Sydney council has created the iPhone and Android app, which provides 10 virtual walking tours of the streets of Sydney.

There are six guided walks highlighting historical landmarks and four showcasing public artworks.

One of the highlights is the *Always Was Always Will Be* city art tour, where artist Reko Rennie explores what it means to be an urban Aboriginal person in contemporary Australian society. In this work, which is a collaboration with architects Cracknell and Loneragan, Rennie uses geometric diamonds, referencing his associations to



the north-western NSW and the traditional markings of the Kamilaroi people.

The app will be updated with new content to coincide with

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12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater 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 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
10:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Series)  
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 Marrka Wangka G (Documentary)  
11:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Arctic Air M (Drama)  
1:00 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)  
1:30 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Ent)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
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4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
8:00 Colour Theory G (Series)  
8:30 Hard Rock Medical M (Drama)  
9:00 The Tipping Points G (Documentary Series)  
10:00 Burned Bridge M (Drama)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

## THURSDAY 27TH MARCH

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)  
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
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9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
10:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
11:30 Colour Theory G (Series)  
12:00 In The Frame PG (Documentary Series)  
12:30 The Tipping Points G (Documentary Series)  
1:30 Burned Bridge M (Drama)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
6:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)  
9:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)  
10:00 By The Rapids PG (Series)  
10:30 NITV News NC (News)  
11:00 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

## FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

12:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
1:30 Korraiyin G (Documentary)  
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
4:00 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)  
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9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
10:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Native Title Conference 2013 G (Series)  
8:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Series)  
9:30 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
10:30 Yellow Fella PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)

## SATURDAY 29TH MARCH

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan 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 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
2:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)  
3:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
3:30 RHEF PG (Documentary Series)  
4:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)  
5:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas 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 Vote Yes For Aborigines G (Documentary)  
8:30 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Entertainment)  
9:30 Beat The Drum M (Movie)  
11:30 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)



## SUNDAY 30TH MARCH

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Volunz G (Entertainment)  
10:00 A-League Live NC (Sport)  
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)  
12:30 Dreamtime To Dance PG (Series)  
1:00 Away From Country G (Documentary Series)  
2:00 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)  
4:00 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)  
4:30 Going Bush G (Series)  
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 Backyard Shorts G (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Sheltered G (Documentary Series)  
8:30 The Tipping Points G (Documentary Series)  
9:30 Higher Learning MA (Movie)  
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

## MONDAY 31ST MARCH

12:00 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)  
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
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10:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Around The Traps On NITV G (Entertainment)  
11:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)  
11:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
12:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)  
12:30 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Entertainment)  
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4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Love Patrol PG (Drama)  
8:00 Samaqaq: Water Stories G (Doc Series)  
8:30 Tribal Showgirls M (Documentary)  
9:30 Blackstone M (Drama)  
10:30 Rez Rides M (Reality)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

## TUESDAY 1ST APRIL

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
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10:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)  
11:30 Samaqaq: Water Stories G (Documentary Series)  
12:00 Tribal Showgirls M (Documentary)  
1:00 Goin' Troppo In The Toppo PG (Lifestyle)  
1:30 Moose TV PG (Current Affairs)  
2:00 Rez Rides M (Entertainment)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
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5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Double Trouble G (Sport)  
8:00 Lore Poles G (Documentary)  
8:30 Arctic Air M (Drama)  
9:30 The Boondocks M (Comedy)  
10:00 ANZ Netball Championship 2014 NC (Sport)

## WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL

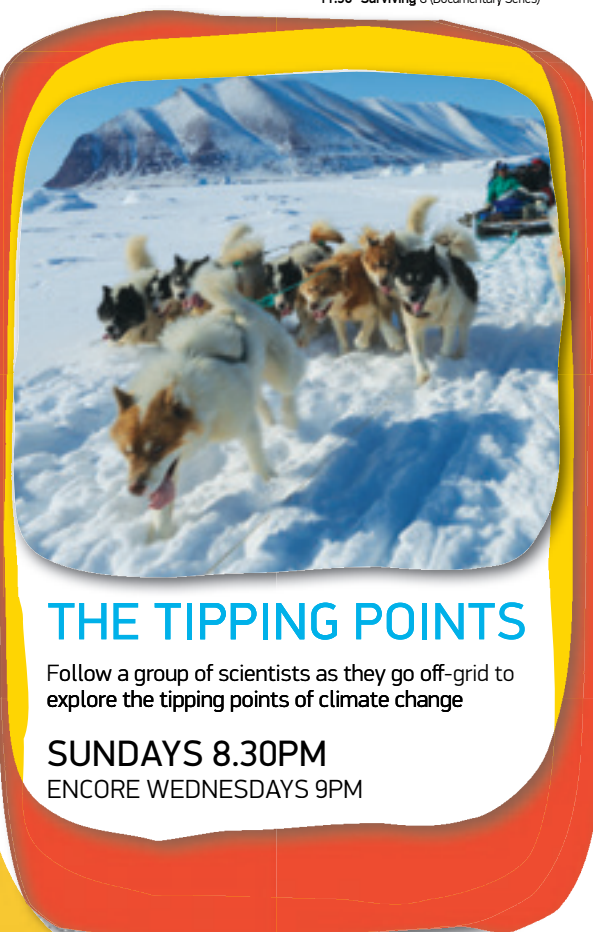
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10:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 Lore Poles G (Documentary)  
11:30 Spirits In Bare Feet PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Arctic Air M (Drama)  
1:00 Australian Biography G (Documentary Series)  
1:30 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Entertainment)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
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5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
8:00 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)  
8:30 Hard Rock Medical M (Drama)  
9:00 The Tipping Points G (Documentary Series)  
10:00 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

## THURSDAY 3RD APRIL

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
2:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)  
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater 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 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)  
10:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
11:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)  
12:00 In The Frame G (Documentary Series)  
12:30 The Tipping Points G (Documentary Series)  
1:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
9:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)  
10:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)  
10:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

## FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

12:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
1:30 Not Just Cricket PG (Documentary Series)  
2:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)  
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater 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 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
10:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
12:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)  
1:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
2:00 Naganampa Anwerkenhe PG (Documentary Series)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Native Title Conference 2013 G (Documentary Series)  
8:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout (Sport)  
9:15 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
10:05 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout (Sport)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)



## THE TIPPING POINTS

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## SATURDAY 5TH APRIL

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
2:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)  
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater 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 (News)  
12:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
2:00 Lore Poles G (Documentary Series)  
2:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)  
3:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
3:30 RHEF 2013 PG (Documentary Series)  
4:00 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)  
5:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)  
5:30 NITV News Week In Review (News)  
6:00 Maori TV's Native Affairs NC (Current Affairs)  
7:00 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)  
7:30 Cane Toads: Unnatural History PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)  
9:30 Make It Funky! G (Documentary Series)  
11:30 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)

## SUNDAY 6TH APRIL

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
2:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)  
2:00 Tag 20: The Documentary G (Documentary)  
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Volunz G (Entertainment)  
10:00 A-League Live NC (Sport)  
12:00 NITV News Week In Review (News)  
12:30 Native Title Conference 2013 G (Documentary Series)  
1:00 Away From Country G (Documentary Series)  
2:00 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)  
4:00 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)  
4:30 Going Bush (Sport)  
5:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)  
5:30 NITV News Week In Review (News)  
6:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
6:30 Around The Traps On NITV G (Entertainment)  
7:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)  
7:30 Ochre And Ink PG (Documentary)  
8:00 Sheltered G (Documentary Series)  
8:30 The Tipping Points G (Documentary Series)  
9:30 Johnny Mad Dog MA (Movie)  
11:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)  
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

## MONDAY 7TH APRIL

12:00 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)  
2:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)  
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater 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 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
10:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Around The Traps On NITV G (Entertainment)  
11:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)  
11:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
12:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)  
12:30 The Tipping Points G (Documentary Series)  
1:30 Ochre And Ink PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Sheltered G (Documentary Series)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Love Patrol PG (Drama)  
8:00 Samaqaq: Water Stories G (Documentary Series)  
8:30 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)  
9:00 Shooting Dogs MAV (Movie)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

## TUESDAY 8TH APRIL

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
2:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)  
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
4:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater 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 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
10:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)  
11:30 Samaqaq: Water Stories G (Documentary Series)  
12:00 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)  
12:30 Ken Thaiday Snr G (Documentary)  
1:30 Moose TV PG (Current Affairs)  
2:00 Courting With Justice PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
4:30 My Animal Friends G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Double Trouble G (Sport)  
8:00 Living Black (Current Affairs)  
8:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)  
9:30 The Boondocks M (Comedy)  
10:00 ANZ Netball Championship 2014 NC (Sport)



# Teams tackle violence



HOME team the Moree Boomerangs tackled more than just some tough football opponents at this month's Tackling Violence Cup rugby league carnival.

They also came to grips with violence against women, and helped to spread an important community safety message.

Six teams – 150 players – lined up for this year's competition, with the Boomerangs downing the Narrabri Blues to win their second consecutive title.

While they were pleased with their success, Boomerangs president Mitchell Johnson said the club was also proud of its ongoing association with anti-violence messages.

"This is our fifth year with the program and we know the effect it has had within the club and in the community," he said.

"We came into Tackling Violence in our first year back in the competition and we've said from the start that the club will not tolerate violence against women."

Former NRL great and Tackling Violence ambassador David Peachey said the carnival delivered results for football fans and communities looking to promote community safety.



Tackling Violence Cup winners, the Moree Boomerangs.

"The carnival shows that if you get the message right, community will back it in," he said.

"We've seen six clubs from western NSW show up to play football and send out a strong message. We've got 150 men all standing up against violence against women."

"Across NSW we have 28 clubs in the program and over 1000 men signing the code of conduct. What you're seeing is a snapshot of the action that grassroots rugby league clubs are taking to make their communities safer."

NRL Indigenous Rugby

League Council chair Linda Burney congratulated all the clubs.

"I love coming to this carnival. It reminds me just how powerful rugby league can be in promoting positive community messages," she said.

The Tackling Violence program

runs in 24 communities across NSW. The event was supported by the Barwon Police Local Area Command, Moree Plains Shire Council, the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).



Artist Napoleon 'Phillip' Oui and his rainforest shield design featured on the Cairns bus stop sign.

## Shield design stops buses



A CAIRNS bus stop has become the first in Queensland to feature Indigenous art, with a shield design by Napoleon 'Phillip' Oui now emblazoned on its street sign.

The bus stop outside Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park displays Mr Oui's design incorporating a traditional north Queensland rainforest shield featuring strong geometric patterns, plus a centre panel in a contemporary interpretation featuring 'bundarra', the cassowary.

Tjapukai chief executive officer Geoff Olson said the design by Mr Oui had been selected to recognise the region's strong connection with

the Djabugay people, who are the land's traditional owners.

Known as Weika ('the quiet one') in Djabugay, Mr Oui grew up watching his grandfather, a sword maker in the Djabugay tribe, create boomerangs. He continues the tradition of his ancestors by painting contemporary interpretations of their unique rainforest-inspired shield designs.

Mr Oui uses similar symbols to paint his body before performances at Tjapukai, where he has been performing for 14 years.

Mr Oui's shield designs have been displayed in the Tjapukai Gallery, the Mossenson Gallery in Melbourne and in the recent exhibition *Rainforest ID* at The Cross Art Projects in Sydney.

## Kids learn cycle safety



LATE last year a group of people from the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence

(NCIE) in Sydney visited Woolgoolga High School to give the kids some instruction on road and cycling safety and maintenance.

They arrived equipped with high-tech bicycles to take the kids on a ride around the local area, on the NSW north coast.

Woolgoolga High School Aboriginal education assistant Jo Hine said roughly a dozen Indigenous students were involved in the initiative.

"All had a wonderful afternoon and were very grateful to Shaun Appo, Ben Bowen and Yale Macgillivray from NCIE for their



expertise and time," she said.

Helmets were donated by Roads and Maritime Services; drink bottles and reflectors were supplied by Coffs Council.

NCIE also donated a box of supplies for the school's breakfast club, which operated in the mornings throughout Term 4 last year.

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## More rangers under expanded program



SIXTEEN extra Indigenous rangers will work in the Northern Territory under an expanded Working on Country program.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has invited NT ranger groups to apply for funding for the positions, which he says will help to protect and conserve the environment and strengthen land and sea management.

Applications close on April 11. Further information on the Working on Country program is available at: [www.indigenous.gov.au/article/grants-funding/](http://www.indigenous.gov.au/article/grants-funding/)

## Construction award nominations open



NOMINATIONS are now open for the 2014 National Association of Women in Construction QLD/NT Crystal Vision Awards, which recognise outstanding achievements made by women in the construction industry.

To nominate, visit [www.nawic.com.au](http://www.nawic.com.au) by June 28. Winners will be announced at a dinner on August 15.

## Darwin corporation forms joint venture



DARWIN's Larrakia Development Corporation (LDC) has formed a joint venture company to service contracts in the resource and government sectors, in a move the LDC says will build Indigenous business, employment and improve outcomes for Indigenous shareholders.

The new company, Wedgetail Larrakia Corporation (WTLIC), will focus on providing services to industry, while the LDC parent company will continue to secure land development opportunities independently as part of its push to capture sustainable commercial outcomes.

LDC will be the majority shareholder in Wedgetail, with a minority interest held by IndiEnergy, an Indigenous-owned firm specialising in professional native title commercial services.

## Libs, ALP in stoush over road upgrades



SIX regional roads in the Northern Territory will receive upgrades worth more than \$100 million in an initiative that Northern Land Council chief executive Joe Morrison says will help address Aboriginal disadvantage.

And both Labor and the Coalition want the credit.

In August 2012 the Labor federal and NT governments announced \$106 million to repair the roads, which is finally being implemented with design work to begin this month.

The Roper and Buntine highways, and the Port Keats, Arnhem Link, Central Arnhem and Santa Teresa roads will all receive upgrades.

Country Liberal Party (CLP) Chief Minister Adam Giles last week denied the announcement was a rehash of the previous Labor Government's funding deal cut 18 months ago.

# Saving the sawfish



TRADITIONAL owners and university researchers have banded together to rescue

protected largemouth sawfish and other threatened species that have become stranded in dry floodplain waterholes in the Top End.

In September 2012, as floodplains were drying out, Daly River traditional owner Rita Purak discovered two sawfish in an isolated floodplain waterhole.

Ms Purak knew the sawfish were rare because she had been helping Charles Darwin University scientist Peter Kyne with his field work, monitoring the movements of sawfish in the Northern Territory's largest perennial river.

"After a two-hour drive across a rugged dry floodplain with the Malak Malak Indigenous Ranger Group, we found a tiny, shallow waterhole less than 50cm deep," Mr Kyne said.

"We put in a small gillnet and found nine sawfish and two barramundi, just holding on, so we collected them and returned them to the river. Two weeks later the waterhole was completely dry."

Mr Kyne said largemouth sawfish, the world's largest freshwater fish, were born at the river mouth then moved



Lead researcher Peter Kyne releases a sawfish. Picture: Northern Australia hub, National Environmental Research Program

upstream, often spreading out into floodplain billabongs during the wet season. Sometimes they were trapped when the floodplains dried out.

Historically, the greatest threats to the sawfish have been overfishing and loss of habitat. The Daly River is a significant system for the species, yet throughout two years of sampling, fewer than 30 individuals have

been recorded. The relatively good condition of northern Australia's river systems is one of the reasons populations of threatened species have been able to persist.

"Northern Australia is a global stronghold for threatened sawfishes, but we still don't have a handle on their present status," Mr Kyne said.

"The Malak Malak

Indigenous rangers and traditional owners have a unique understanding of sawfish habitats in the Daly River region, and by working together we have been able to locate important floodplain areas which act as nursery areas for young sawfish."

● A video produced by independent film maker Jacqui Hyne documents the sawfish rescue – see it at <http://vimeo.com/87645871>

# Voting law move raises concerns

By CHRISTINE HOWES



NEW voting laws about to be introduced in Queensland will potentially exclude people and set a dangerous precedent, Labor candidate for the seat of Leichhardt on Cape York

Billy Gordon says.

Queensland Attorney-General Jarrod Bleijie announced the changes in November last year.

Several changes will be made, but the one causing most concern is a new requirement for voters to produce identification at polling booths.

"Maintaining the integrity of our electoral system is vital so proof of identity will be required on polling days to prevent voter impersonation," Mr Bleijie said.

"We know everyone doesn't have photo identification, so we've included a broad range of acceptable forms of ID.

"Voters who do not provide ID when attending a polling booth will be required to make a declaration vote, similar to people who vote outside of their electorate on polling day."

Mr Gordon said he would fight these reforms. "Fundamentally it goes into disfranchising and marginalising a hell of a lot of black people," he said.

"But it's not just a black and white issue either; it's people with a disability,



Billy Gordon

it's people with a non-English background, it's young people, it's the elderly, it's the homeless.

"At a time where we should be inclusive of the most marginal and vulnerable in our society, these new laws exclude people."

Human Rights Law Centre director of advocacy and research Emily Howie said it was an unnecessary barrier to participation in elections.

"The Government says it's introducing this law to combat electoral fraud, but

actually there's no evidence that there's a problem of electoral fraud in Queensland," she said.

"And this kind of law only makes it harder for Queenslanders to cast their vote. The Queensland Government's own Electoral Reform green (discussion) paper made it clear there's no problem with electoral fraud that would require this kind of law to be introduced.

"And our concern is really the way these laws apply to people will be discriminatory.

"We're concerned that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, homeless people, people with disabilities and rural voters, will be particularly hard hit by the requirement to show ID.

"There's evidence that Aboriginal people have difficulty obtaining birth certificates and are also less likely to have driver's licences.

"So, we think it's important that laws that would hinder people's ability to vote are only passed if they're absolutely necessary and, in this case, they're just not necessary."

Mr Gordon said his grandfather and other Elders had fought long and hard for their rights.

"If you can't give a voice or support the rights and uphold the rights of the most vulnerable to have a voice when it comes to issues that concern them, I think as a society that's a black mark on us," he said.

### Community Crime Prevention

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

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#### How do I find out more?

Program information, Grant Application Guidelines and links to the application form can be found at:

[www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au/safetygrants](http://www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au/safetygrants)







Airileke, from Papua New Guinea. Picture by Jack Grieve



Bunna Lawrie, from Coloured Stone, at WOMAdelaide 2014. Picture by Doug Clarke



A didgeridoo player at the Kurna dance workshop. Picture by Doug Clarke



Thelma Plum on stage. Picture by Doug Clarke

# Quality acts at WOMAD



**AFTER** Kurna dancers welcomed locals and visitors to WOMAdelaide 2014, this month's world music festival in the South Australian

capital got into full swing. Although the festival featured fewer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander acts than in previous years, thousands still enjoyed the musical stylings of Kutcha

Edwards, Coloured Stone and up-and-coming singer/songwriter Thelma Plum.

Kurna Indigenous dancers also held a workshop.

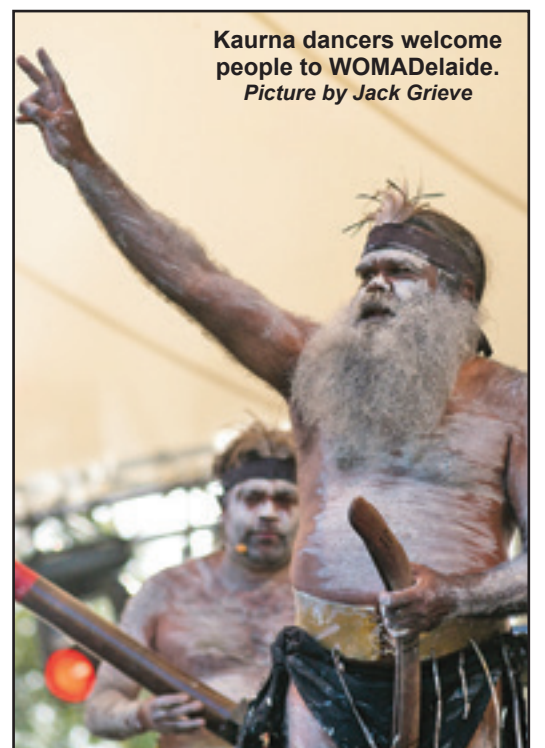
WOMAD was headlined by US hip-hop act Arrested Development and 'everyone's favourite singing socialist', Billy Bragg.

Sadly, the festival ended on a sour note after fire destroyed one of the stages and an estimated \$30,000 worth of equipment.

Kutcha Edwards. Picture by Jack Grieve



English singer Billy Bragg. Picture by Doug Clarke



Kurna dancers welcome people to WOMAdelaide. Picture by Jack Grieve



# Economic sustainability is Intern of Year's goal



ABORIGINAL achiever Andrew Niven isn't interested in collecting job titles as a way of measuring his career success.

Instead, the CareerTrackers 2014 Intern of the Year is more interested in the number of people he can help.

"My ambition is to use my accounting degree and financial knowledge to drive Indigenous Australia's economic independence; to discover new strategies traditional owner groups can use to achieve long-term economic sustainability," the QUT graduate said.

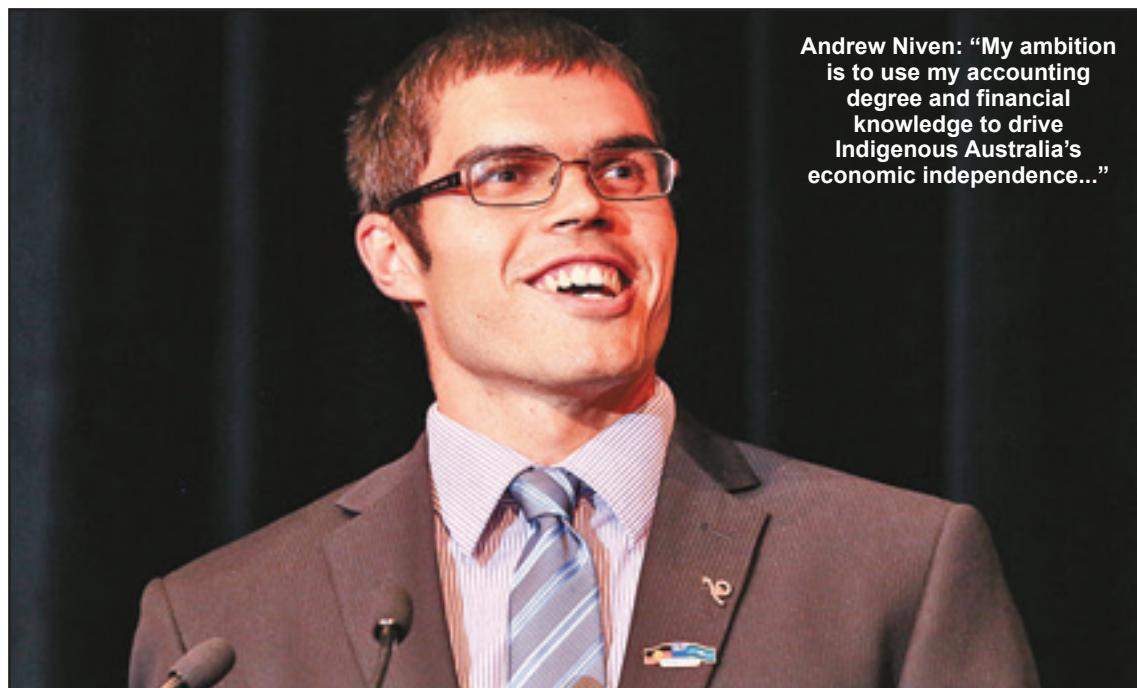
"It's so people who come along in the next generation, and the next generation after that, can have access to the same opportunities that I was lucky enough to have."

Mr Niven is in the ideal place to make this happen, after being accepted into the Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) graduate program working in the Traditional Owner and Native Title Unit. The opportunities he wants to share include the ability to study at university while also gaining vital – and paid – work experience.

In 2011, the first year of his QUT business degree, Mr Niven collected a brochure from the university's Oodgeroo Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support unit about CareerTrackers, a national non-profit organisation that works with Indigenous students and private companies to create career pathways through a structured internship program.

Mr Niven signed on, and says he hasn't looked back.

"I was talking to a few people from my school that had graduated university and were



Andrew Niven: "My ambition is to use my accounting degree and financial knowledge to drive Indigenous Australia's economic independence..."

finding it hard to get that first job," he said. "They said if they had their time over again they would have looked deeper into internships."

"My experience with the program has been awesome; I can't thank them enough for what they did."

During the semester breaks from studying at QUT, CareerTrackers set up internships for Mr Niven at the National Australia Bank and IBA, as well as providing pre-employment training in areas such as interview skills, a mentoring program and a week-long leadership conference.

CareerTrackers Brisbane representative Mia Strasek-Barker said Mr Niven was named 2014 Intern of the Year because of his outstanding dedication to the program, and to helping others.

"CareerTrackers is a program that has set the benchmark for

Indigenous undergraduate employment opportunities in Australia," she said.

"The program provides the opportunities by linking up current university students with its corporate partners – some of the biggest in Australia."

"It has allowed the students who are active in the program to gain an internship that will change their lives, build their professional skills and allow them to create their own career path."

## 'Performance'

"Andrew was awarded Intern of the Year at the CareerTrackers 2014 gala dinner for his academic achievements, high level of performance in his internship and also his contribution to the CareerTrackers community. Andrew is destined for great things and will be an important member of the alumni and a great role

model to all of our current interns and the wider community."

On top of his IBA graduate program, Mr Niven still finds the time to give back to current Oodgeroo unit students. In his second year of tutoring, he gives his Wednesday afternoons to tutoring students in business-related subjects.

"After seeing the importance of tutoring, I decided to become a tutor myself in 2013. I have found tutoring very rewarding, especially when your students personally thank you for helping them to pass the subjects," he said.

"I have also learnt a lot from the students and I am keen to continue tutoring until I can no longer fit it into my calendar."

For more information on QUT's Oodgeroo unit and CareerTrackers, go to [www.qut.edu.au/about/oodgeroo](http://www.qut.edu.au/about/oodgeroo) and [www.careertrackers.org.au/](http://www.careertrackers.org.au/)



Sadie Heckenberg

## Sadie a Fulbright scholar



FORMER Monash University student Sadie Heckenberg has been

awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for study and research at leading institutions in the United States.

Ms Heckenberg, who is currently undertaking a PhD specialising in Indigenous oral history, including research undertaken at Monash University and the David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research at the University of South Australia, will study at the Centre for Oral History, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, from August this year.

Her research aims to address the need to protect Indigenous spoken cultural knowledge. She says that by developing her knowledge of Indigenous groups of the Pacific, she will develop skills to bring back to the Wiradjuri community in NSW.

## 'Best minds'

"I am truly excited to be able to study with some of the best minds in the Indigenous oral history field," Ms Heckenberg said.

"The Hawaiian knowledge systems have been nurtured and maintained by wise eldership reflected not only through the achievements of Hawaiian academic research, but in society itself."

In all, 31 Australians were named Fulbright Scholars in 2014.

The Fulbright program is the largest educational scholarship of its kind, created by Senator J William Fulbright and the US Government in 1946. In Australia, the scholarships are funded by the Australian and US governments and administered by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission in Canberra.

# More graduates in marine project



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has congratulated new graduates from the Torres Strait Marine Pathways Project. Fourteen students completed the Certificate II Coxswains and Marine Engine

Driver qualification, while another was awarded the Level II Coxswains certificate.

TSRA chairman Joseph Elu said the training provided skills for work in marine-based industries.

"The Marine Pathways Project helps develop skills and the capability of Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people to operate commercial vessels in maritime industries," he said.

"The project has already seen a number of employment outcomes for past graduates such as Koeygab Pabai who is now the master of a Rebel Ferry vessel, Tanya Takai-Bowie who is a leading deckhand on the *Elizabeth E II*, and in this latest class Aaron Bon and Isaac Ghee, who now have positions as TSRA rangers."

## 'Qualified'

"These new graduates will now be qualified to find similar types of work or, even better, consider establishing and operating their own business in fisheries or tourism, a pathway that would contribute to the economic development of individuals, communities and the region."

The Marine Pathways Project is funded by

the TSRA and delivered in partnership with Marine Safety Queensland and Australian Marine Safety Authority.

Mr Elu said the primary focus of the project was to provide nationally accredited qualifications for the operation of commercial vessels, and included commercial vessel operation, development of safety management systems and a range of skills based learning activities.

The new graduates are Lui Aaron Bon, Mark Pearson, Frank Loban, Joseph Des David, Maluwap Nona, Hassan Nona, Julohn Wigness, Dennis Passi, Patrick Nai, Isaac Ghee, Mark David, Richard Sailor, Ted Mosby, Joey Josia Laifoo and Eric Cottis.





USQ vice chancellor Professor Jan Thomas, Aboriginal Elders and community members at the inaugural meeting of the newly formed USQ Elders and Valued Persons Advisory Board.

## Valued role for Elders at USQ



**THE University of Southern Queensland (USQ) now has an Elders and Valued Persons Advisory Board.**

The group's inaugural meeting featured a Butchulla smoking ritual and was attended by vice chancellor Professor Jan Thomas and Aboriginal Elders from

centres around USQ campuses at Fraser Coast, Toowoomba and Springfield.

Prof Thomas said that while much had already been achieved towards reconciliation, greater awareness, acceptance and integration was still needed across almost every level of the Australian community.

"As a nation, Australia is still a long way from closing

the 10-year gap in life expectancy, and Indigenous unemployment has actually worsened," she said.

"This is completely unacceptable and we all need to play a part in remedying it.

### 'Major role'

"We know that education is a source of employment, prosperity and social cohesion. Universities clearly

have a major role to play in providing improved opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

"The Elders who met here are representatives from the three regional communities in which USQ has a presence and who will walk with the university to ensure we contribute to reconciliation in everything we do.

"Our first meeting as a board heralds a new beginning and the start of a process that will allow the university to hear all the hopes and dreams of the local communities that we serve and to make sure we are able to engage effectively with our local Aboriginal communities to promote education as a way of transforming lives."

## Govt awaits final report



**THE Northern Territory Government says its independent Indigenous Education Review shows the**

community recognises the need for change.

The territory-wide review, by consultant Bruce Wilson, attracted more than 100 written submissions by the March 9 deadline, with about 500 people attending public meetings in Territory centres.

The final report is expected to be presented to the Government within weeks.

NT Education Minister Peter Chandler said the level of feedback was encouraging and all views and opinions would be considered.

"A key objective of this review

was to consult with the Indigenous community about how they feel education can be improved because I know that if you don't have community buy-in, reforms will never work," he said. "Author Bruce Wilson has spent almost eight months visiting Indigenous communities, talking to community leaders, school principals and listening to their ideas."

### Process

Sixteen public meetings were held to discuss the draft report, released for consultation in early February. Mr Wilson said the consultation process had been successful, with communities showing a high level of interest in the draft review.

"Both the submissions and the consultation meetings have demonstrated a wide range of

views about the draft report. As we hoped, there has been vigorous debate on some of the recommendations," he said.

"The strongest responses have concerned the teaching of English in primary schools and the proposal to progressively offer secondary education in towns rather than very remote communities.

"Many of the findings and recommendations have been strongly endorsed. There has been overwhelming support for the development of a long-term strategic plan.

"There has also been support for extending early years' programs, strengthening workforce planning, and common approaches across schools to literacy teaching and student behaviour and wellbeing."

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# Health challenge a real knockout



ABORIGINAL communities have teamed with the NSW Rugby League as part of a weight-loss challenge to encourage Aboriginal people to lose weight and embrace a healthier lifestyle. The 2014 NSW Knockout Health Challenge was launched this month by NSW Healthy Lifestyles Minister Kevin Humphries and Indigenous NRL star George Rose.

"The Knockout Challenge is a unique event that will this year see 30 teams of up to 30 members from 27 communities across NSW go head to head to see who can lose the most combined weight over a 16-week period," Mr Humphries said.

"It is an innovative and fun program that works; last year's teams lost a combined 1100kg while learning the skills to help keep the weight off in the long term.

"By encouraging contestants to increase their exercise level and develop healthy eating habits they will not only lose weight



Aboriginal people from Albury who have entered the NSW health challenge knockout. Their team is called Albury Fat Blasters.

but reduce their risk of chronic disease such as heart disease, stroke and diabetes."

This year's Knockout Health Challenge

consists of four events between March and October, including two 10-week weight-loss challenges. The events are designed to

keep the participants and their support networks motivated, moving more and eating better.

"More than 800 Indigenous men and women from across the state have signed up for the George Rose Weight Loss Challenge, including 19 new teams who have entered for the first time," Mr Humphries said.

"Not only is the challenge an enjoyable program, it works; previous participants in the challenge have lost an average of 4.7 per cent of their body weight, which importantly reduces the risk of chronic diseases."

Challenge ambassador George Rose told participants the way to achieve success was to make the training fun.

"If you are having fun training, staying motivated to reach your fitness and health goals will become much easier," he said.

More information on the NSW Knockout Health Challenge can be found at [www.facebook.com/nswknockoutchallenge](http://www.facebook.com/nswknockoutchallenge)

## Trim David is feeling great

By ALF WILSON



A HEALTHIER lifestyle was the incentive for 51-year-old Charters Towers Aboriginal man David Dallachy to lose an amazing 31kg of body weight in just over two months.

Late in 2013 Mr Dallachy tipped the scales at 113kg, but he now has a new lease of life since shedding more than a quarter of his weight.

"I was too heavy and really wanted to have a better lifestyle and feel healthier, so I went on a Tony Ferguson diet and lost 31kg to get down to 82kg which is my ideal weight," he said.

"It took about two-and-a-half months. Now I am really happy."

Mr Dallachy's sister Tanya told the *Koori Mail* about her brother's achievement.

"Everybody is so proud of David and what he has done in a short time and we hope it inspires others to do the same," she said.

Queensland Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young was glowing in her praise of Mr Dallachy's effort.

"Queensland has the highest rate of obesity in Australia. It is concerning that more than 65 per cent of Queenslanders are overweight or obese," she said.

"No matter your size, you can take steps to improve your eating and be more active to lead a healthier life and reduce the risk of chronic disease.

"The health problems as a consequence of being overweight or obese are many and varied, including cardiovascular disease, hypertension, type 2 diabetes, some cancers, sleep apnoea and musculoskeletal problems."

Dr Young said many of those problems were preventable through a healthy and active lifestyle.



A much trimmer and healthier David Dallachy with his sister Tanya.

"We want to see people reduce their risk of cancer, live healthier and boost their quality of life," the Chief Health Officer said.

● For tips and ideas on how to improve your lifestyle, visit Healthier. Happier. The website is <http://healthier.qld.gov.au>

## Support for HPV shots



TWO Indigenous personalities are lending their support to the Australian Government's

National Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Program.

Country music star Troy Cassar-Daley and *Yamba's Playtime* Imparja TV program host Jacinta Price – both parents of teenage children – are promoting the free HPV vaccinations which are being rolled out in schools across Australia.

HPV is a common virus that affects men and women and can cause the development of HPV-related cancers. The HPV vaccine can help protect young people from developing these cancers and disease later in life.

"My grandmother had a saying that if you didn't have your health, you don't have much at all," Cassar-Daley said.

"If we can prevent cancers and disease, we should take the medicine. We should use medicine as an advantage. We have a chance to make sure our kids are covered."

### Eligible

Children aged between 12 and 13 are eligible to take part in the national, free school-based vaccination program. There is also a catch-up program for young males aged 14-15 until the end of 2014.

Three doses of the HPV vaccine are required for full protection against HPV-related cancers and disease.

For Jacinta Price, her sons,

aged 13 and 15, were always going to be participating in the vaccination program.

"We sat down and discussed it as a family and I filled in the consent forms," she said.

"It's important for young Indigenous people to get the full three doses of the vaccine for the best protection against HPV-related cancers and disease."

Indigenous youngsters who have missed the first dose of the HPV vaccination can still catch up, and health authorities advise parents to talk to their school, GP or health clinic.

For more information about the National HPV Vaccination Program, visit [www.australia.gov.au/hpv](http://www.australia.gov.au/hpv) or freecall 1800 671 811. (Charges may apply for calls from mobiles.)



Imparja TV kids' program *Yamba's Playtime* host Jacinta Price and family in Alice Springs.



# Dementia reduction program a first



ALZHEIMER'S Australia has launched an Australian-first dementia risk reduction program for Indigenous communities. Dementia affects Indigenous people earlier in life, with 73 per cent of dementia cases among Aboriginal Australians occurring between ages 60 and 70, compared with over 70 for most Australians. National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Dementia Advisory Group chair Fred

Tanner said any reduction or delay in the onset of dementia could help preserve a person's connection to country, family and self. "Delaying or preventing the loss of many of the stories and traditions that are carried verbally through generations can have a considerable impact on the community," he said.

"The Your Brain Matters program aims to improve the brain health of all Australians. There is no cure for dementia, but we know that keeping mentally stimulated, fit and

healthy and looking after our hearts can help reduce the risk of cognitive decline."

Alzheimer's Australia CEO Glenn Rees said the greater dementia prevalence highlighted the growing gap between the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and other Australians.

He noted that preliminary results from the Koori Growing Old Well Study, covering Aboriginal people aged 60 and over across five urban and regional Indigenous communities, found dementia rates for

Aboriginal people aged over 60 is more than 13 per cent, and 21 per cent when adjusted for the younger age of the Indigenous population.

"This is three times the general Australian rate of 6.8 per cent," Mr Rees said.

Program resources include culturally relevant brochures and a video presented by Aboriginal people including Shari Sebbens from the hit film *The Sapphires*.

More information is available at [www.yourbrainmatters.org.au](http://www.yourbrainmatters.org.au)

# Bad news on breast cancer risk



ABORIGINAL breast cancer patients tend to be younger and have a more advanced stage of cancer when diagnosed, new research shows.

The Cancer Council NSW said Aboriginal women were also 30 per cent more likely to die from their breast cancer than other women.

But research, published in the journal *BMC Cancer*, indicated that a number of changes, including increasing the uptake of surgery, could close this gap.

Cancer Council NSW program manager Rajah Supramaniam said the findings highlighted an urgent need to encourage earlier diagnosis of breast cancer and increase the rates of surgical treatment to improve breast cancer survival for NSW Aboriginal women.

"Aboriginal women were also less likely than non-Aboriginal

**"Our interviews with Aboriginal women suggest that they may also be reluctant to undergo cancer treatments due to fear and confusion about the health system in addition to practical barriers such as lack of transport and accommodation."**

women to receive surgical treatment upon diagnosis," he said.

"The existence of other chronic conditions such as diabetes or heart disease in Aboriginal breast cancer patients may have also influenced treatment decisions, as these chronic illnesses can reduce the ability to recover from surgery.

"Our interviews with Aboriginal women suggest that they may also be reluctant to undergo cancer treatments due to fear and confusion about the health system in addition to practical barriers such as lack of transport and accommodation."

The article is at [www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2407/14/163/abstract](http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2407/14/163/abstract)

# Device has potential in sex infection treatment



A NEW device for the detection and treatment of sexually transmitted infections chlamydia and gonorrhoea is being trialled in remote communities. Belinda Hengel, a Kirby Institute University of NSW

researcher based at Apunipima Cape York Health Council in Cairns, is part of a team testing the device, which has the potential to reduce infection treatment times from two to three weeks to one day.

There are high rates of gonorrhoea and chlamydia in remote Indigenous communities. Both conditions are wholly preventable, but left untreated can affect people's quality of life and fertility.

The device study is a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) funded trial

called Test Treat and Go (TTANGO) which has been under way for nine months across remote Australia.

Ms Hengel said TTANGO had the potential to help people in Australia and overseas.

"Sexual health is a national concern – TTANGO research has been presented at the Australasian Sexual Health Conference in Darwin, the Deadly Sex Conference in Queensland and is due to be presented at the Sexual Health and Blood-Borne Virus Applied Research and Evaluation Network (SiREN) Conference in WA in April," she said.

"Having our paper accepted by the conference organisers shows we're doing important work; work that has positive health implications for remote Australian communities."



Extra Edge's Sophie Harrington with PLC Perth students involved in the healthy lifestyle messages.

# Healthy result for PLC girls



KIMBERLEY scholarship students at Presbyterian Ladies' College (PLC) Perth have recorded healthy lifestyle messages to be played in remote Western Australian communities.

The students and staff from Extra Edge Community Services, a Perth-based not-for-profit organisation, developed healthy lifestyle messages to be played across the Pilbara and Kimberley Aboriginal Media network (PAKAM) to 17 transmission sites.

Eight students met weekly for four weeks to learn about existing Aboriginal health campaigns and to look at what they felt worked well or could be improved for their age group and

communities. They decided to create an advertisement aimed at teenagers and underage drinking.

The girls helped to write the scripts and record and edit the advertisements. In addition, they re-recorded an existing ad from a script created for a similar campaign run by Extra Edge in the Perth region which was played on Noongar Radio in 2013.

Extra Edge's Sophie Harrington said working with the girls was "an amazing experience".

"They were so proactive and incredibly talented. I learnt so much from them," she said.

"The partnership working with PLC was a great success and it is fantastic knowing that the girls' hard work will now be shared across the Kimberley region."



## Closer ties call by renal expert



AUSTRALIA'S first Indigenous kidney specialist wants research institutes to

have a greater level of engagement with those being researched.

Menzies Research fellow Dr Jaqui Hughes pointed to her organisation's collaboration with the Top End Renal Patient Group through the STARRS project as being critical to the feasibility and success of the project.

STARRS, which aims to reduce high rates of serious golden staph infections in Northern Territory dialysis patients, is a collaborative effort between Menzies' infectious diseases, renal-preventable chronic diseases and microbiology research divisions, and NT Renal Services.

Dr Hughes said that with support from the STARRS project team, the Top End Renal Patient Group had championed the creation of the independent Renal Patient Advocacy and Advisory Committee (RAAC).

### Communities

"The committee comprises of adults from diverse communities and language groups, who are receiving dialysis or have a kidney transplant to treat severe or end-stage kidney disease," she said.

"Of its many notable achievements, the RAAC group has independently identified priority concerns of renal patients and gained representation in 2013 and 2014 at the National Renal Consumer group forum. This has never before been achieved.

"The committee has already been approached to advise and support research processes in a number of project grants and other major initiatives."

Dr Hughes, a member of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology (ANZSN), said she strongly supported a funding application made to the ANZSN Infrastructure and Enabling Grant Scheme valued at \$45,000.

"The grant is intended to employ an admin support officer, preferably from the well patient group, to support functions of the RAAC group, to plan and undertake whole of patient group meetings in addition to a number of other coordination roles," she said.

"It would represent a new approach from ANZSN – supporting patients to actively engage in research to make sure it addresses the patients' own priorities."

# Registrars learn skills at Indigenous training posts



JAMES Boyd is already making a difference to the health of Aboriginal people.

He's one of 161 Australian General Practice Training program (AGPT) general practitioner (GP) registrars now undertaking training at Indigenous health training posts nationally.

These posts form part of the opportunities available in the AGPT program, which trains junior doctors towards achieving the speciality of general practice.

The registrars are providing primary care health services at Indigenous communities, undertaking Aboriginal health checks and linking patients with specialist services.

Dr Boyd has just started his post at Gurgun Bulanggela Aboriginal Health in Lismore, northern NSW, where he has helped local people.

"A middle-aged guy came in with persistent fevers and swelling around his face that had been happening for years and I don't think he had sought medical attention in the past," the 30-year-old said.

"The cause stemmed from his dental issues and I was able to refer him to a dentist he could see for free and he has since had several teeth removed, several fillings, and for the first time in many years the swelling in his face has gone down and he



Dr James Boyd in the surgery at Gurgun Bulanggela Aboriginal Health in Lismore, northern NSW. Picture by Theresa Dalton

seems to be pain-free.

"Some of the Indigenous population are not as aware of sinister symptoms and might not seek help as often as some people."

More GP registrars are undertaking training at an increasing number of

accredited Indigenous health posts.

Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS), in south-west Sydney, relies on its two GP registrars to run a new child and family health clinic, which specialises in health checks for Indigenous kids as

well as immunisations. AGPT registrars also work with speech pathology and paediatric intervention services, seeing about 16 children a week.

"Without the addition of Dr Vanessa Farr and Dr Elina Gourlas to the Tharawal GP team, we would have been unable to establish this vital service," practice nurse Joanne Ross said.

General Practice Education and Training (GPET), the Australian Government company responsible for the AGPT program, has worked with training providers nationally to develop targets and plans aimed at closing the health gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

The organisation says this has resulted in:

- thirty new accredited Indigenous health training facilities since the end of 2012, with 242 in total as at December last year;

- the addition of 46 AGPT registrars since the end of 2012 undertaking training at Indigenous health training posts; and

- thirty-five Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander registrars currently enrolled in the AGPT.

Twenty-nine Indigenous registrars have achieved fellowship under the AGPT program.

For more information, go to [www.gpet.com.au](http://www.gpet.com.au)

# Quality tool to help our youth



A CONTINUOUS Quality Improvement (CQI) tool designed specifically for Indigenous youth aged 12-25 has been launched by the Menzies School of Health Research. Menzies says the

burden of disease and the health needs of Indigenous young people differ from children and adults as adolescence is a unique developmental period.

Indigenous young people are often "infrequent attendees" of health services, presenting only for health care at more serious stages of illness where their needs and wellbeing are sometimes overlooked.

Menzies' senior principal research fellow Professor Ross Bailie said the CQI tool was important as it was designed to assess the health care provided to Indigenous youth and would provide an indication of whether

clients were "falling through gaps".

"The youth health clinical audit tool was developed in response to sector demands to enable health services and clinicians to systematically assess the quality and delivery of healthcare provided to youth," he said.

The tool is based on national and

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– Menzies' Professor Ross Bailie



state/territory guidelines for Indigenous health care and has been tested in urban, regional and remote sites in government and community-controlled health centres across four states and territories.

The youth health clinical audit tool collects data from health service records which is then analysed against best practice guidelines. Service providers are then provided with web-based reviews of their strengths and weaknesses.

Lowitja Institute CEO Lyn Brodie said she was looking forward to hearing of the tool's outcomes. "We're very excited to have been able to support the development of these wonderful new resources," she said.

"The health and wellbeing of young Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders are critical to closing the gap.

"Resources and tools like these when supported by consistent implementation ensures evidence translates into practice."

For more information on the youth health clinical audit tool and eLearning modules visit [www.one21seventy.org.au](http://www.one21seventy.org.au)



# Indigenous performers facing 20 questions



JADA Albers, Lisa and Rachael Maza, David Page, Leah Purcell, Miranda Tapsell and Ursula Yovich. These are some of the

Indigenous performers who are set to be in the spotlight on Monday nights from April 7 until August 11 at Belvoir Street Theatre in Sydney.

They're among the guests for *20 Questions*, a production marketed as a cabaret and talk show rolled into one.

Under the format, each guest will be asked the same 20 questions by Queensland Theatre Company artistic director and host of *Sunday Arts Up Late* (ABC1) Wesley Enoch.

Performers will be announced as they are confirmed, but the dates of their performances will be kept secret.

The idea for *20 Questions* came out of rehearsal room conversations. Enoch and Belvoir's Eamon Flack noticed that when they were working on Indigenous productions, the chats in the rehearsal room, the yarns and sharing of life stories, were just as interesting as the shows they were working on.

They developed *20 Questions* as a way to bring those behind-the-scenes conversations on to centre stage.

For more details, go to [www.belvoir.com.au](http://www.belvoir.com.au)

Wesley Enoch. Picture by Gary Heery

# Tewantin to host festival



FREE children's Indigenous art workshops will be offered at this year's Booin Gari festival on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. The festival, named for the Gubbi Gubbi Aboriginal words for 'come this way', will be held on April 8 at United Synergies in Tewantin.

Archibald Prize entrant Jandamarra Cadd will run the workshops, which are part of a wider entertainment program.

The Booin Gari festival, now in its seventh year, is held to build positive relationships and share local Indigenous culture.

Guest presentations from local Indigenous community artists and performers as well as yarning circles and workshops and live entertainment are also on the program.

United Synergies chief executive Christopher John said Booin Gari provided an opportunity for local Aboriginal young people and their families to come together and celebrate their culture, but also to share it with the broader Sunshine Coast community.

"The key purpose of the event is to provide an annual forum for celebration, connection, engagement and sharing of knowledge, history and culture amongst community members," he said. More details at [facebook/unitedsynergies](https://facebook/unitedsynergies).



Ellsy Rudd and Ny-Khaya Tyson-Purcell at last year's Booin Gari.

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# Bundjalung brothers show art



*Brolga (The Visitor)* by Oral Roberts.



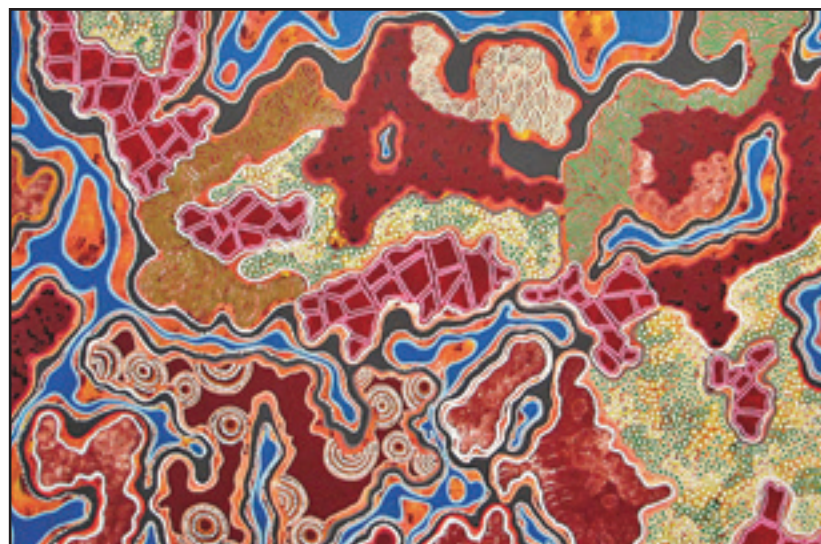
ARTWORKS by 12 men are now on show in the *Bunarm Bologaman Wahl Bundjalung (Brothers coming together of the Bundjalung Nation)* exhibition. The exhibition, at Bangalow in north-east NSW – the heart of Bundjalung Country – was officially opened last week.

It features work from all areas of the Bundjalung nation inspired by nuthung garra (ancestors), the higher spiritual source known as nuthung ngali and the butheram (creation times).

Arts Northern Rivers chief executive Peter Wood said the exhibition, originally developed by ACE College in Lismore, was an important opportunity for the Northern Rivers community and visitors to experience a wide variety of works by Bundjalung artists.

"The exhibition also sits within our broader Bundjalung Project, which has been funded by the Federal Indigenous Visual Arts Support Program," he said.

The project, which focusses on the significance of traditional mark-making practices and explores how these practices can influence the approach to developing contemporary images, was inspired by the Grafton Regional Gallery's



*My Country* by Charlie Caldwell, is one of the pieces in the *Bunarm Bologaman Wahl Bundjalung (Brothers coming together of the Bundjalung Nation)* exhibition.

acquisition of three traditional Bundjalung clubs dating back to the mid-1800s.

"The Bundjalung Project is an exciting initiative that seeks to assist local Indigenous artists to reconnect with traditional Bundjalung artefacts to develop a unique style for our region through the incorporation of ancient Bundjalung Nation markings and motifs into modern Indigenous artworks," Mr Wood said.

The artists, who are all teachers and mentors strong in culture and art, each offer a perspective on their djugun (country). They are Noel (Charlie) Caldwell, Luke Close, Eric Ferguson, Anthony Gordon, Burri Jerome, Sean Kay, Gilbert Laurie, Digby Moran, Oral Roberts, Ray Roberts, Lewis Walker and Jai Darby Walker.

For exhibition details, go to [www.artsnorthernrivers.com.au](http://www.artsnorthernrivers.com.au)

# Landscape gems are on display



THE landscape paintings of central Australia

by Aboriginal artists are explored in a major exhibition now on at the Art Gallery of NSW.

Called *The Hills Beyond Hermannsburg*, the exhibition features works by Aboriginal greats including Hermannsburg movement founders Albert Namatjira and Otto Pareroutja.

Among the artworks on display is the first by an Aboriginal artist bought for the gallery's collection: *Amulda Gorge* by Edwin Pareroutja.

Hermannsburg, or Ntaria as it is known locally, is to the west of Mparntwe (Alice Springs) in the Central Desert region of Australia.

Ntaria is on Western Arrernte country and in

## Watercolours on show

**S**YDNEY'S Tali Gallery will launch a new exhibition of watercolours in the style of Albert Namatjira this Saturday (March 29).

Art on display will be by descendants of Namatjira who now paint at the Ngurratjuta Many Hands community art centre in Alice Springs.

The exhibition opening will include a reception for two of the featured artists, Lenie Namatjira and Gloria Pannka.

More details at [www.taligallery.com.au](http://www.taligallery.com.au)

1877 was the location chosen by Lutheran missionaries for the establishment of Hermannsburg mission, the first Aboriginal mission established in the Northern Territory.

Albert Namatjira was born there in 1902, and in 1934 he was introduced to watercolour painting by artists Rex Battarbee and John Gardner.

In the late 1930s and early 1940s, many of

Namatjira's peers, including Walter Ebatarinja, Otto Pareroutja, Edwin Pareroutja, Claude Pannka, Benjamin Landara and Richard Moketarinja, began painting with watercolours, resulting in a distinct style commonly referred to as the Hermannsburg school or movement.

The free exhibition continues until June 8. Details at [www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au)



*The Hills Behind Hermannsburg* by Otto Pareroutja (1914-1973), watercolour on paper, purchased 1996 © Estate of the artist. Licensed by Aboriginal Artists Agency.



*West MacDonnell Ranges, NT* by Ivy Pareroutja 2007, watercolour on white wove paper on board, purchased with funds provided by the Aboriginal Collection Benefactors Group 2012.



# Divas set for LAUNCH



Saltwater Divas will be mentored by Territory singer songwriter Mandy Garling.



REGISTRATIONS are open for a two-day music workshop and performance opportunity in Darwin for

Indigenous girls and women.

Called Saltwater Divas, the program is based on the annual Alice Springs Desert Divas event, which has supported the music careers of Jacinta Price, Catherine Satour and other Indigenous singers.

Saltwater Divas, to be held during the City of Darwin's LAUNCH program for National Youth Week, will include mentoring from NT musicians Mandy Garling, Catherine Satour and Kirra Voller.

Saltwater Divas participants will have the opportunity to meet other local aspiring artists, be mentored by established Indigenous female artists, gain confidence and skills in songwriting/performance and perform an original song as a part of the Saltwater Divas showcase.

The event, open to Indigenous females of all ages, will be held at Brown's Mart, Darwin, on April 9-10.

Register online at <http://bit.ly/1iX9h88> or call (08) 8981 1995.

## Legends' art at Brisbane gallery



WORKS by some of the greats of Aboriginal art are now on show at the Fireworks Gallery in Brisbane.

### LEGENDS:

*Aboriginal Master Works* features works by Lin Onus, Rover Thomas, Emily Kame Kngwarreye, Freddie Timms and Michael Nelson Jagamara, among others.

The exhibition, which opens today (March 26) continues at the gallery until April 26.

Tonight's official opening also

includes the launch of the book *The Dealer is the Devil: an Insider's History of the Aboriginal Art Trade*, by Adrian Newstead.

Newstead has had more than 30 years' experience in the Aboriginal art trade.

The *Dealer is the Devil* is his "personal and encyclopaedic" examination of the Aboriginal art industry.

● The Fireworks Gallery is at 52a Doggett Street in Newstead. More details on the exhibition at [www.fireworksgallery.com.au](http://www.fireworksgallery.com.au)



Rover Thomas' *Jabanunga (Rainbow Serpent)* 1996.



## Magid on job at Bangarra



BANGARRA Dance Theatre has a new executive director. Former Australian Ballet associate

executive director Philippe Magid (pictured above) took up the position this month.

Bangarra chair Larissa Behrendt said Mr Magid would bring energy and enthusiasm to the theatre.

"With a strong understanding of the sector and diverse business experience, his skills will be a perfect complement to artistic director Stephen Page and the team at Bangarra," she said.

## Balnaves award deadline nears



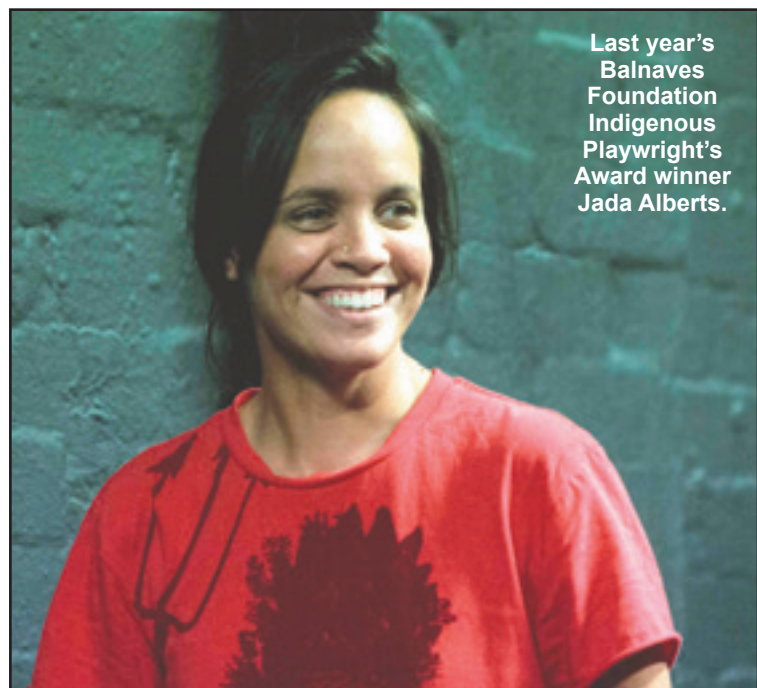
ENTRIES close this Friday (March 28) for the Balnaves Foundation Indigenous

Playwright's Award. The award, open to all writers of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, comprises a \$7500 cash prize and a \$12,500 commission to write a new play with the support of Belvoir.

The winner will be announced in May during National Reconciliation Week.

The judging panel is the ILBIJERRI Theatre Company's Rachael Maza, artistic director of the Queensland Theatre Company Wesley Enoch, Belvoir's Eamon Flack and Anthea Williams, and last year's winner Jada Alberts.

More details are available at [www.belvoir.com.au](http://www.belvoir.com.au)



Last year's Balnaves Foundation Indigenous Playwright's Award winner Jada Alberts.



## Stories of Noongar warrior on ABC radio



**STORIES** about great Noongar warrior Yagan are to be broadcast around Australia.

The stories are in *The Spirit of Yagan is alive and well* oral history CD, which has been produced by the Community Arts Network WA (CAN WA) in partnership with the Wadjuk Boodja Gateway Aboriginal Corporation and the City of Swan.

The 40-minute audio piece

will be broadcast across Australia on the ABC's Radio National *Away!* program this Saturday (March 29) at 6pm and repeated next Tuesday (April 2) at 9pm.

The CD includes stories and memories from Swan River traditional owners and the direct descendants of Yagan, who in 1833 was betrayed, murdered and beheaded for resisting British settlement.

Wadjuk Boodja Gateway Aboriginal Corporation



This artwork was created by Wadjuk chair Vanessa Corunna, who was inspired to paint a series of canvasses after listening to the final edit of the *Spirit of Yagan* documentary.

chair Vanessa Corunna said the compilation of the CD was a proud moment for her people.

"The oral histories about Yagan empower our people, and help to build respect," she said.

"We are hoping the stories, as handed on through generations, will get out into the world and then help

preserve and promote our rich cultural heritage."

City of Swan Mayor Charlie Zannino said the council was proud to have sponsored the project.

"This important cultural record recognises the history and continued connection of the local Aboriginal communities to the area," he said.

"The recordings are also of significant cultural heritage to Western Australia."

The CD and commemorative posters and postcards, featuring original artworks inspired by the oral history project, will be officially launched in Guildford this Saturday, March 29, from 11am at Stirling Square.

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.

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](http://www.carersnsw.org.au)

Community Yarn Up Project expression of interest: The National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the Australian National University, in partnership with industry partners, is undertaking a national oral history research project titled 'Serving Our Country: a history of Aboriginal and Torres Islander people in the Defence of Australia'.

The project will look at the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and women in the Australian defence and auxiliary services from 1890s to 2000. Find out when and where they'll be near you over the next few months. Contact Craig Green on (02) 6125 0092 or email [craig.greene@anu.edu.au](mailto:craig.greene@anu.edu.au)

**March 27-April 13:** Singer Leah Flanagan's *Everything* single launch and mini tour. Flanagan will tour Melbourne and Darwin in April. Tickets and

information at [www.pavoniaplace.com.au](http://www.pavoniaplace.com.au) or call (08) 8948 1515. For more information on individual shows, venue and prices, go to [www.leahflanagan.com.au/tour](http://www.leahflanagan.com.au/tour)

**March 29 and April 2:** ABC Radio National audio broadcast *The Spirit of Yagan is alive and well*, a collection of stories about Noongar warrior Yagan. The 40-minute audio piece will be broadcast on ABC Radio National's *Away!* program on March 29 and April 2 at 9pm.

### NSW-ACT

**Ongoing:** New Directions Mums and Bubs Program. A service helping to educate, support and provide professional care for mums, bubs and children aged 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.

**Ongoing:** Hockey NSW free coaching sessions. All sticks and shinpads are available to use. Held every Tuesday in Ballina and every Wednesday in Lismore from 3.30-4.30pm. Free. Details: Tony Meldrum on 0447 186 134.

**Until March 29:** *Gija Contemporary Art from Warmun* exhibition, featuring artists from Warmun Art Centre, WA. Held at Aboriginal and Pacific Art, 2 Danks St, Waterloo, Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9699 2211 or visit [www.aboriginalpacificart.com.au](http://www.aboriginalpacificart.com.au)

**Until March 27:** Left Field Project exhibition. Features contemporary Aboriginal artists from the Orana Arts region including Aleisha Lonsdale, Paris Norton, Dylan Goolagong and Sandra Peckham.

Held at the Fire Station Arts Centre, 116 Darling St, Dubbo, from 6pm. Details:

Melissa Ryan on 0409 245 020 or visit [www.oranaarts.com](http://www.oranaarts.com)

**Until March 30:** *The AB-sorption Method* exhibition of works on paper and film by Penny Evans. Held at the Lismore Regional Gallery, Tues-Fri 10am-4pm, Thurs 10am-6pm, Sat-Sun 10am-2pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6622 2209 or visit [www.lismoregallery.org](http://www.lismoregallery.org)

**Until March 30:** *Bunarm Bologaman wahl Bundjalung – Brothers Coming Together of the Bundjalung Nation* exhibition. A collaboration between 12 leading Bundjalung artists who have a deep connection to the Bundjalung nation. Held at Bangalow A&I Hall, Station St, Bangalow on Wed-Sun, 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 6628 8120 or email [info@artsnorthernrivers.com.au](mailto:info@artsnorthernrivers.com.au)

**Until April 18:** Lismore Young Songwriters Competition. Open to ages 12-25. Categories include pop, folk/country, hip hop/urban R&B, punk/metal and rock/indie. Entries to be submitted in MP3 format. Details: Lizette Twisleton on 1300 878 387 or visit [www.lismoreyoungsongwriters@gmail.com](http://www.lismoreyoungsongwriters@gmail.com)

**Until June 8:** *The hills beyond Hermannsburg* exhibition. Showcasing 36 works, it explores the landscape paintings of Central Australia by Aboriginal artists' works in the Art Gallery of NSW collection. Held the gallery, Art Gallery Rd, The Domain, Sydney, daily from 10-5pm. Free admission. Details: (02) 9225 1744 or visit [www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au)

**March 27-31:** The Travelling Film Festival will be in the Clarence Valley with screenings in Grafton. Featuring the film *The Darkside*, a series of ghost stories from people who have had strange experiences. Held at Saraton Theatre, 99 Prince St, Grafton from 7pm. Cost: \$8.50-

\$14. Details: (02) 6642 1633 or visit [www.sff.org.au/public/](http://www.sff.org.au/public/)

**March 28:** *Utopia* film screening at the Star Court Theatre, 126 Molesworth St, Lismore, from 7.30pm. Cost: \$10-\$14. Details: (02) 66225 005 or visit [www.starcourttheatre.com.au/events/utopia](http://www.starcourttheatre.com.au/events/utopia)

**March 29:** *Watercolours* exhibition opening and workshop, featuring works by Albert Namatjira's dranddaughter Leni and her cousin Gloria Pannaka. Includes a workshop with the artists. Held at Tali Gallery, 667 Darling St, Rozelle, from 2pm. Cost: \$80. Details: (02) 9555 6555 or visit [www.taligallery.com.au](http://www.taligallery.com.au)

**April 5-6:** HomeGround, a celebration of First Peoples music, dance and culture. Held at the Western Boardwalk, Sydney Opera House, Bennelong Point, Sydney from 6pm. Free. Details: (02) 9250 777 or visit [www.sydneyperehouse.com/about/homeground](http://www.sydneyperehouse.com/about/homeground)

**April 7-August 11:** *20 Questions*, a cabaret and talk show rolled into one. Each Monday night a new mystery Indigenous performer will be asked 20 questions. Held at Belvoir St Theatre, 25 Belvoir St, Surry Hills. Cost: Full \$68, snr/industry/group \$58, conc \$48, previews \$48. Details: (02) 9699 344 or visit [www.belvoir.com.au](http://www.belvoir.com.au)

**April 8:** *Wulamanayuwu And The Seven Pamanui* play. A modern Aboriginal adventure story inspired by *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. Held at Lismore City Hall at 11am and 6pm. Cost: Adults \$39, Student \$35, Conc \$33, U18 \$20. Details: 1300 066 772 or visit [www.norpa.org.au](http://www.norpa.org.au)

**April 9-10:** Yarning about Cancer and Palliative Care workshop, for all Aboriginal  
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# Speaking Together...



CONTEMPORARY cultural expression and timeless connections are explored in a new art exhibition by Koorie artist Kelly Koumalatsos at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum.

The Wergaia/Wemba Wemba (northern Victoria) artist has produced a range of work for *Wuregwurung: Speaking Together*, which continues until June 22.

An artist for almost 20 years, Koumalatsos has contributed to a rebirth of south-eastern Koorie cultural heritage, including significant work producing possum skin cloaks and screen printing with possum fur.

Her work in *Wuregwurung: Speaking Together* goes beyond traditional methods of using possum fur, while embedded with her connection to her culture. Her work is designed to challenge the status quo of what contemporary cultural practice is and explores and highlights the diverse aesthetic of Victorian Koorie expression.

Bunjilaka is in Nicholson Street, Carlton. More details at [www.museumvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka](http://www.museumvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka)

● Pictured left: Kelly Koumalatsos and John Murray at the opening of *Wuregwurung: Speaking Together*.

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health professionals. Held at Macquarie Inn, cnr Wheelers Ln and Birch Ave, Dubbo. Free to attend, but must register. Details: Janeen Foffani on (02) 9515 6424 or email [ajneen.foffani@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ajneen.foffani@sswahs.nsw.gov.au)

**April 22-24:** Mirrung Ngu Wanjarri girls camp. For girls in Years 7 and 8. Topics include discussions about self-esteem and self-love, body image and the media, bush walks and more. Held at Yarawarra. Free event. Details from Nancy Walke (Bolt) on (02) 6621 1006.

## Queensland

**Until June 9:** *Our Dreaming* – animating country, connecting people to place through animation and storytelling exhibition. Held at the State Library of Queensland daily from 10am-5pm. Details (07) 3840 7666 or email [kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.slq.qld.gov.au](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au)

**March 27:** *On the Banks of the Barambah* book launch. The book is a pictorial history of Barambah/Cherbourg which captures the history of a community which survived decades of severe hardship and suffering.

Held at kuril dhagun, State Library of Queensland, South Bank, Brisbane at 4pm. Free event. Details on (07) 4169 5753 or 0412 904 674

**April 3:** Buranga Widjung Justice Group Event. A day of traditional dancers, artists and Elders to tell the story of the Toorbul Point Bora Rings. Held at the bora rings, Bestman Rd, Ningi from 10am-1pm. Free event. RSVP by March 31 on (07) 5499 4133 or email [bwjustice@datawave.net.au](mailto:bwjustice@datawave.net.au)

**April 6:** 4ZZZ's Indigi-briz Fundraiser. Raising funds for 4ZZZ and the Indigenous Reading Project, featuring performances by DievsCity, Robbie Miller and Swilo and Au Bala. Held at The New Globe Theatre, 220 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley, from 3pm. Cost: \$10-\$12.

Details: 1300 762 545 or visit [www.4zzzfm.org.au/program/indigi-briz](http://www.4zzzfm.org.au/program/indigi-briz)

**April 8:** Booin Gari festival, celebrating Indigenous culture and heritage on the Sunshine Coast. It includes entertainment and activities and a children's Indigenous art workshop. Held at United Synergies, 14 Ernest Street, Tewantin, from 10am-2pm. Free event. Details: Tonya Stock on 0411 894 150

**April 9:** Theatre with Paula Nazarski, a Ngugi woman from North Stadbrooke Island who will talk about Aboriginal theatre and the art of storytelling through performance. Held at the Talking Circle, Level 1, State Library of Queensland, Stanley Pl, Southbank, Brisbane from 6.30-7.30pm. Free event, bookings preferred. Details:

(07) 3842 9985 or visit [www.slq.eventbrite.com](http://www.slq.eventbrite.com)

**April 12-July 13:** *Yirrkala Drawings* official opening and exhibition. Features more than 80 crayon drawings by senior leaders of the Yirrkala community in 1947. Details: (07) 3842 9844 or visit [www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/yirrkala](http://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/yirrkala)

**June 21, August 30 and November 8:** The Ration Shed Most Excellent Adventure Tour. Hear from Elders connected to Cherbourg at the community's Ration Shed. Tour departs at 7.30am from Ettamogah Pub and returns at 6pm. Seating is limited. Cost: \$70 per person. Details: (07) 5459 9150 or email [sarah.larsen@dete.qld.gov.au](mailto:sarah.larsen@dete.qld.gov.au)

## Victoria

**Until March 30:** *Diverse/City Aboriginal Art In Melbourne*, an exhibition featuring the work of Indigenous artists from across Melbourne, including Paola Balla, Megan Cadd and John Duggan. Held at The Light Factory Gallery, Eltham, Wed-Sun, 11am-4.30pm. Details: (03) 9439 1206 or visit [www.thelightfactorygallery.com.au](http://www.thelightfactorygallery.com.au)

**Until March 31:** The 18th SheppARTon Festival. A program of cultural events celebrating the community of the Greater Shepparton region. The full program details are available at

[www.sheppartonfestival.org.au](http://www.sheppartonfestival.org.au) or call (03) 5832 9540.

**March 29:** Victorian Aboriginal Health Service 40th anniversary gala dinner. MC is Kutcha Edwards, with entertainment by Benny Walker, The Dave Arden Band and DJ Rivaboi.

Held at The General Assembly, 45 South Wharf Promenade, South Wharf, from 7pm. Cost: \$90 adults, \$50 concession. RSVP by this Friday, March 14. Details: Robert McGuinness on (03) 9403 3323 or email [robert.mcguinness@vahs.org.au](mailto:robert.mcguinness@vahs.org.au)

**March 29:** 'Baany to Warrna Ngargee-Water to Water' festival. A groundbreaking Indigenous music and cultural festival in the Mornington Peninsula featuring performances by Archie Roach, MauPower, Rheannan Port and more. Held at The Briars, 450 Nepean Highway, Mt Martha from 1.30-10pm. Cost: Entry fees apply. Details: 0403 461 244 or visit [www.watertowater.org.au](http://www.watertowater.org.au)

**April 8-11:** Koori Pride school holiday program registrations. Registrations are now open for the Songlines holiday program.

Workshops include drumming, traditional dance, traditional and contemporary Indigenous songs and songwriting plus music production.

Open to ages eight-16. Free program, bookings essential. Details on (03) 9471 2939 or visit [www.songlines.net.au](http://www.songlines.net.au)

**April 12:** Koori Pride event. Activities include Koori night market, Circus Oz Workshop rock climbing, live performances by Yung Warriors and more. Held at Ray Braham Gardens, (cnr Bell Street and St Georges Rd) Darebin, from 2-6pm. Free event. Details: (03) 9471 2939 or visit [www.songlines.net.au](http://www.songlines.net.au)

## Western Australia

**March 29:** *The Spirit of Yagan is alive and well* official launch. A compilation of oral histories, music and artworks gives voice to the memories and stories of the descendants of Noongar warrior Yagan (see report on facing page).

Held at Stirling Square, Meadow St, Guilford from 11am-1pm. More details from Mylene Ragon on (08) 9226 2422 or email [mylene@canwa.com.au](mailto:mylene@canwa.com.au)

**July 5-6:** Rural Health West will host the Aboriginal Health Conference in Perth. A range of leading speakers is on the program, with the conference to be held at the Parmelia Hilton Hotel.

More details and a conference program at [www.ruralhealthwest.com.au](http://www.ruralhealthwest.com.au) or call (08) 6389 4500.

**July 6-12:** National NAIDOC Week celebrations in Perth. A large program has been organised for the annual celebration. Go to the website [www.naidocperth.org](http://www.naidocperth.org) for more details.



# Employment

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Indigenous workers busy at the Chevron-operated Gorgon gas fields project in Western Australia.

## Workers on course



INDIGENOUS workers have developed in-demand skills under a training program in Western Australia.

The warehousing and logistics trades assistants took part in training provided by CB&I Kentz Joint Venture (CKJV) as part of the huge Chevron-operated Gorgon gas fields project off the Pilbara coast.

The training program, combining education and

employment, gave the group the opportunity to complete the four-week Gorgon Entry Skills Warehousing course. Participants were taught about workplace safety requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry and given the opportunity to obtain a forklift licence.

Following formal training, 12 local participants are working as trades assistants with CKJV, one of the largest subcontractors on the Gorgon Project.

The Indigenous employees

now have the opportunity to gain valuable warehousing and logistics experience, including receipting, controlling and dispatching of inventory at CKJV's storage facilities in Henderson and Kwinana, Western Australia.

### Opportunity

"The combination of both formal training and the opportunity to gain work experience on the Gorgon Project will support the Indigenous employees' careers for the future," CKJV community

engagement and Indigenous development manager Nola Kelly said.

"The Indigenous employees have transitioned well to the job, which has been reflected in the way they conduct tasks as well as ease of fitting into the crew on site. The level of enthusiasm, willingness to learn and growth that each individual has demonstrated have been outstanding and motivating."

The group is now part of the team at CKJV, with one of the female trades assistants, Merinda Davison, praising the

project. "I receive a lot of support and am treated the same as anyone else. Everyone gets along really well – it's like a family," she said.

CKJV says the new trade assistants are being supported by a peer-mentoring program.

Gorgon is one of the world's largest natural gas projects. It is operated by an Australian subsidiary of Chevron and is a joint venture of the Australian subsidiaries of Chevron (47.3 per cent), ExxonMobil, Shell, Osaka Gas, Tokyo Gas and Chubu Electric Power.

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To be considered you will need to be CA/CPA qualified, have previous experience in a similar role, ideally within a not for profit and/or in an organisation with a significant asset management function.

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A position description can be requested via [ari.spierings@ahvic.org.au](mailto:ari.spierings@ahvic.org.au)

Applications addressing the key selection criteria should be submitted by 5pm on 10 April 2014. Please note that applications that do not address the selection criteria will not be considered.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.*

Applications or queries about the role should be directed to:  
Jenny Samms, CEO.  
email: [jenny.samms@ahvic.org.au](mailto:jenny.samms@ahvic.org.au), phone: 9403 2100.



## Tauondi Aboriginal College CULTURAL SERVICES MENTOR Re-advertised Position

Tauondi College is an interdisciplinary teaching and training organisation governed by an elected Aboriginal Council of management. Tauondi has been delivering accredited and non accredited training to Aboriginal people for 40 years by providing specifically designed training programs, delivered in a culturally appropriate learning environment. Tauondi continues to be a significant Aboriginal Community organisation in the SA Aboriginal Community.

This position is designed to:

- to coordinate and deliver Aboriginal Cultural Awareness / Competency programs to both Aboriginal and non Aboriginal clients
- to coordinate and deliver and assess the accredited Course in Indigenous Mentoring program
- to provide employment mentoring to all Tauondi past students and identified clients who gain employment through Tauondi's projects to increase their retention of employment

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced mentor and/or trainer. The applicant should have extensive experience with a high degree of computer skills, report writing, case management and communication skills, with a minimum 3 years mentoring experience and possess a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

The ideal application will possess high professional standards, a deep commitment to working with Aboriginal people and be highly motivated to work in a team environment.

Salary is \$60 - \$70 K negotiable based on qualifications and experience.

A business only mobile phone and use of College vehicle during business hours are supplied. Some work outside standard business hours may be required.

For a copy of the Position Description, email [thr@tauondi.sa.edu.au](mailto:thr@tauondi.sa.edu.au) and you will receive an auto reply email with a hyperlink to the PD.

Applications must comprise a cover letter, a current resume and one page addressing your experience in TWO Key Accountabilities of your choice as listed in the Position Description. To be received by **Thursday 17 April, 2014.**

Applications are to be addressed to the  
Business Development & IT Manager via post to  
Tauondi Aboriginal College  
PO Box 409, PORT ADELAIDE SA 5015  
or via email to [thr@tauondi.sa.edu.au](mailto:thr@tauondi.sa.edu.au).

(Previous applicants need not apply).

**We strongly encourage Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to apply.**

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

Applicants must address the Key Selection Criteria and have a current police and working with children's check to be considered for the role.

For specific information about the role, please contact: **Elke Smirl, Manager, 0467 716 260 or (03) 9871 2676.**

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For further details please review the website <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au> or contact – Ms Tracey Oakman, Manager Health Protection, on (02) 6080 8916, [tracey.oakman@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tracey.oakman@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

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Local Health District**



**Family &  
Community Services**  
Community Services

## CASEWORKER

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in Child Protection practice.

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**Do you have a social work or other related degree and experience working with children and families?**

Join us now and benefit from professional support and training, flexible working conditions, great career opportunities and a competitive salary.

*People from Indigenous and Culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Aboriginal applicants do not need a degree qualification as their experience with Aboriginal communities is highly valued.*

**Join us now.**

**For more information visit [www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers) or phone 1800 203 966.**

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## Contract Compliance Officer

APS 5  
Berrimah, NT  
\$69,395 - \$74,331 (plus superannuation)

The Contract Compliance Officer (CCO) supports the efficient and effective delivery of contracted services to Defence customers in the Central and West region. Contracted services include Comprehensive Maintenance (CMS) and Garrison Support (GSS).

The CCO supports management of CMS and GSS Contracts including contractor relationship focusing on performance and compliance. The CCO works closely with Regional Contract Management. To achieve this, the CCO engages with stakeholders at base, site and regional contract levels on a range of service delivery issues.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a 'Special Measure' under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to support Defence achievement of the Council of Australian Governments' target for 2.7 percent representation by 2015.

Proof of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage is required from all applicants.

For further information please review the job information pack, reference **DSRG/02393/13**.

### How to apply

Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers). Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 9 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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**Education &  
Communities**

## Aboriginal Assistant Training Advisor

**Clerk Grade 3/4  
Position number and location: 162885 – Dubbo**

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$75,795 pa (salary \$62,587 – \$68,531 pa) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

Assisting in developing, monitoring and evaluation of Aboriginal programs and VET applications, projects and programs. Liaising with key stakeholders on the operation of vocational training programs policies.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Aboriginality
- Financial management experience
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Good liaison skills
- Experience in administering programs
- Experience in presenting information sessions to client groups
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Notes:** This is a temporary full-time appointment up to 30 June 2014 with a possibility of extension.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child-related position in the Department of Education and Communities, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit <http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/New-Working-with-Children-Check>. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

**Special Notes:** It is a requirement that all candidates submit their application and resume online. No paper based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria/pre-screening questions.

New employment legislation applies 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.

**Enquiry Officer:** Barry Williams (02) 6881 6178

To apply online, please visit the JobsNSW website: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for reference 162885.

**Closing date: Wednesday, 9 April 2014**

*The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.*

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## Indigenous Executive Officer

APS Level 6

\$76,023 - \$86,844 (plus superannuation)

Campbell Park, ACT

This position will be responsible for a variety of complex tasks related to APS recruitment. The work will require frequent engagement with people to promote Indigenous recruitment strategies and options within Defence. As an important coordination point for Indigenous recruitment, you need to work bring many different work areas together to achieve results.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a 'Special Measure' under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to support Defence achievement of the Council of Australian Governments' target for 2.7 percent representation by 2015.

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage is required from all applicants.

For further information, please review the Job Information Pack, reference **DPG/02305/13**.

### How to apply

Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers). Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 9 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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## Security Vetting Officer

APS Level 3 - Brisbane CBD, QLD

\$55,825 - \$61,512 (plus superannuation)

The Defence Security Authority (DSA) leads the Department of Defence's protective security work to protect Defence's people and business from unacceptable security risks.

The Security Vetting Officer position is situated within the AGSVA National Coordination Centre (NCC). The role is responsible for coordinating and processing personnel security files for Commonwealth agencies for the purpose of security clearance vetting.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a Special Measure under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage is required.

For further information about Special Measures and accepted forms of proof of heritage please refer to the Australian Public Service Commission at <http://www.apsc.gov.au/indigenous/identified-positions>

For further information please review the job information pack, reference **IS/02480/13**.

### How to apply

Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers). Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 9 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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## Environmental Officer

APS Level 6

Sydney CBD, NSW

\$76,023 - \$86,844 (plus superannuation)

Defence Support - Northern NSW (DS-NNSW) provides specialised corporate services to support Defence capability and enable Defence priorities through cost effective and timely service delivery and the provision of professional advice within the Northern NSW Region. The DS-NNSW footprint stretches from the Sydney CBD to Richmond in the west and the Hunter region. The primary focus of the role is to deliver environment and heritage planning services in support of Defence activities in the region.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a Special Measure under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage is required.

For further information about Special Measures and accepted forms of proof of heritage please refer to the Australian Public Service Commission at <http://www.apsc.gov.au/indigenous/identified-positions>

For further information please review the job information pack, reference **DSRG/02529/13** on [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers).

### How to apply

Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers). Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 9 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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## Business Analyst

We are looking for an experienced auditor to join the Group Audit Team based in Ultimo, Sydney. In this position you'll undertake internal audits of ABC processes, operational activities, systems, projects, contract management and functions.

*This vacancy is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting our commitment to the ABC's Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.*

For details visit [abc.net.au/careers](http://abc.net.au/careers)

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FRAMLINGHAM



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FRAMLINGHAM ABORIGINAL TRUST

The Management Committee of Framlingham Aboriginal Trust seeks an experienced, skilled and motivated CEO to manage its staff, properties, assets and programs. This will suit a culturally aware person with high level personal and professional skills who wants to make a positive contribution in the unique work environment of Framlingham Community.

For full details, contact Bruce Campbell, Acting CEO on (03) 5567 1003 or email: [ceo@fram.org.au](mailto:ceo@fram.org.au)

**Applications close: 13/4/14**



**WYANGA**  
wyanga, the core of Aboriginal peoples spirit.

## Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc. is a not for profit organisation based in Redfern. Our vision statement is "Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program will strive for excellence and best practice in the provision of culturally appropriate services and quality care for our elders in their own home and in the community".

Wyanga are currently looking for two energetic and innovative people to join our team.

### Finance Officer - Part time

**Location: Redfern**

**Hours: 21 hours - 8.30am - 4.30pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday**

*We encourage Indigenous people to apply however this position is not an identified position.*

- Sound book keeping skills including experience with Business Activity Statements.
- Proven ability with MYOB (V19.5) accounting program, including payroll.
- Proven knowledge of grants procedures and administration.
- Preferred - great computer skills Microsoft Word etc.
- This position requires an Australian Federal Police Criminal history check to be completed.
- To have knowledge of and respect for Aboriginal culture.\*

### Respite Coordinator - Part time (identified)

**Location: Redfern**

**Hours: 15 hours - 9.30am - 2.30pm, Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

#### Selection Criteria

This position is an identified Aboriginal position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal Descent. Exemption is claimed under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

- Confirmation of Aboriginality.
- Certificate III in Disability.
- First aid and WHS.
- Experience working with people with a disability.
- Proven ability to use Departmental data bases ie. HADS and MDS reporting.
- Preferred to have great computer skills Microsoft Word etc.
- Experience in program coordination.
- This position requires a Working with Children Check (WWCC) issued by the Commission for Children and Young People.

**Applications close: 30th May 2014.**

To apply or for further information please contact Wyanga for an Application pack on (02) 9319 7175 or email enquiries to [reception@wyanga.org.au](mailto:reception@wyanga.org.au)



**Health**  
**Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network**

## Enrolled Nurse with Medication Endorsement

Cessnock

**Casual - JH No: 184198**

**Salary:** Public Health System Nurses & Midwives (State) Award, EEN 1-5: \$25.22-\$27.40 ph

**Enquiries:** Amanda Chapman on (02) 4993 2350 or email [Amanda.Chapman@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Amanda.Chapman@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** 9 April 2014.

*To apply for this position please visit <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au> NSW Health Service - Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.*

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## Aboriginal Health Worker

**Cert IV (recruitment pool)**

Bentley-Armadale Medicare Local (BAML) is seeking an Aboriginal Health Worker Cert IV (recruitment pool) to assist in the Aboriginal Health program.

This position requires that you be highly motivated and dedicated to making a difference to patient and family care.

You will be required to provide high quality culturally appropriate services and work collaboratively with other members of a multidisciplinary team.

You will be required to work with the Bentley Hospital antenatal clinic, provide education sessions to the pregnant mums and family and source appropriate organisations for referral purposes.

**Applications Close: 19 April 2014**

## Enrolled Nurse

Bentley-Armadale Medicare Local (BAML) is seeking an enrolled nurse to assist in the Aboriginal Health program.

This position requires that you be highly motivated and dedicated to making a difference to patient and family care.

You will be required to provide high quality culturally appropriate services and work collaboratively with other members of a multidisciplinary team.

You will be required to work with the Primary Health Clinics, Allied Health providers to improve access to by Aboriginal people and provide education sessions to enable and improve Aboriginal clients to self-manage their health and wellbeing.

**Applications Close: 19 April 2014**

For more information, please visit our website [www.baml.com.au](http://www.baml.com.au) or email us on [careers@baml.com.au](mailto:careers@baml.com.au)



## Director of Operations

Aboriginal Housing Victoria is a company with a vision to develop and manage the provision of housing assistance to the Aboriginal community in a manner that is accessible, affordable, appropriate and secure, whilst meeting the social, cultural and economic needs of the Victorian Aboriginal Community.

AHV undertakes tenancy and asset management for a portfolio of 1500 properties across Victoria.

We are currently undergoing a dynamic period of change and we're seeking a highly skilled and experienced Director of Operations to manage AHV's core business: overseeing the delivery of exceptional service to our clients and the management of our property portfolio.

You will need exceptional leadership skills to assist us in guiding staff through a period of significant change, the ability to think and operate strategically and to lead continuous process improvement. In this role you will be liaising with Government and other housing providers to ensure best practice service provision in accord with the AHV's values, so we are seeking someone with excellent communication and negotiation skills. A background in asset or facilities management would be an advantage and an understanding of and commitment to the principles of social justice is essential.

An attractive salary package in excess of \$100,000 will be offered commensurate with the expectations of being a member of our Executive Management Team, reporting in to the CEO.

A position description can be requested via [ari.spierings@ahvic.org.au](mailto:ari.spierings@ahvic.org.au)

Applications addressing the key selection criteria should be submitted by 5pm on 10 April 2014. Please note that applications that do not address the selection criteria will not be considered.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.*

Applications or queries about the role should be directed to: Jenny Samms, CEO.  
email: [jenny.samms@ahvic.org.au](mailto:jenny.samms@ahvic.org.au), phone: 9403 2100.



## Kurranulla Aboriginal Corporation

### Co-ordinator, Aboriginal Men's Group

Part Time (15 hours per week) - 12 month contract

**ABOUT US:** The Gnarra HACC Aboriginal Project provides support to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people who are frail older people, people with disabilities and their carers who reside in the St George & Sutherland Shire areas.

**THE POSITION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:** Planning, preparation & delivery of a range of social / recreational activities; Working within a team environment to identify client's individual needs and / or challenges.

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:** Aboriginal Male; A 'can do' and client focused attitude; Proven skills in supervising individual clients and / or group activities; A practical approach to the delivery of person-centred programs & services; Demonstrate ability to work as part of a team; Computer Literacy; Maintain current First Aid certificate; Current NSW Drivers Licence; Approved Police & Working with Children Checks.

**WHAT WE CAN OFFER:** Salary Packaging; Opportunities for further training & professional development; Work in a positive environment whilst making a real difference in people's lives.

**Please forward resume to:** manager@kurranulla.org.au or call Kurranulla Aboriginal Corporation on 02 9528 0287 for further detail.

*Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977.*

**Applications close:** March 31, 2014.

## Become a Court Network Volunteer

Court Network is a unique and voluntary support service that provides support, information and referral services to persons attending court and to advocate for their needs.

To register to attend the Information and Selection Sessions on Wednesday, 2nd April 10am to 3pm.

contact

**Court Network on 1800 267 671**

or email [queensland@courtnetwork.com.au](mailto:queensland@courtnetwork.com.au)



**Health  
Sydney  
Local Health District**

### Dental Assistant (Grade 2) – Aboriginal Oral Health

Ref ID: 173843

Temp F/T up to 3 February 2015 at

Sydney Dental Hospital

Salary: \$1,041.40 – \$1,146.50 pw

Enquiries: Yolima Ramirez, (02) 9293 3345

**Closing date: 28 March 2014**

Please apply online by visiting:  
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

## Legal Aid NEW SOUTH WALES

### Professional Legal Placement (Aboriginal Identified),

#### Legal Officer Grade I, Various Locations/Legal Practice Areas

All enquires should be made to  
Shantala Prior on (02) 9219 6316 or  
Janelle Clarke on (02) 9219 5146

Closing Date 20 April 2014

- Temporary Vacancies up to 2 years
- Package up to 74K
- Jobs NSW Reference No. 00002L1A

We are looking for a bright, hard working law graduate who is about to embark on their Practical Legal Training professional placement to join our Professional Legal Placement Program working in either our Criminal, Family or Civil Law Divisions. Applicants should indicate their preference in a practice area which will be considered based on availability.

#### Job Notes

- The position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.
- Applicants should refer to the advert on Jobs NSW for Info Packs and details of what to include in their application.
- All applications must be submitted via [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

### Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-operative Ltd.

Incorporating  
**Bunurong Health Service**  
62 Stud Road, Dandenong  
VIC 3175



### Mental Health Development Officer Full time

Highly skilled and experienced person required with high level mental health networks. Good communication and written skills with an ability to develop the Cooperative's specific strategies in mental health. The applicant must be able to work with individual Client's cultural, emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing.

### The Youth Worker Female two days per week

The Youth Worker is responsible for the delivery of support services for local Aboriginal youth within the designated catchment area of the Dandenong & District Aborigines Co-operative.

Detailed job descriptions, selection criteria and general enquiries for these positions are available from Nicole Bloomfield at the Co-Operative on (03) 9794 5933.

Written applications must address the selection criteria and include the name and address of two referees. All applications must be marked **'Confidential'** and forwarded by **close of business Friday 4th April 2014** to:

Ms Nicole Bloomfield, Manager Social & Community Services  
Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-Operative Limited  
P.O. Box 683 Dandenong Victoria 3175  
**Or email: [nicole@ddacl.org.au](mailto:nicole@ddacl.org.au)**



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## Customer Service Officer

APS Level 3

\$55,825 - \$61,512 (plus superannuation)

Paddington, Potts Point, NSW

The Customer Service Centre offers access to all Defence Support and Reform Group (DSRG) products and services. Customer Service Officers provide access to and information regarding DSRG products and services to Australian Defence Force personnel. This includes promotion and education on the catalogue of services provided.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a 'Special Measure' under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to support Defence achievement of the Council of Australian Governments' target for 2.7 percent representation by 2015.

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage is required from all applicants.

For further information, please review the Job Information Pack, reference **DSRG/02414/13**.

### How to apply

Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers). Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 9 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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## Regional Hazardous Materials Officer

APS Level 6

\$76,023 - \$86,844 (plus super)

Berrimah, NT

The Regional Hazardous Materials Officer (RAHMO) will be responsible for the management of chemicals across the Defence Support Central and West (WA) Estate. The RAHMO will play an important role ensuring effective management of asbestos and hazardous materials. The RAHMO will lead and manage an asbestos remediation program and the Defence asbestos register.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a 'Special Measure' under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to support Defence achievement of the Council of Australian Governments' target for 2.7 percent representation by 2015.

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage is required from all applicants.

For further information, please review the Job Information Pack, reference **DSRG/02565/13** on [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers).

### How to apply

Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers). Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 9 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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## Assessing Officer

APS Level 4

\$63,236 - \$69,038 (plus superannuation)

Campbell Park ACT, Brisbane QLD, Sydney NSW, Edinburgh SA

As a member of the Intelligence and Security Group, the AGSVA is the central agency for the processing, evaluating and granting of security clearances for the Commonwealth. In the role of Assessing Officer APS4 level, you will conduct security clearances including clearance subject, referee and supervisor interviews along with other duties as required. A current driver's license is necessary.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a 'Special Measure' under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to support Defence achievement of the Council of Australian Governments' target for 2.7 percent representation by 2015.

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage is required from all applicants.

For further information, please review the Job Information Pack, reference **IS/02518/13** on [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers).

### How to apply

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## ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICER (PERMANENT PART-TIME 2 DAYS PER WEEK)

Salary range \$30.93 - \$34.82 per hour plus 9.25% superannuation

Council is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, self-motivated and committed individual who is passionate about engaging with Aboriginal communities to promote greater participation in decision making and community life and develop partnerships with Government and Non-Government agencies. This position is for two days (14 hours) per week. Working days and hours will be discussed at the interview stage. This is an identified position and the applicant must be of Aboriginal descent.

Applications must address the essential and desirable criteria as listed in the position description as those not addressing the selection criteria will not be considered.

Salary and conditions are in accordance with the Local Government (State) Award 2010 and Wollondilly Shire Council Enterprise Agreement with a salary range being \$30.93 to \$34.82 per hour which represents Grade 14 of Council's Pay Administration System.

**Applications for this position close  
4pm Tuesday 1 April 2014**

Applications must include names of two recent referees, a telephone contact number and be addressed to the Manager Executive Services. A pre-placement health assessment at Council's expense will be required.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Rob Moran, Community Projects Team Leader on (02) 4677 8211.

For a copy of the Guide for Job Applicants and position description please contact Council's Employee Relations Section on (02) 4677 8276 or visit Council's website at [www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au).

*"Wollondilly Shire Council is a smoke free workplace and an Equal Employment Opportunity employer."*

## Exciting Job Opportunities

The Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-Operative provides culturally sensitive community services to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander clients in the Dandenong, Hastings and Mornington Peninsula districts. Interested persons and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply for the following positions.

### Bringing Them Home Support Worker

Full Time

A position is available to work with Aboriginal & Torres Strait clients from the Stolen Generation. The applicant will be required to provide support to clients, have a strong knowledge of the Government reports

on the Stolen Generation and work with other support agencies. This position requires excellent communication and computer skills. Remuneration as per Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services Award 2010.

### Aboriginal Best Start Facilitator

Full Time

Aboriginal Best Start is committed to the development of a high quality culturally responsive and inclusive early childhood service system for Aboriginal children and their families.

The program aims to reinforce children's pride in their cultural identity and assist Aboriginal families to have better education, health, learning and wellbeing outcomes for their children. Remuneration as per SACS Award.





## HERITAGE PROJECT OFFICER, LODDON MALLEE HERITAGE PROGRAMS

- \$71,511 - \$81,137 pa (Plus 9.25% Superannuation)
- Location Negotiable – Mildura or Bendigo

The Department of State Development, Business and Innovation (DSDBI), is the Victorian Government's lead agency for the promotion and facilitation of the State's economic development. The Department engages with Victorian business and industry to help them become competitive, innovative and connected, and generate investment, jobs and exports.

The position of Heritage Project Officer sits within the Loddon Mallee Region of Regional Development Victoria (RDV), the Victorian Government's lead agency in developing rural and regional Victoria.

With a focus on building stronger communities through employment, investment and infrastructure, RDV supports regional Victoria primarily through the \$1 billion Regional Growth Fund to provide better infrastructure, facilities and services; strengthen the economic and social base of communities; create jobs and improve career opportunities for regional Victorians; and support local project development and planning.

The Heritage Project Officer, Loddon Mallee Heritage Programs is responsible for administering the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and implementing cultural heritage management programs and policies in partnership with local and regional stakeholders in the Loddon Mallee Region.

This position also performs a pivotal role in providing high quality advice to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, general community, local councils, government agencies and the development industry regarding the protection and management of culturally significant land, sites, and artefacts.

For a confidential discussion, please call **Marlon Parsons**, Manager, Loddon Mallee Heritage Programs on **(03) 4433 8040**. For further information on the position, including a position description, and to apply please visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au).

Applications close **midnight 3 April 2014** and must address the Key Selection Criteria outlined in the Position Description.

Reference: VG/019164



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## Australian Government Department of Human Services

The Department of Human Services is about people and delivering the services they may need at different stages of their lives. It includes Child Support, Centrelink and Medicare as well as CRS Australia and Australian Hearing. Each day, about a million people make contact with the Department of Human Services and each year we deliver more than \$90 billion in payments. The department is seeking highly talented and motivated people to join its team.

### INDIGENOUS APPRENTICESHIPS

#### Various locations across Australia

**The filling of this opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 and is restricted to Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander applicants.**

Apprentice (APS Trainee – APS Level 2)

\$50,580

Several positions available. Indigenous Apprentices are located in various teams and roles throughout the department, depending on where vacancies are available.

The Department of Human Services' Indigenous Apprenticeship Program provides an entry point for Indigenous people seeking a career in the Australian Public Service. Apprentices undertake a fully funded Certificate III in Customer Contact, Business or Government during the 12 month Apprenticeship Program. Apprentices will be employed in full-time positions where they will receive paid, on-the-job training and support.

This position is advertised under the RecruitAbility scheme. Should you declare you have a disability and meet the minimum requirements for the position at the shortlisting stage, you will be progressed to further assessment (which may or may not include an interview depending on the recruitment process).

**For Selection Documentation and location details of the positions visit:**

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/careers/>

**Closing Date: Thursday, 3 April 2014**

**Information Sessions will be held in some locations. Please contact Lyndall Wilkie (02) 6586 5007 for further details.**

If you are unable to access the internet, please phone the Contact Officer for alternative arrangements.

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IAHA Indigenous Allied  
Health Australia

## Chief Executive Officer

Indigenous Allied Health Australia

Key Leadership Role in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

- Lead a dynamic Indigenous member organisation
- Work to increase access to culturally responsive allied health care to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Canberra Based, Executive position

Indigenous Allied Health Australia Ltd (IAHA) is the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health peak body. The vision of IAHA is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to have access to professionally competent and culturally responsive allied health services delivered by allied health professionals who are recognised and acknowledged as an essential part of a holistic approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

The CEO reports directly to the IAHA Board of Directors and is responsible for the company's consistent achievement of its vision and purpose. The CEO is responsible for the operational implementation of the IAHA Strategic Plan, including sound financial and organisational governance. The CEO is responsible for high level activities in relation to the engagement of stakeholders, in particular with national allied health professional associations, higher education providers, state and territory governments and key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.

Applicants should have experience as a CEO or equivalent and high level of understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and workforce development. Strong understanding of national allied health policy environment is highly desirable.

**"The role is an identified position open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates only. This is intended to constitute a special measure in line with the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT) subsection 27 (1)(b) and the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth) subsection 8(1).**

To obtain a position description, please contact Monefa Rusanov on **(02) 6285 1010** or email [monefa@iaha.com.au](mailto:monefa@iaha.com.au)

Any further enquiries can be forwarded to Faye McMillan, IAHA Chairperson on (02) 6933 4202.

Applications must be received by 5pm (AEDT) on 31st March 2014



## Australian Government Department of Communications

## ABC and SBS Boards Vacancies

The independent Nomination Panel established under the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983* is inviting applications from individuals who have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to contribute to the governance of either the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) or the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) as non-executive Directors. There is one vacancy on the ABC Board for the position of non-executive Director and two vacancies on the SBS Board, one for the position of Chairperson and one for the position of non-executive Director.

The Nomination Panel will assess applications in accordance with a statutory merit-based appointment process and will provide the Minister for Communications, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, with a report on the outcome of the process containing a short-list of at least three candidates for each position. Appointments to the ABC and SBS Boards are made by the Governor-General, acting on the advice of the Federal Executive Council.

Successful candidates will have demonstrated high-level leadership and vision, and the ability to articulate a clear direction for an organisation. They will possess a commitment to high standards of governance and the highest standards of personal and professional integrity. Candidates will need to demonstrate an understanding of the media environment, in particular the ABC and SBS and their Charters (as applicable). Candidates for the SBS Board will also need to possess an understanding of, or the ability to represent, the communication needs of Australia's multicultural society.

The principles of equal opportunity and diversity will apply to the selection processes.

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

Further information on these vacancies, including detailed selection criteria and application information can be found at [www.communications.gov.au/abcsbsboards](http://www.communications.gov.au/abcsbsboards). Alternatively, email [admin@amandaorourke.com.au](mailto:admin@amandaorourke.com.au) or contact Amanda O'Rourke Executive Search on 0499 196 190.

**Applications close at COB on Monday, 14 April 2014.**

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[www.communications.gov.au](http://www.communications.gov.au)





## Stolen Generations Worker

**6 month contract – 30hrs per week: Tuesday to Friday**  
**Location: Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative 5 Market St, Ballarat**

The Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative are seeking a highly motivated, enthusiastic, well organised individual with sound knowledge of Aboriginal Culture.

The role will assist in the provision of services provided by the Bringing Them Home Program including the development and facilitation of Healing Camps, and support programs and the identification and provision of ongoing support to members of the Koori Community that are and or have suffered as a result of removal from their families.

Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative are an equal Opportunity Employer. Aboriginal incumbents are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Enquiries:** Karen Heap CEO.

**Position description and selection criteria may be obtained from:** Kylie Laxton – Phone: (03) 5331 5344 or email: klaxton@badac.net.au

**Applications marked Confidential should be forwarded to:** Karen Heap, PO BOX 643 BALLARAT VIC 3353

**Note:** applicants must address the selection criteria, stating relevant qualifications and experience, hold a current Victorian drivers licence, and the successful applicant will be required to undertake relevant criminal record and working with children checks.

**Closing date: 4th of April 2014**



## Head of Indigenous

**Key role shaping strategic and creative direction of Screen Australia's Indigenous Department.**

*Screen Australia is the key Federal Government direct funding body for the Australian screen production industry. Its functions are to support and promote the development of a highly creative, innovative and commercially sustainable Australian screen production industry.*

An exciting opportunity now exists for a passionate and talented individual to join our celebrated Indigenous Department.

As the **Head of Indigenous**, you will provide strategic as well as creative and operational direction for Screen Australia's Indigenous content creation including feature films, television drama and documentaries. Leading a dedicated team of investment and development managers, you will oversee projects from development and production investment through to delivery.

Maintaining the strong presence of Indigenous screen stories through innovative initiatives for practitioners will be a core focus of this role.

The successful candidate will possess sound understanding of story-telling combined with an interest in, and knowledge of, trends and issues specific to the Indigenous cultural sector. You will have relevant experience managing a range of Indigenous initiatives and programs with tangible, high quality outcomes and demonstrate proven ability to lead thoughtful discussions and develop productive solutions.

This is a key creative, senior leadership role. Exceptional people management skills with proven ability to inspire, engage and motivate a team are essential.

For further information on the position and to apply, please visit the Screen Australia website: [www.screenaustralia.gov.au/jobs](http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/jobs)

**Applications close 5pm, Friday 4 April 2014.**



## Playgroup Worker x 2 positions

- East Brunswick location
- Full Time position
- Generous salary packaging available

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services.

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed workers to undertake a range of duties which includes assisting in the planning and running of a culturally relevant supported playgroup within the Aboriginal community in North and North West Suburbs.

The worker will also be responsible for implementing session plans and work plans, setting up and clearing up tasks and to support the transport needs of playgroup participants.

**The successful applicant for this position will possess:**

- A sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and values and the ability to effectively communicate with Aboriginal people.
- Well developed written and oral communication skills and the ability to prepare reports.
- A current Victorian driver's licence.

For a copy of the position description which contains the key selection criteria that all applicants must address, please email: [recruitment@vacca.org](mailto:recruitment@vacca.org)

For information specific to the position please contact Vickianne on (03) 8388 1855 or by email: [vickianne@vacca.org](mailto:vickianne@vacca.org)

**Applications close: Sunday 6 April 2014**

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*

Department of Justice

## Koori Support Worker, Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place

- Gippsland-based position
- Fantastic opportunity to make a difference within the Koori community
- Salary range \$57,764 - \$70,137 plus superannuation

Corrections Victoria is committed to reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system and to providing services that are culturally appropriate and responsive to the needs of Aboriginal offenders.

As the Koori Support Worker, you will undertake specialist functions to help ensure the needs of Koori offenders referred to Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place are met, as well as supervising Koori offenders on community corrections orders. This includes providing culturally appropriate guidance to Koori offenders and assisting these offenders to participate in programs and community work.

As our ideal candidate, you will have:

- strong written, verbal and interpersonal skills
- a thorough understanding of the Koori Community, both society and culture and the issues impacting on it
- the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with members of the Koori community

If this sounds like you and you are passionate about making a difference within the Victorian Koori community, please visit [careers.vic.gov.au](http://careers.vic.gov.au) to submit your application before Sunday 6 April 2014.

*This position is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply*



# CREATE CHANGE

## Aboriginal Targeted Positions

Several divisions within the NSW Department of Finance and Services currently have targeted Aboriginal positions to fill within the areas of customer service management, finance, operations and legal services.

Change is something we know a lot about at the Department of Finance and Services (DFS). With over 6,000 people working at DFS, our employees have an impact on some of the biggest decisions made in New South Wales. If you've got the drive and capability, then there are a huge range of opportunities waiting. And it all starts right here.

### OPERATIONS OFFICER

**CLERK GRADE 3/4 (SALARY RANGE \$62,587 – \$68,531), PARRAMATTA, OFFICE OF STATE REVENUE**

If you're a team player with the ability and skills to provide a high level of client service and a willingness to learn quickly, this is the job for you! To be successful you will have experience or the ability to interpret and administer state tax and related legislation as well as sound communication skills. **Job Reference 00002N01**

### GRADUATE ANALYST

**CLERK GRADE 3/4 – (SALARY RANGE \$63,445 – \$69,468), SYDNEY CBD, OFFICE OF FINANCE**

This position will provide you with the opportunity to utilise your tertiary studies while developing your skills and experience. To be successful in this position, you will have completed tertiary studies in finance, commerce, business, law or engineering and have some post graduate experience. **Job Reference 00002NB1**

### PARALEGAL OFFICER

**CLERK GRADE 3/4 (SALARY RANGE \$62,587 – \$68,531), PARRAMATTA, NSW FAIR TRADING**

As a Paralegal Officer your primary role will be to provide a range of administrative and project support to Fair Trading Legal. To be successful in this role, you will have experience in providing high level administration support and undertaking legal research. **Job Reference 00002JY5**

### SENIOR CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

**CLERK GRADE 5/6 (SALARY RANGE \$62,587 – \$68,531), NEWCASTLE & PARRAMATTA (2 POSITIONS), NSW FAIR TRADING**

The main focus of this role is to provide quality services, information and assistance to the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community, clients and businesses. You will be required to assist customers in the lodgement of documents, correspondence and complaints and/or resolution of issues, including those requiring complex analysis and highly specialised knowledge. To be successful you will need excellent customer service skills and the ability to effectively supervise a team in a high volume customer focussed environment. **Job Reference 00002NVW**

All positions will be advertised through JobsNSW ([www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)) which will detail application requirements and timeframes.

*Interested applicants who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander are encouraged to contact the Aboriginal Workforce Strategy Team. For further information please contact [AboriginalPrograms@finance.nsw.gov.au](mailto:AboriginalPrograms@finance.nsw.gov.au)*

NSW Department of Finance and Services is a central agency of the New South Wales Government. For general information refer to the website [www.finance.nsw.gov.au](http://www.finance.nsw.gov.au).

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## Senior Archives Officer

APS Level 3

\$55,825 – \$61,512 (plus superannuation)

Queanbeyan, NSW

APS3 Senior Archive Officers are employed as a member of a dynamic and flexible team performing a range of archive related functions including document and file registry, active and archive file management and digitisation. The APS3 Senior Archive Officer is required to provide guidance to APS2 Archive Officers and in some positions supervise the workflow of APS2 Archive Officers.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a 'Special Measure' under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to support Defence achievement of the Council of Australian Governments' target for 2.7 percent representation by 2015.

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage is required from all applicants.

For further information, please review the Job Information Pack, reference **DSRG/02392/13** on [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers).

### How to apply

Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers). Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 9 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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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: 2 April 2014



**Q12014/010 Juru People and Ergon Energy ILUA**  
**Description of the agreement area:**  
Agreement covers about 5386 sq km extending from approx. 2.4 km north of Home Hill to approx. 10.7 km east of Bowen.  
**Relevant LGAs:** Burdekin Shire Council and Whitsunday Regional 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:**  
Ergon Energy Corporation Limited  
c/- Gilkerson Legal  
GPO Box 12453  
Brisbane QLD 4003  
Ray Gaston, Andrew Morrell, Lenora Aldridge, Margaret Smallwood, Tracey Lampton, Loretta Prior, and Janet Lymburner for and on behalf of the Juru People; Juru Enterprises Limited; and Kyburra Munda Yalga Aboriginal Corporation  
c/- North Queensland Land Council  
GPO Box 5296  
Townsville QLD 4810

**The agreement contains the following statements:**  
*[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]*  
17.1 The Parties consent to the doing of any particular future act and any class of future acts specified in clauses 17 to 23 of this Agreement.  
17.2 The Parties consent to Ergon Energy performing any of the following future acts:  
(a) Minor Works; (b) access to the Agreement Area for the purposes of the activities in subclause 17.2(a); (c) use of all land siting electricity infrastructure in existence at the Execution Date ("relevant Electricity Infrastructure") and of any adjacent land required for operational use and maintenance of relevant Electricity Infrastructure; (d) access to all land referred to in subclause 17.2(c) by way of access tracks in existence at the Execution Date ("relevant access tracks"); (e) subject to clause 23, any future acts on Aboriginal Land subject to the prior written consent of the entity holding the Aboriginal Land having been obtained; (f) subject to Cultural Heritage Management Processes stipulated in the Agreement, the grant of any easement, licence or permit over relevant Electricity Infrastructure; and (g) when a Determination has been made in relation to the Application, an act over an area that is not specified in the Determination as the subject of a Successful Determination.  
17.8 The Parties agree that Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA *[Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)]* does not apply to any future act, to which the Parties have consented, within this Agreement.  
18.1 The Parties consent to and authorise, Ergon Energy and its Contractors to undertake Minor Works within the Agreement Area.  
18.3 The Parties agree to carry out Minor Works referred to in clauses 18.1 and [18.2], in accordance with the procedures which are set out in Schedule 2.  
19.1 Ergon Energy will, when carrying out any act that is covered by section 24KA of the NTA ensure that the act is done validly for the purposes of the NTA by meeting the requirements set out in this clause.  
20.1 Where the Native Title Party can do so at law, the Native Title Party grants Ergon Energy a non-exclusive licence to use all land on which any Electricity Infrastructure existing at the Execution Date (the "relevant Electricity Infrastructure"), is located and all land adjacent to the relevant Electricity Infrastructure which is necessary for the operation of the relevant Electricity Infrastructure.  
20.2 and 20.3 *[Native Title Party consents to and authorises: Ergon Energy's use of all land on which Electricity Infrastructure existing at the Execution Date is located and all land adjacent to any Electricity Infrastructure; Ergon Energy's use of an area of 10 metres on each side of the line on the ground falling beneath any powerlines or other Electricity Infrastructure located in airspace].*  
20.6 Where Ergon Energy seeks to obtain an easement, permit or licence from any other person, over land for the use of Electricity Infrastructure of the kind described in subclauses 20.1, 20.2 or 20.3 the Parties consent to and otherwise authorise the grant of those interests.  
20.7 *[Where Ergon Energy uses access tracks that exist on the Execution Date for the purpose of accessing relevant Electricity Infrastructure, the Parties consent and authorise Ergon Energy and its Contractors to use, maintain and repair the relevant access tracks and be granted an interest in the nature of an easement, permit or licence over the area covered by those access tracks].*  
21.1 If, before the Execution Date, Ergon Energy had or acquired a right or interest in the Agreement Area under a way-leave agreement, easement, licence, permit, statutory or contractual access arrangement, Act or Regulation; the Parties: (a) consent to the exercise of those rights or interests; (b) agree that those rights or interests are valid; and (c) agree that, to the extent of any inconsistency, those rights or interests prevail over Native Title.  
23.2 Subject to subclause 23.3, the Parties authorise and consent to the doing of any future act after the Registration Date (other than the surrender of native title rights and interests) in relation to any part of the Agreement Area that is Aboriginal Land.  
23.3 The consent in subclause 23.2 is subject to a condition that, at the time a future act is done, the entity holding the Aboriginal Land has given its written consent to the future act.

**Schedule 2. Minor Works (future act) Procedures**  
2.1 The following future acts are Minor Works:  
(a) tree lopping and tree clearing in the immediate vicinity of Electricity Infrastructure or required for the safe operation or use of the Electricity Infrastructure or for public safety in relation to the operation of the Electricity Infrastructure; (b) repairing any damaged Electricity Infrastructure; (c) reinstating any damaged or destroyed Electricity Infrastructure to the pre-existing extent; (d) maintaining Electricity Infrastructure; (e) inspecting Electricity Infrastructure; (f) accessing the Agreement Area at reasonable times for the purpose of undertaking anything in paragraphs (a) to (f); (g) installation of street light poles and service/intermediate poles that are tied into the existing power line system in urban areas/town precincts only.

**Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:**  
This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council, 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, PO Box 9973, Cairns, QLD, 4870 by 2 July 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 Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).**

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## Information and Records Management Officer

APS Level 3 - Edinburgh, SA  
\$55,825 - \$61,512 (plus superannuation)

As part of a small professional team, undertake a range of functions associated with the management of Defence records, including the creation, distribution, sentencing, storage, lending and disposal of documents or files. The person will require an eye for detail, an ability to make autonomous decisions concerning document retention and disposal and able to engage successfully with customers.

Located at the Defence Science & Technology Organisation Edinburgh Site, the role may involve working within other Customer Service teams at Defence Precinct Edinburgh.

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Heritage is required from all applicants.

For further information please review the job information pack, reference **DSRG/02345/13**.

### How to apply

Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers). Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 9 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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## Software Request Team Leader

APS Level 6  
\$76,023 - \$86,844 (plus superannuation)  
Reid ACT

We are a busy team dealing with requests for software and software licenses. The Team Leader is expected to manage a small team dealing with all facets of software and software licenses from simple to highly complex. This leadership role is responsible for assisting the directorate in the continual development of processes for Defence in support of Software Asset Management (SAM) generally.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a 'Special Measure' under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to support Defence achievement of the Council of Australian Governments' target for 2.7 percent representation by 2015.

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage is required from all applicants.

For further information, please review the Job Information Pack, reference **CI06/02477/13** on [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers).

### How to apply

Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers). Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 9 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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## Shift Supervisor

APS Level 6  
\$76,023 - \$86,844 (plus superannuation)  
Russell, ACT

DIGO is seeking highly motivated individuals with strong analytical, conceptual and interpersonal skills to coordinate the activities of a high performing team within the Australian GEOINT Operations Centre. These positions involve shift work (shift penalties and additional leave) and training in the production of geospatial intelligence material is also provided.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a 'Special Measure' under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to support Defence achievement of the Council of Australian Governments' target for 2.7 percent representation by 2015.

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage is required from all applicants.

For further information, please review the Job Information Pack, reference **IS/02400/13** on [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers).

### How to apply


Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers). Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 9 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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# General Manager

## Community Development/ Eastern Regions

- Unique Canberra based opportunity
- Strategic Senior Management role
- Commercially equivalent salary package \$126,000 per annum

Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) is a national charity that facilitates human and community development projects with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Our program is addressing Indigenous disadvantage. Reconciliation that occurs through our projects is an important impact. We currently have an exciting and challenging opportunity for a suitably experienced General Manager, Community Development to join our team.

ICV's General Manager, Community Development leads the development, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of our community and human development programs across Australia. The General Manager, Community Development is the key to linking our direct project management and our volunteer recruitment and training work.

**Key components of the General Manager, Community Development duties include:**

- Leading ICV's development and community engagement teams by setting a strong example and managing human resources effectively and compassionately – including by encouraging inter-team collaboration, promoting and maintaining staff morale and professional development opportunities, managing work performance, and mentoring staff to enable their careers and productivity;
- Ensuring that the volunteer, community development and public support streams of ICV's work complement each other and contribute to the best possible outcomes for ICV's clients.
- Supervising and supporting ICV's regional networks to ensure the effective initiation, design and implementation of our programs – including by providing best-practice advice and mentoring on project management and innovation, monitoring and evaluation, and human and community development and capacity building practices.
- Encouraging innovative and solution-focused approaches to business challenges and opportunities facing the organisations.
- Taking responsibility for efficient, effective and ethical investment of ICV resources, including financial and resource management and reporting.
- Collaborating with ICV's senior management team across Australia to contribute to organisational leadership, efficacy and innovation.

For a full position description and selection criteria or further information please email [recruitment@humanresourcescentre.com.au](mailto:recruitment@humanresourcescentre.com.au) or visit [www.icv.com.au](http://www.icv.com.au)

Applications must include a statement addressing the selection criteria and should be sent to [recruitment@humanresourcescentre.com.au](mailto:recruitment@humanresourcescentre.com.au) by **5-00pm Friday 11 April 2014**.

ICV aims to be an employer of choice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous people. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people culturally and linguistically diverse people and women are strongly encouraged to apply.

ICV implements a family-friendly workplace environment and supports its staff to achieve a healthy work-life balance.

ICV has a zero tolerance approach to improper workplace behaviour – particularly violence and abuse, illegal drug use, inappropriate alcohol use, drink-driving and corruption.



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# Indigenous Recruitment Officer

APS Level 5 - Melbourne CBD, VIC  
\$69,395 - \$74,331 (plus super)

This position will be responsible for a variety of complex tasks related to APS recruitment. The work will require frequent engagement with people to promote Indigenous recruitment strategies and options within Defence. As an important coordination point for Indigenous recruitment, you need to work bring many different work areas together to achieve results.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a 'Special Measure' under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to support Defence achievement of the Council of Australian Governments' target for 2.7 percent representation by 2015.

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage is required from all applicants.


For further information, please review the Job Information Pack, reference **DPG/02311/13**.

### How to apply

Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers). Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 9 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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# Environmental Officer

APS Level 5  
\$69,395 - \$74,331 (plus super)  
Berrimah, NT

As part of a professional and enthusiastic team you will manage Defence's environmental management obligations in the Northern Territory.

You will work with a variety of stakeholders including Australian Defence Force and civilian personnel, contractors and traditional owners to ensure the delivery of Defence capability in an environmentally sustainable manner.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a 'Special Measure' under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to support Defence achievement of the Council of Australian Governments' target for 2.7 percent representation by 2015.

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage is required from all applicants.


For further information, please review the Job Information Pack, reference **DSRG/02538/13** on [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers).

### How to apply

Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers). Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 9 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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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 amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

| Tenement Type | No.    | Applicant    | Area   | Locality              | Centroid                        | Shire         |
|---------------|--------|--------------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Mining Lease  | 31/485 | PERIC, Mario | 4.86HA | 124km E'ly of Menzies | Lat: 29° 47' S Long: 122° 18' E | MENZIES SHIRE |

**Nature of the act:** Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification day: 26 March 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 **26 June 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. 26 July 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: 2 April 2014



# National Native Title Tribunal



Source: National Native Title Tribunal

19°21'S

148°25'E

147°11'E

20°30'S

0 50km

Datum: GDA94

Collinsville

Home Hill

Bowen

Q12014/011

### Q12014/011 Juru People and Local Government ILUA

**Description of the agreement area:**  
Agreement covers about 5386 sq km extending from approx. 2.4 km north of Home Hill to approx. 10.7 km east of Bowen.

**Relevant LGAs:** Burdekin Shire Council and Whitsunday Regional 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:**

Whitsunday Regional Council and Burdekin Shire Council  
c/- Gilkerson Legal  
GPO Box 12543  
Brisbane QLD 4003

Margaret Smallwood, Tracey Lampton, Loretta Prior, Raymond Gaston, Andrew Morrell, Janet Lymburner, Lenora Aldridge, Elsie Pryor Lymburner, and Iris Glenbar for the Juru People; Juru Enterprises Limited; and Kyburra Munda Yalga Aboriginal Corporation  
c/- North Queensland Land Council  
GPO Box 5296  
Townsville QLD 4810

**The agreement contains the following statements:**  
[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

30.2 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act (which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any Future Acts covered by the Agreement.

35.1 Where an Activity only relates to Freehold Land and other Extinguishment Areas, the Parties agree that for Native Title purposes:- (a) any Native Title will have been Extinguished over those areas and Native Title will not be affected by the Activity; and (b) no Native Title compliance measures for the Activity are required.

35.2 When Determination Orders have been made in relation to the Native Title Claim, where an Activity falls within the ILUA Area but is not specified in the Determination Orders as being the subject of a Successful Determination, the Parties agree that for Native Title purposes either:- (a) the terms of sub-clause 35.1(a) apply; or (b) the Parties unconditionally consent to the Activity.

36.1 The Parties consent to any Activity which has a Low Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 6). [Schedule 6 contains classes of activities which have a Low Native Title Impact including: maintenance, low impact infrastructure, statutory approvals, low impact tenure grants, invalid past acts, pest control, granting or making contractual interests relating to the management or use of land or waters for a public purpose, low impact local government operational activities, access and site investigation, emergencies, creating contractual interests with third parties and low impact works/infrastructure otherwise agreed at a capital works forum].

36.2 There are no conditions on the consent to an Activity which has a Low Native Title Impact.

36.3 Where the conditions in the immediately following sub-clause are satisfied, the Parties consent to any Activity which has a High Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 7). [Schedule 7 contains classes of activities which have a High Native Title Impact including: high impact infrastructure, high impact tenure grants, preventing the exercise of native title and high impact works/infrastructure otherwise agreed at a capital works forum].

36.4 The conditions are that the Local Government proposing the Activity satisfies one of the following:-

(a) The Local Government: i) gives a Notice to the Native Title Party or the Native Title Party's Representative in accordance with paragraph 37.1(a); and ii) completes Consultation in accordance with paragraph 37.1(b).

(b) Where the Activity involves a capital work dealt with at a Capital Works Forum (provisions about a Capital Works Forum are contained in clause 52), the Local Government: i) gives a list of capital works involving the Activity under paragraph 52.6(e); and ii) consensus is reached under paragraph 52.6(f) about the Activity being carried out.

**Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:**

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council, 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, PO Box 9973, Cairns, Queensland, 4870** by **2 July 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 Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).**

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## Contract Compliance Administration Officer

APS Level 4

\$63,236 - \$69,038 (plus super)

Berrimah, NT

The Contract Compliance Administration Officer (CCAO) supports the efficient and effective delivery of contracted services to Defence customers in Central and West region. Contracted services include Comprehensive Maintenance (CMS) and Garrison Support (GSS).

The CCAO supports management of CMS and GSS Contracts including contractor relationship focusing on performance and compliance. The CCAO works closely with Regional Contract Management. To achieve this, the CCAO engages with stakeholders at base, site and regional contract levels on a range of service delivery issues.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a 'Special Measure' under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. This employment opportunity is only available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to support Defence achievement of the Council of Australian Governments' target for 2.7 percent representation by 2015.

Proof of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage is required from all applicants.

For further information, please review the Job Information Pack, reference **DSRG/02448/13** on [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers).

### How to apply

Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting [www.defence.gov.au/apscareers](http://www.defence.gov.au/apscareers). Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 9 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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## Head (College for Australian Indigenous Studies)

### College for Australian Indigenous Studies

The University of Southern Queensland is a dynamic university dedicated to providing quality programs and degrees and to ensuring our graduates are given the best possible chance to succeed. With more than 75 per cent of our students studying via distance or online, our delivery of external education resources continues to lead the way. The College for Australian Indigenous Studies (CAIS), located across our three campuses, seeks to encourage and assist the further education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

This is a rewarding opportunity to play a key role in the leadership and management of the College in fulfilment of the University's strategic and operational objectives, particularly in relation to facilitating appropriate educational opportunities, equitable access and suitable student support services for the University's Indigenous students. Reporting to the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, you will be responsible for the quality and performance of the College on Indigenous matters and curriculum development, teaching and learning, research, professional activities and community engagement, the viability and quality of academic offerings and associated student experience, and for planning and aligning CAIS resources and staffing with Academic Division and University strategic objectives.

Ref No. 202093 Head (College for Australian Indigenous Studies)

**Close: Friday 12 April 2014**

To obtain more information and apply, visit [www.usq.edu.au/jobs](http://www.usq.edu.au/jobs)

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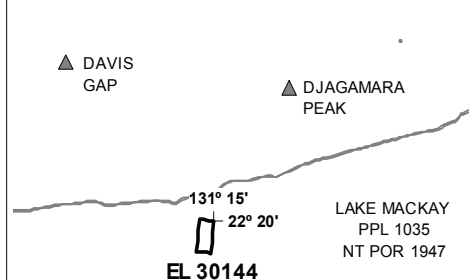
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

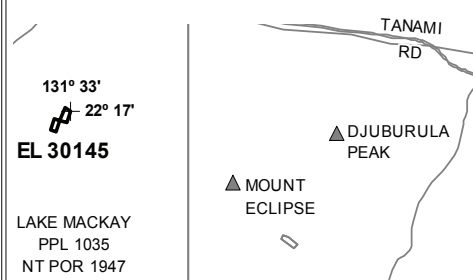
#### Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 30144 sought by ENERGY METALS LTD, ACN 111 306 533 over an area of 2 Blocks (3 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DOREEN locality.



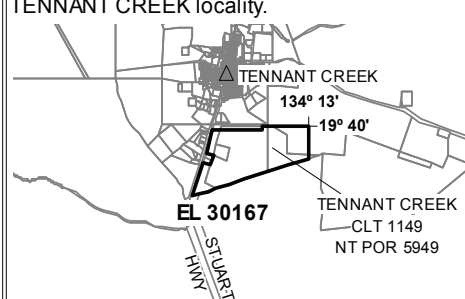
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Exploration Licence 30145 sought by ENERGY METALS LTD, ACN 111 306 533 over an area of 2 Blocks (1 Sq Km) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the YUENDUMU locality.



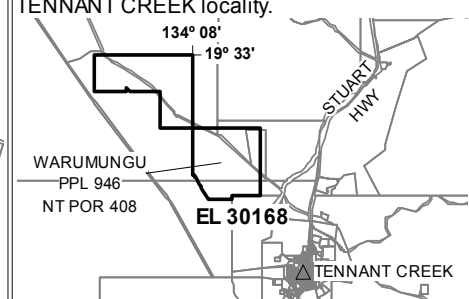
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Exploration Licence 30167 sought by GIANTS REEF EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 009 200 346 over an area of 5 Blocks (6 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



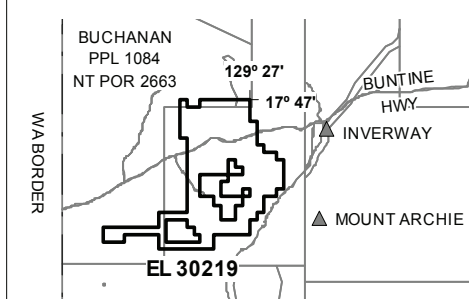
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Exploration Licence 30168 sought by GIANTS REEF EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 009 200 346 over an area of 18 Blocks (26 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



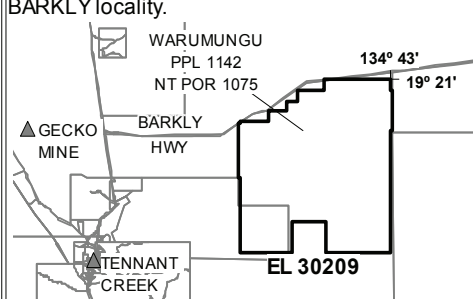
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Exploration Licence 30219 sought by ANTHONY ERNEST MARTIN, over an area of 208 Blocks (680 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NAPIER locality.



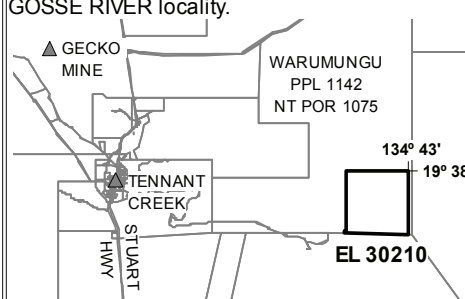
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Exploration Licence 30209 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 250 Blocks (778 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BARKLY locality.



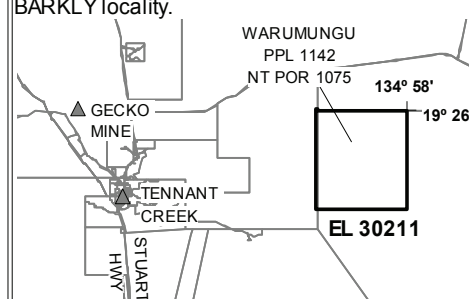
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Exploration Licence 30210 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 49 Blocks (141 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GOSSE RIVER locality.



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Exploration Licence 30211 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 225 Blocks (722 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BARKLY locality.



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**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 26 March 2014





## ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Eastern Beaches Local Area Command, Maroubra

Clerk Grade 3/4

Permanent Full-time

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00002NNA

**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 6, Clause 28 of the Government Sector Employment Rules 2014*.
- 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 or via attachment.
- 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: Sharyn Frawley, Local Area Manager on (02) 9349 9205.

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to Jobs.NSW ([www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)) and search for Requisition Number 00002NNA.

Closing date: Sunday, 6 April 2014

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## 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 tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

| Exploration No. | Applicant.                   | Amalg No | Area     | Locality                 | Centroid                           | Shire                   |
|-----------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 26/151          | NORTHERN MINING LTD          | 437639   | 301.62HA | 32km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 54' S<br>Long: 121° 44' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| 30/366          | ROXBURY TRADING PTY LTD      | 435289   | 22.99HA  | 58km SW'ly of Menzies    | Lat: 30° 2' S<br>Long: 120° 35' E  | MENZIES SHIRE           |
| 30/424-I        | POLARIS METALS PTY LTD       | 435345   | 72.37HA  | 89kmW'ly of Menzies      | Lat: 29° 31' S<br>Long: 120° 8' E  | MENZIES SHIRE           |
| 38/2702         | WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED | 440582   | 23.54HA  | 21km SW'ly of Laverton   | Lat: 28° 43' S<br>Long: 122° 12' E | LAVERTON SHIRE          |
| 77/1399         | WESTERN AREAS NICKEL PTY LTD | 439337   | 36.93HA  | 84km E'ly of Hyden       | Lat: 32° 38' S<br>Long: 119° 42' E | KONDININ SHIRE          |

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day:** 26 March 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 **26 June 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. 26 July 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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## Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Western Australia

Notification day: 2 April 2014



National  
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### WI2014/001 Kuruma Marthudunera and Yaburara and Coastal Mardudhunera Indigenous Land Use Agreement

#### Description of the agreement area:

The agreement covers the whole of the land and waters within the external boundaries of the Kuruma Marthudunera (WAD6090/98) and the Yaburara and Coastal Mardudhunera (WAD127/97) native title determination applications as at the Execution Date, an area of about 21,480 sq km and is located west of Karratha. "Execution Date" means the first date on which this deed is executed by both Parties.

Relevant LGA: Shire of Ashburton, Shire of Roebourne.

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of Landgate (WA).

### Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Jack Alexander, Mark Lockyer, Neil Finlay and Gloria Lockyer for the KM People ["KM People" means, collectively, the members of the native title claim group in respect of the KM Claim (WAD6090/98) from time to time, or if there is no KM Claim then the Robe River Kuruma People from time to time]

c/o Principal Legal Officer

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

PO Box 3072, 249 Hay Street

East Perth WA 6892

Kevin Cosmos, Robert Boona and Valerie Holborow for the YM People ["YM People" means, collectively, the members of the native title claim group in respect of the YM Claim (WAD127/97) from time to time, or if there is no YM Claim then the Mardudhunera People from time to time]

c/o Ms Chau Huynh

Corser and Corser Lawyers

Level 4, Irwin Chambers

16 Irwin Street

Perth WA 6000

### Statements included in the agreement:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

[The agreement does not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either s 24EB(1)(b)(c) or (d) or s 24EBA(1)(a). The stated purpose of the agreement is to (a) formalise the resolution of the overlap between the KM Claim (WAD6090/98) and YM Claim (WAD127/97) native title determination applications, as set out in an intra-indigenous agreement dated 1 May 2013; (b) support the Robe River Kuruma People and the Mardudhunera People holding native title rights and interests in their respective claim areas; and (c) formalise arrangements and deeds in relation to future acts in both claim areas.]

### Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters in the area covered by the agreement 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, Perth, WA, 6848 by 2 July 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 Claire Smith on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

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The Shanty Creek facility operates as a Therapeutic Community and provides residential rehabilitation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women, aged 18 years and over, whose lives are affected by the misuse of alcohol and other drugs.

Shanty Creek Therapeutic Community is located in Mareeba, an hour south of Cairns. We are currently recruiting for two positions a part-time Registered Nurse and a full-time Administration Officer.

### Registered Nurse

- Located in Mareeba
- Part-time position - approximately 20/25 hours a week
- (hours & span of days to be negotiated with successful applicant)
- dynamic and rewarding role

We are seeking a part-time Registered Nurse to join our team at Shanty Creek Therapeutic Community in Mareeba.

The Registered Nurse has responsibility for overseeing the general health and wellbeing of the resident population at Shanty Creek Therapeutic Community. Residents present with AOD dependency and a broad range of associated psychological and physiological issues including complex co-morbidities.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Hours of work and span of days will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

#### The role will be responsible for:

- service delivery
- program operation
- nursing duties

#### To be successful you will have:

- current registration as a Registered Nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.
- experience in working with people who have significant alcohol and other drug and/or mental health issues.
- demonstrated experience in the provision of client centered care.

For more information about the role please contact David Warby, Treatment Services Manager - Shanty Creek on 4086 5300 or email: [dave.warby@qdacmareeba.org](mailto:dave.warby@qdacmareeba.org)

### Administration Officer

- Located in Mareeba
- Full-time status position
- Not-for-profit organisation

An exciting opportunity exists for a full-time Administration Officer to join our team at Shanty Creek Therapeutic Community.

This position provides a high level of customer service, administrative and financial support to the staff, residents and other stakeholders of Shanty Creek Therapeutic Community.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are strongly encouraged to apply.**

#### The role will be responsible for:

- administration duties
- financial support

#### To be successful you will have:

- relevant qualifications and/or experience in administration and/or finance
- excellent communication skills (both written and verbal)
- demonstrated ability to organise and prioritise work activities and meet deadlines.

For more information about the role please contact Dallas Hure, Operations Manager on phone (07) 4086 5300, mobile 0488 809 057 or via email [dallas.hure@qdacmareeba.org.au](mailto:dallas.hure@qdacmareeba.org.au) or [dallash@qdacmareeba.org.au](mailto:dallash@qdacmareeba.org.au)

If you feel you have the skills and experience for the above roles, please send your application including cover letter, resume/CV and responses to selection criteria to [recruitment@liveslivedwell.org.au](mailto:recruitment@liveslivedwell.org.au)

A copy of the Administration Officer and Registered Nurse position descriptions can be found on the intranet in the Human Resources section, under position descriptions.

Closing date for applications: COB Friday 4 April 2014.

*Please note: that only successful applicants will be contacted. If you are not contacted within 10 business days of submitting your application, please consider your application unsuccessful.*





## ABC Local Radio Opportunities

**The ABC strives for equity and diversity in the workplace and to promote a culture of opportunity. Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply for these positions.**

### Producer & Presenter - Karratha

We're looking for a motivated team to embrace and engage the diverse communities of the Pilbara. Based in Karratha, you'll be at the hub of the mining industry. It's an exciting place with a lot of great stories. You'll enjoy the challenge of breaking news on the North West Morning Program as either the presenter or the producer.

### Regional Content Manager - Broome

We're also looking for a dynamic leader and broadcaster to lead our award winning team in the Kimberley. You'll present a breakfast show and manage the station from our state-of-the-art studios in Broome for one of the most diverse audiences in Australia.

For details visit [abc.net.au/careers](http://abc.net.au/careers)

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The Mallee District Aboriginal Services has many exciting opportunities for suitably qualified and experienced professionals to join our organisation. The opportunity 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.**

### Wiimpatja Healing Centre Positions Vacant

#### Social Emotional Wellbeing Worker

**Warrakoo Location - 1 Full-time position (weekend work required)**

The Case Worker will be responsible for the development of case plans for Aboriginal men aged 18+ who enter the Wiimpatja Healing Centre. Case plans will be goal orientated and focus on rehabilitating clients who may have drug and alcohol additions, history of domestic violence or other addictive behaviours.



**MDAS**

Mallee District Aboriginal Services

To discuss the above positions please refer to specific contact details listed on our website.

**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](http://www.mdas.org.au)

**Closing date for above position is 5pm, Friday 4th April 2014.**



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### Office of Environment & Heritage

NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service



### Senior Field Officer Aboriginal

**Bowraville**

**Senior Field Officer/SFO Plant Grade 1/2**

**Ongoing Full-time**

**Vacancy Ref: OEH 069-14**

**Total remuneration package to \$79,581 p.a. including salary \$58,775 p.a. – \$62,259 p.a.**

Undertake works and maintenance programs and coordinate and supervise the work of Field Officers and contractors, ensuring that work is undertaken efficiently and within budget and set time frames. The position participates in the management of the Aboriginal owned Gaagal Wanggaan (South Beach) National Park.

Contribute to ensuring the Agency's obligations and aims are met, within the Region/Area, in terms of enhancement and preservation of natural resources and natural and cultural heritage; and that the public have access to high quality, safe recreational facilities. Employment opportunities in Gaagal Wanggaan (South Beach) National Park aim to be filled by Gumbaynggirr people wherever reasonably practicable.

**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:** The Board of Management look for demonstrated knowledge and understanding and cultural association with the local area and local Aboriginal people. The position of Senior Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Senior Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical assessment, which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fitness test for fire fighting fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The position holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties.

Applicants must address the selection criteria and apply online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://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. Applicants must have permanent Australian Residency to apply for this position.

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. 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:** John Kennedy, (02) 6658 3450 or 0428 411 501

**Information Packages contact:** (02) 6652 0900 or visit [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

Applications are to be lodged online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au). If you experience difficulties applying online, please contact (02) 9585 6659 during business hours for assistance.

**Closing date:** Sunday, 6 April 2014

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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: 2 April 2014**



**National  
Native Title  
Tribunal**



### QI2014/013 Juru People and Kookaburra Terrace ILUA

#### Description of the agreement area:

Agreement covers about 213 sq m in the vicinity of Wunjunga approx. 6 km south of the mouth of the Burdekin River.

**Relevant LGA:** Burdekin Shire 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:

Ezio Peter Craperi, Dion Peter Craperi, Natasha Maree Craperi and Melissa Ruth Deveth; and Stephen Joseph Cockfield and Glenda Ann Cockfield  
c/- Gilkerson Legal  
GPO Box 12543  
Brisbane QLD 4003

Ray Gaston, Andrew Morrell, Lenora Aldridge, Margaret Smallwood, Tracey Lampton, Loretta Prior, Janet Lymburner, Elsie Pryor Lymburner, Lynette Lymburner and Iris Glenbar for the Juru People  
c/- North Queensland Land Council  
PO Box 5296  
Townsville QLD 4810

State of Queensland  
c/- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Services  
Department of Natural Resources and Mines  
GPO Box 2454  
Brisbane QLD 4001

#### The agreement contains the following statements:

*[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]*

4.1 The Parties consent to the Surrender.

4.2 The Parties agree that the Surrender is intended to extinguish any Native Title in relation to the ILUA Area.

4.3 The Surrender will take effect immediately before the grant of any freehold title over the ILUA Area to the Proponent.

4.4 Subdivision P, Part 2, Division 3 of the NTA *[Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)]* is not intended to apply to the Surrender.

"Proponent" means both Proponent 1 and Proponent 2.

"Proponent 1" means Ezio Peter Craperi, Dion Peter Craperi, Natasha Maree Craperi and Melissa Ruth Deveth.

"Proponent 2" means Stephen Joseph Cockfield and Glenda Ann Cockfield.

#### Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council, 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, PO Box 9973, Cairns, QLD, 4870** by 2 July 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 Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

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### Family & Community Services

Ageing, Disability & Home Care



### Service Coordinator (Aboriginal)

**Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin), On-going Full-time**

**Daramulen Aboriginal Branch, Hunter New England/Central Coast District**

**Home Care Service of NSW**

**Department of Family & Community Services**

**Job Reference: 000002N4B**

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$76,350 per annum (Salary: \$62,587 pa – \$69,033 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

To co-ordinate resources to provide client-centred services and provide leadership and support to a team of Care Workers.

#### Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality and a demonstrated understanding of the Aboriginal culture with extensive understanding and experience in the delivery of community care programs to frail aged Aboriginal people, Aboriginal people with a disability and their carers.
2. Service co-ordination experience in a similar community service organisation and experience in assessment of care recipient needs in a community service organisation.
3. Strong written and oral communication and negotiating skills to develop care agreements with care recipients and care service providers, prepare and compile submissions.
4. Sound conflict/problem solving skills acting on behalf of the care recipient in discussions with other agencies and working in community development.
5. A demonstrated ability to monitor and work to a budget.
6. Sound organisational skills, demonstrated computer literacy and strong administrative and record keeping skills.
7. Tertiary qualifications in human services or a related discipline or relevant experience and knowledge.
8. Driver's Licence and own vehicle.

**Job Notes:** Applications are invited for one (1) Ongoing Full-Time role available in the Daramulen Aboriginal Branch, located at Cardiff. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria and provide the names of two referees (one being a current supervisor). Successful applicants will be subject to Pre-Employment Checks.

*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*

**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.**

**Closing Date:** Wednesday, 9 April 2014

**For enquiries:** Contact Kathy Leayr on 0439 604 312

**Thank you for your interest in this role.**

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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](http://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.



**Health**  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at  
[www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://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.

### Clinical Information Officer – Evening Shift

The Maitland Hospital  
Enquiries: Karin Ravazdy (02) 4939 2479  
Reference ID: 183805  
Closing date: 02 April 2014

### Administration Officer Level 2

Taree Mental Health  
Enquiries: Pauline Harrington (02) 6592 9400  
Reference ID: 184904  
Closing date: 06 April 2014

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*.

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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**Health**  
South Eastern Sydney  
Local Health District

### Learning and Development Consultant – Targeted Aboriginal

Sutherland Hospital, Caringbah  
Permanent Full Time  
Enquiries: Nicole Northcott, (02) 9382 5766  
Reference ID: 183186  
Closing Date: 30 March 2014

### Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Sutherland Hospital, Various Locations  
Permanent Part Time  
Enquiries: Elizabeth Roche, (02) 9543 1111  
Reference ID: 181647  
Closing Date: 13 April 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*.

**Apply online at:**  
[nswhealth.erecruit.com.au](http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au)  
or email application quoting Ref. No. to:  
[seshld.recruitment@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:seshld.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**

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## PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit application applied for under section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

| NUMBER       | APPLICANT               | AREA                    | SHIRE            |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| STP-EPA-0124 | FLEET RESOURCES PTY LTD | 6445.77 km <sup>2</sup> | Carnarvon (100%) |
| LOCALITY     |                         |                         |                  |

The application is located in the South Carnarvon Basin. The application occupies a total of 73 5'x5' blocks of which 73 are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SG50 (Meekatharra) and 10 are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SG49 (Carnarvon). The south-east corner of the application is located approximately 61 kilometres north-west of the Woodleigh station homestead, the south-west corner being approximately 70 kilometres east-north-east of the township of Denham and the north-east corner being approximately 22 kilometres south of the Mardathuna station homestead. The application commences at a point 114°5'4.80"E, 24°39'55.44"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°35'4.80"E, 24°39'55.41"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°35'4.81"E, 24°49'55.41"S, thence west along parallel to a point 114°30'4.81"E, 24°49'55.42"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°30'4.82"E, 25°54'55.42"S, thence west along parallel to a point 114°25'4.82"E, 24°54'55.43"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°25'4.84"E, 25°14'55.45"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°30'4.85"E, 25°14'55.44"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°30'4.86"E, 25°24'55.45"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°40'4.87"E, 25°24'55.45"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°40'4.88"E, 25°34'55.46"S, thence west along parallel to a point 114°20'4.86"E, 25°34'55.46"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°20'4.87"E, 25°39'55.46"S, thence west along parallel to a point 114°10'4.87"E, 25°39'55.46"S, thence north along meridian to a point 114°10'4.86"E, 25°34'55.46"S, thence west along parallel to a point 114°5'4.85"E, 25°34'55.46"S, thence north along meridian to a point 114°5'4.84"E, 25°29'55.46"S, thence west along parallel to a point 114°0'4.84"E, 25°29'55.47"S, thence north along meridian to a point 114°0'4.83"E, 25°19'55.46"S, thence west along parallel to a point 113°55'4.83"E, 25°19'55.47"S, thence north along meridian to a point 113°55'4.82"E, 25°9'55.47"S, thence west along parallel to a point 113°50'4.82"E, 25°9'55.47"S, thence north along meridian to a point 113°50'4.82"E, 25°4'55.47"S, thence west along parallel to a point 113°45'4.81"E, 25°4'55.46"S, thence north along meridian to a point 113°45'4.80"E, 24°54'55.46"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°0'4.81"E, 24°54'55.46"S, thence north along meridian to a point 114°0'4.80"E, 24°44'55.44"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°5'4.81"E, 24°44'55.44"S, thence finally along meridian to the starting point of 114°5'4.80"E, 24°39'55.44"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)

**Nature Of The Act:** Grant of petroleum exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further two 5 year terms.

**Notification Day: 26 March 2014.**

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **26 June 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*. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **26 July 2014**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

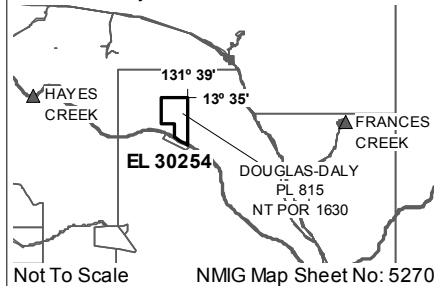
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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

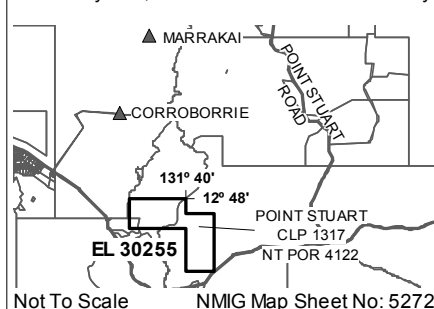
The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

**Applications to which this notice applies:**

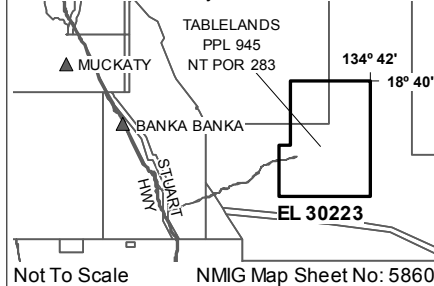
Exploration Licence 30254 sought by DAVID JOHN LANGLEY & DAVID JOHN RUSSELL, over an area of 6 Blocks (18 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



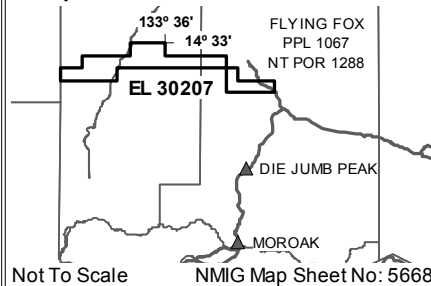
Exploration Licence 30255 sought by PRIMARY MINERALS NL, ACN 153 582 962 over an area of 16 Blocks (54 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MARY RIVER locality.



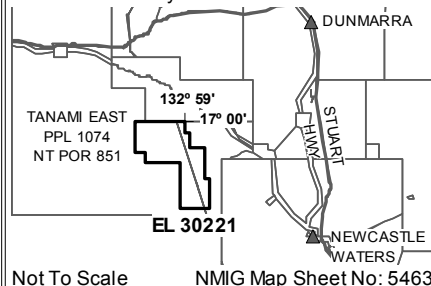
Exploration Licence 30223 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 250 Blocks (813 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MUNKADERRY locality.



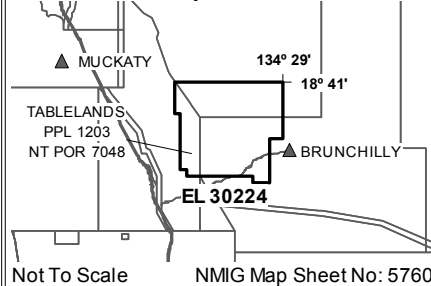
Exploration Licence 30207 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 25 Blocks (83 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MOROAK locality.



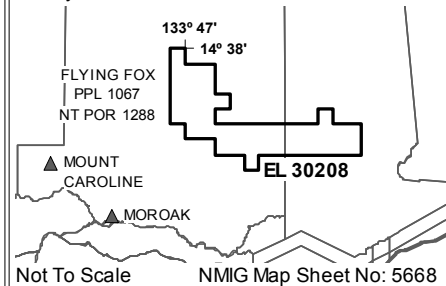
Exploration Licence 30221 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 150 Blocks (471 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MURRANJLI locality.



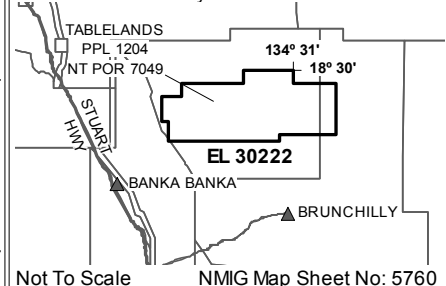
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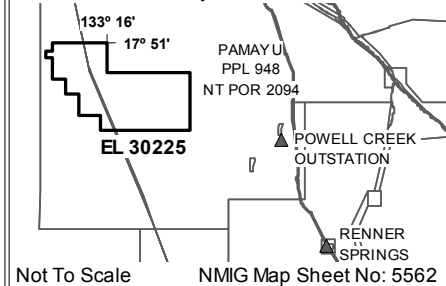
Exploration Licence 30208 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 38 Blocks (127 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MOROAK locality.



Exploration Licence 30222 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 250 Blocks (814 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BRUNCHILLY locality.



Exploration Licence 30225 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 163 Blocks (533 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LAKE WOODS locality.



**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 26 March 2014





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 | 04/2269-I   | HARD ROCK RESOURCES PTY LTD  | 37BL     | 118km N'ly of Derby                 | Lat: 16° 14' S Long: 123° 35' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE             |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2542-I   | POLARIS METALS PTY LTD   | 13BL     | 113km NW'ly of Paraburdoo           | Lat: 22° 46' S Long: 116° 40' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2571     | METAL HOLDINGS PTY LTD   | 66BL     | 147km S'ly of Onslow                | Lat: 22° 57' S Long: 115° 19' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 09/2080     | GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD  | 15BL     | 144km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction    | Lat: 24° 19' S Long: 116° 23' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE                   |
| Exploration Licence | 09/2082     | KAPITANY, Tamas  | 2BL      | 26km W'ly of Gascoyne Junction      | Lat: 25° 4' S Long: 114° 57' E  | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE                   |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1406     | ATRIplex PTY LIMITED   | 70BL     | 74km NE'ly of Norseman              | Lat: 31° 44' S Long: 122° 21' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE, DUNDAS SHIRE         |
| Exploration Licence | 16/449-I    | SANDHU, Tanvanth Singh   | 3BL      | 57km NW'ly of Coolgardie            | Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 120° 46' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE                       |
| Exploration Licence | 20/844-I    | WELD RANGE METALS LIMITED  | 37BL     | 70km NW'ly of Cue                   | Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 117° 25' E | CUE SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 20/845      | WELD RANGE METALS LIMITED  | 2BL      | 27km E'ly of Cue                    | Lat: 27° 30' S Long: 118° 8' E  | CUE SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 20/848      | ALPHABRASS RESOURCES PTY LTD   | 3BL      | 50km N'ly of Cue                    | Lat: 27° 0' S Long: 117° 43' E  | CUE SHIRE                              |
| Exploration Licence | 25/502      | SOUTHERN GOLD LIMITED  | 1BL      | 64km E'ly of Kambalda               | Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 122° 19' E  | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Exploration Licence | 25/503      | SOUTHERN GOLD LIMITED  | 1BL      | 59km E'ly of Kambalda               | Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 122° 16' E  | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Exploration Licence | 27/525      | DALLA COSTA, Melville Raymond  | 28BL     | 28km N'ly of Kalgoorlie             | Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 121° 28' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2366     | TASEX GEOLOGICAL SERVICES PTY LTD  | 47BL     | 79km NW'ly of Rawlinna              | Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 124° 22' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2392     | FRASER RANGE METALS GROUP LTD  | 5BL      | 144km W'ly of Rawlinna              | Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 123° 42' E  | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2444     | AC MINERALS PTY LTD  | 17BL     | 110km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie           | Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 122° 31' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Exploration Licence | 29/893      | HOOPER, Stuart Leslie  | 3BL      | 72km NW'ly of Menzies               | Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 120° 28' E | MENZIES SHIRE                          |
| Exploration Licence | 29/896      | ZEE DAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD  | 21BL     | 47km S'ly of Menzies                | Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 121° 10' E  | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 37/1181     | JABIRU METALS LTD  | 1BL      | 45km N'ly of Leonora                | Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 121° 9' E  | LEONORA SHIRE                          |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2892     | DUKETON MINING LTD   | 67BL     | 74km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 52' S Long: 122° 9' E  | LAVERTON SHIRE                         |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2909     | PETANA RESOURCES LIMITED   | 12BL     | 42km S'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 28° 22' S Long: 122° 58' E | LAVERTON SHIRE                         |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1786     | BREAKER RESOURCES NL   | 101BL    | 127km SE'ly of Laverton             | Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 123° 26' E | MENZIES SHIRE                          |
| Exploration Licence | 40/332      | ROYLE, Brett Ian   | 2BL      | 53km S'ly of Leonora                | Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 121° 30' E | MENZIES SHIRE                          |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4340     | ATLAS IRON LIMITED   | 59BL     | 84km SW'ly of Marble Bar            | Lat: 21° 48' S Long: 119° 18' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                     |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4351     | ATLAS IRON LIMITED   | 1BL      | 45km NW'ly of Marble Bar            | Lat: 20° 59' S Long: 119° 21' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                     |
| Exploration Licence | 46/1015     | PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD   | 5BL      | 32km N'ly of Nullagine              | Lat: 21° 37' S Long: 120° 1' E  | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                     |
| Exploration Licence | 46/1016     | PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD   | 13BL     | 26km NW'ly of Nullagine             | Lat: 21° 40' S Long: 120° 0' E  | EAST PILBARA SHIRE                     |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2914     | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD  | 6BL      | 17km S'ly of Pannawonica            | Lat: 21° 47' S Long: 116° 18' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2983     | DRILLABIT PTY LTD  | 44BL     | 97km E'ly of Roebourne              | Lat: 21° 5' S Long: 118° 0' E   | PORT HEDLAND TOWN, ROEBOURNE SHIRE     |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2991     | ATLAS IRON LIMITED   | 3BL      | 91km W'ly of Tom Price              | Lat: 22° 31' S Long: 116° 55' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 47/2992     | ATLAS IRON LIMITED   | 5BL      | 97km W'ly of Tom Price              | Lat: 22° 34' S Long: 116° 51' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1625     | FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD  | 4BL      | 46km N'ly of Meekatharra            | Lat: 26° 12' S Long: 118° 39' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                      |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1626     | FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD  | 4BL      | 47km NE'ly of Meekatharra           | Lat: 26° 13' S Long: 118° 43' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                      |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1628     | NEWSEARCH PTY LTD  | 70BL     | 87km N'ly of Meekatharra            | Lat: 25° 49' S Long: 118° 19' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                      |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3035     | CALLEGARI, John Cedric   | 2BL      | 175km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction     | Lat: 24° 47' S Long: 116° 54' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE                   |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3036     | CREEKWOOD NOMINEES PTY LTD   | 39BL     | 64km SE'ly of Paraburdoo            | Lat: 23° 32' S Long: 118° 11' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE                      |
| Exploration Licence | 53/1806     | KIMBA RESOURCES PTY LTD  | 2BL      | 64km W'ly of Wiluna                 | Lat: 26° 31' S Long: 120° 12' E | WILUNA SHIRE                           |
| Exploration Licence | 58/434      | CORPORATE & RESOURCE CONSULTANTS PTY LTD<br>LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert<br>T.E. JOHNSTON & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD | 37BL     | 71km E'ly of Mount Magnet           | Lat: 28° 13' S Long: 118° 33' E | MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE    |
| Exploration Licence | 59/2018     | CORPORATE & RESOURCE CONSULTANTS PTY LTD<br>T.E. JOHNSTON & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD<br>LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert | 36BL     | 64km NE'ly of Paynes Find           | Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 118° 12' E | MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE       |
| Exploration Licence | 59/2031     | RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LTD  | 20BL     | 50km N'ly of Yalgoo                 | Lat: 27° 54' S Long: 116° 33' E | YALGOO SHIRE                           |
| Exploration Licence | 59/2032     | RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LTD  | 44BL     | 34km E'ly of Yalgoo                 | Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 117° 1' E  | YALGOO SHIRE                           |
| Exploration Licence | 59/2033     | RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LTD  | 21BL     | 125km N'ly of Yalgoo                | Lat: 27° 16' S Long: 116° 15' E | MURCHISON SHIRE                        |
| Exploration Licence | 63/1690     | ST. IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LTD   | 39BL     | 25km N'ly of Norseman               | Lat: 31° 58' S Long: 121° 45' E | DUNDAS SHIRE                           |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4552     | TOP MINERALS LTD   | 64BL     | 16km NW'ly of Three Springs         | Lat: 29° 27' S Long: 115° 37' E | MINGENEW SHIRE, THREE SPRINGS SHIRE    |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4565     | DARLING RANGE NORTH PTY LTD  | 8BL      | 31km W'ly of York                   | Lat: 31° 53' S Long: 116° 26' E | NORTHAM SHIRE                          |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4566     | YELO RESOURCES PTY LTD   | 34BL     | 33km NE'ly of Katanning             | Lat: 33° 30' S Long: 117° 49' E | DUMBLYUNG SHIRE, KATANNING SHIRE       |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4569     | EAST PILBARA IRON PTY LTD  | 45BL     | 12km N'ly of Augusta                | Lat: 34° 12' S Long: 115° 12' E | AUGUSTA-MARGARET RIVER SHIRE           |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2185     | FLATROCK RESOURCES PTY LTD   | 13BL     | 133km N'ly of Koolyanobbing         | Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 119° 10' E | MENZIES SHIRE                          |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2186     | GREENWOOD RESOURCES PTY LTD  | 2BL      | 94km N'ly of Koolyanobbing          | Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 119° 9' E   | YILGARN SHIRE                          |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2187     | FLEET STREET HOLDINGS PTY LTD<br>BILDEX HOLDINGS PTY LTD   | 12BL     | 71km N'ly of Bullfinch              | Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 118° 51' E | YILGARN SHIRE                          |
| Exploration Licence | 80/4845     | BAIBAO RESOURCES PTY LTD   | 60BL     | 87km SW'ly of Halls Creek           | Lat: 18° 48' S Long: 127° 6' E  | HALLS CREEK SHIRE                      |
| Exploration Licence | 80/4846     | LANGLEY, Thomas Edward   | 9BL      | 89km SW'ly of Halls Creek           | Lat: 18° 56' S Long: 127° 16' E | HALLS CREEK SHIRE                      |
| Exploration Licence | 80/4847     | LANGLEY, Thomas Edward   | 5BL      | 92km SW'ly of Halls Creek           | Lat: 18° 56' S Long: 127° 12' E | HALLS CREEK SHIRE                      |
| Exploration Licence | 80/4849     | CANNING BASIN SALT PTY LTD   | 111BL    | 95km NE'ly of Wyndham               | Lat: 14° 50' S Long: 128° 38' E | WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE           |
| Exploration Licence | 80/4851     | BAIBAO RESOURCES PTY LTD   | 164BL    | 73km W'ly of Halls Creek            | Lat: 18° 16' S Long: 126° 59' E | HALLS CREEK SHIRE                      |
| Prospecting Licence | 24/4797-8   | READ, Wayne John<br>KING, Kevin John   | 366.45HA | 37km N'ly of Kalgoorlie             | Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 121° 21' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Prospecting Licence | 24/4799     | SMITH, Gregory Thomas<br>BIRCH, Leon John<br>SMITH, Robert Charles<br>COOKE, Murry Leslie                | 103.70HA | 66km S'ly of Menzies                | Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 120° 52' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Prospecting Licence | 24/4800     | SCORPION MINING PTY LTD  | 144.59HA | 45km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie            | Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 121° 14' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Prospecting Licence | 26/2469     | OPTIMUM RESOURCES PTY LTD  | 3.96HA   | 6km E'ly of Kalgoorlie              | Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 31' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Prospecting Licence | 26/3989     | INTERMIN RESOURCES LTD   | 189.63HA | 6km W'ly of Kalgoorlie              | Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 24' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Prospecting Licence | 26/3993     | EDWARDS, Cranston Gilbert  | 101.07HA | 10km S'ly of Kalgoorlie             | Lat: 30° 49' S Long: 121° 26' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Prospecting Licence | 28/1261     | LAWSON, Matthew James  | 199.49HA | 116km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie           | Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 122° 28' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Prospecting Licence | 28/1262-3-S | PUMPHREY, Andrew Ian   | 1.87HA   | 112km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie           | Lat: 30° 9' S Long: 122° 24' E  | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY                |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/8371     | SNAP HOOK (WA) PTY LTD   | 107.50HA | 36km N'ly of Leonora                | Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 121° 11' E | LEONORA SHIRE                          |
| Prospecting Licence | 47/1720     | DOEPGEN, Monica Maria  | 9.29HA   | 69km SW'ly of Port Hedland          | Lat: 20° 51' S Long: 118° 17' E | PORT HEDLAND TOWN                      |
| Prospecting Licence | 47/1721     | SETNIK, George   | 9.97HA   | 70km SW'ly of Port Hedland          | Lat: 20° 51' S Long: 118° 16' E | PORT HEDLAND TOWN                      |
| Prospecting Licence | 57/1323     | KEY, Kerry Ashman<br>DIXON, Paul Anthony<br>KOFFLER, Christian   | 9.43HA   | 8km SW'ly of Sandstone              | Lat: 28° 1' S Long: 119° 14' E  | SANDSTONE SHIRE                        |
| Prospecting Licence | 57/1342     | BENNETT, John Paul   | 34.73HA  | 6km NW'ly of Sandstone              | Lat: 27° 56' S Long: 117° 15' E | SANDSTONE SHIRE                        |
| Prospecting Licence | 58/1621     | MOUNT MAGNET SOUTH NL  | 92.17HA  | 12km N'ly of Mount Magnet           | Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 117° 48' E | MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE                     |
| Prospecting Licence | 58/1623     | MOUNT MAGNET SOUTH NL  | 199.84HA | 10km SW'ly of Mount Magnet          | Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 117° 47' E  | MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE                     |
| Prospecting Licence | 58/1646-9   | TOP IRON PTY LTD   | 571.57HA | 9km E'ly of Mount Magnet            | Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 117° 56' E  | MOUNT MAGNET 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:** 26 March 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 **26 June 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. 26 July 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. \* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km<sup>2</sup>

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# Gordon appointed Knights' Indigenous liaison officer



ASHLEY Gordon has been named by the Newcastle Knights rugby league club as their Indigenous liaison officer.

The newly created role is part of the NRL's Indigenous Funding Agreement.

"We have a large number of Indigenous players and it is important we ensure these players maintain their links with their culture and community," Knights chairman Paul Harragon said.

"With Ashley taking on this important role, we can ensure that happens as well providing a

network of support and mentoring."

Gordon, who played 71 games for the Knights, is a perfect candidate for the role.

"Ashley loves the game and has a significant cultural presence in the Indigenous community as well as in the wider community," Harragon said.

"He is a qualified teacher, he coaches junior rugby league and most importantly he wants to help Indigenous players reach their potential."

Joining Harragon and Gordon at the launch were NRL welfare and education officer Dean Widders and players Noel Underwood, Jacob Gagai and Heath Gibbs.



From left, at the announcement of Ashley Gordon becoming the Newcastle Knights' Indigenous liaison officer are, from left, Heath Gibbs, Noel Underwood, Dean Widders (NRL), Ashley Gordon and Jacob Gagai.

# Boomerangs claim trophy

By PETER ARGENT



THE South Australian under 20 cricket development squad – the Boomerangs – are continuing a tradition that began 158 years ago.

On February 5, 1854, a match took place between the Indigenous community at Poonindie, near Port Lincoln, and players from St Peter's College, an independent Adelaide school on the fringe of the city centre.

This year's match between the Boomerangs and St Peter's for the Reid-Conwillian Trophy was played at St Peter's College main oval.

The contest recognises a century and a half of history between the Indigenous community of Poonindie and St Peter's.

That first match was played at St Peter's.

Former Saints school captain Richardson Reid, later a school staffer, who was responsible for fostering cricket, was captain of the hosts in that match, while Poonindie bowler Samuel Conwillan took 13 wickets in the game.

In a summary that was written by St Peter's College for the 150th anniversary of the cricket match held on February 25, 2004, between St Peter's College 1st XI and the under 20 Indigenous XI, the pamphlet said:

*"It is fitting that the trophy for which the two teams are playing today is called the Reid-Conwillan Trophy in memory of the two leading protagonists."*

*"The 1854 match was the forerunner of a regular fixture from Poonindie, who used to travel over 300 km by ship for the purposes of having a friendly game with the Collegians."*

*"In 1875 it was the Saints boys who travelled to Poonindie for a return match."*

At this year's match, Boomerangs captain and regular Imparja Cup representative Marcus McGregor-Cassady won the toss and elected to bat on the pristine St Peter's oval.

The Boomerangs batted solidly, finishing with a respectable 5-123.

All-rounder Ayden McGregor-Baptista batted aggressively for 38.

He dispatched two sixes and four fours.

McGregor-Cassady also took to the bowling



Ayden McGregor-Baptista bowling for the South Australian under 20 Indigenous team, the Boomerangs, against St Peter's College.  
Picture by Peter Argent

attack, hitting seven boundaries in his top score of 45.

The brothers delivered a critical 55-run second-wicket partnership, which set a tremendous foundation for the solid total.

St Peter's fell 25 runs short of their target, being dismissed for 99.

Imparja Cup Black Cap and Adelaide District Cricket Club quick bowler Luke Lavender continued his good form with 0-5 off two overs. This included eight

important dot balls.

Jordan Thomas (2-28), teenage son of long time Imparja Cup servant Peter, was effective, taking important middle-order wickets.

Dylan McGregor-Baptista, a third sibling of the talented cricketing family, was thrown the ball late in the innings.

His left-arm wrist spin had an immediate impact, having the dangerous St Peter's College batsmen drawn down

the pitch only to miss the ball and his older brother Marcus effecting the dismissal.

Dylan McGregor-Baptista finished with 2-15 from three overs.

The Boomerangs took home the Reid-Conwillian Trophy, with Ayden McGregor-Baptista being awarded the player of the match for his team.

His state under 17 captain Matt Allen collected the award for Saints.

## Brooke a spectator



AN ankle injury forced Indigenous star Brooke Peris to watch from the sidelines as Australia beat Japan 6-1 in an international hockey match in Kalgoorlie on

Friday night.

Two strikes each from South Australian Georgie Parker and Emily Smith (NSW) set the Hockeyroos on course to a commanding victory in the first match of their five-game series.

The Hockeyroos were to play a second game on Saturday night, with the other three games this week in Perth. – AAP



## PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit application applied for under section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

| NUMBER       | APPLICANT              | AREA                    | SHIRE                                       |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| STP-EPA-0126 | GOSHAWK ENERGY PTY LTD | 1550.82 km <sup>2</sup> | Broome (49.6%) Derby-West Kimberley (50.4%) |
| LOCALITY     |                        |                         |   |

The application is located in the Canning Basin. The application occupies a total of 19 5'x5' blocks which are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SE51 (Broome). The application is situated in the Dampier Peninsular. The south-east corner of the application is located approximately 31 kilometres south-west of the township of Derby, the south-west corner being approximately 30 kilometres north-east of the Kito station homestead. and the north-west corner being approximately 71 kilometres south of the Lombadina Mission. The application commences at a point 122°55'4.53"E, 17°9'55.00"S, thence east along parallel to a point 123°15'4.51"E, 17°9'54.99"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123°15'4.50"E, 17°19'54.99"S, thence east along parallel to a point 123°20'4.50"E, 17°19'54.98"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123°20'4.49"E, 17°24'54.98"S, thence east along parallel to a point 123°20'4.49"E, 17°24'54.98"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123°25'4.48"E, 17°29'54.98"S, thence west along parallel to a point 122°55'4.52"E, 17°29'55.00"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 122°55'4.53"E, 17°9'55.00"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)

**Nature Of The Act:** Grant of petroleum exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further two 5 year terms.

**Notification Day: 26 March 2014.**

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **26 June 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*. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **26 July 2014**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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# Girls pack a punch

By ALF WILSON



THIRTY Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys and girls – many from remote communities in the Northern Territory and Queensland – have been learning the skills of boxing in a special program at Townsville's Shalom Christian College.

Boxing trainers Ramon Ey and Derek Webber, from Townsville Fighting Fit Gym, along with the head of Shalom's Academy of Sport, Mark Burgess, have been working with a selected group of boys and girls during three boxing sessions each week.

"These include footwork drills, conditioning exercises and learning proper stances and technique," Burgess said.

## Discipline

"The training helps students to understand they have to be disciplined if they want to succeed.

"They learn that if you don't do the things you're supposed to — body conditioning, eating habits, how to take care of themselves, and the decisions that they make — then you can't participate to the best of your ability in the sporting



Pamai Dau doing some close glove work with trainer Derek Webber.

arena.

"These lessons carry over into the classroom and everyday life.

"Students must sign a code of conduct and perform well outside the program and that includes attending all of their classes and having a positive attitude."

The *Koori Mail* attended a session at

the Shalom Sports Centre and saw some very enthusiastic youngsters aged 15-17.

Northern Territory girls Loretta Manggurra (Numbulwar), Kiyanna Murrungun (Karama), Seravina Lalara (Numbulwar) and Nickarla Nundhirribala (Winnellie) said they enjoyed the lessons.

Seventeen-year-old Pamai Dau is from

Boigu Island, in the Torres Strait, near PNG, and is one of 10 TSI youngsters boarding at Shalom.

"This is good for fitness and learning about self defence and I want to have some amateur bouts soon," she said.

"It is also really good fun. I also intend to join a local boxing club."

Pamai showed she packed a power punch when as she went through some drills with Derek Webber.

Webber has TSI heritage on one side of his family line and said he was delighted that more than 30 students turned out for the boxing classes.

## Many advantages

Burgess said boxing could benefit young people because of the physical outlet, positive role modelling and character-building aspects of being involved in an activity that requires patience, focus and grace under pressure.

"They learn to think before they react, and are able to let out frustration and energy or anger in a positive way," he said.

"It brings discipline and structure to their lives at a time when teenagers typically want to test the boundaries that parents and families are trying to set for them."

# Palm students visit Shalom College

By ALF WILSON



SOME talented young Indigenous boys and girls from remote communities in north Queensland and the Northern Territory were on show when Palm Island sides took on Shalom Christian College at rugby league and netball.

The matches were held at the Townsville campus of Shalom College.

## Stayed overnight

Players and coaches from the Palm Island Bwgcolman State School had slept overnight at Shalom.

The rugby league match was played on the lush green sporting oval and the netball in the multi-purpose building nearby. Shalom Academy of Sport's Mark Burgess said the games unearthed some quality young people.

Shalom won the netball 26-22. Palm Island's Bwgcolman School won the league seven tries to three.

All the boys were excited to play and had been asking about more games, Burgess said.

Bwgcolman State teacher and rugby league coach Jeremy Pullen said the Palm students represented the school and community with dignity and pride.

"While our netball side lost narrowly, the rugby league team won 24-12," he said.

"Both games were played in great spirit and sportsmanship.

"The students chosen for the Shalom excursion had achieved the attendance and behaviour goals they had been set in class, which will be an ongoing criteria."

Pullen is a star forward for Skipjacks club in the senior Palm Island domestic rugby league competition.

He said the next event was a trip to Yarrabah.



The Shalom College (Townsville) rugby league team, beaten 24-12 by Bwgcolman State School (Palm Island).



The Bwgcolman State School rugby league side from Palm Island at Shalom College.



The Shalom netball team.



# Boxing legend celebrates 80th birthday

By GRAHAM HUNT



AN Aboriginal boxing legend from yesteryear – Harry Grogan – has just celebrated his

80th birthday.

He was a top professional southpaw who fought in the welterweight/middleweight divisions between 1954 and 1958.

He lives with his wife and son near Mareeba, on the Queensland Atherton Tablelands.

Harry Grogan won the Australian welterweight title in September, 1957, when he stopped Bill Stanley in the fourth round of a 15-rounder to win the vacant crown.

He had just one more fight after that – a hurriedly arranged bout with Tiger Williams in Sydney in September 1958.

The under-prepared Grogan

was knocked out in the seventh round of a 12-rounder and never fought after that.

Grogan told the *Koori Mail* he had just one week to prepare for that fight.

He was angry with his trainer Arthur Fennell for accepting the fight and declared that he no longer wanted to fight.

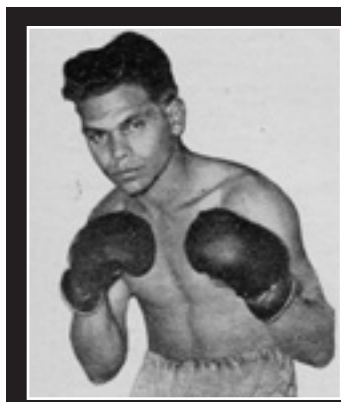
Harry Grogan finished with a professional career of winning 15 fights – all of them by knockout – and losing nine (three by KO).

He refused offers to fight outside of Australia until the chance came along to fight a South African who held the British Empire welterweight title.

That non-title fight was to take place in South African in the apartheid days.

Grogan said that once the South African camp found out he was Aboriginal, the fight was called off.

Harry Grogan and his older brother Clarrie were raised on



Harry Grogan in his boxing days. He has celebrated his 80th birthday.

the Mona Mona Aboriginal Mission at Kuranda, just inland from Cairns.

Both boys loved boxing and to avoid getting into trouble at the mission, they fought under the names of Clem and Henry Croydon. Clarrie, a

middleweight/light-heavyweight, was Clem Croydon, and Harry was Henry Croydon.

Harry said their father Harry Grogan Snr had heard about the Croydon boys and went to Cairns one night to see them fight.

"You should have seen the look on his face when he found out the Croydon boys were his own sons," Harry told the *Koori Mail*.

## Headed south

Once Harry obtained his Aboriginal mission exemption card about the age of 17, he headed south to make a name for himself as a professional.

He was trained by the legendary Earn McQuillan for most of his career.

Just about all of his fights were at the Sydney Stadium. Vic Patrick was the referee for most of them.

Other fights were at Leichhardt Stadium (Sydney) and

West Melbourne Stadium. He had one fight in Brisbane in 1955.

Before turning professional, Harry had 12 amateur fights, winning 11 by KO and the other on points.

He said far north Queensland icon Don 'Bronco' Johnson had played a big part in his boxing career.

Bronco was famous for his wild-swinging style of boxing. When he wasn't fighting professionally, he was leading his own boxing and rodeo troupe around far north Queensland.

Harry Grogan became part of Bronco's troupe and it was Bronco who urged Harry to 'head south' as soon as he was old enough.

● Footnote: Harry's older brother Clarrie Grogan had 24 professional fights, winning nine (six by KO), losing 11 (two by KO) and drawing four. He died a few years ago.

# Green Machine powers home

By PETER ARGENT



THE Green Machine have added to their burgeoning trophy cabinet yet again.

On the biggest day of the year for Top End sport – the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) grand final on Saturday, March 15 –

St Marys produced a 21-point victory over the Wanderers.

While the scoreline was close, the Saints led from start to finish, winning 11.11 (77) to 8.8 (56) at TIO Stadium in front of 9500 spectators.

"This game could have been over at half-time," St Marys coach Rick Nolan said.

"We kicked 2.7 in the second term and missed a number of shots that would have given us a huge advantage at the main break.

"Momentum is a massive thing in Territory football

"This game was still up for grabs during the last term, with just 10 points separating the sides.

"In the end it was just extreme hard work that got us over the line."

Former St Kilda AFL grand final player Raphael Clarke was one of the stars in the back half for the victors.

Another defender, Torres Strait Islander John Anstess enjoyed the euphoria of an eighth premiership title, also being among the best.

"Raph (Clarke) was simply phenomenal during the finals series," Nolan said.

"His second semifinal performance was as good a game by an individual as I've seen up here.

"We were a goal down at three-quarter time and he was the catalyst for turning that contest around.

"This form just continued on grand final day.

"For Johnny (Anstess), this was his eighth grand final win without a defeat.

"When Wanderers defeated us in 2010-11, he was sidelined with a back injury.

"Shannon Rioli was excellent on his wing.

"We had three Riolis in our side – Shannon, who is now 22, Ben and Willie – who I believe are all capable of playing at the top level.

"Small forward Justin Cooper from Croker Island, in the Arafura Sea, who has English as a second language, had a significant impact as well.

"Iggy Vallego also should be commended for

his job closing down the dangerous Daniel Motlop.

"It was a high-quality game with the Wanderers having eight guys who had been on AFL lists in their squad."

Wanderers premiership coach Paul Motlop conceded that St Marys were the yardstick in the 2013-14 campaign.

"Saints' three goals early proved to be the difference in the end," Motlop said.

"They did leave the door open after the second term.

"We just couldn't obtain enough momentum at pivotal times.

"They were a little too good on the day."

Motlop praised the efforts of Liam Patrick in ruck and up forward, Nathan Djerrkura in the middle and the performance of David Kruse across half-back.

Daniel Weetra did a good job keeping Darren Ewing to one goal.

Aaron Motlop was conspicuous all game and Marlon Motlop was also constructive.

The St Marys Green Machine have now played in 46 grand finals since their introduction to the competition in 1952 and missed out of finals participation only twice over this period, both times finishing fifth.

This victory extended St Marys winning streak to 38 games.

They have an impressive 65 per cent winning ratio in pressure cooker of season deciders as well.

St Marys is now easily the most successful state league team in Australia since World War II, winning a 30th NTFL premiership.

This was a back-to-back success after defeating the Tiwi Bombers last March.



Some of the Indigenous component of the St Marys team, from left, Jack Long, (Michael Long's nephew), Ben Rioli, Willie Rioli, John Anstess and Shaq McKenzie.



● ABOVE: Johnny Anstess with the NTFL trophies. The Torres Strait Islander has figured in eight grand final wins for St Marys.

● LEFT: Raphael Clarke looks for support in St Marys win over Wanderers in the major semifinal. Coach Rick Nolan said Clarke was unstoppable in that match and backed it up with another memorable performance in the grand final.

Pictures by Russell Sartori



# Girls win Plate final



THE Indigenous team finished fifth at the National Women's Rugby Sevens championships at the Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra, earlier

this month.

It was the third time an Indigenous team had entered the competition.

In their pool games on March 8, the Indigenous girls opened with a 12-5 win over Victoria, and then were beaten 10-7 by the Barbarians and 33-19 by the ACT.

In their quarterfinal the following day, the Indigenous team was beaten 34-0 by the eventual tournament runners-up – NSW Blue.

That loss meant the Indigenous team was relegated to play South Australia in a Plate semifinal.

They won that match 33-0 to set up a Plate final against the Barbarians.

## Result reversed

Having coming close to beating the Barbarians in their pool game, the Indigenous team lifted to score a convincing 33-5 win.

The tournament was won by Queensland Red, who beat NSW Blue 19-0 in the final.

Indigenous team results: National Indigenous 12 (Taleena Simon 2 tries; Tallisha Harden conversion) d Victoria 5.

Barbarians 10 d National Indigenous 7 (Nakia Davis-Welsh try; Tallisha Harden conversion).

ACT 33 d National Indigenous 19 (Taleena Simon 2, Simone Smith tries; Tallisha Harden 2 conversions).

Quarterfinal: NSW Blue 34 d National Indigenous 0.

Plate semifinal: National Indigenous 33 (Taleena Simon 2, Tallisha Harden, Simon Smith, Caitlin Moran tries; Tallisha Harden 4 conversions) d South Australia 0.

Plate final: National Indigenous 33 (Simon Smith 2, Leilanie Andrews, Taleena Simon, Emma Young tries; Tallisha Harden 4 conversions) d Barbarians 5.

Final placing: fifth.



● ABOVE: Simone Smith with room to move in the Plate final against the Barbarians.

● RIGHT: Caitlin Moran tries to skirt around a South Australian opponent in the Plate semifinal.

● BELOW LEFT: Simone Smith about to pass in the Plate semifinal against South Australia. Emma Young is the other Indigenous player.

● BELOW RIGHT: Tallisha Harden with the Plate trophy after the Indigenous team had beaten the Barbarians 33-5. With her is Indigenous team manager Scott Bowen.



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# Never, ever give up

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

**I** NEVER dreamed of being a footballer. But when I had the chance to have a crack at playing in the big league, I decided to give it my absolute best.

And my main motivation was being able to provide for my family after having become a father at a young age.

So I put aside ambitions to be a teacher or a policeman and put my heart and soul into proving people wrong.

You see, I was always told I was too small to make it.

I never made any representative sides as I grew up in Tingha and went to school at Inverell High.

If anything, this steeled my resolve and made me more determined to succeed.

The reason I write this is not because it is unique, but more to reinforce a positive message sent to all aspiring footballers by two of the game's current greats – Johnathan Thurston and Cameron Smith.

### Influential

They're the two most influential players in the game today, yet the incredible bond shared between Cameron Smith and Johnathan was one born out of shared rejection as juniors.

Both players have already been in match-winning form for their teams this year and Laurie Daley must already be wondering how to combat them when State of Origin comes around.

Each game is an additional chapter in the extraordinary careers of two of the greatest players rugby league has ever seen.

Yet, as teenagers, they struggled for recognition.

As they were continually overlooked for junior representative teams, Smith and Thurston were driven to go back to their respective clubs in the Brisbane junior competition, Logan Brothers and Souths Sunnybank, and work even harder on their games.



Cameron Smith playing for the National Rugby League (NRL) All Stars against the Indigenous All Stars at Skilled Park, on the Gold Coast, in 2011. He says he and his mate Johnathan Thurston couldn't make representative teams when they were juniors.

Both admit that as young men, it was difficult to come to terms with such rejection, but that it is something they now believe has held them in good stead throughout their careers.

"We had players in front of us that would get picked in rep teams," Thurston said.

"Cam and I would often miss out on rep teams, but it wasn't until later in our late teens that we started to make our mark.

"It's panned out all right for the both of us."

Smith said this was something they had often discussed between themselves.

"We've had a couple of chats about missing out on junior rep teams and what that meant to us," Smith said.

"I guess, certainly early on, it was quite hard to take because we thought that we gave our all and we certainly thought at the time that we probably deserved to be in the side, but missing out probably made us work a lot harder to try and have some success in footy.

"It gave us a lot more drive to get to where we are today.

"We didn't really have much recognition as junior footballers as far as scholarships or anything like that went from NRL clubs or NRL systems, but it's all worked out fine for us now."

That alone should send a strong message to youngsters who think their 'careers' have ended because they have not made the local or school representative side.

I was continually overlooked when I was growing up, but all it

did was make me more determined to prove the knockers wrong when I took the field.

Incredibly, JT and Smith – who have been so dominant in the success of Queensland and Australia representative teams over the past decade – were sharing rugby league arenas since before they were teenagers.

"I was playing for Logan Brothers and 'JT' was playing for Souths Sunnybank and I think it might have been under 10s or under 11s," Smith recalls of their first encounter.

"We were playing at Sunnybank and JT had the ball. He went to throw a cut-out pass and one of my teammates took an intercept, ran about 60 metres to score under the posts and I remember looking back and JT was sitting on the ground crying, crying like a little baby," Smith said.

"That showed how competitive he was and still is now and that's what's made him a first grader and a champion first grader at that."

From those early disappointments through to the unparalleled success of the current Queensland Origin side, Thurston and Smith have developed a unique bond that for much of the year is stretched out over more than 2500 kilometres of eastern seaboard.

"He's the catalyst for everything, Smithy," Thurston says of his state and national captain.

"Such a great leader, such a

great friend and I often ring him for advice as well. I look up to him not only as a footballer, but as a mate.

"He's certainly been there for me when I've needed a chat, which has been great."

Adds Smith: "He does come to me fairly often just to talk about some stuff – whether it's footy or non-footy related things – and I guess that's what good mates do.

"He's one of my very, very close friends that I have, including all the guys down here in Melbourne and my friends that I've grown up with... and it's not just him who comes to me for advice.

### More than footy

"I chat to him about stuff that's going on with footy and have a chat about things he thinks I can improve if he's been watching any Storm games, but we get along really, really well."

They talk about footy, fatherhood and everything in between and you can bet at some stage this week they'll chat about how on earth they conjured such dramatic come-from-behind wins on the same night on the opening weekend of the 2014 NRL season.

They may even look ahead to when JT's Cowboys host Cam's Storm side in round 12, just three days after Origin I in Brisbane.

There's only one subject that these close friends and champion competitors potentially clash on – golf.

"I'll be a little bit diplomatic



Johnathan Thurston.

here... if we were both at our best, I'm the better golfer, but JT is more consistent," laughed Smith.

And that is the other great part of their story.

Rugby league is about the friends you make and the special bond you develop.

This is just the same when you are playing park footy or in the bush or at the highest level like these two stars.

Their story sends a powerful message to us all about footy and life.

We are all going to be faced with rejection at some time in our lives.

That should never defeat us.

The answer is simple: Never give up. Now they have the raps they both should have been getting a long time ago.



## Mundine-Clottey bout delayed



ANTHONY Mundine's fight against former International Boxing Federation (IBF)

welterweight world champion Joshua Clottey has been delayed.

Mundine was set to clash with Clottey at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre on April 2, but the bout has been pushed back a week to allow more time for Australian clearances to be processed for the New York-based Ghanaian.

Mundine, the No 4 ranked contender for Floyd Mayweather's World Boxing Association (WBA) super welterweight title, will now fight Clottey on April 9. — AAP

## Barba accepts boy's apology



BEN Barba has accepted an apology from a junior rugby league player who racially

abused him on a social media network.

However, the 18-year-old from NSW — who is registered with a Country Rugby League club — won't be able to participate in the sport again until he undergoes an approved cultural awareness program and shows remorse in a meeting with Indigenous elders.

The Canterbury fan sparked an Instagram row with Barba the night the fullback made his Brisbane NRL debut against the Bulldogs when he aimed a bigoted slur at the Dally M Medallist.

However, the NRL said the Dapto teenager phoned Barba and expressed his remorse. — AAP

## Canterbury signs Andrew Fifita



CANTERBURY players have welcomed the acquisition of Andrew Fifita as a key plank in

constructing the National Rugby League's (NRL's) premier forward pack.

The Sharks prop recently agreed to join the Bulldogs with a four-year deal starting next season, rumoured to be worth \$3.2 million. — AAP

## Panthers release James Roberts



PENRITH have released young winger James Roberts after a series of off-field indiscretions.

The Panthers had thrown the 21-year-old an NRL lifeline at the start of last season after he had been let go by South Sydney reportedly following a number of alcohol related incidents.

The NRL Integrity Unit is investigating the latest incidents involving Roberts.

Roberts played six NRL games for the Panthers last year and was man of the match in their under 20s grand final win.

Roberts broke his ankle during training in January and hasn't played since. — AAP

# At the vanguard

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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THERE has been a lot written and spoken about the impact of Buddy Franklin's move to Sydney.

Much of this has centred on Buddy's impact on the Swans — on and off the field.

I certainly have contributed to this debate, but in this column, I want to look at another related issue.

And that is how Franklin's departure will affect the Hawks' defence of their premiership flag.

More importantly, I want to discuss the potential rise in the prominence of Cyril Rioli as a leading player as part of that defence.

The dynamic small forward was hampered by setbacks in 2013, missing nine weeks with a hamstring injury sustained against North Melbourne in round five and then a further two after he rolled his ankle in round 22, again against the Kangaroos.

### Strike terror

In the 15 games he played, the 2012 All-Australian continued to strike terror into opposition defenders whenever he was near the ball.

He booted 19 goals for the year and averaged just over four tackles a game.

Cyril is one of those talents who is a true footballer and it is not surprising that the Hawks are looking at his versatility as they enter the season.

In a major show of faith in the lethal goal kicker's troublesome hamstrings, Rioli was given line-breaking duties in the backline in Hawthorn's 131-point romp over Brisbane in the pre-season.

Rioli's sparkling performance warranted more consideration than a one-off experiment.

"He was pretty good back there so that's an option for us," the Hawks defensive coach Luke Beveridge said.

"Obviously, with his athletic attributes, he's a very versatile player.



Cyril Rioli celebrates after kicking a Hawthorn goal during the 2013 AFL grand final against the Fremantle Dockers at the MCG last September 28. Picture: AAP

"It could be an option, we know how lethal he can be up forward and he's really developed his midfield game, so it will be a matter of what's a priority for us."

The Hawks were flawless across the pre-season, winning their three games by a combined 306 points in a perfect start to their back-to-back flag quest.

Rioli's ball use has lived up to its lethal reputation in that time, with the Hawk averaging 20 possessions at 83 per cent kicking efficiency.

Goal kicker Luke Breust has remained in the forward half to help cover Rioli's absence.

The combination of Grant Birchall, Sam Mitchell and returning backman Matt Suckling across half-back will provide headaches for opposition coaches.

### Dangerous

They are pretty dangerous there because you can't tag them all.

Oppositions won't know where to start when faced with that combination.

Rioli, 24, has had a history of hamstring problems that forced the speedster to remodel his running style and restricted his midfield time in his various comeback efforts.

But any longer-lasting

concerns appear to have faded.

It is a bold positional switch from master innovator Alastair Clarkson in a move to help penetrate the 'gridlock' confronting teams this season.

In a bold move, Rioli has spent 80 per cent of his pre-season game time tracking mostly to the left back flank, according to exclusive Champion Data heat maps.

Rioli is set to add a speedy and unpredictable new edge to the reigning premiers' ball movement and I will enjoy watching this experiment as it unfolds.

I have every faith in Cyril's ability to perform and deliver and believe it may further enhance his standing as one of the great talents in the game.

To me, the move is further proof the Hawks are operating at the forefront of the AFL's tactical trends, as Rioli will help the team break through heavily congested defensive areas.

The way the game's going, one of the toughest parts of the game now is breaking that line off half-back and piercing that.

Before it was more a press of players — it's not a press, but a gridlock.

With so many players in one area, it's hard to get through that gridlock, but for the most creative and quickest players like Rioli, they have no issue

because of their speed and composure and vision.

The way the game is being played, there is no doubt the Hawks will get more value from Rioli across half-back.

A lot of goals are being scored by teams getting out the back of the congestion and whoever the person is in the last line of attack is the beneficiary of what happens upfield.

So, whoever kicks the ball out the back into clear space, that's the one who scores the goal, not the player deep forward.

### Creator

Cyril is going to create more goals from half-back for Hawthorn than what he would as a harassing small forward.

And his teammates will give him the ball there because they know how good he is.

At the end of the day, a lot of has been said about the amount of money that has been thrown at Buddy.

Rioli may end up providing more value.

He is an experiment in action and will provide a lot of excitement wherever he plays on the field.

He is one to watch and I look forwards to tracking his progress across the season.

Until Next Time.... Keep Dreaming!





Suns player Jack Martin is assisted from the field after an injury to his shoulder during the round one AFL match against the Richmond Tigers at Metricon Stadium, on the Gold Coast, on March 15. Picture: AAP

# Martin's year could be over

By CHRIS PIKE



GOLD Coast Suns young gun Jack Martin has long been earmarked as one of the most exciting talents to enter the Australian Football League (AFL) in years, but his long-awaited debut against Richmond turned into a disaster and could have already spelt the end of his 2014 season.

Martin was originally selected by Gold Coast as a priority selection which meant that he was on the Suns' list in 2013, but unable to play AFL football until 2014.

That meant that he spent the year developing in the Gold Coast Suns reserves team playing in the North Eastern Australian Football League (NEAFL) and did some things there in his first opportunity playing against full-grown men that suggested he was in for an incredible AFL career.

That's why, when coming into the 2014 season, Martin was always on target to make his debut at home against Richmond in round one and there were huge raps on him.

Despite the Suns team consisting of dual Brownlow

Medallist Gary Ablett and last year's Rising Star award winner Jaeger O'Meara, many have even predicted that Martin had the ability to be better than them all.

Originally coming from WAFL club Claremont, the 19-year-old Indigenous star has all the tools to be an unbelievable player, despite being small.

He is quick, is a strong tackler and when he has the ball, his skills are simply as good as anyone's.

That's why there was such excitement surrounding his AFL debut, but it turned into a horror show.

Midway through the last quarter, Martin attempted to take a diving mark but landed awkwardly on his shoulder and his afternoon was over already.

He now will spend at least 12 weeks on the sidelines recovering and there is a chance he might not make it back in 2014.

While it's unlikely to affect the career he has ahead, it does likely delay it for 12 months and he couldn't hide his disappointment despite the Suns getting over the line against the Tigers.

"It was such a big build-up and it was great that the boys got the win in the end, but I will probably remember the game for all the wrong reasons," Martin said.

"I'm now just looking forward to getting stuck into my rehabilitation and giving myself every chance of playing some football later in the season."

Gold Coast Suns director of coaching Malcolm Blight has seen a lot of hugely talented players during his playing career with North Melbourne and coaching days with the Kangaroos, Geelong, Adelaide and finally St Kilda.

Having coached the likes of Gary Ablett Snr, Andrew McLeod, Darren Jarman, Mark Ricciuto, Robert Harvey and now having seen Gary Ablett Jnr and Jaeger O'Meara first-hand at Gold Coast, Blight is well placed to judge how Martin rates.

Blight puts the 19-year-old up there with any of the champions of the game in terms of talent at the start of his career and despite this hiccup with his shoulder injury, has no doubt he is set to become a great of the game before too long.

"Jack's got it all," Blight said.

"Size doesn't matter for him and I've already seen him take on guys who stand at about six foot ten (223cm), and he has no trouble tackling them and bringing them down."

"This is going to be one hell of a player."

## Clear views from Headland

By CHRIS PIKE



FORGET about taking life easy after an Australian Football League (AFL) career for Des Headland, with the

Brisbane Lions premiership player now making waves in a variety of areas.

Firstly the former AFL No 1 draft pick is beginning his football coaching career in the West Australian Football League (WAFL) with Claremont.

Secondly, the veteran of 166 AFL matches at the Brisbane Lions and Fremantle has joined up with Clive Palmer and is running for the Palmer United Party in next month's West Australian Senate revote.

And finally, the proud Aboriginal man continues to do some tremendous work with Indigenous community throughout WA, particularly up north in the Broome area that ties into his coaching commitments with Claremont.

Headland's AFL playing career began with the Brisbane Lions in 1999 after he was drafted from WAFL club Subiaco with the No 1 pick in 1998.

After just 12 matches in his first two years, by 2001 he had cemented his place in the Lions team, but

missed out on a spot in the premiership side.

He made up for that by playing in the grand final win of 2002 over Collingwood, and following that was lured back home to Perth to link up with the Fremantle Dockers.

While he never quite recaptured his best form from Brisbane, he went on to play another 114 games with Fremantle to take his career total to 166 before retiring in 2010.

Headland then returned to his original WAFL club Subiaco in 2011 and was one of his team's best players in losing the grand final to Claremont that year – despite being injured.

### Assistant coach

Now, the 33-year-old is back involved at WAFL level in 2014, linking up with Claremont as an assistant coach working alongside new senior coach Michael Broadbridge.

Claremont has finished on top of the WAFL ladder the last four seasons, winning two premierships in that time, so when football manager Dean Horsington called, Headland was only too happy to jump on board.

It also fits in well with his recent work with the Clontarf Academy in Broome.

"It's good up there where I can

mentor a lot of the Aboriginal boys who are getting through high school and on to employment, and then into university or TAFE," Headland said.

"Dean Horsington called me to see if I wanted to get involved and just get myself back into footy. I always wanted to be on the coaching side of things and doing some mentor work for kids who are coming through."

"There were a few clubs there who I sort of spoke to, but I think the biggest draw was with Broady's background and my history with him. He has been in the AFL system for years and coached me in the Under 18s. I know what sort of coach he is and it will be good for me to learn off him."

Headland is also looking to make a much bigger impact than on the football field and is running for the Senate.

Western Australia is going back to the polls next month to vote for their 12 senators because of an embarrassing gaffe where thousands of the Senate votes were lost in last year's federal election.

"Western Australia deserves more recognition for its contribution to the nation and West Australians deserve a fair go," he said.

Headland and his wife of 17 years, Chantelle, have three children.



Des Headland in his playing days.



# Just how good is Danielle?



Best on ground Danielle Ponter, right, with Leonie Wetherall after the NTFL Youth Girls grand final at TIO Stadium, Darwin. Danielle kicked seven goals.

By JACKSON CLARKE



IS Northern Territorian Danielle Ponter the best young Australian rules footballer in Australia?

The Sanderson Middle School student, who has only just recently turned 14, has made a significant impact in her young football career.

Danielle made her debut as an 11-year-old for St Marys in the Northern Territory Football League Youth Girls under 16 competition in the 2011-12 season and was a star from the onset.

In her first season she won the Sharyn Smith Medal, awarded to the best and fairest player in the Youth Girls competition.

She backed it up with another outstanding season the following year and was awarded with her second competition best and fairest.

Earlier this month, she was yet again a runaway winner of the Smith Medal, winning 10 votes ahead of her nearest rival.

It capped off a great season for

Danielle that also included being named a clear best on ground in her side's premiership win after booting seven goals.

She kicked 58 goals in her 13 games for the season despite playing in a number of positions throughout the year.

In her three years, she is a triple competition best and fairest and dual club best and fairest.

## Two more years

Even more astounding is the fact that she has two more years left at this level.

Danielle has a deep passion for the sport and thinks it is a shame that women cannot play AFL at the highest level.

"I love footy," she said.

"Growing up in a family like mine, you had no choice but to like footy."

"Making it to the AFL is something I've always wanted to do, so in a way it sucks being a girl."

Australian football is not the only sport Danielle excels at.

She won the Darwin softball rising star award only two years after she started playing the game and was a

key player in St Marys' division one side before making the Northern Territory under 17 developmental team.

She has also represented the Northern Territory in basketball, netball and touch football and has aspirations to go far in sport.

"Making the Australian Diamonds side for netball would be my biggest goal," Danielle said.

She was somewhat destined to be a star with her sporting pedigree unquestionable.

Her father Shane Ponter is a player life member of St Marys and had played in seven senior premierships by the age of 23.

Her mother Susie Long is from the famous Long family that produced seven superstar brothers and AFL champion Michael.

She is also a cousin of current Hawthorn superstar Cyril Rioli, who she looks up to as a role model.

"I have plenty of role models when it comes to sport," she said.

"Cyril Rioli and Gary Ablett Jnr would be the ones in the AFL and then there's people like Maria Tutaia in netball."

# If the shoe doesn't fit ... wear it!

By GRAHAM HUNT



A YOUNG Noongar woman from Bunbury, in Western Australia's south-west, is making waves in women's Australian football.

Courtney Ugle is undertaking a full-time traineeship with the Swan Districts Football Club in Perth and has just been named in the WA under 18s to contest the national carnival in Canberra from May 2-10.

It will be the third year in a row that Courtney has represented her state at age level. Next year, she will be eligible for open selection.

Courtney moved from Bunbury to Perth at the start of the year to begin her 12-month traineeship at Swan District.

She graduated last year from Newton Moore Senior High School, graduating with honours and winning the Sportswomen of the Year award.

She was also was a part of the Newton Moore Girls Academy that specialised in basketball and

netball but included leadership programs.

She also won the Sportswomen award at the academy.

Courtney started playing Australian football five years ago.

In those days, she knew little about the game.

"I did not know how to kick or handball properly," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I then went into a South West Academy team that played in a round-robin carnival every year and I played in a girls' competition once a week in Bunbury.

"It was great fun, but not very competitive.

"In 2012 I tried out for the WA under 16s schoolgirls team and flew over to Adelaide to play in a national carnival.

"We finished second."

In 2013, Courtney played her first season in league football, playing for Peel Thunder in the WA Women's Football League (WAWFL) competition.

"We finished fourth and I finished in the top 10 best players for the season," she said.

"I also was named in the state under 18s side and travelled to Shepparton for yet another national carnival.

"We went undefeated until the grand final, where we lost by 15 points to the undefeated Victoria."

Courtney said this was the year she found out what type of player she was – a defender.

"I trained for three months with the state side as a small forward.

"We got to Shepparton and I was chucked in at half back flank for the entire carnival – not knowing anything about being a defender.

## Best footy

"It turned out I played some of my best footy and have played as a defender ever since."

Courtney has also played in the Indigenous All Stars selection match that's been held at the Nicky Winmar Cup carnival for the past two years and was named in the All Stars team that will play in a Women's Two-Way Learning match later this year.

Courtney said she was happy to join Swan District because it

Courtney Ugle in possession during an Indigenous All Stars selection match.



was one of the strongest clubs in the WAWFL.

"It was a bonus coming to Swan Districts. I have been training with them twice a week and being such a strong side, I have been doing extra training on my own to secure a league position," she said.

Her fitness and skills have improved tremendously, but Courtney acknowledges that she is still learning.

She said she grew up around football.

"Obviously, being Aboriginal, footy runs in the family," she said.

"My brother Kirk Ugle, who was drafted to Collingwood in 2010, is my biggest inspiration.

"The boots I have played in for state 2012 and 2013 and also my first year of WAWFL footy were the boots that Kirk played in the NAB Cup against Calton, where he kicked a goal.

"They are still too big for me, so I wear two pairs of socks for them to fit properly.

"I say they're my lucky charm.

"My dad Glen Ugle passed away when I was 12 years old, so I dedicate my games to him. When he found out Kirk made the State under 15 schoolboys team, he was the proudest dad ever, so I could just only imagine how proud he would be of me."

The Ugle name is sporting royalty in Western Australia.

There were three Ugles in this year's successful West Australian team at the Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs.

Courtney's first cousin Kirsty Morrison captained the WA women's team at the Imparja Cup.

Like so many rising young sporting stars, Courtney has her hands in her pockets to pay for the opportunities that come her way.

She admits she struggles to pay the full amount for the state trips.

This year's trip will cost \$1967.50. Any assistance would be appreciated.

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## 'Cabbo' lads off to swimming carnival



EVEN though they haven't been coached in competitive swimming, four boys from the tiny Cabbage Tree Island Primary

School have made it to a state carnival.

Bobby Bolt-Anderson, his younger brother Thomas and Malaki Ferguson and his younger brother Desmond are off to Sydney to compete in the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) on April 9-10.

They make up the school's 4x50m freestyle relay team and will be competing in that event in the PP6 (small schools with enrolments up to 25) division.

Cabbage Tree Island Public School, near Ballina, on the NSW far north Coast, has a K-6 enrolment of 21, with another 10 children enrolled in a transition project. The transition children attend school a couple of days a week.

Bobby is in Year 6, Thomas and Malaki are in Year 5, and Desmond is in Year 4.

School principal Dyonne Anderson said the school and the Cabbage Tree Island community were proud of the boys making it all the way to Sydney.

She said the road to Sydney began when the boys won their race at the small schools carnival at Ballina, progressing to the district carnival at Ballina, the zone carnival at Ballina and finally at regional level at a Lismore carnival.

She said that apart from learn-to-swim lessons, none of the boys had received formal coaching on the finer points of competitive swimming.

"All they have is natural instinct," she said.

"We are so proud of them."

The boys are following in the footsteps of last year's team, who also made it to Sydney. – *Graham Hunt*



The Cabbage Tree Island 4x50m freestyle relay team, from left, Malaki Ferguson, Bobby Bolt-Anderson, his brother Thomas, and Desmond Ferguson.

# Boys blaze trail

By ALF WILSON



YOUNG Indigenous Australian rules players from many remote Cape York communities and Torres Strait Islands are members of two

sides that have entered the Cairns and District under 15 competitions under an Australian-first program.

The Cape York Eagles under 15 and under 17 players live at AFL Cape York House and train and play on the adjoining football field.

The 40 youths aged 13 to 17 attend school in Cairns and now get to play in Eagles guernseys at a home ground just outside their bedroom windows.

The boys include Lafia Kaitap (Kubin), Timakoi Lowah-Bowie, Nathaniel Tamwoy, Tui Lowah, Laurie Nona, Philemon Nona (Badu), Daryl Lui, John Pearson, Malachi Songoro (Yam), Titapo Nona (Kubin), Cedric Pearson, Harrison Pearson, Joseph Pearson, McFarlane Pearson, Philemon Pearson, Munro Stephens (Coconut Island), Captain Tabuai, Gerome Tabuai (Bamaga), and Glendon Woosup (Injinoo).

### Bright start

The under 15 side was undefeated after the first two rounds.

In their debut on March 7, the Eagles beat Port Douglas Crocs 15.14 (104) to 3.1 (19).

The side backed up in round two a week later and defeated North Cairns Tigers 17.12 (114) to 2.1 (13).

Cape York Eagles under 17 side made their debut in round one on March 14 and lost to Hawks 10.9 (69) to 4.3 (27).



The Cape York Eagles under 17 side after their first game.

In May of 2013, AFL Cape York House opened its doors to its first intake of boarding students.

The young men came to the establishment to live and receive their education through nearby secondary schools.

They came from as far afield as the Torres Strait Islands, Cape York Peninsula communities and other places.

Most of the boys had played Australian rules football with local clubs North Cairns Tigers and Pyramid Power.

AFL Cape York House's mission statement says their aim is "to provide educational, employment and training opportunities for young

Indigenous men from Far North Queensland's remote communities in a culturally appropriate, safe and secure residential environment".

At the AFL Cairns Juniors general meeting with the Cape York Eagles, teams comprised of boarders from AFL Cape York House were admitted to the junior league for the 2014 season.

### Pathways

AFL Cape York House allows students to be individually case managed while developing career and life pathways.

Having their own junior football club should add to that experience, allowing the students to play for

their own club and learn the workings of a club from a grassroots level.

The house has been operational for 12 months and its performance is being monitored by the AFL and other big institutions who see potential in the set-up.

AFL Cape York House program manager Rick Hanlon told the *Koori Mail* it was an exciting program.

"We have lads from many communities, including Aurukun, Hope Vale, Kowanyama, Coen, Lockhart River, Wujal Wujal and Torres Strait Islands.

"sWe don't have any expectations other than to train and

play hard and enjoy their footy," he said.

The house's operational budget is financed through ABSTUDY's remote allowance for remote Indigenous students, the AFL and Aboriginal Hostels, with building funds provided through the National Indigenous Housing Partnership Agreement, and in conjunction with the Queensland Government.

There are seven partner schools the students attend on a daily basis.

Students live at the house during school terms and if they desire can live there for their entire secondary school life.





The Mulluwurri Magpies' Roy Farmer, gets the ball away before being tackled by the Tuyu Buffaloes' Kieran Apuatimi during the Tiwi Islands Australian football grand final at Tiwi Oval at Nguiu, on Bathurst Island. The Buffaloes, from Bathurst Island, beat the Magpies, from Melville Island, 13.9 (87) to 12.5 (77) to claim their second premiership in three years. AAP says the Tiwis have the highest participation rate in Australian football of any community in Australia: About 900 of the Islands' 2600 population play – a staggering 35 per cent. Their season runs during the hot, wet half of the year in the Top End. *Picture: Newspix*

# Buffaloes reign again



RAIN, a cyclone warning and ferry problems didn't stop the Tuyu Buffaloes collecting their second Tiwi Island Football League premiership in three years.

Tuyu enjoyed a two-week break after defeating last year's champions, Imalu in the major semifinal and the Magpies were backing up from the previous weekend after dispatching the Tigers in the preliminary final.

These teams last met in the qualifying final with the Buffaloes sneaking home by three points.

After leading at each interval the Buffaloes won a high-class season

decider by 10 points.

Tuyu had a six-point lead at the first two breaks and led by 14 points at three-quarter-time.

With the Mulluwurri Magpies kicking the final two goals to add to the respectability of the scoreboard, the final scoreline was 13.9 (87) to 12.5 (77).

Buffalo Michael Dunn secured the Brother Pye Medal, being heralded for his blanket job on the TIFL leading forward Nathan Daniels and his clever use of the ball offensively.

Other leading performers for the victors included Hector Tipungwuti, Brendon Dixon and Vivian Kerinaiaua.

Playing co-coach Rupert Pupangimirri

was a potent avenue to goal with four majors, while Urban Kerinaiaua was another to shine.

For the vanquished, Alistair Darcy was the Magpies' best, followed by Richard Puruntatameri, Aaron Daniels and Nicholas Heenan-Daniels.

In a first for Tiwi Island grand final day, a visiting team from Victoria, the Lilydale under 18s, made trip north to watch the main event and also challenge a local youth side.

New teacher and Tiwi Bomber Samuel Dyke coached the local team, assisted by Bradley Palipauminni and Mark Tunmuck.

After a slow start, the hosts ran hard and dominated the last quarter but

couldn't peg back their opponents. Lilydale fell over the line by 11 points with the final score being 8.2 (50) to 5.9 (39).

Before the main game, the Ted Whitten Medal for the competition's best and fairest player was shared by 17-year-old Jack Munkara from Pumaralli Thunder and Lightning, along with Alex Lantjin from the Wadeye Magic.

The best first-year player, winning the Mitchell Lee Trophy, was Joey Henry from the Mulluwurri Magpies, while Terry Fernando from the Ranku Eagles, was the best defender. And with 47 of his 61 goals in the minor round, Magpie Nathan Daniels won the David Kantilla goal-kicking award. – **Peter Argent**



# Bailey top cricketer



WEST Australian Imparja Cup captain Michael Bailey has been named the Lord's Taverners

Indigenous Cricketer of the Year.

He was presented with the award at Cricket Australia's annual state cricket awards in Canberra last Tuesday.

Bailey played a big part in Western Australia's stunning Imparja Cup win last month in Alice Springs.

The West Australians just scraped into the final with a last-gasp win over a gallant Northern Territory in a semifinal, then beat NSW in the most exciting final in Imparja Cup history.

The Sandgropers won the T20 game with one ball to spare.

Bailey has been a regular fixture in the WA Imparja Cup team for a number of years.

He was the 14th highest run getter at this year's carnival with 107 runs at an average of 15.29 and a strike rate of 112.6. His highest score was 48.

## Amazing figures

But he emerged the top bowler of the carnival – boosted by the amazing figures of 5-0 in one match against the Northern Territory.

He bowled 29.2 overs in eight matches, including eight maidens, conceding 64 runs and claiming 16 wickets at an average of 4.0 runs a wicket, a strike rate of a wicket every 11 deliveries, and an economy rate of 2.18 runs an over.

Queenslander Preston White, who was the carnival's top batsman, finished second in the bowling order, with 12 wickets.

The awards are held each year in the lead-up to the Bupa Sheffield Shield final.

He has also excelled in grade cricket this season with his stellar performances for Gosnells District Cricket Club (552 runs at an average 46.0 and highest score of 142) earning him a spot in the Western Warriors



Michael Bailey at Manuka Oval, Canberra, with his Lord's Taverners Indigenous Cricketer of the Year award. Picture: Getty Images

Development Squad where he trained alongside WA's senior players and had the opportunity to work with former Test cricketer and WA batting coach Geoff Marsh.

The Cricket Australia award also recognises Bailey's outstanding contribution off the field, particularly his role as a mentor with the Clontarf Foundation, a charitable organisation which uses sport as a vehicle to help improve the physical and social wellbeing of Indigenous youth.

This season isn't the first time Bailey has attracted attention. The 21-year-old has been named

in Cricket Australia's Indigenous Development squads over the past four years and in 2013 was the recipient of Cricket Australia's Indigenous scholarship where he travelled to India's Global Cricket School and spent time at the National Cricket Centre in Brisbane.

After receiving the award from Lord's Taverners national chairman Greg Grown, Bailey said: "I'm honoured to receive this award which recognises not just on-field performance but also contributions off-field for Indigenous cricket."

"I'm proud to be involved in such an exciting time for

Indigenous cricket. I saw a lot of talent at the Imparja Cup and I know it will continue to grow."

"The Imparja Cup, the National Indigenous Development Squad and awards such as this are important to this growth and seeing Indigenous Australians in a Baggy Green."

The selection panel for the Lord's Taverners Indigenous Cricketer of the Year award consisted of National Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee co-chair Aaron Briscoe, Cricket Australia's national Indigenous officer Paul Stewart and Cricket Australia's senior manager game development John Watkin.



National Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee co-chair Aaron Briscoe, a member of the panel that chose Bailey as the Indigenous Cricketer of the Year.

# James blitzes rivals to grab sprint double



SPRINTING sensation James Gallagher is continuing his meteoric rise in athletics after winning the under 15 100m and 200m double

at the Australian junior championships in Sydney earlier this month.

He won both finals effortlessly, proving beyond doubt that he is the fastest runner for his age in Australia and up there with the best in the world.

If he continues improving, he could be part of the Australian team at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics as a 17-year-old.

If Rio looms too soon, Tokyo in 2020 could be more realistic.

James simply outclassed his rivals at the Australian junior championships at Olympic Park, Sydney, on March 15-16.

The former Ulladulla lad now living in Western Australia ran a personal

best (PB) 11.03 seconds in the final of the 100m.

The second-placed profoundly deaf Sekou Kennah (Queensland) clocked 11.52 seconds.

Byron Hollingsworth-Dess (ACT) was third in 11.53 seconds.

James exploded away from the field at the half-way mark and was increasing his margin until the finish.

## Fastest qualifier

He was the fastest qualifier for the final after clocking 11.09 in his heat.

His 100m time was faster than the winning time in the under 16 boys' final.

In the 200m final, James was well ahead as the field straightened for home and he kept running away from his rivals.

He clocked 22.08 seconds to beat Jordan Winyard (Victoria – 22.81) and Byron Hollingsworth-Dess (ACT –

23.14).

He now holds the meet record for the under 15 100m and 200m.

His winning time in the 200m was below his PB, set at the All Schools championship in Townsville late last year when he ran 21.73 seconds.

The national under 15 100m record is 10.72 seconds, set in 2008 by Josh Clarke (NSW).

The national under 15 200m record is 21.48 seconds, held by Paul Greene (NSW) since 1988.

Officials continue to try to hose down James' potential after earlier performances had the youngster being likened to world super hero Usain Bolt.

That was after James clocked a time for the 200m that was faster than the best time by Bolt at the same age.

"We don't want to put too much pressure on a 13-year-old," said national junior high-performance manager Sara Mulkearns last year.

"But he is pretty exciting."

Rugby league clubs also have their eyes on James, but for the moment, his focus is on track and field.

James has links to the Gumulkbun tribe in north-west Arnhem Land.

● Footnote: James has won many new admirers following his pre-race conversation with the deaf Sekou Kennah. Sekou is so deaf that he requires a one-of-a-kind lighting system in order to see the starter's commands. As they were standing behind their starting blocks, James and Sekou used sign language to exchange best wishes. Athletics Australia was so impressed by the gesture that they posted the video on their Facebook page. See <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=To1HJbrX7I0>

The last time we looked, the footage had 2400 hits. James' proud grandmother, Tanya Williams, from Darwin, was in Sydney to see him run.





**James scores  
sprint double  
at Nationals**  
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## Girls lace up for boxing lessons

These Northern Territory girls pack a punch... well, they're learning to. They are among 30 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys and girls – many from remote NT and Queensland communities – who are learning the skills of boxing in a special program at Townsville's Shalom Christian College. Pictured are, from left, Loretta Manggurra (Numbulwar), Kiyanna Murrungun (Karama), Seravina Lalara (Numbulwar), and Nickarla Nundhirribala (Winnellie).  
● Alf Wilson explains more on page 58.



# All Stars returns



IT'S official – rugby league's big All Stars extravaganza will be back next year.

Details are yet to be announced, but the Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council (ARLIC) has confirmed that the event will go ahead in 2015.

Council chairwoman Linda Burney said the date would be confirmed later this year.

The announcement is aimed at quelling growing concern that the All Stars concept could be consigned to the scrapheap as the Auckland Nines gathered momentum.

The inaugural Auckland Nines held last month involved all National Rugby League (NRL) clubs.

But the Nines was not the official reason why the All Stars game was scrapped this year.

Rugby league officials said the All Stars was shelved in 2014 because of the World Cup schedule.

The World Cup is held every four years and it was announced that the All Stars would be spelled once every four years and replaced by a week-long Festival of Indigenous Rugby League.

This year's inaugural festival was held in Newcastle and the highlight was a match between the Newcastle Knights and the



**"We want to reassure the  
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event will return in 2015."**  
– ARLIC chair Linda Burney

Goannas – made up of the best non-elite Indigenous players in Australia.

Ms Burney said last week that the All Stars concept was vitally important to the ARLIC and rugby league players.

"We want to reassure the Indigenous community and all rugby league fans that the event will return in 2015," she said.

"A sub-committee of the ARLIC has been established to consider future opportunities for the First Nations Goannas off the back of the successful Festival of Indigenous Rugby League.

"While the commitment of the NRL is that the Goannas will play a match every four years, the council will investigate opportunities for the development of Indigenous rugby league through the Goannas."

Council member and inaugural Indigenous All Stars captain Preston

Campbell welcomed the statement and hoped that it would end speculation about the future of the concept.

"The All Stars not only has the support of the NRL, but most importantly the players – Indigenous and non-Indigenous," the *Koori Mail* columnist said.

### Backed by coaches

"It also has the continued support of coaches Laurie Daley and Wayne Bennett as was evident in the recent First Nations Goanna match against the Newcastle Knights.

"People have confused the issue with the Auckland Nines.

"It was always about the players having time to recover from the World Cup and be ready for a quality battle like the All Stars.

"What would the All Stars be without the likes of Greg Inglis, Johnathan Thurston,

Cameron Smith and Jarryd Hayne?"

Campbell praised Greg Inglis and Johnathan Thurston for their commitment and leadership on the issue.

"Players were consulted and all wanted to ensure the game was a marquee event," he said.

"They could not commit to being available, so supported the match being suspended during a World Cup year.

"Greg went public and said the game would not be lost under his watch and 'JT' has already indicated that he will not be playing for the Cowboys in next year's Nines."

Campbell was pleased to see that the voice of the players was just as important today as it was when he lobbied for the concept to get off the ground.

"GI and JT are among the players of today whose leadership off the field is as important as their performances on the field," he said.

"I will be there to cheer on the boys as the Indigenous All Stars attempt to take a 3-2 series lead in what is one of the great contests of our game."

The ARLIC also announced that it would allow the design of the 2015 Indigenous All Stars jersey to be thrown open to the public, with design considerations to be made available in coming weeks.

● **All eyes on Cairns AFL house for boys – page 65**