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Rockin' at the Opera House

NSW A HUGE and enthusiastic crowd headed to the Sydney Opera House last weekend for Homeground, a free festival celebrating First Nations music, dance and culture. The festival featured a diverse range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, from traditional to contemporary, and included NAISDA dancers, Eric Avery playing violin and chanting, the Stiff Gins, *Move it Mob Style*, Shellie Morris and Casey Donovan.

The Boomerang concert was a particular highlight, with Indigenous performers from Australia, New Zealand and Scotland using their native languages, including Yanyuwa (a Yolngu language from the Top End) and Dunghutti (from north-east NSW).

● Pictured: Trombone player Mikale Strand and vocalists D-Kazman and Billie Weston from Dubmarine rock the crowd during the Homeground Festival at the Sydney Opera House last weekend.

Picture by Daniel Boud

Territory turmoil



THE Northern Territory's political turmoil has deepened after three Aboriginal MPs resigned from Chief Minister Adam Giles' Country Liberal Party (CLP) Government.

Amid accusation and counter-accusation, Arnhem MP Larisa Lee, Arafura MP Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu and Namatjira MP Alison Anderson – who Mr Giles had suspended from the party – ended weeks of ongoing speculation and negotiation by quietly slipping resignation

Accusations fly as three Aboriginal MPs quit CLP

letters under the door of the CLP headquarters in Darwin.

The three disaffected MPs said they had been subjected to racist slurs, and Ms Lee

told NITV there was "no hope for Aboriginal people in this party."

Mr Giles, who is a Kamilaroi (NSW) man, dismissed the allegations outright.

"I don't tolerate racism and call it out when I see it, but those allegations have never been raised with me and I've never heard racist comments made," he told the *Koori Mail*.

The resignations mean the CLP now has just 12 of the NT Parliament's 25 seats, with the future of the Government likely resting on the outcome of this Saturday's by-election for the seat of Blain, brought about by the resignation of Terry Mills, the man Mr Giles rolled last year for the top job.

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My FAMILY

LISA THORPE – Melbourne, Vic



THIS is a photo of me with my daughters and some of my nieces and cousins at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service 40th anniversary celebration.

We are the children and grandchildren of my mum Alma Thorpe, her sister Rosie Dwyer and my nan Edna Brown – all early pioneers of the health service.

I've also got two sons, Charles and James Williams, who are not in the photo.

Mum was the first administrator of the health service and Auntie Rosie was an early health service worker.

My nan, Edna Brown, was instrumental in developing Aboriginal funeral funds, ensuring Aboriginal people were buried with dignity, and was a cleaner there too.

It was lovely that they were recognised at the 40th.

I worked there for a few years and I've been a board member. Now my daughters and nieces and nephews work there.

The health service is a living history of our family. It was more than a medical service, it was a connecting place about who we were as Aboriginal people.

Mum was born in Fitzroy, and moved to Gippsland to bring up her seven children. We

come back to Fitzroy when I was seven.

I remember going to the health service when I was nine. I was lucky enough to grow up around Bruce McGuinness, my mum, my nan, Gary Foley, Dr Bill Roberts, Dennis Walker – they were the people I learnt from: who I was, believing in who we are as a people, striving for self-determination, community control – and that's how I teach my daughters and sons.

Mum's got over 100 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild and we are still a part of mum's legacy.

We all live in the northern suburbs of Melbourne now, except for my brother Steven who is back in Gippsland.

The Browns and the Thorpes are a huge family, and we up catch all the time – we don't need special occasions. Our family is our friends, is who we are, is our community as well. – as told to Jillian Mundy

● **Pictured above:** Lisa Thorpe with her cousin Joanne Dwyer at front and, at back, her niece Nikita Rotumah, daughter Worrin Williams, cousin Laura Thompson, niece Meriki Onus, daughter Nioka Thorpe-Williams and niece Lidia Thorpe.

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OUR CHILDREN



Young members of the Yiri Dancers perform at the National Indigenous Studies Conference in Canberra. Our coverage is on pages 38-39. Picture by Naomi Moran

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Stars in their eyes



ABORIGINAL Elders and astronomy experts look to the night skies in Western Australia's Murchison region while discussing a project designed to unite Indigenous art with modern astronomy. Called 'Shared Skies: Indigenous Australian and African art inspired by the sites of the SKA', the project will result in an international touring exhibition of special astronomically-themed artworks created by Indigenous Australian and South African artists from the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) telescope sites in Africa and Australia. Get the full story on page 43.

NACCHO in Budget plea



ABORIGINAL-controlled health clinics must be quarantined from federal Budget cuts otherwise

their strong gains in closing the health gap will be put at risk, an Indigenous leader has warned.

At an address to the National Press Club last week, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chair Justin Mohamed said Indigenous-run clinics were easing pressure on the mainstream health system.

He pleaded for governments to protect the 150 Aboriginal-controlled health organisations from cuts, as they were making inroads on preventative health measures such as reducing smoking rates.

"We all know that a dollar spent in prevention can save two or three down the track by avoiding emergency or hospital-based care," he said.

Demand for the services was growing at 6 per cent a year because they combine "clinical know-how with culturally-

enriched local knowledge."

They provided economic, education and employment benefits, in addition to quality health care, and employed 3500 Aboriginal people out of a total workforce of 5500, Mr Mohamed said.

"People who are ill can't participate in the labour force ... and children who are sick cannot participate in schools," he said.



NACCHO chair Justin Mohamed speaking at the National Press Club last week.

Mr Mohamed said some Aboriginal health workers suffered institutionalised racism in the mainstream system but were flourishing in the Aboriginal-controlled clinics.

He lamented the amount of red tape they faced – producing

423 reports annually.

"Imagine how many more Aboriginal people could be treated if the time taken to produce those reports was actually spent on child and maternal health programs and adult health checks," he said.

Mr Mohamed urged Prime Minister Tony Abbott to revive the now-expired national partnership agreement on

Indigenous health with the states and territories.

There was an economic incentive for all governments to help Indigenous people become healthier, he said.

Raising life expectancy over 20 years would result in an \$11.9 billion net increase in government revenue, mainly from tax payments, including a \$4.7 billion saving in social security and health.

The Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council (IAC) is looking at what can be trimmed from Federal Government spending on Aboriginal programs. IAC chair Warren Mundine urged the Government to quarantine Indigenous mental health, healing and anti-smoking programs from cuts. – AAP



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A woman with dark, wavy hair and a warm smile peeks through a blue door. She is wearing a white shirt with a yellow and green floral pattern. The door has a silver lock and the paint is peeling, revealing a red and white pattern underneath. The background is dark and out of focus.

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● **Pictured:** Ursula Yovich plays Eden Freeburn in the new series.

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Our fashion hits the big stage



WHEN Keyarny Lamb, from Echuca in central Victoria, was contacted by Indigenous

Fashion Unearthed (IFU) organiser Tina Waru asking if she wanted to try modelling, she jumped at the chance.

"IFU Project has opened their doors and welcomed me in like one of their own," Ms Lamb said.

"Meeting new people and working alongside other Indigenous people has given me a chance to embrace their cultures and, recognising that although we are different, coming to terms with the number of similar cultural beliefs we share."

IFU presented its Runway Project as part of the recent Melbourne Fashion Week, showcasing Aboriginal and Maori designers, using Australian, New Zealand and North American Indigenous models. Almost everyone involved in the project, from make-up and hair to photographers, was Indigenous.

The IFU Project has now been asked to travel to communities across Australia, New Zealand and Arizona in the United States to help set up similar IFU projects.

"Indigenous fashionistas are able to access workshops and acquire training pathways in the fashion industry ranging from modelling, photography, designing, hair, make-up artistry to styling while receiving support and guidance by relevant Indigenous mentors," Ms Waru said.

"In addition to that, the IFU Project provides seven-day professional development workshops for emerging models and talent, with successful applicants given the opportunity to experience and participate in a real-life fashion event on world-



Lynisha Blurton and Keyarny Lamb model dresses by Colleen Tighe-Johnson for Indigenous Fashion Unearthed. Picture by Janette Milera

acclaimed fashion platforms.

"Not only has the journey been about empowering Indigenous communities, it has been about making an impact and ensuring that there is a stronger Indigenous presence within the fashion industry worldwide."

Ms Lamb said the experience had helped her self-confidence

and belief in herself.

"This was my first runway experience, and as much as I was shaking in my heels, I was excited," she said.

"Walking the runway in front of so many anonymous people was daunting, although when it was finished it was one of the best things I have ever done.

"I'm from Echuca, which is a small country town; here we have a rich Aboriginal history and proud Aboriginal community. Since getting on board with IFU it's given me great pleasure being looked at as a role model for the younger community."

● In the March 26 edition of the *Koori Mail*, a photo by Wayne

Quilliam of model Dream-May Langley showcasing one of Mia Brennan's designs was run in conjunction with a story on Australian Indigenous Fashion Week. This was an error, as the photo was of Indigenous Fashion Unearthed, an unrelated event.

● More pictures from the IFU on page 34

Concern mounts over planned RDA change



WHILE Federal Attorney-General George Brandis told the Senate late last month that people have the right to be bigots, the list of people and organisations disagreeing with him continues to grow.

Senator Brandis unveiled draft changes to the *Racial Discrimination Act* for community consultation. The government proposes to repeal section 18C and 18D of the Act that makes it unlawful to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate another person or a group of people because of race, colour or national or ethnic origin. Section 18D provides good faith exemptions to 18C for artworks, academia and publishing a fair and accurate report or fair comment.

The new section will preserve the existing protection against intimidation and create a new protection from racial vilification.

But the proposed changes have been criticised by Aboriginal health, legal and social justice organisations, the Close the Gap campaign, the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, Reconciliation Australia, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, ethnic and religious groups, the

Greens, and Labor and Coalition MPs.

It follows the case of *Herald Sun* columnist Andrew Bolt, who lost an action in the Federal Court in 2011 defending a column he wrote claiming that some Aboriginal people sought professional advantage through the colour of their skin.

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".

"People do have a right to be bigots, you know," Senator Brandis told Parliament.

"In a free country people do have rights to say things that other people find offensive or insulting or bigoted."

National Congress co-chair Kirstie Parker said she was horrified to consider the kind of Australia that could grow out of what was being proposed.

"We know intimately the impact that racist abuse has on our peoples," she said.

"It undermines our sense of personal security and safety, can disenfranchise us even further

from the rest of society, and literally makes us sick. The Parliament would make history of entirely the wrong kind if it moved to protect racist attacks masquerading

as public commentary or debate. There is no nobility and no greatness in placing unlimited rights to free speech above the already limited rights of the vulnerable to be free from racist abuse.

"It is beyond comprehension that the

Government would openly champion a single commentator, Andrew Bolt, found by a court to have dishonoured the RDA by publishing articles that contained 'erroneous facts, distortions of the truth and inflammatory and provocative language'; used 'extensive' mockery and derision; were 'cynical' in tone; and contained 'gratuitous' references to colour."

Close the Gap campaign co-chair Mick Gooda said the evidence demonstrates racism was consistently associated with health risk behaviours such as smoking and alcohol and substance abuse.

"The increases in racism that could flow from the proposed changes could counteract the small improvements in life expectancy and good progress towards reducing smoking rates," he said. "We should be doing all we can to ensure that the factors contributing to the ill health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are addressed, and that includes ensuring proper protections against racism and an accessible recourse process for victims of racism."

Submissions can be made until April 30 at s18cconsultation@ag.gov.au

● Pat Eatock on the RDA page 24

"There is no nobility and no greatness in placing unlimited rights to free speech above the already limited rights of the vulnerable to be free from racist abuse."

Inquiry hears of NT grog issues



THE Chief Minister's endorsement of drinking as a core social value in the Northern Territory has not helped to tackle the problem drinking of Indigenous people, a federal inquiry has heard.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs was in Darwin last week conducting its inquiry into the harmful use of alcohol by Indigenous communities, and a number of non-government organisations (NGOs) have given evidence that the NT Government's punitive approach to alcoholism is expensive – and failing.

Inquiry chair Sharman Stone says the feedback from communities is that the situation is dire.

"An overarching message is things are getting far worse than they've been before ... People now are desperate about finding a solution to these problems," Dr Stone said.

"As a woman said to us in Tennant Creek, 'our young people are getting angrier and too many people are dying'.

"And that's just an appalling situation in a developed country like Australia – one of the richer countries in the world – to have this circumstance for its Indigenous population."

Territorians are known for the way they drink, "and it doesn't help when our Chief Minister last year said alcohol is a core social value", NT Council of Social Services executive director Wendy Morton said.

The NT, as a whole, has an alcohol consumption rate 30 to 40 per cent greater than the rest of Australia, and the second-highest rate of alcohol consumption in the world, she said.

Ms Morton painted a grim picture with a barrage of statistics: Alcohol-related deaths are three times the national average, hospital admissions are double the national average, and 60 per cent of police resources are used to deal with alcohol-related issues.

The hearings in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Darwin have repeatedly heard social services organisations call for a re-instatement of the Banned Drinkers Register (BDR), which was dismantled by the Country Liberals Government when it won the August 2012 election.

"The BDR didn't discriminate by background. While it was an

inconvenience for people, it appeared to have an impact on the problem drinkers on the streets," Council of Aboriginal Alcohol Prevention Services chief executive Jillian Smith said.

A number of people giving evidence at the hearings have criticised the NT Government's punitive approach to dealing with alcoholism by incarcerating people for what is a health and social issue.

"A lack of progress coincides with policy responses that have been pretty dismal from both levels of government," Aboriginal Medical Services Association of the NT chief executive John Paterson said. "By and large, the Government has failed to make the transition from coercion to empowerment."

The cost of mandatory alcohol treatment was about \$45 million for its first year of operation, and only 5 per cent, or 40, of the 800 people passing through it were expected to succeed in reducing their drinking, North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency principal legal officer Jonathon Hunyor said.

Submissions for how to change drinking behaviours included limiting the advertising of alcohol, instating a licence to drink, investment in intervention programs that reduce demand for alcohol, investment in early childhood programs, and bringing treatments back to the bush.

Homelessness and housing pressures are a key factor in explaining why Indigenous people drink to excess, the

inquiry heard. Indigenous people are highly mobile but often have trouble finding somewhere to stay when they come to cities such as Darwin to attend events, to see family or to seek work, and end up putting stress on relatives and overcrowding properties.

The NT has 15 times the national average of homeless people, 30 to 40 per cent of whom are aged under 18.

Young disadvantaged women who drink during pregnancy are having babies with foetal alcohol syndrome, and the inquiry is looking at its prevalence and whether it should be declared a disability.

Dr Stone also said she was disappointed the NT Government would not permit its employees, such as the police and doctors, to give evidence to the inquiry, but rather would submit a 'whole of government report'. – AAP

"An overarching message is things are getting far worse than they've been before ... People now are desperate about finding a solution..."



Ngallu Wal community engagement officers Darren Ivey and Leonnie Herczeg.

New centre in Doonside

By YATU WIDDERS HUNT



THE community of Doonside in Sydney's west recently celebrated the opening of a new Aboriginal child and family centre.

Named Ngallu Wal, the centre was officially opened last week with a community-led celebration featuring performances from Doonside High School students and dance troupe Thangoodia.

Ngallu Wal Aboriginal Advisory Board chair Elaine Gordon MCed the event, which opened with a performance by Stella Cunningham of a song she had written in honour of the Aboriginal flag. Greg Simms gave an acknowledgement of country.

A number of speakers addressed the crowd to reflect on the significance of the day, including Federal MP Ed Husic, who said that it wasn't just about the opening of a childcare centre, but also an important step in retaining identity and supporting and educating the next generation.

"It's important on so many levels," the Labor MP said. "It's about providing quality care to members of the community, but it's also a bridge between generations and a way for there to be continued growth and respect of Aboriginal culture."

Darren Ivey, one of the community engagement officers for the centre, said the feedback from the local community had been overwhelmingly positive.



Thangoodia Dancers welcoming people to the opening ceremony for the Doonside centre.

"Being a local service, it's much more accessible to the people of Doonside," he said.

"The target group for the centre is Aboriginal children aged 0-8, but it's also a resource for the community and for service providers.

"Agencies and service providers like TAFE, for instance, can connect directly with people through the centre and our community members can come along and hear things for themselves and put faces to names."

The centre already has much planned with 'Say Days' scheduled, where locals can have their say on a range of local issues, and Elders groups and men's groups

ready to start in coming weeks.

Staff member Leonnie Herczeg said she hoped the centre would also provide employment and training opportunities.

"I really want to promote what it offers for our community and hopefully increase the number of local people getting involved to actually run the centre," she said.

Ngallu Wal is one of nine centres being built across NSW as part of the National Partnership Agreement to Close the Gap, with the project also being funded at the state level through the NSW Family and Community Services Department.



Strong spirit for launch of *Yagan* CD



RICHARD, Ted and Eileen Wilkes make a happy picture at the Perth launch of *The Spirit of Yagan Is Alive and Well*, a CD of oral histories and stories from Swan River traditional owners.

The evocative collection of stories about Noongar warrior Yagan, a publication and a series of artworks inspired by the project was officially launched last month at Stirling Square in suburban Guildford.

The 40-minute audio piece, produced and edited by respected historian Bill Bunbury, was broadcast nationally on ABC Radio's *Away!* program.

The collection of stories has come from direct descendants of Yagan and was recorded during an oral history project produced by Community Arts Network WA with the Wadjuk Boodja Gateway Aboriginal Corporation and the City of Swan. Artworks by Swan River artist Vanessa Corunna have been reproduced as posters and postcards to commemorate the launch of the historic oral history compilation.

● See page 35 for more on the launch.

Picture by Daniel Grant

Accusations fly as trio dump NT CLP

By RUDI MAXWELL



NORTHERN Territory Chief Minister Adam Giles has accused the three Aboriginal MPs who resigned from the Country Liberal Party (CLP) last week of playing the "race card".

On Friday, Arnhem MP Larisa Lee, Arafura MP Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu and Namatjira MP Alison Anderson – who Mr Giles had suspended from the party – ended weeks of speculation and negotiation by slipping their resignation letters under the door of the CLP headquarters in Darwin.

In an extended interview on NITV, Ms Lee said there was "no hope for Aboriginal people in this party", Ms Anderson related how she and Ms Lee had been called "lubras" by CLP members, and Mr Kurrupuwu described how he had been constantly disrespected and subjected to racist behaviour.

"If we're going to walk out of the CLP it's going to be the proudest moment of our lives because we're not breast-plated niggers, we're home-grown traditional people," Ms Lee said.

However, Mr Giles, a Kamilaroi (NSW) man, dismissed the accusations.

"I don't tolerate racism and call it out when I see it, but those allegations have never been raised with me and I've never heard racist comments made," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's important to note the sequence of events here. A week ago, Alison Anderson and Larisa Lee demanded to be made ministers in the Government and were demanding that some existing ministers, including (Aboriginal woman) Bess Price, should be sacked to make way for them.

"When I refused their demands, their reaction was to pull out the race card. When the chips are down sometimes it's easier to break the glass and hit the racist button,



NT Aboriginal MPs Larisa Lee, Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu and Alison Anderson with their letters of resignation from the Country Liberal Party. Picture: Amos Aikman, News Corp

rather than discuss policy reform."

Ms Anderson, Ms Lee and Mr Kurrupuwu did not respond to requests for interview.

Relations between Ms Anderson and Mr Giles have been strained since before he rolled Terry Mills for the top NT job.

Just over a year ago Ms Anderson, who was one of Mr Mills' cabinet ministers, nominated Mr Giles for deputy leader, which he refused, leading Ms Anderson to call him a "little boy" and threaten to leave the CLP if Mr Giles was elected leader.

However, a week later she threw her support behind Mr Giles and when he emerged victorious from the leadership spill she was rewarded with the Children and Families, Regional Development, Local Government and Women's Policy portfolio. Mr Giles also abolished the Indigenous Affairs department, saying Aboriginal needs and programs should be

every portfolio's responsibility.

In September last year Mr Giles reshuffled his ministry, sending Ms Anderson to the backbench and elevating Stuart MP Bess Price.

Ms Anderson was elected to the NT Assembly as a Labor Party member in 2005 but left the cabinet and went to the crossbenches in 2009 after a dispute over Indigenous housing. She sat as an independent for two years before joining the CLP in 2011.

Ructions between the trio and the party began to come to a head two weeks ago, when the three walked out of Parliament before question time.

Ms Anderson told NITV that the reason the trio walked was they were being instructed to ask questions to which they believed the answers were untrue, particularly in regards to Government

spending in the bush. "We did it because we saw things not working for our people," she said.

"We decided as a three that we would go in there for prayers, and we would stand up for our people with pride and honour and walk out.

"Yes, we did ask ... to be made ministers and for a whole department of Indigenous Affairs, and why shouldn't we? We (Aboriginal people) are 36 per cent of the Territory's population, we got this Government elected and we want them to start focusing on the poorest people in the Northern Territory."

But Mr Giles disputed the accusations that his Government wasn't doing enough for Aboriginal people in the bush, saying they were investing in the infrastructure, roads and bridges that would allow investment by private companies to create jobs.

He pointed to millions of dollars in spending on regional roads, facilitation of economic development talks with regional communities, the ferry service to the Tiwi Islands, the local government reform process, new police stations in Gapuwiyak and Ramingining, improved telecommunications, the \$1.7 million Homelands Extra program and the Indigenous education review as evidence of his Government's support of the bush.

"I am committed to breaking the destructive cycle of welfare dependency and want to get people off welfare and into work," he said.

"This process will take time, but we have made an impressive start. We are getting on with the job and won't be distracted by the political stunts of a handful who are pushing their own personal ambitions, dressed up as policy outrage."

If the CLP loses this weekend's Blain by-election – caused by Mr Mills' resignation – the NT could go to an early general poll after a mere 18 months.

VAHS celebrates 40 vital years

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABOUT 500 people attended a gala event in

Melbourne to celebrate, reminisce and recognise the achievements of the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) over 40 years.

Keynote speaker Dr Gary Foley said VAHS was the most important organisation in Victoria, referring to it as a product of the ideals and philosophies of the "Black Power era – black control of black affairs".

Twenty-seven people were acknowledged on the night for outstanding contribution and dedication to the VAHS, all with 20 or more years of continual service as staff and/or board members, including Alma Thorpe, the late Dr Bruce McGuinness and the late Dr Bill Roberts.

Dr McGuinness was instrumental in establishing the organisation, its longest serving chairperson and involved in bringing Bermudan Parliamentarian and Black Power advocate Dr Roosevelt Brown to Melbourne in 1969, resulting in controversy and media frenzy.

Dr Foley said the Black Power movement gave Aboriginal people faith in themselves.

"One of the important aspects of the movement was to rebuild the

Robert McGuinness (centre) who co-ordinated the VAHS gala, with Keyarny Lamb, Sharna Clarke, Amber Burrows and Tamara Kennedy-Harris in front of the event welcoming sign.



self-esteem of people who had been oppressed for almost 100 years at that point of time," he said.

Dr Foley said creation of the Aboriginal community-controlled health services, such as the first two, in Redfern (Sydney) and Fitzroy (Melbourne), were a rejection of ongoing government assimilation attempts.

"Caring for the community has always been the underlying philosophy of the VAHS," he said. "Self-determination, Aboriginal control of

Aboriginal affairs – we are the experts of what goes on in our community and never forget it."

VAHS, the second Aboriginal-controlled health service in Australia, opened its doors in Gertrude Street, Fitzroy, on August 18, 1973, with a handful of volunteer staff.

Dental service

The following year the VAHS employed its first six full-time staff and developed the first Aboriginal dental service in the country.

In its 40 years, the

VAHS has also been a meeting place; established Koori Kollij to train Aboriginal health workers; founded the Fitzroy Stars gymnasium which resulted in the Australian rules team; taken its services across Victoria; and played a big part in establishing the National Aboriginal and Islander Health Organisation (NAIHO), now the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation – NACCHO.

These days, the VAHS employs about 150 staff,

around two-thirds of them Aboriginal, and runs a variety of programs including dental, clinical, mental health, women's and children's, an alternative healing centre and community services, operating out of premises in Fitzroy, Preston and Thornbury.

In the 12 months leading to December 2013, VAHS serviced 13,500 clients, who used their programs and services 50,000 times.

Michael Graham, who became VAHS chairperson last August, stressed the

importance of the organisation to Victoria's Aboriginal community.

"We look at health in a holistic way, physical, emotional, spiritual, mental, and so the health service has not been just to see a doctor, but a place to catch up with people and have a yarn," he said.

"Just that catching up can play a big thing in your health, particularly with the Aboriginal health workers."

"The Aboriginal health workers are the core of the organisation."

● More photos page 36-37

Bowraville family welcomes inquiry

By MEZ FISHER



THE family of a 16-year-old boy murdered in Bowraville, on the NSW Mid-North Coast, has welcomed a visit from members of a parliamentary inquiry set up to investigate the disappearance of the teen and two other Aboriginal children more than 20 years ago.

Clinton Speedy, 16, Colleen Walker, 16, and four-year-old Evelyn Greenup disappeared over five months in the early 1990s. The bodies of Evelyn and Clinton were found in bushland in early 1991, and Colleen's clothes were found weighed down in the Nambucca River but her body has never been found.

The NSW Law and Justice Committee announced an inquiry late last year to hear from the victims' families, who have been agitating for a fresh

investigation for decades.

Clinton Speedy's sister-in-law, Leonie Duroux, said she was happy about the committee travelling to Bowraville to speak with family members.

"We've never had an opportunity like this before and I think it's something we're going to use to our full advantage," she said.

"It's really good for the committee to come up and meet the families. It has put things into perspective for them and they said they would leave no stone unturned."

In 1991, Bowraville man Jay Hart was charged with the murders of Evelyn and Clinton, but was acquitted of murdering Clinton in 1994. Soon afterwards, prosecutors also dropped the charges relating to Evelyn.

After an inquest into her death in 2004, Mr Hart was again charged with Evelyn's murder and then acquitted.

Ms Duroux said the calls for a new investigation revolve around whether information had been 'adduced' – or cited as evidence – in court.

"It all rests on different interpretations of that one little word," she said.

'Need closure'

"The families need closure and I don't see why the family should pay for a mistake of the police. The police had all this information years ago and didn't use it. It won't cross the line of double jeopardy, although there are other legal experts who say it does."

Ms Duroux, who was partnered with Clinton's older brother Dwayne (or Marbuck as he preferred to be known) for 16 years, said in her submission to the inquiry: "What was really disappointing to see at that (Hart's) trial was that the riot squad was brought in for the verdict. I believe that this is not common practice for

murder trials. That was an outrageous, insulting and racist act."

The inquiry has heard from at least 26 submissions, including one from Dr Vivienne Tedeschi, who practised medicine at the now-defunct Bowraville Aboriginal Health Centre.

Dr Tedeschi addressed the possibility of a retrial of the alleged perpetrator of the crimes.

"I understand that this is not within the limitations of an Upper House parliamentary inquiry, but I feel a need to express my thoughts on this difficult matter," she said in her submission.

"I am not a lawyer, but I have closely studied the wording of the *Double Jeopardy Amendment Act*. It is my firmly held belief that a retrial, particularly in the case of Clinton Speed-Duroux, falls well within the semantic guidelines of the Act.

"It is simply a matter of the breadth of interpretation, which is

within the power of the State Attorney General. I know for a fact that there is new, compelling and fresh evidence. This evidence could not have been reasonably adduced at the time of the original trial as the police chose not to present it to the DPP."

Dr Tedeschi says the evidence is strong, with an eye-witness account by a reliable person, and stands a high chance of success.

Ms Duroux said she was also pleased the committee had open minds to making the inquiry more culturally friendly, by visiting the families in their homes rather than making everyone go to Sydney.

"It's sad that it had to take this long but it's really good how it's now happening," she said.

The inquiry will hold a public forum in Macksville on May 1, where residents can voice their opinions and concerns. The committee will then hold a private meeting with family members at a closed hearing on May 2.

Museum's songline exhibition re-opened

By MEZ FISHER



A TOURING display of artworks depicting a significant Aboriginal songline has fully re-opened at the South Australian Museum, despite a last-minute injunction following claims the exhibition revealed sacred men's business and that the museum had not obtained appropriate authorisations from all relevant traditional owners.

Curators of the *Ngintaka* exhibition, the Anangu Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation, were served with the Supreme Court injunction late on Friday, March 28, after the South Australian Museum gave the go-ahead for the exhibition to open as scheduled at 5pm that day.

The injunction, originally brought by a group of 11 calling themselves the APY (Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara) Council of Elders, was placed on seven videos and two multi-media installations in the exhibition.

A Supreme Court hearing on Tuesday, April 1, resulted in the injunction being partially lifted, with two videos remaining under injunction until a second hearing removed it on Thursday, April 3.

The South Australian Museum said in a statement before the court hearings that its involvement in the exhibition was strictly limited to installation and de-installation.

"The museum did not wish the exhibition to open until it had confirmation that appropriate authorisations have been obtained from all relevant parties connected with the *Ngintaka* exhibition," the statement said. "The Board of the South Australian Museum has now received evidence of endorsement of the project by the APY Executive and the APY Law and Cultural Committee. We have been informed by the State Government that these groups are the appropriate representative bodies to make this determination."

"The museum will therefore allow the *Ngintaka* exhibition to proceed as planned."

The exhibition tells the story of the giant Wati Ngintaka, the Perentie Lizard man, who travels across the APY Lands in the state's far north, creating landforms and food sources in his epic quest for a superior grindstone.

The artworks are the culmination of years of work by traditional owners working with archaeologists, anthropologists, filmmakers and museum staff. The collection includes paintings by APY artists, woodcarvings, ceramics, fibre art, video, photography, sound design, computer animation, spear making, and traditional building techniques.

APY members supporting the exhibition, who claim to be the rightful owners of the *Ngintaka* story, said there was no foundation for the claims being made by the other group.

"There is no secret sacred material in the *Ngintaka* story we are telling in this exhibition. It is the open, public story that our parents and grandparents told us and we tell our children and grandchildren," they said.

The APY members said the APY Land Council approved this public version in 1995. "This work is for future generations. As senior



Exhibition image by David Miller. *Wati Ngintaka*. 2012 Tjungu Palya, Nyapari, SA. Synthetic polymer paint on linen, 200 x 127cm. Courtesy Wood Collection, Canberra



On show at the exhibition: *Tingila* (Yaritji) Young. *Ngintaka* as Mt Woodroffe. 2013 Alice Springs, NT. Tjanpi (wild-harvested grass), acrylic yarn, found tin lid, emu feathers and raffa. 101 x 104 x 130cm. Picture by Joanna Foster

Ngintaka traditional owners who also hold positions of authority within key Aboriginal organisations, we are the ones with authority to speak on this issue," they said.

Senior traditional owner Robert Stevens said: "Everyone tells this story to their grandsons and granddaughters so the Tjukurpa (Law, Dreaming) will remain strong. Recording this story and song is very important, not only for people today now, but for the future, for all our kids."

Ngintaka will be at the South Australian Museum until Sunday, June 22.

Dan Sultan at a gig in Hobart for his recent *Under your Skin* tour. Picture by Jillian Mundy



Sultan flying high with new album

By RUDI MAXWELL



DAN Sultan is celebrating the release of his new album *Blackbird*, recorded in the studio of the same name in Nashville, Tennessee.

"It feels good, it feels like it's been a long time finished, let alone the four years writing it, so it's a good feeling to have it out there," he told the *Koori Mail*. "It was the most beautiful studio any of us had worked in. We turned a corner and went up a few levels; it felt like we were doing a good job, really nailing it too."

Sultan worked with acclaimed producer Jacquire King for the record – and it wouldn't be Nashville without a little bit of banjo, as featured in the song *The Same Man*.

"We had a Russian playing quite intense hillbilly banjo, but the song sounds a bit Asian or Oriental, with Arabic scales, and we're in Nashville playing Australian rock and roll – it was really cool," he said.

On a day off in Tennessee, Sultan and his band mates took a trip to Memphis to Graceland, the famed home of Elvis Presley.

"We had to do it. We went to the old recording studio, it's such a special place, and there we were, three dudes standing in this room where great

songs were recorded by great artists. It was very special, something I'll never forget," he said.

Sultan recently supported American rock legend Bruce Springsteen at some of his shows in Australia, and has just finished his own tour of capital cities.

"It was pretty wild to see Bruce Springsteen in action. He's super professional, I had a great time and I got to see him perform for a week and a half, which is always a bonus," he said.

And, like Springsteen, Sultan also embraces causes that are dear to his heart, including the campaign to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution and the March in March, which he joined to highlight the right to protest.

"I think it's important to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution because it's about basic human rights and social equality, and it's something now in 2014 that needs to be changed. It's a shame it needs to be talked about really," he said.

Blackbird has already received rave reviews from the music press, including *Rolling Stone* magazine. Sultan has just announced dates for a major national tour.

For more details go to www.dansultan.com

Young leaders go bush



YOUNG leaders from the Townsville Enterprise Indigenous Youth Ambassador Group recently joined with Elders and facilitators for a two-day camp and workshop out on country – the first of its

kind in the region. The camp at Hidden Valley Cabin, in Gugu Badhun country, was attended by local Elders and Indigenous representatives, and included professional and cultural development workshops.

Youth ambassador Phillip Obah said he enjoyed every aspect of the workshops, which presented a great combination of skills in leadership, changing ways of thinking and acting on issues, and creating engagement and action plans.

“Personally, relating to my circumstances now, I have been searching to understand leadership and its roles,” he said.

“Changing the way I think helped to find answers to how to build my confidence, and creating an engagement and action plan were tools I need now and it was good to have had the opportunity to explore them.

“I really enjoyed the company of the Gugu Badhun people as well as the ambassadors, co-ordinators and our photographer – especially being out bush, where it is calm and helps us to clear our minds from the rubbish we may take in over weeks in the city.”

● Pictured right: Youth ambassador Phillip Obah (top) and other participants at the Townsville camp and workshop on country.



What fate befell our Boer War trackers?

By REBEKAH ISON, AAP



A QUEENSLAND researcher is investigating the fate of up to 50 Aboriginal trackers who assisted Australian troops in the Boer War in South Africa only to disappear from the record books. It's possible some died, but others may have fallen victim to the new White Australia Policy and been denied permission by the Australian Government to return home in 1902.

Griffith University's Dr Dale Kerwin has spent more than 15 years trying to find the lost Aboriginal men of the Boer War.

He said that as the men were overseas at the time of Federation in 1901 and with the passing of the *Immigration Restriction Act*, some were abandoned and unable to return under Australia's new policy.

The most compelling evidence supporting his theory lies in the National Archives, which holds papers documenting the words of George Valder, the man charged with repatriating Australia's Boer War servicemen.

“Of the coloured men waiting to be returned home, two or three were either Aboriginal, or Aboriginal half-castes,” he said.

Five years after the end of the war, Valder discovered two of the men left Australia before Federation and wrote to the Prime Minister for advice.

“I received the reply ‘that all coloured persons born in Australia must obtain a special permit from the Commonwealth, before they could be permitted to land’,” he wrote.

“As these men have all since obtained employment, they will I believe manage to pay their own fares.”

of one of the trackers,” Dr Kerwin said.

“But the lady didn't get his name.

“I thought, ‘Oh well, that's the way research goes’.”

Any non-European migrating to Australia under the Restriction Act was forced to complete a 50-word dictation in ‘any European language’ at the border.

Museum Victoria estimates more than 800 people were given the test in 1902 and 1903. Fewer than 50 passed.

Once widely considered as a war

to send 50 on board the *SS Euryalus*. But records show only four men on board that ship. That's unlikely to be true considering the ship was carrying 200 horses needing care, Dr Kerwin points out.

Most of Australia's servicemen made the voyage home soon after the war ended in 1902.

Now, 112 years after the last rifle sounded, Dr Kerwin continues to search for the trackers he thinks may have been left behind.

“It's about inscribing Aboriginal people back on to the body of this country,” he said. “This is one of those final bricks in the wall of remembering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.”

Australia's first Indigenous federal parliamentarian, Neville Bonner, first told Dr Kerwin about four Aboriginal trackers from Palm Island in the late 1990s.

The fate of these men along with those thought to be sent on the *SS Euryalus* remains a mystery.

Dr Kerwin has had luck proving some Indigenous men renounced their Aboriginality and signed up as recruits.

One Aboriginal soldier, found buried in an unmarked grave in Ingham, Queensland, will be given a military burial next month. – AAP

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No one knows if these men returned home.

Dr Kerwin believes some might have stayed in South Africa.

He once heard a woman tell an Aboriginal radio show she met an Aboriginal descendant in a South African taxi.

“The taxi driver said he was a descendant

between white men, there's now little doubt Aboriginal trackers were sent to accompany Boer War troops.

Archived news stories show military commander Lord Kitchener asked Prime Minister Edmund Barton for a set of trackers to be deployed to the war effort in 1901.

Subsequent reports show Barton agreed

Islands to have leaders forum



TWO major councils on the Tiwi Islands, north of Darwin, have agreed to closer ties.

And members of the Tiwi Land Council and the Tiwi Islands Regional Council have also formed a 'Tiwi Leaders Forum', which will meet quarterly.

The Tiwi Land Council is a statutory body of traditional owners responsible for land management and economic development, while the Tiwi Islands Regional Council is the local government body with typical shire responsibilities on the islands.

Both councils have largely operated independently of each other, resulting in a blurring of responsibilities and some problems.

Representatives of both councils gathered late last month in a meeting facilitated by Northern Territory Department of Local Government and Regions chief executive Allan McGill.

He drew the analogy of the Essendon AFL Club – football is close to the hearts of many Tiwi Islanders – in describing how closer ties would help communities. (Essendon has been rocked by a drugs supplement scandal, with the coach stood down).

"If you compare the Tiwi Islands to a football club, where there's a board of management, a committee of coaching staff, a playing squad, supporters and financial sponsors – unless they're all working together, the club just won't work," Mr McGill told the meeting.

"Essendon's situation is a

timely case study of what can happen if the coaching staff do their own thing without the board or the players knowing about it, and that comparison hit the mark with everyone at the meeting."

Tiwi Islands Regional Council Mayor Lynette De Santis said the meeting was positive and constructive and identified the need for a joint, collaborative approach.

"Working together is essential," she said.

Tiwi Land Council chairman Gibson Farmer also welcomed the establishment of the forum, and said it was a "very productive and useful step in ensuring Tiwi stakeholders work together."

Priorities

Five priorities were identified for immediate action: funerals, burials and cemeteries; road maintenance and inter-island ferry services; the Remote Jobs and Community program, employment and project development; rates, lease payments and service fees; and education, training and development of young people.

"Those five priorities are crucial for the Tiwi Islands right now," Mr McGill said.

"It was such a productive get-together. People were open and honest about what was on their minds, and they left the meeting with real conviction about the forum.

"From the Government's perspective, we hope the forum will be a way for the leaders of the Tiwi Islands to collaborate and find better ways of maximising funding and doing things differently to get the best outcomes for the Tiwi people."



Penrith Panthers NRL champion Jamie Soward with his club's 2014 jersey featuring the Literacy for Life Foundation logo. Picture by James Widders Hunt

Literacy goal for Penrith Panthers

By YATU WIDDERS HUNT



THE Penrith Panthers are throwing their support behind more than just premiership ambition this rugby league season, by announcing a new partnership with the Literacy for Life Foundation.

The foundation, which formed in 2013 in partnership with global contractor Brookfield Multiplex, aims to improve adult literacy in Aboriginal communities across Australia, including in western Sydney and regional NSW.

As part of the partnership, the foundation logo will feature on the back of player jerseys for the 2014 season and two of Penrith's biggest names, Jamal Idris and Jamie Soward, have signed up to be ambassadors.

"It's a really important role for

me, being Indigenous myself and also with there being such a high Indigenous population in western Sydney," Soward said.

"As well as the literacy side of things, for me, it's also an opportunity to encourage more Indigenous adults to take their learning to the next level, whether it be through TAFE, university or other ways.

"I want people to know that it's never too late to learn."

'Yes I can'

The foundation's adult literacy campaign is based on the internationally successful 'Yes I Can' model developed in Cuba and now in more than 28 countries.

Campaign classes run for 10-13 weeks and involve entire communities, aiming to increase the base level of literacy.

Executive general manager of

Penrith Panthers Phil Gould, who recently attended the graduation of 41 students from the 2013-2014 literacy campaign in Bourke, believes the partnership builds on the club's existing commitment to furthering adult education.

"It's something we've been focusing on in Penrith through our Panthers on the Prowl program which runs computer courses for adults and gets them up to speed with all the current programs their kids are expected to use at school," he said.

"We've found this has been hugely beneficial to not only them, but their entire family."

Three successful pilot studies of the literacy program have been run and evaluated by the University of New England since 2012, with almost 80 graduates expected by June 2014.

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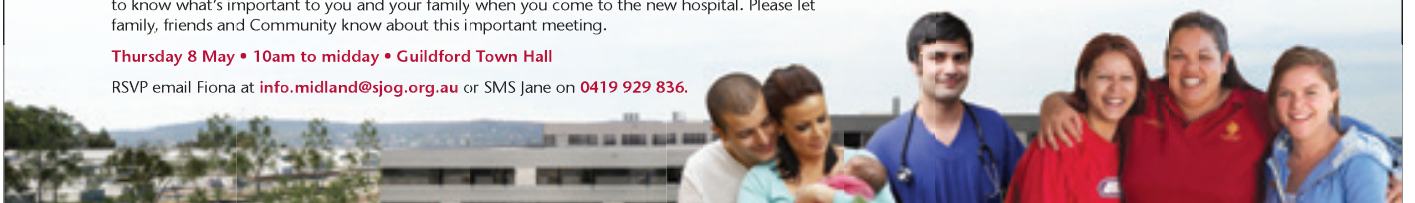
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Officer's major achievement



FRANCISCO Babui has become the first Indigenous major in the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) Northern Territory Battalion. Major Babui, supported by his wife Noella and local cadets, was promoted by Army Chief Lieutenant-General David Morrison on the lawns of the Northern Territory Parliament House.

The Tiwi Islands man said working with the 20 cadets of the 76 Army Cadet Unit (ACU) was another opportunity for him to teach kids to do the right thing.

"I try to give our Indigenous youth important advice on their education and how to avoid getting mixed up with bad company," Major Babui said.

"The 76 ACU cadets' ages range from 13 to 15 and the life skills they learn with us assist them when they decide to join Norforce at the age of 17, which most of them do."

Major Babui was appointed as an officer of cadets in the AAC in 2002 after serving 17 years in the Army with the North-West Mobile Force as part of Tiwi Patrol of Darwin Squadron, and 13 years as an Aboriginal Community Police Officer at Nguui Police Station.

After completing his Officer of Cadets Basic Course, he was promoted to second lieutenant (AAC) and appointed



Major Francisco Babui is promoted by the Chief of Army Lt-General David Morrison. Major Babui's wife Noella helps with the rank slides.

Officer-in-Charge of the Nguui Remote Cadet Unit. In 2004 he was promoted to lieutenant (AAC). By December 2004 he

had completed several AAC command, logistics and management courses and was promoted to captain (AAC) and

appointed Officer Commanding 76 Army Cadet Unit Tiwi Islands.

As a civilian, Major Babui also provided support to the Xavier

Community Education College as a youth worker until he retired last year. In his youth he was an avid footballer with the Tiwi Bombers.

ILC bill backs Land Account



THE Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) has released a draft bill, recommending that the Federal Government strengthens the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account.

Revenue from the Land Account, which currently has a fixed capital base, provides guaranteed funding to the ILC to acquire and manage land for Indigenous Australians for a range of social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits.

ILC chair Dawn Casey said the Land Account must be beyond politics.

"We need to strengthen legislative recognition of its unique status, and increase Indigenous involvement in its management," she said.

The Land Account and ILC were established together after the High Court's recognition of native title.

"More than 20 years on from the High Court's Mabo decision and the passage of the *Native Title Act*, we want to remind Australians – particularly young people – that the Land Account was established as part of a national settlement that provided land title certainty for all Australians," Dr Casey said.

"In return, the Land Account and the ILC were legislated to provide partial compensation for dispossessed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, in



Attending the meeting in Canberra to discuss the future of the Land Account were, back, from left: Ian Trust, Graham Atkinson, Prof Pat Dodson, Kirstie Parker, Neil Westbury, Aiden Ridgeway, David Ross and Dr Tom Calma; front: Dr Dawn Casey, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue and Olga Havnen.

particular those unlikely to benefit from the *Native Title Act*.

"It should also be remembered that this national settlement was negotiated with Indigenous leaders. For the first time in Australia's history, Indigenous people sat down as equals with the executive level of government."

The Federal Government is currently considering a major overhaul of the ILC that

may include increased ministerial control.

In December 2013, Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion initiated a review of the ILC and Indigenous Business Australia (IBA). The review, conducted by Ernst & Young, reported to government in mid-February 2014, but its recommendations have not yet been released.

● **Why the Land Account needs protection, by Dawn Casey – see page 24.**

Native title for Yulluna



THE Yulluna People of north-west Queensland have won a long struggle for native title rights.

Their claim to about 10,000 square kilometres of country in the Boulia,

Cloncurry and McKinlay local government regions was officially recognised in an on-country Federal Court hearing on March 28.

Justice John Dowsett approved the claim, which covers pastoral leased land, reserves and unallocated state land.

The Yulluna People had been seeking recognition of native title for the area south of Mt Isa and Cloncurry and to the west of Dajarra since 1999. They now have camping, hunting, fishing and ceremonial rights access to their traditional country covered in the claim.

Queensland South Native Title Services chief executive Kevin Smith said it was a significant achievement.

"For the Yulluna People, this area is of substantial cultural, spiritual and historical significance," he said.

"This consent determination is a real testament to the enduring efforts of the Yulluna People showing maintenance of their culture and the traditional relationship they have with their country.

"This attachment to the land forms the foundation of their 15-year fight for native title recognition."

Yulluna Elder Uncle Stan Sullivan said it was very important that their history with this land, customs and traditions was recognised.

"I am very proud to be a member of the Yulluna People," he said.

Titanic toad a handful

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL man Nicky Pryor has only ever seen one cane toad bigger than the 530g giant that was brought in during 'toad out day' in

Townsville on March 30.

Mr Pryor works for Townsville City Council, which was a co-organiser of the event. He played a vital role handling many toads.

Residents caught 350kg of toads, with the giant specimen taken in the suburb of Belgian Gardens.

After the toads were brought in they were weighed, and Mr Pryor was among a small group of workers who placed them in plastic bags to be euthanised with gas.

"It was hard work as it was very hot, but it was just great to be part of toad out day," he said.

The 40 biggest toads were taken to Magnetic Island to compete in toad races, with funds going to the surf lifesaving club.

Deputy Mayor Vern Veitch said it was a fantastic day and would help control local numbers of toads, which kill and eat native wildlife.

"I urge everybody to collect toads daily and put them in their fridges so they go to sleep and then put them in the bin when they are dead. It doesn't matter where they live," he said.

Similar toad out days were held around north Queensland.

The toad problem began in Australia in 1935 after cane toads were collected in Hawaii and released at Gordonvale in north Queensland.

Cane toads have poisonous venom in glands behind their necks. They are toxic to most native marsupials, reptiles and birds.



Nicky Pryor gets up close to the giant 530g toad caught in Townsville's 'toad out day'.

Commission in WA



THE Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has been sitting in the

Kimberley this week.

In its second visit to the region, royal commission staff are meeting with Aboriginal and other community organisations and

service providers in Broome and Kununurra until April 11.

Royal commission CEO Janette Dines said the visit gave an opportunity to share information about the work of the royal commission and encourage survivors of institutional child sexual abuse who want to share their story to the royal commission to come forward.

"We strongly encourage all survivors who wish to share their story, particularly in a private session with a commissioner, to register their interest with the royal commission," Ms Dines said.

"All survivors will be given the opportunity to tell their story, including those living in regional and remote areas.

"The royal commission is

committed to giving regional and remote communities a voice in this process.

"The information gathered during this visit will help the royal commission determine which institutions and issues require further investigation."

The royal commission previously met with Aboriginal and other community groups in

Broome, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek and Kununurra on a visit to the region last August.

The royal commission encourages people who were sexually abused as children in an Australian institution to register to tell their story by phoning 1800 099 340 or emailing contact@childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au

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Researchers win recognition



RISING talents in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health Simon Graham and Stewart

Sutherland were recognised for their outstanding academic research as part of the Lowitja Institute's third national conference, held in Melbourne last month.

The biennial awards were established in 2012 to acknowledge the achievements of Indigenous students and early-stage researchers, with a focus on the health of Australia's First Peoples.

This year's recipients were presented with their awards and \$5000 winner's grants by Lowitja Institute patron Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue and chairwoman Pat Anderson.

Mr Graham, who is completing his PhD at the Kirby Institute at the University of NSW, was recognised with the Emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researcher Award.

He has spent four years devising and implementing a quality improvement intervention in regional NSW, aimed at boosting the detection rates of sexually transmitted diseases among young Indigenous people.

"Our main goal was always to help the communities we were working with, and we've achieved



Award recipients Simon Graham, left, and Stewart Sutherland with the Lowitja Institute's Lowitja O'Donoghue, left, and Pat Anderson.

that but it's also good to be recognised for the hard slog," Mr Graham, who grew up as part of the Nurrunga nation on South Australia's York Peninsula, said.

Mr Sutherland, a PhD student from the Australian National

University, was given the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Award for his work on the social and emotional wellbeing of the Stolen Generations. His research includes the long-term impact of

the 2008 Apology to Australia's Indigenous peoples by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, and equivalent declarations in the parliaments of New Zealand and Canada.

"To receive this award from the

Lowitja Institute was a very great honour," said Mr Sutherland, who was raised in Wiradjuri country in NSW, and is now also a research fellow at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

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Govt kids' care plan welcomed



THE Victorian Statewide Aboriginal Children and Young Persons

Working Group has praised the State Government's new Out-of-Home Care five-year scheme.

Working group spokesperson Rudolph Kirby, the CEO of Mallee and District Aboriginal Services, welcomed the plan, which includes extra funds for services.

"There are over 6400 children in out-of-home care in Victoria, and approximately 1040 are Aboriginal children and young people," he said.

"An additional \$38 million over five years will go some way to benefit the most vulnerable children in Victoria.

"The commitment to a complementary plan for Aboriginal children in out-of-home care recognises the need to tackle the underlying causes



Rudolph Kirby

of the growth in Aboriginal children in care."

Many Aboriginal community controlled organisations, along with some community services organisations, developed a submission provided to the Department of Human Services called *Koorie Kids: Growing Strong in their Culture*.

"Our children and young people are experiencing an annual growth rate almost double that for all children in the out-of-home care," Mr Kirby said.

"There is a clear link between the over-representation and Australia's history of dispossession of Aboriginal people and historical child removal practices.

"We are pleased that our recommended priorities for a complementary plan for Aboriginal children have been noted in the five-year plan. These priorities will be enhanced by the examination of the quality of care for all Aboriginal children in care through Taskforce 1000 (named for the approximate number of Indigenous youth in care).

"Our working group will continue to bring the voice of our local communities and of our children and young people to these discussions."



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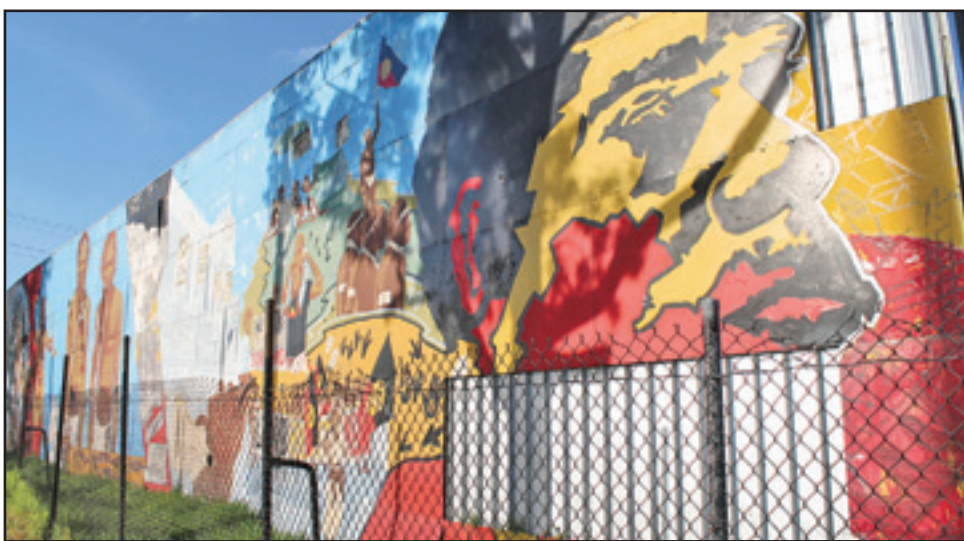
A STUDY of Indigenous cultural sites and spaces in urban and regional areas has explored what makes a culturally appropriate representation

of Aboriginality. Led by the University of Melbourne in partnership with the City of Melbourne and traditional owners, the study has resulted in the publication *Indigenous Place: Contemporary Buildings, Landmarks and Places of Significance in South East Australia and Beyond*.

The study involved preliminary research towards creating a Victorian Indigenous Cultural Education and Knowledge Centre in Melbourne as part of an Australian Research Council (ARC) linkage grant.

It surveyed artworks, landscape and civic projects as well as purpose-built Aboriginal cultural centres and museums in all major Australian cities and some remote and regional areas.

The study examined the lack of



Cultural site: The Northcote Koorie Mural, at Thornbury in Melbourne.

Picture: R Berg 2013, courtesy Megan Evans and VAAL

Indigenous cultural centres in cities and the difficulties faced in building and sustaining them in remote areas.

Dr Janet McGaw, an academic from the University of Melbourne's Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning,

led the ARC grant research.

"In an Australia that is moving toward decolonisation, we need to ask the question, does the now-familiar institutional model of the cultural centre need to be re-thought, and we have gone through extensive consultation to investigate this aspect," she said.

Wurundjeri Elder Annette Xiberras, who co-chairs the Victorian Traditional Owner Land Justice Group, said there was widespread support from traditional owners and others for a major centre in Melbourne that would showcase First Nations cultural heritage.

Project team members say major funding would have to come from Australian governments and the private sector for the new cultural venture.

The study is part of the ARC grant between the University of Melbourne, Deakin University, Melbourne City Council Indigenous Arts Program, Reconciliation Victoria and The Victorian Traditional Owners Land Justice Group.

School heads meet at forum

By MEZ FISHER



ABORIGINAL school principals, executives and head teachers from around NSW

gathered together for the first time recently to discuss pathways to school leadership and possible barriers to Indigenous people getting the top job.

The newly formed NSW Deadly Leaders Alliance held its first forum last month at the Tweed Heads Bowling Club on the state's far north coast, with 22 Aboriginal principals and executive teachers attending.

Organiser Dyonne Anderson, the principal of Cabbage Tree Island Public School on the NSW far north coast, said many Aboriginal principals felt isolated and disconnected, so making connections was important.

"It is important to know that there is someone else who understands the issues faced by our leaders," she said.

"There is a huge wealth of knowledge and expertise that can be tapped into in a co-ordinated way."

Ms Anderson said one of the reasons the alliance members met was to examine why there were only 19 Aboriginal principals in the more than 2200 schools throughout the state.

"There's a big gap between our executives, assistant principals and deputy principals and other leadership roles, with around 100 (Indigenous) people in those positions, but only 19 actual principals," Ms Anderson said.

"We wanted to know why – it could be personal choice, or that they're not being given the opportunity or support they need."



Participants at the inaugural NSW Deadly Leaders Alliance forum in Tweed Heads.

Renowned educationalist Dr Chris Sarra, founder of the Stronger Smarter Institute and former principal of Cherbourg State School in south-east Queensland, was a guest speaker and facilitator at the

yourself," she said.

"Some of the conversations were confronting for people, but it shifted them. At least three said afterwards that they're stepping up. It was about giving people something to consider that they

roles in schools.

The alliance has developed a module for aspiring Aboriginal principals, with tips about writing applications, choosing referees and the interview process.

"It is important for our principals to feel valued and to be actively involved in the solutions that impact on Aboriginal leaders and our children," Ms Anderson

said.

"Times have changed and we (as Aboriginal people) have the ability to represent ourselves and our views in a well informed and culturally focused way."

The group will make a presentation at a NSW Department of Education conference in Sydney on April 30.

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forum, titled Rising to the Challenge.

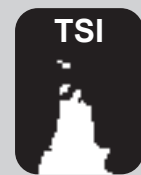
Ms Anderson said his sessions were confronting and reaffirming for many, and the forum was 'a very powerful couple of days'.

"We follow the 'strongest smarter' philosophy – the highest expectations for your school, your community and

were't considering before – and believing in themselves."

The Deadly Leaders Alliance was one of 29 successful submissions out of 119 made to the NSW Department of Education last year under the national principals partnership project, and the group had recently received \$50,000 to help promote Indigenous leadership

Torres Strait hub closer after talks



A TORRES Strait regional service hub is a step closer following a recent meeting on Thursday Island.

The Port Kennedy Association hosted a two-day workshop to draw up a business plan for the hub, attracting representatives of lead agencies Mura Kosker, Lena Passi Women's Shelter, Kaziw Meta, Youth and Recreation, Home and Community Care, and Torres Strait Co-operative as well as outer islands and government agency delegates.

The workshop was co-ordinated with support from the Torres Shire Council and Torres Strait Island Regional Council, and funded through the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA).

TSRA chairperson Joseph Elu said aligning community service agencies and creating a regional hub would ensure more effective delivery of services in the Torres Strait.

"Key partners and stakeholders were brought together over two days to discuss sustainable solutions for improving the delivery of information, referral, support and advocacy services to vulnerable families in the region," he said.

"There are a number of important services operating in the Torres Strait. The integration of the resources available in the Torres Strait to form one designated hub for all social services will provide families with access to a more comprehensive level of support."

Mr Elu said the main objective of the workshop was to identify priorities.

"It is important to identify and eliminate any waste caused by duplications of services, and identify where the gaps are in service delivery for all communities," he said.

"Representatives from government agencies such as Child Safety, Medicare Local, Queensland Health and the police were at the workshop, collaborating with the non-government organisations to determine the actions required from each agency and organisation to deliver more efficient and effective services."

Women get it straight

By RACHAEL HOCKING



LAST week, 26 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women from across Victoria gathered in Melbourne to talk straight about Indigenous affairs and empowerment. Straight Talk is an Oxfam initiative that brings together Indigenous women to learn about how to tackle the political system and yarn with female politicians.

More than 400 Indigenous women have participated in Straight Talk since it began in 2009.

The week-long summits are held at a national level in Canberra once a year and events are also held in other cities and regional centres.

Oxfam Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program manager Karrina Nolan said it was the first time Straight Talk had been held in Victoria.

'Different issues'

"There are a lot of different issues facing Koories in Victoria, and it's important for participants to gain an insight into how the state system works, and how that's different to the federal system," she said.

Ms Nolan said last September's election of Nova Peris as the first female Indigenous federal parliamentarian highlighted a massive under-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in the political system.

She said the program aimed to not only encourage representation, but also build confidence in other areas that can influence important change.



Straight Talk Melbourne participants Desley Slade, Lucy Rose Doolan and Eva-Jo Edwards with Oxfam Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program manager Karrina Nolan.

"In the past we've had Straight Talkers run for federal parliament, and there have been women who have organised for senators to visit their communities as part of an inquiry process," she said.

Melbourne resident and participant 50-

year-old Eva-Jo Edwards said the summit empowered Indigenous women by giving them the confidence to recognise their voices and power.

"To have a voice means to vote... Our voice is important and we have to remember

that in everything we do – in our work and in all aspects of our life," she said.

The national Straight Talk summit in Canberra will be held in September.

Application dates will be posted on the Straight Talk Facebook page.



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Bursaries do not cover boarding fees. The bursaries are intended to recognise commitment to schooling by Aboriginal students as well as assist Aboriginal students who might be denied a Catholic secondary education because of financial circumstances.

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Bunbury Catholic College Bunbury	9721 0000	Mercedes College Perth	9323 1323
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Corpus Christi College Bateman	9332 2500	Servite College Tuart Hill	9444 6333
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Iona Presentation College Mosman Park	9384 0066	St Brigid's College Lesmurdie*	9290 4200
Irene McCormack Catholic College Butler	9562 2400	St Joseph's College Albany*	9844 0222
Kolbe Catholic College Rockingham	9592 1500	St Joseph's School Northam*	9621 3500
La Salle College Midland	9274 6266	St Luke's College Karratha	9144 1081
Lumen Christi College Martin	9394 9300	St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School Carnarvon*	9941 1328
MacKillop Catholic College Busselton	9752 7500	Trinity College East Perth*	9325 3655
Mandurah Catholic College Mandurah*	9531 9500		

Applicants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and have a desire to be educated in the Catholic education system. It is expected that applicants have established strong foundations for learning and aspire to complete Year 12. Parents/guardians of eligible students are invited to lodge an application early as there are a limited number of bursaries in each school. Information and application forms are available from the Principal, at any of the above schools.

Expressions of interest should be made by Friday 2nd May 2014.

*School has a primary section as well as secondary.

Hot sounds from Cold Water Band



THE Cold Water Band showed they've got what it takes when they entertained the crowd with their special brand of reggae and rock at the Umi Soundz gig held recently in Cairns, north Queensland. The free, family-friendly music program was presented by leading Indigenous arts organisation Umi Arts to support contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians from Cairns and Cape York. For full report and more pictures see page 41. Picture by Mahala Strohfeldt

Feral cats 'threat to culture'



IF there's one thing the traditional owners of the Warddeken Indigenous Protected Area in Arnhem Land hate,

it's feral cats. That's why they, along with Indigenous rangers, have been working with scientists to monitor native mammal numbers and the impact of feral cats on their country.

For the past two years, the Warddeken people have used their local and cultural knowledge to select wildlife survey locations, set up motion-sensing camera trap arrays, and track animal prints.

Using the rangers' tracking skills, the group covered up to 15km each day on foot through remote plateau country. Over several months, the 200km network of paths was revisited to determine how common feral cats are in the landscape.

The Warddeken people got involved in the research because they were concerned about the disappearance of native animals from their country, and maintaining cultural knowledge for future generations.

Warddeken Land Management senior ranger Terah Guymala says feral cats are considered a threat to culture.

"Native animals are important in our culture because they have a connection with us and we have a connection with them and to the land," the senior ranger said. "We want our native animals to come back. Feral cats are threatening our culture by killing our native animals – they have no cultural connection to us or the land."



Warddeken traditional owners with one of the tagged feral cats on their country in Arnhem Land.

Apart from regular field surveys, the group has been spotlighting at night. In October last year they worked with Australian Wildlife Conservancy

and their specially trained cat-detection dogs to catch two cats, which were fitted with GPS radio-tracking collars.

The group has produced a

short video about the research, conducted with technical support from the Northern Territory Department of Land Resource Management and Charles

Darwin University. It was filmed on Kordwalewale and Ngolkwarre land on the Arnhem Land plateau, north of Kakadu.

Treatment hope for stricken Kobi



CRAWLING is not everyone's idea of a perfect Christmas gift. But it is for Newcastle couple Christian Davis and Natalie Simon. All they want this December 25 is for their cerebral palsy-stricken son Kobi Davis to crawl under his own steam.

And it might just be possible, thanks to an intensive treatment course Kobi recently completed in Adelaide.

As we reported recently, the Worimi/Biripi 15-year-old has been afflicted by cerebral palsy, a disorder that among other things affects a person's ability to move, since birth. Kobi has a relatively severe form of the illness, but his mental capacity has not been affected.

Christian, Natalie and their other children son Jarlan, 11, and daughter Kyarla, 5, took Kobi to Adelaide earlier this year for three weeks of specialised treatment using the TheraSuit, a biomechanical suit designed to increase feedback to the brain and enhance deliberate movement.

Christian told the *Koori Mail* the treatment had produced some great results, with Kobi becoming much stronger in his legs and developing a quieter, more positive attitude.

"We're really happy. The trip wasn't easy, but it was well worth it," he said.

"Kobi responded brilliantly. The doctor praised Kobi, who was the first Aboriginal patient he has treated, for his drive and determination."

Now back home in Newcastle, NSW, Christian

Treatment a step in the right direction for Kobi



The *Koori Mail*'s February 26 report on Kobi Davis and his family.

and Natalie have started Kobi on a new course of home therapy before returning later this year for more TheraSuit treatment.

"The long-term goal is for Kobi to walk under his own power," Christian said.

"But before that, we just want to see him crawl on his own. We want the best for our son – we always have – and we won't stop until he's reached those goals."

Care law praised



THE Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) has

welcomed a new law announced by the NSW Government that will place vulnerable Aboriginal children in 'kinship care' rather than put them up for adoption.

AbSec chief executive officer Angela Webb said her organisation had been lobbying the Government since the release of the draft *Child Protection Legislation Amendment Bill 2013* to ensure that Aboriginal children and young people stay connected to family and community.

"AbSec has stressed to the NSW Government the importance of the role extended family and community play in keeping Aboriginal children and young people safe and connected. Adoption is not an option for our communities as this leads to issues for our young people later in life," Ms Webb said.

She said the introduction of Parent Responsibility Contracts (PRCs) would require an increased investment into early intervention services to support families before children are removed and placed into care. "It is vital these programs have the capacity to support families otherwise the PRCs will fail before they begin," Ms Webb said.

Legislation

Under the legislation, the NSW Government plans to make use of 'less legalistic diversionary interventions such as family group conferencing (FGC) to engage families and their extended supports to keep children safe'.

AbSec is currently piloting an Aboriginal FGC model involving families, Elders and the wider community, and believes conferencing will benefit families by giving them the opportunity to have a say in identifying solutions to address child protection concerns.

Resale royalty concern in spotlight



A NEW exhibition set to open at Sydney's Boomalli Aboriginal Artists' Co-operative has been sparked by concern for the future of the Resale Royalty Scheme. The scheme, introduced three years ago, enshrined artists' rights to benefit from their artwork beyond the first sale. It has been the subject of a government review.

The **RIGHTNOW** exhibition, opening tomorrow (April 9) at Boomalli, brings together 100 artists who support the Resale Royalty Scheme. Featured artists include Reg Mombassa, Juan Ford, Matthew Johnson, Jasper Knight, Jason Wing, Anne Zahalka and Jenny Fraser.

The cost of the scheme raised concern in the commercial arts sector, leading to the review.

But artists and their representatives are solidly behind the scheme. National Association

for the Visual Arts (NAVA) executive director Tamara Winikoff is one of them.

"For the first time, this scheme provides royalties to visual artists similar to those which composers rightly expect and receive from performance of their music or writers receive from book sales," she said.

"While an enormous number of artists support the scheme, they have been the silent majority in the debate which has been dominated by powerful gallery owners and auction houses who begrudge sharing a small proportion (5 per cent) of the profits with artists and are opposed to the requirement for greater accountability in their dealings.

"The amount of the artists' royalty is about one tenth of the commissions charged by art traders, but is significant to artists, many of whom live below the poverty line."

The scheme has benefited many Indigenous artists. Of the top 50 artists receiving money from the scheme, 26 are Indigenous. Across the totality of the scheme, 65 per cent of all artists receiving royalties are Indigenous. Since the scheme began, more than \$2.28 million in royalties has been generated for more than 820 artists. The lowest royalty paid was \$50 and the highest \$55,000.

The **RIGHTNOW** exhibition continues until April 27 at Boomalli, 5-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt. It has been supported by Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, Ngurratjuta Many Hands Art Centre, Iwantja Arts, Ernabella Artists, Tjala Arts, Maningrida Arts & Culture, Tangentyere Artists, Martumili Artists, Gallery9, Olsen Irwin Gallery, Damien Minton Gallery, Brenda May Gallery, Sullivan and Strumpf, Australian Galleries, and Alaska Projects.



In the Club, by Anthony Lister, is part of the Boomalli exhibition.

Sorry Day Forum

What: Honouring Sorry Day Forum - Ngangkari's traditional healing & palliative care
Topic: Ngangkari's, traditional healing and palliative care
When: Monday 26th May 2014
Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Cost: Free - all welcome
Where: Adelaide Sailing Club, Barcoo Road, West Beach, South Australia
Register: www.pallcare.asn.au (click on May 26th on the events calendar)

Traditional healing is increasingly being recognised in Australia and internationally, not only for the direct benefit to health and well-being but also for the improvements to health and mental health outcomes.

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A 'Closing the Gap' initiative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



The Australian Government is currently considering amendments to the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

On 25 March 2014, the Attorney-General, Senator the Hon George Brandis QC, released an exposure draft Bill on the proposed amendments for community consultation. The government's aim is to strengthen the Act's protections against racism, while removing provisions which unreasonably limit freedom of speech.

The Attorney-General is inviting interested persons to provide feedback on the exposure draft by 30 April 2014. Submissions will be considered by the government in the process of finalising the amendments. A copy of the Freedom of Speech (Repeal of s.18C) Bill 2014 exposure draft can be found on the Attorney-General's Department website at www.ag.gov.au/consultations

Public submissions should be emailed to s18consultation@ag.gov.au or sent to: Human Rights Policy Branch, Attorney-General's Department, 3-5 National Circuit, BARTON ACT 2600

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Anti-nuclear walkers set



ABORIGINAL custodians the Walkatjura Rangers will partner with four anti-nuclear groups to lead a

month-long 270km pilgrimage across Western Australia's Goldfields heartlands from Yeelirree to Leonora, in a trek designed to strengthen the connections between protecting country and ending uranium mining.

The fourth annual Walkatjura Walkabout will leave Yeelirree on April 23, led by the Walkatjura Rangers in partnership with Footprints for Peace, the Western Australian Nuclear Free Alliance (WANFA), the Anti Nuclear Alliance of Western Australia (ANAWA) and the Conservation Council of Western Australia (CCWA).

Yeelirree traditional owner and WANFA chair Kado Muir said the walk reconnected people with land and culture and sent the message that people don't want uranium mining on their country.

"My people have resisted destructive mining on our land and our sacred sites for generations," he said.

"For over 40 years we have fought to stop uranium mining at Yeelirree. We stopped the removal of sacred stones from Weebo, and for the last 20 years we have stopped destruction of 200 sites at Yakabindie.

"We are not opposed to responsible development, but cannot stand wanton destruction of our land, our culture, and our environment."

Mr Muir said that between Wiluna and Leonora there was the potential for three uranium mines, and if they



Walkatjura walkers on a recent trek across country to protest against uranium mining.



Kado Muir

went ahead, traditional owners would lose country for the next 10,000 years.

"We know uranium is different. Yeelirree - in my area - is known as the place of death. We've always known that uranium must be left in the ground," Mr Muir said.

The anti-nuclear walks in Western Australia began in 2011 with a 10-week trek from Wiluna to Perth called the 'Walk away from uranium mining - towards Aboriginal Sovereignty', initiated by the international group Footprints for Peace.

Last year's walk followed Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke's conditional approval for the Toro Wiluna uranium proposal. Organisers said it had 70 participants plus 20 Indigenous rangers from Leonora, as well as another 100 people who joined in for up to a week.

Organisers of this year's walk are raising funds to set up solar panels on the kitchen truck for the walkers, who are scheduled to arrive in Leonora, 235km north of Kalgoorlie, on May 26.

For more information visit <http://walkingforcountry.com> or make a donation via the Everyday Hero page at <https://give.everydayhero.com/au/walkatjura>

AFL star jumps at *Chance*



WHEN Aboriginal former AFL star Andrew Krakouer was invited to narrate a documentary about a prison rehabilitation program that uses Australian rules football to help prepare inmates for life on the outside, it was a 'no-brainer'.

Krakouer had been through the program himself, when he was serving a 16-month sentence for assault at Wooroloo Prison Farm in Western Australia in 2009.

"I was just happy to be able to help, to give back a little bit of support somehow," he said.

Outside Chance is a five-part series on ABC2 that follows a team of prison inmates over the course of a year in the WA Amateur Football League.

Against all expectations, after Krakouer served his time, he made a comeback to the AFL, following superb form in the WA Football League.

"Having gone through that experience first-hand and coming out the other side to be successful, when no-one expected me to, I hope it gives hope to young boys going through similar things," he said.

"A lot of the boys have people telling them how to do things, but not a whole lot have walked in their shoes and come out the other side."

Krakouer said the football program provided motivation for team members because their families were able to come and

ABC2 will screen the five-part documentary *Outside Chance*, narrated by former AFL player Andrew Krakouer (inset), about a prison rehabilitation program that uses footy to help inmates.



watch them play.

"It gives you a little bit of freedom, to be allowed to run around for a bit not wearing prison colours, where it's just a game of footy," he said.

"It gives you responsibility

because the ball's in your court. If you do the right thing, you'll be rewarded, if you don't then you don't get the opportunity to see your family.

"I saw a lot of change in a lot of the boys. They were doing the right

things, some of the boys had been walking a fine line, but they understood footy offered a good reward. I think it's a really good initiative."

Outside Chance starts on ABC2 on April 22.

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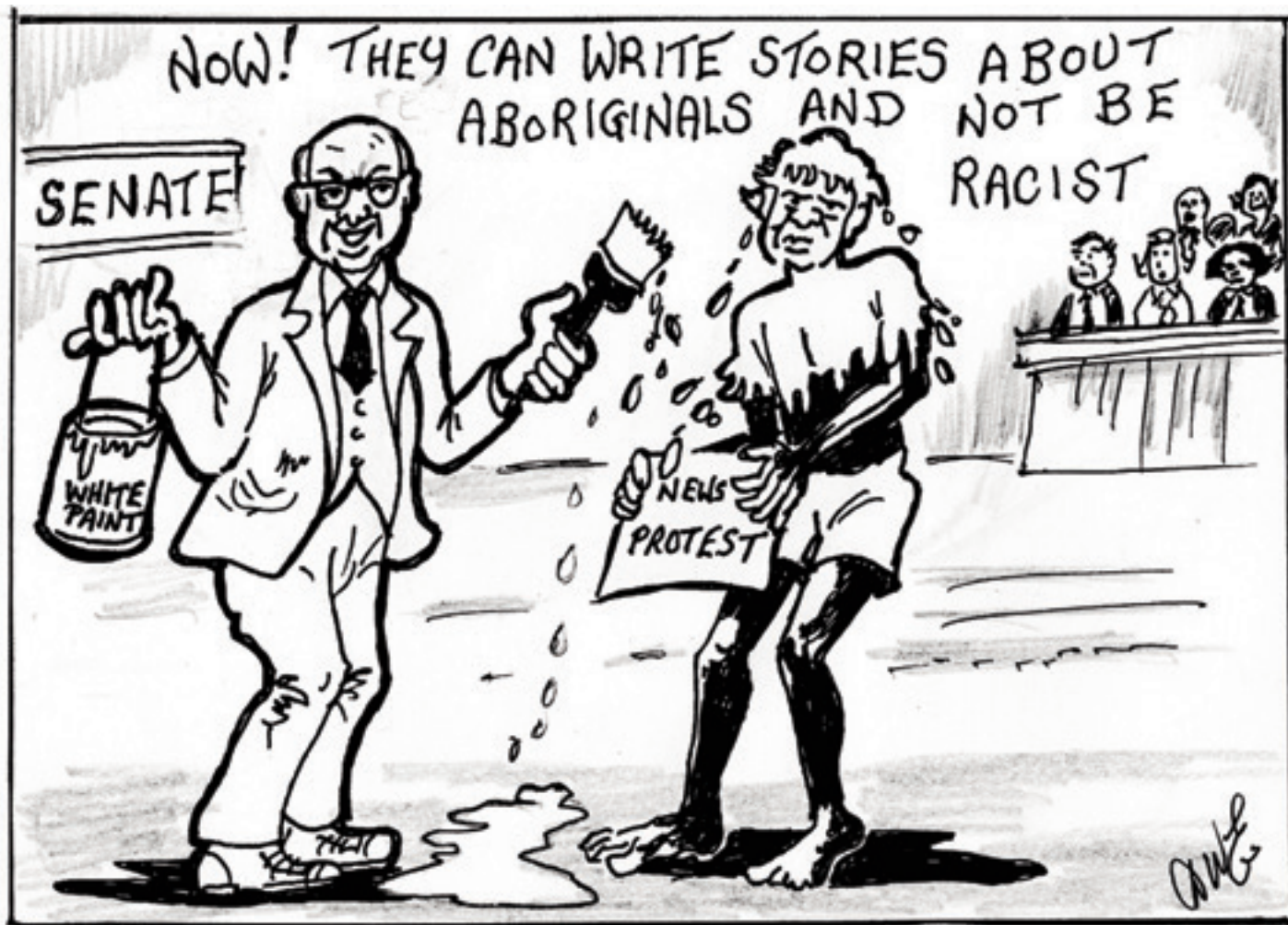
The Workplace Ready Program is an initiative funded by the Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.



"We have a long-term commitment to providing greater employment and career development opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the country."

Ian Narev, Commonwealth Bank CEO

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



DAPHNE ALLIA

**Galawu Aboriginal Hostel manager
Darwin, NT**

Favourite bush tucker?
Magpie geese.

Favourite other food?
Seafood.

Favourite drink?
Coke.

Favourite sport?
Rugby league. I'm a Brisbane Broncos supporter.

Favourite holiday destination?
The Atherton Tablelands in far north Queensland. It's my husband's country.

What are you reading?
Koori Mail.

What are you watching?
The new TV series called *Resurrection*.

What is the highlight of your life?
Having my three sons and two daughters.

What do you like in life?
The fact that I wake up in the morning.

What don't you like?
Doctors. They usually don't have very good news – at least for me.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My granddaughter Deja. She sure can talk, and she's only five!

If you could, what would you do to benefit Indigenous Australians?
I'd ensure that government worried more about problems at home, like all the issues in our Aboriginal communities, and less about overseas aid and issues.

Quote



"If I can provide life-changing support to just one person, that would be amazing."

– *West Coast Institute Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Becky Grame*

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Unquote

Our stories on the TV screen

HOW great is it to see *The Gods of Wheat Street* about to be screened on ABC TV?

A story written by an Aboriginal man about an Aboriginal family, filmed using Aboriginal actors and crew.

The *Koori Mail* was lucky enough to join community members for the launch in Casino, on Bundjalung country in northern NSW, last week to watch the first episode – and it was a cracker. (See our pictures on page 40)

Apart from the fact it was a great family night, with kids playing footy in the background while everyone enjoyed a feed and had the chance to mingle with the actors, it was refreshing to see Aboriginal faces filling most of the main roles.

As lead actor Kelton Pell said, we need to see more Aboriginal stories on our screens, written by Aboriginal people. (See story page 21)

"I think it's about time other Australians learnt a bit more about Aboriginal people and got rid of their preconceived perceptions and attitudes," he said.

"Most mainstream people don't even know any Aboriginal people and it saddens me that we haven't had the opportunity to have more than one Aboriginal actor on mainstream TV at a time."

And continuing on the TV theme, there's a great doco coming up that shows the importance of second chances.

Outside Chance, narrated by



OUR SAY

former AFL star Andrew Krakouer, follows the fortunes of a footy team from Wooroloo Prison Farm in Western Australia. The team, made up of Aboriginal and other players, competes in the local amateur league. (See story page 19)

The rehab program gives the players a chance to learn to work together, get fit, follow instructions and be self-disciplined. It also allows the players the opportunity for a taste of life outside prison and to see their families – and for their children to see them in a context outside of jail.

Everyone makes mistakes in their lives. Some of them are more serious than others, and have serious consequences. But it's the way we pick ourselves up and learn how to carry on when we've done wrong that defines us.

Everyone deserves a chance to make up for doing the wrong thing and making mistakes.

Programs like this are a great idea to truly help people learn the skills they need to properly deal with life on the outside and empower them to make the choices to not return to prison.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

The gods smile on Kelton Pell

Kelton Pell as Odin Freeburn in a scene from *The Gods of Wheat Street*, which begins at 8.30pm on Saturday, April 12, on ABC1.

By RUDI MAXWELL

THE importance of choosing the right roles weighs heavily on Noongar (Western Australia) actor Kelton Pell.

"We've worked so hard to build ourselves up as Aboriginal people," he said.

"We don't all think the same but we've got a responsibility as actors, artists, singers, writers to be messengers for our people.

"It's the same for all blackfellas in the industry – if there's any Aboriginal actor who says they do it for themselves, they're a liar. It's for our communities, our people.

"Every character, every role I do, I think about how the community is going to see this and what they're going to think about it."

Pell stars in the new ABC1 series *The Gods of Wheat Street*, written by Bundjalung man Jon Bell and featuring an almost-all Aboriginal cast.

"It was magic doing it up on Bundjalung country. All the filming was done in Lismore, Casino, Ballina, and Coraki (far northern NSW)," Pell said.

"It felt like we came from the town, we were taken care of by the locals. It's beautiful country, people, I don't think you could ask for anything better, just great ingredients for making this series."

While Pell had nothing but praise for his cast members and everyone involved in the production, he believes the film and television industry has a lot more to do to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"We can all relate to the characters. The girls are going to love Rarriwuy Hick's character Electra – she doesn't take any shit, she's a real fighter, and the depth and emotions of all the characters and emotions is amazing," he said.

"I'm really proud of the cast and the whole team putting this together.

"I think it's about time other Australians learnt a bit more about Aboriginal people and got rid of their preconceived perceptions and attitudes.

"Most mainstream people don't even know any Aboriginal people and it saddens me that we haven't had the opportunity to have more than one Aboriginal actor on mainstream TV at a time.

"It's great to have Miranda Tapsell on *Love Child* at the moment – but where are the other blackfellas? *Home and Away*, *Neighbours* – can't we have a blackfella on Ramsay St or in Summer Bay? They can f@#\$ing afford us. The world of theatre, film, TV, it's whiteman's world of make-believe."

Pell has been acting for nearly 30 years, since he landed a role in Noongar playwright Jack Davis' play *No Sugar in Perth*, when he was a teenager. He has appeared in some memorable TV shows and films, including in *Blackfellas*, *Australian Rules*, *Bran Nue Dae*, *Mad*

knocked myself out after a hard show, it pushes the pain and whatever else is involved in bringing a character to life, it pushes it deeper and deeper until you build up a whole heap of these feelings and heartaches and you end up blowing up and going off.

"It's usually loved ones, family and friends, who it ends up getting thrown at."

However, Pell understands that as well as pain, delving deep into Aboriginal stories brings knowledge and understanding.

"As an Aboriginal actor and an urban Noongar, I know that a lot of my history, the knowledge about blackfellas came from theatre," he said.

"I learned about missions, the Stolen Generation, from theatre.

"My nan was a member of the Stolen Generation but she never

"I think all blackfella communities in Australia need and want to laugh, so the sooner we get some funny stories out there the better.

"I only hope that we're given the opportunity of doing at least three seasons of *The Gods of Wheat Street*.

"What is white Australia scared of, what is multicultural Australia scared of?"

"I just want more work for our people in mainstream TV, and that means bringing Aboriginal writers into TV series.

"We have the writers, talented actors, crew, camera people, focus boards, grips, we've got everything.

"Maybe in the future, we can run the whole show and be accompanied by white people. We work together in harmony now and our people have learnt from some wonderful people in the industry, but it's about time we

nationality like us," he said.

"I could go to anywhere in Australia and if I saw a blackfella, we'd chuck our hands out and shake each other's hand. We always acknowledge each other and that's one of the awesome things about our people.

"Within our own communities there is division, but I wouldn't want to be any other race – I'd rather be born who I am."

As a young man, Pell lived life fast, but also grew up fast. He used amphetamines, which damaged his reputation as an actor.

"I fathered my first child at 15, I made a choice and decision, to acknowledge way back then that I couldn't interfere, I didn't want to mess his head up as a little baby," he said.

"We have a relationship now. I love my son, Steven, but it's not the same as having a child with you, growing them up. There is something missing but I know he's my son, and I'm proud of my boy.

"We need to give people more chances, in general. As actors, a lot of us get blacklisted – we should call it white-listed – I've been acting for 30-odd years. For the first 15 years I

was heavy on drugs, mad on speed, and I never got any work for a while.

"If someone up high in the industry doesn't like someone, so f@#\$ing what?"

"We all have our problems, but we need to become more resilient with each other.

"It doesn't matter who we are, how good we think we're doing, there will always be someone to drag you down, and it's up to us to not be fooled by that, not be swayed that way – we all know when we're doing right or wrong, anyone who denies that is also a liar.

"I only hope I get more chances to do more work, more often. Once every two years is a bit too slack – what are we waiting for, Godot?"

The Gods of Wheat Street begins at 8.30pm, Saturday, April 12, on ABC1.

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"I just want more work for our people in mainstream TV, and that means bringing Aboriginal writers into TV series."

Bastards and Redfern Now.

"I didn't dream of being an actor, I fell into it," he said.

"I'm always optimistic, and that's a big part of it. I don't even go on the dole when I'm home in between roles – my beautiful woman has to support me. It's not about money, it's about responsible roles and messages come with great characters.

"There are not enough positive characters for Aboriginal actors.

"It's fortunate that we've had the opportunity as Aboriginal actors to tell our horrific stories and tragedies, but unfortunately when you do roles that involve the torture and torment of our people it really does affect us as individuals – and we don't realise that. I've been doing it for 30 years and I'm just starting to realise it now.

"In the past I got on the piss,

talked about it. I was brought up not knowing about that. What we had was a beautiful, loving grandmother. I found out a bit deeper about her story after she passed, and there are so many things I'd like to say to her.

"As a people we have this history, there's no forgetting it, but we have to learn to live with it and move on with our heads held high – our old people didn't walk around with their heads down, they were proud people."

Pell despairs at the power structure in the stage and film industry.

"We need more opportunities to tell funnier stories, we need to see more comedy, and we have so many stupid, silly, hilarious stories that every single blackfella family has at least 10 stories ready to go," he said.

took the reins and started writing a lot more stuff and were given the opportunity to put it out there."

Pell appreciates it when directors see beyond white-only roles, having played characters in productions that weren't specifically written as Aboriginal.

"When I've played characters in Shakespeare, it's just a person, a character, and an actor just has to bring the words on the page to life, but those roles are few and far between," he said.

"I love it when directors cast people as actors, I know that I could play anything. In (Ilbijerra Theatre production) *Bindjareb Pinjarra* I got to talk with a Scottish accent."

Pell believes Aboriginal people have a responsibility to take care of themselves and their Elders.

"We are proud people, a proud race, I don't think there's any other

Ah Kee, Harding pair up for Redlands Prize



WORK by established Aboriginal artist Vernon Ah Kee will be

paired with emerging Aboriginal artist Dale Harding for the Redlands Konica Minolta Art Prize at the National Art School in Darlinghurst, Sydney.

Harding's three-dimensional piece *No blame rests with them* will be displayed alongside Ah Kee's portrait of Palm Island man Lex Wotton.

"The title makes the point that even though someone has performed an act, done something, they are not necessarily to blame for that coming to pass," Harding said.

"In tragic circumstances a young family member lost his life, but the broader picture is that young people, particularly young boys, are more the outcome of circumstances, the product of circumstances – there's an overarching theme that for young kids, there's a tenuous balance; a large timber form hangs precariously, anything can topple it."

Harding, who has Bidjara, Ghungalu and Garingbal



Artworks Lex Wotton, by Vernon Ah Kee, and *No blame rests with them*, by Dale Harding.

ancestry, has been basing his recent work on the oral histories of Elders.

"I believe in making sure stories are widely known and accepted – making sure while our old people who have had experiences are still with us that those stories are told," he said.

Curator Tim Johnson

selected 19 established artists who, in turn, selected an emerging artist to present new work for the Redlands Konica Minolta Art Prize.

"I consider it a wonderful opportunity and privilege for Vernon to have nominated me, it's uplifting," Harding said.

"Vernon is one of the

foremost thinkers in Aboriginal art."

The winners of the 2014 Redlands Konica Minolta Art Prize will be announced tomorrow, April 10, and the exhibition will run from this Friday, April 11, until May 15 at the National Art School, Forbes Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney.



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I am searching for a Craig Edward Owen Lamb born in Darwin 15/05/1970.

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NATIVE TITLE MEETING IN CENTRAL VICTORIA

Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV) is calling a meeting of the Taungurung people to authorise part B of the threshold statement for a claim under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic) (TOS Act) (which includes a strategic plan). Lodgement of a threshold statement is a prerequisite to entering negotiations with the State of Victoria under the TOS Act. A settlement under the TOS Act provides for recognition of an indigenous group as the traditional owners of the agreement area, various benefits, as well as other matters relating to management of the land and waters in the agreement area. It is also intended to settle all claims to native title over the agreement area under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

Updates on the settlement negotiations, including boundary negotiations, and future acts will also be on the agenda.

All people who hold or may hold native title rights and interests in the area of the proposed settlement area shown in the map below are invited to attend the meeting as follows:

Date: Saturday 3 May 2014

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Venue: Camp Jungai, 475 Rubicon Road, Thornton



NTSV is the organisation that assists traditional owners in relation to native title and related matters across Victoria, including negotiating native title settlements. Please contact Drew Berick on (03) 9321 5300, freecall 1800 791 779 or dberick@ntsv.com.au to register your intention to attend this meeting or for further information about the meeting (including assistance to attend).

Praise for one of Bre's finest

THE community at Brewarrina – or Bre as it's known locally – in western NSW said goodbye to respected Ngemba woman Jenny Barker last Saturday, April 5.

Affectionately known as Auntie Jen, Mrs Barker passed away peacefully on March 25 in Brewarrina hospital with family members by her side.

Tributes from around the nation and from the community she served flowed in the days after her passing.

"Auntie Jen forged many enduring working partnerships, earning her great respect with the Australian and NSW governments," Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said.

"Jenny's strong advocacy for Aboriginal people over many years and her efforts to make her beloved Brewarrina a more positive and safe place to live will always be remembered."

"Jenny was a passionate advocate for Aboriginal affairs and reconciliation in



The late 'Auntie Jen', Jenny Barker.

western NSW and worked closely with other prominent Aboriginal leaders over many years.

"The Brewarrina community has lost a strong advocate and a great Australian."

Mrs Barker played an integral role in many community groups and

organisations, including serving as a councillor on Brewarrina Shire Council for many years.

Through the council, she was a delegate for aged care, the Australian Local Governments Women's Association of NSW, the district Emergency Management Committee

and the Weilmoringle Working Party.

Brewarrina Mayor Matthew Slack-Smith said the loss of such a remarkable woman would resonate throughout the community.

"As our only female and sole Indigenous councillor, Mrs Barker provided a unique perspective that will be sorely missed by us all," he said.

Mrs Barker also chaired the Brewarrina Community Working Party, and was chairperson of the Brewarrina Business Centre.

Brewarrina Shire Council Aboriginal liaison officer Graham Bolton attended school with Mrs Barker.

"She was always a very committed individual," he said. "She did a tremendous amount for this community. As the chairperson of our Community Working Party she was a tireless advocate for the Aboriginal community."

"Our community is in mourning. She will be sadly missed."



All Stars and the 9s

I'M a proud Dughutti/Gumbayngirr man and here's a question that I reckon a lot of people should ask in regards to the All Stars match.

I know the NRL All Stars match is back next year but, if the NRL is going to scrap it one day for the NRL 9s competition in Auckland, why doesn't the NRL let the Indigenous All Stars put a team in it? That way they can still represent our people.

Can you imagine having an Aboriginal rugby league All Star team in the 9s?

I bet they would win it, without a doubt.

Imagine the likes of Greg Inglis, Albert Kelly, Nathan Merritt – just to name a few – in open space on the field. How entertaining would it be to see them amongst the rest of our Indigenous men out there competing?

MAURICE KELLY
Mascot, Sydney



Kids scramble for autographs at a recent All Stars game. Letter-writer Maurice Kelly reckons the All Stars should have a team in the Auckland 9s competition.

facebook

Here's some comments taken from our Facebook page relating to the Federal Government proposal to amend section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act.

Our shameless leaders are now openly legislating to be what most of the world already knows we are, an extremely mean spirited and racist nation, as evidenced by the way we have treated our Indigenous people since the day Europeans invaded them.... and I still can't find anyone who will admit to voting the Abbott regimen into power.

God help the Aboriginal people of this country! – **Liz Rix**

So they don't have the time or inclination to include Aboriginal people in the Constitution, but they have time and money to change this!

There will be a reason for this we can't see yet and the motive will be money. – **Kym George**

We know why it's being done, and it undermines the other parts of the Act.

I'm angry, and according to old mate I can call him whatever I want racially and he won't have a leg to stand on.

I don't need to read any more of the amendments to know this.

We are revisiting the past now aren't we? A past that a lot of the younger generations were not as exposed to as the generations before.

Unfortunately there are a lot of people who will take the Government up on their offer to be bigots to any race they don't like.

This will get passed and we will be worse off for it.

I do agree with our approach as Indigenous people to keep educating and appealing to the majority to attempt to become a better nation or even a local community, but (the Attorney-General's) just made it that much harder.

I love my people, but now I fear for the progress made by those before us because every national paper will be held back by nothing, as opposed to what little we had before this, when addressing Indigenous people to a national audience and at my neighbour's breakfast table.

I'm flat out breaking down stereotypes and backward thinking with my non-Indigenous mates, let alone the people outside of my circle.

I fear for the day my child is exposed to this in a more familiar way than racism already stands in our country.

Where to from here?

I'm not sure. I suppose we all have to make our own circles a little bit bigger; other than that can every non-supporter of these amendments deliver the *Koori Mail* to every doorstep to counter?

Now that would be a sight if it was delivered to the politicians behind these amendments every day, ay? – **Stephen Blair**

Care for them...

A letter to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion.

Dear Senator Scullion,

First of all, thank you for meeting with the people who have been pleading (mentally impaired woman) Roseanne Fulton's case, which has been widely covered in the media recently (*Koori Mail*, March 26).

I do hope you will do your best to make sure she and others in a similar position finally get adequate and humane care.

I have been dealing with similar cases for many years (until I retired a few years ago). When I first arrived in Alice Springs in 1977 most chronic alcoholics, retarded and psychologically-

disturbed Aboriginal people who made a nuisance of themselves, were sent to jail as there were no other facilities available (with no ability to appeal and no idea when they might be released) – while other Australians with similar problems were usually sent to more appropriate facilities down south.

Many of these people had already spent many years in jail by the time I arrived and some had spent many years in solitary confinement. Most of the inmates I met had no idea why they were being treated so badly, or had any hope of relief in the future.

The horrific suffering, distress and hopelessness I witnessed still troubles me deeply to this day. (I

was the only person with any psychiatric qualifications in the field working in the whole of Central Australia at that time). It was truly a shocking example of unnecessary cruelty and neglect – totally unworthy of a rich nation with all the resources relatively easily available to provide proper services.

Due to heroic efforts by many caring people, various facilities were set up, including the Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programs Unit, and even a new psychiatric wing at the Alice Springs Hospital (mainly for acute cases), and others.

These facilities are still there and doing great work – but are apparently not enough to deal with

the situation, and many unfortunate Aboriginal people are still being imprisoned for indefinite periods for committing no real crime and not receiving the treatment and care they deserve and need.

Talk about 'crimes against humanity'!

I beg you to do your very best to remedy this intolerable situation and make sure it never occurs again.

It is not only critical for the individuals involved, it is important for all Australians and our sense of ourselves living in a just and humane society.

JOHN HILL
Cooktown, Qld

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CONNECTIONS to and caring for land have been central to the lives of Indigenous peoples in Australia for thousands of years.

Recently, the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) released a draft bill to focus attention on a key land issue for the future. The draft bill seeks to strengthen and protect the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account and marks an important stage in the journey towards greater recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within our nation.

The Land Account and the Indigenous Land Corporation were legislated together, some 20 years ago, as part of the national settlement following the High Court's recognition of native title in the Mabo judgment.

The Land Account provides partial compensation for the vast majority of Indigenous Australians who are unlikely to benefit from the *Native Title Act* because they have been dispossessed of their land.

Revenue from the Land Account, which currently has a fixed capital base, provides guaranteed funding for the ILC to buy and manage land for Indigenous Australians for a range of social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits.

The provisions in the ILC's draft bill, if legislated by the Australian Parliament, would place the Land Account above and beyond politics.

Protecting the Land Account

Its unique and historic status would be recognised. Indigenous involvement in the management of the ILC and the Land Account would be strengthened.

The current ILC board's commitment to accountability would be locked in for the future. And the Land Account would be able to grow over time.

A stronger ILC and a larger Land Account would ensure greater land-related benefits for current and future generations of Indigenous Australians.

Above all, the draft bill would prevent the Land Account from being used for anything other than its original legislated purpose: to buy and manage land for Indigenous Australians.

Though an Australian Government statutory corporation, the ILC is uniquely independent. Decisions on use of Land Account funds are made by the ILC's board, where five out of the seven directors,



Dawn Casey

including the chairperson, are required to be Indigenous Australians.

The draft bill elevates the importance of the ILC's independence. It emphasises

that major policy changes affecting Indigenous Australians require a conversation with Indigenous Australians.

The draft bill has been released in the context of the current review of the ILC and another agency, Indigenous Business Australia (IBA). This review was initiated by Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion in December 2013 and reported to Government in mid-February.

There has been little or no consultation in relation to this review, and just a small window for submissions.

The review's terms of reference asked whether there should be greater ministerial control over the two agencies, and whether they should be amalgamated. Hitherto, the Land Account and the ILC have gone hand in hand. An amalgamation of the ILC and IBA would disrupt this bond, and would open the

Land Account to being diverted to other possible uses.

We do not yet know what the ILC/IBA review has recommended. We do know that Minister Scullion has promised a 'major overhaul' of the ILC and IBA.

In the interim, the ILC is releasing the draft bill to help ensure the review process takes a positive and constructive direction. We are urging the Government and the Parliament to implement the important changes proposed in the draft bill as the core of any reform package.

The Land Account and the ILC were part of the 'grand bargain' of the mid-1990s. This was a high point in Indigenous peoples' struggle for recognition in this nation.

After the Mabo judgment, Indigenous leaders sat down with the executive level of government to negotiate. For the first time in Australia's history, they were at the table as equals in a national matter of profound significance to them.

We need to be at the table again.

As Australia moves towards another landmark – the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution – we must preserve and build on the achievements of the past.

Dr Dawn Casey is chair of the Indigenous Land Corporation



Pat Eatock: "I wholeheartedly oppose Federal Attorney-General George Brandis' proposed changes to the (Racial Discrimination Act) ... I ask for others to join me in expressing their dismay and objection to the proposed changes."

Fighting move to change Act

I WISH to draw attention to some lesser known facts relating to the Federal Court action that I (and others) pursued against (News Ltd commentator) Andrew Bolt in the period 2009 to 2012.

Bolt failed to attend a mediator process prior to the matter going to court. He was represented by lawyers who also represented the Herald and Weekly Times. These lawyers claimed to have been instructed by Bolt to convey his absolute refusal to apologise to any of the offended parties. One assumes this related to both the tone of his articles and for the many factual errors.

At the time of starting court action, Bolt was employed as a journalist by Herald and Weekly Times. As a journalist one assumed that Bolt could be expected to hold his articles up against the commonly held ethical standards of factual reporting, objectivity and public interest. Bolt's articles failed on all three points.

Since losing his case, Bolt has prospered and is now described by his supporters as being a commentator. He has his own one-hour program on Channel 10 (with repeats). Commentators are apparently less constrained by any

generally accepted ethical standards.

At no time was there any alternative action available to me.

Defamation cases require a large, upfront deposit (perhaps more than \$30,000) to be held in trust by one's lawyers as security in the event that the case is lost. Further, defamation is not based on truth and veracity but on whether it can be established that public knowledge of an allegation (whether true or false) has the potential to have a negative impact on one's future earning capacity. As an aged pensioner with no potential future earnings there was no case to answer.

Subsequent to starting my action against Bolt, I began receiving hate mail that was sufficiently serious to report to Glebe Police Station where it was photocopied and placed on record. These revolting papers included photographs of extreme violence such as that notorious picture from the Vietnam War where a prisoner was being shot in the head. Also included was a threat against the then Prime Minister, Julia Gillard.

As far as I am aware, none of the litigants who participated with me in calling Bolt to account for his

malicious and public attacks on us received any compensation of any sort. We fought on an issue of principle which cannot be brushed aside under the guise of free speech. The issue was simply that you can say what you like at any time but you had better be prepared to defend your statements as being factual and in the public interest, rather than a hotch-potch of distortions and outright lies in order to support bigotry, racism or some other extreme political agenda.

Eatock vs Bolt was truly a case of David vs Goliath, and I remain very proud of it. As someone who has experienced a lifetime of racial discrimination and had a direct experience of litigation under section 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act* as it currently stands, I wholeheartedly oppose Federal Attorney-General George Brandis' proposed changes to the Act.

I ask for others to join me in expressing their dismay and objection to the proposed changes.

PAT EATOCK
Chair,
Aboriginal Rights Coalition,
Lewisham, NSW

It's time to find out the truth

It's time to find out the truth, of this government that wants to rule,
See them look and laugh, what a silly bunch of fools.

Because we have not knowledge of their secret subtle moves,
To take our lands away from us, what a stupid thing to do.

We now have information to put them to the test,
We know they're lying about our sovereignty, we all know that's true.

So I am saying to all of us, although we number few,
Get up find out what is coming, the truth for me and you.

And in words said long ago, there is nothing they will be able to do.

PETER KOORI
Campbelltown, NSW

The Stolen Generation

Torn from their parents without permission these innocent children filled with confusion.

Their mothers wail as they're dragged away,
breaking their hearts, causing dismay.

Compensation they say for unsurmountable loss,
but the Government don't really give a toss.

Forced to live in strict Catholic missions in appalling, unloving, heartless conditions.

Sneaking up in those big fancy black cars, hunting for children that were half-caste.

Because they carry the lineage of the white, Mr Devil thought he had the legal right.

Hearts and strong family bonds were broken,
traditions and cultures left unspoken.

They unsparingly ignored their cries, snatching them up in a blink of an eye.

Ripping babies from loving mama's arms, only to be the target of abusive palms.

Placing them behind invisible, torturous bars that would later leave deep emotional scars.

Identities became lost at very great costs, because of Mr Devil, that nasty, cruel boss.

For seven decades this has carried on, all these victims of the Stolen Generation.

DANIELLA ALBERT ROCHFORD

Hell in Long Bay

Sitting in my cell, living by the sea
This is hell at Long Bay Jail
Got no TV.

Wishing and dreaming I was with my family
Thinking 'bout my girlfriend every hour, every minute of the week

Thinking 'bout what she does without me

Can't believe me and the brothers are locked in at three

Why can't they change the justice system, and give us Aboriginals an opportunity.

It feels like they threw away the key, and forget about me
I keep sane by singing Koori classics at night
It takes me away from this terrible site.

I've committed a not-so-serious crime
And doing a long time
While all the rapists and paedophiles roam free
It really really does disgust me.

They should be the ones with the key thrown away
Here at dirty old Long Bay.

BRADLEY WILLIAM POTTS



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Govt establishes recognition panel



THE Federal Government has established a panel to conduct a review into public support for Indigenous constitutional recognition. Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion announced the review in accordance with the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition Act 2013*, which passed unanimously through Parliament last year.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the first inhabitants of this nation, and recognising them in our Constitution presents an historic opportunity to acknowledge their unique culture and history, and their enormous contribution to this nation," he said.

The panel comprises former deputy prime minister John Anderson, Recognise deputy campaign director Tanya Hosch and Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet deputy secretary Richard Eccles. The panel is required to provide a report to the Minister by September 28, with the Government to announce a draft amendment to the Constitution for public consultation late this year.

South Qld clans to discuss native title



SOUTH Queensland clans are getting together for a meeting to discuss native title issues and are trying to track down Elders and descendants to be involved. The organisers are particularly hoping to contact people who are no longer living on the Gold Coast and are now living somewhere else.

They are looking for kin from the Gugingin, Mununjali, Migunberri, Wangerriburra, Bullongin, Kombumerri, Birinburra, and Minjungbal clans.

The alcohol-free meeting will be held at 1pm on Saturday, April 26, at Civic Park, Woodridge, near Logan Central. For more information on the Gold Coast Native Title meeting visit www.facebook.com/sthqlndnativetitle or contact Cindy Dargin on 0412 783 586 or Fiona Dargin on 0432 257 756.

Alice Springs gets reference group



INDIGENOUS people and organisations are represented on the new Alice Springs Alcohol Reference Group. Formed by the Northern Territory Government, the reference group is designed to provide a local voice in the development of Alcohol

Management Plans. Group members are Damien Ryan, Alice Springs Town Council (chair); Kay Eade (Chamber of Commerce); Jeff Huyben (Central Australian Tourism Association); Di Loechel (Australian Hotel Association, NT); Eileen Hoosan (Central Australia Aboriginal Alcohol Programs Unit, supported by Phillip Allnutt); Dale Wakefield (Alice Springs Women's Shelter); John Boffa (Central Australian Aboriginal Congress); Michael Liddle (Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation, supported by David Kenny); Annette Partridge (Clubs NT Association); and Matthew Osbourne (Liquor Stores Association).

Heritage day for youth



THE National Trust together with the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council and the Koorie Youth Council will host an Aboriginal heritage day for youth on May 17.

The event, called 'Our History, more than rocks', will focus on hands-on activities such as cultural mapping, ceremonial jewellery making, storytelling, dance and a tour of significant sites in Melbourne. It is open to youth aged 18-25.

For more details and to book, go to www.trybooking.com.au/72161.

Wunanbiri correction

ON March 12, page 11, the *Koori Mail* incorrectly stated that Wunanbiri Preschool comes under the auspices of Aboriginal Early Childhood Support and Learning (AECSL). Wunanbiri is an independent Aboriginal community preschool, which has been successfully operating for the past three decades. The *Koori Mail* apologises for any confusion caused by the error.

Women on right course



TEN women have just completed the pilot course of the Strong Women's Voices=Stronger

Communities program held in western Sydney.

The program was designed to support and build confidence in Aboriginal women and to develop participants' knowledge and leadership skills.

It was developed and implemented by Aboriginal woman

Jackie Stewart, and Maria Losurdo, of the Family Worker Training + Development Program in Seven Hills.

Program participants were Megan Bell, Ruby Golding, Lisa Hunter, Karen Salt, Rosemarie Thorne, Lynette Meini, Linda Lewis, Belinda Matthews, Sebria Lawrence and Kathryn Neal, who all work in Aboriginal communities.

The women attended monthly workshops covering topics including generational trauma,

lateral violence, self-care, cultural connections, totems and storytelling through art.

Over the 12 months of the course the women developed a resource paper on cultural supervision for managers and non-Aboriginal workers to give an understanding of why being connected culturally is important for the roles of Aboriginal workers. It can be seen at www.fwtdp.org.au

The women attended a graduation ceremony on March 18.



Course participants, from left, Karen Clarke, Lisa Hunter, Linda Lewis, Ruby Golding, Megan Bell, Jackie Stewart, Belinda Matthews, Lynette Meini, Rosemarie Thorne and, kneeling, Kathryn Neal.

Resource helps handle autism



JAKI French, from the Gamilaroi and Anaiwan tribes of north-west NSW, knew something was wrong with her young son when he became more

engrossed with playing with the fluff on the carpet than he was with her.

Little Murri had been a thriving, happy baby until the age of about 16-18 months, when overnight he lost the ability to say "mummmum, daddad and bubba".

"Initially Murri was tested for hearing difficulties and I was told that he had selective deafness," Mrs French said.

"The reality was so much bigger." Murri was eventually diagnosed – at the age of two-and-a-half – with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), leaving his mum feeling helpless and confused.

"I didn't ring my family or my partner with the news of Murri's diagnosis as I hadn't really digested it myself," Mrs French said.

"I couldn't absorb it because I didn't know what autism was. I was very confused and felt very alone."

With the help of people in communities around Moree (NSW), Alice Springs (NT) and Shepparton (Victoria), and support from the First Peoples Disability Network, the Federal Government's Positive Partnerships initiative has just released a new animation resource to help Aboriginal parents and carers of children with autism and other developmental issues.



Jaki French, mother of 13-year-old Murri who is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

Positive Partnerships national projects coordinator Lee Casuscelli said a 'shared responsibility' community approach was a common and normal way of caring for children with autism in traditional communities.

"The words 'disability' and 'autism' are not readily translated into traditional languages and, for many reasons, conversations about the impact of a child's autism spectrum disorder diagnosis can be unfamiliar amongst

many Aboriginal families and communities," she said.

The new video, called *Finding Out About Kevin*, was launched on World Autism Awareness Day, April 2, in an event at Moree on Kamilaroi country, in recognition of Mrs French's contribution to the production.

The animation will be used at community get-togethers around the country to support workshop-style conversations about ASD, which affects Indigenous children at the same rate as other Australians – about one per cent of the population. It is four times more common in males.

Mrs French said that before her son came along, many Aboriginal people in her community weren't aware of what autism actually was and how it affected people.

She said it had been a continual process of having to explain to people about Murri's condition and she sometimes got sick of it, but she was fortunate to have neighbours and her Aboriginal community who now understood and looked out for him.

"We have a huge extended family and most are aware of Murri," she said. "On many occasions teachers or care workers have been watched and sometimes pulled up by one of his mob for not handling him appropriately ... Sometimes this hasn't been very well received, but Murri is very much loved and his Elders genuinely worry for his wellbeing."



Sunnette Lyons and Terrell Donegan, from Blackstone, are preparing for the ball.

Blackstone seeks ball donations



WOMEN in the remote community of Blackstone in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands of Western Australia are organising a Kungka (woman) Ball and fashion parade for the young Aboriginal women in the region – and they're asking for some help.

Organiser Kristine Hayward said they were seeking donations of secondhand or new clothing (smart-casual and evening wear), shoes, handbags, costume jewellery and hats.

"We're hoping to fill our community wardrobe so that the girls will look deadly on the night," she said.

"This type of event has been run in

other communities in the Lands with great success, helping to improve self-esteem and encourage young women to continue with their education.

"Donations will be much appreciated."

Contact Kristine on (08) 8956 7106 or Debbie at Ngaanyatjarra Health head office in Alice Springs on (08) 8950 1730 for further details.

Elders join gas protest

By RUDI MAXWELL



LOCAL Aboriginal Elders have joined a camp at Bentley, on the NSW far north coast, to protest against coal seam gas (CSG) mining in the region.

Cecil Roberts, from Nimbin Rocks, said not only was the proposed gas drilling site near a massacre site, it was also on the sacred Catbird Dreaming songline that runs from Bentley towards Kyogle and up the mountain to Georgica.

"They are trying to destroy our water source," he said. "You take that away and we have nothing."

A group of about 2000 protesters has been camped at the site for more than two weeks, forcing gas company Metgasco to delay its planned sinking of a gas well.

The issue of CSG mining in the region has become a vexed one for some Aboriginal people in the region, after Githabul Nation Aboriginal Corporation (GNAC) chair Trevor Close made a public statement saying they wanted to make a deal with gas companies

for mining on their land.

But Githabul man Kevin Boota, also known as Yillah, who was at the protest at Bentley and is a vocal opponent of mining on Githabul land, says GNAC has no right to negotiate with gas companies, as they have not properly consulted with Elders.

Githabul man Kamallie Monsell is also opposed to gas mining.

"For the first time we have an Aboriginal corporation trying to sell off our land while the rest of the mob is still marching for land rights," he said.

Mr Boota said he would attend a meeting of representatives from 300 tribes at Uluru later this month and would bring up the issue of gas mining.

Mr Monsell and Mr Roberts said many people at the protest site were coming from different perspectives.

"These confused farmers think they are land-holders – but we know they've only ever been lease-holders," Mr Monsell said.

"There are many different points of view from farmers and the wider community here," Mr Roberts said, "but we've got to get over the line together."



At the protest camp near Bentley are Cecil Roberts, Kamallie Monsell, Wanda, Kevin Boota and Muundii.

Art show was at Boomalli

IN the March 26 edition of the *Koori Mail* on page 40, under the headline 'Bundjalung brothers show art', we neglected to mention that the exhibition had previously been shown at Boomalli Aboriginal Arts Co-operative in Sydney and was curated by Boomalli's Bronwyn Bancroft.



Budat Mununggurr: "I hope the video will inspire other young people to come together, use their voices and make this change..."

Budat hopes video will inspire youth



YOUNG Yolngu woman Budat Mununggurr wants the Constitution

to recognise the stories, culture and history of her ancestors.

Budat, 17, has made a video for Recognise This – the youth-led offshoot of the Recognise campaign – urging all young Australians to get involved in the youth-led movement to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution and remove discrimination from it.

"I hope the video will inspire other young people to come together, use their voices and make this change, because for many

of us, it might be the first time we get to vote," she said.

Budat paid tribute to her grandmother, who, while walking on the beach in north-east Arnhem Land, would grab a stick and etch the stories of her culture into the sand.

'Country'

"She would draw where men's and women's sites are on country and she would teach me which dances belonged to which clan group," she said.

"I want to see this history etched in Australia's founding document, the Constitution. Because it currently doesn't share those stories I learnt from my grandma growing up; the stories of my ancestors,

my culture and my history."

Recognise This is urging young people to take an active leadership role, mindful that an estimated 400,000 Australians aged 18-24 missed out on having their say at the 2013 federal election.

"We are the generation that will inherit these changes in our Constitution, and help our nation to be its best self – one that is proud of its own long and impressive history and the fact that the oldest living cultures on the planet are part of our shared story," Budat said.

Sign up at www.recognisethis.org.au

Watch the video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdAdvmt5EAs&feature=youtu.be>

Harmony in Townsville

By ALF WILSON



BINDAL Elder David Smallwood was a special guest at Harmony Day in Townsville. Mr Smallwood welcomed

guests to country on behalf of the Bindal people and he also acknowledged the Wulgurukaba people.

Harmony Day was held at the Museum of Tropical Queensland on March 22 when local cultural groups came together to celebrate with performances, demonstrations and food tastings.

Museum of Tropical Queensland director Peter McLeod said Harmony Day, presented by the Townsville Multicultural Support Group, was a highly anticipated part of the museum's calendar.

"This is the third Harmony Day we've hosted at the Museum of Tropical Queensland and it was a great opportunity to discover some of the other cultures which live side-by-side in our community," he said.

"We love bringing people together to share their individual stories, to see what they have in common as well as what makes them unique."

The goal of this year's Harmony Day was to generate discussion and engagement between cultural groups, who



Ivany Argueta, from Honduras, with Bindal Elder David Smallwood.

presented their individual stories through craft, stories, art, music, song or dance.

Ivany Argueta, a 29-year-old from Honduras who is studying zoology at Townsville James Cook University, was delighted to meet Mr Smallwood.

"I am very interested in the culture of Aboriginal people in Australia and this was a great event for me," she said.

Each year, the Townsville Multicultural Support Group and other community organisations and cultural groups come

together for Harmony Day to exchange information, learn from each other and celebrate diversity.

Mr Smallwood sat with friends and enjoyed the dancing and entertainment provided by other cultures.

Festival has health message



SPREADING the word about local health services will be a special focus for this year's Join

the Dots festival at Melton in western Melbourne.

The festival, at Melton Community Hall on April 16, will feature live entertainment, food, cultural activities for young and old and health service information stalls.

Organisers are also keen to highlight local health services available to the district's Indigenous people.

Local Indigenous woman Heather Gillard urged her mob to attend.

"This event will get the message out to those who aren't connected to the health sector that there are health organisations available who are striving towards becoming culturally competent. From this, these community members will be more connected," she said.

The festival is a joint initiative by organisations working to improve the health of Aboriginal people in the Melton area, including HealthWest, Djerriwarrh Health Services, Western Region Health Centre, Macedon Ranges and North West Melbourne Medicare Local, Western Health, Melton City Council, ORS Group and Carers Victoria.

Join the Dots starts at 11am, Wednesday, April 16, at the Melton Community Hall, 232 High Street, Melton.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ABORIGINAL LANDS TRUST

Applications are called for appointment to the Aboriginal Lands Trust (the Trust) pursuant to the *Aboriginal Lands Trust Act 2013* (the Act).

The office of each of the current Trust members will be vacated upon the commencement of the Act on 1 July 2014.

The Act requires the appointment of 8 new members by the Governor. They will be nominated by the Minister on the recommendation of a selection panel of Aboriginal people appointed in accordance with the Act.

In recommending Trust members the selection panel will consider the following:

- The need, as far as practicable, to achieve a gender balance on the Trust.
- That members must collectively have knowledge, skills and experience in:
 - South Australian Aboriginal community life and culture generally;
 - Residential community life and culture on Trust Land;
 - The management and conservation of natural resources;
 - The management of agricultural and pastoral land;
 - Commercial enterprise development;
 - Property management and development;
 - Ecologically sustainable development; and
 - Corporate governance and administration.
- Whether applicants are fit and proper persons to be a member of the Trust.
- The fact that, in addition to dealing with Trust Land, the Trust is responsible for managing Trust Land in a way that addresses the needs of communities living there.

N.B. Current members may apply.

Applicants should send an application letter and resume, addressing the selection criteria, by post or email to:

The Selection Panel
C/o Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division
Department of the Premier and Cabinet
GPO Box 2343
ADELAIDE SA 5001
della-verde.hellen@dpc.sa.gov.au

The closing date for applications is 5pm on Monday 28 April 2014. Late applications will not be accepted.

Further information can be obtained from Ms Hellen Della-Verde, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division by either telephone (08) 8226 8900 during office hours or via email at della-verde.hellen@dpc.sa.gov.au

Warning over cyber bullying



MALICIOUS gossip and bullying through social media is fuelling violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, a social welfare advocate has warned.

Elke Smirl, who heads an action group dealing with Indigenous family violence, said that over the past few years she has been confronted with inter-generational conflicts linked to cyber bullying.

"It can infiltrate a family, sometimes devastate an entire community, even though it starts off as a verbal assault," she said.

Ms Smirl, the chair of the Eastern Metro Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group in Melbourne, said bullying on social media could have enormous ramifications for Indigenous Australians.

"Lateral violence is a very serious issue for us and it can be described as malicious gossip that appears to cause the oppressed to become the oppressor," she said.

"It's very much a factor for our Indigenous communities."

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has launched a cyber safety program targeting



One of the posters from 'Be Deadly Online', a new program encouraging Indigenous teenagers to be cyber smart.

Indigenous youth, created in consultation with Indigenous communities.

ACMA deputy chair Richard Bean said the program, 'Be Deadly Online', used short animated films, posters and web content to tackle online bullying, sexting and how youths could manage their digital footprint.

"It's designed to start the conversations that will help young Indigenous people and their communities understand how online actions can easily have real-life consequences," he said.

Yarrabah State School deputy principal Bernadine Yeatman said the program drew attention to an important issue.

"You mob, if you want to be deadly, you've got to be Cybersmart online," she said.

"Cybersmart champions remember that online business is everyone's business. They remember that their digital footprint can either build up their community's reputation, or tear it down.

"Cybersmart champions always respect themselves, others and their culture when online."

To check out the Cybersmart cyber safety program go to the website www.cybersmart.gov.au/indigenous.aspx – With AAP

Crankfest to *Move It*



INDIGENOUS fitness lifestyle program *Move it Mob Style* will be a feature at this

month's Crankfest, in northern NSW. The show will be performed and filmed as part of Crankfest, a celebration of youth arts and culture at Evans Head on April 26.

Crankfest secured *Move it Mob Style* with the assistance of the Country Arts Support Scheme, an initiative of Arts Northern Rivers and Regional Arts NSW, after a survey of young people was conducted through the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre's youth service.

Event coordinator Tarryn Cole said it was an exciting new element for the festival.

"The kids just can't wait to see the actual dancers they know from the show. Every young person we have spoken to has just been so pumped about it," she said.

For more information, or to become involved in Crankfest, call the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre on (02) 6682 4343.

Living Black is back



Back for another season: *Living Black* host Karla Grant.



NITV current affairs show *Living Black* is back for its 20th season.

Hosted by Karla Grant, *Living Black* is marking 11 years on air, with the goal of giving Indigenous Australians a powerful voice, while also being a place that Australians can learn about Indigenous issues.

In keeping with a 'Down in Africa' theme for April, NITV will screen one of its film highlights on April 20 with *Life Above All*. The film takes place in a South African township near Johannesburg and centres on 12-year-old Chanda, who has taken on the responsibility of holding her family together following the death of her baby sister. The film, which explores deep human emotions, was screened at the Cannes Film Festival in 2010.

Also screening this fortnight is the film *Jerusalema*, which follows a young person's rise from small-time criminal to powerful crime entrepreneur during the turbulent years before

and after the fall of apartheid.

As Anzac Day approaches, NITV also pays tribute to Indigenous people who have contributed to the nation's military efforts in every war since 1901, with the 2014 Anzac Day Special premiering on April 21 from 6pm and continuing nightly until April 25.

As part of the special, NITV will screen Australian documentaries about Indigenous heroes, including Air Force Flight Sergeant Donald Taylor, a descendant of the Kalkadoon people from north-west Queensland, and the inspiring Mr Stephens, who at 101 years old is one of the last surviving soldiers from the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion.

"The NITV Anzac Day Special is a tribute to our Indigenous defence heroes, and their families and friends, who made enormous sacrifices to serve our great country," channel manager Tanya Denning said.

NITV's new cooking series *Kriol Kitchen* also continues throughout April, screening on Wednesdays at 8pm.

Performers take pride



TOP young Indigenous performers will take to the stage at the

Koorie Pride Youth Festival in Melbourne this Saturday (April 12).

The festival, part of National Youth Week 2014, is the culmination of the school holiday program run by Songlines Aboriginal Music Corporation. It is presented in conjunction with Darebin Council.

Songlines CEO Jessie Lloyd says the festival offers opportunities for younger Indigenous people to show their culture.

"This event is very much about promoting pride in culture and facilitating the growth of the country's next generation of young Koorie musicians, dancers and artists," she said.

"It's also about giving young Aboriginal members of the community a voice and the confidence to take a lead in the preserving and rejuvenating culture."

Acts on the program include Yung Warriors, MC Phily and Maylene Slater-Burns.

Koorie Pride will also feature workshops by Circus Oz, an AFL Kinder Carnival, traditional dance and drumming workshops, a rock climbing wall and a jumping castle.

The Songlines Kitchen will serve up a traditional

Circus Oz performer Kamilaroi man Dale Woodbridge. Circus Oz will run workshops at the Koorie Pride Youth Festival in Melbourne this Saturday.



barbecue and the Koorie Night Markets will host about a dozen stalls selling locally made Indigenous wares and run arts and

craft activities for children.

The festival is on from 2pm at Ray Bramham Gardens, corner of St Georges Road and Bell Street, Preston.



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12:00 NITV News (News)
12:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
1:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2:30 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
3:30 Flying Boomerangs PG (Documentary)
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 PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Sunny And The Dark Horse PG (Movie)
1:00 Australian Biography G (Documentary Series)
1:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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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 PG (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 10TH APRIL

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
1:00 Ella 7's 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)
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11:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
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12:00 In The Frame G (Documentary Series)
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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 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
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 11TH 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 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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10:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
11:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
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5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (Kids)
6:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
9:10 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
10:20 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)

SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

12:20 NITV News NC (News)
12:50 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
1:20 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:20 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
3:20 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:20 Queensland Murri Carnival 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 NC (News)
12:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
2:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
2:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
3:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
3:30 RHEF PG (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 (News)
7:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Land Of The Morning Star PG (Documentary)
8:30 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Beauty G (Movie)
11:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment Series)
11:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)



SUNDAY 13TH APRIL

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Queensland Murri Carnival 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 NC (News)
12:30 The Lore Of Love PG (Documentary)
1:00 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)
4:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
4:30 Pormurraw Art PG (Documentary)
5:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (Current Affairs)
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 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Sheltered G (Documentary Series)
8:30 The Tipping Points G (Documentary Series)
9:30 Jerusalem MA (Movie)
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 14TH APRIL

12:00 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)
2:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Queensland Murri Carnival 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)
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9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
10:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Traps On NITV G (Entertainment)
11:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
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12:30 The Tipping Points G (Documentary Series)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
8:00 Samagan: Water Stories G (Documentary Series)
8:30 A Year In The Clouds G (Documentary)
10:00 Blackstone M (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
1:30 Flying Boomerangs PG (Documentary)
2:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
11:30 Samagan: Water Stories G (Documentary Series)
12:00 A Year In The Clouds G (Documentary)
1:30 Moose TV PG (Current Affairs)
2:00 Building Legends G (Documentary)
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5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News (News)
6:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Double Trouble G (Series)
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)

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL

12:00 NITV News (News)
12:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
1:00 Footy: The La Perouse Way M (Documentary)
1:30 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
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10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
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11:30 Emily In Japan PG (Movie)
1:00 Australian Biography G (Documentary Series)
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6:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
8:30 Hard Rock Medical M (Drama)
9:30 The Tipping Points G (Documentary Series)
10:00 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:00 Away From Country PG (Documentary Series)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5:00 Bush Bands Bash G (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 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
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 (News)
6:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 The Marngrook Footy Show (Sport)
8:00 NITV News (News)
8:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
9:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Sport)
10:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
10:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

12:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
1:30 Not Just Cricket PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Away From Country PG (Documentary Series)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5:00 Bush Bands Bash G (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 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
11:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
12:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment Series)
1:30 Tales Of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe 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 (News)
6:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Mabo: Life Of An Island Man PG (Documentary)
9:30 The New Black M (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)



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SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:00 Away From Country PG (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5:00 Bush Bands Bash G (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 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
2:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
3:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
3:30 RHEF PG (Sport)
4:30 Around The Traps (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 G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Blekbal PG (Documentary)
8:30 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Edge Of America PG (Movie)
11:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:00 Away From Country G (Documentary Series)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
5:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
6:00 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Entertainment)
7:00 NITV On The Road: Laura Festival G (Entertainment)
8:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
9:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
10:00 A-League Live NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review (News)
12:30 Spirits In Bare Feet PG (Documentary)
1:00 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)
4:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
4:30 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)
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 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Sheltered G (Documentary Series)
9:30 The Tipping Points G (Documentary Series)
9:30 Life, Above All M (Movie)
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 21ST APRIL

12:00 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)
2:00 Away From Country G (Documentary Series)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5:00 Bush Bands Bash G (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 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
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 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
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 (Kids)
6:00 Anzacs: Remembering Our Heroes (Documentary Series)
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
8:00 Samagan: Water Stories G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Village At The End Of The World M (Documentary)
10:00 Blackstone M (Drama)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 22ND APRIL

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
5:00 Bush Bands Bash G (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 Anzacs: Remembering Our Heroes (Documentary Series)
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
11:30 Samagan: Water Stories G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Village At The End Of The World (Documentary)
1:30 Moose TV PG (Current Affairs)
2:00 Among Us 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 (News)
6:00 Anzacs: Remembering Our Heroes (Documentary Series)
6:30 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Double Trouble G (Series)
8:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
9:30 The Boondocks M (Comedy)
10:00 ANZ Netball Championship NC (Sport)

Agreement plan for ACT



THE ACT Government is developing a new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement in partnership with the Elected Body, setting out its commitment to improve delivery of health, housing, economic and social services.

The Whole of Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement will provide a

framework for relations between the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the ACT Government by articulating the principles of good communication and partnership.

ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Shane Rattenbury has opened consultation on the document, including online surveys, targeted roundtable meetings and community forums.

"I encourage all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans to share both their personal views and professional opinions so that we can build an agreement that reflects the issues faced by our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and start to build a roadmap that will meet the needs of our community members into the future," Mr Rattenbury said.

"The Elected Body have in recent times asked the ACT Government to better articulate how it will progress equitable outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the ACT."

The agreement will incorporate a number of targets outlined in ACT plans and strategies, such as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice Agreement, the

proposed Human Services Blueprint and the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tobacco Control Strategy 2010-2014.

Following consultation, the agreement will be considered by government in the second half of this year.

For further information on the consultation process, visit www.communityservices.act.gov.au

'Green teams' helping country



Darrunda Wajaarr team members on country in northern NSW, from left, Anthony Morris, Wayne Brown, Blake Greenup, Craig Smith (Ngurrula) and team supervisor Lisa White.



THREE Aboriginal 'green teams' will continue working for their northern NSW country thanks to funding through the

Macksville-based Ngurrula Aboriginal Corporation. Ngurrula was awarded \$149,580 from North Coast Local Land Services to continue bush regeneration at local sites.

Workers with the Ngurrula Aboriginal Green Team, the Darrunda Wajaarr Team and the Yarrawarra Girriin Team will use the funding to enhance the habitat of important species and improve estuarine and freshwater catchments.

Ngurrula Aboriginal Corporation's Craig Smith said a 'collaborative approach' had paid off for the organisation.

Support

"Staff from the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Coffs Harbour City Council, Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Land Council, Yarrawarra Aboriginal Corporation, Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare, EnviTE Environment and North Coast Local Land Services have come together to support and implement this project," he said.

Mr Smith said the three 'green teams' would work with land managers to share knowledge and skills and "feel part of a larger workforce."

"The funding will enable all organisations involved to form strong partnerships focusing on significant environmental restoration, employment and training outcomes," he said.

The teams will work at Coffs Coast Regional Park, Bongil Bongil National Park, Ngambaa Nature Reserve, Yarriabini National Park and Coffs Coast State Park.

Ngarlan store out of administration



THE Ngarlan Store Indigenous Corporation at Beagle Bay in Western Australia's Kimberley region is no longer in special administration.

Ngarlan owns and operates the store at the Dampier Peninsula community of about 300 people.

The community relies on the store for canned, fresh and frozen foods as well as a range of essential everyday items.

In November 2013, the corporation's directors, concerned about Ngarlan's deteriorating financial position, wrote to Registrar of Indigenous

Corporations Anthony Beven seeking help.

The registrar appointed Austin Taylor and Stuart Reid from the firm of Meertens Administration Pty Ltd as special administrators.

"I'm very pleased with the short time it has taken to put this corporation back on a sound financial footing," Mr Beven said.

"The special administration has gone well and has finished in good time."

An arrangement has now been worked out with the corporation's creditors and a three-year contract has been negotiated with Outback Stores to run the shop.

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Heritage law plans explained



THE Environmental Defender's Office (EDO) NSW recently

held workshops in Lismore and Byron Bay in the state's north to explain proposed changes to laws affecting Aboriginal cultural heritage and how the community can have its say.

EDO NSW says it is preparing a submission to the State Government and wants to accurately reflect the views of Aboriginal communities by facilitating discussion on the reforms.

The workshop addressed current mining titles and applications in the region.

For further information, contact EDO NSW on (02) 6621 1111 or email education@edonsw.org.au



The group at the EDO workshop in Lismore, northern NSW, on proposed changes to laws affecting Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Kulbardi swoops on business opportunity



AUSTRALIA'S first Aboriginal-owned business and office supplies company has opened in

Perth. The Belmont-based business, called Kulbardi (the Nyoongar name for magpie), is a joint venture between national company Quick Corporate Australia (QCA) and Aboriginal entrepreneur and former university lecturer Kim Collard.

Mr Collard, the brainchild of the venture, said Kulbardi was a unique business offering given there were no Aboriginal office supply companies in Australia with the size and capacity of the joint venture.

The business also includes a community investment fund, where part of its profits will be returned to Aboriginal communities through scholarships, mentoring and funding programs.

"Kulbardi is going to be a one-stop shop for all business and office supplies, from stationery to furniture and workwear to canteen services," he said.

"At the same time, we will create employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal people and offer the business sector the chance to support a dynamic Aboriginal-owned business.

"We'll supply customers on a national basis, in every Australian state, and I believe our uniqueness will be a real game-changer in this sector, particularly as we have the benefit of QCA's 20 years' experience in the industry."



Kulbardi's Kim Collard: "...we will create employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal people and offer the business sector the chance to support a dynamic Aboriginal-owned business."

Kulbardi has already secured accreditation as a certified Supply Nation supplier, giving the company access to the federally-funded body's membership, which includes many large corporate Australian companies, in addition to federal and state government agencies.

QCA CEO Darren Hayes welcomed the venture, which is 51 per cent owned by Kulbardi.

"This is a great union for QCA and makes perfect business sense given the growth stage we are at commercially," he said.

"Kulbardi is set to create a new market force in Australia within the office and business supplies sector."

Kulbardi is also in the process of developing a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) as part of its business strategy.

Oversight move is praised



NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello has introduced legislation to enable the NSW

Ombudsman to appoint a deputy to oversee the State Government's Aboriginal programs.

OCHRE (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment), the NSW Government Plan for Aboriginal affairs, committed to a new accountability framework to ensure regular reporting on delivery of programs.

"The Ombudsman will be given additional resources to make recommendations to government through regular reports to Parliament," Mr Dominello said.

"Given the significant reform we are embarking on, it is inevitable there will be challenges.

"Having a Deputy Ombudsman focusing on the delivery of Aboriginal programs will enable us to identify issues earlier on so we can make periodic adjustments to programs rather than reviewing coroner's reports.

"This reform is an Australian first and demonstrates the NSW Government is serious about being held to account for our delivery of OCHRE initiatives.

"No previous government, state or federal, has opened itself up to this level of scrutiny regarding its performance on Aboriginal programs.

"It was Aboriginal leaders who advocated most strongly for the Deputy Ombudsman model and I think this legislation reflects the NSW Government's true partnership with Aboriginal communities."

NSW Ombudsman Bruce Barbour welcomed the announcement.

"Having an Aboriginal person in a statutory role of this type will

allow my office to continue to strengthen its work with Aboriginal communities across the state," he said. NSW Aboriginal Affairs Taskforce member Professor Shane Houston said the appointment of a Deputy Ombudsman was integral to improving education and employment outcomes for Aboriginal people.

"This new position is a game-changer – it shows the

Government is committed to better outcomes for Aboriginal people in NSW," he said.

"The legislation represents a significant structural reform which looks beyond political cycles and will entrench accountability across a life cycle."

The new law, when enacted, will allow for the appointment of a Deputy Ombudsman from July 1.

"This new position is a game-changer – it shows the Government is committed to better outcomes for Aboriginal people in NSW."

3on3 is Bunbury-bound

Bryte MC with local students at the Bunbury Vibe 3on3 event in 2013.



THE Vibe3on3 will be in the Western Australian City of Bunbury on May 7. The Indigenous 3on3 basketball and hip hop challenge event is a

sport and music festival that brings together Indigenous and other students for a day of basketball, dancing and music.

To participate in the competitions, young people need to pre-register in teams of four or five through

their school by April 30.

"We held the Vibe 3on3 for the first time in Bunbury in 2013 and it was a huge success," Vibe head of events Mayrah Sonter said.

"We were made to feel very welcome and all of the kids really took the event's

message on board. We've been looking forward to coming back and are excited to make this 3on3 event even better."

For details, go to www.deadlyvibe.com.au/vibe-3on3/registration or call (02) 9361 0140.

NAIDOC funding on offer in NSW



NSW community organisations have until April 22 to apply for state NAIDOC Week celebration funding.

Grants of \$500 to \$1000 and possibly more are available from Aboriginal Affairs NSW for events that highlight Aboriginal history, culture and achievements.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said a total of \$125,000 was available, up from \$80,000 last year. Applications can be made through SmartyGrants (an online grants program) and must be submitted before April 22. While grants up to \$1000 are typically available, larger grants will be considered for significant events.

Further details are available online at www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au, by calling (02) 9219 0700, or by contacting NSW Aboriginal Affairs regional offices.

McNamara new Tribunal member



BRISBANE-based James McNamara has been named as a Member of the National Native Title Tribunal. Mr McNamara, who has been appointed for five years, has 20 years of legal experience and

expertise in native title, land rights, cultural heritage, land administration and management.

He has advised the Queensland Government in relation to native title law and policy and has participated in all subsequent native title reforms.

Mr McNamara takes up the position left vacant by the death of Tribunal member Dan O'Dea.

The Tribunal is responsible for a wide range of functions under the *Native Title Act 1993*, including mediation and arbitration of future act matters, and the registration of claimant applications and Indigenous Land Use Agreements.

Tamworth city of 'opportunity'



A NSW Government 'opportunity hub' in Tamworth will be operated by the northern NSW city's Local Aboriginal Land

Council (LALC). Opportunity hubs, a key part of OCHRE – the NSW Government's Plan for Aboriginal affairs – are designed to coordinate and match training opportunities for Aboriginal students, providing incentives to finish school and transition into sustainable jobs.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said that in the tender process, Tamworth LALC successfully demonstrated its capacity to work with Aboriginal communities to form strong partnerships with schools, employer groups, industry, TAFE and universities.

"Opportunity hub staff will work intensively with students, helping them to

develop a personalised career plan, matching them with local training and education services and providing pathways into full-time employment," he said.

"The hubs are not about creating new programs; they serve to coordinate and link current services to ensure each child is given the best opportunity to prosper through education and employment.

'Aspirations'

"If a young Aboriginal child aspires to become a physiotherapist, an electrician or a teacher, we need to ensure that local services are fully utilised to help them reach their career aspirations."

Tamworth LALC chief executive Fiona Snape said her council was excited to be working with the NSW Government to respond to the needs of young Aboriginal

people. "Tamworth LALC sees enormous short- and long-term potential for this project and is resolved to fully develop that potential for the ongoing benefit of our young people," she said.

"By providing ongoing support for students and clear pathways and incentives to stay at school, we hope we will encourage them to understand how education and employment can help them realise their dreams and aspirations."

Tamworth LALC has formed a consortium with the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, Tamworth Family Support, Careers Network, Joblink Plus, Centacare New England Northwest including Headspace, University of New England and Tamworth Regional Council through 'The Youthie' to act as an Advisory Group for the Tamworth Opportunity Hub.

NT heritage funds are now available



LANDS, Planning and the Environment Minister Peter Chandler has launched the 2014-2015 Northern Territory Heritage Grants program.

"A total of \$230,000 is available this year to encourage and support heritage projects across the Territory,"

he said. "These could include conservation of places of natural and cultural significance such as buildings, Aboriginal archaeological sites, shipwrecks and plane wrecks, and geological sites. Festivals and events are also eligible.

"The grants are available to any individual, and to any non-profit organisation or community group, including Aboriginal organisations in the Territory."

Applications close on April 24. Details at heritagegrants@nt.gov.au

Shed for Aurukun



THE Cape York community of Aurukun is to get a Men's Shed. The sheds are part of a national program to help men deal with issues caused by social isolation, alcohol and other substance abuse, while helping them to be better fathers, mentors and

leaders. The Federal Government is providing \$138,000 towards the cost of building the shed.

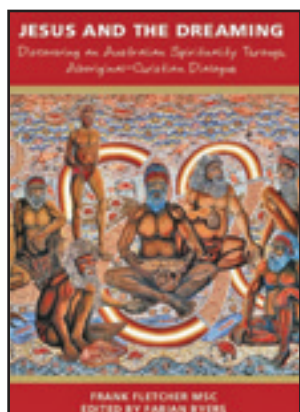
As part of the shed building project, 10 paid positions and training will be available for local Indigenous people, including employing a local full-time Indigenous coordinator.

MPs in the Pilbara



THE Australian Parliament's Northern Australia Committee is in the Pilbara this week as part of its inquiry into the development of Northern Australia.

Committee members will visit Tom Price, Karratha and Port Hedland to meet with residents and their representatives, and take evidence on the challenges and opportunities facing communities in the Pilbara. Details of the program for each day is available on the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/jscna



Book covers religious experience



A BOOK on the religious experience of the Aboriginal people written by a Catholic priest who died late last year will be officially launched this

month. *Jesus and the Dreaming* was written by Catholic theologian Father Frank Fletcher, who passed away in November.

His book applies the theology of Bernard Lonergan, Robert Girard and philosopher Rene Girard in the setting of the religious experience of Aboriginal people.

Fr Fletcher believed that contemporary Christianity would be enriched by a deeper understanding and dialogue with Aboriginal spirituality – a radical belief for a Catholic priest.

He was instrumental in setting up the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in southern Sydney.

Jesus and the Dreaming will be launched from 3pm this Sunday, April 13, at St Mary's Catholic Church, 21 Swanson Street, Erskineville, Sydney.



Keyarny Lamb models evening wear by designer Shona Tawhiao. Picture by Wayne Quilliam photography



Tamara Kennedy-Harris models swimsuit by Walya Swimwear. Picture by Wayne Quilliam photography



Marlena Martin models one of Colleen Tighe-Johnson's gowns. Picture by Wayne Quilliam photography

Fashion unearthed



HANDPAINTED ties on bare torsos, dot paintings on swimwear, native bird and wildlife-inspired designs and, of course, fabulous evening wear were all showcased by Aboriginal, Maori and Native American models as part of the Indigenous Fashion Unearthed (IFU) project last month.

As part of Melbourne Fashion Week, IFU gives young Indigenous people a chance to experience the world of fashion, including makeup, modelling, photography, design and every other aspect of the industry.

Organiser Tina Waru said the event continues to grow and they are now being asked to set up similar events in New Zealand and in Arizona.



Bianca Bonney. Picture by Wayne Quilliam photography



● Above: Wearing handpainted ties by Woo Woo Yiljirli are Kimba Tipeme-Riki, Danny Mosogau, Martin Sensmeier, Kaya Tahana, Joseph Weetra and Minjarrah Jarrett.

Picture by Colleen-Ara Palka Raven Strangways

● Left: Marlena Martin, Ellouise Landsborough, Keyarny Lamb, Stella Garlett, Kayla Brown, Hollie Johnson, Lynisha Blurton and Amber Burroughs backstage wearing collection by Colleen Tighe-Johnson.

Picture by Piers Holt



Swan River Noongar families at the launch of the collection of stories.

In honour of Yagan

Pictures by DANIEL GRANT



LAST month more than 150 people gathered at the Stirling Square in Guildford, eastern Perth, to honour Noongar warrior Yagan with the launch of a collection of stories from Swan River traditional owners.

Yagan's direct descendants and all involved in the project celebrated the launch of the oral history CD *The Spirit of*

Yagan is alive and well produced by Community Arts Network (CAN) WA in partnership with the Wadjuk Boodja Gateway Aboriginal Corporation and the City of Swan.

Those attending included Swan River Elder Richard Wilkes, who performed a welcome to country, Wadjuk Boodja Gateway Aboriginal Corporation spokesman Professor Ted Wilkes, Deputy Mayor of the City of Swan Mick Wainright, Swan Hill MP Frank Alban, Hasluck MP Ken Wyatt, and Michelle Roberts MP.



Frank Alban MP, Professor Ted Wilkes, CAN WA managing director Pilar Kasat and Swan River Elder Richard Wilkes at the Guildford gathering.



Swan River artist Vanessa Corunna next to her paintings at the stories launch ceremony in suburban Guildford.



Federal Member for Hasluck Ken Wyatt, a Noongar man, with Swan River Elder Gwen Corunna at the launch of the stories.

Victorian Aboriginal Health



Twenty-seven people, some living, some passed on, were acknowledged for 20 years or more of outstanding contribution and dedication to the VAHS. Pictured here are recipients and those who proudly accepted awards on behalf of family members. *Pictures by Jillian Mundy*



VAHS psychologist Graham Gee with Aunty Caroline Briggs, left, and Aunty Dianne Kerr, who gave the welcome to country at the anniversary celebration.



VAHS chairperson Michael Graham with the wife and daughters of the late Dr Bill Roberts – Genevieve, Joan, Catherine and Mary Anne Roberts – holding the plate acknowledging Dr Roberts, a non-Aboriginal specialist who gave up a life of wealth and privilege to work with the Aboriginal community. Gary Foley referred to him as a hero of VAHS and a legend.



The Will Shake Spears traditional dance group was among the event performers.



Family and friends Cheryl Bamblett, Lauren Wordie, Denise McGuinness and Crystal McKinnon, all from Melbourne.



Blues and roots singer Benny Walker performs.



Beryl Booth, Eunice Wright and Janice Austin have all had a commitment to VAHS over the years.



Dave Arden and his band had guests dancing well into the night.

Service celebrates 40 years

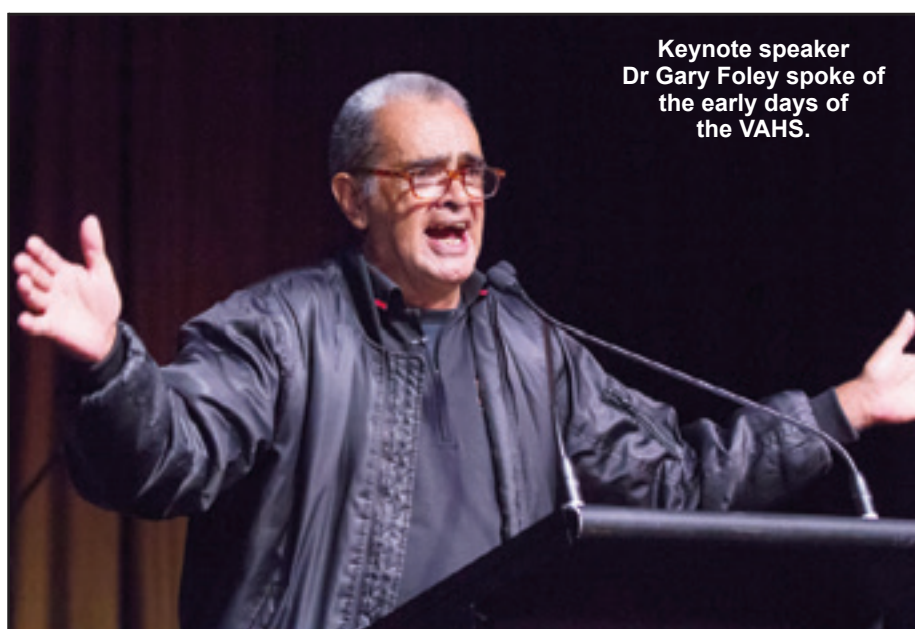


Brian Liddle, Leonard Jack and Natasha Corrigan on the dance floor kicking up their heels to Dave Arden and band.



Graeme Austin, or 'Wilkie' as he's known to many, was acknowledged for outstanding contribution and dedication.

People's health in safe hands



Keynote speaker Dr Gary Foley spoke of the early days of the VAHS.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) celebrated 40 years of Aboriginal health in Aboriginal hands last month, with 500 people attending a gala event in Melbourne.

Keynote speaker historian Dr Gary Foley paid tribute to those who established the VAHS. "Caring for the community has always been the underlying philosophy of the VAHS," he said. "Self-determination, Aboriginal control of Aboriginal affairs – we are the experts of what goes on in our community and never forget it."

Twenty-seven people were acknowledged on the night for outstanding contribution and dedication to the VAHS, all with 20 or more years of continual service as staff and or board members. They included Alma Thorpe, the late Dr Bruce McGuinness and the late Dr Bill Roberts.



Kutcha Edwards was MC, keeping the evening running smoothly and also performing with Dave Arden and band.



Chiara Minestrelli, Carroll Karpny, Rieo Ellis, Vernon Kina and Robbie Thorpe caught up at the gala celebration.



Leonie Jones and registered nurse at the VAHS Jason Coombes, looking deadly on the red carpet entrance to the VAHS anniversary celebration.

National Indigenous



Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson delivers her conference keynote address.

The Lorrkkon Ceremony with Big Bill Neidjie's family and East Arnhem Land dancers.



Front, from left, Kaylan Barker, William White and PJ White. Back, from left, Barrina South and Roy Barker from Queanbeyan, and Peter White from Canberra.



Mitchell Dahlstrom, Allira Roberts, Michelle Craigie and Rick Haines came from the NSW north-west centre of Moree to attend this year's conference.

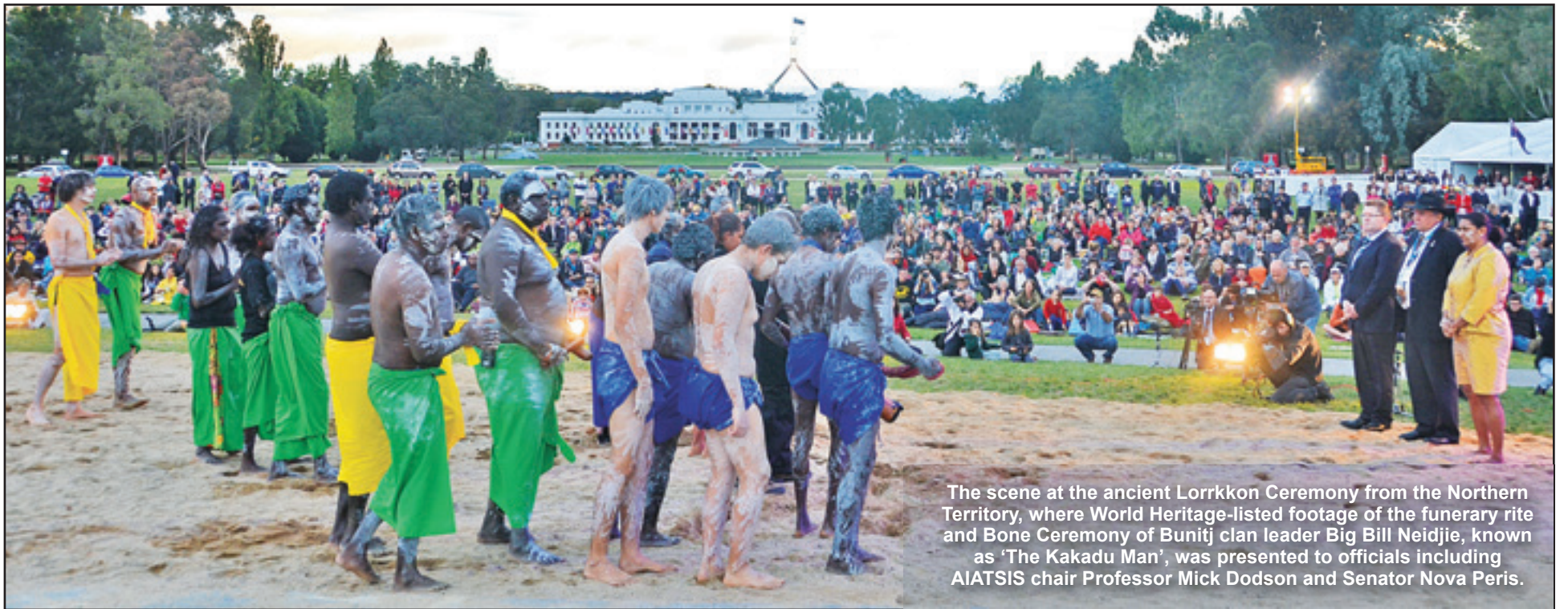


From the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education were Melissa Royle, centre director and pro vice-chancellor, Indigenous leadership at Charles Darwin University Professor Steve Larkin, and Lynda McCaffery.



Tauri Simone from the Institute of Koorie Education at Deakin University, National Indigenous Radio Service general manager Brett Levy and Tania Schafer, from the State Library of Queensland.

Studies Conference



The scene at the ancient Lorrkkon Ceremony from the Northern Territory, where World Heritage-listed footage of the funerary rite and Bone Ceremony of Bunitj clan leader Big Bill Neidjie, known as 'The Kakadu Man', was presented to officials including AIATSIS chair Professor Mick Dodson and Senator Nova Peris.

AIATSIS marks 50 solid years

Pictures by NAOMI MORAN



THE Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) celebrated its 50th anniversary at the huge National Indigenous

Studies Conference late last month.

The three-day biennial event, held in Canberra, attracted more than 500 delegates from around the nation and the world. The size of the conference is underlined by the fact that there were more than 200 speakers and 120 papers delivered during the event.

On top of that, AIATSIS marked its half century with several events, including an ancient and sacred Lorrkkon Ceremony

from the Northern Territory, held at Reconciliation Place.

The conference, with the theme 'Breaking Barriers in Indigenous Research and Thinking: 50 Years On', brought together multi-disciplinary expertise from across the Indigenous studies sector, including researchers, policy makers, academics, representative organisations, consultants, traditional owners and service providers.

Presentations

It involved a public program including keynote speeches, panel discussions, poster presentations and debates, as well as the delivery of conference papers.

A trade fair and cultural program were run in conjunction with the conference

sessions, highlighting the cultural and artistic expressions of the local Indigenous community as well as showcasing the variety of stakeholders working with Indigenous peoples.

Areas covered over the three days included language revival and education, histories, art, health care services, musicology, Indigenous perspectives of research, Indigenous knowledges, rights and reconciliation, educational reform, international Indigenous languages, tourism and popular culture, urban Indigenous histories, language, stories and song, and cultural institutions and events.

The conference also featured several high-profile launches including the 'Serving our Country' project.



In safe hands: AIATSIS chair Prof Mick Dodson holds the films presented at the Lorrkkon Ceremony.



At the conference, from left, Lindy Moffatt from the Healing Foundation in Canberra, and Kathryn Gilbey, Jeanie Bell and Robyn Ober, all from from the Batchelor Institute in the Northern Territory.



Catching up with family at the conference, from left, Joan Tranter from the University of Technology Sydney, Colin Ahoy from the University of New England, and Jean South from the University of Western Sydney.



Shikanah Williams, from Muli Muli, Kristie Torrens, from Casino, Bethany Torrens, 11, and Tyson Robinson holding Bycen Torrens, all from Casino.



Actors Ursula Yovich, who plays Eden Freeburn, Bruce Carter, who plays Ares Freeburn, and Miah Madden, who plays Athena Freeburn.



Lead actor Kelton Pell, who plays Odin Freeburn in *The Gods of Wheat Street*.



Writer and series creator Jon Bell, from Casino in northern NSW.

New ABC series is launched



ABOUT 300 people turned out at Queen Elizabeth Park in Casino, northern NSW – Bundjalung country – for the

launch of the new ABC TV series *The Gods of Wheat Street*, written and created by local Aboriginal man Jon Bell. "It might sound like a bit of a cliché, but you have to believe in your dreams and really go for it," Mr Bell said.

"I'm 40 and if I hadn't stuck to this, it wouldn't have happened.

"Sometimes Casino gets portrayed in a negative way, but that's not who we are, and with opportunities like this, we get to show who we really are."

The six-part series, shot in Casino, Coraki and Lismore, focuses on the lives of the

Freeburns, an Aboriginal family from Casino.

The Gods of Wheat Street stars Kelton Pell as Odin Freeburn, Ursula Yovich as Eden Freeburn, Lisa Flanagan as Libby Lavelle, Shari Sebbens as Isolde Freeburn, Bruce Carter as Ares Freeburn, Mark Coles Smith as Tristan Freeburn, Rarriwuy Hick as Electra Freeburn and Miah Madden as Athena Freeburn.

"I just hope we get to make another three series," Mr Pell said.

The first episode was shown on an outdoor screen, to much appreciation by the crowd, who cheered, laughed, applauded and appeared to love the opening part of the series.

The Gods of Wheat Street begins on ABC1 at 8.30pm this Saturday, April 12.



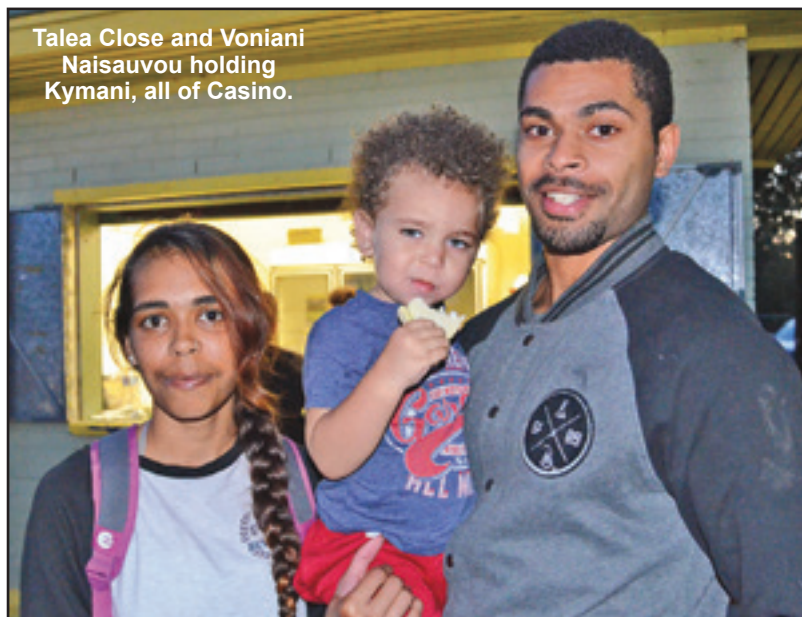
Actors Preaya Sharma, 12, and Lisa Flanagan, who plays Libby in the series. Preaya plays young Libby. "It was a big opportunity and I loved it," she said. "Especially when I was with Lisa."



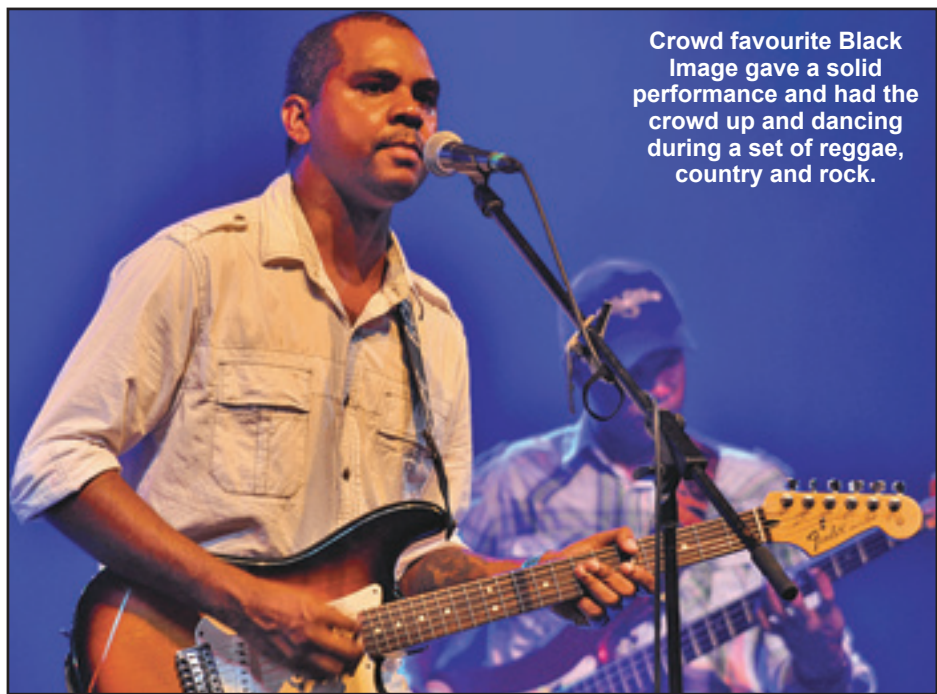
Shari Sebbens, who plays Isolde Freeburn.



Sono Williams, Thomas Collins and Thomas Bell, all from Tabulam, with Nathan Roberts, from Casino, and Barry Jarrett, from Muli Muli, at the launch.



Talea Close and Voniani Naisauvou holding Kymani, all of Casino.



Crowd favourite Black Image gave a solid performance and had the crowd up and dancing during a set of reggae, country and rock.



Some of the Chooky Dancers take a break after their energetic performance in Cairns. The group has been dancing to sold-out performances across the country and will continue to tour through Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.

Umi Soundz rocks

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



IF you love your music rockin' and just a little bit country with a twist of reggae thrown into the mix, then the recent Umi Soundz concert

featuring two of North Queensland's most loved Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bands would have impressed.

Even torrential downpours couldn't hold back the crowds for what is fast becoming one of Cairns' most popular music gigs.

Umi Soundz is a free, family-friendly music program presented by leading Indigenous arts organisation Umi Arts to support contemporary Indigenous musicians from Cairns and Cape York.

Playing to packed crowds, punters stood outside in the rain just to get a glimpse of the first act, special guest stars Djuki Mala – the Chooky Dancers – all the way from Elcho Island, in the Northern Territory.

The crowd was buzzing to see the Dancers and they didn't disappoint, with a mixture of traditional dance and contemporary performances interspersed with video footage from traditional owners and Elders from Elcho Island.

Famed for their interpretation of *Zorba the Greek*, the Chooky Dancers brought down the house with the classic moves that saw



Proud parents Ron and Rose Harrigan remain two of Black Image band's proudest supporters and influences. Mum Rose said she and her husband got out to support their sons' band whenever they could. The band is made up of five brothers – Vincent, Dylan, Mark, Anselm and Cliff. The boys are pictured here with young Arrami Harrigan.

them gain widespread attention after their video went viral on YouTube.

Since then, however, the boys

have been working hard to keep their traditional dance alive while also bringing some fresh and contemporary dance sets into the

mix, and the group impressed with a standout performance to the classic *Singing in the Rain*.

Comedy remains a large

part of the Chooky Dancers' performances, and their physical antics on stage mixed with a surprising playlist of new and old hits had the crowd engaged from the minute they stepped on the stage.

After that energetic performance, the crowd was well and truly pumped for some home-grown talent, and first in the line-up was the Cold Water Band from Shipton Flats.

Performing at last year's Big Talk One Fire concert in Cairns, Cold Water Band has been going from strength to strength and is about to launch its debut album *The Beginning*. Recorded in Brisbane, the album features the song-writing talents of lead singer, the talented 20-year-old P J Nandy.

Seasoned rockers, the band of brothers from Black Image have been playing together for almost 20 years and it shows with their blend of easy camaraderie and humour on stage and their seamless mix of reggae, rock and country. The boys won the Deadly Award for Band of the Year in 2007 and have released three albums.

Umi Arts has been supporting emerging contemporary and traditional Indigenous artists throughout Far North Queensland and is currently planning its signature Big Talk One Fire concert in Cairns for this July. For more information on Umi Arts events, go to www.umiarts.com.au



The Gibson family, from left Lance, Stephen, Earl and Christine, had a great time at the Umi Soundz concert in Cairns.



Tamiko Hall, Sonnette Ozies and Talita Nandy came to support the boys from Cold Water Band and Black Image.

Shari Togo and Tahlia Burchill, two of the dancers appearing on *Move It Mob Style* series three.



Show up for a Logie



INDIGENOUS television show *Move It Mob Style* is one of five nominations in the Most Outstanding Children's Program category at the 56th annual TV Week Logie Awards.

The Logies, the premier awards for Australian television, will be presented in Melbourne on April 27.

The *Move It Mob Style* nomination comes as the fourth season of the youth dance-based health and fitness program is being planned.

Move It Mob Style executive producer Gavin Jones says the nomination means a lot, and 'says a lot about the quality of the production'.

"We all work so hard and take so much care with the production of *Move It*

Mob Style," he said. "We are a very small team, totally dedicated to getting a great show to air, that also means something to young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and young Australians."

Produced by the Deadly Vibe Group with support from the Federal Government through the Department of Health and NITV, *Move It Mob Style* hit television screens on NITV and ABC 3 in

March 2012 as a dance-based series targeting Indigenous youth.

"At our core, *Move It Mob Style* is about talking to our young people about the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle and looking after your health," Mr Jones said.

Each series so far has been about 20 30-minute episodes featuring some of the best Indigenous dancers in Australia.

Focus on Napaltjarri

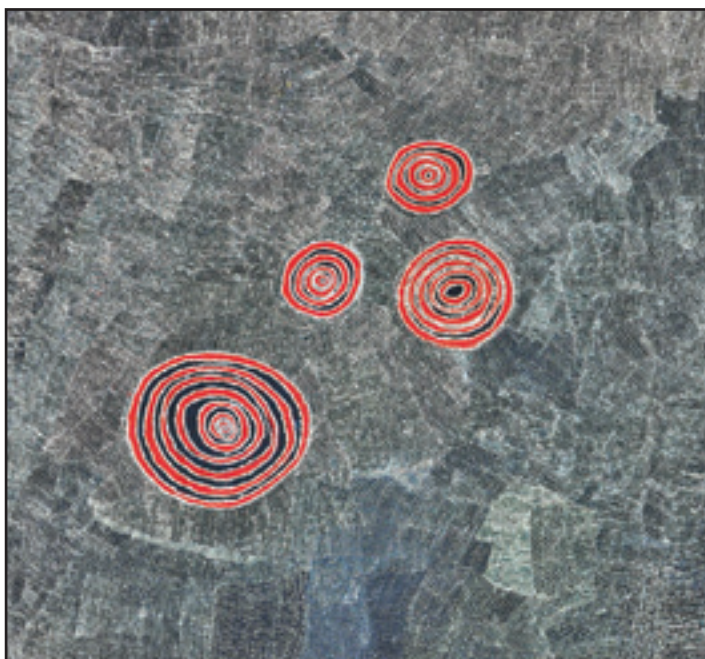


THE work of Central Desert artist Wentja Morgan Napaltjarri will be featured at Art Equity in Sydney this month. Napaltjarri has established a reputation as one of the most outstanding women painters of the region.

She began painting for Papunya Tula in 1996 and subsequently moved to Mt Liebig (Watiyawanu) with her husband Ginger Tjakamarra and painted there for Watiyawanu artists and then for the Peta Appleyard Gallery.

Rock holes figure heavily in Napaltjarri's art, in part drawing on her experiences growing up in Malparinga, the sacred rock hole site, and in part reflecting the imagery devised by her father Shorty Lungkata Tjungurrayi, a Pintupi man.

Her exhibition opens tomorrow (Thursday) and continues until April 24 at Art Equity, Level 1, 66 King Street, Sydney.



Wentja Morgan Napaltjarri's *Rockholes west of Kintore*, acrylic on linen, 150x183cm.

Cope is Fries judge



ABORIGINAL artist Megan Cope is one of the judges for this year's Copyright

Agency/Viscopy John Fries Award. The annual non-acquisitive award of \$10,000 is open to emerging artists of all ages and disciplines.

Ms Cope, a member of the Aboriginal art collective proppaNOW, is one of five judges for the award, to be announced on August 14.

Entries close on May 5. For details, go to www.viscopy.org.au/jfa

● Pictured: Maureen Baker with her work *Ngayuku Mamaku Ngura* (My Father's Country), at last year's Copyright Agency/Viscopy John Fries Award.



Art and the stars unite



ANCIENT stories about the stars have inspired an international touring

exhibition of special astronomically-themed artworks created by Indigenous Australian and South African artists from the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) telescope sites in Africa and Australia.

The project, Shared Skies: Indigenous Australian and African art inspired by the sites of the SKA, is funded by several organisations, including the Australian SKA Office and Curtin University.

Curtin and CSIRO astronomers, and artists from Yamaji Art in the Western Australian centres of Geraldton and Mullewa, recently gathered under a starry night sky at the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory (MRO), 350km north-east of Geraldton, to share perspectives on constellations and stars.

Professor Steven Tingay, the director of the Murchison Widefield Array and Professor of Radio Astronomy at Curtin University, said he was excited to be involved in a cultural exchange similar to that which took place in 2009, during the International Year of Astronomy.

"Our collaboration with Yamaji Art allows us to connect the ancient with the present, for



Wajarri Elder Kevin Merritt explores the cosmos with Professor Steven Tingay, of Curtin University, at the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory in the Shire of Murchison, Western Australia.

astronomers and Indigenous people to share their understanding of what stars are, and what they represent to our cultures," he said.

"Inspired by the sharing of cultures and stories about the stars, the artists will now create paintings

that will combine with similar artwork from South Africa for an international art exhibition."

Wajarri Elder and artist Kevin Merritt said the stories were important to Indigenous 'connection to the past, the land and the future'.

The exhibition will be launched at Curtin University's John Curtin Gallery in September, coinciding with an international SKA conference in Perth, and will go to SKA member countries around the world.

The \$2 billion SKA is a global science project to develop the world's largest and most sensitive radio telescope, in Australia and South Africa. Australia will host two elements of the SKA telescope, a low-frequency array

and a survey array.

Two precursor telescopes are already at Australia's SKA site, the Murchison Widefield Array (an international project led by Curtin University), and CSIRO's Australian SKA Pathfinder telescope.

Tiwi band a hit on tour



TIWI Islands Indigenous band B2M have completed what has been hailed as a hugely successful tour to the Indonesian province of East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) and Timor-Leste. Supported by the Australian embassies in Jakarta (Indonesia) and Dili (Timor-Leste), B2M held concerts and workshops in the two nations.

Organisers said the band's R'n'B-style music proved a hit. Australian Ambassador to

Indonesia Greg Moriarty said B2M's visit was the first major activity of the embassy's arts and cultural program for 2014, which will take contemporary Australian arts and cultural events to audiences across Indonesia.

"B2M is one of the many contemporary faces of Indigenous Australia and are outstanding cultural ambassadors," he said.

Australian Ambassador to Timor-Leste Peter Doyle said the band's visit was an opportunity for the Timorese people to hear an award-

winning contemporary Australian band, and for local musicians to work with the band, share ideas and collaborate.

B2M – the name comes from Bathurst to Melville, the main islands of the Tiwi group – are no strangers to Timor-Leste, having performed in Dili for the Inaugural 'D' Tour' concert in 2011, a musical and cultural exchange between Dili and Darwin which is slated to take place again in September this year.

The band's debut album is due out later this year.

Black Screen

INDIGENOUS STORIES, AT THE HEART OF YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT

The NFSA's *Black Screen* program brings our Indigenous stories and filmmaking talent to community events across Australia.

Black Screen DVDs are available, free on a loan basis, for community screenings during NAIDOC week and throughout the year.

Each DVD includes entertaining and informative films by renowned artists such as Warwick Thornton, Ivan Sen and Rachel Perkins. Our newest titles include Ella Bancroft's engaging short *Destiny in the Dirt*, and award-winning documentary *Buckskin*, a story of one man's mission to renew a once extinct language, Kaurua.

For more information visit nfsa.gov.au/blackscreen

Talk to Coordinator Andrea Briggs (02 8202 0112), and host your own *Black Screen* screening.

NATIONAL FILM & SOUND ARCHIVE



Good food, learning on menu at Cherbourg



CHILDREN are eating healthy food prepared by local people under a partnership formed by

Cherbourg State School and the south-east Queensland community's council.

A dining hall was built at the school about 12 months ago as part of a plan to improve the local education culture as well as students' dietary intake.

Then the tuckshop dining hall convenor of 20 years, Barbara Walsh, retired.

An opportunity opened for the school to link with the

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council's Yurri Muntha Café, and the result has been paying off.

"We now get the food we want made from fresh produce and with a local flavour," Cherbourg school principal Peter Sansby said.

"In doing so, we're enabling more people to be trained in a career.

"This is what we want our children to see.

"Education is all about getting a great job you love to do."

Chef and Yurri Muntha Café manager Sheree Strauss said the partnership would



Nigel Williams and Cherrie Gyemore dishing up the good stuff for Yurri Muntha Café at the Cherbourg State School dining hall. Kids at the south-east Queensland community have been benefiting from a partnership between the school and the café.

strengthen the business.

"We already have 11 staff and a school-based trainee," she said.

"Our success lays the platform for other businesses

to follow within the town.

"The partnership we've established with the school gives local people the opportunity to enter a great career.

"And it will also improve the children's school experience and learning opportunities.

"You can't hope for more than that."

New centre is open



Members of SHine SA's Close the Gap team, from left, Corey Theatre, Jess King, Melody Howlett and Joel Chester, standing in front of the new Karrparrinthe Aboriginal Sexual Health and Wellbeing Centre sign.



ADELAIDE now has a new Aboriginal sexual health and wellbeing centre. It's called Karrparrinthe, which means 'supporting each other' in the Kaurna language.

Developed by leading state sexual health agency SHine SA with Aboriginal people and other health service providers, the facility has sexual health clinics, and drug and alcohol as well as other health services.

Karrparrinthe, in suburban Woodville, will also host a community education program featuring guest speakers and SHine SA's 'Yarning On' Aboriginal sexual health program which has had its funding renewed for three years.

The centre's location close to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital is designed to encourage visitors from across SA to use Adelaide's west as a 'one-stop shop' for health services.

SHine SA CEO Jill Davidson said Karrparrinthe was designed to be a welcoming place where young Aboriginal people and their families could feel comfortable accessing health services or using it as a place to gather between hospital appointments or treatment.

Participants in the Kumangka Aboriginal Youth Service eight-week program on sexual health and respectful relationships are working on a mural for Karrparrinthe's walls.

The centre is at 51 Bower Street, Woodville.

Garry in step with healthy lifestyle



TWO years ago, Garry Swallow (pictured above) decided to change his life for the better.

Back then, the Aboriginal man who now lives in Mildura on the Murray River, decided enough was enough after a major Christmas grog binge.

He was already suffering from reduced kidney function and a

range of other health-related issues.

But now the 61-year-old's in far better shape after kicking the smokes and alcohol and joining Mallee District Aboriginal Services' (MDAS) Healthy Lifestyles program.

Mr Swallow underlined his healthy new approach to living by completing a 35km charity walk from Wentworth to Mildura late last month. Along the way he raised much-needed funds for

the Kidneys for Kids Foundation, which provides camps with respite care for children with kidney failure and their carers, allowing them to meet others in similar situations.

More walks

Now Mr Swallow's planning on more walks and further activities as part of his new lease on life.

"The change in my health has been

dramatic. I had only 34 per cent kidney function when I started," he said. "I'm now up to nearly 45 per cent function and I am stable, which is great.

"I feel just so much better and can do so many more things.

"I'm involved in my community more and love that when you are out and about exercising, people are so friendly."

Funds to help in regional WA



INDIGENOUS people in regional Western Australia are expected to benefit from new Federal health and hospital services funding.

The Commonwealth will provide a total of \$56.3 million through the Health and Hospitals Fund to fund four new agreements with the WA Government, covering services including kidney dialysis treatment, pathology and dental care.

Under the Federal Bringing Renal Dialysis and Support Services Closer to Home project, \$45.8 million has been allocated to expand renal infrastructure and dialysis and support services. It will provide 17 additional renal dialysis chairs and 46 patient accommodation units for up to 92 patients, meaning for the first time many patients with kidney disease will be able to

receive dialysis in or near their communities.

Ten small and medium regional and remote hospitals across four WA regions – Kimberley, Pilbara, Goldfields and Midwest – will be upgraded and expanded. Two sites are in the Goldfields region (Kalgoorlie and Esperance); two are in the Midwest (Geraldton and Carnarvon); and the other six are at Fitzroy Crossing, Broome, Derby and Kununurra, in the Kimberley; and Roebourne and Port Hedland in the Pilbara.

Expand

WA Deputy Premier and Health Minister Kim Hames said that with increasing numbers of people with chronic kidney disease – many of them Indigenous – it was important to expand existing regional services and establish new services.

"This funding also recognises the

importance of providing essential support services such as patient accommodation," he said. "It will reduce the need for many people to travel to Perth and will have social and economic benefits for communities.

"It will be of particular benefit for Indigenous families who experience significant fragmentation when parents and Elders have to leave their communities to seek treatment."

Federal Health Minister Peter Dutton said patients would also have improved access to pathology testing, with the \$6.98 million redevelopment of pathology laboratories at Bunbury, Narrogin and Collie hospitals.

A new \$2.8 million public dental clinic will be built at the Narrogin Regional Hospital, providing four new dental chairs along with patient and staff amenities.

Mental health submissions being sought



THE National Mental Health Commission is seeking submissions for a review of mental health services and programs.

The commission is undertaking an independent review of mental health to ensure programs and services are supporting individuals with mental ill health and their families and other support people.

Commission chair Professor Allan Fels said the submission process was an important element of the wide-ranging review as it enabled further input into consultations on how to build a world class mental health system.

"To help people experiencing mental ill health and their families receive the services and supports they need, the commission needs practical on-the-ground knowledge of what works, what doesn't, what's counterproductive, and whether we are achieving value for money results," he said.

For details, go to www.mentalhealthcommission.gov.au

Guitars may be good business



GUITARS could hold the key for a new business opportunity in Arnhem Land. Under the plan, communities in the Top End region would supply specialist timbers for guitar making to a business group in the United States.

The scheme will benefit from the expertise of postgraduate project management students under an agreement signed between the Jack Thompson Foundation (JTF) and the University of Technology, Sydney.

Both groups have signed a memorandum of understanding formalising the involvement of students in developing a series of management plans for the project, launched in consultation with several remote Indigenous communities.

The plan stems from an approach to the JTF from a consortium of guitar manufacturers in the US looking for sustainable sources of hardwood.

Timber found in some areas of Arnhem Land has the potential to meet the global need for a replacement to ebony in guitar manufacturing.

"The guitar manufacturing and building industries offer viable revenue in return for access to an ethical and dependable supply of hardwood," a foundation spokesperson said.

"Recompense for selective and sustainable timber, harvested in culturally appropriate ways, could finance the building of infrastructure and housing for communities across the whole of Arnhem Land."

Under the plan, the JTF will facilitate training for the communities to manage the timber extraction and their own building works.

New qualification on offer in west



A NEW qualification offering alcohol and other drug training in a culturally relevant way is now open to Aboriginal workers in Western Australia. The WA Drug and Alcohol Office has expanded its Community Services Work, Aboriginal

Alcohol and Other Drugs program to offer a Certificate IV qualification.

WA Mental Health Minister Helen Morton welcomed the move.

"The Drug and Alcohol Office is considered a leader in the delivery of culturally relevant and nationally recognised training for alcohol and other drug workers," she said.

"By expanding the program so suitably qualified people can gain a Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs, we hope to further develop the depth of knowledge and skill in this workforce."

"The new Certificate IV will build on the capacity of Aboriginal workers in this sector, ensuring we can reach and respond more effectively to alcohol and other drug use in Aboriginal communities."

Previous graduates from the WA alcohol and other drug sector will be invited to undertake the new 12-month Certificate IV, with an initial intake of 12 people being anticipated.

IPROWD students receive uniforms



STUDENTS undertaking the 2014 Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) program at TAFE NSW Riverina Institute have received their official uniforms.

IPROWD is a specialist training program which helps participants develop the skills and academic qualifications needed for a career in the NSW Police Force.

The program is offered in partnership between TAFE NSW, NSW Police, the Federal Government and Charles Sturt University.

TAFE director of community services, health and vocational access Anne Lowe gave students their uniforms at a special ceremony.

"We are so proud of what you have already achieved. You are our ambassadors for this program, and ... I believe you will emerge as leaders in our community," she said.



Mother is institute's top student



A MOTHER of three has been named West Coast Institute Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year.

Becky Grame won the honour for what the judges said was her drive to tackle life's challenges and her motivation to make a positive difference to the lives of those around her. "In my younger years, I went through many difficult situations and struggled to find help," the 49-year-old said.

"Now I want to make sure that help is readily available to anyone who needs it."

Ms Grame was working as a full-time cook at a hotel when she decided to pursue a career that would enable her to follow her passion for helping people in need.

Qualifications

She studied for a Certificate III in Community Services Work and then continued her learning by completing further qualifications in mental health and youth work.

"To be recognised for my efforts is a great feeling, and to be acknowledged for what I have achieved so far just reiterates to me that I have found my calling," Ms Grame said.

"If I can provide life-changing support to just one person, that would be amazing."

Institute community services lecturer Dana Anderson congratulated Ms Grame on her achievement.

"Becky was a great student to have in the classroom; she's very ambitious and hard working and she always maximised every learning opportunity that came her way," Ms Anderson said.

Once fully qualified, Ms Grame hopes to work with an organisation that assists domestic violence victims.

RATEP benefits young teacher



Rebecca Namok at her recent graduation ceremony.



A YOUNG Weipa woman has graduated with a teaching degree she was able to complete at home through an award-winning remote area education program.

Rebecca Namok, a Torres Strait Islander, graduated with a Bachelor of Education degree from James Cook University (JCU), and under the Remote Area Teacher Education Program (RATEP), she was able to start her degree studies while still at high school.

Ms Namok completed a Certificate III and a Certificate IV in Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) while in her senior years at Western Cape College, Weipa, as part of RATEP, a community-based teacher education pathway for Indigenous people.

The award-winning program is offered as a partnership between JCU, the Queensland

Department of Education and Training and Tropical North Queensland TAFE. It enables Indigenous people to remain in their community while completing the requirements of the Bachelor of Education at a RATEP site or at the Thursday Island campus.

'Positive feeling'

Ms Namok said she liked teaching because it was helping to shape the future.

"What I like about teaching is the positive feeling that, as an educator, you play a major role in educating students who are citizens of the future," she said.

"When I first started I didn't really want to be a teacher. As I continued my studies and gained more experience and passion for teaching, I realised that is all I wanted to be, to challenge myself, have high expectations, make changes and mostly to improve and help be a part of closing the gap for

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education."

Since graduating from high school, Ms Namok has completed a Diploma of Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) through Tropical North Queensland TAFE and then continued on to the Bachelor of Education at JCU while living in her home community of Napranum.

RATEP, which has a study centre at Weipa and 16 other locations across Queensland, provided her with academic support and access to the information technologies needed to complete her studies.

JCU RATEP director Helen McDonald said Ms Namok was the first in her family to gain a university degree, and her achievement would ensure she was a role model to her family and her community.

Ms Namok hopes to teach Years 1 to 3 at Western Cape College.

Tailored programs 'working'



SPECIALISED programs are helping to reverse the trend of low university enrolment rates

among Indigenous students, a new report shows.

The *Can't be what you can't see: the transition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to higher education* report, led by The University of Notre Dame Australia's Nulungu Research Institute, found there is no one-size-fits-all solution to boosting Indigenous higher education numbers.

But it found the use of new technologies and Indigenous youth culture in the dissemination of information, development of mentoring programs, and sharing of skills and knowledge between Indigenous peoples has the potential to increase an Indigenous student's readiness to undertake university studies.

Funded by the Federal Government Office of Learning and Teaching (OLT), the research was a collaboration between Nulungu Research Institute, Southern Cross University, and the Batchelor Institute of Tertiary Education at Charles Darwin University.

The report builds on the foundations of the Indigenous Higher Education Review 2012 which highlighted the need to develop new and sustainable pathways to higher education for Indigenous students.

The report explores the



Patrick Dodson

nuances, challenges, opportunities and different perspectives of what constitutes 'successful' transition to higher education from a range of Indigenous community contexts and diverse university settings.

"The six specific groups of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population we've identified as being under-represented in relation to higher education are women as primary carers; young men; prisoners; students from remote areas; students not making the transition from VET studies; and people with disabilities," Nulungu senior research Stephen Kinnane said.

"It is our hope that this research can provide a platform

for government action into this significant area of need in Australia to ensure our future generations have the best possible opportunity to succeed in life, both personally and professionally."

One of the project's chief investigators and Notre Dame adjunct professor, Patrick Dodson, said that despite significant effort and public policy attention, Australia's tertiary education institutions attract Indigenous students at alarmingly low rates.

"Much more must be done in the vital area of Indigenous participation and achievement in higher education if the shocking economic and social disparity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people is to be overcome at the national level," Prof Dodson said.

"The strength of this report is that it captures the findings of previous reviews and turns them into plans for action. It reveals a host of partnerships, strategies, and new pathways that have been developed within the past three years to enhance the transition of Indigenous students to higher education."

"The report also has relevance for policy makers within governments for the right public policy settings which are fundamentally important to support the much needed work within universities."

To download a copy of the report, visit www.nd.edu.au/research/



The Southport School Year 11 student Jabreeni Fogarty at the Indigenous Connections event at USQ Springfield.

Students get connected at Springfield



HUNDREDS of Indigenous students turned out for the University of Southern Queensland's

(USQ) Indigenous Connections event at Springfield.

The event featured motivational presentations from Indigenous role models, information sessions presented by USQ teaching staff, and cultural activities such as traditional games, dance and art.

The Southport School Year 11 boarding student Jabreeni Fogarty said a key message he gained from the day was 'strive for what you want and anything can be achieved'.

"I came to this event last year and fortunately had the opportunity to attend again," Jabreeni, from Woorabinda in central Queensland, said.

"This year the key speech was about focusing on what we can do and to think positive."

"There was a time when I thought university was not an option. Since starting high school I started to think about it and am now looking at studying law."

USQ Vice-Chancellor Professor Jan Thomas said Indigenous Connections was a great opportunity for students in Years 7 to 12 to learn the importance of higher education and experience university.

"This event is designed to excite and inspire students to embrace their education so they can reach their career aspirations," she said.

Keynote speakers included Trevor Tim and Bram Collins, whose *Success With Attitude* presentation aimed to build confidence and positive attitudes.

Skye is aiming high



SKYE Shaw's dream of a future in aviation is a major step closer to taking off. Hailed as an exceptional student, Ms Shaw (pictured at left) has just been named 2013 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year at Polytechnic West.

"I felt extremely honoured to win the award, it was a big surprise and I'm very grateful," she said. "I feel as though winning this award will lead to new opportunities."

Ms Shaw completed the Certificates II and III in Aviation (Flight Operations), hoping to follow her grandmother who was a Qantas cabin crew member in the 1960s.

Polytechnic West AeroSpace Training Centre director Steve Sartain praised his student.

"Skye's an exceptional student as she had to overcome personal medical issues and was so determined to complete this qualification," he said.

"She is an excellent ambassador for the AeroSpace Training Centre, as exemplified by her winning a highly commended citation in the 2014 Transport and Logistics Industry Skills Council Awards for Excellence, and now this award."

Ms Shaw plans on continuing her study in the field by starting the Associate Degree of Aviation later in the year.



Glenn Skuthorpe on stage at a recent concert.

Skuthorpe in for busy time



IT'S shaping as a busy time for Aboriginal music veteran Glenn Skuthorpe.

Ten years after releasing *No More Whispering*, the song is gaining international attention for Skuthorpe.

Award-winning journalist and film-maker John Pilger came across the song when he was researching music for his film *Utopia*.

As a signature song on the film, it's given prominence to Skuthorpe, a Noonghaburra/Muriwari/Kooma man.

He has been invited to perform at Bluesfest over the Easter period in Byron Bay, NSW, and will promote the Boomerang Festival in October while he's there.

Then he's heading to Canada in July for a tour of Canada and the US, kicking off with performances at the Calgary Folk Festival.

"It's an exciting time in my career, I really feel there is

momentum at the moment," Skuthorpe said.

"I've been making music for many years and have four albums out, so there is a lot of product out there and people are really listening; it's fantastic to get fan mail from Britain!

"John Pilger has long been a hero of mine, telling the important stories about the struggle in this country and the hypocrisy, so to be contacted by him was a complete honour."

Pilger praise

Pilger said of Skuthorpe's song: "Your *No More Whispering* is thrilling everyone in the UK who hears it in my film, *Utopia*, and will have, I think, an extraordinary impact when the film is released in Australia.

"It is the finest ballad I have ever heard that says what should be said about the Indigenous struggle.

"You have helped me open people's eyes, and Indigenous

people right across Australia will salute you – as I do."

Skuthorpe grew up on the mission at Goodooga, north-west NSW, and tells of learning the guitar at a young age, playing around the campfire with the men.

"If we broke a string and didn't have another one, we'd use fishing line; there was always music around, all the time," he said.

Skuthorpe's stories of love, loss, betrayal and renewal have resulted in his songs featuring on films by Wayne Blair (*Redfern Now* and *The Sapphires*) as well as documentaries.

The track *Golden Sands* from the current album *Great Beyonder* was featured on episode three of *Redfern Now* season two last year.

As well as the international dates, Skuthorpe is performing around Australia for the rest of year. Dates and other information can be found at his website www.glennskuthorpe.com

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

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

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: National Museum of Australia 'Go on a Gallery Tour'. Explore the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' history, cultures, spirituality and connections to country with this one-hour guided tour of their permanent collection. Held at the National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton, daily at 3pm. Costs apply. Details: (02) 6208 5000 or visit www.nma.gov.au

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 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

Until April 27: *RightNow* exhibition, highlighting the concerns of artists and others that re-sale

rights of artists are under threat. Held at Boomalli, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, Sydney, on Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

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 at 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

Until July 20: *Old Masters* exhibition. Specially selected barks on display in this exhibition which celebrates Australia's master bark artists. Held at the National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton, from Mon-Sun, 9am-5pm. Cost: \$8 child, \$10 concession, \$15 adult, \$30 family. Details: (02) 6208 5000 or visit www.nma.gov.au

Until 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

April 9-10: Yarning about Cancer and Palliative Care workshop, for Aboriginal health professionals. Held at Macquarie Inn, cnr Wheelers Lane 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

April 13: *Jesus and the Dreaming* book launch. The story of a Catholic theologian's encounter with Indigenous spirituality. Held at St Mary's Catholic Church, 21 Swanson St, Erskineville from 3-4pm. Details: Valerie Bryant on (02) 9311 0918 or Terry Fletcher on (02) 9398 7820

April 14-24: School holiday fun at Lennox Head. Activities include Lake Ainsworth Activity Day (7-13yrs), Sailing for Beginners (10-14yrs), Sailing Regatta Day (10-14yrs), Surf Clinic – levels 1 and 2 (8-15 yrs). Held in various locations. Costs apply for each activity. Bookings through 13 13 02 or online www.dsr.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.

April 25: 2014 Redfern Aboriginal Anzac Day commemoration. Honouring our Unknown Soldier. Includes welcome to country, wreath laying, march, remembrance ceremony light entertainment and refreshments.

Starting at the Redfern Park War Memorial from 1.30pm. Free event. Details: Ray Minniecon on 0417 929 701

June 5: Discover Bark Painting lecture. Celebrating the *Old Masters* exhibition, this lecture series

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Crayon drawing on brown paper, Ronald M Berndt Collection, Yirrkala NT 1946-47. Held by the University of Western Australia, Berndt Museum of Anthropology. Copyright of the Artist, c/- Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre, Yirrkala NT.

Crayon works at Qld Art Gallery



CRAYON drawings by senior ceremonial leaders at Yirrkala in Arnhem Land from 1946-47 will be on display at the Queensland Art Gallery from April 12 until July 13.

"The works were created by senior members of the Yirrkala community when anthropologists Catherine and Ronald Berndt visited the community for research from 1946," Queensland Art Gallery / Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA) director Chris Saines said.

"Unable to guarantee the safe travel of the bark paintings they had requested of the community, the Berndts provided a new medium – paper and crayons – to the artists."

Yirrkala Drawings presents 81 of the 365 drawings which show Yolngu culture, clan relationships and connection to country, now held at the Berndt Museum of Anthropology at the University of Western Australia.

"Not only are these drawings

stunning visual accomplishments in their own right, they represent the artists' mastery of a new medium," Mr Saines said.

"The artists seamlessly translated their inherited clan designs from their traditional bark painting to this new, and very different, medium of crayon on paper.

'Important events'

"The resulting bold, dynamic works vary from abstract renditions of geography to figurative representations of important events, a collective cultural mapping deeply embedded with knowledge."

The drawings document the community's title deeds to land, lay down details of Yolngu law and provide information on the ancestors that are connected to country and inform being in the present.

Yirrkala Drawings is the first major exhibition to include a significant number of the works, with the accompanying catalogue publishing the entire collection.

Mr Saines said the descendants of the artists who worked with the Berndts had actively sought for the drawings to be shown publicly to recognise the achievements of their fathers and grandfathers.

The Yirrkala artists represented in the exhibition are Birrikijji Gumana, Gumuk Gumana, Liyakarrany Gumana, Mundukul Marawili, Munggurawuy Yunupingu, Mowarra Ganambarr, Wandjuk Marika, Mawalan Marika, Narritjin Maymuru, Bununggu Yunupingu, Nanyin Maymuru, Mama Mununggurr, Djimbaryun Ngurruwuthun, Wonggu Mununggurr and Bangaliwuy Marrawungu.

Twelve works from the QAGOMA Collection will also be included in the exhibition, all by family members of the original artists.

The exhibition has been organised by the Art Gallery of NSW, in collaboration with Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Art Centre at Yirrkala and the Berndt Museum at the University of Western Australia in Perth.

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explores bark painting and draws from experts inspired by this art and cultural form. Free event, bookings essential. Held at the Visions Theatre, the National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton, from 12.30-1.30pm. Details: (02) 6208 5000 or visit www.nma.gov.au/bookings

Queensland

Until May 11: *One Community* exhibition. An exhibition of community and culture on the Sunshine Coast, showcasing established and emerging Sunshine Coast-based Indigenous artists. Held at Noosa Regional Gallery, 9 Pelican St, Tewantin on Wed-Sun, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details (07) 5329 6145 or visit www.noosa.qld.gov.au/noosa-regional-gallery

Until May 23: *Malungu Ngpapa (From The Sea)* exhibition. Featuring Badu artists Talla Gaidan, Weldon Matasia and Laurie Nona. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba, on Tues-Sat, 9am-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or visit www.wag.com.au

Until April 26: *Drawn and Legends* – Aboriginal master works exhibitions. Rod Moss's exhibition *Drawn* is a survey of the artist's graphite drawings on Stonehenge paper. *Legends* features works by Lin Onus, Rovers Thomas, Freddie Timms and Michael Nelson. Held at Fireworks Gallery, 52a Doggett St, Newstead, on Tues-Fri, 10am-6pm & Sat 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 3216 1250 or visit

www.fireworksgallery.com.au

Until April 30: *Essence of the Eye* exhibition. A curated photographic exhibition featuring emerging and practising photographic artist members of UMI Arts. Held at UMI Arts, 335 Sheridan St, North Cairns on Mon-Fri 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit www.umiarts.com.au

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 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

April 9: Theatre with Paula Nazarski, a Ngugi woman from North Stadbroke 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

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

April 13: Artist floor talks, part of the Booin Gari Festival. Meet local Indigenous artists and learn about their arts practice. Includes artists Jandamarra Cadd, De Gree-Yiindimincarlie, Grant Shaw

and Peter Mulcahy. Held at Noosa Regional Gallery, 9 Pelican St, Tewantin, from 11.30am. Free entry, RSVP. Details: (07) 5329 6145 or visit www.noosa.qld.gov.au/noosa-regional-gallery

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

Victoria

Until April 11: Koori Pride school holiday program. Registrations are 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

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

Until May 23: Nominations for the Victorian Honour Roll are open. The road show of the Victorian Honour Roll, which recognises the state's top

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievers, will be in these centres on the following dates: Morwell Library until April 11; Bendigo Library April 23-30; Dandenong Library May 12-16 and Echuca Library May 19-23. Nominations close on May 23. For more details, see www.dpc.vic.gov.au/vihr

April 16: 'Join the Dots' event. A joint initiative by a group of organisations working in partnership to improve the health of Aboriginal people in the Melton area, it will feature live entertainment, food, cultural activities for young and old, health service information stalls and more. Held at the Melton Community Hall, 232 High St, Melton, from 11am-3pm. Free event. Details: (03) 8379 9950 or visit www.healthwest.org.au

May 8-9: Koori Youth Summit. A two-day event bringing together more than 100 Koories aged 18-30 from across Victoria. Includes activities and a gala award dinner. Cost: \$110 a person. Details: (03) 9267 3799 or registrar online at www.kooriyouthissummit.eventbrite.com.au

May 17: Our History, More Than Rocks youth event. The National Trust together with Victorian Heritage Council will host an Aboriginal heritage day for youth. Activities include cultural mapping, ceremonial jewellery making, storytelling, dance and a tour of significant sites in Melbourne. Open to youth aged 18-25. Held at Koori Heritage Trust, 295 King St, Melbourne, from 10.30am-4pm. Free event. Details and to book, go to www.trybooking.com.au/

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May 31: The Long Walk 10th anniversary celebration. Join Michael Long on The Long Walk from the Sidney Myer Music Bowl to Dreamtime to the 'G.

The day includes a charity fun walk and a wellbeing concert. Starting at the Royal Botanic Gardens at 10.30am, The Tan, the Sidney Myer Music Bowl at noon, and the Long Walk at 5.30pm. Details: Coco Eke on 0401 559 624 or visit www.thelongwalk.com.au

Western Australia

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 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 for more details.

Tasmania

April 10-May 8: Riawunna Art Gallery presents 2D and 3D works by Will Stackhouse. Includes an official opening on April 10 at 6pm. Held at UTAS CUPP, Riawunna Centre, Building K, Newnam Dr, Newnam Campus, Launceston. Details: (03) 6324 3491.

Employment

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Defence APS positions on offer



THE Department of Defence is offering positions through several programs as part of a commitment to increase Indigenous representation in its Australian Public Service (APS) workforce. Based at locations across Australia, the 30 positions reflect the diversity of public service career options in Defence, from security and IT to human resources, administration and environmental sciences.

Defence APS staff support Australia's armed forces personnel. The APS staff work alongside members of the Australian Defence Force and are involved in almost all Defence activities.

APS staff don't have the requirements of military life such as uniforms and set physical fitness standards.

The department's Directorate of Indigenous Affairs has increased the intakes for existing Defence traineeship and cadetship programs, alongside the Pathways Indigenous Graduate Program,

which is open to those who have completed an undergraduate degree in the past five years.

The department says three positions on offer reinforce its commitment to increase Indigenous participation. These are for an Indigenous employment manager and an Indigenous executive officer (both APS 6) and an Indigenous recruitment officer (APS 5).

The employment manager will manage Defence Indigenous entry-level programs including traineeships and cadetships

and assist in designing and implementing a range of initiatives to increase indigenous representation.

The executive officer is responsible for engagement with people to promote Indigenous recruitment strategies and options within Defence, while the Indigenous recruitment officer will provide direct liaison to the Defence Civilian Recruitment team to streamline processes for recruitment and engagement of Indigenous people.

HealthShare has jobs



HEALTHSHARE NSW wants to increase its Indigenous workforce by

almost half in coming months. The shared services arm of NSW Health, HealthShare NSW provides support services such as food, linen, human resources and procurement to NSW public hospitals and health agencies.

The organisation, which now employs about 125 Aboriginal staff, wants to increase that by up to 60 workers by June, making its Aboriginal workforce 2.6 per cent of total staff, reflecting the Indigenous proportion of the NSW population.

The organisation says this is just the first step in its wider strategy to increase Aboriginal employment.

"Equal access to health care is an important human right," HealthShare NSW acting chief executive Michael Walsh said.

"Equally important is equal access to employment. Having an Aboriginal employment strategy will help us to be fully representative of the people to whom we provide our services.

"The strategy is a road map to making the organisation an employer of choice for Aboriginal people. We have set ourselves three clear goals. We will work with Aboriginal communities to seek people with the skills we need to join our teams; we will



HealthShare NSW launched its Aboriginal employment strategy at a celebration, which featured a performance by Aboriginal dance troupe Descendance, in Chatswood, northern Sydney, on National Close the Gap Day. At the launch were, from left, Descendance's Les Daniel, HealthShare NSW director of workforce Paul Gavel, Descendance's Arthur 'Turtle' Tamwoy and HealthShare NSW Aboriginal Workforce HR partner Wayne McEwen.

support our Aboriginal staff with career planning and training to strengthen skills and provide opportunities; and we will

enhance our knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture, customs and heritage." HealthShare NSW Aboriginal

workforce development manager Lana Kelly says a number of mainstream positions will be targeted throughout the year

to recruit Aboriginal people.

For more information, go to aboriginalcareers@hss.health.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 004 546.

It's your guide to employment

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For further information please contact Maureen Convey on 03 93346667. For Position Descriptions and to apply for this role got to <http://wrhccareers.com.au/#0>

Closing date: Friday 18th April 2014



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Health

Hunter New England Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Maternity Relief Administrative Officer

New Lambton
Ref ID: 187544

Clinical Support Officer

New Lambton
Ref ID: 186654

Enquiries: Pauline Williamson (02) 4321 4385
Closing date: 16 April 2014

Administration Officer Level 2

Taree Community Health Centre
Enquiries: Pauline Harrington (02) 6592 9400
Ref ID: 183963

Clinical Information Clerk

The Maitland Hospital
Enquiries: Karin Ravazdy (02) 4939 2479
Ref ID: 187069
Closing date: 18 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*.

Registered Nurse – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders

John Hunter Hospital
Ref ID: 188525

Enrolled Nurse – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders

John Hunter Hospital
Ref ID: 188526

Assistant In Nursing – Undergraduate – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders

John Hunter Hospital
Ref ID: 188527
Enquiries: Chris Sharkey (02) 4921 4467
Closing Date: 28 April 2014

These are identified Aboriginal Positions. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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Health

South Western Sydney Local Health District

Female Aboriginal Smoking Cessation Adviser

Aboriginal Health Education Officer Graduate/ Non-Graduate
Location: Camperdown
Employment Status: Temporary part-time
Salary: \$23.63 – \$40.30 ph
Enquiries: Karen Bedford, (02) 9515 9073
Reference No: 186065

Being female is recognised as a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised under section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

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Reference No: 185756

Closing date: 23 April 2014

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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CFSS is recruiting!

Aboriginal Team Leader (Nabu)

We are looking for an experienced Aboriginal person to join our strong and caring team and lead our Aboriginal team who provides exceptional services to Aboriginal families and young people in Macarthur.

Do you have:

- Aboriginality*
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- Tertiary Level (TAFE, University etc) qualification in a Community Welfare Field or demonstrated work experience within a child, youth and family welfare role.
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Then our Aboriginal Team Leader position might be right for you.

The position will deliver casework supervision and administrative leadership to a small team and, provide casework through home visiting, outreach and group work to Aboriginal families, children and young people in Macarthur.

The position is permanent part-time 35 hours per week, SCHADS Award Level 5.

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Salary: \$45,157 to \$54,252 p/a. Contact Pam Sinclair for further information on 6660 0272.

Customer Service & Administration Trainee

Salary: \$18,590 to \$28,823 p/a. Contact Pam Sinclair for further information on 6660 0272.

Applications Close 24 April 2014

The position specifications, an Information Package for Applicants and further information about the Richmond Valley is available on Council's website: www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Workplace Relations on (02) 6660 0239. Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

Applications will be received by email at jobs@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au or by post to the General Manager, Richmond Valley Council. Locked Bag 10, CASINO, NSW 2470 until 4pm 24 April 2014.

MISSION AUSTRALIA

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Aboriginal Gambling Counsellor

Parramatta

Mission Australia is a non-denominational Christian community service organisation that has been helping people regain their independence for over 150 years. Our nationwide team of over 3,500 staff offers a wide range of solutions over the long term, through early learning and youth services, extensive family support and homelessness initiatives, employment and skills development, to provision of affordable housing. Importantly, we're all guided by a single objective – to stand together with Australians in need, until they can stand for themselves.

As the Aboriginal Gambling Counsellor, you will provide counselling and support to clients whose lives are severely impacted on by problem gambling. You will link in with existing Mission Australia services and other support agencies. Other responsibilities will include - outreach work, you will provide gambling information and support regarding therapeutic interventions, strategies and counselling.

To be successful in this role you will have a Tertiary qualification in Social Work, Psychology, Counselling or similar, and/or previous experience in therapeutic counselling and support planning on an individual and group basis. Knowledge of local mental health services and other community programs will be highly regarded. Experience in working with Aboriginal people is advantageous.

A driver's licence is required and appropriate background checks will be undertaken on the preferred applicant.

Applications close 14th of April.

For further information and to apply on line please visit our website: <http://careers.missionaustralia.com.au/caw/en/listing/>

Mission Australia is dedicated to increasing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Learn about our missionaustralia.com.au/rap a strategy to reduce the gap in living standards between Aboriginal people and their fellow Australians.



SPECIAL CONSTABLE (SECURITY)

Aboriginal Targeted Position

Various Sydney Metropolitan Locations

Security Management Unit, Counter Terrorism & Special Tactics

Permanent Full-time

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00002P6G

Salary: \$897.00 to \$930.00 per week plus shift loading (\$61.20) and weekend loading (\$173.00).

Job Description:

Special Constables provide security services to assist in ensuring a safe and secure work environment for personnel, property and information at selected NSW Police Force and external agency establishments/buildings. The position is accountable to Senior Special Constables.

Job Notes:

Applications will only be accepted electronically via the Jobs.NSW website.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Be of an acceptable health standard, capable of excessive periods of standing
- Have a current First Aid Certificate (or equivalent)
- Have a current NSW Driver's Licence (or equivalent) with no traffic offences recorded on their driving history in the past 12 months and **must** be willing and able to travel throughout the Sydney Metropolitan area.

For your application to be considered, you must:

- Scan, upload and submit all requested documentation with your application.
- Address each of the selection criterion using the text boxes provided in the online application, or by attaching a document addressing each of the selection criterion to your application.
- Provide three (3) references.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.

Selection Criteria:

- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- Experience in, and a commitment to, the delivery of high quality customer service.
- An ability to communicate in English, with effective oral and written communication skills.
- The ability to work independently with minimal supervision and as part of a team.

Enquiries: The Recruitment Officer, Security Management Unit
Email: smurecruitment@police.nsw.gov.au

For the selection criteria, list of documentation required, downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please visit Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00002P6G.

Closing date: Monday, 21 April 2014

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Family & Community Services Community Services

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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.

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

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.

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Community Engagement – Program Officer

APS Level 5 – Brindabella Park, ACT

\$69,395 – \$74,331 (plus superannuation)

The position of Community Engagement - Program Officer will support, plan and manage Defence activities that contribute to Defence recognising the contribution and value of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. You will use detailed planning skills and a high level of written and oral communication skills to achieve this.

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 DPG/00362/14.

How to apply

Applicant Information Packs, including selection criteria and application instructions, can be obtained by visiting www.defence.gov.au/apscareers. Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 23 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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PROPERTY OFFICER

Burabi Aboriginal Corporation we are seeking a suitable Property Officer with multi-skilled roles with a focus on administration, property and complex tenancy management issues and community development skills.

The Property Officer will be required to work with Burabi Aboriginal Corporation in partnership with other relevant agencies as required. This includes NSW Fair Trading, ORIC, NSW Aboriginal Housing Office and any other agency relevant to the Social Housing Sector

Looking at a qualified person with a Certificate 4 in Social Housing for 2days per week the Property Officer is a role responsible for managing the operational issues relating to identified properties and their tenants as directed by the Burabi Board and or representative.

Sharon Cook, Secretary - Burabi Aboriginal Corporation
P.O. Box 123, Wardell NSW 2477

Mobile: 0432025902 **Email:** burabi123@bigpond.com



Government of Western Australia Department of Corrective Services

Prison Officer

Adult Custodial

Web Search No: Pool Ref 9098

Level/Salary: POA, \$50,166 - \$76,083 pa

Applications are now open for the Prison Officer Appointment Pool, from which vacancies can be filled for up to twelve (12) months at the Department's 14 prison facilities across the state. As a Prison Officer you will supervise all aspects of prisoners' lives in custody. It's a role like no other and one of the most rewarding things is knowing you're helping the community. As a Prison Officer you can make a positive difference.....

If you have a common sense approach, are able to draw on life experiences to handle challenging situations and enjoy being a role model and mentor, we encourage you to apply.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: (08) 9264 1562 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact DCS Recruiting on (08) 9264 9615

Location: Various Locations

Closing Date: Monday, 14 April 2014 at 4.30pm.



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WorkCover NSW is seeking applications from talented individuals to work as **WORKPLACE SAFETY INSPECTORS WORKING IN SPECIALIST FIELDS.**

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- Do you enjoy solving complex problems in a field based working environment?

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Applications close on Monday 14th April 2014.

For more information please go to: www.randstad.com.au/workcover.

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Health

Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Mental Health Rehabilitation Clinician

Narrabri, Inverell, Moree Mental Health

Enquiries: Leigh Philott, (02) 6757 0222

Reference ID: 187751

Closing Date: 18/04/2014

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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UnitingCare Ageing is the service arm of the Uniting Church which delivers the church's mission to support older people, particularly those who are disadvantaged, vulnerable or isolated. With more than 14,000 people in our care, UnitingCare Ageing is the single largest provider of aged care services in New South Wales and the ACT. We seek to provide positive lifestyle choices for older people that result in enriching and fulfilling lives.

Systems & Quality Coordinator - Permanent

We are currently seeking a casual Systems and Quality Coordinator to join our enthusiastic team in Sydney CBD.

To be considered for this role you must meet ALL of the criteria listed below.

Qualifications:

- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline e.g. statistics, organisational psychology or business management..

Skills:

- Using data to evaluate care service outcomes and inform decision making associated with improved service delivery projects.
- Highly developed interpersonal skills, communication and analytical skills;
- Strong time management skills;
- Ability to work without supervision;
- Well-developed negotiation skills;
- High level understanding of contemporary approaches to total quality management and continuous improvement in the Health and Aged care context.
- Superior communication skills, written verbal and presentation.
- Excellent analytical skills and the ability to present statistical information in accessible ways to a range of stakeholders.

Experience:

- Minimum 3 years of experience in a similar position;
- Demonstrated ability to work with a range of staff in the delivery of strategic quality management and continuous improvement programs.

This is an opportunity for you to work for an industry leader, in a supportive and friendly work environment, which provides you with continuing education opportunities, and a chance to progress your career.

Love Your Work. Join Our Team.

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Please visit our careers page to apply online www.unitingcare.nswact.org.au/careers or alternatively you can view additional opportunities with UnitingCare NSW.ACT

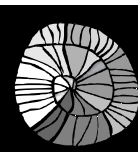
For Further Information Contact:

Mary Carroll - SER Business Improvement System Coordinator on (02) 4253 6536.

If you require assistance with your application please contact HR Services on (02) 1300 797 358.

Closing Date: 11:30pm Friday, 18th April 2014

UnitingCare is an EEO employer. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Appointment will be conditional upon a satisfactory Federal Criminal Records check.



Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance

Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 7394)

Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance Aboriginal Corporation (SWFWAA) is the regional body for Aboriginal arts and culture on the Mid North Coast of NSW. The Alliance's objective is to position art and culture as the foundation for the social, economic and cultural development of the region's Aboriginal communities. We coordinate regional programs that revive and strengthen Aboriginal art and culture fostering culturally based employment and skills development.

Our Board is made up of CEOs from ten Local Aboriginal Land Councils providing a platform for effective community engagement and representation across the region. The CEO reports directly to the Board and is responsible for developing and maintaining governance best practice.

The CEO will expand on the Alliance's success in the region by steering the future strategic direction of the organisation while implementing the current strategic objectives and the Business Plan. You will be an outstanding communicator who is able to build and maintain strong relationships with government, funders, the community and other stakeholders. The successful candidate will possess highly effective management skills, financial acumen and have solid experience in human resource management.

The successful applicant will have experience in the not for profit sector, ideally in the arts industry, and be a great fit with our values, workplace culture and cohesive small team.

This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander designated position.

How to apply

To obtain the selection documentation and application processes, please request a copy of the Applicant's Job Pack by email: ora@oric.gov.au

Should you require any further information regarding the position, please contact the SWFWAA Chairperson, Jo-Anne Kelly, on (02) 65628688 or email kialc_ceo@bigpond.com, or the Deputy-Chairperson, Chris Spencer on (02) 6652-8740 or email chris@coffsharbourialc.com.au

Applications close: 16 April 2014

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YOUTH WORKER 3 Days per Week Bourke

CentaCare provides a broad range of innovative social services in response to the needs of communities in Western NSW. This position is available under our Links to Learning Program working with Bourke High School and Brewarrina Central School.

You are responsible for supporting students at risk of becoming disengaged from schools by organising activities which support positive community engagement and encourage engagement in education and accredited training. Administrative support functions for the Links to Learning team are to be undertaken.

Essential Criteria:

- Respect for Catholic ethos.
- A valid driver's licence and the ability and willingness to travel.
- Ability to mentor and support youth in a group or individual situation.
- Ability to plan and deliver organised activities that support the learning of new skills and educational values.
- Well developed oral and written communication skills and an ability to negotiate and liaise effectively with a diverse range of people.
- Ability to build and maintain effective working relationships and act with diplomacy and discretion when dealing with sensitive and confidential issues.
- Ability to assess priorities and manage competing deadlines both independently and as a member of a team.
- Valid Working with Children Check number.

Desirable Criteria:

- Certificate IV Training and Assessment

The position is available until 19 December, 2014. An attractive remuneration package is on offer commensurate with skills and experience. Applicants must also be prepared to undertake a National Police Check. For further information about this position, please contact Daniel Ebert on (02) 6883 4600.

For an information package visit www.centacarewfw.org.au/about-us/positions/vacant
phone (02) 6850 1788 or
email: careers@centacarewfw.org.au

Applications close 5pm on Monday 14 April 2014.



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ABORIGINAL TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Permanent Full Time – Dubbo NSW

Working closely with Aboriginal Communities in the Orana Far West region to achieve increased awareness and usage of available transport services.

This is an Aboriginal Identified position.

Please go to www.cw.org.au or alternatively call Lesa Dunn on 6391 2400 for more information.

Applications for this position close 5pm
Monday, 14th April 2014.



Charity gives, justice changes

Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service is a community service organisation that has been helping people battle poverty and disadvantage since 1976.

As an organisation committed to social justice, Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service, is working towards reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We employ direct services, administrative and management staff in the following areas:

- women and girls
- young people
- families and children
- financial inclusion
- business and finance
- marketing and fundraising
- organisational development
- social policy and research

We advertise all our positions at www.goodshepvic.org.au where you can also register to receive job updates via email for all Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service's vacancies.

Please remember to follow the application process outlined in the position description and address the **key selection criteria** if you wish your application to be considered.

Employment is subject to a current Working with Children Check (E) & Police Record Check.



Family & Community Services
Community Services

CASEWORKER

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We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

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.

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POSITION VACANT

Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd



The Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited (VACSAL) is the recognised state-wide Peak Advisory body on Aboriginal Community issues. VACSAL is a community based, community controlled organisation, comprising representatives from Koorie organisations across the State. As well as having an advisory role VACSAL also delivers and manages a range of critical community services across Victoria.

VACSAL currently have the following two vacant positions available;

Aboriginal Youth Justice Worker

To provide culturally appropriate support and advocacy service to Aboriginal Youth in the Youth Justice system or youth who are "at risk" of entering the Youth Justice system.

The position seeks to reduce the numbers of Koorie youth who reside and or visit the North and West Metropolitan Region and who come into contact and or are at risk of coming into contact with the Criminal Justice System.

Compliance & Administration Officer

Registered Training Organisation (RTO)

This is a new and exciting position and forms part of VACSAL's newly developed RTO. The Compliance & administration officer is responsible for the preparation of the course profile, the training and assessment materials and resources. The Administration and compliance officer will support the RTO and service delivery with their comprehensive RTO knowledge to ensure the Organisation's success as a provider of quality training and assessment.

Please contact Pam Aplin on (03) 9416 4266 for further information and or a Position Description.

Koorie people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close – on the 17th April 2014

Parramatta

The leading City in the heart of Sydney

Parramatta is Sydney's second CBD with a vibrant economy, diverse workforce, and a rich mix of cultural and recreational facilities. Council is strongly focused on setting the city's strategic direction as a sustainability leader, while delivering the best possible services to our local community.

Hosts & Guides

Ref No. 34/14

Casual

We are looking for people who can develop and deliver interpretive visitor experiences in and around Parramatta that will broaden people's awareness of the rich and fascinating heritage of the district. We are particularly keen to hear from Parramatta locals and Aboriginal people with training or experience as engaging guides.

This position will deliver customer-focused visitor programs and services that attract and engage the various target visitor markets of Parramatta and its environs. The position will help to facilitate quality visitor experiences in accordance with Council's strategic objectives. The Host & Guide will work independently across a number of locations in the public domain and at various service points.

To be successful you will possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, with strong experience in a similar role. Suitably qualified candidates should address the following selection criteria:

- Tertiary qualification (Certificate III and above) in Tourism, Guiding or Interpretation or related industry or demonstrated equivalent industry experience.
- Experience working in interpretation and informal learning environments, e.g. tour guiding, tourism attraction, visitor or interpretation centre or visitor services operations.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to provide high quality visitor experiences and customer service including excellent oral English language skills.
- Sound problem solving skills and ability to flexibly prioritise visitor needs and tasks in a range of outdoor, indoor, urban and natural environments.
- Understanding and ability to deliver program content and information at an appropriate level to individual visitors and groups with a wide range of understandings, backgrounds and abilities.
- Demonstrated skills in delivering quality visitor experiences and promoting targeted visitor offers.

Note: Only the above selection criteria need to be addressed in your application for this position.

This position has an hourly rate of \$33.04 plus a 25% casual loading. Penalty rates will be paid for weekend shifts.

For further information regarding this role please contact Cath Renwick on 8839 3329 or Justine Dowd on 8839 3326.

Closing Date: 4pm Monday, 5 May 2014.

This position requires the successful candidate to undergo a Criminal History Records check. A criminal history does not necessarily disqualify a prospective candidate from selection. Prohibited persons as defined under the *NSW Child Protection Act* are not eligible to apply. A copy of a valid Working with Children Clearance must be presented at interview.

Please note: Parramatta City Council supports a Drug and Alcohol-free working environment and employees may be subject to random testing as a result.

HOW TO APPLY: Quoting the relevant Ref No., candidates MUST address the selection criteria outlined on our website at www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/council/employment OR call our Customer Contact Centre on 9806 5050.



www.parracity.nsw.gov.au

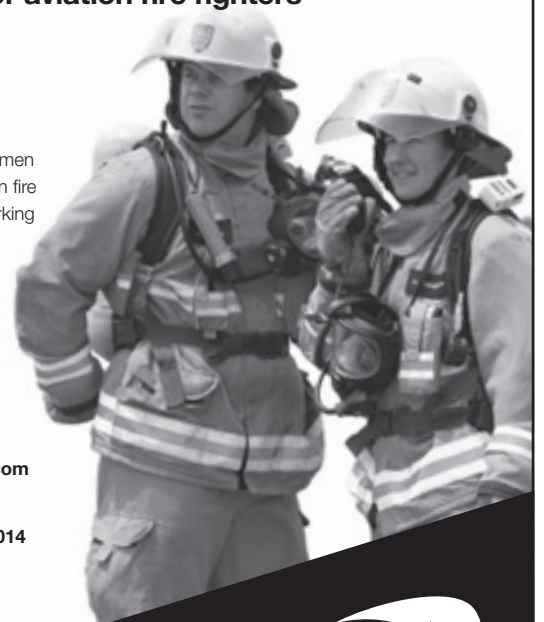
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Applications close **29 April 2014**



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Team Leader Aboriginal Health Team/Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Part time, ongoing, 4 days per week,
\$78,946 per annum +Super

Position Objective

We are seeking an experienced Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person to lead our Aboriginal Health Team and enhance our connections with Aboriginal communities and organisations in Melbourne's north and west metropolitan region. WRHC and its merger partners are committed to social justice values and has a special focus on providing priority, quality health and wellbeing services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. An important component of this work is increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people employed at WRHC and its merger partners.

For further information please contact Maureen Convey on 03 93346667. For Position Descriptions and to apply for this role go to <http://wrhccareers.com.au/#0>

Closing date: Friday 18th April 2014



www.wrhc.com.au



Indigenous Engagement Coordinator

Melbourne School of Engineering

The Indigenous Engagement Coordinator will be responsible for developing strategies for promoting Indigenous pathways into engineering including the organisation and delivery of a national summit to bring together the relevant stakeholders. The Summit will engage industry representatives, professional bodies, other universities, and government and non-government organisations.

The successful applicant will receive broad supervision from the Manager, Careers and Industry and work closely with the Assistant Dean (Equity and Diversity) and the Indigenous Engineering Steering Group.

The key components of the project will be supporting the work of the Indigenous Engineering Steering Group; stakeholder engagement, including the engineering industry, professional bodies other Universities and TAFE institutions; delivery of the national summit involving sourcing and supporting keynote speakers and event management for approximately 80 delegates; evaluation of the Summit; and, publication of the Summit papers.

Salary: \$77,959 - \$84,390 p.a. (pro rata) plus 9.25% superannuation

Job No: 0033078

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Aboriginal Community Support Worker

New Horizons is currently recruiting for a Full-time Aboriginal Community Support Worker, to join our Tribal Dreaming program based in Guildford, NSW.

As part of your role as a Aboriginal Community Support Worker, provides support for Indigenous men leaving prison to transition smoothly and reintegrate successfully back into the community.

Your role as a CSW is critical in helping our participants to achieve success, often calling on you to use your innovation and flexibility to get the job done.

To be successful, you will have an understanding of the complexity of Aboriginal traditional culture and history, and the impact that culture including social and emotional issues and history has on the provision of health services to Aboriginal clients.

Due to the nature of this role, applicants are required to be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. In this role an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1007, as amended.



For more information on this position or to submit an application, please visit our website:
<http://newhorizons.applynow.com.au/>
(Job Number: N48787).

Enquires to Sab Mosley: 02 8724 0801



Health Southern NSW Local Health District

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Bega

Salary: \$23.63 – \$34.80 p/h

Enquiries: Rick Shipp, (02) 4823 7800

Position No: 161595

Closing Date: 25 April 2014

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

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Health Western Sydney Local Health District

Aboriginal Trainee Administrative Officer

Classification: Trainee Year 12 Level A

Salary: \$349.00 – \$540.00 pw

Location: Various Locations

Employment Status: Temporary full-time

(up to two years)

Enquiries: Clint Dukamp, (02) 9845 7180 or

email Clint.Dukamp@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference Number: 187837

Closing date: 23 April 2014

The definition of Aboriginal person is a person who is of Aboriginal descent, identifies as an Aboriginal person, and is accepted by the Aboriginal community in which he or she lives.

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

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Regional Hazardous Materials Officer

APS Level 6

\$76,023 – \$86,844 (plus superannuation)

East Fremantle, WA

The Regional Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Officer (RAHMO) will be responsible for the management of chemicals across the Defence Support Central West 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.

Defence does not accept a Statutory Declaration as proof of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage.

For further information please review the job information pack, reference **DSRG/02569/13** on 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. Applications addressing the selection criteria should be submitted by **Wednesday 23 April 2014**. Successful applicants must be Australian citizens, and must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level.

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Ngambri Local Aboriginal Land Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Part time position

(Remuneration package negotiable)

Ngambri Local Aboriginal Land Council based in Queanbeyan NSW is a progressive organisation that are seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO will be required to assist and support the Board in implementing the NLALC Community Land and Business Plan, as well as other Legislative and Regulatory compliances.

The successful applicant will have to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW) the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. An in depth knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues, including culture and heritage and social housing would be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the position description, selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

Recruitment package – contact Col Williams 02 6297 4152 nlalc1@bigpond.net.au

Applications can be forwarded to nlalc1@bigpond.net.au marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson
Ngambri Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 150
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Applications close Wednesday 14 May 2014

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply



**Murray Valley Aboriginal
Co-operative Limited**
Supporting Our Community



Chief Executive Officer

Location: Robinvale Victoria
Remuneration Package : \$120,000 to \$150,000
Term: 2 Year Minimum

To capitalize on the opportunities and meet the on-going challenges which face Aboriginal people in Robinvale, MVAC is seeking a highly skilled and experienced Chief Executive Officer who will carry out the organization's statutory functions and implementation of its strategic plan by managing the administrative arm of the organization. The CEO will also support the Board of Directors in developing policy as required.

This important role includes ensuring high standard of efficiency and effectiveness throughout the organization by providing the operational management and leadership to achieve the service quality and budget objectives required.

The successful applicant will already have substantial experience and a proven track record at a senior management level with significant experience and knowledge of financial, personal, legal and other administrative processes and, in addition a demonstrated understanding of the policies and administration of OATSIH, DEECD and DHS. A sound knowledge of Aboriginal culture and society and an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people is essential.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE Wednesday 16th April 5pm 2014.

Applying for the position:

Contact: Leigh Ottrey
hrmanager@mvac.org.au
0488 220 682

Please address applications to MVAC Board of Directors marked CEO.



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The Department of Employment 2015 Graduate Programme is a ten month programme offering workplace learning and development in a supportive environment.

The Department is committed to reconciliation and supports workplace diversity. It values the contributions of people with different backgrounds, experiences and perspectives.

Applications are welcome from Indigenous Australians, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, mature-age people and people with disability.

www.employment.gov.au/graduate

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Blacktown City

Blacktown City is a modern city of 48 suburbs, home to 318,000 people. Council is continuously evolving and our Vision will inspire and motivate you to be part of Blacktown City's future.

Aboriginal Arts Development Officer

Position No: BCC1064

You will be required to develop and implement a comprehensive Aboriginal Arts Development Strategy for Council, including economic and professional development opportunities for Aboriginal artists, and to ensure that opportunities are made available for the development and recognition of arts development in Blacktown's Aboriginal communities.

You must have Tertiary qualifications in a related field, experience in: cultural planning, policy development and project management; contracting and working in consultation with artists, in arts organisations and with Aboriginal communities and hold a current Class 'C' Driver's Licence. Aboriginality (In accordance with Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position).

Salary Range: \$1,278.80 to \$1,432.30 pw (Grade 13) + motor vehicle.

Enquiries: Jenny Bisset on 9839 6081.

Closing Date: 4.30pm Wednesday, 23 April 2014.

For all positions: Application forms and descriptions are available on our website. Applications MUST quote relevant position number. Salary and conditions of employment are in accordance with the Blacktown City Council's Enterprise Agreement.

How to apply: Applications should be directed to The General Manager, Blacktown City Council, PO Box 63, Blacktown NSW 2148 or emailed to council@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au



**NEW SOUTH WALES
ABORIGINAL LAND
COUNCIL**

BUSINESS ANALYST

(Parramatta Based)

**Exciting & Diverse IT Role
Attractive Remuneration, Benefits & Salary
Packaging Options**

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking applicants for the challenging and rewarding role of Business Analyst for our ICT Unit.

Reporting to the Director, Information and Communications Technology, the business analyst will serve as a bridge between the business, IT development and technical teams to identify, analyse and facilitate improvements to business processes and information systems to support IT and Strategic outcomes.

The successful applicant will have excellent communication skills; relevant qualifications and industry experience and the capacity to identify, understand and respond to critical business needs.

All applicants must address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For detailed information about this exciting IT position, the benefits/conditions and how to apply, please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria by contacting Diane Lee by email: diane.lee@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4499.

Applications can be forwarded to diane.lee@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator
NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply

Applications close Friday 25 April 2014

Aboriginal Foster Care Case Worker

Aboriginal Foster Care Worker (35hrs)

- Barnardos Australia is one of the most respected charities in Australia with a commitment to employing and supporting Aboriginal staff.
- Packaged Salary range from \$71,903 - \$89,348 includes a fully maintained vehicle for both personal and private use.

Barnardos Australia Central Western NSW Centre is looking to appoint an experienced and qualified Aboriginal caseworker to their Aboriginal Foster Care Program based in Orange. Barnardos is working in partnership with Miyan Munga an Aboriginal Incorporated Community organisation based in Cowra to provide Kin Care and Foster Care services to children in Central Western NSW the service provides both short-term and long-term placements for children.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL HAVE: Minimum of 2-years experience in social welfare and experience and understanding of working with Aboriginal children and their families and in addition will need to have a social welfare qualification or a willingness to obtain a relevant qualification.

To Apply: You must call or e-mail to obtain a full and detailed job description and all applicants will be required to provide a written statement against selection criteria.

CLOSING DATE 18/04/2014

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

email ruth@abrs.net.au or call 02 9218 2354 to obtain the more detailed Job Description and list of selection criteria. If you have any further questions for the role please also contact Vivianne Freeman Aboriginal Manager mobile:- 0417259851



Communications Manager

Salary Range \$96,250 to \$102,250

Plus Statutory Superannuation & opportunity to Salary Sacrifice

AIDA is the nation's peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors and medical students, and advocates for improvements in Indigenous health in Australia. We are working towards improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, reaching parity of Indigenous health professionals across the entire health sector and creating a health system that is culturally safe, high quality, reflective of need, and respects and integrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural values.

The Communications Manager will be a key member of AIDA's Management Team and will report directly to the CEO. Key responsibilities include the development and review of AIDA's Communications Strategy, publication management, media management, management of AIDA's marketing and philanthropic activities; overseeing ITC, including website content and database management.

This is a new position at AIDA.

If you have excellent written and verbal skills, proven ability to manage a small team, write, edit and proof various forms of media and publications then we would like to hear from you.

The AIDA Secretariat is based at Old Parliament House, Canberra, ACT

As an Indigenous organisation we strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for this position.

If you would like to discuss the position further please do not hesitate to contact Mr Romlie Mokak on (02) 6273 5013 or via email at romlie@aida.org.au.

Duty Statement & Selection Criteria can be found at <http://www.aida.org.au/positionsvacant.aspx>

Applications marked "Confidential" should be addressed to:

Mr Romlie Mokak
Chief Executive Officer
PO Box 3497, MANUKA ACT 2603
or by email to: romlie@aida.org.au
by Close of Business **Friday 18th April 2014**

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 16 April 2014



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2014/008 Yulluna People and Local Government ILUA; and

QI2014/009 Yulluna People and Ergon Energy ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The Agreement Areas cover the same area, being about 10,018 sq km, located approx. 70 km south east of Mount Isa.

Relevant LGAs: Boulia Shire Council, Cloncurry Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council.

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, the Department of Natural Resources & Mines (Qld).

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

The Yulluna People are party to both agreements:

Brian Sullivan, Valerie Punch, Hazel Sullivan and Allan Naumann on their own behalf and on behalf of the Yulluna People #3

C/- Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd

Level 10, 307 Queen Street

BRISBANE QLD 4000

The other parties are:

QI2014/008 Yulluna People and Local Government ILUA

Parties	Contact address
Boulia Shire Council, Cloncurry Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council	C/- Gilkerson Legal GPO Box 12543 BRISBANE QLD 4003
Yulluna Aboriginal Corporation	C/- Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd Level 10, 307 Queen Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

QI2014/009 Yulluna People and Ergon Energy ILUA

Ergon Energy Corporation Limited

C/- MacDonnells Law

GPO Box 79

BRISBANE QLD 4001

The agreements contain the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

QI2014/008 Yulluna People and Local Government ILUA

38.2 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.

43.1 The Parties consent to any Activity which has a Low Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule [8]).

"Activity" and "Activities" has the widest possible meaning and includes any activity (including any construction and ground disturbing activity), action, undertaking, dealing, grant, approval, consent and agreement.

"Low Native Title Impact" in relation to an Activity, refers to anything which is included in or covered by any of the classes of Activities contained in Schedule 8.

[Schedule 8 describes classes of activities which have a Low Native Title Impact including: Maintenance, low impact infrastructure, statutory approvals, low impact tenure grants, pest control, access and site investigation, granting or making contractual interests relating to the management or use of land for public purposes, low impact local government operational activities, emergencies, creating contractual interests with third parties, works/infrastructure otherwise agreed at a capital works forum and preventing the exercise of native title. A copy of Schedule 8 can be obtained from the Tribunal Case Manager upon request].

QI2014/009 Yulluna People and Ergon Energy ILUA

5.1 The Parties consent to the doing of any particular future act and any class of future acts specified in this Agreement.

5.2 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 clause 5.2(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 clause 5.2(c) by way of access tracks in existence at the execution date ("relevant access tracks"); (e) any future acts on Aboriginal land subject to the prior written consent of the entity holding the Aboriginal Land having been obtained.

5.10 The Parties agree that Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA does not apply to any future act, to which the Parties have consented, within this Agreement.

6.1 *[The Native Title Party consents to the State of Queensland granting Ergon Energy any tenure or other interest over land within the Agreement Area on which Electricity Infrastructure is located].*

[Schedule 2 defines Minor Works as including tree lopping and tree clearing in certain circumstances, repairing or reinstating any damaged or destroyed Electricity Infrastructure, maintaining and inspecting Electricity Infrastructure, accessing the Agreement Area for the before mentioned purposes and installation of street light poles and service/intermediate poles that are tied into the existing powerline system in urban areas/towns precincts. Schedule 2 also details conditions imposed on Ergon Energy when undertaking minor works including providing notice to the Native Title Party prior to undertaking minor works in certain circumstances. A copy of schedule 2 can be obtained from the Tribunal Case Manager upon request].

"Electricity Infrastructure" means "Works" as defined in section 12(1) of the *Electricity Act, 1994* and includes "Operating Works" as defined in section 12(3) of that Act.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

These two applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services Limited, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by both agreements is shown in the map. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by either of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of either of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD, 4001 by 16 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 these applications, call Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Project Officer, Gippsland Local Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (LAJAC)

- Bairnsdale Location**
- Addressing Victorian Aboriginal and Strait Islander (Koori), Justice Issues**
- Salary range \$71,511 - \$81,137 + superannuation**

The Aboriginal Justice Agreement - Phase 3 (AJA3), is the Victorian Government's primary vehicle for coordinating initiatives aiming at decreasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples over representation in Victoria's criminal justice system, through the creation of extensive government and community networks.

As the LAJAC Project Officer, you will provide secretariat and administrative support to the Local Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee, as well as promoting AJA3 initiatives across the Gippsland Region.

As our ideal candidate you will have:

- a strong understanding of the Koori community, both society and culture and the issues impacting on it;
- the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community; and
- strong administration, interpersonal and organisational skills.

This is an Aboriginal Identified position. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close on Sunday 27 April 2014.



Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland
Notification day: 16 April 2014



The Yulluna People are party to all of the Pastoral Lease Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) listed and described in the table below.

The agreements are:

- Located within the external boundary of the Yulluna People native title claim # 3 registered from 16 July 2010 (Shown as a bold outline on the map adjacent).
- Agreement areas are depicted by grey hatching, labelled and described in the table below.

The table also contains the names of the Pastoral Lease(s) to which the agreements relate. For copies of the maps of the individual agreement areas, please contact the Tribunal Case Manager on the number below.

The native title party's contact details are:
Brian Sullivan, Valerie Punch, Hazel Sullivan, Stan Sullivan and Allan Naumann on their own behalf and on behalf of the Yulluna People #3
C/- Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd
Level 10, 307 Queen Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

The other parties are listed in the table below.
Each of those parties' (except QI2014/004) contact address is as follows:
C/- Thynne & Macartney
GPO Box 245
BRISBANE QLD 4001

ILUA Number	Name	Description of agreement area	Additional party to the agreement
QI2014/004	Yulluna People/Starcross ILUA	The agreement area covers about 304 sq km approx. 98km East of Dajarra. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Inova Resources Cloncurry Mines Pty Ltd Contact address: PO Box 5170 TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810
QI2014/014	Yulluna People/ Buckingham Downs ILUA	The agreement area covers about 98 sq km approx. 55km South East of Dajarra. LGA: Boulia Shire Council, Cloncurry Shire Council.	Hacon Holdings Pty Ltd
QI2014/015	Yulluna People/Burnham (aka Chatsworth), Chatsworth and Stanbroke (aka Stradbroke) ILUA	The agreement area covers about 6087 sq km approx. 16km East of Dajarra. LGA: Boulia Shire Council, Cloncurry Shire Council.	MDH Pty Ltd
QI2014/016	Yulluna People/ Cannington ILUA	The agreement area covers about 200 sq km approx. 135km South East of Dajarra. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council, Mckinlay Shire Council.	Phillip Gregory Prince
QI2014/017	Yulluna People/Cukadoo ILUA	The agreement area covers about 243 sq km approx. 110km East of Dajarra. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Argylla Mountains Pastoral Company Pty Ltd
QI2014/018	Yulluna People/Fort William ILUA	The agreement area covers about 330 sq km approx. 89km East of Dajarra. LGA: Boulia Shire Council.	Jersey Plains Pastoral Company Pty Ltd
QI2014/019	Yulluna People/Kheri ILUA	The agreement area covers about 258 sq km approx. 106km East of Dajarra. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	William Henry Cameron
QI2014/020	Yulluna People/Lurnea (aka Two Rivers) ILUA	The agreement area covers about 237 sq km approx. 79km South East of Dajarra. LGA: Boulia Shire Council.	Dale Reginald Neilson
QI2014/021	Yulluna People/Pilgrim ILUA	The agreement area covers about 43 sq km approx. 46km East of Dajarra. LGA: Cloncurry Shire Council.	Robert John McDonald

The agreements do not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either section 24EB(1) or subsection 24EBA (1) or (4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:
These nine applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown in the map. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD, 4000** by **16 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.

Data statement: Agreement area boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Queensland.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council
Mutawintji Heritage Tours
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Full Time
Salary negotiable.

The Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is seeking applications from experienced, energetic and self-motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of full-time Chief Executive Officer.

A great opportunity to further develop the MLALC's full economic potential in tourism, cultural arts and other enterprises.

All applicants must address the Selection Criteria, provide two referees, a resume and a cover letter.

For a recruitment package contact the Deputy Chairperson, Leroy Johnson by email: mutlalchr@gmail.com or on 0459 378 677.

Applications can be forwarded to mutlalchr@gmail.com or marked "**Confidential**" and posted to:

The CEO Recruitment Panel
Mutawintji Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 36, Wilcannia NSW 2836

Applications close: COB Friday, 2 May 2014
Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.



CatholicCare Social Services
Diocese of Parramatta

HIPPY Coordinator

HIPPY (Home Interaction Programme for Parents and Youngsters), assists families to prepare their children for school success using daily activities to develop children's, social, emotional and motor skills.

Working from our Aboriginal Catholic Services Centre at Emerton, the Coordinator supports aboriginal parents as their child's first teacher and is responsible for all aspects of implementing this exciting new local program. Included in this is identifying and training tutors from within the family participants.

The preferred applicant will match the following Qualifications & Selection Criteria

- Indigenous descent, identifies as Indigenous and has strong links with, and commitment to, the needs of the local aboriginal community in which the person associates particularly Emerton, Hebersham, Willmot and Shalvey in Western Sydney NSW.
- Understanding of Indigenous culture and experience working with Indigenous communities.
- Qualifications relevant to the position including Indigenous Studies, Education or equivalent depth of experience.
- Prior experience being involved in a community-based program
- Well developed communication, leadership and organisational skills
- Ability to work both independently as well as collaboratively to engage, empower, enthuse and influence others in a multi-cultural setting.
- Own vehicle with comprehensive insurance and current driver's licence.

This is a contracted 4 day per week position.

Successful applicants are subject to a National Criminal Records & Working with Children Check.

To be considered for this position you must submit a detailed resume and a separate response to the selection criteria as outlined above to careers@ccss.org.au.

For more information & Position Description please contact Peter Michaelis PH: 02 8822 2201



PROGRAM LIAISON OFFICER

Aboriginal Coordination Team, Operational Programs
Major Events & Incidents Group, Parramatta
Clerk Grade 7/8
Permanent Full-time
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00002PM5

Salary Package: \$102,559. **Salary:** \$83,962 – \$92,940. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:
The Program Liaison Officer is a member of the Aboriginal Coordination Team (ACT) with responsibility for ongoing coordination, development, implementation, monitoring and review of policy and programs, which facilitate the delivery of policing services in line with corporate objectives and government and NSW Police policy. The ACT works closely with the Corporate Spokesperson for Aboriginal issues and maintains a support and liaison role for operational Police Officers involved in program delivery. Each officer in the ACT has lead responsibility for particular facets of the Team's work.

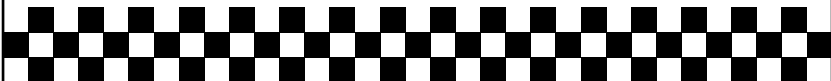
The Program Liaison Officer assists or takes a lead role in developing, implementing, monitoring and reviewing policy or programs that bring about positive outcomes between Police and Aboriginal people, and which are in line with NSW Police policy. The Program Liaison Officer works closely with the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers (ACLOs), Aboriginal community, Aboriginal community organisations and other service providers in their day-to-day activities. The Program Liaison Officer promotes an awareness of NSW Police to Aboriginal people and communities, and promotes an awareness of Aboriginal issues to Police. The Program Liaison Officer will be required to develop working partnerships/relationships with Police of various ranks.

Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by *Part 6, Clause 23 of the Government Sector Employment Rules 2014*.
- **This is a readvertised position. Previous applicants will need to reapply.**
- Applicants **must** hold a current Drivers Licence with a clear driving record for the past 12 months and be prepared to travel as required.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
 - Give written responses addressing each of the selection criterion using the text boxes provided in the online application; **or**
 - Attach a document addressing each of the selection criterion to your application.
 - Attach an up-to-date resume to your application.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Ken Jurotte on (02) 9768 0705
For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00002PM5.

Closing date: Monday, 21 April 2014





Early Childhood Intervention Worker

Pathways Early Childhood Intervention Inc

Pathways provides family-centred services, to children with disabilities aged 0-7, in the Inner West and South East Sydney areas. Our growing team is based on the trans disciplinary model.

The role of the early intervention worker is to use their skills to: Develop the abilities of children; strengthen participation of families; optimise inclusion in the community.

This is a maternity leave position full-time for one year. Salary is based on the relevant Modern Award. We provide generous staff training and support, flexible working conditions, including the ability to work some hours from home and salary packaging. Some Saturday or evening work may be required.

Essential:

- Tertiary qualifications in Allied Health or Education.
- At least 3 years experience working with children who have disabilities and their families.
- Commitment to family-centred practice and trans disciplinary team approach.
- Current driver's license and use of own insured car.
- Experience working with complex families.
- Experience working with families from a CALD or Aboriginal background.

Desirable:

- Membership of ECIA NSW or other professional body.
- Ability to speak a language other than English.
- Knowledge of services system in the Inner West or South East Sydney.
- Experience conducting parent education groups and other support activities for parents.
- Experience working in a trans disciplinary team.
- People from culturally diverse or Aboriginal background are encouraged to apply.

For more information please email Elif on info@pathwayseci.com

Applications close Wednesday 30th April 2014 and should include a cover letter addressing the above criteria, a CV including two referees.

Pathways is an EEO employer. Employment is subject to the Working with Children Check.



CatholicCare Social Services
Diocese of Parramatta

Aboriginal Services Manager

CatholicCare Social Services - Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a highly motivated **Aboriginal Services Manager** to work with our team based at Emerton.

Successful applicants are subject to a National Criminal Record Check

Qualifications and Requirements

- Indigenous descent, identifies as Indigenous and is accepted by the community in which the person associates.
- Qualifications relevant to the position including Social Science, Leisure, Indigenous Studies, Management, Education or equivalent depth of experience.
- Certificate 4 in Training and Assessment (desirable).
- Own vehicle with comprehensive insurance and current driver's licence.

Selection Criteria

- Understanding of Indigenous culture and experience working with Indigenous communities.
- Experience in program and project development including developing and conducting cultural awareness programs.
- Experience in developing policies, guidelines, procedures and writing funding submissions.
- Well-developed verbal and written communication, interpersonal, presentation, and negotiation skills with a proven ability to build networks and stakeholder relationships in government, corporate and community sectors.
- Ability to work both independently as well as collaboratively in a team environment.
- High level organisational skills.

To be considered for this position you must submit a detailed resume and a separate response to the selection criteria as outlined above to careers@ccss.org.au.

Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation Aboriginal Care

POSITIONS VACANT

Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation is a not-for-profit organisation located in Penrith. We provide services to aged & disabled Aboriginal clients in Western Sydney, supporting them to live independently.



Social Support Officers

1x Full Time Position
1x Part Time Position

These roles involve the planning and coordination of social and recreational activities for our older clients, developing support projects and accompanying Groups on outings. A demonstrated ability to work with Men's Groups will be highly regarded.

Applicants will be highly motivated, well organised and enthusiastic, with an understanding of Aboriginal Culture. A strong connection with the local Aboriginal Community and knowledge of the Western Sydney area would be highly desirable.

Preferably have previous experience working in a similar role and demonstrated skill in supervising group activities. Must have, or be willing to obtain a First Aid Certificate, and a current unrestricted Drivers Licence.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for the above positions.

Applicants must address the selection criteria and be willing to obtain a current police and working with children check to be considered for these positions.

We offer an attractive salary based on skills and experience and opportunity for ongoing training and development.

For enquiries and/or a copy of the selection package, please call Shalisa Brewster on 0434 371 554 or email shalisa.brewster@aboriginalcare.org.au

Applications close: 25 April 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
Mining Lease	16/536	PHOENIX GOLD LIMITED	169.80HA.	39km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 121° 0' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	16/537	HAYES MINING PTY LTD	397.88HA.	38km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 37' S Long: 121° 1' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	25/356	LAKEWOOD MILL PTY LTD	40.75HA.	31km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 47' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Mining Lease	47/1495	QUARRYTECH CONSULTING PTY LTD	639.93HA.	78km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 49' S Long: 118° 5' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN

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: 9 April 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 **9 July 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. 9 August 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 TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
36/795	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	441563	110.60HA.	31km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 49' S Long: 120° 58' E	LEONORA SHIRE
36/795	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	440364	193.62HA.	31km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 53' S Long: 120° 59' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/1149	GREAT SANDY PTY LTD	441936	604.24HA.	55km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 14' S Long: 121° 11' E	LEONORA SHIRE

Nature of the act : Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 9 April 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 **9 July 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. 9 August 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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Protecting your community's financial interests

We understand that, as Traditional Owners, you want to protect the funds you receive from mining royalties, so that your community can benefit today and well into the future.

We can assist with:

- setting up your company set up so that it complies with the law
- your operating businesses and ventures
- your social, health, educational, cultural and other programs that are important to your community
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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*

Applications close: 13/4/14



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of Lands

NOTICE OF INTENTION

To Take Interests in Land to Confer Interests under Written Law **LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) – sections 165 & 170** And To Compulsorily Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests **NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) - section 29**

Land being required for the purposes of the grant of an estate, interest, right, power or privilege in, over or in relation to land under a written law, I, the Honourable Donald Terrence Redman MLA, Minister for Lands, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE:

- (a) in accordance with section 170 of the Land Administration Act 1997 (WA) (LAA) that in relation to the land required as described under each heading "PARCEL OF LAND" in the Schedule:
- (i) it is proposed to take, pursuant to section 165 of the LAA, those interests specified in the Schedule for the purposes of making the proposed grant(s) specified in the Schedule;
 - (ii) the purpose of the proposed grant(s) for which the land is proposed to be designated is as specified in the Schedule;
 - (iii) it is proposed to make a grant or grants out of the interests proposed to be taken as specified in the Schedule;
 - (iv) the reasons why the land is suitable for, or is needed for, the proposed grant are as specified in the Schedule;
 - (v) the date from which the land is likely to be required is as specified in the Schedule; and
- (b) in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (NTA) that the taking of interests in land as specified in the Schedule will involve the compulsory acquisition of any native title rights and interests in relation to that land.

SCHEDULE

PARCEL OF LAND NO 1:

DESCRIPTION OF LAND REQUIRED: Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 69582 being the whole of the land comprised in Qualified Certificate of Crown Land Title Volume 3016 Folio 332 (Land).

LOCATION OF LAND: The Land is a 19.1541 hectare portion of Unallocated Crown land located approximately 6.5 km north of the Town of Exmouth along Murat Road near the intersection of Pindan Pit Access Road with Murat Road in the Shire of Exmouth.

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any Native Title rights and interests) in the Land other than the interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED: Reservation for the purpose of "Recreation and Motor Sport Kart Racing"

PROPOSED GRANT: Reservation of the whole of the Land for "Recreation and Motor Sport Kart Racing" with a management order to the Shire of Exmouth with power to lease for up to 21 years subject to the consent of the Minister for Lands.

REASONS WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE

PROPOSED GRANT: The location of the Land ensures that noise will not affect future land development or conflict with community interests or limit the use of the Land for its intended reservation. The Land is also in close proximity to existing services and access roads and it does not require extensive bulk earthworks. The site offers the recreation facility sought by the Exmouth community.

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: The day after the final date on which objections may be lodged under s175 of the LAA as stated below

DoL FILE: 00248-2010/2 DoL REF: 100955

FOR ALL PARCEL(S) OF LAND

Particular statements for the purposes of the LAA:

MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING THE LAND: Section 172 of the LAA provides that a person may not enter into a transaction affecting the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in section 172(7). Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void: section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in writing and in accordance with section 172(5) of the LAA.

MINISTER'S APPROVAL TO ANY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LAND: Section 173 of the LAA provides that a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the above land to be commenced or continued except with the prior approval in writing of the Minister for Lands.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED: Section 175 of the LAA provides that certain persons with particular interests in the land which are affected by the proposed taking may lodge a written objection to the taking of interests in the land (not relating to compensation). While section 175(2) of the LAA generally requires objections to be lodged within sixty (60) after the date of registration of this Notice by the Registrar of Titles or the Registrar of Deeds, as appropriate, at the Western Australian Land Information Authority (Landgate) for the purposes of this Notice I will allow objections to be lodged within 3 months after the notification day as described below. Objections can be served at the following address:

Department of Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth, 6872 or Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth, 6000 Attn: Henty Farrar, Manager, Midwest-Gascoyne Region, PH. 6552 4579

PLAN OF LAND REQUIRED MAY BE INSPECTED AT: Department of Lands, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth, 6000 on Mondays to Fridays between 8.30am-5pm, except public holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Healy, A/Team Leader, Native Title Negotiations and Notifications, Department of Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth, WA 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4595.

Particular statements for the purposes of the NTA:

CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA TO WHICH THE ACT RELATES: The area to which the taking of interests in land the subject of this Notice relates is that described under each heading "PARCEL OF LAND" in the Schedule by reference to parcel description ("LAND REQUIRED") and general location and approximate boundaries ("LOCATION OF LAND"). As noted above, a plan of the land required is also available for inspection as described above.

NATURE OF THE ACT: In relation to the land required as described under each heading "PARCEL OF LAND" in the Schedule, it is the taking of interests in land which involves the compulsory acquisition of any native title rights and interests in relation to that land. The taking is for the purpose of making the grant(s) specified in the Schedule.

NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF PERSON BY WHOM THE ACT WOULD BE DONE:

Hon.Donald Terrence Redman MLA, Minister for Lands, Level 9 Dumas House, West Perth WA 6005

NOTIFICATION DAY: The notification day is 2 May 2014

NATIVE TITLE PARTIES: Under section 30 of the NTA, persons have until three (3) months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this Notice. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA.

PRESCRIBED DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Healy, A/Team Leader, Native Title Negotiations and Notifications, Department of Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth, WA 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4595.

Dated this 7 day of March 2014

DIRECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

For and on behalf of the Minister for Lands, under delegation

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Help us to improve social and emotional wellbeing in Mebourne's north

Community Rehabilitation and Support Worker

Full-time, ongoing role based in Preston area

- Provide tailored outreach support to people with complex mental health needs in Melbourne's northern suburbs
- Coordinate with clinical case managers and community services to support recovery, health and wellbeing
- Work in a collaborative and supportive team environment
- Comprehensive induction, training and development

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Applications close

Monday 21 April



DOING THE MOST GOOD

Department of Justice

Senior Koori Employment Programs Adviser - DJ3201

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Koori) ongoing VPS 5**
- **Supportive and committed team and network**

The Koori Employment Team within the Department of Justice is currently seeking a suitably experienced person for the role of Senior Koori Employment Adviser.

This ongoing, senior position within the team, is responsible for managing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Koori) employment and development programs across the department, and will be crucial in driving the attraction and retention strategy for Koori employees.

The adviser will be a subject matter expert when providing advice, suggestions and expertise in delivering on the department's commitment to increasing the Koori workforce.

The successful candidate must have excellent practical experience and understanding of the Victorian Koori community, and the issues affecting it. Sound recruitment experience will help you work with the complexities and challenges in attracting and retaining Koori employees.

Applicants are encouraged to apply online, outlining professional skills, knowledge and personal qualities.

Enquiries about this position should be directed to **Richard Jones, Senior Recruitment Adviser on 03 8684 8342.**

This is an Aboriginal Identified position, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.au.

Applications close on 27 April 2014.



Australian General Practice Training

Applications for the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program open on Monday 14 April 10.00am (AEST*) for medical doctors who wish to specialise in a career in general practice and/or rural and remote medicine in Australia.

What is AGPT?

The AGPT program delivers the vocational training program of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP). Training commences in early 2015.

What do we offer?

- Regionally-based flexible training
- Personalised learning programs
- Dynamic, team-based medicine
- Salary to train
- Financial incentives for eligible doctors

Successful applicants will train towards a fellowship of ACRRM and/or RACGP which leads to specialist (general practitioner) registration.

Interested?

Visit the GPET website (gpet.com.au) and download the 2015 Applicant Guide, which contains detailed information on eligibility and how to apply.

For Further Information

Email: selection@gpet.com.au or phone AGPT Selection on 1800 DR AGPT (37 2478) Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm (AEST*).

Doctors of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin are encouraged to apply.

Note: Applicants must be Australian or New Zealand permanent residents or citizens to apply and hold general registration with Medical Board of Australia by 31 January 2015.

Applications Close

10.00am (AEST*) Friday 9 May 2014.

**Australian Eastern Standard Time*

AGPT



An Australian Government Initiative

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Our vision: Generations of vibrant, healthy and strong Aboriginal communities

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 all positions listed below.

Housing & Community Services Position Vacant

Referral & Advocacy Officer

(maternity leave position)

1 Full-time Position (6 month contract)

Based in Mildura, travel between Swan Hill and Mildura regions required.

The Referral and Advocacy Officer will be primarily responsible for providing case management, referral and coordination of services to assist and support clients who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with complex support and housing needs to find appropriate affordable housing solutions and sustain tenancies.

To discuss the position in more detail please contact Ada Peterson, Manager - Housing & Community on (03) 5018 4100.

People & Culture Services Position Vacant

People & Culture Business Partner

(maternity leave position)

1 Full-time Position (9 month contract)

Based in Mildura, travel between Swan Hill and Mildura regions required.

The People and Culture Business Partner works collaboratively with all staff of Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS), specifically managers, to deliver operational human resources, learning and development advice and project work.

To discuss the position in more detail please contact Debbie Fankhauser, Manager - People & Culture on (03) 5018 4100.

Please Note: Recruitment Agencies are welcome to refer applicants to jobs at MDAS but only applications meeting all requirements outlined in the "How to Apply" instructions on our website will be considered. Enquiries from genuine applicants are welcome however enquires made on behalf of an applicant will not be received or returned.

How to Apply

For full details including a position description and details on how to apply please refer to the positions vacant section of our website www.mdas.org.au

Closing date for the above position is 5pm, Friday 11th April 2014.



Aboriginal Project Officer

**Fixed Term (12 months) Part time position
Generous Salary Package
North West Melbourne Location**

This position aims to foster and facilitate Aboriginal consumer engagement within Care Connect and therefore assist in improving services for Aboriginal consumers. The Aboriginal Project Officer facilitates the participation of consumers, carers, and community members/representatives who are involved in all aspects of the organisation's planning, development and quality systems.

Care Connect has a strong commitment to further develop partnerships with existing Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and Aboriginal Communities to help establish the capacity of the community to work towards self determination in service delivery.

The project officer will facilitate the development of Care Connect's Western Aboriginal Consumer Voice Committee (ACVC) and Western Aboriginal Governance Committee (AGC). The purpose of the role will be to support and empower the Aboriginal Community to independently govern Care Connects Western Aboriginal Access and Support and Planned Activity Group programs at the end of Care Connect's funding and service agreement.

The Project Officer will require a strong commitment to further develop partnerships with existing Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and Aboriginal Communities to help establish the capacity of the community to work towards self determination in service delivery.

As the successful candidate you will ideally have:-

- Ability to work and plan strategically in improving customer service.
- Demonstrated experience in facilitating groups, including managing relationships, problem solving and negotiation skills
- Well developed interpersonal and communication skills
- Demonstrated planning and organisational skills including project management
- Ability to liaise with and gain cooperation from all levels of management, staff and the community.
- Experience in working with the Aboriginal Community.

In return you will become part of a highly skilled and supportive team in an organisation that values work/life balance and professional development.

Other benefits include:

- flexible working environment
- professional development
- competitive salary inclusive of tax free dollars
- five weeks annual leave pro rata
- 15 days personal/carers leave pro-rata
- option to participate in the Meal Entertainment Program

For a position profile please visit www.careconnect.org.au/Careers/Current-vacancies

Applications close Friday 11 April 2014.

Applications must include a response to the key selection criteria.

For further information contact Susan Gray, Client Services Manager (03) 9362 8000

Forward applications, marked confidential to careers@careconnect.org.au quoting job reference number 488-APO-MOP.

Three professional referees are required - preference to Line Managers.

You must have the right to live and work in this location to apply for this position.

All offers of employment are provisional pending the outcome of a National Police Records Check.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 23 April 2014

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003 **on or before 22 July 2014**. After 22 July 2014, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Data statement: Application boundary compiled using data sourced from, and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Qld.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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National Native Title Tribunal



PUBLIC NOTICE

BIDJARA PEOPLE (also known as BIDJARA PEOPLE #6) QUD 216/2008

NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Bidjara People are currently described in the Native Title Claim as the biological descendants of the following:

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| 1. Jemima | 15. Alick Bosun |
| 2. Harry Gadd | 16. Mother of Ada, Lucy, Billy and Archie Lang |
| 3. Mother of George, Ada and Georgina Turner | 17. Willie and Minnema Colonel |
| 4. Paddy Murphy | 18. Rubena Smith |
| 5. George Mother and Roy Murphy | 19. William 'Snapper' Barnes |
| 6. Harry Brown and Alice | 20. Jo and Dixie |
| 7. Jemima Tindale and Jim 'Toby' Lawton | 21. Isabel Florence Bailey |
| 8. Charlie Victor | 22. 'Gylma' Lucy |
| 9. 'Gylma' Lucy | 23. Kate Johnson – Mother of Lucy Long |
| 10. Maggie | 24. Billy Langlo |
| 11. Lisa Fraser aka Eliza Peters | 25. Edward 'Charlie' Prince |
| 12. Dinah Lena | 26. Nellie Combo (mother of Billy Geebung) and Lucy Combo Ada, Fred and Mick Tatten |
| 13. Hector Watson | |
| 14. Celina Grey | |

Being the apical ancestors of the Bidjara People.

This notice invites all members of the Bidjara People claim group to an authorisation meeting at the time and date below.

Date: Saturday 3 May 2014

Venue: Charleville Town Hall Wills Street Charleville

Time: 9.30am registration for 10.00am start

The purpose of the meeting is for the current claim group to:

1. Receive information on the progress of the claim
2. Remove and replace certain members of the current Applicant who have died or become incapacitated
3. Remove and replace any other members of the current Applicant as determined by the meeting

All Bidjara People who fall within the current description are invited to contact Sandlewood Aboriginal Projects on 07 3277 4801 to register their intention to attend the authorisation meeting.

Limited travel assistance will be provided.



The area is approximately bounded by Barcardine in the north, Roma in the east, Wyandra in the south and Adavale in the west and covers about 108764.2926 sq km

PUBLIC NOTICE

BIDJARA PEOPLE #7 QUD 644/2012

NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Bidjara People #7 are currently described in the Native Title Claim as the biological descendants of the following:

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| 1. Jemima | 20. Dinah Lena |
| 2. Alick Bosun | 21. Edward 'Charlie' Prince |
| 3. Harry Gadd | 22. Hector Watson |
| 4. Mother of Ada, Lucy, Billy and Archie Lang | 23. Nellie Combo (mother of Billy Geebung) and Lucy Combo |
| 5. Mother of George, Ada and Georgina Turner | 24. Celina Grey |
| 6. Willie and Minnema Colonel | 25. Ada, Fred and Mick Tatten |
| 7. Paddy Murphy | 26. King Chooky Hunt |
| 8. George Mother and Roy Murphy | 27. Burt Bundle |
| 9. William 'Snapper' Barnes | 28. Eddie Bundle |
| 10. Harry Brown and Alice | 29. Rita Huggins (nee Holt) |
| 11. Jo and Dixie | 30. George Fraser |
| 12. Jemima Tindale and Jim 'Toby' Lawton | 31. Fogartys |
| 13. Isabel Florence Bailey | 32. Johnny Richardson |
| 14. Charlie Victor | 33. Reggie Richardson |
| 15. 'Gylma' Lucy | 34. Darcy Richardson |
| 16. Maggie | 35. Bob Martin |
| 17. Kate Johnson – Mother of Lucy Long | 36. Sydney King |
| 18. Lisa Fraser aka Eliza Peters | 37. Beatle Thompson |
| 19. Billy Langlo | 38. Walter Saunders |
| | 39. Rubena Smith |
| | 40. Ruby Johnson |

Being the apical ancestors of the Bidjara People #7.

This notice invites all members of the Bidjara People #7 claim group to an authorisation meeting at the time and date below.

Date: Saturday 3 May 2014

Venue: Charleville Town Hall Wills Street Charleville

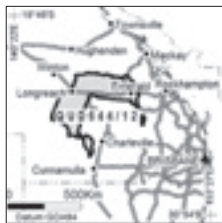
Time: 1.30pm registration for 2.00pm start

The purpose of the meeting is for the current claim group to:

1. Receive information on the progress of the claim
2. Remove and replace certain members of the current Applicant who have died or become incapacitated.
3. Remove and replace any other members of the current Applicant as determined by the meeting

All Bidjara People #7 are invited to contact Sandlewood Aboriginal Projects on 07 3277 4801 to register their intention to attend the authorisation meeting.

Limited travel assistance will be provided.



The area is approximately located between Emerald and Longreach and extending south to Cunnamulla and covers about 115920.5983 sq km

Adam joins select group



ADAM Goodes joined US presidents Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Nixon, JFK, Clinton and Obama in having delivered the

season-opening pitch in Major League Baseball (MLB).

Goodes, who was named Australian of the Year in 2013, threw the ceremonial first pitch before the opening game of the MLB season at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) on Saturday, March 22.

The start of the clash between National League West rivals Los Angeles Dodgers and Arizona Diamondbacks was delayed for 14 minutes by rainstorms over Australia's biggest city.

Once the tarpaulin came off, Goodes, who plays for the Sydney Swans

Australian rules team which calls the SCG home, took to the mound to follow the tradition of several presidents of the United States and Hollywood A-listers like Tom Hanks.

Goodes is one of the SCG's favourite sons.

The 34-year-old Sydney AFL great was recognised with this year's Australian of the Year award for his prominent involvement in Indigenous and anti-racism issues. – *With AAP*

● **RIGHT: Adam Goodes throws out the ceremonial first pitch before the Major League Baseball opening game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Arizona Diamondbacks at the Sydney Cricket Ground in Sydney, on Saturday, March 22. Picture: AP**



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	08/2481	KALAMAZOO RESOURCES PTY LTD	170BL.	52km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat: 22° 0' S Long: 115° 26' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2562	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	107BL.	118km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 25' S Long: 116° 33' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2586	SLATER, Anthony Warren	3BL.	19km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 48' S Long: 115° 10' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2587	SLATER, Anthony Warren	2BL.	24km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 51' S Long: 115° 9' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2441	MARINER MINING PTY LTD	1BL.	117km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 33' S Long: 123° 13' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2442	MARINER MINING PTY LTD	1BL.	119km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 34' S Long: 123° 8' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2443	MARINER MINING PTY LTD	4BL.	119km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 30' S Long: 123° 17' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2446	ST BARBARA LIMITED	80BL.	114km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 122° 37' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	30/456-I	DIGADIG PTY LTD	70BL.	46km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 29' S Long: 120° 37' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/833	MONTEZUMA MINING COMPANY LTD	25BL.	11km NW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 52' S Long: 120° 36' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/834	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	11BL.	30km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 48' S Long: 120° 58' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/835	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	5BL.	36km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 47' S Long: 121° 2' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1183	JABIRU METALS LTD	1BL.	58km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 25' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1185	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	3BL.	43km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 51' S Long: 121° 7' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2910	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	1BL.	14km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2911	WATTS, PaulHartley	62BL.	51km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 45' S Long: 122° 27' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/324	RUBIANNA RESOURCES LTD	7BL.	55 km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 121° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4341	TOP IRON PTY LTD	58BL.	33km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 4' S Long: 119° 27' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3001	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL.	31km E'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 15' S Long: 117° 58' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3032-I	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	1BL.	103km W'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 27' S Long: 118° 43' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3043	DD GOLD PTY LTD	16BL.	185km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 48' S Long: 117° 1' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2011	ENTERPRISE URANIUM LIMITED	50BL.	15km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 16' S Long: 116° 33' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2034	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LTD	11BL.	59km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 117° 4' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2042	MCMURDO, Raymond Vincent PETRIE, John Wallace	4BL.	25km W'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 17' S Long: 116° 26' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1672	AUSQUEST LIMITED	122BL.	35km N'ly of Esperance	Lat: 33° 33' S Long: 122° 0' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1693	VALE AUSTRALIA EA PTY LTD	111BL.	93km E'ly off Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 59' S Long: 122° 38' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	66/87	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	148BL.	5km S'ly of Northampton	Lat: 28° 23' S Long: 114° 38' E	NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4530	DARLING RANGE SOUTH PTY LTD	54BL.	25km NE'ly of Bridgetown	Lat: 33° 45' S Long: 116° 16' E	BOYUP BROOK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4534-I	EAST PILBARA IRON PTY LTD	68BL.	12km S'Wly of Cunderdin	Lat: 31° 44' S Long: 117° 8' E	CUNDERDIN SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4541	URUCUM RESOURCES PTY LTD GEERDTS, Peter	46BL.	24km S'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 51' S Long: 117° 38' E	ALBANY CITY, PLANTAGENET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4567	ASKINS, Paul Winston	52BL.	44km SE'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 34° 14' S Long: 119° 13' E	JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4568	GREATLAND PTY LTD	52BL.	49km S'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 34° 22' S Long: 118° 49' E	ALBANY CITY, JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4734	LAMBOO RESOURCES LIMITED	49BL.	55Km N'ly ofHalls Creek	Lat: 17° 45' S Long: 127° 48' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4852	WA MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	25BL.	142Km SW of Wyndham	Lat: 16° 45' S Long: 127° 39' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE, WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4853	EASTMIN PTY LTD	96BL.	128km SW'ly ofHalls Creek	Lat: 19° 16' S Long: 127° 8' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2229-S	WILLIAMS, Gregory Roland	9.98HA.	32km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 9' S Long: 117° 46' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4790	PHOENIX GOLD LIMITED	35.50HA.	63km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 120° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4791-4793-S	MONEY, Lyndal Anne EDDIE, Trevor Ian	19.29HA.	45km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 9' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4794-4796-S	MONEY, Lyndal Anne EDDIE, Trevor Ian	26.14HA.	44km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 9' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/8454-S	EDWARDS, Derrick William LA ROSA, Guiseppe Paul HUCKS, Gregory Wayne	9.60HA.	57km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 121° 0' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8455	KIN MINING NL	196.43HA.	46km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 32' S Long: 121° 4' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4122	DIXON, Trevor John	10.74HA.	17km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 122° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5467	CONNOR, Brendan Gabriel	161.09HA.	49Km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 121° 49' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5468	BREWER, Gerard Victor	199.44HA.	59km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 55' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1344	MASTERS, Lynsay Norman	163.50HA.	52km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 121° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1345	CHITTLEBOROUGH, Graham John GRINHAM, Gaye Leonie	141.00HA.	53km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	77/4244	HAMPTON, Daniel Joseph	198.00HA.	35km E'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 16' S Long: 119° 41' E	YILGARN 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: 9 April 2014

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, personsHAv 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 **9 July 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. 9 August 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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Jharal Yow Yeh scores a second-half try for Queensland during State of Origin 1 against NSW at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on May 25, 2011. Picture: AAP

Sheens saddened by Yow Yeh's retirement



AUSTRALIAN rugby league coach Tim Sheens says Jharal Yow Yeh would have been a mainstay in his Test side for many years had it not been for

the injury that has ended his career.

Yow Yeh announced he had lost his battle to recover fully from the compound ankle fracture he sustained in 2012 against South Sydney in Perth.

After 10 operations that have left him with a noticeable limp, the 24-year-old finally conceded defeat in his bid to return to rugby league.

"It's a real shame, he is a great kid and a player who would have had a long Test career for many years," Sheens said.

"He played for state and country at a young age and I wish him well for the future."

Yow Yeh burst on to the scene at the start of the 2009 season as a powerful 19-year-old winger and announced himself as a new force in the game by scoring the match-winning try in Brisbane's 19-18

round one success over North Queensland.

Comparisons were immediately made with his centre partner Israel Folau and representative honours soon followed when he debuted for the Kangaroos in the mid-season Test in 2011.

That season was his break-out year, finishing with 14 tries as the Broncos went within one game of the grand final.

Double in Origin debut series

He also scored two tries in his debut Origin series as the Maroons claimed a sixth straight win, and was named in the Kangaroos squad for the Four Nations series in the UK.

"I didn't have that much to do with his development, but he was good for me on that tour," Sheens said.

"He scored in the final against England. I saw him at the season launch recently and he said he was hoping to still get back playing.

"But obviously that's not been possible. It's a real shame."

Social media was flooded by tributes to

No 5 jersey 'retired'

IN the ultimate sign of respect, the Broncos No 5 jersey left behind by injured ex-Test winger Jharal Yow Yeh was 'retired' from the National Rugby League (NRL) clash with the Sydney Roosters at Suncorp Stadium.

The Broncos honoured Yow Yeh with a lap of honour after he finally succumbed to a horror 2012 ankle fracture and announced his retirement.

The Roosters scraped home to win the match 30-26.

Yow Yeh and former Broncos teammate Corey Norman said he was desperately sad at the news.

"I felt so sorry for him, he's a good mate of mine," the Parramatta five-eighth said.

"He was working hard and obviously two years out of the game is a long time trying to get that ankle right.

"But he obviously feels he's not going to

get back to where he was and that's sad for him and the game of NRL."

Despite the setback, Yow Yeh remains positive about his future and is comfortable he did all he could to make the comeback that medics warned him was not possible.

"I wanted to give myself every chance of playing first grade again," Yow Yeh told a packed media conference attended by the whole Broncos squad.

"I knew, deep down inside, that I had it in me mentally but not physically.

"It was a fact that my ankle just doesn't want to agree with me any more."

He is now set to study and continue his involvement with the Broncos in an off-field role.

"It was not an easy decision, but it was a satisfying decision to know that I had given it everything and I wasn't going to go any further," he said.

"I knew that in my head after I had done everything that I just wasn't going to cut it.

"I'm happy this is off my back, the pressure is not there. I feel comfortable."

— AAP

Right on the Jack

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

JACK Wighton has been a soaring talent from the first time I saw him on the football field.

Unfortunately for me, it was his first touch in a game against the Titans when he took an exceptional mark to score a remarkable try that not only caught my attention, but that of many other good judges.

It came as no surprise to me and others that he was plucked from relative obscurity to be picked in last year's Indigenous All Stars and performed well at that level.

It therefore came as no further surprise when – with a relative lack of experience –

Ricky Stuart has placed him in the key five-eighth role for the Raiders this season.

To this point, he has handled the transition well and is already earmarked for big things in the game.

Dean Widders, in his role at the NRL, sees him as a potential leader – on and off the field.

It is an assessment I agree with.

Jack is a confident young man, but it is a quiet confidence.

He speaks with a sense of humility and is willing to listen and learn.

They are impressive qualities in a young man who takes that confidence on to the field and is willing to back his ability.

And there is no doubt that being part of a great win over Souths was a huge confidence boost for him.

But he's the first to admit there's a lot of work ahead.

A man of few words in front of reporters, the 21-year-old is a lot more sure-footed on the field.

With Stuart moving Wighton to the new position, the Raiders have taken a 'back to basics' approach in 2014, with the intention to ramp up their plays as the season, and Wighton, progresses.

Stuart advised both halves before the match against the Rabbitohs that they needed to play straighter, and safer, and the tactic paid dividends, leading to a convincing 30-18 win.

A natural ball-runner, Wighton admits he's been working on not overplaying his hand.

"For me, keeping it simple is better at the moment, but as time

goes on, we'll start building on it," Wighton said.

"It was a real confidence booster, but we just need to set our minds on each new game."

Terry Campese says while Wighton was noticeably nervous in his first few starts at No 6, his confidence has grown ever since.

"His decision-making and patience is a lot better," Campese said. "And some of his defence is outstanding."

"Being a half, you always get traffic directed at you and some of the try-saving tackles he makes on our line boosts the team."

Each game will be a test – particularly when he comes up against some of the big names in the game.

Can only improve

But things can only continue to improve for Wighton and Campese.

"We've got a good combination at the moment," Campese said.

"We're still working out each other's game. I think with Milford at the back, we've just got to mix it up a bit to keep the opposition guessing."

The move also has the support of some of the greats in the game, with Brad Fittler saying Stuart is taking a big risk with an untested NRL halves combination, but believes the gamble will be worth it.

Fittler, who started his career in the centres and made the successful transition to a premiership-winning five-eighth, is a huge fan of Wighton and

said the 21-year-old was a future NSW representative who would not be intimidated by the move to No 6.

But Fittler said it was a risk shifting Campese and Wighton at the same time, given that neither have played a match in the halves together.

"I do find the fact he's playing outside a halfback who's not really a halfback (Campese) is going to be the one difficult thing," Fittler said of Wighton's switch.

"Wighton won't shy away from it."

When Fittler first met Wighton at a NSW Emerging Camp, the main thing he noted was a quietly confident kid who believed in himself.

"I've come across him and always had a big rap on him," Fittler said.

"The one thing I noticed is he feels he belongs straight away, so that's half the battle over. He's not intimidated by anyone."

Wighton has played almost every position in the back line and Fittler said he was a Blues representative in waiting.

Fittler also believes the modern game's more structured style makes the transition from out wide to the halves much easier.

"I think there's a little bit less thought involved now, which can be the most demanding thing for a young guy," Fittler said.

"Watching Dylan Walker who played most of his previous football at centre, the five-eighth style of play is a bit different and easier."

"A lot of the time now it's

more structured, that's when you hope your natural game can come into it and I'm sure Jack's very good at that."

Wighton has been compared by Stuart to Raiders legend Laurie Daley, who urged fans to be patient with Wighton's progress.

Daley's own move from the centres to five-eighth was made easier by the fact he had star halfback Stuart inside him and Kangaroos captain Mal Meninga at centre.

"I was fairly lucky. I was probably the less dominant player in our team with fullback Gary Belcher and Ricky and hooker Steve Walters," Daley said.

"They were dominant personalities and spoke to the team. I could concentrate on my own game more than most young guys can."

"Jack's a running five-eighth and he may have to adjust to knowing when to run and when to pass."

"But right now his strength is to run and he shouldn't neglect that part of his game."

"The rest will come over time, and if Campo plays more of an on-ball role, that would certainly help him settle in."

Daley has also had the advantage of working closely with Jack in the Indigenous All Stars camp.

I am certain he was also looking closely at Jack in his role as NSW Origin coach.

Like us all, he has been impressed with not only his ability, but his attitude.

Right on, Jack!



The Raiders' Jack Wighton is stopped by the Titans' Luke Bailey during the National Rugby League (NRL) Telstra Cup round three game at Canberra Stadium on Friday, March 23. Picture: Colin Whelan, nrlphotos.com

'Don't leave, Andrew!



Andrew Fifita



PAUL Gallen is hopeful Andrew Fifita will stay with Cronulla but the Sharks skipper says he isn't going to pressure the

representative rugby league star to do so.

Fifita's multi-million-dollar four-year NRL contract with Canterbury was sensationally terminated a week ago last Monday after the two parties said they could not agree to terms.

The NSW and Kangaroos prop is said to be mulling over a return to rugby union, but Gallen said he was hopeful a 'confused' Fifita would sign a new contract with the struggling Sharks.

"He might be struggling with it at the moment, but it is just something we have to help him get through," Gallen said.

"He would be concerned about his future, but there is no doubt he is going to get a contract.

"I would like to see him stay, I was disappointed that he left – everyone was – but we understand it is a business, you have to do your best to look after yourself and your family while you can.

"I will certainly help him whatever any way I can, but I certainly won't be telling him what to do or where to sign. That is a decision for him and his management and whatever deal is best

for him. I'm sure the Sharks will talk to him – fingers crossed he stays here."

In an interview with AAP a few days earlier, Fifita said he wished he had returned to rugby union instead of signing his Bulldogs contract that was to begin next season.

"If I could go back now, I wish I chose rugby and then I wouldn't be getting all the s*** I've been catching now," he said.

Fifita was referring to criticism from Sharks fans. Gallen said that was something the barnstorming prop would have to accept.

"That's the way it is," Gallen said.

"That is something Andrew has to learn to deal with, especially the player that he is now. He is an elite player, he is one of the top players in the game and when he doesn't perform well he is going to cop that criticism."

Trained as usual

Fifita didn't look like a player with a weight on his mind at training last Tuesday as he continually joked with teammates and even wrote his name in the dew on the Remondis Stadium turf.

Meanwhile, Canterbury chief executive Raelene Castle has accused Andrew Fifita of jumping the gun by announcing he was moving to the Bulldogs next season before the finer points of his contract had been agreed. The deal with Canterbury was

understood to be in the region of \$850,000 a season.

The Bulldogs then confirmed the news the following day – something Castle acknowledges was a mistake after she pulled the plug on the deal on Monday.

"We agreed to a MOU (memo of understanding) before negotiating a long-form NRL contract," Castle said.

"When we went through the details of the contract with Fifita's management we couldn't agree, so we went our separate ways."

Brumbies director of rugby Laurie Fisher said his club would only be interested in Fifita if the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) contributed financially.

"Under the current salary conditions, we wouldn't be able to afford him," Fisher said.

The ARU says it will only talk with Fifita if he's willing to put rugby ahead of money.

The ARU is struggling financially and cannot afford to offer Fifita the dollars he would have received at the Bulldogs.

Wallabies coach Ewen McKenzie earlier this month said that while he once had dinner and a chat to Fifita about switching to rugby, he was only interested in players who chose the 15-man code for the right reasons – none of which included seven-figure salaries. – AAP

Fifita was harshly treated

Cronulla prop Andrew Fifita has taken a hammering since making some provocative comments in an interview. AAP reporter DARREN WALTON conducted the interview and believes the Sharks star has been harshly treated for exuberance and honesty:

IT'S an old favourite in a sport of many cliches, how a week is a long time in football.

How Andrew Fifita must be feeling that.

Last Thursday week, Fifita was poised to become the highest-paid prop in National Rugby League (NRL) history and jumping out of his skin to get back on the paddock for Cronulla after serving a two-week suspension for a shoulder charge.

The timing of his ban was hard to handle, coming the day after he'd tearfully told teammates he'd be leaving the Sharks for Belmore on a multi-million-dollar, four-year deal with Canterbury at the end of the season.

"It's killing me. It's been two long weeks, really long weeks," Fifita said.

"I thought I'd be back the next week after telling the boys and announcing where I'm going to be in 2015.

"All the boys have put it behind us, but I've been copping it left, right and centre (from Sharks fans).

"I'm just going to go out there on Sunday and do my job on the field.

"I've got a point to prove and I'm going to try to use that as motivation to get that go-forward for my players and earn the respect from the fans and the players around me."

Sadly for Fifita, a week on and the Test front-rower has actually lost respect of thousands of fans – mostly Bulldogs supporters – and been smashed from pillar to post.

He's also had a 'contract' with the Bulldogs, reportedly worth \$3.5 million, torn up – four days after saying: "If I could go back now, I wish I chose rugby and then I wouldn't be getting all the s*** I've been catching now."

A provocative comment, it's hardly surprising many wouldn't have read – or heard on talkback radio – the full story.

In fairness to Fifita, maybe his critics should.

I say this because I conducted the interview and I strongly suspect Fifita has been a little misunderstood.

A former NSW Country rugby union representative, Fifita had the chance to play for Super Rugby's Brumbies before opting for Wests Tigers in the NRL instead.

History shows the 24-year-old made a meteoric rise last season to NSW State of Origin and Australian Test player.

Off contract in 2014, Fifita was a player in command, even holding talks last December with Wallabies coach Ewen McKenzie.

After agreeing to join the Bulldogs, he was clearly still a young man in a hurry on March 27.

In the space of 10 minutes, he said:

- He wanted to make history with the Sharks in 2014 and help the club to its first premiership despite a none-from-three start to the season.

- "Our goal is still going to be top four no matter what. We're not striving just to get into the top eight. You always dream bigger and you get bigger," he said.

- He wanted to win an Origin series with the Blues.

- He wanted to win a premiership with the Bulldogs, if not the Sharks.

- And that he wanted to play rugby union again in the future. In league circles, utterly taboo.

"I grew up playing rugby so it was one

of the best things. It's always going to be there and I will eventually go to union," he said.

"It's another dream and I just want to chase another dream.

"I've pretty much got everything in rugby league except a premiership and that's all I really want, and to win an Origin series."

In less than 10 minutes, Andrew Fifita made some very big statements – the biggest of all wishing he'd chosen rugby.

Clearly, his ambitions couldn't keep pace with his mouth.

But surely he was guilty of grade five careless enthusiasm.

Shown the door

Instead, Fifita's reckless high passion charge was referred straight to the Bulldogs chief executive who, on the next business day, showed him the exit door before he'd even arrived.

The Bulldogs claim Fifita's frank interview wasn't the reason for the deal falling over, but admitted "it didn't help".

But nowhere did Fifita say he didn't want to play for the Bulldogs.

He hasn't been found drunk and disorderly.

He hasn't beaten anybody up.

He hasn't broken any laws.

His biggest mistake was perhaps not thinking his comments through fully.

The truth is, no matter what he said, he was likely to upset some.

Being interviewed at Shark Park before his comeback game from suspension, of course he'd reaffirm his commitment to the Sharks' cause.

It would be inappropriate to talk about what he'd like to achieve at the Bulldogs.

Under the current system, a player being able to sign a lucrative contract to join one club, but having to play out a full

season at another will always create angst among fans.

Saying his "heart's still in Cronulla and it always will be" and admitting "I may end up back here in four years" was doubtless over the top – but this was no spray at the Bulldogs.

This was a gentle giant, a sensitive soul trying to please everyone – most of all his wife and 15-month-old son, who Fifita credits for inspiring his career turnaround.

"I always knew I could potentially go far in football, but I never really committed to it, or didn't want to show it until I had a child," he said.

"That really gave me an eye-opener that life's too short. I realised that to give my son the best in life and my wife the best in life, I had to succeed in football.

"Last year, as soon as I had him, it was the life-changer of my world. My eyes lit up and as soon as I saw that training paddock, I was a hundred miles an hour.

"I had to get out there and flog myself and do those extras off the paddock. That's where it got me last year.

"I can't say the Sharks made me the player I am. I changed my life to be that player."

Heartfelt words completely overshadowed by a candid confession that one day he'd like to play rugby union again.

We all crave athletes to be honest, to share their dreams.

But when they do, we crop those same tall poppies back to size.

Dream big – just don't air your dreams.

Tell us how you're going to give it 100 per cent because it's a game of two halves and you need to complete your sets to get the job done.

And remember to give full credit to the opposition – but just not the rival code.

Tjimarri scores more success

By PETER ARGENT



TJIMARRI Sanderson-Milera's big summer of success continued at the South Australian Surf Life Saving state titles on March 15 at Seacliff Beach, where he collected three gold medals.

For the second year running he collected the gold trifecta in the open beach sprint, the open flags and the open relay.

The 20-year-old competes for the Grange Surf Club.

"The conditions were perfect for the titles," Sanderson-Milera said.

"There was a good bedding of hard sand underneath, which helped in the running disciplines.

"Having an inflamed muscle behind the knee made competing a little harder, but an athlete

needs to be able to handle this type of duress."

Sanderson-Milera last week was in Perth, competing in the Australian titles at Scarborough Beach.

"After the Australian titles (April 2-6), I will finish my season with a second appearance at the Stawell Gift during Easter," he said.

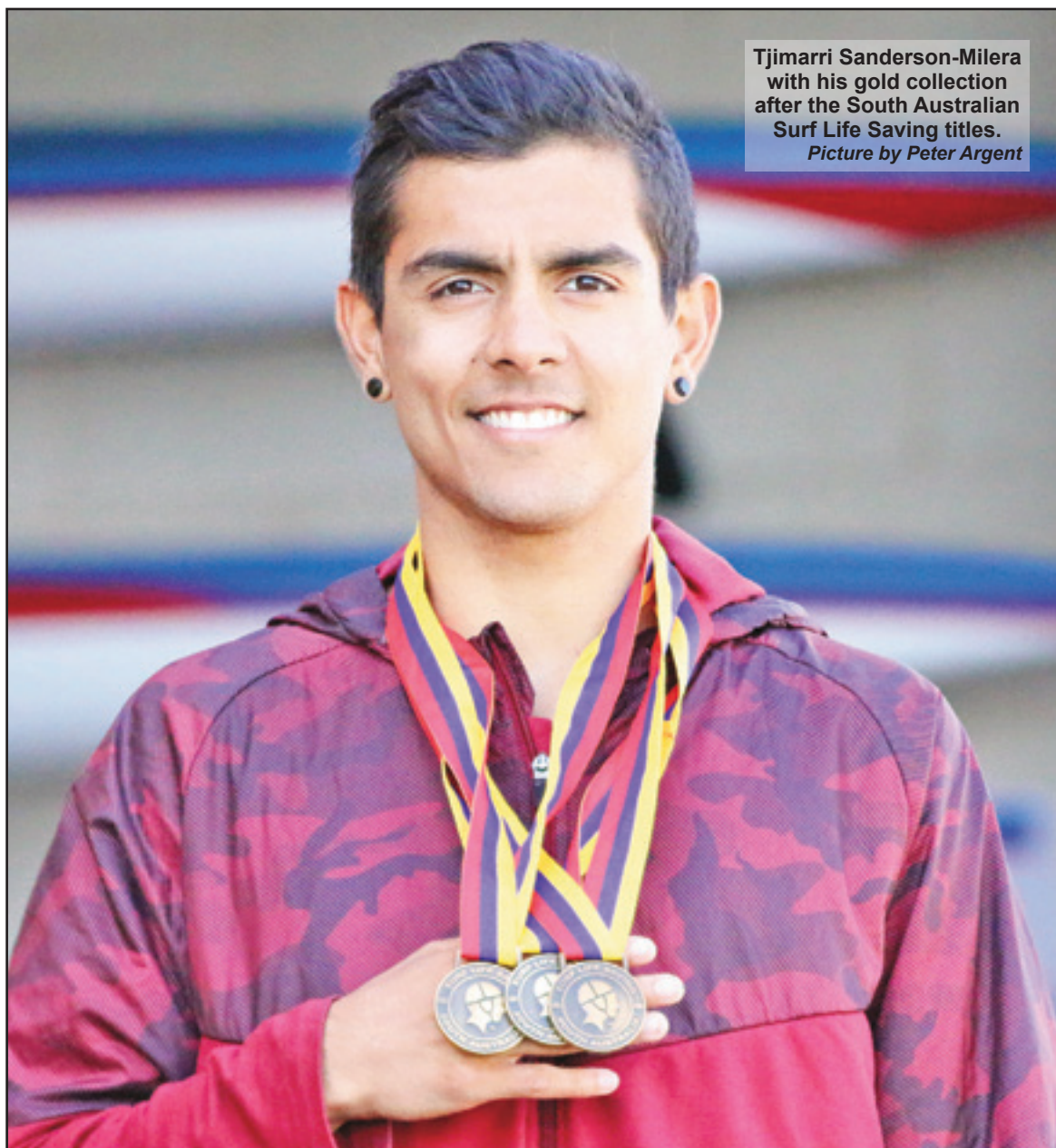
After a berth in the final of South Australia's premier foot race, the Bay Sheffield in December, Sanderson-Milera has been running strong on the SA athletic circuit.

Personal bests

This has included personal bests in the 100m and 200m.

"I've run a 10.92 (seconds) since the 'Bay Sheff' into a head wind in the 100," Sanderson-Milera said.

"There was a 21.87 in the 200 with a tail wind as well.



Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera with his gold collection after the South Australian Surf Life Saving titles.
Picture by Peter Argent

"My first passion is athletics and I'm really keen to perform well at Stawell.

"I made it to the semi-finals round last year and am hoping for a finals berth this Easter.

"Last year I found it to be a fast course, conducive to good times, with a tail wind.

"It would be a nice synergy if I can make the final at Stawell.

"I made the semis at Glenelg

(the Bay Sheffield) in 2012 and then the final last year."

Tjimarri's sister Iteka, 13, and brother Temaana, 10, compete in surf life saving nippers.

200m silver

At the beginning of March, Sanderson-Milera secured a silver in the open 200m at the Athletics SA state championships.

He did not run in the 100m and

400m because of a knee injury.

He was a finalist for the SA Young Achiever of the Year award.

The latest accolade to come his way was on Saturday, March 29, when he was named the South Australian Channel Nine Young Aboriginal Achiever of the Year.

Tjimarri means 'quartz' and comes from one of Western Australia's Aboriginal languages.

Thunder chooses co-captains



Aaron Motlop



Cameron Ilett



FOR the first time in the club's history, NT Thunder has dual captains – Aaron Motlop from Wanderers and Cameron Ilett from St Marys – in 2014.

The Northern Territory Football Club (NTFC) said both players encapsulate professionalism, experience and respect.

At the start of pre-season, head coach Xavier Clarke opened up the captaincy position in a move to empower players to see themselves as leaders of the club.

"Mobilising and unearthing our next crop of leaders was essential for this playing group to be successful this year but also for the club's future development," Clarke said.

"My observations were that we have relied on too few to carry the workload and that needed to change if we were going to improve with our on-field results and off-field development."

Motlop, 28, is in his fifth year at the club and is poised to reach his 50th game in NT colours this season.

He is captain of the Wanderers



Nathan Djerrkura

Football Club in the NTFL, an inaugural member of NT Thunder that played against Southport in 2009 and two-times premiership player with the Thunder in 2011.

Ilett, 29, is in his sixth year at the club, his fourth year as captain, and is set to play his 100th game in round three.

He captained the club to its history-breaking premierships in 2011, and is a three-times club champion, Grogan Medallist and state captain.

Vice-captains will be Brad Vassal, 30, Shannon Rioli, 22, Alwyn Davey, 29, and Nathan Djerrkura, 25.

Rioli is in his third year at the club and has been identified as a leader of the future.

The St Marys star played 20 games with the club in his debut year in 2011, resulting in two premierships in the record-breaking year. He also has coached the under-12 St Marys team.

After seven years, 100 games and 120 goals for Essendon, Davey is playing this year with the Thunder.

He was at his best and enjoying his football in the NTFL with the Palmerston Magpies where he took out the club's best and fairest.

Djerrkura retired from the AFL at the completion of the 2012 season after two seasons with the Western Bulldogs after being traded by the Geelong Cats in 2010 for draft pick number 58. Originally drafted by Geelong in 2006 at pick number 25, Djerrkura spent six seasons at AFL level, playing 25 games and kicking eight goals.

NT Thunder said it hoped to expose some of their younger listed players to the work ethic, experience and leadership Djerrkura brought to the team.



Alwyn Davey



Shannon Rioli

Getting the balance

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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In recent times the Australian Football League (AFL) has been seen to be the leader in sport and society.

We can all acknowledge the positive impact the AFL has had on Indigenous communities and the broader Australian society through its programs and policies that combat racism and all forms of vilification.

In terms of growing participation, the Auskick and KickStart programs have been the introduction to a love of our great game for thousands of participants.

It was interesting therefore to see the reaction to a new policy introduced last week.

Children will be banned from playing to win, keeping score and best and fairest awards under Australia-wide changes to junior football developed by the AFL.

Shift in emphasis

Under the shake-up designed to promote participation rather than competition, thousands of junior footballers in up to 150 leagues will be required to play with no scoreboard, no ladders or match results.

Footy-loving kids this year will also have no representative sides, play on smaller grounds, and in smaller teams for less time under changes to be unveiled by the AFL in the next week or so.

The scoring ban, previously restricted to under-8 and in some cases under-9 competition in Victoria, will this year be phased into many under-10 competitions.

Other leagues will phase in some changes this year and the

No-one wins, but they're all winners

remainder next year.

I can understand and support this philosophy in principle, but it has caused a stir in some communities.

AFL national development manager Josh Vanderloo said the new rules had been drafted in consultation with leagues to give children 'an enjoyment philosophy rather than a winning philosophy'.

"Our research shows that kids play the game to have fun and not just to win," he said.

"This game is for kids and these rules and regulations have been prescribed for kids, so it will be better for them."

In another shift, strict rules about contact have been relaxed so that 'full tackling', usually confined to under-13s, will now be acceptable among under-11s.

Guideline

An AFL guide for the conduct of players aged five to 12, titled *This is Our Game*, spells out the match-day regulations for under-9 and under-10 players.

"No premiership points, no finals, no ladders, no match result (no score) and no names of players published," is the new policy.

Representative teams will not be allowed at under-11 level, under-9 and under-10 teams will be reduced from 18 to as few as 12 players.

And ground sizes will be restricted to 100m x 80m divided into three equal zones for under-9 and under-10 matches.

The AFL drafted the new guidelines in conjunction with Deakin University research.

The negative response to this is a little out of control as the rules have already been in place for younger age groups for quite a while.

Targeting adults

From my perspective, the policy is more aimed at the adults than the kids.

We have all seen the 'ugly parent' or the 'win-at-all-cost-coach' in junior football.

Neither are a good look for the game or for children's development.

And here I am not talking about their football development.

It's pretty much just a scrum of 36 players chasing the ball, with the occasional whistle thrown in to keep the order.

Hopefully, this change will actually serve to calm down some of the competitive parents – they are the real problem here.

Half the time they are shouting the abuse at some poor umpire while their 10-year-old is running around without a care.

And sometimes the coaches can be worse, thinking that they have to emulate the histrionics of some of the more colourful AFL coaches.

Don't get me wrong.

The game is built on the foundations built by volunteer coaches and the support of families and communities.

We just have to get the balance right and agree on a philosophy based on enjoyment.

I know that many might argue that we need to train them to be successful from the earliest age we can.

But these are the people who forget that playing footy is supposed to be a sport.

It's a wonderful experience to learn to be part of a team, to bond with a group and to learn what happens if you break the rules.

But winning or losing does not have to be the central part of that experience.

Focus on fun

Sport and activity and being a kid are – and should be – about having fun and playing for the sake of the game.

Some might argue that if kids can't keep score, what motivates that act of heroism that urges to push themselves beyond what they thought they could achieve?

Or – and I can understand this argument – how do they learn to handle defeat and disappointment?

But at the end of the day, how often do you see kids half an hour after a loss playing on the swings or playing another game?

It's more often the parents or the coach mulling over mistakes or lost opportunities.

Let's let kids play for the joy of the game.

They are more likely to stay in the game if that is the case.

Let them dream of one day playing in the AFL.

That's when they will learn the difference between winning and losing!

Until next time.... Keep Dreaming!

Edrick Lee out for rest of the season



CANBERRA winger Edrick Lee has been ruled out for the rest of

the National Rugby League (NRL) season and will have surgery on the foot ligaments he damaged in the March 23 loss to Gold Coast.

The Raiders say surgery is the only option to repair the injury and that the recovery period means he won't be back in 2014.

"Edrick is a real strike weapon for us out wide and he's going to be sorely missed for the remainder of the year," Raiders coach Ricky Stuart said.

"He is a young player on the rise and we'll make sure he gets the best rehabilitation after his surgery and we know he'll be back bigger and better for us next year."

Stuart said the injury opened the door for Bill Tupou to show what he could do on the wing.

"Bill Tupou gets an opportunity to move onto the wing with Edrick out for the year and he's been in good form for the Mounties, as have a number of players across our feeder and NYC (National Youth Competition) teams," Stuart said. – AAP



Edrick Lee

Eli switches back to rugby league

By ALF WILSON



CHAMPION Brisbane Broncos forward Sam Thaiday is having one of his best seasons in the National Rugby League (NRL) while

his younger brother Eli is starring in his rugby league comeback for Centrals club in the Townsville competition.

Eli, 21, of Yam Island descent, hadn't played rugby league for three years since he was in the Moranbah Miners under-18 team in Mackay.

Since then, he had been playing Australian rules in A-grade and reserves for the Thuringowa Bulldogs in Townsville.

His return to league in season 2014 so far has been successful.

Playing in the front row, Eli shone when Centrals beat University 36-20 in round three.

He scored a try and Centrals moved to the top of the table.

Eli told the *Koori Mail* he had given up Australian rules to concentrate on league.

"It was too difficult training for both and some of the games would have clashed. I am enjoying league and have scored two tries this year and have played second row and lock also," he said.

He said he received a phone



Eli Thaiday in his days as an Australian rules player.

call from his 28-year-old brother Sam recently when he celebrated his 21st birthday.

"He has always been supportive of me. I weigh 98kg and Sam is heavier at 110kg," Eli said.

He said stripping Sam of the Broncos captaincy had nothing to do with his improved form.

"He had surgery on a shoulder and now his confidence has improved," Eli said.

Eli is heading off to Brazil and the USA from May to July and hopes to be ready for Centrals' finals appearances after that.

He also wants to have a run at the Zenadh Kes carnival on Thursday Island in October if Yam side Margun Warriors enters.

Call goes out for runners



THE road to the 2014 New York Marathon has begun, with the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) team conducting tryout days around Australia.

The IMP team began 12 tryout days earlier this month in major centres and remote communities.

IMP project officer Nadine Hunt acknowledged feeling excited about what the next few weeks held.

"We are visiting major cities, regions and some of the most remote communities in Australia to find our next crop of marathon champions and health ambassadors," she said.

The tryout began last Thursday, April 3, at Galiwin'ku Community Oval, on Elcho Island, Northern Territory.

More than 30 indigenous runners registered for the tryout, making it the single largest try out in IMP history and showcasing what the IMP said was a new addition for running in Indigenous communities.

Blazed trail

The love for running in Galiwin'ku started with IMP graduate Evelynna Dhamarrandji, who last November 3 became the first Yolngu woman from East Arnhem Land to complete a marathon. Evelynna ran the New York Marathon.

Her final steps in the New York marathon were the beginning of an inspirational journey. Six months later, Evelynna's experience has sparked a new-found love of running and exercise in her community. With the help of Evelynna Dhamarrandji and local youth workers, the 30 men and women who registered for the IMP tryout have also established a marathon club on the small island that meets twice a week for training.

"Already in the two months since establishing the marathon club, the culture of running and living a healthy lifestyle has been enriched in each individual, reflecting on to their children, family and friends," said

Galiwin'ku Sport and Recreation mentor Ashton Kealy.

"We are running training Tuesday and Thursday, but there are a number of people who have formed their own smaller groups and run most days."

Because of her work in her community and her involvement with IMP, Evelynna recently became a top three finalist in the NT Youth Awards for the Health and Wellbeing category.

Meanwhile, the IMP has announced the appointment of Bianca Graham as its Shell Australia's Reconciliation Action Plan coordinator. Bianca ran in the IMP's 2011 New York Marathon team. She also ran in the Frankfurt Marathon in Germany last October.

She is a Torres Strait Islander who grew up at Weipa – 800km from a major regional centre.

After the New York Marathon, she held fun runs and IMP tryouts in Weipa, Napranum and Aurukun.

"This gave me the appetite to contribute further to Indigenous affairs within a totally new company and geographic location," she said.

"The traditional owners back in Weipa were so supportive of me to go and expand my horizons."

Through her new position at Shell Australia in Melbourne, Bianca will help in implementing actions in Indigenous communities and report these internally and externally to Reconciliation Australia.

She plans to compete in the Gold Coast Half Marathon in July and wants to run a half marathon later in the year.

"We will see how I go. I am keen to do another marathon next year. Running has enabled me to see some wonderful parts of the world and meet some amazing people," she said.

The IMP is looking for Indigenous men and women aged 18-30 who want to run the New York Marathon and sweat out seven months of training under the watchful eye of former world champion marathon runner Rob de Castella.



A happy Bianca Graham completes an 11km Australian Outback fun run.



The Ballina Bears fourth-grade team before their grand final against Byron Bay. Back row, from left, Rob Roberts, Jack Corbett, Luke Kapeen, Jesse Munday, Carl Bolt, Geoff Jacobs, 'Pud' Bolt; second row, Wilo James, Dylan Kapeen, Roger Roberts, Mark Roberts; third row, Don Daley, Mike Roberts, Rob Brown, Daniel Roberts, Mick Bolt, club captain Steve Wills; front, team captain David Kapeen. Pictures by Graham Hunt

Bears reach grand final



THE near-all-Aboriginal Ballina Bears fourth-grade team made it all the way to the Ballina District Cricket Association grand final, but stumbled at the final hurdle.

The Bears were beaten by minor premiers Byron Bay at Byron Bay.

Byron Bay batted first in the 40-over final and scored 8-165.

The Bears replied with 101 (all out).

Roger Roberts was the best of the Bears' bowlers, returning 4-24.

Jack Corbett chipped in with 2-42.

Roberts and Corbett also led the way in the batting – Corbett with 28 and Roberts 25 not out.

Bears club captain and life member Stephen Wills said that for more than 10 years now, the Bears had encouraged the great talent of local Aboriginal players and was keen to offer career pathways previously not believed possible in cricket.

"Our first grade premiership-winning captain four years ago was Andrew Gordon, who is a regular for NSW at the Imparja Cup," Wills said.

"His father and brother played with the club for more than 14 years."



Rob Brown in action for the Ballina Bears.



Don Daley, who shared the new ball with Rob Brown.

Short-cut to Glasgow Games



DEFENDING Commonwealth discus champion Benn Harradine (Qld) had

Commonwealth Games automatic selection in his sights when he contested last weekend's Australian championships in Melbourne.

The championships also doubled as selection trials for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games to be held in July and August.

Pole vaulter Alana Boyd (Qld) was the other seeking automatic selection. All she and Harradine had to do was retain their national titles.

The Australian record holder Boyd has a bounty of six

Commonwealth Games A-qualifiers, and with a season best and Australian lead of 4.61m, she is the woman to beat on the runway.

Harradine won his first major championship medal when he threw 65.45m to win gold at the Commonwealth Games in 2010.

He has since made the final at the 2011 IAAF World championships and London 2012 Olympic Games, as well as improving his own national record three times to 67.80m.

With a season best of 65.94m from the Queensland Track Classic, the five-times national champion has two Commonwealth Games A-qualifiers ahead of competition, and with a B-standard from the IAAF Melbourne World

Challenge as well, he was a strong contender for the Australian athletics championships gold medal.

"The aim for me is to get the automatic spot and then continue my preparation knowing that the first part of the job is done. It's as simple as that really," Harradine said in Brisbane.

"There is plenty of talent chasing my title in Glasgow, and I know that I am going to need to throw something pretty big to win the gold medal."

"There is talent all over the place, with strong rivals in the obvious spots like England and South Africa and in some emerging countries like India who had the silver medallist at home in Delhi four years ago."

Peats revels as an Eel



NATHAN Peats is revelling in life at Parramatta after putting a tough rugby league year with South Sydney firmly behind him.

A former captain of Souths under-20s, Peats broke into the National Rugby League (NRL) side in 2011, carving out a reputation as a hard-hitting utility player.

Injuries and suspensions to Issac Luke saw him start nine games at hooker in 2012 and Peats was rewarded with a new three-year deal by the club at the start of last season.

However, it proved to be his only highlight of 2013, as he was given limited game time off the bench by coach Michael Maguire, then dumped to reserve grade.

He did return in July, but a defeat at Melbourne in August proved to be last time Peats donned the myrtle and green as Maguire once again wielded the axe.

"I had three years at Souths and in 2011 and 2012 I had a lot of minutes," he said.

2013 'hard year'

"Last year was a very hard year mentally. That's why I had to leave. At this stage of my career, I need to be playing first grade and that wasn't going to happen at Souths."

Peats admits departing a club competing for a premiership for one that has won the last two wooden spoons wasn't an easy decision.

However, the opportunity to be a regular 80-minute player and helping turn around the famous old club's fortunes proved to be the right sort of challenge for the



Nathan Peats gets under Ben Barba to score the winning try for Parramatta in the NRL Telstra Cup round five game against Brisbane Broncos at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, last Friday night. Picture: Colin Whelan, nrlphotos.com

23-year-old.

"I think I've made the right move and I'm pretty happy so far," he said.

"I am enjoying playing in this team. We've only had four games together but we feel we're growing."

The only game Peats has missed this year was the Eels' 56-4 drubbing by the Sydney Roosters due to suspension.

Since returning from that NRL-imposed one-game ban for an off-field issue dating back to last year, Peat's form has been impressive, scoring in back-to-back games against Manly and Penrith.

"We're still a work in progress but we're heading in the right direction."

Against Brisbane last Friday night, it was hooker Peats who

sneaked past fullback Ben Barba from dummy-half with 11 minutes left to take control.

Eels coach Brad Arthur has been won over by his hooker, who clocked up 51 tackles in the win over the Panthers.

"He's had four strong performances for us," Arthur said. "His work rate, work ethic and will to win is unbelievable."

"He just doesn't give up." – AAP



Nathan Peats Picture: NRL

Jawai out to claim Boomers spot

By CHRIS PIKE



NATHAN Jawai is back in Australia working on getting back to full fitness to return to playing

in Turkey, but his bigger goal is to play for the Boomers at the Basketball World Cup in August and at the Rio Olympic Games in 2016.

Jawai is making steady progress on his comeback from a nasty health scare last year, but he is back doing full workouts now and expects to return to Turkey to resume his career with Galatasaray Istanbul before long.

But he has the bigger picture in mind.

The 207cm powerhouse basketball centre has previously been part of the Australian national team, including winning a silver medal at the Oceania Championships in 2009, but he desperately wants to be part of the Boomers set-up.

The first chance for that will be in August at the World Cup in Barcelona, Spain, where the Boomers have been drawn in

Group D alongside Angola, Korea, Slovenia, Mexico and Lithuania.

And longer-term than that, Jawai would love the chance to represent his country at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

With his size, strength and ability, Jawai certainly has the capability to make an impact in the Boomers set-up as well under new coach Andrej Lemanis, with whom he has a good relationship.

However, Jawai does need some luck with his body.

The start to his NBA career at the Toronto Raptors was cut short in 2008 when he was diagnosed with an irregular heartbeat, even though he still played five matches in Toronto, and then a further 38 in the NBA in the 2009-10 season with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Since then, Jawai has become quite the journeyman, playing in Serbia, Russia, Spain and most recently Galatasaray, in Turkey.

He made a strong start to his time in Galatasaray before copping a heavy hit in just his second game.

Despite reports concerning some heart trouble again, Jawai suffered a neck injury in the incident last year and has been making steady progress in his return.

Jawai is now back in Cairns working out hard preparing to return to Turkey, and then do everything he can to become a permanent fixture in the Boomers squad alongside fellow Indigenous Australian star Patty Mills.

"I'm feeling good and I'm ready to get my body right and give myself a chance to play at the world champs later this year," Jawai said.

"It's still a while away and there is time, and I'm very serious about wanting to be part of it. I have a lot of respect for Andrej as a coach and we get on well, so I won't to give myself every chance to get back into the Boomers."

"I have had a few things that keep happening to me, but Galatasaray have been great to me and are happy for me to stay here in Australia and work out for now. So I will just train hard and see what happens."



Nathan Jawai attempts to shoot during game one of the Ramsey Shield series between the Australian Boomers and the New Zealand Tall Blacks at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre in August, 2009. Picture: Getty Images

End of the road for Travis Dodd?

THE A-League career of Travis Dodd appears over after the attacking midfielder was told by Perth Glory that he won't be re-signed for next season.

Dodd hasn't played since tearing the anterior cruciate and lateral ligaments in his left knee in March last year.

The 34-year-old scored nine goals in 48 games for the Glory, including their heartbreaking 2-1 grand final loss to Brisbane in 2012.

Before that, Dodd captained Adelaide United, where he scored 30 goals in more than 100 appearances.

He twice played for Australia in 2006, scoring a goal. – AAP

Anthony Mundine Roberts 'to play matador' logs on with Titans



ANTHONY Mundine plans to play the role of matador to Joshua Clottey's bull tonight and insists his boxing career could last for two more

years.

Mundine, recently elevated to No 2 in the World Boxing Association (WBA) rankings, will make his first defence of that organisation's International super welterweight title against 14th rated Clottey in Newcastle.

Clottey, 36, (37-4, 22 KOs) briefly held the International Boxing Federation (IBF) welterweight title in 2008-09 and all four of his losses were to other world champions.

Mundine came face to face with the New York-based Ghanaian in Sydney last Wednesday.

"This guy is a beast, I want to tame the beast and be my own beast in order to get

the victory," Mundine said.

"It's probably one of the toughest fights of my career.

"I want to be strong, I have to be strong because this guy is a bull and I want to be the matador.

"This guy is deceptively quick, he's got all the tools.

"He's a counterboxer, he can walk forward, he can punch. I'll have my hands full."

Still getting better

At 38, Mundine insists he is still getting better and won't confirm he will retire if he loses to Clottey.

"I feel the best that I've ever felt as far as mentally, physically and belief-wise," Mundine said.

"I feel as though I'm at my peak right now.

"It's the stability, the desire and the

ambition in the person and I feel I have that.

"I feel I've got a plan for the next couple of years."

Mundine said he had no reason to belittle Clottey, describing him as a man of honesty and integrity.

Clottey said managerial problems and promotional issues were responsible for him fighting just twice in the past two-and-a-half years, but he was fit and expected to beat Mundine.

"I wanted to get the opportunity to fight one of the best at super welterweight," Clottey said.

"So when I got a call that I'm going to fight Mundine, this is a chance for me to go back to the top.

"I really have to thank Anthony for this opportunity.

"Of course I'm going to win because I've trained a lot for this fight." – AAP



Anthony Mundine, left, and former IBF world champion Joshua Clottey after a press conference in Sydney last Wednesday ahead of their International super welterweight fight tonight in Newcastle. Picture: AAP



FORMER South Sydney and Penrith back James Roberts has completed a move to his third National Rugby League (NRL) club after signing a two-year deal with Gold Coast.

The 21-year-old, who has been plagued by off-field problems which resulted in being cut loose by the Rabbitohs and Panthers, had been targeted by the Titans despite his past indiscretions.

Roberts, who can play fullback or wing, won't be available for selection for at least six weeks as he recovers from an ankle injury, making the round 11 home clash against the Warriors a possible debut.

A Gold Coast junior, Roberts hopes familiar faces around the club such as former Panthers teammate Brad Tighe, former player Preston Campbell and childhood friend and Titans halfback Albert Kelly will ensure he gets his career back on track.

"My priority is to work hard on earning the respect of everybody at the club and hopefully be back on the field in six to eight weeks," Roberts said.

Titans coach John Cartwright identified Roberts as an outstanding attacking talent and backed the club to provide the structure to ensure he can avoid a similar outcome to what happened at his past two clubs.

Cartwright hopes the Titans' track record in turning around the careers of troubled players will rub off on Roberts.

"We've been able to get some results out of guys in similar positions. He's got some things he's got to deal with first but as far as his football goes he's a rare talent," Cartwright said. – AAP



James Roberts

Barty, Dellacqua make early exit in Miami



ASLEIGH Barty and her Australian partner Casey Dellacqua were beaten in three sets in the

opening round of the women's doubles at the Sony Open tennis tournament in Miami, USA.

Alla Kudryavtseva (Russia) and Russian-born Australian Anastasia Rodionova beat the Australians 7-6 (7-2) 3-6 10-8 on March 21.

Kudryavtseva and Rodionova were subsequently beaten in three sets in a quarter-final by eventual beaten finalists Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina

(Russia).

Barty and Dellacqua are ranked 13 in world doubles combinations and Barty is the youngest player in the top 20 doubles rankings.

She has an Australian singles rating of 4 and a world rating of 166.

Clay season

Ipswich-born 17-year-old Barty tweeted on March 21 that it was "nice to play at Indian Wells and Miami for the first time – ripping tournaments. Clay season starts now!"

Barty turns 18 on April 24.

She started playing tennis at the age of five and claimed the Australian under-14 and under-16 titles before announcing herself to the world by winning the junior Wimbledon championship in 2011.

She made her World Tennis Association (WTA) debut at the Brisbane International in 2012.

She said last February: "Stolts (coach Jason Stoltenberg) and I have made a decision that we're going to play a lot of quallies this year and try and get a lot of matches. It's been great so far... I'm getting the matches that I want and the results we were looking for."



Ashleigh Barty at Wimbledon in 2012.

Footy returns to Adelaide Oval

By PETER ARGENT



ADELAIDE Oval has a rich history – a strong connection with the community

and it has delivered many fond football memories to everyone – except many of this generation who have missed out on regular top-level football in the city over the past four decades.

Finally, on March 29, in front of 50,397 spectators, the inaugural cross-town showdown at the venue reignited the football flame.

It was a fitting rebirth, with Port Adelaide winning the bragging rights, courtesy of a 55-point victory over the Crows.

Adelaide Oval started as a sporting venue more than 140 years ago.

“The first actual contest at Adelaide Oval was in December, 1873, in a cricket match between the British colonial-born and the SA-born SACA members,” noted sports historian Bernard Whimpress said.

“The next sport at the venue was meeting of the Adelaide Amateur Athletics Club in September 1875.

“Football had its first games at Adelaide Oval in August 1877 between Adelaide and a team called St Kilda.

“Other sports, including cycling (a track was put down in 1883), tennis, baseball, lacrosse, shinty (a form of hockey), field hockey, soccer, all codes of rugby and equestrian events have been played on the oval.

“It became the regular venue for Australian football in 1878, with association (grade) cricket played at the ground since 1876.”

Adelaide Oval was seen as the home of two primary sporting passions from the 1870s until 1973, when the winter code of Aussie rules moved their headquarters to West Lakes.



The first bounce at the revamped Adelaide Oval. Pictures by Peter Argent

Whimpress said that from a cricket perspective, the great Aboriginal quick from the 1900s – Jack Marsh – played once at Adelaide Oval.

“He took 5-181 in an innings on his first-class debut in the match when Clem Hill made 365 not out of 576 and SA beat NSW by an innings and 36 runs in December, 1900,” he said.

“Queenslander Eddie Gilbert played three times at the ground in December 1930, 1931 and 1935.

“In the first game, Gilbert took 2-82 in SA’s innings of 305 in a game where Queensland lost by an innings and 44 runs in two days. Gilbert dismissed ‘Perka’ Lee and Merv Waite.

“During Gilbert’s previous match, he had been no-balled for throwing eight times by Andrew Barlow at the MCG. In this game (Adelaide), he was passed by leading Test umpire George Hele.

“At the December 1931 contest, he took 3-117 off 21

overs in SA’s first innings of 421 – dismissing Vic Richardson (75), Harry Whitfield (82) and ‘Perka’ Lee (9) and collected 0-44 from six overs in the second innings of 7-335 declared – and SA won by 280 runs.

“There was drama in the contest from December 24-28, 1935.

“Gilbert had the unimpressive figures of 2-121 off 27.5 overs in the SA innings of 8-642 declared.

“He had Jack Badcock caught behind by Don Tallon for 91 and dismissed Tom O’Connell for 41.

“(Don) Bradman made 233 in just over three hours in this innings, but made a complaint to umpire Jack Scott about intimidatory bowling early in his innings.”

Water mark

From a football perspective, the 1960s was the high water mark for Aboriginal footballers on the ground.

From 1961 to 1970, each SANFL premiership team had an Aboriginal player in their side.

In what was called the ‘Turkish Bath’ grand final in 1961, where temperatures reached 95 degrees Fahrenheit, in a feisty display, Bertie Johnson played a big role in the Bloods’ victory over Norwood.

Richie Bray was a member of Port Adelaide’s trio of successes in 1962, 1963 and 1965.

Tiwi Islander David Kantilla was best on ground in the Panthers’ 1964 victory, when South Adelaide came from bottom the previous year to lift



The Crows’ Eddie Betts is tackled by Jarman Impey in the match that marked the return of AFL to the Adelaide Oval.

the Thomas Seymour Hill Trophy.

During Sturt’s golden era, nuggety rover Roger Rigney played in five successive flags from 1966, including a couple where he was a key component in the win.

After its departure from Adelaide Oval in 1974, it took nearly four decades to have top-level football return to the venue and a national competition has evolved with two SAAFL clubs – the Crows and the Power – forming.

There was a teaser in 2011, when Port Adelaide beat Melbourne in the final minor round game of that season by eight points.

It was Daniel Motlop’s last game at the top level and a lasting memory was a 60-metre bomb by the freakish talent in the third quarter.

High-profile Indigenous talents Eddie Betts and Chad Wingard made their mark under

the spotlight of Adelaide Oval circa 2014.

Betts kicked four goals to keep the Crows in the match, although he was quelled by second gamer Jarman Impey after the main break.

Murray Bridge product Wingard continued from where he left off in 2013, kicking four goals for the victors, including a miraculous snap in the third term.

The contest was closer than the final scoreline reflected.

Former Carlton small forward Betts kicked three goals in the second term as Adelaide reduced the deficit to 18 points at half-time.

Betts added another in the third before Brodie Smith’s 55-metre effort gave the Crows the lead for the first time in the match 10 minutes into the third quarter.

But from that point, the fitness and hard running of the Power ensured their comfortable victory.



Chad Wingard made sure his first appearance at the Adelaide Oval was a memorable one as he celebrates a freakish third-quarter goal.

'I may never get back to 2012 form'



BRISBANE fullback Ben Barba admits he may never replicate his form from the 2012 National Rugby League (NRL) season when he won the Dally M medal with Canterbury.

Barba says he's been asked to play an entirely new style of rugby league at the Broncos, where he plays more as a ball player than damaging runner – due to the club's lack of experience in the halves.

The 24-year-old came back to earth at Canterbury last year as he battled off-field issues, injury, and disappointing performances by the Bulldogs overall.

Barba feels he's back on track, but warned fans not to expect miracles.

"I'd be lying if I said I can get to that 2012 form because even I thought it was a bit of a blur," Barba told Triple M.

"There's no need for any flashy plays, just everyone working really hard for each other and doing their job."

Different role

"I've got a whole different role here at the Broncos. With not having two experienced halves, I'm allowed to get the ball a bit more than I should and it's something I enjoy doing."

"But my strength is my running game so I need to find an even balance between the two and hopefully it works out for me."

The Broncos surprised many by registering two wins and a loss to open the season, and they were unlucky to go down to defending premiers the Sydney Roosters in arguably the game of the year on Friday, March 21.

Brisbane are playing a tough brand of football and Barba says the team believe they can beat any team on their day.

"We're capable of anything. We've just got to put it together on the day," he said.

"It's just about continuing to win."

Barba also denied there was awkwardness between he and the man he bumped for the fullback job – Josh Hoffman.

The pair grew up together in Mackay and Barba said there's no bad blood. – AAP

Ben Barba holds his medal after winning the Dally M award in Sydney on September 4, 2012.

Picture: AAP



New man at helm

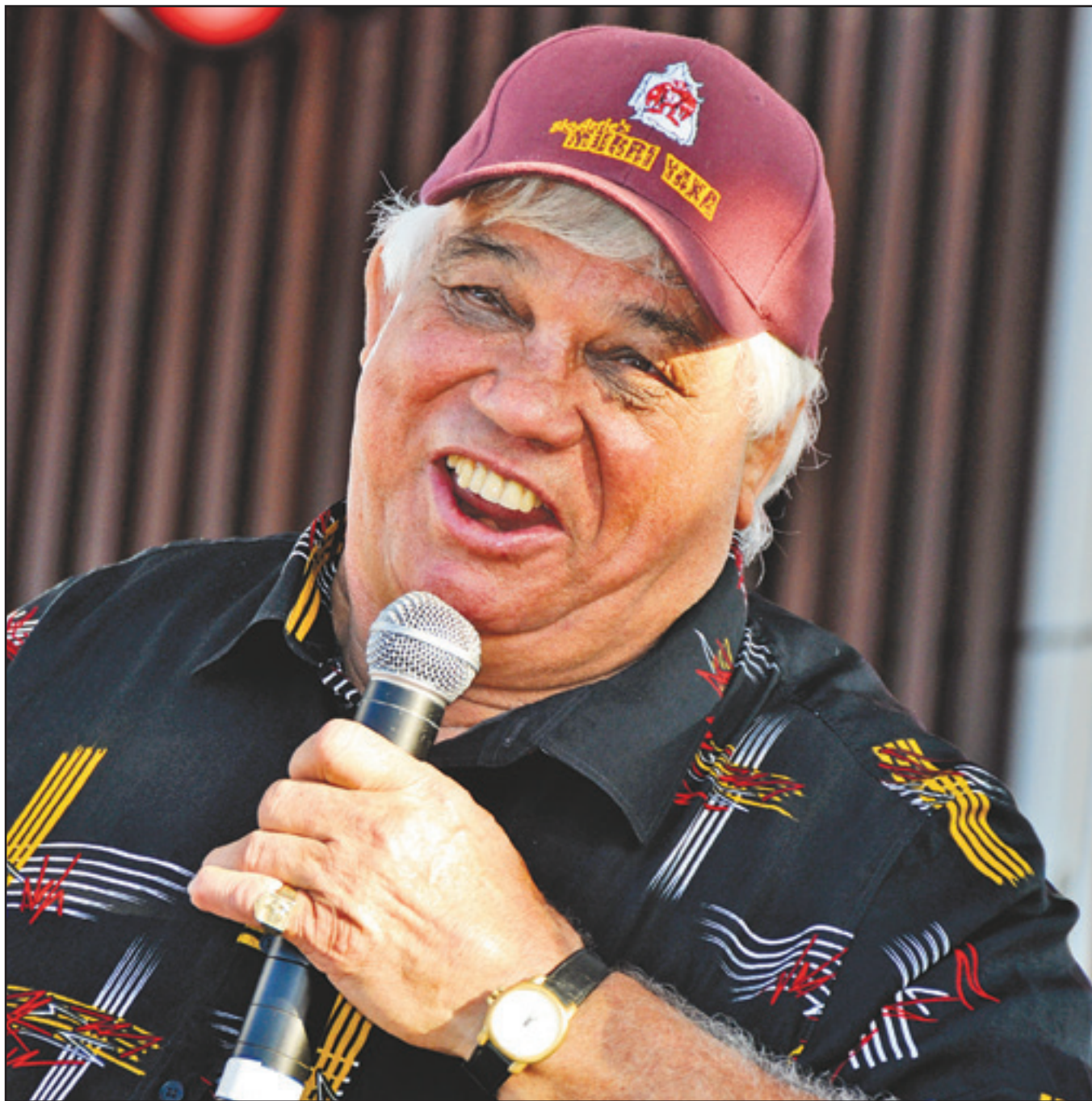


TROY Watson is to become the new CEO of Cricket Northern Territory.

He is a senior sports operations and venue management professional and was national manager of Triathlon Australia.

Before that, he worked for four years in Abu Dhabi and was involved in the construction of the Yas Marina circuit used for Formula One Grand Prix. He was involved in organising the 2009 and 2010 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix races.

NT Cricket Association president Dr Walker said: "Troy has a breadth of experience gained through international and national roles and has a keen interest in cricket. He has previously visited Darwin through his early career with the Royal Australian Navy and is pleased to be returning to the north."



The late Artie Beetson on the Gold Coast during the build-up to the 2011 All Stars match at Skilled Park.

Picture by Graham Hunt

Arthur Beetson to be honoured



THE No 11 jersey will be 'retired' by Queensland at Suncorp Stadium on May 28 to honour Immortal Arthur Beetson in the 100th State of Origin rugby league game.

National Rugby League (NRL) chief executive Dave Smith said it made sense to mark game 100 by recognising the late Beetson, considered the 'Godfather of Origin'.

Beetson died in December 2011 and a bronze statue of him was unveiled outside Suncorp Stadium in July 2012.

Smith believed it was fitting the man who led Queensland out in Origin's first game in 1980 was honoured again in the 100th.

"Arthur is the father of Origin and deserves to be recognised for his contribution to the concept," he said.

"When children ask why there is no No 11 for Queensland this year, their mums and dads will explain that the jersey belonged to Arthur Beetson."

Beetson set the tone for Origin's 'mate against mate' motto when he

scuffled with Parramatta teammate Mick Cronin in game one, inspiring the Maroons to a 20-10 victory at Lang Park.

Current Queensland coach Mal Meninga said he hoped to begin their quest for nine straight series wins by providing a fitting tribute to Beetson.

Meninga played 32 games for Queensland, but rated running out alongside Beetson in the opener as his career highlight.

"I can't remember too much about the game, to be honest," Meninga said.

"But I just wanted to play well for Arthur."

Hodges keen to play

Veteran centre Justin Hodges is on course to return from an achilles complaint in time to run out for the special match.

"It's a great honour for the great man. Hopefully, he is looking down smiling on us," he said.

"I think having this for Artie is going to inspire us even more."

"We never wanted to let him down

and hopefully we don't in game one."

Smith said the first 99 games of Origin had generated some of the greatest moments and players in the game's history.

He said he expected this year's series to be one of the best of all time.

"Queensland would love nothing more than to make it nine in a row and NSW are just as desperate to stop them," he said.

"This Queensland team has produced some of the finest players in Origin history, including Johnathan Thurston, Greg Inglis, Billy Slater and Cameron Smith."

"But Laurie Daley and Paul Gallen are determined to bring their run to a halt so it should be an amazing series."

QRL CEO Rob Moore said ticket sales for the Brisbane Origin matches had been in strong demand.

"There are limited tickets remaining for each match," he said.

The second Origin game will be played at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, on June 18 and the third match will be at Suncorp on July 9. – With AAP

Garlett walks away

Demands of AFL too great for 20-year-old



DAYLE Garlett could very well be among the elite Australian Football League (AFL) players in the country in terms of sheer talent, but the 20-year-old has been unable to adjust to the pressures of being a full-time athlete and of living in Melbourne.

As a result, Garlett asked for time away from Hawthorn to return to Perth to see if he could reignite his desire to play in the AFL.

Several weeks later, Hawthorn officials travelled to Perth to see if Garlett was ready to return to Melbourne, but what they found was a young man not ready to make the commitment to living and playing as a full-time footballer, and who had no intention of leaving home again.

Restrictions

It is believed that restrictions on social media and a social life plus the commitment required to train, recover and attend the club on a full-time basis are major reasons why Garlett couldn't handle life in the AFL.

Top that off with the fact that he was in Melbourne where he knew next to nobody and was missing his

family and circle of friends back in Perth, and the 20-year-old couldn't take it any more and – despite giving up plenty of money and potential fame as an AFL star – he walked away from the game.

Hawthorn coach Alastair Clarkson doesn't regret giving Garlett the opportunity though.

"The bottom line is that with the professionalism of the game, he's not ready and able to cope with the demands and commitment required," Clarkson said.

"We've tried really hard and spent a lot of time with him over the last month to work out ways that we could allow him to continue, but it just didn't work out. We're really disappointed obviously, and mainly from Dayle's point of view.

"We didn't feel like it was a significant gamble and we think in Dayle's circumstances, he deserved that chance. It hasn't worked out on this occasion, but I think he can still give himself a chance to play in the years ahead."

Rejected

And Garlett did expect to be able to walk back into his WAFL club Swan Districts once officially delisted by Hawthorn to play for the rest of the 2014 season.

However Swan Districts had other ideas.

The WAFL club worked tremendously hard with Garlett over the past two years to try to get his on-field conditioning and off-field behaviour to a level where AFL clubs would give him a chance, and continued to sell him to anyone who asked.

That succeeded when Garlett was selected by Hawthorn with pick No 38 in last year's AFL draft,



Dayle Garlett

but now Swan Districts feels disappointed that their efforts have been made to look a little silly with Garlett unable to handle life in the AFL.

If Garlett can't handle being a full-time footballer, it is hard to see how he will be able to handle playing football part-time while trying to hold down a job to earn a living at the same time.

With returning to Swan Districts now not an option for Garlett – at least in 2014 – it's unlikely that he will play for another WAFL club given they will be forced to fork out a clearance fee to Swans of around \$15,000 to be able to do so.

"Discussions between Swan Districts and Dayle Garlett's manager have not revealed his future intentions," Swan Districts chief executive Tom Bottrell said.

"The Swans' board remains concerned for the welfare of the

former Hawthorn draft, but we are particularly happy with the desire and commitment of the player group we have, and Garlett is presently not part of the club's 2014 plans."

In the meantime, Garlett has agreed to play country football with the Dandaragan Football Club starting on Anzac Day.

Transfer request

Dandaragan Football Club, 170km north of Perth, has submitted a transfer request for Garlett with the West Australian Football Commission.

Dandaragan reportedly approached Garlett through his cousin, Shannon Stack, who plays at the club.

Dandaragan coach Matt Helms told *The West Australian* the club hoped to reignite Garlett's stalled career.

"We wanted to put the option on the table that if he wanted to come back out to the country and just start enjoying his footy and feel there was no pressure on him to perform at that higher level that we'd be more than happy to have him on board," Helms said.

"I've been speaking to him and he's just keen to come out for a run, clear his head and start enjoying his footy again and play with his cousin.

"We appreciate the calibre of a player like him on board.

"My target for him is to come back, start enjoying his footy and then obviously I want to see him go back through the WAFL.

"Hopefully we can light his spark again and get him back on that journey that he should be chasing again after having a year off." – Chris Pike and other sources

AFL KickStart carnival coming to Coffs Harbour



THE All Nations championships will be running in conjunction with the Australian Football League's (AFL's) KickStart championships and South Pacific carnival in Coffs Harbour from April 11-16.

The best players from the KickStart carnival will compete in an All-Star game against the best Oceania players before the KickStart grand final.

Participants also will be in line for selection in the Flying Boomerangs under-

16 national team.

The Coffs Harbour carnival will bring together the best young players from KickStart programs around Australia.

Players are selected through state KickStart camps on leadership qualities, school attendance, community involvement and football ability.

In addition to the best performing teams playing in a curtain-raiser, 25 players are selected for the Flying Boomerangs squad which plays exhibition games during the Oceania Cup.

During the championships, participants

also meet Indigenous AFL players and engage in leadership seminars.

Thirty-six Northern Territory boys will line up at the KickStart carnival.

The NT KickStart team will be headed by NT Thunder premiership player and current Southern Districts Premier League coach Shannon Rusca and will be assisted by AFLNT staff members Josh Johnny (Alice Springs) and Sam Ellis.

The NT squad is: Sheldon James (Lajamanu), Jamie Gurruwiwi (Gapuwiyak), Braeden Hamilton (Katherine), Jayden Braun (Katherine),

Dominic Grant (Wanderers), Leslie Maroney (Wanderers), Jeff McDonald (Wanderers), Justin Cooper (Jabiru), Leon Dhamarrandji (Galiwinku), Denzel Marika (Galiwinku), Graham Wurramarba (Yirrkala), Yimin Mununggurr (Yirrkala), Brayden McLennan (St Marys), Keenan Lake (Districts), Kyren Gavin (Districts), Rodney Baird (Palmerston – captain), Wayde Shadforth (Alice Springs), Jamahl Bostock (Tennant Creek), William Bruce (Alice Springs), Brenton Watts (Alice Springs), Byron Cole (Alice Springs), Fabian Dickson (Yuendumu).



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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Football is here, and don't we just love it...



THE winter football season is in full swing and Indigenous athletes are in the thick of it.

On Friday night the Parramatta Eels finally ended their two-year away drought with a gripping 25-18 NRL victory over Brisbane Broncos at Suncorp Stadium.

Chris Sandow led the resurgent Eels home in a quality second-half where the lead changed four times before Sandow sealed the result with a 40m field goal.

In Melbourne, Cyril Rioli was outstanding as Hawthorn made an emphatic statement about their AFL premiership defence, belting Fremantle by 58 points.

The Hawks turned the grand final rematch into a mis-match.

Rioli was outstanding, providing the individual highlight of the match with a screamer of a mark and then playing on to kick a goal.



Hawthorn's Cyril Rioli passes the ball as he is tackled by Fremantle's Michael Johnson during the round three AFL match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Friday night. The Hawks won the match between last year's grand finalists. Picture: AAP

Games contenders



INDIGENOUS athletes were in the mix last weekend as competition for positions in the

Australian team for the 2014 Commonwealth Games hotted up.

Wrestlers Shane Parker and Stevie Grace Kelly and discus thrower Benn Harradine figured in national titles that doubled as Glasgow Commonwealth Games selection trials.

Parker and Kelly took part in the national wrestling titles in Canberra while Harradine was in Melbourne for the national athletics championships.

Wrestling is one of 17 sports at the Games, to be held over 11 days from July 23.

Parker and Kelly loomed as major contenders for titles.

Parker grew up in Mt Druitt and was a classmate and football teammate of Wallabies fullback Kurtley Beale.

He created history when he became the first Indigenous

Australian to represent his country in wrestling. That was at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India, where he competed in the 55kg Greco-Roman discipline. He finished fifth.

Greco-Roman is not included in the Glasgow Games and Parker was to try his hand at freestyle wrestling.

He was competing in the new international weight division of 57kg.

He has broadened his portfolio and now competes in mixed martial arts (MMA) and has a 3-0 record.

He also is leading the way in reviving Coreeda, a wrestling style based on Aboriginal combat sports that existed before colonisation of Australia.

Stevie Grace Kelly, 20, sister of Parramatta rugby league player Luke Kelly, grew up in the sport of judo, where she competed on the national and international stage.

But in the past year she switched to wrestling with the aim of winning a place in the

Commonwealth Games team.

In the space of 12 months she won the Australia Cup, the Canberra Cup and the Oceania championships, where she beat the New Zealand girl who finished third at this year's Commonwealth championships in South Africa.

Stevie competes in the 63kg division.

She is a Katherine girl who now lives in Melbourne.

Defending Commonwealth discus champion Benn Harradine (Qld) had Commonwealth Games automatic selection in his sights when he contested last weekend's Australian championships in Melbourne.

Harradine won his first major championship medal when he threw 65.45m to win gold at the Commonwealth Games in 2010.

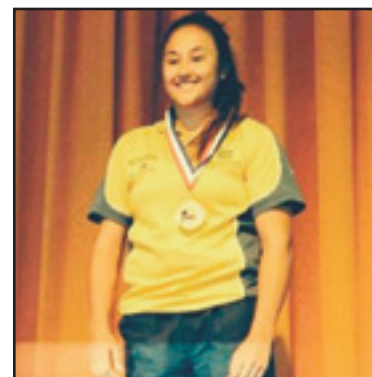
He has since made the final at the 2011 IAAF World championships and London 2012 Olympic Games, as well as improving his own national record three times to 67.80m.

With a season best of 65.94m

from the Queensland Track Classic, the five-times national champion has two Commonwealth Games A-qualifiers ahead of competition, and with a B-standard from the IAAF Melbourne World Challenge as well, he was a strong contender for the Australian athletics championships gold medal.

– Graham Hunt

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Stevie Kelly



Shane Parker

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