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# Budget pain for all of us

## Abbott Govt wields axe on programs



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander leaders have raised concerns that Treasurer Joe Hockey's first Budget, handed down last week, will have lasting adverse effects on Indigenous Australians.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Kirstie Parker said the Budget contained measures that could severely undermine efforts to close the gap.

"Our people are amongst the sickest, poorest and most marginalised Australians, so the pain of some measures will be felt especially hard by us," she said.

"The pension age is to be lifted to 70 but we're unaware of any consideration being given to the fact that the average life expectancy for our men is 69.1 years and for our women 73.7 years. That's roughly 10 years less than the general Australian population – our people will be lucky to make it to retirement age, let alone collect superannuation.

"We call upon the Government to think more deeply about its plans, and to ensure it values and utilises the expertise that exists within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, organisations and communities. We want the Government to move forward in genuine partnership with us."

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National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Kirstie Parker and other Indigenous leaders at a press conference in Canberra following the Budget. Image supplied



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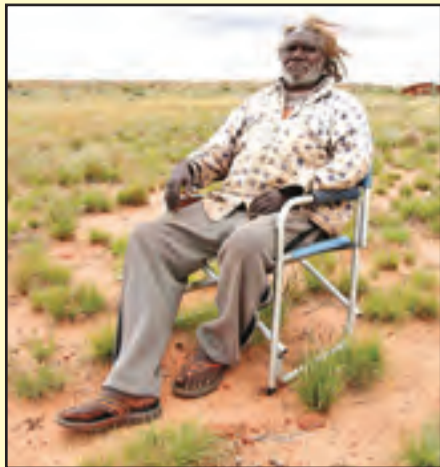
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# My FAMILY GETANO BANN – Brisbane, Qld



● Above: From left, Hadassah McGrath, Sinead McGrath, Octavia Bann, Getano Bann and Lennon Bann.

I'm pictured with my two children, my granddaughter Hadassah and my great granddaughter Sinead. My son Lennon is named after John Lennon. My daughter's name comes from my wife. From the moment we met she said her first daughter was going to be called Octavia.

Our family comes from Ugar or Stephen Island in the eastern Torres Strait.

As a family we eat together and we celebrate birthdays together.

I'm Australia's first Indigenous music therapist. I've been practising now for over 10 years. I spent many years working with boy soldiers from the Sudan, the Congo, Sierra Leone, Burma – refugees who have come to Australia.

For most of my life I've been doing workshops with children, and the incarcerated.

I was working in a detox centre and I was reading this article on music therapy and I thought it would be a fantastic tool to plan sessions and monitor how sessions were going.

For 20 years I've been working as a

community arts musician – working at festivals, songwriting in a whole variety of settings.

The difference between music therapy and community arts work is (with music therapy) you are more concerned about the process – how people are behaving and responding at that time.

As a community arts worker you might be employed to create a song and there might be people there with black eyes, people who are upset, but that's not your concern.

As a therapist, it's about the process. When you are working with children who have witnessed family members hacked to death with machetes, that trauma is locked away.

You use the music, so that if they didn't get a chance to say goodbye to their mother, they can write a song about it, and it becomes a cathartic experience to unlock some of that sadness.

Music is very subversive. It connects with our emotions. As a music therapist you use that relationship to form a bridge for communication. – As told to Rachel Scollay

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## OUR CHILDREN



SOME of the more than 100 young people at the recent Footy Frenzy day held at Wyndham, in the far north of Western Australia. The youngsters kicked, jumped, dived and laughed their way around a giant inflatable activity circuit during the free event, which focussed on footy, fun, fitness and pathways. Ngnowar Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Ken Riddiford said the kids had a ball.

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# He's a gun sailor



INJINOO (Cape York) man Wilfred Bowie longed for a job where he could be an example for his family and friends.

Now he reckons he's found it as a sailor with the Royal Australian Navy, serving aboard the warship *HMAS Darwin*.

Able Seaman Boatswain's Mate Bowie, as he's officially known, is a crew member on the guided missile frigate which is on maritime security operations around the Middle East.

With the support of his family, ABBM Bowie joined the RAN in September 2011, undergoing basic training at the HMAS Cerberus base.

He was inspired by an uncle, who was involved in Indigenous recruitment for the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

"My uncle wanted us to be challenged, to extend our horizons," he said.

The involvement of ABBM Bowie's family in the ADF can be

Able Seaman Boatswain's Mate Wilfred Bowie manning a 12.7mm gun on *HMAS Darwin*.  
Picture by ABIS Sarah Williams, *HMAS Darwin*



traced back to World War II, with his grandfather serving in a light infantry battalion. There are also many uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews who continue to serve in all branches of the forces.

In a particular honour, ABBM

Bowie was selected to represent Indigenous ADF personnel at the International Fleet Review (IFR), held in Sydney last October. The IFR was the navy's showcase celebrating the entering of Sydney Harbour, on October 4, 1913, of seven ships

commissioned into the newly formed RAN.

"It was an awesome experience. Getting together and performing with other Indigenous ADF members was an unforgettable experience," ABBM Bowie said.

*HMAS Darwin* is assigned to the multinational naval partnership Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) in order to conduct maritime security operations in the Arabian Sea, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman and Indian Ocean.

# Vic youth target ice

By RACHAEL HOCKING



YOUNG Victorian Koories fed up with the illegal drug ice

plaguing their communities are making a stand.

Twenty-two delegates at the inaugural Koorie Youth Summit formed a committee to target the highly addictive drug which is being blamed for violence and suicides around Victoria and the nation.

Their action was sparked by a summit workshop run by Victorian Aboriginal leader Richard Frankland, who described ice – or methamphetamine – as "a liquid cancer that feeds off our families".

The Gunditjmarra man proposed the idea of a committee targetting the drug, chaired by Victoria's Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People, Andrew Jackomos.

He was left impressed by the response from the 50 youth delegates at his workshop.

"One group suggested that



Richard Frankland

we don't push our addicts away, we pull them in closer so we can heal them. The stuff they came up with was mature, well thought out and was very much community minded," Mr Frankland said.

"About half of them volunteered to guide the recommendations they came up with, and to assist the commissioner in having those recommendations further developed, and hopefully implemented."

Many of the summit delegates come from centres hit hard by ice.

One of them, 27-year-old Matthew Chilly, is already battling the ice epidemic in his community of Robinvale, having made a series of videos on how to confront situations involving the illicit drug.

"In Robinvale it's really devastating ... there have been a lot of deaths," he said.

"That is why I took the initiative to put those films together – to get those messages out there about how we can support our families, our communities."

Speaking after the summit, Mr Frankland said he was reassured the future is in good hands. "I'm overwhelmed. What I witnessed there (at the summit) was a group of professional young people who are insightful, and who are about problem solving, not problem creating," he said.

As for Aboriginal people addicted to ice, he remains hopeful. "One of the great things about our Aboriginal community is that we're incredibly resilient. We bounce back from great traumas, again and again and again. We're very courageous people," Mr Frankland said.

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# Many will **R**ecognise This



THERE'S a huge mural on Henry Street in Fremantle, Western Australia, that will be easily recognised.

It's the first in a series of similar murals planned for around Australia to highlight the Recognise This campaign in support of a referendum for constitutional recognition for Indigenous Australians.

The Fremantle mural, at The University of Notre Dame Australia campus, was unveiled late last month.

Devised by Notre Dame student and Recognise This campaign coordinator Peter Dawson, the mural features the faces of 46 university students, Fremantle business owners, primary school students and WA people who support a referendum.

"Each time we paste a new face on the streets of cities across Australia we recognise each other's humanity and lay the foundations for a more unified future together," Mr Dawson said. "This isn't just the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; it's Australia's history. The truth is that we are the sum of all these parts as Australians and for as long as one of those parts is missing from our Constitution, we will be incomplete."

The University of Notre Dame has a commitment to reconciliation.

"The Fremantle campus is proud to be associated with Recognise This," pro vice-chancellor and head of the Fremantle campus Professor Selma Allix said.



The University of Notre Dame students Gary Bonney, Meg Evans and Peter Dawson show their support for the Recognise This campaign for constitutional recognition for Indigenous Australians in front of the Fremantle mural.

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# 'Let's walk the talk...'



'LET'S Walk the Talk'. That's the theme for this year's National Reconciliation Week, from this

Tuesday, May 27, until June 3.

A huge program of events has been planned across Australia to mark the week, which celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture in Australia and is designed to foster reconciliation discussion and activities.

Last year, more than 700 events were registered, and this year Reconciliation Australia – the non-government, not-for-profit foundation established in January 2001 to provide a continuing national focus

## Events around Australia for Reconciliation Week

for reconciliation – is expecting plenty more.

The organisation is challenging all Australians to "do something positive" to build better relationships between Indigenous people and other Australians.

It wants everyone to "join the Twitter buzz" at #NRW2014 and get into the spirit of the theme 'Let's Walk the Talk', which it says is about putting past conversations into action to change the Constitution and recognise First Australians.

The dates for National Reconciliation Week hold special significance: May 27 marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum enshrining Indigenous Australian rights, while June 3 is the anniversary of the High Court's Mabo native title judgment in 1992.

There is a comprehensive map-based list of public National Reconciliation Week events at the Reconciliation Australia website. Go to [www.reconciliation.org.au/](http://www.reconciliation.org.au/)

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## Samantha's got a real passion for bush tukka

Find out just how much in Reflections on page 21

# Jess waves the flag at Eurovision

JESSICA Mauboy wowed her biggest audience yet when she sang to a global TV audience estimated in the multi-millions during this year's Eurovision Song Contest in Denmark.

The Aboriginal pop princess received a huge reception when she sang *Sea of Flags*, a song she had helped to write specifically for Eurovision, which this year attracted top acts from 37 countries across Europe.

Among the sea of flags on the Copenhagen stage was the Aboriginal one, oddly enough waved by an 'astronaut' – all part of the craziness that is the Eurovision contest.

"Seeing all the international flags waving in the audience ... gave me goosebumps," the 24-year-old from Darwin said.

"What an incredible night. I am absolutely blown away by the magnitude of it all, from the staging to the lights, to all the colour, glitz and glam.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I'll never, ever forget."

# New law allows land ownership



NEW law introduced into the Queensland Parliament this month will provide ordinary freehold land and ownership opportunities in

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The move, widely welcomed by Indigenous leaders, will allow those living in Queensland's 34 Indigenous shires to be able to buy and sell their own homes or pass them on to their children.

The areas had previously been under tenures created in the late 19th century.

Premier Campbell Newman said the laws, which will give Indigenous Queenslanders the same rights as others in the state, were a long time coming.

"What a proud day it will be as we correct the dispossession and the sins of the past," he told Parliament.

"This initiative will remove the barriers to home ownership in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities."



**"Owning something is another step to getting away from welfare and living in social housing."**

– Yarrabah's Errol Neal

Mr Newman said the laws marked an end to paternalistic policies towards the Indigenous population and would help improve local economies and stimulate small business growth.

The bill does not create freeholding land, but instead allows councils to 'opt in' to whether they want to create freehold land in their shires.

"It creates the opportunity to have ... a debate to see whether they want to opt into this or for the time being, they may not want to," State Indigenous Affairs Minister Glen Elmes said.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said the move was particularly important for young people and would inject a sense of pride into the community.

"I think it offers a good opportunity of hope for our community, particularly for our kids," he said. "Young Indigenous people have to be afforded the same freedoms that other young Australians enjoy."

Errol Neal, the mayor of Queensland's largest Indigenous community, Yarrabah, near Cairns, said it would give his people more security.

"That's the Australian dream and that's also what Aboriginal people want," he said.

"Owning something is another step to getting away from welfare and living in social housing."

Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council Mayor Wayne Butcher said he expected people in his Cape York community and others to take advantage of the initiative.

"There's been considerable amounts of movement in the community towards home ownership," he said. "I think this is a way forward and it's a great opportunity." – AAP

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## Pitt winner of NAIDOC competition



TORRES Strait Islander artist Harry Pitt has taken out this year's National NAIDOC Poster

Competition for his artwork *Those who Stand to Defend our Land*.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and National NAIDOC Committee co-chairs Anne Martin and Benjamin Mitchell congratulated Mr Pitt, who won \$5000 and whose work will feature on this year's NAIDOC poster.

There were more than 110 entries for the competition, which had to reflect the NAIDOC theme of 'Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond'.

Mr Pitt describes his artwork, which features three men in uniform, as acknowledging Indigenous soldiers who are protecting their home. "*Those who Stand to Defend our Land* depicts three brothers with their land behind them and the horizon before them with their Elders reflecting in the water, giving them strength to overcome what lies over the horizon," he said.

● Look for the poster in our next edition, on June 4.

# Abbott Government wields the axe on



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda with other Indigenous leaders at a press conference in Canberra after the Budget was delivered. Image supplied

## Gap concern over big cuts



TREASURER Joe Hockey and Prime Minister Tony Abbott have been asked to explain how the Budget will help to Close the Gap after cutting \$534.4 million from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs, including \$121.8 million from Indigenous health over the next four years.

Indigenous and social service organisations have also voiced grave fears about the effects changes to health and welfare will have on already disadvantaged Indigenous people.

Health and Indigenous groups are particularly concerned that the new \$7 Medicare charge to see a doctor could discourage Indigenous people from seeking medical help when needed.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chair Justin Mohamed welcomed the continued funding for 150 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs), but said there was a lack of detail on how the \$7 Medicare co-payment would work.

"ACCHOs are not like a mainstream medical practice," he said. "Its primary purpose for operation is delivering holistic, comprehensive and culturally appropriate health care to the community it serves, not turning a profit. We'd expect most ACCHOs would not increase the barriers to health care for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders by charging the co-payment for doctors' visits."

"However, this would have a serious flow-on impact on other on-ground services provided by the organisation and Aboriginal health outcomes in the local community."

"NACCHO believes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

should be exempt from any health co-payments to prevent any backward steps in Aboriginal health."

Close the Gap campaign co-chair and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said the Budget cuts to mainstream services could have a disproportionate impact on Indigenous people.

"The cuts to preventative health could also have significant impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people because of the negative impact this will have on addressing chronic disease," he said.

"Chronic disease is a significant contributor to the health equality gap. Cuts to preventative health now

quarantined from the new charge.

Northern Territory General Practice Education (NTGPE) said the decision to scrap funding to the Prevocational General Practice Placements Program meant the program would end in December.

"Each year, NTGPE place up to 90 prevocational doctors on 12-week placements in rural and remote locations across the NT," a spokesperson said.

"Closure of the program will result in a loss of 25 fulltime equivalent prevocational doctors working in remote communities at any time in the Northern Territory."

Chief executive of Apunipima Cape York Health Council in far north Queensland Cleveland Fagan said it was a very shortsighted Budget that would severely affect the health of all Australians, particularly those in remote communities.

"The introduction of co-payments will mean many with the greatest need will simply not access the health services they need for fear of being unable to pay," he said.

"With rates of chronic illness like diabetes at epidemic proportions in the Cape, this will lead to higher rates of hospital admissions, emergency evacuations, co-morbidities and preventable deaths."

Labor and Greens spokespeople on Indigenous Affairs, Shayne Neumann and Rachel Siewert, said the Budget made a mockery of Tony Abbott's promise to be the 'Prime Minister of Indigenous Affairs'.

"I am very concerned to see family violence services in line to be cut, given Aboriginal women are 31 times more likely to be hospitalised for assault," Senator Siewert said.

"This is a very disturbing Budget and I'm deeply concerned about its impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

**"NACCHO believes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be exempt from any health co-payments..."**

will only cost many more dollars in future health expenses."

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said that as Aboriginal Medical Services (AMS) received federal grant funding, they had the capacity to exercise discretion regarding the \$7 Medicare charge.

"I would think AMSes would waive the co-payment. I would certainly encourage them to waive it in the circumstances where that was needed," he said. "It's also important to note that a range of other services provided by AMSes aren't subject to that payment – seeing a practice nurse for example."

While changes to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme mean that the general population will face an extra charge to many prescriptions, Senator Scullion said he believed Indigenous people on the Close the Gap prescription scheme for medicines would be

## SNAICC raises worries over Children and Family Centres

THE lack of any funding for the National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Early Childhood Development in the Budget has sparked fears of closure of 38 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Family Centres (ACFCs) established under the agreement.

Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) chair Sharron Williams said there was a stalemate between the federal and state and territory governments on funding the centres.

"The Australian Government has indicated that funding for the centres should become a state responsibility, but no state/territory government has accepted that this is the case, although Queensland and WA have put in place interim arrangements," she said.

"It's totally unacceptable that governments, having made a considerable investment to provide badly needed integrated services in some of the most disadvantaged communities in Australia, are now dragging the chain in committing to ACFCs long term."

"We are talking about new centres — some of which have only officially opened in the past two months — that are already having a powerful impact on our children, families and communities. And yet a number of the ACFCs have already had to reduce services and have had staff leave because of the uncertainty over their futures."

"Some of these centres are in critical danger of closing, with leasing of premises under threat in some cases because of the funding uncertainty. If this happens, it would be a national disgrace. It would mean governments have turned their backs on some of the most disadvantaged children and families in the country."

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said it was a common arrangement that the Commonwealth provided the infrastructure then the states and territories looked after ongoing operational costs.

"A number of the centres now have the ability to provide childcare services on a commercial basis," he said.

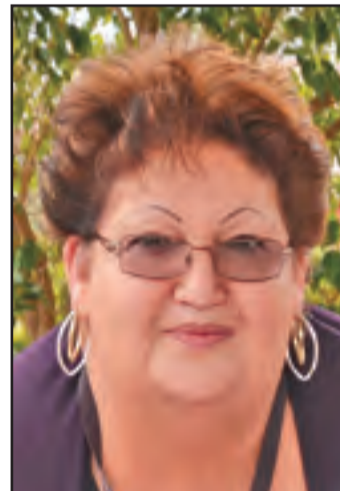
"In my discussions with NSW, they had an underspend in terms of their build, so they've told me they're using it to invest in staff and ongoing support."

"Like most of these things, ongoing funding wasn't catered for by the previous government."

"Where they can be used as childcare centres, if they are



Minister Nigel Scullion



SNAICC's Sharron Williams

running programs, they can apply for funding. I don't know about this notion that they will have to close down; when I have conversations with people involved, it doesn't appear to be the case."

Ballina (NSW) ACFC general manager Nita Roberts said they were in the process of laying off staff and looking at winding down the childcare centre. (Ms Roberts is also the general manager of Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative, one of the owners of the *Koori Mail*.)

"This means that children settled in over the past four months will be disadvantaged in their early learning, education, health and wellbeing," she said.

"We have been requesting both state and federal governments for a decision to no avail and once again our Aboriginal community is facing broken promises in regards to their children's education, health and wellbeing and assistance to supporting their parents."

NSW and Victorian ACFCs are urgently petitioning their state ministers.

● **Opinion pieces from Sharron Williams and Nigel Scullion on page 24**

# Indigenous programs in first Budget



Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Treasurer Joe Hockey discuss the Budget. AAP image

## PM and Mundine not too popular



TONY Abbott may like to see himself as the 'Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs', but it's a view under fire. At the annual general meeting of the Northern Land Council in Katherine

last week, traditional Aboriginal landowners were clearly unimpressed with what they see as a lack of consultation about the half a billion dollars to be cut from Indigenous spending.

"I don't think he's doing too well at the moment," deputy chair John Daly said.

"I'd like to hold out an olive branch and say, 'Mr Abbott, you've really got to come out here to talk to the land councils and the Aboriginal people. It's our country, we're not going to go away.'"

Mr Daly said communities wanted to consult with the Prime Minister on a number of issues such as health care and the economic development of northern Australia.

"We need his ear, we don't need his puppets anymore; we need him and (Indigenous Affairs Minister) Nigel Scullion to sit down at the table with us and negotiate these outcomes," he said.

Concern was rife at the meeting about the Government's proposed \$7 Medicare co-payment.

### "We don't get it"

"You want to help us but you don't want to help us with the main thing, our health," an NLC member told Senator Scullion. "We're one of the sickest populations in the country but you want to make us pay a fee for health services. If it's a joke, we don't get it."

Senator Scullion told the meeting most Aboriginal health-care providers would waive the fee, particularly for people with chronic and recurring illnesses.

John Christophersen, an NLC member from Coburg, said successive governments were handballing Indigenous issues to one another, but Aboriginal lives were apolitical regardless of which party was writing the policy.

"You think you know better than we do what's good for Aboriginal people ... When will you realise what we need?" he said.

The council also derided the head of Mr Abbott's Indigenous Advisory Council, Warren Mundine, for not taking up an invitation to visit and meet with traditional owners.

"Warren Mundine is a poshy Indigenous person who has never set his foot in this Aboriginal community," Matthew Ryan, a traditional owner from the West Arnhem region, said.

He said Mr Mundine didn't understand what life was like for people living in remote communities.

"Most of us live with 30 other people in our house, he doesn't," Mr Ryan said.

Senator Scullion defended the Indigenous Advisory Council as "a group of excellent individuals" selected for their expertise in different areas.

"Seeing the caning (Mr Mundine) gets, he's a very courageous Australian ... he just can't win," he said.

Mr Mundine and the Prime Minister would travel to Arnhem Land later this year, he said. — AAP

# Groups left angry, upset

By RUDI MAXWELL



FEDERAL Treasurer Joe Hockey's first Budget has been slammed by Indigenous, health, welfare and children's groups as being disproportionately

harsh towards those who can least afford it.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Kirstie Parker said the Budget was causing considerable anxiety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"Our people are amongst the sickest, poorest and most marginalised Australians, so the pain of some measures will be felt especially hard by us," she said. "These include the introduction of GP co-payments and raising of the pension age, coupled with a cut of more than half a billion dollars to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs over the next five years."

"Yet another major overhaul of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs, no long-term funding certainty for our health and legal services or clarity around measures to Close the Gap, and undermining of Congress as the only national independent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative body."

The Budget includes a new 'Indigenous Advancement Strategy', which consolidates more than 150 Indigenous programs into five streams: jobs, land and economy; children and schooling; safety and wellbeing; Culture and capability; and remote Australia strategies.

It cuts \$9.5 million from Indigenous language programs and includes no funding for Congress (which was promised \$15 million by the former Labor Government).

On the positive side of the ledger, the Budget allocates \$4.8 billion towards Indigenous programs, including \$18 million

## Budget at a glance

- 150 Indigenous programs consolidated into five streams – jobs, land and economy; children and schooling; safety and wellbeing; Culture and capability; and remote Australia strategies
- National Congress of Australia's First Peoples loses \$15 million previously promised by Labor
- \$9.5 million cut from Indigenous languages programs
- \$18 million for the continuation of the Remote School Attendance Strategy, which is targetting 74 schools in remote communities
- \$13 million for the Clontarf Foundation Academy to provide an additional 3000 places for students to participate in the Sporting Chance program
- \$54 million for new police infrastructure to improve policing in remote communities

for the continuation of the Remote School Attendance Strategy, \$13 million for the Clontarf Foundation Academy to provide an additional 3000 places for students to participate in the Sporting Chance program, and \$54 million for new police infrastructure in remote communities.

Concerns have been raised about effects on Indigenous people of some of the changes to health and welfare, including a new \$7 charge to see a doctor (for the first 10 visits) and harsh restrictions on people aged under 30 receiving welfare benefits.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion defended the Budget, telling the *Koori Mail*

the new structure would provide more flexibility between programs and be less burdened by excessive red tape.

"It starts off from the position of why fix what ain't broke," he said. "But there are a lot of programs that the Aboriginal community doesn't think work and that organisations tell us are not working."

"I've been writing letters to 1300 service providers, who have some 4000 contracts – it's just a goanna's guts of bureaucracy, and we've just got to be able to streamline that."

The Budget also raises the pension age to 70 – above the average life expectancy of Indigenous men (69) and only just below that of Indigenous women – by 2035.

"Look, that's a point," Senator Scullion said. "It's very difficult to take into consideration all the age demographics of people from different backgrounds."

"It's certainly a vexed issue. Let's just hope by 2035 that there are an awful lot more Aboriginal people living a lot longer."

Australian Council of Social Service chief executive Cassandra Goldie said she was deeply concerned that those who will carry the greatest burden from spending cuts are those who can least afford it.

"The Budget divides rather than mends," she said. "It entrenches divisions between those with decent incomes, housing and health care and those without them."

"It undermines the fabric of our social safety net with severe cuts to health, disability support, income support, community services and housing programs."

"The real pain of this Budget – crushing and permanent – will be felt by people on low incomes, young people, single parents, those with illness or disability, and those struggling to keep a roof over their heads."

"One of the most disturbing targets of this Budget are our young people."

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# Dialysis on way for Kiwirrkurra



PERMANENT renal dialysis facilities are about to become a long-awaited reality at Kiwirrkurra, widely regarded

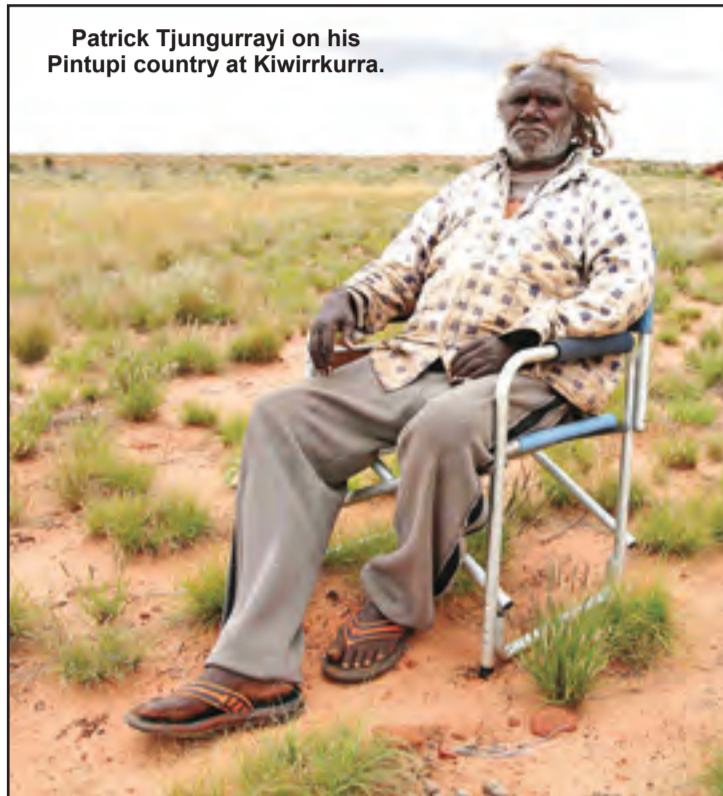
as Australia's most remote community. And it's all thanks to, among many others, a flamboyant artist, a philanthropic foundation, a group of Rotarians from the Canberra suburb of Woden, a Sydney hospital, and a committed Central Australian Aboriginal health corporation.

When the dialysis facilities at the community on Pintupi country, 700km west of Alice Springs and just into Western Australia, are open – hopefully in a couple of weeks – there'll be none happier than Patrick Tjungurrayi.

Named recently as one of Australia's most collectable artists, Tjungurrayi has been a driving force behind securing dialysis units for his home of Kiwirrkurra, as well as other communities across Central Australia.

He's been closely associated with the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation (WDNWPT), which runs the Purple House dialysis unit in Alice Springs as well as the mobile Purple Truck service.

Tjungurrayi was there almost 15 years ago when the corporation secured more than \$1 million through a major Papunya Tula Artists sale to start



Patrick Tjungurrayi on his Pintupi country at Kiwirrkurra.

its invaluable, life-prolonging dialysis service.

And now he's just returned home – with a celebratory new hairstyle and clothes to boot – to be on country for treatment, rather than many hundreds of kilometres from his people. At his side will be his daughter Elizabeth Ooloodoodi, who sadly also needs dialysis.

The fact that Tjungurrayi and his daughter are in Kiwirrkurra is testament to his quiet tenacity,

and the support he and others have helped to garner.

The new facilities at his community, in the Gibson Desert, have been a joint effort.

They'll be run by the Purple House people, who've arranged for a permanent nurse to safely operate the delicate equipment necessary to dialyse the blood of six people – and counting – with kidney failure in the community.

Members of the Rotary Club of Woden, long-time supporters

of the Purple House, have been out on country helping to build and finish a new dialysis suite and nurse accommodation.

The two dialysis machines themselves have been quietly funded by the Freedman Foundation, a philanthropic organisation which, among other good works, finances a broad range of medical and scientific programs and organisations.

And, most recently, there's been a well-subscribed sale of art by Central Australian artists, including Tjungurrayi, at St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney which has helped to fund the full-time nurse needed at the community. The Papunya Tula artists – always huge supporters of the Purple House – have undertaken to continue working to fund that vital position despite tougher times in the art industry.

It seems the only relevant organisation not to have weighed in has been the Western Australian Government, which is in the final stages of signing off on the last of the red tape so the dialysis can start.

"There's not a lot of voters in Kiwirrkurra, but every last one of them will be glad to have this service on their country," Purple House chief executive officer Sarah Brown said.

"You can't put a price on allowing people like Patrick and his daughter to stay on country. It means everything to them and their community."

## NSW Govt cash aids musicians



THE NSW Government has put up \$65,000 to help the careers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians across the state.

The new project will be developed by musician support and development organisation APRA AMCOS for Indigenous songwriters and musicians in NSW.

Arts Minister Troy Grant said there was no reason why Indigenous musicians from NSW couldn't emulate the success of performers such as Dan Sultan, Gurrumul, The Last Kinection and Jessica Mauboy.

"This funding will help APRA AMCOS encourage Aboriginal musicians ... to develop their skills, promote their work and access mainstream music markets," he said.

The Aboriginal music development project will include:

- community consultation to identify key Aboriginal music areas for development;

- workshops in the identified areas on different skills for musical development; and

- Mentoring and ongoing development for three artists.

Jessica Mauboy praised the new program's focus on developing creative and industry skills in regional areas.

"I am thrilled APRA AMCOS and the NSW Government are running this project for Aboriginal musicians," she said.

"It's great regional areas are being targetted; they often don't get the same opportunities as people in the city.

"This project will build confidence in young musicians and that's key to writing a song, getting up on stage and being heard."



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# From Erub straight to the fashion catwalks



**FASHION** from Erub (Darnley Island) in the Torres Strait has taken its first tentative steps into the big time.

Creations from Ailan Pasin, the fashion arm of Erub Arts, were featured at the recent Australian Indigenous Fashion Week.

The Erub Arts designers showcased their first collection, called 'Body Language', a series of digitally printed silks and cottons which conveyed local style, ways, custom and tradition.

Ailan Pasin garments feature drawings and prints telling Island stories.

Now the organisation is looking to capitalise on that exposure, with plans for expansion and a large display at the upcoming Cairns Indigenous Arts Fair.

Ailan Pasin – the name translates as Island Fashion – manager Diann Lui has high hopes for the label.

"We're only just starting out, but we had good interest at the Indigenous Fashion Week show," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Our artwork is unique and we believe it's ideal for the comfortable, eminently wearable, garments and accessories for women of all ages we are working on.

"It also means employment for people on our island, and hopefully the chance for business growth and diversification in the future."

The Erub Art Centre is one of three arts organisations in the Torres Strait funded by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) with additional assistance from State and Federal art funding.

● Pictured: A model in Ailan Pasin designs at Australian Indigenous Fashion Week. Picture: Steven Carter of Jets digital printing.



# NT land warning by NLC



THE Federal Government is trying to snatch back land from Aboriginal people by pressuring them to sign 99-year township leases, the Northern

Land Council says.

The NLC is clashing with Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion over what it says is an attempt to convince traditional owners to sign over their lands and associated rights.

Township leases provide a surety to banks and give Indigenous communities the opportunity to borrow against their land to buy their own homes and businesses.

Land councils serve to negotiate with the Government on their behalf.

However, the NLC says leases signed under section 19A of the *Land Rights Act* designate an executive leaseholder to hold the rights to the land on behalf of the Government and can make decisions without traditional owners' consent. The NLC wants the provision repealed in favour of the broader section 19, which offers traditional owners the same economic benefits of the lease while retaining full decision-making powers over their land.

"It's one thing to talk about normalising townships, it's another thing to talk about taking rights away," NLC chief executive Joe Morrison said on Friday.

The NLC accused Senator Scullion of trying to divide and conquer communities by pushing section 19A township leases.

The community of Gunbalanya in east Arnhem Land is negotiating a 99-year lease with the Government, but NLC executive member John Christophersen told Senator Scullion he had a petition against it signed by 400 people, as well as eight of the 13



**NLC chief executive officer Joe Morrison: "It's one thing to talk about normalising townships, it's another thing to talk about taking rights away."**

traditional owners.

"People are very concerned about it and want it to go away," Mr Morrison said.

"One can surmise that this is a land grab. Forty years ago no one really saw the value of Aboriginal land – it was wasted land; it was the domain of buffaloes and pigs.

"Now we understand Aboriginal lands are very valuable and everyone wants a slice, and we want to make sure we maintain control."

Senator Scullion said the NLC was playing power games.

"This is about a perceived loss of power ... (but) traditional owners are completely in control," he said.

Gunbalanya community will decide whether to sign up to a 99-year lease later this year. – AAP

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# Authorities drop abalone action



NSW Police and Fisheries have dropped charges against two Aboriginal men who were diving for abalone near Batemans Bay after hearing evidence from a grandmother about traditional fishing practices.

Walbunga (NSW south coast) men Wayne Carberry and Kieran Stewart, who have been fishing for abalone since they were boys after being taught by their uncles, were facing a possible 12 months behind bars and a \$44,000 fine.

Solicitor Kathryn Ridge said the testimony of Mr Stewart's grandmother Marie during the four-day trial was "critical" to having the charges withdrawn, and that Mr Carberry's grandmother Georgina 'Auntie Coop' Parsons had also been "all fired up" to speak out about their traditional food gathering.

Ms Ridge said the prosecution of the men had once again raised issues about Indigenous fishing rights and their protection under native title law. It is the second case in a decade involving 'illegal' catches by the south coast community to have been dropped after testimony about customary practices.

In June last year, Mr Carberry and Mr Stewart went to "fish for a feed" with their three cousins. They were diving for abalone, or muttonfish, while the cousins helped with spotting and bagging.

The group caught the attention of police and fisheries officers after being found with 50 abalone.

Under State Government policy, Aboriginal people are allowed to take 10 abalone per person, per day.

However, the divers were charged with taking and possessing more than the legal limit of two.

During their trial at Batemans Bay Local Court, the court heard evidence from the chair of the Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Committee, Danny Chapman, who



Delegate to the NSW Government Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council Danny Chapman and Walbunga Elder Georgina Parsons with Wayne Carberry, after abalone charges against Mr Carberry were withdrawn in Batemans Bay Local Court. Picture courtesy of Bay Post/Moruya Examiner.

said that, in his opinion, the policy allowed every person involved in the fishing effort to keep 10 each.

But it was the testimony from Walbunga Elder and grandmother Marie Stewart that prompted the authorities to reconsider and withdraw all charges.

Mrs Stewart told the court that her grandfather, father, sons and grandsons had all dived for abalone continuously.

## Challenge

The police prosecutor challenged her about abalone being part of her cultural life by asking if she had a fridge and used supermarkets.

Mrs Stewart said she had never eaten a frozen abalone in her life, and that abalone didn't last long in

her fridge. She said her diabetic mother's sugar levels dropped significantly after a feed of abalone, and she felt the health and longevity of many of her friends was due to their history of eating traditional foods such as abalone and lobster.

Tony McAvoy, the barrister for Mr Stewart and Mr Carberry, said it was unfortunate the authorities were continuing to prosecute Aboriginal people fishing for food. He said the *Native Title Act* protected customary fishing and there was plenty of evidence of the ongoing connection of the Walbunga People to the region.

Ms Ridge said there were still about 50 prosecutions a year of Indigenous fishers on the NSW south coast alone.

"NSW Fisheries should carefully consider the longstanding advice of their consultants which have provided evidence of ongoing fishing for abalone and lobster on the south coast, and continuity of that fishing to the present day," she said.

"If they force Aboriginal people to a full native title claim to stop these expensive and stressful prosecutions, it will definitely raise the issue of compensation for the impacts of the fishery on their native title rights.

"It is a much bigger issue, and if they keep up this constant harassment of Aboriginal people experienced by my clients and others when they are getting a feed for their family, it may turn around and bite them."



Romlie Mokak

## New CEO for Lowitja Institute



THE national institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander health research, the Lowitja Institute, has a new chief executive officer.

Romlie Mokak, a Djugun man from Western Australia, takes over from Lyn Brodie, who served in the position for the past two years.

Mr Mokak has extensive experience working at community, state and national levels in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy areas, with his latest role being as chief executive of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association.

His appointment has been welcomed by Lowitja Institute chair Pat Anderson and her fellow directors.

Mr Mokak said his broad aim was for the Lowitja Institute to be "a natural and compelling point of collaboration when researchers and institutions are considering working with our communities on matters that impact our communities".

His appointment coincides with a move by the institute into new premises at 100 Drummond Street, Carlton, in Melbourne.



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**Applications must be received by COB Wed, 11 June 2014.**

# Bowraville case 'hangs on word'



THE case of three murdered Aboriginal children is hanging on an absurd disagreement over the definition of a legal word, a parliamentary inquiry has heard.

Bowraville teens Colleen Walker-Craig and Clinton Speedy-Duroux, both 16, and four-year-old Evelyn Greenup were killed within months of each other in 1990 to 1991.

The inquiry investigating their deaths held its latest public hearing in Sydney on May 12, taking testimony from experts about racism, prolonged family trauma, flaws in the legal process and a serial killer still roaming free.

Relatives of the slain children have praised how the inquiry is being handled and say the committee members have shown great compassion.

Ronella 'Aunty Dolly' Jerome, the aunt of Clinton Speedy-Duroux, told the *Koori Mail* it had been "overwhelming, very emotional and very good for our souls, too".

"For me personally it was like finally being able to offload some of the 24 years of baggage and saying here now, you can help me carry this," she said.

At the latest hearing, Professor Larissa Behrendt, from the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at the University of Technology, Sydney, told the inquiry that the irony of Aboriginal people being locked up for public drunkenness and offensive language while a man who has killed three Aboriginal children seems to get away with it has not been lost on the community of Bowraville. "We have heard people in official positions take the view that the family should move on or let it go," Prof Behrendt said.

"It is inconceivable that a person in an official capacity would have said that to the parents of a missing child."

Jumbunna senior researcher Craig Longman said the suspect had made admissions to police and prison informers that had never been considered in a trial,



Ronella 'Aunty Dolly' Jerome is comforted by Troy Duroux during one of the NSW Upper House Parliamentary Inquiry public hearings into the 1990 Bowraville murders. *Newspix image*

as well as other incidents including stalking women and evidence of drugging and drink spiking.

He said disagreement over the definition of the word 'adduced' had been "the greatest stumbling block to getting all the evidence together before a court".

"After 23 years, two criminal trials, a coronial hearing and directors of public prosecutions and two attorneys-general looking at it, this is not going anywhere because on the one hand there is a view that 'adduced' means admitted and on the other hand that it means led," Mr Longman said.

Lawyers acting for the families, Allens Arthur Robinson partner Richard Harris and solicitor Alexandra Mason, told the inquiry there was "fresh and compelling evidence" to be considered, including the alleged confessions, but technical and legal issues were standing in the way.

"It is difficult to explain to someone who is not a lawyer why it is that what seems like a rational

and commonsense approach is not necessarily being taken," Ms Mason said.

Committee chair David Clarke MLC praised the lawyers for working on a pro bono (free) basis and for "being with the families through this very dark period".

Psychologist Tracy Westerman told the inquiry that racism had exacerbated and prolonged the families' trauma. She said she was stunned by the complete absence of support for a community which had lost three of its children.

## "Distressing"

"It was distressing to find family members 14 years down the track in their grief, still speaking as if the murders had occurred recently," she said. "The bereaved family members cannot even deal with the grief of the death of their loved ones because they have to contend with racism."

Ms Jerome broke down and wept as she told the *Koori Mail* it appalled her that the suspected killer remained free.

"I'm disgusted that he's living in a community and I don't know if he's accessed any other children, whether they're black or white I don't care... He's a potential danger and we need to do something about that," she said.

Ms Jerome said it was good to see the inquiry making an impact around the nation and the world, and she hopes police will act on recommendations to undertake extensive training for cultural awareness.

"If they're talking about fair dinkum community connections with the people, then that's how they do it," she said.

And Ms Jerome has faith that justice will one day prevail.

"There's people out there with hearts and we're leaning on that now. We're pleading with everybody: If this was your kid what would you do?" she said.

"If we have to go through another 10 attorney-generals (to get a fresh trial) then that's what we'll do."

## Native title conference focus on interests



DELEGATES from around Australia are expected at this year's National

Native Title Conference, to be held from June 2-4 in the northern NSW town of Coffs Harbour.

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and NTSCORP Ltd are urging interested parties to register for the event, which has the theme 'Living with Native Title from the Bush to the Sea'.

The conference is designed to promote public debate about native title and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' interests in land and waters.

It also provides an opportunity for native title parties to share information and experiences.

## Program

AIATSIS chair Professor Mick Dodson said the three-day program provided an opportunity for a range of native title stakeholders to come together to review current native title practice, policy and law.

"The National Native Title Conference is recognised as the leading Indigenous policy conference in Australia," he said.

"It's also the leading annual professional development event for staff of native title representative bodies, service providers, relevant government agencies, independent native title practitioners and academics."

As part of the 2014 National Native Title Conference, AIATSIS will host a closed National Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) meeting, on June 1.

To register for the conference or for more information, go to [www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au)



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Danny Gardner with young brothers Hadies, Akillies and Mitchem Everett show some of their football-style dance moves.

# Footy inspires dance moves

By JILLIAN MUNDY



DANCE movements inspired by Australian Rules football and created by a group of Tasmanian Aborigines will feature in the pre-match function at the Northern Tasmanian Football Association's (NTFA) upcoming Aboriginal round.

The idea came from round organiser Graeme Gardner.

"When you look at Aboriginal culture and the dance moves, how you watch Aboriginal footballers, how they react and are evasive on the field, there are so many similarities to cultural dance moves in ceremonies and that sort of thing," he said.

"It was an idea and I wanted to make it become visual and express the point of it.

"When people watch football do they also realise they are also watching Aboriginal culture?"

"It's cultural moves."

Mr Gardner discussed the idea with his sons, both dancers, and Tasmanian Aboriginal filmmaker Adam Thompson, and they have come up with a short video, currently being edited in time for match day.

"It was brilliant. We go back and look at one of the games we did play traditionally, kicking a ball around," Graeme Gardner's son Danny said.

"We had a possum skin ball. I assume they would have filled it with tussock grass, bull grass, something light they could kick around.

## "Share the story"

"We wanted to showcase that we actually played ball games and share the story.

"And we can say we invented the first game of football.

"We tried to incorporate the basic football movements of a block, a mark, a bump, a tackle into more traditional style of dance movements, and we were painted up as well."

Danny's brother Josh and

the young Everett brothers, some of whom featured in the footage, will also be dancing at the opening ceremony for the NTFA Aboriginal round and are considering bringing some of the moves into this performance.

On match day there will also be plenty of children's activities and the best seniors player will be awarded the Neil Maynard Medal, named after an NTFA Aboriginal champion.

Former Neil Maynard medallist and Aboriginal player Rory Mansell will be coaching Deloraine against his old team Rocherlea in the headline game which is set to be a highly competitive clash between evenly-matched sides. It kicks off at 2pm, on Sunday, June 1, at Rocherlea Football Grounds. Under 19s starts at 9.30am and reserves at noon.

Special guests for the game include *Marngrook Footy Show* host Gilbert McAdam, Aboriginal softballer Jeff Goolagong and former AFL star Daniel Motlop.

# SA cuts result in concern



THE South Australia Government claims cuts to Commonwealth funding will place vital services to state Aboriginal communities and homelands at risk.

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Ian Hunter says the Federal Government has withdrawn \$9.6 million in annual funding for municipal and essential services in South Australia's regional and remote Aboriginal communities and homelands from June 2015.

"The Commonwealth has been responsible for infrastructure and other vital services in Aboriginal communities and homelands for more than 50 years," he said.

"This decision will impact on more than 4000 Aboriginal residents in more than 700 homes in 60 locations, from the Coorong to the

Nullarbor Plain, from Oodnadatta to the Flinders Ranges and small very remote homelands on the APY Lands, potentially putting health and safety at risk.

"Where will the Royal Flying Doctor Service land their planes if funding for landing strip maintenance ceases? How will a remote community get its rubbish collected if funding ceases?"

## "Set back"

"The Commonwealth's decision to withdraw vital funding for roads, power, water, rubbish collection, and diesel for generators will set communities back decades and may spell the closure of Aboriginal homelands.

"What's more, this decision appears to have been made in the absence of consultation with those Aboriginal people and organisations affected."

# Palm Island gets anti-sniffing fuel

By ALF WILSON



LOW aromatic unleaded fuel will be available on Palm Island from this month in a move to help tackle petrol sniffing at the far north

Queensland community.

The so-called Opal fuel is a key part of the Palm Island Health Action Plan 2010-2015 as well as the Local Inhalants Prevention Plan, which is designed to stop the dangerous practice among island youth.

The fuel will be available at Palm Island service station on the

Esplanade as well as the Coolgaree Aboriginal Corporation.

Federal Government subsidies means it will be the same price as standard unleaded fuel.

Community leaders had called for the special fuel to complement existing local and government initiatives already in place to tackle sniffing. These include workshops on music, dance, singing, visual art and creative writing.

A recent report from the Menzies School of Health Research showed that petrol sniffing decreased in areas where regular unleaded petrol was replaced with low aromatic unleaded fuel.



Valmai Aplin fuels up at the Coolgaree Aboriginal Corporation.

# Carbon deal on Cape



A CARBON credit business is now up and running on Cape York.

The Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council and neighbouring Olkola Aboriginal Corporation, backed by Olkola traditional owners, have entered into joint-venture agreements with the Natural Carbon consortium to conduct burning across the central section of the cape.

Under the agreement, controlled savannah burn-offs will be held in cooler periods, resulting in fewer more intense wildfires which have much larger carbon emissions. The emissions savings can then be traded.

Corporation chairman Michael Ross said the decision to establish a carbon business was a major step forward and meant a great deal to the Olkola people. "This gives us an opportunity to do things in a way that looks after country, in a way we have always talked about," he said.

"If we can overcome wildfire, that's a start. We can then look after cultural sites, weed and feral animal control and more. If we can look at country and work with our neighbours to manage fire, then we are moving in the right direction."

Pormpuraaw council chief executive Edward Natera said an annual burning program was conducted by Pormpuraaw Land and Sea Management rangers.

"Our burning program protects the intact, unique biodiversity and cultural landscapes of our homelands, and makes sure our outstations are safe from wildfire," he said. "Our council and our community see savannah burning for carbon income generation as a key part of building a stronger future for our peoples, and to build jobs to support our long-term caring for our traditional lands."

"We look forward to working together with our fellow countrymen and women, and with our new collaborators Natural Carbon. We also wish to acknowledge the Queensland and Australian governments' support for our land and sea management program."



At the agreement signing, back from left, Olkola traditional owner Tish Ross, Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council's Toby Barney, Pormpuraaw Deputy Mayor Denis Michael, Pormpuraaw councillors Patrick Gibuma and Lucy Foote and council CEO Edward Natera and, front, Natural Carbon's Isaac West and Philip Toyne, Pormpuraaw Mayor Richard Tarpencha and Olkola Aboriginal Corporation chair Michael Ross. *Picture: Olkola Aboriginal Corporation*

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# Territory housing on offer



THE Northern Territory Government is hoping to open the door to home ownership for hundreds of Aboriginal people in remote areas under a new housing

initiative announced in its Budget this month. Up to half the Territory's remote housing stock could be made available for sale in communities including Groote Eylandt, Bickerton Island and the Tiwi Islands.

The 2014 Territory Budget sets aside \$4.5 million over the next three years to begin the process of encouraging public housing tenants to buy their homes.

A 40-year or 99-year township lease will be offered to tenants who want to buy their home, along with a grant of \$20,000 after completion of the sale to help them upgrade and maintain their property.

"The Territory Government is committed to bringing jobs and development to Northern Australia and facilitating private home ownership in remote areas is a key part of achieving that goal," Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

"We want to build an economic future for Indigenous children and give them the opportunity to work and pay off their own home."

"We want public housing to be a pathway to home ownership, not an end in itself."

NT Housing Minister Matt Conlan said most homes would be priced in the \$80,000 to \$150,000 range.

They will be offered to tenants on a first-come, first-served basis.

"This new Indigenous home ownership strategy is a major milestone for the Northern Territory," he said.

"It will instil a sense of pride that is needed to help get people in the bush off welfare and into work."

To be eligible for the scheme, tenants must have a good rental

payment record and good property condition history for at least two years. They must also undertake mandatory education training and have finance approved by a lending institution.

Consultations will be held in coming weeks with plans for the first homes to be ready for sale before the end of the year.



Adam Giles



Gurgun Bulahnggelah Pioneers George Rose Weight Loss Challenge 'biggest losers' Isobell Armstrong, Cheryl Appoo-Armstrong, and Cindy Monsell.

## 'Losers' are winners



THREE months ago, you would have needed a wider angle

lens to get this picture. But not now. Why? Because these are the top members of the Lismore-based Gurgun Bulahnggelah Pioneers team that just finished the George Rose Weight Loss Challenge as part of the NSW Knockout Health Challenge.

The team name means 'agreeing to walk together' in the local Bundjalung language, which is particularly apt, because

that's exactly what they did, and a whole lot more exercise besides.

About 30 Aboriginal people joined the 10-week weight-loss challenge, backed by NSW Health and the NSW Rugby League.

Virtually all of them are lighter, and feeling much better, than when they started.

The local challenge winner – or 'biggest loser' in this case – was Cheryl Appoo-Armstrong, who dropped an impressive 12.1kg over the period.

Team manager Elly Bradshaw praised the Pioneers and urged others

to consider joining the challenge.

"We had great support, with a nutritionist and exercise instructor to help us along the way," he said.

"We called ourselves the Pioneers because we're the first mob from around here to enter the challenge. Now we're all keen to join the next one, which starts in July."

The challenges are a NSW Health and NSW Rugby League joint campaign to reduce chronic disease in Aboriginal communities. More details available at <https://www.facebook.com/NSWKnockoutChallenge>

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# Rangers get new vessel



Bardi Jawi Rangers take locals for a ride in their new boat. Picture: Kimberley Land Council



THE Kimberley's Bardi Jawi Rangers' job just got a little bit easier.

They now have a new commercial vessel which will enable them to access, manage and protect the remote islands and coastline of the Dampier Peninsula.

The specialised ranger boat *Almban*, meaning westerly wind in Bardi language, was launched at One Arm Point, after more than four years in the making.

The tri-hull vessel is powered by twin 225hp engines, is 8m long and

can carry eight people to undertake a range of marine activities. It is equipped with marine communications and search technology to be able to assist in patrols and marine rescues.

*Almban* captain and Bardi Jawi head ranger Phillip McCarthy said his team had worked hard to secure the boat and acquired the marine skills required to operate it.

"We have undertaken significant marine training and are aiming for all of our rangers to have coxswain qualifications, so they can skipper the vessel," he said.

"We have also completed marine

rescue training so we will be able to use the vessel to assist in emergency situations."

Mr McCarthy said that despite the vessel's array of capabilities, it's most significant use would also be the simplest – to enable Bardi Jawi Rangers access to the islands and coastline of their traditional country.

"In the early days our people used to travel across our sea country and through the islands using the galwa or double log raft," he said.

"Today, we will be using our new state-of-the-art vessel, but the purpose remains the same; to look after our

country and strengthen our culture."

The rangers are responsible for managing the 200km of coastline within the Bardi Jawi native title area and implementing targeted conservation management strategies within the Bardi Jawi Indigenous Protected Area, which is recognised for its high environmental and cultural values.

The Bardi Jawi Rangers are facilitated by the Kimberley Land Council and are one of 14 groups working in the Kimberley to undertake conservation and land management activities.

# Safe women the goal



VIOLENCE against Indigenous women will be the target of research conducted by a new national organisation

launched last week at Parliament House, Canberra.

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) – the first body of its kind in Australia – will undertake research aimed at addressing the high rates of domestic, family and sexual violence against women and children and improving outcomes for victims.

Research over the past seven years shows violence against women remains alarmingly high. The Australian Bureau of Statistics Personal Safety Survey 2012 found one in five (19%) Australian women had been subjected to sexual violence, and one in six (17%) had experienced physical or sexual violence from a current or former partner.

The survey found no reduction in the rates of women who reported partner violence between the 2005 ABS Safety Survey and that undertaken in 2012, despite many programs and initiatives

aimed at addressing the issue.

Indigenous females continue to be over-represented in the statistics, with a 2009 Productivity Commission inquiry finding that Indigenous women are 35 times more likely to be hospitalised due to family violence related assaults, than non-Indigenous females.

## Homicide

The Australian Institute of Criminology National Homicide Monitoring Program 2008-2010 also found that Indigenous females are five times more likely to be victims of homicide than

other Australian females.

The ANROWS launch also marked the announcement of the National Research Agenda to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children, addressing the four key areas: experience and impacts of violence against women; gender inequality and prevention; effectiveness of service responses and interventions; and the impact of systems.

ANROWS chair Emeritus Professor Anne Edwards said there was a need to bring a uniform, coordinated and national

approach to the issue. "Violence against women is one of the most significant issues facing our community, and is all the more confronting because we have seen little change in the rates of violence against women despite the best efforts of governments, service providers and the research community," she said.

"This is no more keenly felt than in Australia's Indigenous communities. To tackle this issue we need to understand what policies and practices will be most effective for reducing violence against women."

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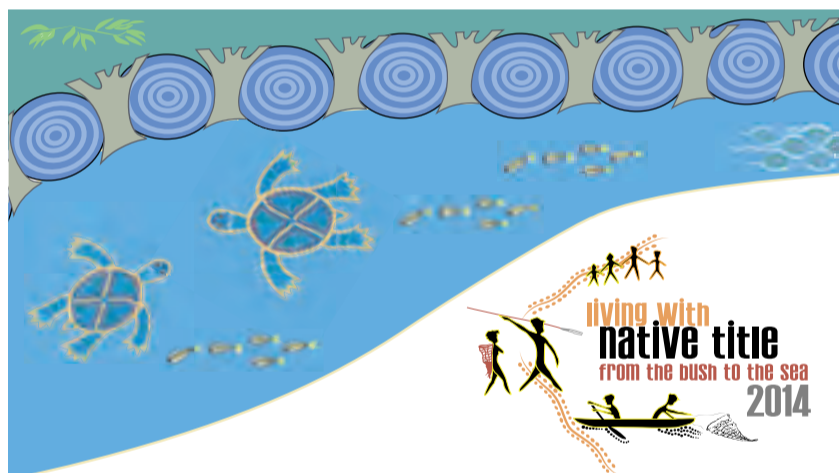
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Federal Court judge Justice Richard White and traditional owners look on as Colin Bird cuts a cake to celebrate the recognition of native title rights of the Ilkewarn, Atwel/Alkwepeyete and Ayampe people at the Bushy Park Perpetual Pastoral Lease.

# Celebrations as native title is recognised



NATIVE title rights of groups at Kalkarindji and Bushy Park Station in the Northern Territory have been recognised.

A Federal Court sitting in Kalkarindji, in the north-west, approved a determination of native title by consent over the Kalkarindji township in favour of the local Gurindji people.

And another sitting on country recognised the native title rights of the Ilkewarn, Atwel/Alkwepeyete and Ayampe people at the Bushy Park Perpetual Pastoral Lease, covering about 1695 square km north-east of Alice Springs.

At the Kalkarindji hearing, Central Land Council director David Ross congratulated the traditional owners.

"Standing with you here in

your country, it is wonderful to see the long and proud tradition of Gurindji people is continuing, fighting for and achieving just recognition of your rights in traditional lands," he said.

Mr Ross said the development of Kalkarindji would be "well provided for" as a result of negotiations between the NT Government and

**"Ceremony and culture has to pass to the young people. Aboriginal law and whitefella law can work together."**

traditional owners.

In a speech following the court hearing at Kalkarindji, Roslyn Frith, a senior traditional owner and director of the prescribed body corporate, the Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation, praised the persistence of the Gurindji people.

"We hold the land in our hands and recognition here is another milestone in the continuing campaign for Aboriginal land rights," she said.

Ms Frith also thanked the Federal Court and the Central Land Council and its staff members for their assistance in lodging and pursuing the claim, together with the Territory

Government for its consent to the settlement.

Justice Richard White presided at the Bushy Park determination to recognise the native title rights of the Ilkewarn, Atwel/Alkwepeyete and

Ayampe land-holding groups.

Senior native title holder Eric Penangk welcomed the recognition from the court.

"Ceremony and culture has to pass to the young people. Aboriginal law and whitefella law can work together," he said.



Gurindji traditional owners celebrate their native title recognition with Federal Court judge Justice Richard White, centre in tie, and CLC director David Ross, back at right.

# Medal for brave act



A HUMBLE young Aboriginal man says he was just doing what anyone else would have done when he saved an elderly woman from a knife attack – but his actions have been recognised with the Bravery Medal.

Simon Lewis and friend Brook Fogarty were decorated with Bravery Medals by NSW Governor Marie Bashir during a ceremony this month at NSW Government House. Another friend, Scott James, received the Commendation for Brave Conduct.

Mr Lewis was just 18 when in 2010 he awoke to screams and found a man attacking an elderly woman with a knife in a nearby residential unit.

He and his friends grabbed the knife from the drug-affected man, wrestled him to the ground and allowed the woman, aged in her late 60s, to escape.

## About the medal

**The Bravery Medal (BM) is awarded for acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances. It is the third highest Australian bravery decoration. Recipients are entitled to use the letters BM after their name.**

The young friends prevented a second attack when the man briefly broke free and lunged again at the woman who was sitting in a car outside the building. They dragged him away from her and pinned him to the ground while they awaited police.

Mr Lewis' proud mother Linda says her unassuming son doesn't talk much about the incident, and getting information out of him was "like pulling hen's teeth".

"I am just very, very proud of him, because you don't get many Aboriginal people being awarded a Bravery Medal and you don't get very

many good stories coming out of Mt Druitt (where the family lives, in Sydney's Western Suburbs) about any Aboriginal person," she said.

Mrs Lewis said she and her son wore "their colours" to the award ceremony in a proud display of their Aboriginal heritage.

Mr Lewis, a scaffolder who is now 23, has ties with the Anaiwan people of Tingha, Awabakal people of Newcastle and Barranbinya people of Bourke. He now lives in what his mother describes as the heart of the highest population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia – Mt Druitt.

The elderly woman they saved, who was the mother of the man attacking her, nominated the young people for their bravery awards.

Mr Lewis has also been nominated for the NAIDOC Youth of the Year award.

"I'm extremely proud of what he's done," Mrs Lewis said.



Bravery Medal winner Simon Lewis with his mother Linda at NSW Government House before the award ceremony conducted by NSW Governor Marie Bashir and, inset, wearing his Bravery Medal.



**I talked to a friend in an abusive relationship about domestic violence. It was hard, but they knew they could come to me.**

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# Ricci Marks Award winners named



THREE young people have been

honoured at this month's Victorian Koorie Youth Summit in Melbourne.

Lucy-Rose Doolan, from Mildura, and William Austin, from Ballarat, were joint recipients of this year's Ricci Marks Award of \$5000 bursaries each, while Ngaree Blow, of Melbourne, received the encouragement award of \$500.

The award is named in memory of Ricci Marks, who received the Aboriginal Young Achievers Award in 2000. It is designed to celebrate exceptional achievements of young Aboriginal Victorians.

Lucy-Rose Doolan is studying arts and law and involved in youth leadership initiatives in Mildura, William Austin, who's completing Year 12, is active in his community, while Ngaree Blow is studying for a degree in medicine and a Masters in Public Health degree.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tim Bull said this year's awards, the 18th held, had attracted a record 31 nominations.

At the award presentations, from left, Lucy-Rose Doolan, Ngaree Blow, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tim Bull and William Austin.



## Amnesty role for Solonec



AMNESTY International has a new Indigenous

peoples' rights manager in Australia. Rights activist Tammy Solonec, pictured above, who is also a director of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, said reducing injustice and the incarceration rate would be her focus.

A Nigena woman from Derby, Ms Solonec grew up in the north-west of Western Australia before settling in Perth at 16. She entered the University of WA's inaugural Aboriginal Pre-Law Program before completing her Bachelor of Laws.



KEY recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody are yet to be addressed 23 years after the report was handed down, University of Adelaide architectural anthropologist Dr Elizabeth Grant says.

Dr Grant's paper, published this month in the *Australian Indigenous Law Review*, evaluated Australian prisons following the royal commission (1987-1991) and found that while there have been some improvements in correctional facilities' infrastructure and services, more can be done to make prisons safer.

"The number of Indigenous deaths in custody continues to be unacceptably high," says Dr Grant, a senior lecturer and researcher at the University of Adelaide.

"Growing numbers of Indigenous prisoners have chronic illnesses, substance abuse problems, learning and cognitive disabilities and mental illnesses.

"The royal commission identified hanging as the primary method of suicide in prisons, and as a result, facilities across Australia



**"Growing numbers of Indigenous prisoners have chronic illnesses, substance abuse problems, learning and cognitive disabilities and mental illnesses."**

**— Paper author Dr Elizabeth Grant**

commenced screening and removing ligature points in cells. "A number of physical changes were made to Queensland correctional centres, including the removal of bars on cell windows. And cell design guidelines – focussed on building safe, practical and liveable cell environments – were developed

for Victorian prisons. "But in South Australia, the coroner has made repeated requests to have hanging points removed from prisons, with the most recent request in 2013. "The Western Australian Department of Corrective Services also made some positive changes with the introduction of a regional

prison policy. This policy sees Aboriginal prisoners, wherever possible, serve their sentence near their home region. This policy could be adopted in other states."

Dr Grant says that while some states have implemented effective policies and initiatives to address the mainly male Indigenous prisoners' health, more needs to be done to address minority populations like Indigenous women and young people.

"The rate at which women are being incarcerated in Australia has increased dramatically in the last two decades," she said.

"Women are a neglected and vulnerable group and the design of prisons should be conducive to their needs.

"Juvenile detention is an area also needing the attention of correctional agencies, researchers and designers. Culturally sensitive rehabilitation is vital for assisting young people to develop the appropriate life skills.

"Prison accommodation needs to be flexible, culturally appropriate, promote human interaction and enable Indigenous people to remain connected to their family, land and community."



Brothers Matthew, left, and Aaron McFarlane with their parents Jamie and Mona after Aaron's graduation.

# Persistence pays for firefighting brothers



PERSISTENCE has paid off for two young Aboriginal men who have now joined their long-serving dad as

firefighters with Fire & Rescue NSW.

Matthew McFarlane joined the squad in May 2013 at the age of 22. Now his younger brother Aaron has joined the service, graduating last month at Alexandria Training College at the age of 20.

The boys are following in the footsteps of their father Jamie, who has been with Fire & Rescue NSW (previously known as NSW Fire Brigades) for almost 25 years and is a

station officer at Kellyville, in Sydney's north-west.

Mr McFarlane said his sons showed a great deal of tenacity to get into the job. They both applied three times to score a coveted position as a permanent firefighter with Fire & Rescue NSW.

## "Not easy"

"It's not easy to get in. It takes a bit of persistence and a lot of luck," Mr McFarlane said.

"They don't take that many new recruits – only about 60 a year, and 7000 to 8000 people apply."

Proud mum Mona, a Gamilaroi

woman, said her sons wouldn't give up until they were accepted. "This has been a great achievement for the both of them because it has been their long-term goal," she said.

Matthew is stationed at Cabramatta in Sydney's south-west, while Aaron is in the north-western suburb of Baulkham Hills.

Mr McFarlane said Fire & Rescue NSW had many Aboriginal firefighters and was always encouraging more to apply.

"It's a great pathway to a career. They have a recruitment drive each year to encourage Aboriginal applicants," he said.

# Website details records



A NEW website has brought together thousands of records documenting Aboriginal traditional knowledge about Australian native landscapes, plants and animals.

Created by a team through the Australian Centre for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (ACEAS), the information is presented in the form of a map which records publicly available Australian Indigenous bio-cultural knowledge (IBK).

It is seen as an important part of a nationwide effort to stem the tide of extinction and decline in the Australian landscape and its wildlife.

The ACEAS IBK Working Group is led by researcher Dr Emilie Ens and includes 20 Indigenous and other experts and land managers from around Australia.

ACEAS says the map draws together, for the first time worldwide, the wealth of projects, documents, reports, research and management plans where Indigenous bio-cultural knowledge is being used and Aboriginal people are adding to the understanding of Australian ecology and land management practices.

## Examples

The website maps the places where projects have been or are being carried out, documents results and provides examples of current leading practice, useful information and case studies of 'living knowledge' and its practical application. These include cases of Aboriginal-led landscape restoration, fire management, knowledge about native plants and animals and knowledge about wetlands and other important ecosystems.

"This is the first time that Aboriginal knowledge about landscape and Australian ecological science have been brought together across the whole continent in a single resource," ACEAS director Associate Professor Alison Specht said.

"It also represents a major contribution to documenting and preserving traditional knowledge for future generations of Aboriginal people – and for all Australians."

Assoc-Prof Specht said the project was part of a worldwide trend to bring together the knowledge held by First Nations people together with science and conservation policy, and makes Australia one of the global leaders in this field.

To view the website go to: <http://aibk.info/>

# Vic funding to close gap



THE Victorian Government says more progress will be made towards closing the gap between Aboriginal and other people through funding

detailed in the latest State Budget. A total of \$525,000 has been earmarked for the state's Aboriginal Economic Strategy, which is designed to provide job opportunities and increase Aboriginal business enterprise and investment.

State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tim Bull said the strategy was developed with Aboriginal community leaders and the business sector to assure its success.

"We are confident this funding will deliver solid agreements with industries to deliver job opportunities, especially in growing sectors of the Victorian economy," he said.

Another \$3.1 million has been allocated in the Budget for changes to the *Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Act*, including support for Registered Aboriginal Parties to perform their duties.

And an additional \$488,000 will be provided to support the management of the Lake Tyers community over the next four years as it moves to self-management.



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## A Yarn With...



## KATHLEEN BROWN

**Cleaner, Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, Burnie, Tasmania**

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Mutton birds – stuffed or fried.

**Favourite other food?**  
Johnny Cake.

**Favourite drink?**  
Coffee.

**Favourite music?**  
I like any music.

**Favourite sport/leisure?**  
My baby, Taylor, is in the women's cricket, and I like watching her play.

**Favourite read?**  
Arts and crafts books.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
I'd like to go to Alaska. The schools over there have 23 languages. I've never been out of Tasmania, only on the islands birding.

**What are you watching on TV?**  
*Home and Away*.

**What do you like in life?**  
I love being a Nan. I have eight grandchildren.

**What don't you like in life?**  
Paedophiles and men hitting women.

**Which black or indigenous person would you most like to meet?**  
AFL players – the Krakouer brothers and Michael Long.

**Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
My Dad, my Nan and singer Tina Turner.

**If you could, what would you do to better the situation for Aboriginal people?**  
Educate the white man.

## Quote



**“It motivates me to know that, after all the stresses of studying, I can later use my degree to possibly empower the younger Indigenous generation towards a more successful future.”**

– *Torres Strait Islander scholarship recipient*  
**Katijah Keenan**

● See page 36

## Unquote

## Budget pain we just don't need

**T**REASURER Joe Hockey's first Budget has the capacity to inflict real pain in our communities – and we don't need more pain.

The Federal Government has savaged the safety net that most Australians thought was there to catch us if we fell.

Now – particularly if you're young or sick – fall and you'll hit rock bottom and get a face full of concrete, and then be forced to pay more for the medical bills incurred.

The Budget isn't necessarily an open attack on our mob, but it's an attack on the poor, the sick and the unemployed and, unfortunately, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have higher than average rates of poverty, sickness and unemployment.

It also contained the expected cut to the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, which could be considered an attempt to silence Indigenous voices.

Close the Gap campaign co-chair and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda is dead on the money, saying the Budget cuts to mainstream services could have a disproportionate impact on Indigenous people.

“The cuts to preventative health could also have significant impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people because of the negative impact this will have on addressing



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chronic disease,” he said. “Chronic disease is a significant contributor to the health equality gap. Cuts to preventative health now will only cost many more dollars in future health expenses.”

It wasn't all bad news in the past fortnight. The Queensland Government has introduced new law into Parliament to provide freehold land and home ownership opportunities in the state's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

In a move that's long overdue, the new law will give those living in Queensland's 34 Indigenous shires the chance to buy and sell their own homes or pass them on to their children – just like any other Queenslanders.

We can't help but agree with Premier Campbell Newman when he said: “What a proud day it will be as we correct the dispossession and the sins of the past.”

The move has been welcomed – rightly – by leaders of the Indigenous councils affected.

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**Bush Tukka** woman Samantha Martin with some of her favourite produce.



**Dessert food:** Cheesecake with conkerberry and blueberry syrup as featured in the *Bush Tukka Guide*. Picture by Keren Freeman

# The *Bush* *Tukka* woman

By RUDI MAXWELL

**W**HEN Samantha Martin was a child, her mother and Elders taught her to hunt and live off the land.

It ignited a passion for bush foods that Ms Martin, a descendant of the Kija and Jaru peoples of the east Kimberley region of Western Australia, wants to share.

She has made a television series, *My Bush Tukka Adventures with Samantha Martin*, which has screened on NITV, and has recently released a book, *Bush Tukka Guide*, with information about the huge range of bush foods across Australia, their culinary and medicinal uses and some scrumptious recipes.

"Growing up in a diverse environment allowed me to have the basic skills to identify food off the land, because I had the privilege of learning off my Elders and family," Ms Martin said.

"Most people don't get the opportunity to do this. With the book, I wanted to create something that could help people identify and increase knowledge of what grows in our backyards."

Ms Martin travelled to many places in Australia to research her book.

"I always ask local people wherever I go what they eat," she said.

"I wanted to allow the diversity to come through in my book."

The young cook feels many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have lost connection with traditional foods.

"I think it stems back from the 1980s, when bush foods became quite a gimmick, a 'try this witchetty grub fun thing' but didn't highlight traditional values and respect for bush foods a lot of the time," Ms Martin said.

"Witchetty grubs are high in protein and important to Aboriginal people in the desert. It's a huge process to dig them up but often in recent times they've been treated with no respect and as a gimmick."

"What I want to highlight is that bush foods are so full of nutritional value and our people lived off them for thousands of years and didn't suffer all the diseases we do now because of eating processed Western foods."

"I think that's the most important thing; our people respected the land, and treated it in a sustainable way. Our people didn't take everything at once, raid the land or pollute our land. They were respectful and allowed bush foods to grow for the next season. They knew where to hunt, and they worked with the land."

In the *Bush Tukka Guide*, Ms Martin writes about fruits, nuts, spices, herbs, honey, vegetables, shellfish, meat, insects, fish, birds and reptiles.

"I think a lot of people are narrow minded about bush foods, they don't understand the diversity between saltwater, freshwater, desert and rainforest foods," she said.

Ms Martin's love of food began as a young girl.

"I have always been a bit of a cook. My mum allowed me into our kitchen quite often," she said.

"At school you'd get taught something like spaghetti bolognese, food that was really set – but I wanted to draw on the herbs and spices I knew."

"I watched a lot of TV cooking shows and then I'd put my own two cents in, so I'd see a show about escargot (French snails) and think 'What could I use to do something

similar? What about mangrove snails?'

"I'd really try and push my boundaries."

"My family is very traditional, so they'd cook very basically, over coals. Then I'd give it a go and it'd be 'Here comes the garlic' – one of my favourite Western ingredients. My family were quite happy to be guinea pigs."

Some of Ms Martin's recipes in the book combine bush foods with Western ingredients, while others take a Western staple, like icecream, and give it a bush food spin.

"I always say, 'Throw a little native herb or spice in and taste the rustic Australia, the bush'," she said.

In the book she

also writes about traditional and medicinal uses of bush foods.

"Our people found so many ways to use food: things to alleviate toothaches, to soothe wounds on bodies. We can use plants to heal our bodies as well," Ms Martin said.

So with such a broad diversity of traditional foods, does the 'Bush Tukka woman' have a favourite?

"I would have to say I'm biased towards lemon myrtle. It's so yummy and there are so many uses for it – you can boil it in a big pot, make tea out of it, put it in so many different dishes, savoury and sweet. I drink it every morning, because it boosts your own natural adrenaline, it's anti-viral, anti-bacterial, a good source of vitamin C, and I love the smell," she said.

"Lemon myrtle is such a beautiful ingredient, you can't help but talk about it and be proud of it."



**Bush Tukka favourite:** bunya nut pesto and damper.



**Seafood special:** garlic and herb mangrove snails.

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Community Services

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Online applications for 2015 Project Funding will close **5pm, 27 June 2014**.

All applicants are encouraged to attend an Information Session at the Main Hall, Ainslie Arts Centre, Elouera St, Braddon, on:

**Wednesday, 21 May 2014  
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For more information visit  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Hon Ian Hunter MLC, is calling for nominations to the South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council.

The Council comprises ten members appointed by the Minister and meets quarterly.

The role of the South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council is to:

- Provide the Government with advice on existing programmes and policies as they affect Aboriginal people;
- Identify and inform the Government of emerging issues that will affect Aboriginal people from both metropolitan and regional perspectives;
- Provide the Government with advice on the development and implementation of future policies and services concerning Aboriginal people;
- Provide advice to Government agencies about appropriate consultation processes with Aboriginal communities; and
- Maintain links with other relevant advisory bodies.

**The Minister will be considering the following criteria:**  
**Aboriginal people who possess a strong understanding of Aboriginal culture, who have standing within the Aboriginal community, who have policy or service delivery experience and who are able to strongly contribute to the Council.**

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in South Australia are invited to apply. Young people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application packs are available from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet website at <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/aard-latest-news>. Alternatively you may telephone (08) 8226 8900 during office hours or contact Ms Kathryn Stone on email [kathryn.stone@sa.gov.au](mailto:kathryn.stone@sa.gov.au)

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**Nominations must be received by 5pm Tuesday 10 June 2014.**



DOING THE  
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Patrick Tittums in a scene from the documentary *Thunderstorms*.

# Documentaries look to the west



A NEW documentary series on NITV from this Saturday, May 25, looks

at the private worlds of three inspirational Western Australians.

Inspired by the theme of 'Defining Moments,' the films have been created through an initiative by NITV with ScreenWest called 'From the Western Frontier'.

The episode *My Three Families* introduces the first Aboriginal Children's Court magistrate in Western Australia, Sue Gordon, who was taken from her biological family at the age of four.

It follows her personal and professional journey from believing she was an orphan, to finding her birth family and enjoying success in the legal profession.

*Thunderstorms* uncovers Patrick Tittums' commitment to his lifelong love of flying and ambition to become a pilot, despite facing his own personal challenges and adversity.

And *Elizika* tells the story of how a car accident changed the life of Elizika Puertollano. Eight years after a collision involving a drunken driver took the life of her baby daughter and her ability to walk, the film explores Puertollano's determination in overcoming a devastating ordeal and follows her quest to walk again.

The initiative has also supported some of WA's most talented writers and directors including Tyson Mowarin, Kimberley West and Todd Russell.

"NITV is proud to present



Elizika Puertollano with members of her family.

this homegrown documentary series that takes audiences into the lives of Indigenous Australians," channel manager Tanya Denning said.

On May 26, *Awaken* will dedicate a special episode to exploring the topical issue of constitutional recognition.

Award-winning journalist Stan Grant will lead a panel discussion with Indigenous leaders and constitutional experts on what progress has been made to advance the constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians.

Filmed in front of a live audience, it is a timely discussion, with recent newpoll surveys revealing that 75% of Australians support constitutional reform.



Former WA Children's Court magistrate Sue Gordon.



# They deserve to be recognised

IT is gratifying to see that recognition of the service of our people to Australia has finally been acknowledged at Anzac Day.

The theme for the NAIDOC celebrations this year also highlights the service of our men and women to this country in time of war.

I have attached a poem by my nephew Anthony Lees (*Friends of Mine*, printed at right) about his father Neville Ross Lees, of Trangie in north-western NSW.

At the outbreak of World War II, Aboriginal people were unable to enlist despite our people having served with distinction in the Boer War and World War I.

This attitude changed with the threat of Japanese invasion in 1942.

Neville Lees served with the famous 6th Division, Australian Imperial Force, in the Middle East and New Guinea.

As Aboriginal people were not allowed to serve, he enlisted as a Greek. His complexion must have caused great mirth at the recruiting centre where



this 'Greek' man enlisted.

He confided in me that despite the reluctance of the authorities to include our people, he was accepted as an equal by the men he served with.

I had the privilege of meeting many of his comrades over the years, and enjoyed their company while they reminisced about their wartime experiences.

Neville, a quite unassuming man, treated every person he met with dignity and respect. Sadly, he like other members of our community, was subject to the prejudices that exist even today. The campaign to roll back the *Racial Discrimination Act* highlights this fact.

Neville firmly believed that you lead by example. The

success of that example was shown by the community representation at his funeral.

Good men and women deserve that respect regardless of their ethnic origin.

Many in the Australian population are still to come to terms with this. They are now in the minority, but cling fiercely to their divisive views.

Neville Lees was proud of his service to Australia in the Australian Army, but just prior to his death he told me he was ashamed that he was compelled to enlist as a Greek, and not as Aboriginal.

Nev and other warriors like him had no reason to feel shame, but unfortunately they did.

Hopefully our young people and other members of the Australian community will understand the sacrifices these men and women made on our behalf.

Lest we forget.

**BILL PHILLIPS**  
Dubbo, NSW

# We must embrace, not disgrace

THE Abbott Government's proposed changes to the *Racial Discrimination Act* making racial vilification lawful is deplorable.

Throughout the 1960s and 70s my mother and I were often victims of racial insults and humiliation, both verbally and written, because of our Aboriginal heritage.

In public we put on brave faces, but behind closed doors sadly it was a very different story.

We were powerless to do anything then. However, today we have laws that thankfully protect people from racial hatred.

Attorney-General George Brandis makes

no apology for people who are offended or insulted by bigots. Forgive me, but is this 2014? Society can engage in free, vigorous debate, and that should be encouraged.

However, to personally attack someone on racial grounds is quite another matter, and must be condemned.

Under the proposed amendments the following two examples would be lawful. On a recent trip to New Zealand, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge were greeted by a Maori warrior dancing in traditional garb. CNN reported the dance was like "a cross between a Chippendales lap dance and the mating

dance of an emu". CNN offered a quick apology for their humiliation.

Secondly, the racist views by Donald Sterling, the boss of the LA Clippers (basketball side), about American blacks would be condemned by a reasonable person. The NBA imposed a life ban and fined Mr Sterling millions.

Is this the society we want our children to embrace? I think not.

We must embrace, not disgrace.

**RICKY J MAYNARD**  
Tas Aboriginal Centre

# Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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## POETRY

### Friends of Mine

I wasn't even born when my dad went off to war, I couldn't understand what it was he was fighting for.

And when I asked him why, he replied

"Son, for friends of mine, I had to fight to save these friends of mine."

Through mud and blood and guts black and white were side by side

They earned respect the hard way, as around them their mates died.

And when I asked him why, he replied

"Son, for friends of mine, I would die to keep these friends of mine."

When the war was over and the battle finally won, There was no parade for him,

it seemed his fight had just begun.

And when I asked him why, he replied

"Son, for friends of mine, they've forgotten it, but they're friends of mine."

Now 'Coon' and 'Boong' they called him and 'Gin' they called his wife, These people he had fought for

for whom he'd risked his life.

And when I asked him why, he replied

"Son, for friends of mine, they don't know it yet, but they're friends of mine."

When the 'Old People' called to him and his life was near its end, The only thing that he had left

was all his trusted friends. And when I asked him why, he replied

"Son, for friends of mine, I gave all I had, to those friends of mine."

He stands before the Pearly Gates, at the far end of the queue, Saint Peter said "Don't line up, You can walk right through".

And when Dad asked him why, he replied

"Son, for friends of mine, There's no queue's up here, when you're a friend of mine. You're in Heaven now, and you're a friend of mine"

**ANTHONY LEES**

# Investing in our kids' future

OF all the measures to come out of the Federal Budget, one in particular represents a serious setback for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families in 38 communities across Australia.

The Australian Government's decision not to fund the 38 new Aboriginal Child and Family Centres (ACFCs) beyond June is devastating news — and seriously undermines the Government's new Closing the Gap target to improve school attendance of Indigenous children.

The five-year target on school attendance was introduced by Prime Minister Abbott in February in response to the frustratingly mixed progress under the existing six Closing the Gap targets since 2008.

Tabling his first Closing the Gap report in Parliament, Mr Abbott observed that getting children to school would provide the platform for progress in other Closing the Gap areas such as literacy, numeracy and employment.

"We may be doomed to fail — I fear — until we achieve the most basic target of all: the expectation that every child will attend school every day," Mr Abbott said.

SNAICC agrees with the merit of this proposition. But if we are going to make real gains in education and other life outcomes, the Government needs to take a step back and put more emphasis, effort and funding into where the real investment is needed — early childhood education and care.

There is overwhelming evidence that access to an effective early-years service has profound impact on development, health, education, employment and child protection outcomes.

In particular, international evidence shows that 95% of children from disadvantaged communities who attend an effective early childhood service between the ages of zero to three have an IQ in the normal range, compared with 45% of children who don't.

The real issue isn't simply about improving school attendance and ticking names off rolls — it's about ensuring that we are doing all we can to promote children's cognitive, emotional and social development in the critical early years to prepare children (and families) for school.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled early childhood services, numbering some 300 across the country, including the Aboriginal Child and Family Centres, are at the very heart of the challenge Mr Abbott has set on school attendance and must be supported if we are to avoid more disappointing results under Closing the Gap.

Our early childhood services are already removing barriers to participation and providing affordable, culturally strong education services and other support to our children and families.

However, instead of recognising the critical roles of these services, the Government seems content with the simplistic position of 'get the kids to school and everything else will be fine'.

The 38 Aboriginal Children and Family Centres are the newest of the community-controlled services, created under the National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Early Childhood Development.



**SHARRON WILLIAMS**

The ACFCs represent a \$300 million investment by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG). It's a considerable investment that acknowledges the importance of providing more support in the critical early years of a child's development, as well as an acceptance that mainstream fee-based services are not a viable option for many of our children and families.

Some of the ACFCs began operations two years ago, others have officially opened their doors in the past two months, having worked from temporary premises.

But all the centres are already having an impact, providing quality early childhood education grounded in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and — just

as important — integrated related services for families such as maternal health and family support programs.

They are also striking partnerships with local primary schools to make the all-important transition to school as smooth and stress-free as possible. And the results are looking encouraging: for example, one primary school in northern Melbourne has gone from no Aboriginal children enrolled to 20, an increase the school principal attributes to the existence of and relationship with the local ACFC.

And yet, despite their crucial role, the 38 Aboriginal Children and Family Centres have faced an uncertain future beyond June 30 2014, with the Australian and state-territory governments in a stalemate about whose responsibility it is to fund the centres post June.

With no parties taking responsibility, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families are left trapped in the middle, waiting to see if their children will have continued access to critical early years support services. Some ACFCs are being left with no alternative but to reduce services; others have seen experienced staff leave because of the uncertainty over their futures.

It is a totally unacceptable, frustrating and ludicrous situation. It's one thing to talk the talk on Closing the Gap, but if we are to see real improvements in the lives of Indigenous Australians governments must be prepared to also walk the walk by committing to the long-term future of community-controlled services.

The Government's decision in

the Budget has confirmed that it will now be up to state and territory governments to guarantee the long-term future of the ACFCs — and the signs from the states and territories so far are not encouraging.

Uncertainty over funding is not restricted to ACFCs — there are 270 Indigenous community-controlled early childhood services operating under the Budget-based funding system also in a battle to secure their long-term future. These services have operated and succeeded despite inadequate federal funding for years.

The message from SNAICC and ACFCs to Prime Minister Abbott has been consistent and clear: Invest in our services now and your school attendance targets will follow, as will other progress under Closing the Gap. You have said yourself that past policy failures in Indigenous affairs were based on misguided notions of doing things for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, rather than with us.

Governments must follow through on this partnership approach by investing more faith, funding and responsibility in our community-controlled organisations to deliver integrated early childhood and family support services.

Empower them to continue their life-changing work, and you'll be setting the stage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to thrive.

● *Sharron Williams is chairperson of SNAICC, the national non-government peak body in Australia representing the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.*

# A new approach

THE Indigenous Affairs Budget (released this month) is possibly one of the most important for a decade. It's all about a new approach through the new Indigenous Advancement Strategy.

It tackles bureaucratic inertia and waste in Indigenous Affairs in favour of radical reforms focussed on achieving results for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people which reflect the Government's priorities of getting children to school, adults into work and safe communities.

The old ways have not worked. Most Closing the Gap targets are not on track to be met and in remote communities the gap is wider.

We have to change our approach. More of the money needs to hit the ground if we are to break the cycle of poverty, dysfunction and hopelessness that, left as it is, will consign future generations of Indigenous Australians to a life of welfare dependency.

This Budget replaces 26

programs involving more than 100 individual activities with five simple, streamlined broad-based programs under an Indigenous Advancement Strategy with the objective of achieving results in the Government's priority areas.

The new programs are:

- Jobs, land and economy
- Children and schooling
- Safety and wellbeing
- Culture and capability
- Remote Australia strategies

This does not mean programs and services have been axed.

It means they are collapsed into these five streams for flexibility to tailor spending to meet the priorities of individual communities. We have talked about the need to get rid of the one-size-fits-all approach for years — this change allows us to finally do it.

No longer will Aboriginal and other organisations delivering Commonwealth-funded services have to be buried in paperwork.

As organisations transition to the new strategy over the next 12 months, all current contracts will be honoured and those whose



**NIGEL SCULLION**

contracts were due to expire on 30 June 2014 will be offered a six- to 12-month extension.

The Indigenous Advancement Strategy involves spending of \$4.8 billion over four years.

Indigenous Affairs, like most areas of Government spending, has had to provide some savings to help begin the task of repairing the financial mess left by Labor.

It involves a saving of about 4.5%, or \$239 million over four years. The savings do not affect organisations like the Indigenous Land Corporation, Indigenous Business Australia and Aboriginals Benefit Account, nor does it affect funding for key spending areas such as remote housing.

Labor is already railing against reductions in spending. But nowhere have I heard from Labor an admission of responsibility for the Budget mess it left. Labor spent big, but irresponsibly, in its last year.

For example, it provided funding for one year for up to 3000 more students through the Clontarf Academy's Sporting Chance Program. But Labor did not provide any funding for the years ahead. What was supposed to happen to those students under Labor? The Abbott Government is providing \$13.4 million for these 3000

students — over four years.

We are also changing the way we deliver services. We are replacing the current, cumbersome and confusing service delivery structures with a new Remote Community Advancement Network led by a national director whose key accountability will be to deliver demonstrable improvements in school attendance, employment and community safety.

Local staff will report to the national director through regional offices, rather than state offices, to ensure quicker decisions which are more responsive to urgent needs of communities.

This will support a new engagement with Indigenous people, allowing us to be more flexible with funding and to ensure it meets the aspirations and priorities of communities, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

Engaging with local people will secure the gains needed to ensure we close the gap in Indigenous disadvantage.

● *Senator Nigel Scullion is the Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister*

# Fighter for her people

**T**ORRES Strait Islanders as well as Aboriginal people are mourning the death of Mabel Tapim, a cultural and community Elder in Townsville who hailed from Mer (Murray) Island in the Torres Strait.

Mabel, affectionately known as Aunt May, passed away peacefully in Townsville Hospital on May 4, aged 69, after a brief battle with cancer.

A quietly spoken and friendly woman, she was active in the Torres Strait Islander community of Townsville.

Mabel, a member of the Dowareb Tribe on Murray Island, was born at Mas Village on December 4, 1944. She was one of six children raised by her parents Melpal and Seriana Tapim.

She was christened Gagee Mabel Tapim and was given two Segurnick names, Azzy and Sea Neur, from her grandfather.

During her childhood days she grew up in Mas village and lived in a big house called Pandora built by her father and two uncles.

She had many family members, but her grandfather Marou Atta, who was the first person to own a store on Murray Island, would become one of the most influential figures in her life.

On one hand he was a kind, loving and gentle grandfather, on the other an outspoken leader with lawyer-like qualities who fought hard for the rights of Torres Strait Islanders.

In those days, Torres Strait Islanders were managed and controlled at every turn, with very few opportunities.

Mabel remembered how her grandfather Marou organised the first strike in the Torres Strait on July 15, 1957, and then he won the right for men to be allowed to work 'down south' on railway lines and sugar cane farms.

She always said it was her grandfather's determination to overcome government barriers that was the beginning of her journey to improve her people's basic human rights.

Mabel moved to Townsville and raised her own family as a single mother. She played basketball and softball at a representative level.

In 1980 she was the Queensland Cancer Fund's Nurse of the Year.

Several years later she joined the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service and became the first Torres Strait Islander in Townsville to be trained as a dental nurse.

In 1984, she travelled to Tahiti with a delegation including former Lord Mayor Mike

Reynolds and Local Elder Alec Illin where they successfully bid for the right to hold the 1988 South Pacific Festival of the Arts in Townsville.

She went to the Townsville General Hospital in 1998 as an Indigenous liaison officer. During that time she became a board member and was elected president of Magani Malu Kes – a not-for-profit community organisation advocating for mainland Torres Strait Islander people.

Apart from her many professional achievements, Mabel's real passion was her larger-than-life family, teaching children and promoting her Torres Strait culture through traditional singing, dancing, cooking and craft.

Close friend Lyla Murison said it was a great shame to lose an Elder rich in cultural knowledge at such an early age, and she would be greatly missed.

"I offer sincere condolences to her

family, friends and community," she said.

Bindal traditional owner Angie Akee said Mabel's work and loving nature would long be remembered and respected in north Queensland.

Mabel was also passionate about supporting the Garbutt Magpies Australian rules football team, which included many family members and competed in the Townsville competition for many years. – *Written by Alf Wilson*



I try not to think about it. No one believed me. Wrong. I was a child.

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The scholarships will be awarded to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children who, in the opinion of the School Board, are likely to benefit most from the IGS educational experience. In making this decision the Board will consider the following factors:

- Supportive family/community and commitment to an education at IGS
- Development attributes of the child, including social skills
- Relative disadvantage
- Benefits for the Child and the School

The selection will be based on the application and an interview. Candidates will be short-listed for a meeting and discussion with the applicant and their parent/guardian. The interview committee will consist of an IGS Board Member, the Principal and a local Indigenous representative, and will make a recommendation for the consideration by the Board

The terms of the scholarships will be:

- Full Tuition fees, K-12
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- Supply of text books and other specified materials, K-12
- Supply of uniform and other requirements

The scholarships will be open to Indigenous students already enrolled at IGS as well as external applicants.

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## Your Say

# The theft of our children must stop

WE, as Aboriginal grandparents and parents, have called protests across the country for May 26 demanding the return of our children who have been forcibly removed by child welfare agencies.

More Aboriginal children are now being taken away than at any previous time in Australia's black and white history. This cannot be allowed to continue. It is time for affected families and supporters to come together and fight what our families and others are calling yet again another Stolen Generation.

Each year, May 26 is marked as 'Sorry Day', the anniversary of the release of the 'Bringing Them Home' report in 1997, which laid bare the horrors of the Stolen Generations of the past century.

'Bringing Them Home' also sounded the alarm that an "unacceptable" number of Aboriginal children were still being removed by child welfare agencies.

Driving these removals is the entrenched poverty faced by our communities, and continuing racist and ignorant attitudes amongst welfare workers.

Since then, the number of our children being removed has exploded from 2785 in 1997 to 13,914 in 2013 – a five-fold increase. In NSW, 10% of Aboriginal children are in out-of-home care. Across the country, it is almost 6% of Aboriginal children, more than 10 times the non-Indigenous rate, and the figure is rising every year.

Removals that are happening now are no different to those in the 20th century. Police are regularly sent with weapons to rip our children away. Mothers who fight back are jailed. Babies are taken from their mothers at birth. Some children in remote communities are placed on aircraft and flown hundreds, or even thousands, of kilometres away from their families to be

placed with non-Aboriginal carers.

Removals routinely happen without any attempts to work with families.

This is criminal.

If there is a crisis situation and children are unable to remain in a household, options for care should be negotiated with the family group and the broader Aboriginal community, not be enforced through removal into non-Indigenous foster care. Rehabilitative assistance must be given to the affected families to allow for future return of the children.

We want more Aboriginal workers for our communities, and for all non-Aboriginal welfare workers to have cross-cultural training. All welfare workers must be accountable to their own protocols and procedures to ensure the inclusion of our families in decisions that affect our lives.

The ultimate goal, however, must be self-determination for our people in the care and protection of our children.

We have virtually no rights within the current system. The 'rules of evidence' do not apply in the Children's Court. Welfare workers can file statements full of anonymous stories and have magistrates approve removal without any chance for parents to be heard. Many parents are not represented and those who are often have to wait months to put their case forward.

We are stopped from speaking to the media about our cases while they are before the Children's Court. The 'Aboriginal Child Placement Principle', supposedly law in every state, is routinely ignored, and extended family networks are pushed out of decision making about our children. Child welfare agencies are renowned for subverting their own policies and procedures and are described as "a law unto themselves".

There is currently a royal commission into sexual abuse in institutions, yet these same organisations are being given big contracts to manage our children in the rapidly expanding out-of-home-care industry. NSW has passed legislation which will make it easier for adoption or long-term guardianship for children only recently removed, destroying any chance of reunification. Governments across the country are considering similar reforms.

We have formed a national network to call for a national people's movement that can build the grassroots pressure to stop the ongoing Stolen Generations and fight the systemic disadvantage facing our people. We demand resources to lift our communities out of poverty – the real 'neglect' that is used to justify taking our children.

Stop stealing our children! They belong to us, not government departments. We want returning children to their families to be the priority! We want the forced adoption policy abolished.

Our children are not orphans, they have loving families!

We want the punitive child removals to stop. Child welfare agencies must work with Aboriginal families and provide supports and services to ensure families stay together.

We demand Aboriginal community control over all decisions affecting the welfare of our children and families.

**Signed by Grandmothers Against Removals (Gunnedah, NSW); Indigenous Social Justice Association; Brisbane Sovereign Embassy; Perth Aboriginal Tent Embassy; Intervention Rollback Action Group Alice Springs; and Stop The Intervention Collective Sydney.**

YOU and the government took me away from family  
For my own good it was said  
So instead of my own bed I lay in yours  
Listening  
To those approaching footsteps along the cold convent floor  
I feign sleep  
It doesn't work  
So I am wishing I was dead  
But I am not  
So I float away  
My un-owned body grows numb

## Nailed to a cross

A child's mind fractures – mine  
I watch you from a distance  
You don't just rape the body  
The soul also is desecrated  
Your sweaty and awfully white body swallows me up  
You swear and threaten

You tie me down – how can I stop you?  
Me a mere child  
I will deafness and my eyes lifeless  
Then start a life outside of the room.  
But I still see your precious and golden cross fall from your neck  
Jesus is still nailed to it  
But I wish it were you.

**BRUCE DOCKER**  
Brisbane, Qld



From left, letter-writer Kate Russell, of Maxima, NSW Governor Maree Bashir and Show Me The Way chair Lola Forester at the Maxima-Show Me The Way Sydney office launch last year.

# We need to seize every opportunity

I AM a proud Awabakal woman from Lake Macquarie.

When I was 18, I moved to Sydney to do an international studies degree at the University of NSW through a cadetship with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Both my parents are university graduates and I went to a selective school, so there was always the expectation, and pressure, that I would go on to tertiary education.

Choosing international studies meant an obligatory one-year overseas exchange. At open day I remember brainstorming excuses I could use to avoid going but still graduate – the idea of living overseas when I hadn't even adjusted to Sydney seemed ridiculous and impossible.

The University of NSW Indigenous Centre, Nura Gili, arranged for me to stay on campus for the first year, making the transition to the city much easier. Living with an Israeli, a Sri Lankan and two Chinese girls made the idea of an international education seem possible, but no less daunting.

By the time third year rolled around and we had to select our exchange location, I had found a solid group of friends who were all making the same choices, and the capacity to share that journey with them normalised an intense and competitive process.

After completing one year at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona (Spain), interning at the Universidad de Barcelona, traveling Europe and perfecting

my sangria (a Spanish beverage) recipe, I wasn't ready to come home.

Upon completing my undergraduate degree I enrolled in a Masters of International Business at Southern Cross University, which I completed while in Spain. I found work with the regional government in a program supporting English language learning in an area where the two co-official languages were constantly politicised and raised serious questions of nationality and identity.

For many of the students in Spain, English was a passport to opportunity, to study overseas and earn a decent wage – something I had taken for granted.

## Privileged

Working in low socioeconomic areas with a high percentage of immigrants who were learning their third or fourth language in my class showed me how privileged I was and how ridiculous that I would try to find an excuse not to study overseas.

The decision to be brave, to move to Spain, changed my life.

I spent four years in Barcelona learning two languages, completed a Master's, travelled the world and became an adult.

The word 'opportunity' gets thrown around a lot. I currently work as a consultant for the company Maxima in the Indigenous employment team,

and I constantly speak to my recruits about opportunity, how they need to appreciate it and work toward it.

But the truth is, I only really understood opportunity when I moved to Spain, when I saw the looks on people's faces when I told them I was studying in Barcelona, working for the government and supporting myself financially at the ripe old age of 21.

I consider myself very lucky that I've had people supporting me and helping me make the right decisions.

Now my job is to help Indigenous youth make the right decision, to seize opportunity, because not everyone has the natural support system that I did. Not everyone gets lucky.

I had access to some incredible opportunities, and today I work to create more for the community.

It's important for the next generation to understand that these possibilities exist and not to be afraid to go after them.

Education can take you to the other side of the world and to the top of the career ladder, as long as you try.

I've seen some incredible young kids come through in the last few years; they get the opportunity, they understand in a way that took me much longer.

My dream is that this becomes the norm, and I'll do whatever I can to help.

**KATE RUSSELL**  
Sydney, NSW



**Local Land Services**  
Greater Sydney

## Aboriginal Advisory Group

Applications are sought from Aboriginal community members living within the Greater Sydney Local Land Services (GS LLS) area to apply for membership of the GS LLS Aboriginal Advisory Group. The geographic area covered by the GS LLS extends from Wollondilly in the south to Wyong in the north, and from Mt Victoria in the west to Sydney.

The broad role of the Aboriginal Advisory Group will be to provide input into development of Greater Sydney Local Land Services plans and strategies, and provide advice on programs and cultural heritage issues for Aboriginal communities. The group will act as a conduit for the exchange of information between the GS LLS and local Aboriginal communities.

Membership of the group will reflect the diversity of skills, experience and grass-roots knowledge held by Aboriginal people. Membership will also reflect the geographical cross-section of Aboriginal organisations and individuals across the region, as well as gender and age balance.

For further information or an Information Package and Application Form, contact Margaret Bottrell on (02) 4725 3049 or Jodi Cameron on (02) 4725 4046.

**Applications close 7 June 2014.**

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**Royal Commission**  
into Institutional Responses  
to Child Sexual Abuse

## SHARE YOUR STORY ABOUT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN AN INSTITUTION

A Royal Commission was set up last year to investigate how organisations such as schools, churches, sports clubs and foster care have responded to allegations and incidents of child sexual abuse.

The Royal Commission is visiting the Kimberley region to meet with people who have experienced child sexual abuse while in the care of an institution.

If you were sexually abused as a child while in the care of an institution in Australia you can share your story with the Royal Commission. It doesn't matter how long ago the abuse occurred. Every person's story is important.

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Write: GPO Box 5283, Sydney, NSW 2001

For more information about the work of the Royal Commission and support services available call 1800 099 340 or visit [www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au](http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au)



# Yarn up

We're inviting Aboriginal people across central west NSW to a yarn up in Dubbo.

Come and have a say on how the Central West Local Land Services (LLS) can be working with the Aboriginal communities in our region.

The yarn up is put on by the Central West Aboriginal Reference Group. We want to help LLS address cultural heritage issues properly across its business.

**Where and when: Dubbo, 30 May**

Find out more and let us know you are coming – give Louise Mathieson (6881 3400) a call by 23 May.



**Local Land Services**  
Central West

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# Ceremony for Red Hill Bluff cave



THE strong cultural significance of the Red Hill Bluff cave on the North Goonyella Mining Lease, inland

from the Queensland city of Mackay, has been recognised. Representatives of the Wiri People #2 native title holders of the region and mining company Peabody Energy joined to commemorate the cave's history with a smoking ceremony and traditional dance group.

The ceremony honoured the Wiri People #2 members' ties to the country where the underground mine operates, and marked the end of archaeological works at the site.

Uncovered by Peabody representatives in late 2010, the cave contains a series of Aboriginal hand stencils.

Senior cultural heritage coordinator and Wiri #2 member Kelvin Dunrobin said seeing the cave site for the first time was a powerful experience.

"The first time I visited it I was almost overcome with emotion – we even found artefacts on the way up to the cave," he said.

"You see pictures of these sorts of things but to see it in real life, particularly when I think it could've been my



Representatives of the Wiri People #2 native title holders ready for the ceremony at the site of the Red Hill Bluff cave.

ancestors who were here, was really exciting."

The cave's location provides a good vantage point above the surrounding country and would have been used as a lookout point for Aboriginal people. "You can see the plains where our people

would've hunted and gathered. Up here would have been ideal. You can see people, or anything, coming from miles up here – fire, mounted-police coming looking for people," Mr Dunrobin said.

Peabody and traditional owners have taken action to

safeguard the heritage site, and have used lasers to survey the site allowing for a 'digital walkthrough' of the caves.

Wiri #2 applicant Vasa Hunter said the three-dimensional scan model and replica caves were important as the actual cave is remote

and on steep terrain, and difficult to access.

"I'm from the older generation but think the digital model is important because it will mean more young people are able to view the cave, without travelling to this remote location," Vasa said.



Australian Government

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN FOR NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2015

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT—ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER YOUNG MEMBER

The Australian Government Department of Education, Youth Affairs Branch is seeking an Indigenous young person, aged 12–25 years, to be a member of the National Youth Week (NYW) National Planning Group (NPG) for 2015.

The successful applicant will play an important role in providing advice to increase engagement and participation of Indigenous young people during NYW 2015. They will have input into the planning, promotion, implementation and evaluation of NYW 2015 at a national level, and will have an excellent knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, be organised, have good communication skills and be able to actively engage across a range of relevant networks and communities.

To be eligible for the position, you will need to:

- identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person;
- be accepted as such by the community in which you live or have lived; and
- be aged between 12–25 (as at 19 April 2015).

This is an unpaid position, however the Department of Education will cover accommodation, travel and related expenses for attending Australian Government organised events and NYW events.

Further information on this position can be found at [www.youthweek.com](http://www.youthweek.com) and Expressions of Interest must be received by the National Youth Week Secretariat via email at [nationalyouthweek@education.gov.au](mailto:nationalyouthweek@education.gov.au) no later than Sunday 15 June 2014.

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# Precedents set by NLC approvals



THE Northern Land Council (NLC) gave the green light to two precedent-setting applications at its meeting held this month in Katherine.

The full council, comprising 78 elected and five co-opted female members from across the NLC's seven regions, gave the go-ahead to lease Aboriginal land for private housing, and also for mining exploration by an Aboriginal-owned company.

Djambawa Marawilli will be able to build and own his own home after the council approved his application to lease Aboriginal land in his community of Banyala, at Blue Mud Bay.

The lease is the first to be approved in the NLC region for a privately-owned house under

Section 19 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*.

The NLC says the 99-year lease will give Mr Marawilli the security necessary to receive a first home ownership grant and to borrow money for his new house.

"The Commonwealth

**"Under the Commonwealth model, traditional owners surrender control to a Commonwealth public servant who holds township leases."**

Government is promoting the idea that whole-of-township leases are the only path to home ownership in communities which sit on Aboriginal land," NLC chairman Samuel Bush-Blanasi said.

"But this lease to Mr Marawilli under the *Land Rights Act* delivers the same result and

traditional owners still retain control of development within their communities.

"Under the Commonwealth model, traditional owners surrender control to a Commonwealth public servant who holds township leases."

Also in east Arnhem Land,

Aboriginal-owned Gulkula Mining Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Gumatj Corporation, has been given approval to explore for bauxite across 69sq km of Aboriginal land. The exploration area is immediately south

of the Rio Tinto Alcan Gove mining tenement on the Dhupama Plateau.

The NLC says the exploration agreement will bring financial benefits to traditional owners as well as social benefits, including employment, training and contract opportunities.



Local and Chinese delegation officials at the Palm Island Council offices.

# Chinese delegation visits Palm Island

By ALF WILSON



SIX Chinese officials have given a glowing review of Palm Island after they visited the north Queensland community last month to explore business and investment opportunities.

The leaders were accompanied by officials from the University of Sydney, and Queensland Local Government Minister David Crisafulli was also on Palm Island during the visit.

Palm Island Community Company's Paul Travis

said the visit was of great importance to the community.

Mayor Alf Lacey said never before had such high-calibre international VIPs visited the island.

"We want to open doors to development and this could be the turning point to the direction we want to go," he said.

**"Real honour"**

"It is all about having a better way of life, especially for our children. It is a real honour to have the Chinese delegates here."

Mr Crisafulli welcomed the delegates.

"Alf Lacey is one of the

state's best leaders and it is impossible to come to Palm Island without escaping Alf's tentacles – he always puts me to work," he said.

One of the leaders, Mr Zhang, said the group was "overwhelmed by the hospitality and warmth of Palm Islanders".

"This has been a very complete visit – few people back in China have ever heard of Palm Island," he said.

"This has been a great opportunity and in China we are working with ethnic minority communities. I invite a delegation from Palm Island to visit us in China."

# Our heritage will benefit



EIGHTEEN projects around Australia have shared in almost \$1.6 million through the latest

Federal Indigenous Heritage Program grants. The program is designed to help strengthen the connection between Indigenous communities and their heritage.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the projects focused on supporting, identifying, promoting and conserving the heritage values of places important to Indigenous people.

Recipients are:

- Kalyuku Ninti – Waterhole Mapping (\$111,500 for Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa, WA);
- Northern Spinifex Heritage Project (\$124,000 for Ilkurlka Aboriginal Corporation, WA);
- Ngarrindjeri Cultural Heritage Management, Bashams Beach Regional Park (\$140,000 for Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority, SA);
- Stories from Country: recording traditional knowledge of key heritage places in Mirarr Gundjeihmi country (\$70,400 for

Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation, NT);

- Point Ritchie/Moyjil Aboriginal Place – Sharing Stories of Place (\$70,000 for Warrnambool City Council, Vic);

- Lalai put Stones in Saltwater Country (\$89,000 for Dambimangari Aboriginal Corporation, WA);

- Fletchers Lake Cultural Heritage Management Plan (\$147,100 for Barkindji Maraura Elders Environment Team, NSW);

- West Kimberley – Sharing Australians Indigenous Heritage (\$65,800 for Kimberley Land Council, WA);

- Reinvigorating Warumungu and Warlmanpa Women's Cultural Heritage, Stage 2 (\$49,700 for Central Land Council, NT);

- Visiting, identifying and conserving sites in West Arnhem Land to document and share Indigenous knowledge (\$70,000 for Injalak Arts, NT);

- Gunggandji Cultural Heritage Strategy (\$70,000 for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Qld);

- Cultural Heritage

Identification and Reconnect to Country Project (\$61,800 for Anaiwan Local Aboriginal Land Council, NSW);

- Angledool Mission and Aboriginal Burial Ground Restoration Project (\$70,000 for Lightning Ridge Local Aboriginal Land Council, NSW);

- Songlines Project – cultural heritage significance of waterholes along songlines (\$70,000 for the Australian National University, ACT);

- Bunya Cultural Landscape Signage (\$55,000 for Burnett Mary Regional Group for Natural Resource Management Ltd, Qld);

- Telling the Story of the Bundian Way – An Ancient Aboriginal Pathway (\$70,000 for the Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council);

- Conserving and interpreting Ngannawal Heritage of Ginninderra (\$58,100 for Thunderstone Cultural and Land Management Services Aboriginal Corporation, ACT); and

- Restoring our Cultural Landscape (\$200,000 for Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council, NSW).

# Gurrumul and Goodrem are Sing Loud! judges



SINGERS Delta Goodrem and Gurrumul Yunupingu are the judges for the National Reconciliation Week (NRW) song competition

Sing Loud! The competition offers an opportunity for singers and choirs to share the spirit of reconciliation and win some of the \$2000 in prizemoney on offer for best cover and best original song.

Musicians, choirs and singers are encouraged to either record one of the previously unpublished songs about reconciliation in the playlist available on the Sing Loud! webpage – [www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/category/sing-loud/](http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/category/sing-loud/) – or to write and perform their own reconciliation song.

The competition closes on June 8, with winners announced by June 30.

Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong said Goodrem and Gurrumul were obvious choices for the judging panel following their duet *Bayini*, sung in Yolngu Matha language

on the television program *The Voice* during NRW last year.

"Gurrumul and Delta's performance became a powerful symbol for reconciliation and their journey together continues with the Sing Loud! competition," she said.

"I understand that Delta, Gurrumul, Shine Entertainment and the songwriters of *Bayini* agreed to donate proceeds of all iTunes downloads from this song to the Gurrumul Foundation, which supports remote Indigenous youth."

Goodrem said it was a personal and professional highlight to sing with Gurrumul during NRW last year, and encouraged everyone to enter Sing Loud! this year.

"Last May I was honoured to sing with Gurrumul as a simple act of reconciliation. This year I want to ask everyone to get together and sing loud for reconciliation," she.

"In our judging we'll be looking for songs that show creativity and embody reconciliation, like *Bayini* did."



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Bev, Diploma of Creative and Indigenous Writing online student, Victoria

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21ST MAY TO 3RD JUNE



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## WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY

12:00 Away From Country G (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)  
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
7:30 Move It Mob Style 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 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
11:30 By The Rapids PG (Comedy)  
12:30 Spirits In Bare Feet PG (Documentary)  
1:00 Small Island Big Fight PG (Documentary)  
1:30 RHEF PG (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 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
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 We Shall Remain PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Colour Theory PG (Series)  
10:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

## THURSDAY 22ND MAY

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
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12:00 We Shall Remain PG (Documentary)  
1:30 Colour Theory PG (Series)  
2:00 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
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4:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
6:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 The Marnbrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)  
9:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)  
10:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)  
10:30 By The Rapids PG (Current Affairs)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

## FRIDAY 23RD MAY

12:00 The Marnbrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)  
1:30 Korralyn G (Documentary)  
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
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9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 The Marnbrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)  
12:30 Shaq Vs G (Series)  
1:00 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 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
6:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
8:00 Shaq Vs PG (Series)  
9:00 Jazz PG (Series)  
10:00 Balanda And The Bark Canoe PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)

## SATURDAY 24TH MAY

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)  
12:30 The Marnbrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)  
2:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
2:30 Tangaroa With Pio PG (Lifestyle)  
3:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
3:30 RHEF PG (Series)  
4:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)  
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)  
6:00 Maori TV's Native Affairs NC (Current Affairs)  
7:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)  
7:30 Sisters Inside PG (Documentary)  
8:00 Twelve Canoes PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Two Laws PG (Movie)  
11:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)

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## SUNDAY 25TH MAY

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Entertainment)  
7:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)  
8:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)  
9:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
10:00 OFC Champions League NC (Sport)  
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (Sport)  
12:30 Twelve Canoes PG (Documentary)  
1:40 Marrka Wangka G (Documentary)  
2:00 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)  
4:00 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)  
4:30 Sisters Inside PG (Documentary)  
5:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)  
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)  
6:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
6:30 Around The Traps On NITV PG (Entertainment)  
7:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)  
7:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
8:00 Our Story: Six Sisters Of The Stolen Generation PG (Documentary)  
9:00 From The Western Frontier G (Documentary Series)  
9:30 Even The Rain M (Movie)  
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

## MONDAY 26TH MAY

12:00 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)  
2:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)  
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
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10:00 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)  
11:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)  
11:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
12:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Our Story: Six Sisters Of The Stolen Generation PG (Documentary)  
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5:30 NITV News (News)  
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
6:30 Desperate Measures G (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 (Current Affairs)  
9:30 The Boondocks MA (Current Affairs)  
10:00 ANZ Netball Championship 2014 NC (Sport)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

## TUESDAY 27TH MAY

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (SI)  
4:00 NATSIBA NC (SI)  
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
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6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
6:30 Desperate Measures G (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 (Current Affairs)  
9:30 The Boondocks MA (Current Affairs)  
10:00 ANZ Netball Championship 2014 NC (Sport)

## WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY

12:00 NITV News (News)  
12:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)  
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
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10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
11:30 By The Rapids PG (Comedy)  
12:30 From Sand To Celluloid M (Movie)  
1:30 RHEF PG (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 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News (News)  
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
6:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News (News)  
7:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)  
8:00 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)  
9:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
9:30 Intervention PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Colour Theory PG (Series)  
10:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 NITV News (News)  
11:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)

## THURSDAY 29TH MAY

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
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10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
10:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)  
11:00 Intervention PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)  
12:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
1:00 Colour Theory PG (Series)  
1:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)  
2:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)  
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 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News (News)  
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
6:30 The Marnbrook Footy Show 2014 (Sport)  
7:00 NITV News (News)  
8:00 NITV News (News)  
8:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)  
9:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)  
10:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)  
10:30 By The Rapids PG (Current Affairs)  
11:00 NITV News (News)  
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

## FRIDAY 30TH MAY

12:00 The Marnbrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)  
1:30 Flying Boomerangs PG (Documentary)  
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan (Entertainment)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
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8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:00 Bizou G (Kids)  
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 The Marnbrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)  
12:30 Shaq Vs G (Series)  
1:30 Tales Of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)  
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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 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News (News)  
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
6:30 Around The Traps PG (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News (News)  
7:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
8:00 Shaq Vs G (Series)  
9:00 Jazz PG (Series)  
10:00 The Boondocks MA (Current Affairs)  
10:30 Noongar Dandjoo G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 NITV News (News)  
11:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)

## SATURDAY 31ST MAY

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
12:00 NITV News Week In Review (News)  
12:30 The Marnbrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)  
2:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
2:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
3:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
4:00 Noongar Dandjoo G (Documentary Series)  
4:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)  
5:30 NITV News Week In Review (News)  
6:00 Maori TV's Native Affairs NC (Current Affairs)  
7:00 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)  
7:30 We Shall Remain PG (Documentary Series)  
8:45 Yorta Yorta Youth (Documentary)  
9:23 Bikkies (Documentary)  
9:30 Blackfellas MA (Movie)  
11:00 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)

## SUNDAY 1ST JUNE

12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)  
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)  
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
3:00 Tag 20: The Documentary G (Documentary)  
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Volumz G (Entertainment)  
10:00 Ofc Champions League (Sport)  
12:00 NITV News Week In Review (News)  
12:30 Yorta Yorta Youth (Documentary)  
1:10 Bikkies (Documentary)  
1:30 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)  
4:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)  
4:30 Strong In The City PG (Documentary)  
5:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)  
5:30 NITV News Week In Review (News)  
6:00 Eat Like An AFL Star! PG (Documentary)  
7:00 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)  
7:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
8:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
9:00 From The Western Frontier G (Documentary Series)  
9:30 Once Were Warriors (Movie)  
11:10 Marrka Wangka G (Documentary)  
11:30 Nin's Brother PG (Documentary)

## MONDAY 2ND JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
7:30 Move It Mob Style 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 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)  
11:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)  
11:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)  
12:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)  
1:00 The Tombstone Opening G (Documentary)  
1:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)  
2:00 From The Western Frontier G (Documentary Series)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
4:00 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
4:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News (News)  
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)  
7:00 NITV News (News)  
7:30 Not Just Cricket PG (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Mabo: Life Of An Island Man PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Matakau M (Series)  
10:00 Postcards From Indigenous Taiwan G (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News (News)  
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

## TUESDAY 3RD JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)  
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7:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
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6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
6:30 Desperate Measures G (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 (Comedy)  
9:30 The Boondocks MA (Comedy)  
10:00 Netball: ANZ Championship 2014 (Sport)

### KRIOL KITCHEN (G)

Join sisters Ali and Mitch for  
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**WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00PM**



Trainees at the MiLife Change program launch in Cairns.

# Cairns training plan launched

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



AN ambitious new program will guarantee 30 Indigenous trainees long-term career pathways by the end of this year.

That's according to James and Sarah Mort, the directors of Cairns-based construction and training company MiHaven, who have been working to fill the job placements in a 20-week program that features certificates in construction, carpentry and plumbing, as well as certified job offers.

Officially launched in Cairns by Indigenous Advisory Council chair Warren Mundine, the MiLife Change program involved business as well as state and federal governments in committing to job offers for successful participants.

Mrs Mort says the key to the scheme's success is that it "engages students holistically in social and emotional wellbeing".

"It is heartening to see the demand and response to a unique training

program that is all about changing people's lives on both a social and economic level," she said.

"Our training is not for training's sake, but goes deeper in understanding the barriers that until now have prevented the individual gaining employment."

The program offers accredited, vocational training in the construction industry and gives trainees the chance to work on issues that have held them back from gaining employment.

## "Intensive"

"The program is deliberately intensive, providing complete care and support to our Indigenous trainees 35 hours, five days a week for 20 weeks," Mrs Mort said.

"We look at personal grooming, nutrition, health and fitness and budgeting as well as the theoretical and practical training as required by a Certificate II."

Mrs Mort said training also matched trainees with mentors.

"While the trainees are learning a new skill and ways in which they can make a better future for themselves, we

have team members meeting and assessing their employment opportunities," she said.

"It's all about matching the individual and having that relationship formed before the training is complete."

"So far we have trained and graduated 114 people in Cairns, Cape York and surrounding communities, with a very high success rate in securing jobs."

Mr Mundine praised the program. "There's no greater thing you can do than giving a person a job and an opportunity," he said.

"And this is what this program does. What you're doing is helping people beyond that job. You're helping families, the children, for generations to come."

"We need to shift our people into jobs. If we can shift people off welfare and into meaningful employment then the personal changes we see in those people can be enormous."

"That's why I'm a great supporter of these programs."

For more details, contact James and Sarah Mort on (07) 4041 0407 or email: [info@mihaven.com.au](mailto:info@mihaven.com.au)

## Historian will be Myall Creek guest



HISTORIAN Timothy Bottoms will be guest speaker at this year's Myall Creek Massacre commemoration in northern NSW.

The service will be held on Sunday, June 8, at the site where 28 Wirrayaraay women, children and old men were killed by a group of stockmen in 1838.

The story of the massacre, of those who fought to bring the killers to justice, and of ongoing reconciliation through the Friends of Myall Creek organisation, is told through the annual commemoration.

The ceremony will be from 9.30am at the memorial, west of Inverell on the Bingara-Delungra Road. Details at [www.myallcreek.info](http://www.myallcreek.info)

## J Holiday tops the bill for Stylin' Up



AMERICAN R&B star J Holiday is headlining this Saturday's Stylin' Up festival in Brisbane. Thousands are again expected at the CJ Greenfields Sports Complex in suburban Inala for the annual free youth music, dance and cultural community event.

The day-long feast of Indigenous hip hop and r&b, with the theme 'Pride in Self, Pride in Community, Pride in Culture', is presented by the Brisbane City Council and Inala Wangarra, in partnership with the Stylin' Up Community Crew.

Other acts will include Kaylah Truth, DCP, Xy and Dialect, established local R&B singer Ezra James, Teila Watson, Collab Crew and a showcase by the Aboriginal Performing Arts Centre.

A welcome to country and acknowledgement will be given by the traditional custodians, the Jagerra people. Dance and talent competitions and fireworks are also on the program.

Admission to what is the 13th Stylin' Up is free. For more information, go to [www.stylinup.com.au](http://www.stylinup.com.au)

## Miss NAIDOC Perth will be crowned



THIS year's Miss NAIDOC Perth will be crowned at a ceremony in the Western Australian capital this Saturday night. Eleven young women from around the state are in the running for the title, with other prizes for the runner-up Miss NAIDOC

Perth, Miss Kworbadok and Miss Photogenic. Kworbadok means 'beautiful' in the Noongar language and will be chosen by the girls themselves, while Miss Photogenic will be selected by international photographer Carlo Fernandez.

This year will be the fourth celebration of Miss NAIDOC Perth, which is a resurrection of the Miss NAIDOC pageants held in Perth more than 15 years ago.

For more details, go to [www.naidocperth.org](http://www.naidocperth.org)

## Busy time for Vibe 3on3



LEADING role models will feature at the Alice Springs National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge – the Vibe 3on3 – on June 6. Rapper and hip hop artist Naomi

Wenitong will be joined by a host of talented performers including actor Luke Carroll, who will MC the event.

The Alice Springs event will have 3on3 basketball, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops, a dance competition and a health expo.

To participate, young people need to pre-register in teams of four or five through their school by May 30.

The event, at the Alice Springs Basketball Stadium, Traeger Avenue, is capped at 400 students.

To register, visit [www.deadlyvibe.com.au/vibe-3on3/registration](http://www.deadlyvibe.com.au/vibe-3on3/registration) or call (02) 9361 0140.



Vibe Australia staff and community teachers and volunteers with Elders at the 3on3 held in Bunbury, Western Australia, on May 7.

## Nominations open for ranger awards



NOMINATIONS are now open for the Northern Territory Ranger Awards. NT Parks Minister Bess Price said the awards celebrate all rangers working in the NT, including apprentices and non-government rangers. "These awards recognise the outstanding service rangers provide every day," she said.

Nominations are open in these categories:

- Minister's Award for Outstanding Personal Achievement;

- Minister's Award for Outstanding Team Achievement;

- Development and Training Award;

- Ranger of the year (regions);

- People's Choice Award; and

- Tour Operators' Choice Award.

Nominations close on Monday, June 30, and can be made in a variety of ways including submitting the selection form, creating an audio or video file and mailing it in, or by email.

Online nominations can be made at [www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au](http://www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au)

# Landmark celebration for 25 years on and as hot as ever



Leonard Mickelo performing in the 2010 Bangarra production of *earth & sky*. Picture by Jason Capobianco



Back to 2003 and the Bangarra production *Clan (Bush)*, featuring Kathy Balngayngu Marika and Dance Ensemble. Picture by Danielle Lyonne

By RUDI MAXWELL



IN a large, dimly lit open room jutting out over Sydney Harbour there are bodies, artfully scattered.

Lithe, strong bodies that move with purpose. Some are plugged in to earphones, holding impossible poses. Some are stretching, keeping their muscles warm, at the edges of the room, watching the movement in the centre.

In the centre six young women wearing tank tops and track pants work together with Bangarra Dance Theatre artistic director Stephen Page, as they fine tune a section of their work-in-progress *Patyegarang*.

It looks striking and dramatic, as they move from standing to the floor, using all parts of their bodies to dance to the haunting, atmospheric music, composed by David Page, Stephen's brother.

The dancers and Stephen Page discuss what they feel works better, perfecting curves, angles and timing, try it out, repeat until it is to their mutual satisfaction. They are so engrossed in their work that when Page realises it is time to break and announces lunch, the group gives a disappointed groan.

Bangarra celebrates 25 years this year; as Page says, not even a baby's breath in the timeframe of Aboriginal culture, but an absolute age in the arts world, where arts companies rise and fall quicker than the stock exchange.

Bangarra (the Wiradjuri word 'to make fire') was founded in 1989 by African American dancer and choreographer Carole Johnson. Page, a descendant of the Nunukul people and the Munaldjali clan of the Yugambeh Nation from south-east Queensland, has been artistic director since 1991.

Page, who had previously been with the Sydney Dance Company, choreographed *Praying Mantis Dreaming* in 1992, Bangarra's first full-length work, which tells the story of a young Aboriginal girl on a journey from her traditional homelands to the city.

The work, with music composed by David Page, is based around the dreaming of a young woman whose mother is Aboriginal and whose father is of European descent. After 17 years of living in a Western culture, the woman learns about her traditional roots through the spirit of the Praying Mantis, the totem she inherited from her mother.

*Praying Mantis Dreaming* combined three distinctive and different styles of dance – traditional Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and contemporary dance.

The company has enjoyed national and international success, earning accolades and awards for its productions and artists.

The list of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have spent

time with Bangarra reads like a who's who of Indigenous arts, including dancer/choreographer Frances Rings, Ella Havelka (the first Aboriginal dancer to join the Australian Ballet) and singer Christine Anu.

Bangarra's unique style has evolved over the years and reflects the personalities of those involved.

"I don't think the Western terminology suits our medium and our storytelling," Page said.

"People say 'choreographer' and I think it's a bit stereotyped now. We tell story through dance and the choreographer is just one person, when really it's a collective, so we might have to re-label how we code what that is.

"For us it's always collaborative. It's  
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Bangarra's Stephen Page.  
Picture by Jess Bialek

# Bangarra Dance Theatre



Ella Havelka showing her style in Bangarra Dance Theatre's 2012 production *Terrain*. Picture by Greg Barrett



A scene from Bangarra's 2009 production *Fire – A Retrospective*. Picture by Jason Capobianco

## Still making fire

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the muse of that dancer as an instrument that really will bring the spirit and flesh alive.

"Our spirit responds well when it's open and organic and about storytelling. And triggering the imagination so people can somehow connect to that."

*Patyegarang* tells the story of a young Eora woman who befriends and teaches William Dawes, one of the British officers in the first wave of colonialism.

She shares her language with him and they discuss the impacts the First Fleet is having on her people.

It is the first time Bangarra has told an Eora story.

"It's always been in the back of my mind to do a Sydney story,"

Page said. "We've been culturally adopted by mob here.

"Her spirit was always in my mind. So this is like our gift back to Sydney mob."

Page used William Dawes' diaries as the basis for the performance.

"In his diaries there are only 15 or 16 instances where Dawes connects with Patyegarang, so it's really taking those and awakening the story from her perspective," he said.

"With this one it never showed itself to say 'here's the structure, here's how you do it' – she's been a bit of challenge.

"We're tapping into the spirit and emotions of that time but doing it in a Bangarra abstract, stylistic way, creating a space, creating the elements of that land

that shape the people.

"At the same time it really is exploring the consciousness of the people of that time and what it was like for them – how did they think when white-skinned, pink-skinned people starting setting up, surveying colony layouts, hunting on their grounds, using guns, hearing guns for the first time.

"Their story is set before the big storm. About when the storm hits, Dawes leaves and returns to England."

### Complexities

Dancer Jasmin Sheppard will be Patyegarang. She, like Page, is interested in exploring the complexities in the first contact story of Patyegarang and Dawes.

"Dawes obviously fell in love

with this country, but decided to leave and never see the people he'd befriended again, as opposed to remaining and possibly being swept up in massacres. He was a noble man and impacted by the connection with Patyegarang," she said.

"He seemed to be more interested in learning, rather than conquering and dominating, which is why he separated himself, and how he met Patyegarang and her family.

"Their connection is one of the first between black and white."

Page agreed. "That connection's been echoed many times since, but I think we tend not to celebrate that enough, black and white coming together – whatever that may be, but it's the true sense of

reconciliation, really getting and accepting each other and respecting and trusting each other's fascination about learning from one another," he said.

A community night performance of *Patyegarang* will be held on Friday, June 6, with discounted tickets for Indigenous people, supported by BHP Billiton.

Bangarra will also host Koori Kids Day at the Sydney Opera House on Wednesday, June 25, from 12.30.

For community night and Koori Kids Day bookings, email [community@bangarra.com.au](mailto:community@bangarra.com.au) or phone (02) 9251 5333.

Bangarra's national tour begins at the Sydney Opera House on June 13 and will be followed by a regional tour later this year.

## Goodes on board at Supply Nation



AUSTRALIAN of the Year and champion Aboriginal footballer Adam Goodes has joined the board of Supply Nation.

The Adnyamathanha and Narungga man joins eight other directors on the organisation, which aims to help facilitate and encourage the coming together of Indigenous and other Australians through business.

Supply Nation board chairman Stephen Roberts paid tribute to the sportsman.

"Adam is a vocal advocate of Indigenous advancement and equality, both on and off the sporting field. His goals align clearly with those of the Supply Nation board," he said.

"I am confident his passion, knowledge and belief in supplier diversity will result in a fruitful partnership."

## Too Deady Family Day for Bunbury



BUNBURY Regional Art Galleries will host its free Too Deady Family Day this Friday, May 23, from 3pm. It's an annual event designed to bring together people from the Noongar and wider communities with family entertainment and fun, cultural

activities. Entertainment will include a solo performance by Jarred Wall from Jake and the Cowboys, acting workshops by Lynette Narkle from the movie *The Sapphires*, face painting, art workshops and more.

The South West Aboriginal Medical Service Clinic on Wheels will also hold health checks.

More details on (08) 9721 6390.

## Health mob, Titans to tackle suicide



THE Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) has joined up with the Titans NRL football club in a bid to tackle Indigenous suicide. Together they've released a new DVD, *Lighting the Dark – Preventing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide*.

The 25-minute resource was produced jointly by the QAIHC and Titans 4 Tomorrow, a community division of the Titans football franchise supporting youth throughout Queensland and northern NSW.

Funded by the Federal Department of Health's Mental Health Unit, the DVD tells the stories of a number of Indigenous people, including current and former Gold Coast Titans players, who have dealt with mental health issues.

## New kids' facility for Tennant Creek



A NEW out-of-home-care residence for children aged 0-10 will be established at Tennant Creek.

The facility will provide flexible, short-term accommodation for up to six children while child protection issues are resolved or a longer-term foster or kinship care placement is identified.

NT Families Minister John Elferink said the residence aimed to address a shortfall in out-of-home-care facilities in the Barkly Region, which currently results in children being relocated to Alice Springs if they are unable to be placed with a foster or kinship carer.

## Immunisation call to Canberrans



ACT Medicare Local (ACTML) is encouraging Canberrans – and especially Indigenous families – to get up-to-date with their immunisations.

ACTML says that while the percentage of immunised Indigenous children is comparable to others kids at age five, the rates are far lower at 12 months and two years of age.

# Young Kamilaroi man joins the boys in blue



NSW Police Probationary Constable Steven Bartholomew.

By YATU WIDDERS HUNT



KAMILAROI man Steven Bartholomew has become one of the youngest probationary constables in the NSW Police Force. The 19-year-old was sworn in at this month's NSW Police attestation parade in Goulburn, and will join the Sutherland Area Command in Sydney.

Const Bartholomew came through the Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery program (IPROWD), run in partnership with TAFE, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and Charles Sturt University. It involves students completing a Certificate III in Vocational Study Pathways as well as undergoing mentoring in areas such as fitness and communication.

Const Bartholomew says his aunt and uncle were the motivation for his interest in the police force.

"One is in the Drug Squad, the other in Forensic Services," he said.

"Seeing what they have achieved really inspired me and, along with my friends and the rest of my family, they were a great support while I was studying."

NSW Police Aboriginal Employment Programs Unit manager Peter Lalor says many young Indigenous people are inspired to join the force after seeing the benefits it brings to family members and friends. "Sometimes the perception of policing can be one dimensional, but it's really a very diverse career path," he said.

"We have the ability to provide opportunities above what people thought policing could do. It's not just about getting people in, it's about supporting them in their career, and I think people see that."

Const Bartholomew will now complete 12 months of on-the-job training, along with additional study, before officially graduating with an associate degree and confirmed in the rank of constable.

The IPROWD program is part of a wider NSW Police commitment to recruit 1000 Indigenous staff over 10 years.

# Aurukun precinct open for business



THE Cape York Indigenous township of Aurukun has its first business precinct.

Aurukun Mayor Derek Walpo said the precinct building had already attracted major tenants

including miner Rio Tinto and the Department of Public Housing and Works, as well as community organisation APN.

"Until now, most services such as the bank and the post office were all based at the council office," he said.

"Before now, our town of 1400 people had one grocery store and a small takeaway outlet that opened limited hours only on week days. We now have new food services seven days a week."

In addition to the professional offices, the precinct is home to a bakery, cafe, light retail, and laundromat.

"It has created approximately 20 jobs, and new locally owned and operated enterprise," Cr Walpo said.

"This is a small step towards our strategy to create a better lifestyle for Aurukun people, and to provide the infrastructure needed to build our economic base."

"We have an enormously talented cultural art community, world-class fishing, and strong Wik families working



Local officials at the opening of the new Aurukun business precinct.

on a range of new enterprises out on country.

"The new business precinct provides the facilities our town needs to get ahead."

"The building has been named after the late Sam Kerindun Snr, a very

much-loved community Elder who had built his family home on the precinct site in the 1930s.

"We would like to thank the Federal and Queensland governments for funding this initiative."

# Inaugural Victorian Koorie Youth Summit



Some of the delegates at the Koorie Youth Summit held in Melbourne this month.

## Delegates from across the state



ONE of Victoria's largest gatherings of young Indigenous people took place this month in Melbourne at the inaugural Koorie Youth Summit.

More than 120 delegates aged 18-30 travelled from across Victoria for the two-day event.

Koorie Youth Council state coordinator Greg Kennedy hopes it will be even bigger and better in 2015. "I think we've tapped into something that hasn't happened in this state before, and I think we've created a real buzz," he said.

"There are younger people coming through who are ready

and excited to become involved."

Workshops included social media, business, and global Indigenous rights.

Aboriginal leader Richard Frankland told participants "you carry the legacy of 1500 generations", and he encouraged them to "make lateral violence history".

### 'Non-conformists'

Speaking for his generation, 26-year-old Benson Saulo urged delegates to be "disciplined non-conformists".

"Sometimes the system won't change for us, and it's up to us to look for change outside of that system," he said.

Delegates had the chance to

put words into action in powerful workshops targeting ICE and bettering the education system.

An interactive panel of four young Koories discussed topics from publishing novels and creating videos on suicide and the drug ice, to working on international campaigns against human trafficking.

Delegates were moved by an unannounced visit from a Navajoh of the Dineh Nation in Arizona, Paul Tohlakai, who told delegates their pain and struggle is shared with Indigenous peoples across the world.

The first day ended with a celebration of youth achievement at the Ricci Marks Award Gala dinner. (See report on page 18.)

## The power of social media is harnessed

By RACHAEL HOCKING

THE inaugural Koorie Youth Summit in Melbourne this month saw Victoria's Indigenous youth determined to preserve their culture through the power of social media.

The two-day summit, the first of its kind, was tweeted more than 100 times, with its own hash tag, #KYS2014, officially trending.

Workshops on business and social networking showcased 21st century avenues for preserving culture – from traditional dance group The Fighting Gunditjmara's utilisation of social media and film, to Sasha Sarago's first all-Indigenous and ethnic women's lifestyle magazine *Ascension*.

"Social media has been the core for getting the message out for *Ascension* ... it starts as a simple tweet, and there are connections and partnerships that come from that," Ms Sarago said.

Event organisers Kalinya Communications and the Koorie Youth Council promoted the event via a live Twitter feed, managed by 24-year-old Tony Ryder.

### "Connected"

"Everyone's got an iPhone. Everyone's linked in. And we want to be connected to them," he said.

"We gained new followers – getting people who unfortunately couldn't be here, following our journey online."

Delegates attending were aged between 18 and 30, but keynote speeches from older generations, including Uncle Richard Frankland and Aunty Di Kerr, encouraged the youth not to forget their roots.

Following Aunty Di's welcome, urging delegates to "be deadly, be proud", the hash tag #deadly began circulating, with participants sharing what inspires them on the social platform.

The second day of the summit included cultural workshops – men's wood burning and women's weaving – where participants put down their phones and sat side-by-side with their Elders.

James Saunders, founder of Mopoke Media and facilitator of the Social Networking workshop, believes social media can be used as an effective tool for promoting culture and bringing about change.

"Social media is modern-day activism. It allows us to be our own journalists. We tell our own stories," he said.

The message wasn't lost on Andrea Bourke, 26, who travelled from Broken Hill for the summit and left feeling empowered and inspired.

"The first thing I'm going to do when I get home is change my Facebook status to 'I am black and I am proud'," she said.



Guest speaker Benson Saulo, who is director of the National Indigenous Youth Leadership Academy.



Female delegates joined Elders at the women's weaving workshop.



Koorie Youth Council state coordinator Greg Kennedy.



Morey Scholarship recipient Katijah Keenan.

## Katijah on way to bright future



A TORRES Strait Islander woman who wants to be a teacher and encourage brighter futures for her people is the recipient of this year's Morey Scholarship.

Katijah Keenan, 22, from Cairns, is an education student at James Cook University.

After attending high school in Brisbane, she returned to Cairns and joined JCU's Remote Area Teacher Education Program where by all accounts she has excelled.

Ms Keenan said she was committed to living and working in the Torres Strait, which was one of the requirements of the \$6000 bursary established by Labor senator Sue Boyce.

"Ever since I began my studies at university, I have had a vision of returning to the Torres Strait to teach and be a role model for other Indigenous students," Ms Keenan said.

"It motivates me to know that, after

all the stresses of studying, I can later use my degree to possibly empower the younger Indigenous generation towards a more successful future.

"Our youth are our future. Being a Torres Strait Islander woman and taking this education back to my community will encourage brighter futures in the area.

"I feel the students will benefit from us sharing the same culture through education and possibly creating a more meaningful understanding in the classroom."

The Morey Scholarship was established by Senator Boyce to assist female undergraduate students who intend to return to live and work in the Torres Strait. This is the fourth year it has been awarded.

The name of the scholarship acknowledges Senator Boyce's late paternal great-grandfather, Frederick E Morey, who owned and operated pearling luggers based at Thursday Island before World War II.

# Animation is helping Wiradjuri



CHARLES Sturt University (CSU) students are working with Elders to bring the Wiradjuri (western NSW) language to a new generation of speakers through animation.

"Animation has the potential to make learning language easier and to communicate it in dynamic and entertaining ways," CSU doctoral student Bernard Sullivan said.

Mr Sullivan has worked with Wiradjuri Elder Dr Stan Grant, animator Pam Readford and CSU animation and visual effects student Tim Amaro to produce three language learning animations.

"Younger people will find this medium easier to understand. They will connect more to this kind of teaching and find learning languages a lot easier," Mr Grant said.

The short films are based on the songs of Dr Grant and Dr John Rudder and, although they're targeted at young children, are appropriate for anyone learning the language.

"Traditionally, Wiradjuri was a non-written language so the audio-visual nature of animation is a good fit," Mr Sullivan said.

The animations are being used in CSU's Graduate



A section of one of the animations being used to help preserve the Wiradjuri language: balang, gaanha, bungangbu, burrami (head, shoulders, knees and toes).

Image by Tim Amaro © Dr Stan Grant.

Certificate in Wiradjuri Language, Culture and Heritage and Mr Sullivan hopes they will become a resource for teaching Wiradjuri language in schools.

A Wagga-based production company, Sharing and Learning, has been set up as the vehicle

for these and future projects.

"An important feature of the project is that it is based on close collaboration with the Wiradjuri Elders, particularly Dr Grant, recognising that there is cultural learning and benefit taking place for all those involved," Mr Sullivan said.

## Deadly choices being made in Hunter region



A HEALTHY lifestyle program for high school students in the Hunter region of NSW is now under way.

It's part of the Deadly Choices School Program being run throughout the region's Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-Operative.

Awabakal chief executive Don MacAskill says the program has been developed to address issues faced by young Aboriginal people. "It is designed to provide advice in partnership with a strong practical skills focus, relating to the links between diet and lifestyle factors, and chronic illnesses such as diabetes and cancer," he said.

"Aboriginal people have significantly increased rates of chronic illnesses

compared to wider society and this is a major contributor to the health gap.

"If we can educate young people to take responsibility for their health, we are empowering them to help close the health gap."

The program runs for seven weeks, with a two-hour class every week focussing on a different 'Deadly Choice'. It is part of the larger Deadly Choices program of which Newcastle Knights NRL players Tyrone Roberts and Timana Tahu are role models.

Topics covered by the Deadly Choices team include leadership skills, harmful substances, physical activity, nutrition, and mental health. On completion of the seven-week program, students will receive their own Deadly Choices jersey.

# He's a "community hero"



THE University of Western Sydney (UWS) has recognised Dunghutti man Darryl Wright as a "community hero".

The university named eight such "heroes" at its recent graduation ceremony, saying they are "valuable role models in the community and have gone above and beyond in their work or community service".

Mr Wright, who is chief executive officer of the Airds-based Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, also serves as a UWS Aboriginal Elder on Campus. The Elders make themselves available to advise and guide UWS students, providing leadership, mentoring, cultural and workplace advice, and other assistance as required.

UWS says Mr Wright has "used his extensive management skills to build the Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation into a thriving and effective community asset in co-operation with the Tharawal board, staff and Campbelltown community".

● Pictured: UWS vice-chancellor Professor Barney Glover and "community hero" Darryl Wright.

# Titjikala gets student help



UNIVERSITY of Melbourne architecture students have designed and built innovative outdoor living spaces in the remote community of Titjikala, south of Alice Springs.

Project lead Dr David O'Brien said it was an opportunity for the students to further their design and community consultation skills while making a contribution towards much-needed infrastructure in remote areas.

"Designing culturally and environmentally appropriate housing for Indigenous communities remains a challenge that faces Australia at large," he said. "It's a challenge that some of our brightest Master of Architecture students have taken up."



Students with residents at Titjikala. Picture by Katrina Brizzi

"This particular project takes into account the desire for outdoor living spaces, due to heat and the cultural preference to conduct daily activities outdoors, such as cooking. "Housing is a shared

responsibility with Indigenous communities and support organisations, who must provide their own 'sweat equity' to help plan, build, maintain and repair their homes."

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Job Futures chair Jenni Mack presents Auswide's Julie Bradley with the 2014 Steve Lawrence Innovation Award.

## Award to teacher training project



A PROJECT aiming to increase the number of Indigenous

teachers in schools throughout the Illawarra and south coast of NSW has taken out an innovation award.

Job Futures, one of Australia's largest employment services providers, announced that Auswide Projects' Djinggi Teacher in Training Project had won the Steve Lawrence Innovation Award during its national conference this month.

The project recognises the value Aboriginal people can bring to the education system and the potential for Indigenous teachers to improve the education of Aboriginal students.

The project aims to place up to 35 Year 11 Indigenous school students over three years into a Certificate III in Education Support school-based traineeship.

Upon completion of the traineeship, they will qualify for entry into the University of Wollongong Bachelor of Education course.

Auswide says there has been a 74% success rate of participants being accepted into the university following their traineeship.

The organisation says it will reinvest the \$10,000 prize money into the program.

The Steve Lawrence Innovation Award is named in memory of the founding father of Job Futures.

The national award recognises not-for-profit organisations that have developed an innovative approach to improving employment opportunities, social inclusion and/or community strength.

By YATU WIDDERS HUNT



KALEENA Briggs is probably best known for being part of soulful singing duo the Stiff Gins. But one of her other passions has taken centre stage.

Ms Briggs has joined the outreach and recruitment team at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at the University of Technology, Sydney, a role she says reflects her lifelong interest in education.

"It all started with my love of reading, I guess," she said.

"I couldn't understand why more young people weren't interested in it and I wanted to share my passion with them.

"Working in education is an amazing opportunity to express my love for knowledge and share that with the next generation."

The role requires Ms Briggs to inspire and connect with students before they get to university; to help them build aspiration for higher education, with the ultimate aim of increasing the number of graduating Indigenous students.

Although the job mainly involves working with young people, it is also about encouraging mature-age students, which drives Ms Briggs' passion for supporting people who are returning to education.

"I love seeing the courage in people who take the step to pursue education later in life," she said.

"Many mature-age students have a strong sense of knowing where they are and what they want to do, and I love working with them because of that.

"A lot of Indigenous people have also had really negative experiences in the school system, so I'm in awe of people coming back to education because it really does take confidence in yourself."



Kaleena Briggs: "Working in education is an amazing opportunity to express my love for knowledge and share that with the next generation."

Initially, Ms Briggs wasn't sure how she was going to fit in to an academic environment, but in the few weeks she has been at UTS she says she has been surprised by how supportive the university is of her creativity.

"As a musician, you often get really inspired by these big ideas and I didn't know how that would work here," she said.

"What has been great is that

people are really open to that and to innovation."

It's that same innovative spirit that Ms Briggs brings to her music, with the Stiff Gins recording a track on to a wax cylinder to mark 15 years in the music industry.

Ms Briggs and musical partner Nardi Simpson became the first Aboriginal women in 80 years to record this way, as part of their

new project *Spirit of Things: Sound of Objects*.

With no signs of slowing down, Ms Briggs says she "feels like I'm in the right place at the moment, musically and with my education job", and is looking forward to new adventures with the Stiff Gins, graduating from her Bachelor of Adult Education degree and continuing to inspire Indigenous students.

## Soldiering on at Batchelor Institute



Kungarak woman Barbara Taylor welcomes Australian Defence Force Indigenous Development Program students as Batchelor Institute director Adrian Mitchell looks on.



ANOTHER group of Australian Defence Force personnel is undertaking training at Batchelor Institute in the Top End.

Trainees with the Australian Defence Force Indigenous Development Program (DIDP) and their support staff will be undertaking educational courses at the institute, south of Darwin, until September.

Their five-month program will include military training, mentoring, personal development, recreational activities and working towards Batchelor Institute VET qualifications.

The first group completed training at the institute last year.

The latest group was given a welcome to country by Batchelor Institute's Barbara Taylor, a local Kungarak woman.

# High praise for Ballarat festival



ABORIGINAL actor and writer Rachael Maza is encouraging people to visit the Survival International Film

Festival (SIFF) at the Ballarat Mechanics Institute in rural Victoria over the next couple of days (May 21-23).

The festival, organised and sponsored by Child and Family Services (CAFS) Ballarat, features several Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander films and talks, including a documentary about the Ballarat Aboriginal Co-operative men's group and *Walking the Talk*, a documentary by Aretha Briggs about the survival of the Yorta Yorta language, and *Coniston*, which tells the story of the survivors of the Coniston massacre in central Australia in 1928.

Ms Maza will give a talk on Indigenous

storytelling and cultural survival.

"This is an amazing film festival," she said. "There are films from all over the world, including a doco with Native Americans in Banff, Canada.

"Canada is amazing. It's like a parallel universe or looking in a mirror.

## 'Share stories'

"It's important to share stories. I'm reminded of the incredible Black Power movement of the late 1960s and 70s, which helped feed into an incredibly fertile political chapter in Australia's history, when blackfellas were forced to become empowered and sent delegations to America, so there was a cross-fertilisation of ideas.

"I'm reminded of that by SIFF.

"A very powerful thing happens when you talk about boundaries, share

stories – from looking at the outside you're able to engage in conversation much more."

Aboriginal activist and academic Gary Foley will introduce a session on the films of Aboriginal artist Richard Bell.

Ms Maza said the entire program was "fantastic" and encouraged everyone in the region to go along.

"It's just great that this festival is happening in Ballarat. I get really inspired by these hot spots of active communities," she said.

"I really like the mix of films, from other nations, older films, there are films from Ghana, New Zealand... everywhere. It really is a great program, and I strongly encourage anyone within an hour's distance to get there."

For more festival information go to [www.siff.net.au](http://www.siff.net.au)



Rachael Maza will present a talk on Indigenous storytelling and cultural survival at the Survival International Film Festival in Ballarat this Friday, May 23.



Arone Meeks' artwork *Journey Home*, 2014.



*No Permission* by Dave Daffey, 2010.

## Works feature at UMI gallery



NEW exhibitions by artists Dave Daffey, Arone Meeks and Toby Cedar are now on show at the UMI Arts Gallery of Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander Art in Cairns.

*Creation of Culture* by Daffey, *Current Sea* by Meeks, and *Le Op Dhari* by Cedar will run together with a photographic exhibition curated by UMI Arts gallery curator Teho Ropeyarn. The *Essence of the Eyes* display is part of the Queensland Festival of Photography Biennial 5 and showcases works by four Indigenous far north Queensland photographers.

Daffey is a painter and airbrush artist, Meeks is a multidisciplinary artist whose works include paintings as well as printmaking and works on paper, while Torres Strait Islander Cedar specialises in traditional headdresses.

UMI Arts is the peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and cultural organisation for far north Queensland.

It is a not-for-profit company with an all-Indigenous board of directors, and it is owned by the region's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts community.

All exhibitions will be on show until June 25.

More details at [www.umiarts.com.au](http://www.umiarts.com.au)



Toby Cedar's headdress *Keriam Waumer* (frigate bird), 2014.

## New life for *The Loner*



WHEN muso Luke Peacock was working at Murri Radio in Brisbane, some unexpected treasure came across his desk. Peacock stumbled across *The Loner*, a record made by Aboriginal musician Vic Simms

when he was in Bathurst Jail in 1973.

"Initially I was drawn by the music, really quality songs. I was unaware of Vic's story," he said.

So Peacock did a bit of digging and eventually tracked down Simms, who suggested Peacock (who is in the band The Medics) re-record the album.

"Vic had this really interesting life. He was a child star, picked up as an 11-year-old from the mission at La Perouse (Southern Sydney) and taken around Australia touring with (Australian pioneer musician) Col Joye and recording an album in his early teens," he said.

"*The Loner* was recorded in one hour. Vic was locked up in Bathurst Jail, so as a PR stunt NSW Corrections picked him up, and a major record label, RCA, dragged their mobile studio along and he got as much done as he could in an hour.

## 'Recorded in an hour'

"I've just kind of breathed new life into the songs, to give them the time of the day they never got in the first place. It's cool that they were recorded in an hour, but it's a shame there wasn't more time and money spent making the album and songs as good as possibly could be."

Peacock, who lives in Brisbane, said Simms had visited several times and become a mentor.

"All of the subject matter is relevant today: the issues of disparity and inequality in Indigenous communities," he said.

"Vic's writing is very observational. He writes what he sees, experiences and about the people he meets. The *Loner* was kind of branded a protest album and there's definitely that element, but he also speaks about his experiences as young black kid, getting the runaround and being hard done by because of race.

"There are also love songs, which to me are as good as all the others."

Peacock formed a new band, The Painted Ladies, for the project, and involved other musicians, including The Medics.

The album will be launched on June 6, with the first track, *Get Back Into the Shadows*, out now.

# Archie will get creative in Adelaide



SOME publicly unheard works are on the program when Archie Roach (pictured) takes the stage in Adelaide next month. The Aboriginal song man is also planning to perform some of his earliest works as part of his 'Creation' concerts series at the Dunstan Playhouse. He will be joined on stage by a 10-piece musical ensemble, with

support and backing vocals by Nancy Bates, Ellie Love Grove and Minday Kwanten.

Roach has come back from personal tragedy and illness for the performances, as well as the release late last year of his latest album *Into the Bloodstream*.

The Adelaide performances will be on Friday, June 20, and the following night. More details at [www.facebook.com/archieroach](http://www.facebook.com/archieroach)



# Focus on ceramics



Bindi Cole's EH5452 installation.

ARTIST Bindi Cole's latest exhibition *I am* is intensely personal. It includes a new video work that reflects on the Federal Government's plan to repeal Section 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act* which makes it unlawful to insult a person or group because of their race, colour or ethnic origin.

Cole, who has Wadawurrung heritage, was one of the Aboriginal people who successfully took *Herald Sun* columnist Andrew Bolt to court under 18C.

"It's very personal for me, so I used those thoughts, and I feel like there needs to be protection of avenues for people who have been vilified to have recourse, particularly when the power structure is so out of whack," she said.

The exhibition also includes *EH5452* (2012), an installation about Cole's time in an English prison.

## Bindi Cole gets personal in her new exhibition

"In my 20s, like lots of young people, I headed to London, on a two-year holiday visa," she said. "I was already a drug addict at that point, and when I got there, I was out of control and I spent two years in prison for drugs."

"What happened was a really transformative experience. It wasn't great, it was really difficult, but it was a turning point. I needed to get back on track."

"I had a spiritual encounter in prison

that changed the course of my life.

"This artwork delves into and explores that time and lifts my shame. For a long time I hid what had happened because I was ashamed of it and I don't want to be ashamed, I don't need to."

"It was really important to put that out there and turn something dark and ugly into something beautiful that, hopefully, allows other people the chance to get rid of their shame too."

Cole's powerful video work *Seventy times Seven* – where Aboriginal people say the phrase 'I forgive you' – will also feature. "It's powerful because forgiveness is powerful," she said.

● *Bindi Cole: I Am* will officially open at the Shepparton Art Museum along with the 2014 Indigenous Ceramic Art Award and the 15th Drawing Wall by Reko Rennie this Saturday, May 24, at 4pm.



THE winners at this year's Shepparton Art Museum Indigenous Ceramic Art Award

(ICAA) will be named this Saturday (May 24). Ceramic works by Indigenous artists from around Australia are now on show at the art museum as part of the rich acquisitive awards.

This year's award winner will receive \$20,000, runner-up \$10,000, and there is a \$3000 encouragement award for a Victorian artist.

A solo exhibition by Melbourne-based artist Bindi Cole is being run in conjunction with the awards. (See story at left.)

### Public forum

A public forum on Indigenous art and ceramics will also be held at the art museum this weekend.

"The 2014 award highlights the development of artists through the award series, and also how many new artists have discovered ceramics and are beginning to make work for the first time in clay," art museum director Kirsten Paisley said.

"It has been particularly encouraging to see a local ceramic studio being established in Shepparton this year and previous ICAA artists teaching ceramics as yet a further extension of the ICAA program and its impact on individuals."

The 2014 Indigenous Ceramic Art Award is funded by the Sir Andrew and Lady Fairley Foundation, Margaret Lawrence Bequest Perpetual Trustees, Mr Allan Myers, the S J Rothfield Family Fund and Greater Shepparton City Council.

More details about the award are at [www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au](http://www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au)

# For rapper Miss Hood, *It's Fatal* proves deadly



MELBOURNE  
Aboriginal rapper Miss Hood is launching her

first album *It's Fatal* at the Dreamtime at the G After Party at Laundry Bar, in Fitzroy, on Saturday, May 31.

Miss Hood (Meriki Hood), a Kunai and Gunditjmara woman (Victoria), started writing music aged just 17.

"Music is a way of reaching out to people and showing them anything is possible when you follow your dreams," she said.

Miss Hood has been a presence in the Melbourne hip hop scene, having co-hosted the *Koori Survival* and *Hip Sister* hip hop shows on 3CR radio and *It's Payback Time* on 3KND. She has coordinated song writing and radio workshops for young Indigenous people of Victoria.

Miss Hood has been involved in the *Beyond the Bars* prison broadcast project for NAIDOC, teaching music as a therapeutic form of healing and expression to prisoners.

She is also an advocate for healthy living, saying that her new album includes "two strong, heartfelt songs based on the negative effects of drugs and alcohol and the devastating consequences that it has on the youth and young families today".

Meriki Hood released her first EP in 2012. She has toured around Australia as well as in the United States for three weeks with Red Fern Records late last year.



Miss Hood will release her first album, *It's Fatal*, in Melbourne this month.

# Marlene set for big day



JUNE 12 will be huge for Indigenous blues musician and writer Marlene Cummins.

That's the day she'll release her debut full-length album *Koori Woman Blues*.

And it's also the date for the premiere screening of the film *Black Panther Woman*, telling of Cummins' time as a member of the short-lived Black Panther Party in Australia.

Directed and produced by Rachel Perkins for Blackfella Films/SBS, the *Black Panther Woman* premiere screening is a feature of the Sydney Film Festival.

The screening, from 6pm at Cinema 9, George Street in Sydney, will be followed by a 20-minute Q&A session with Cummins and Perkins.

Cummins will then head up the road for a *Koori Woman Blues* release live performance at the Metro Theatre, 624 George Street.

A single from the album, *The Blues It Knows Your Name*, was released to radio on May 12. Inspired by Cummins' life, the song was written for her by long-time music colleague and friend Murray Cook.

More details on the album and screening at [www.marlenecummins.com](http://www.marlenecummins.com)



The cover image from Marlene Cummins' *Koori Woman Blues*.

# Author's new book is quite peculiar



AWARD-WINNING author Marie Munkara's new novel *A Most Peculiar Act* takes a comic

angle on the Aboriginal Protection Acts of the early 20th century.

Set in Darwin during the Japanese bombing raids of World War II, the story follows the trials and tribulations of Sugar, a 16-year-old Aboriginal fringe-camp dweller.

Characters include chief protector of Aborigines, teetotaler and 42-year-old virgin Horatio Humphris (Horrid Hump); Ralphie Brown, who has the honour of being the only public servant ever to be sacked; Drew Hepplewaite,



Award-winning author Marie Munkara

a redneck racist and female patrol officer armed with "balls of steel"; and Penelope, the

wife of the administrator, who has a fetish for anything oriental.

With the *Aboriginal Ordinance Act* and the White Australia policy as a backdrop, Sugar's resistance to assimilation, and the attempts by Horrid Hump and his henchmen to enforce it, becomes a battle that ends at the Christmas party from hell.

The story sees Sugar and her oppressors finally meet on a level playing field that none of them ever expected – a Japanese bombing raid.

Born in Arnhem Land, Marie Munkara's first book, *Every Secret Thing*, won the 2008 David Unaipon Award and the 2010 NT Book of the Year. She lives in Darwin.



## Funding excellence in the arts

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Panel welcomes applications for arts projects funding for:

- Projects - to create new work and/or present and promote work through publications, recordings, performances, exhibitions
- Skills and Arts Development - to build or gain skills and knowledge through mentoring programs, arts workshops, professional development programs

Through the arts, we assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, arts organisations and communities to claim, control and enhance their cultural inheritance. The Panel supports arts projects from music, dance, theatre, literature, visual arts and craft, community cultural development and international activity.

Applications are accepted by post or online. Call or email us for an application to be sent to you.

### MORE INFORMATION

Applications close: **Wednesday 16 July 2014**

### Any questions contact:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts

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# Concern at Indigenous cervical cancer rate



ALMOST six in 10 women aged 20-69 participated in cervical screening in 2011-2012, according to a new report. But researchers are concerned that

Indigenous women may not be screened as widely as others in the community.

That concern is heightened by the fact that the incidence of cervical cancer in Indigenous women is more than twice that of other women, with death rates four times the non-Indigenous level.

The report, by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), shows that 58% of women in the 20-69 age group joined in the National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP) in 2011-2012. That equates to more than 3.7 million women having a Pap test in the two-year period.

But the institute report said not all groups participated equally, with a clear trend of decreasing participation in screening with decreasing socioeconomic status.

"Screening participation rates in 2011-2012 ranged from 52% in areas of lowest socioeconomic status, to 64% in areas of highest socioeconomic status," AIHW spokesperson Justin Harvey said.

Participation also differed across remote areas, although not as significantly as by areas of socioeconomic status.

"Participation was highest in inner regional areas at 59% and in major cities at 58%, while it was lowest in very remote areas at 54%," Mr Harvey said.

The NCSP aims to reduce cervical cancer cases, as well as illness and death from cervical cancer in Australia, through an organised approach to

cervical screening aimed at detecting and treating high-grade abnormalities before possible progression to cervical cancer.

After the introduction of the NCSP in 1991, the incidence of cervical cancer and deaths from cervical cancer halved in the following 10 years. They have since remained steady at around nine new cases and two deaths per 100,000 women each year.

In 2012, for every 1000 women screened, eight had a high-grade abnormality detected, providing an opportunity for treatment before possible progression to cancer.

The AIHW is a major national agency set up by the Australian Government to provide reliable, regular and relevant information and statistics on Australia's health and welfare.

**"Participation rates in 2011-2012 ranged from 52% in areas of lowest socioeconomic status, to 64% in areas of highest socioeconomic status."**

# Millions more to help fight tropical illnesses



AN extra \$84 million is to be injected into developing vaccines for dengue and other mosquito-borne viruses in tropical north Queensland.

The joint federal and state government funding will go towards James Cook University's (JCU) Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine to help in the battle to prevent deadly tropical illnesses.

Federal Education Minister Christopher Pyne says the research will help protect Australians – many of them Indigenous – from the increasing threat of infectious diseases.

"It will also help Australia to be an even

better neighbour in our region, with research that could benefit people in countries including Papua New Guinea and Indonesia," he said.

JCU studies include research in virology and disease control as well as development of new treatments and vaccines for illnesses which affect millions of people in tropical areas.

Queensland Science Minister Ian Walker said dengue, Q fever, malaria and tuberculosis all posed threats to the state's north, and finding preventions was a major priority.

The funds will be distributed around JCU research centres in Cairns, the Torres Strait islands, Townsville and Mackay. – AAP



Darren Wilson: "I'm so happy to have been given a great opportunity to follow my interests and start a rewarding career in health."

# Darren wants to help close gap



DARREN Wilson's keen to do his bit to help close the gap in Indigenous health.

That's why the

30-year-old father-of-four left his job as a warehouse manager and started a traineeship at Victoria's Eastern Health as a community development officer.

The Aboriginal man says he hasn't looked back, and he's got a passion to focus on alcohol and drug work.

"I'm so happy to have been given a great opportunity to follow my interests and start a rewarding career in health," said Mr Wilson, who's now studying his Certificate IV in Drug and Alcohol Work.

"Alcohol and drug-related harm is something that I've experienced first-hand. I'm really passionate about helping people to stop the cycle, particularly within the Aboriginal community."

Mr Wilson's position is partly funded by the Victorian Department of

Health's Koolin Balit training grants program, which aims to assist health services provide training and workforce opportunities for Aboriginal people.

Eastern Health has applied for a range of grants designed to maximise the opportunities for staff and potential staff, as part of its Aboriginal employment plan.

Eastern Health Alcohol and Drug Specialist Services manager Gavin Foster said that while Mr Wilson worked with clients from different cultural backgrounds, his presence was likely to make a significant difference within the organisation's Aboriginal client group.

"Darren is already assisting the service to strengthen engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service providers and he is involved in engaging Aboriginal people in discussions about substance use and linking in with Eastern Health services," Mr Foster said.

# Pod program wins award



THE Pepi-pod Program based at the Apunipima Cape York Health Council in Cairns has taken out the Team Innovation Award at the HESTA Australia Nursing Awards.

The program is designed to reduce the high rates of Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy (SUDI) among Indigenous communities on Cape York.

In an Australian first, it uses portable safe sleeping places for babies (known as Pepi-pods), which originated in New Zealand. The name comes from 'pepi', which is Maori for baby.

Under the Apunipima program, infants aged up to six months of families with known risk factors for SUDI get a portable, polypropylene box, which is transformed into a bed with a culturally suitable fabric cover, tight fitting mattress and bedding.

Apunipima has partnered with the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC), Children's Health Queensland and Change for our Children New Zealand to roll out the program.

Program leader and chair of the SIDS and Kids National Scientific Advisory Group, USC's Professor Jeanine Young, said the pods enabled safe sleeping places for babies who weren't in cots.

"The Pepi-pod Program consists of a safe sleep space combined within a targetted



**A winning team:** Apunipima Pepi-pod Program workers, from left, Children's Health Queensland's Leanne Craigie, maternal and child health workers Elaine McGreen (Hopevale) and Johanna Hunt (Aurukun), program lead Professor Jeanine Young, maternal and child health worker trainee Carina Denman (Mossman Gorge), maternal and child health team leader Johanna Neville and family health programs manager Rachel Sargeant.

safe sleeping health promotion initiative for families with known risk factors for SUDI," she said.

"The Pepi-pod fits between parents in bed, enabling babies to safely co-sleep with them.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander babies are 3.8 times

more likely to die suddenly and unexpectedly than non-Indigenous infants. And we know that infant deaths are associated with co-sleeping in hazardous circumstances; particularly for pre-term or low-birth-weight babies, or

where smoking, alcohol, drug use or unsafe sleep environments are present."

On behalf of the team, Prof Young accepted a \$10,000 development grant from HESTA awards supporter ME Bank.

More than 30 Pepi-pods

have been distributed to Cape York families, with plans to extend the service.

The program will use its prizemoney to buy iPads to allow communities with the Pepi-pods to provide data and feedback.

# Heart disease levels higher



CORONARY heart disease (CHD) mortality rates for Indigenous people remain higher than for other Australians, according to new research from the

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). But the research shows levels of improvement are comparable or better than the rest of the nation.

The AIHW report 'Trends in coronary heart disease mortality: age groups and populations' found that while generally death rates for CHD had fallen over the past few decades, the degree of improvement had slowed for younger and middle-age groups.

Overall, CHD death rates fell by more than 70% between 1979 and 2010 for

Australians aged 25 and over.

"In 1979, 29% of all deaths in Australia were from CHD, but by 2010 this proportion had fallen to 15%," said AIHW spokesperson Sushma Mathur.

"While these overall improvements are great news, rates are starting to slow

For women the corresponding annual declines were 7.4% between 1979 and 1997 and then slowing to 2.7% between 1997 and 2010.

The annual number of CHD deaths fell from about 31,000 in 1979 to 21,700 in 2010. Over the decade 2001-02 to 2009-10, Indigenous women had greater declines in CHD mortality than other Australian women (an average annual decline of 4.1% compared to 3.5%). The mortality decline among Indigenous men was similar to that

for other Australian men.

Among geographic areas, major cities generally had the greatest improvements compared with other areas, and lower socioeconomic status groups had less favourable results.

for people from their mid to late 20s to their late 60s."

Between 1979 and 1993, for example, the average annual fall in CHD death rates for men aged 40-54 was 6.6%, slowing to 3.2% between 2000 and 2010.

**Over the decade 2001-02 to 2009-10, Indigenous women had greater declines in CHD mortality than other Australian women.**

## Upgrade plan in the Mallee



MALLEE District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) expects to be able to provide even better services to its community thanks to a planned upgrade of its Mildura facilities.

The organisation has received \$500,000 from the Victorian Government which will be used to link family services and administrative operations more closely with its medical centre.

The extra funding comes after the opening of the new MDAS Medical Centre last year.

"These are improvements we have had on the table for some time and are needed fairly urgently," MDAS chief executive Rudolph Kirby said.

"Some of the internal areas that will be upgraded in this work, such as the community hall, haven't been touched for more than 20 years, so they really need work to improve their functionality and appearance."

The Mildura site is the head office for MDAS services in Mildura, Swan Hill and Kerang.

The organisation has about 150 staff across the three centres and provides health and family services to a potential client base of nearly 5000 people.

## Arnhem paper looks to future



A DISCUSSION paper on the future of community health and wellbeing for the Nhulunbuy and

East Arnhem region in the Top End has been released by the Northern Territory Medicare Local (NTML).

The paper has resulted from widespread community concern for the health and wellbeing of the region's 4000 residents when the Gove alumina refinery closes later this year.

NTML chief executive Debbie Blumel said that the discussion paper 'Health Futures for Nhulunbuy and the East Arnhem Region' provided a healthcare perspective of the transition and stabilisation process, and raised some of the potential primary healthcare implications as a result of the refinery closure.

"When I travelled to Nhulunbuy in January as part of the NTML's Comprehensive Needs Assessment process, it was clear that local people and health professionals were desperately looking for answers," she explained.

### "Impacts"

"It was through a meeting with Dr Colin Smith, principal of Endeavour Health Services General Practice, that the Nhulunbuy-East Arnhem Region Health Futures project was initiated as a way to determine the health impacts and needs of the community.

"To assist Dr Smith in his role on the Gove Community Action Group, we undertook an analysis of existing health services and engaged with the community about their expectations and primary healthcare capacity and capability through the transition period."

Major issues identified by health providers included chronic disease, substance misuse, the social determinants of health, mental health, aged care and continuity of services. Local people listed diabetes, kidney disease, mental health, substance abuse, ear, nose and throat plus skin infections as the key issues.

"What we have now in this discussion paper is a working document that aims to garner information and comments from key stakeholders on the health futures for Nhulunbuy and regional communities in East Arnhem," Ms Blumel said.



Midwifery students, front from left, Tahnee Reynolds (from Tamworth Hospital), Amanda Dacey (Wagga Wagga Base Hospital), Jasmine Wannell (Blacktown Hospital) and Ashley Galea (Wollongong Hospital) with, at rear, Health Minister Jillian Skinner, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello, Wagga Wagga MP Daryl Maguire and Nursing and Midwifery Office representatives.

## Midwifery students guests at Parliament celebration



NSW Aboriginal midwifery students Amanda Dacey, Ashley Galea,

Tahnee Reynolds and Jasmine Wannell aim to deliver – in more ways than one.

They were guests at NSW Parliament during a celebration on International Midwives Day (May 5).

All four successfully applied for positions through MidStART – the NSW Government's program to get more nurses into midwifery – and represented the largest number of Indigenous registered nurses to have applied through this process since it began in 2010.

NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello met

all four and congratulated them on their commitment.

Both ministers said increasing the Aboriginal nursing and midwifery workforce was a government priority.

"It's vital that women and their families feel comfortable and confident in the hospital staff who care for them," Ms Skinner said.

"These wonderful

midwifery students will play an important role as they develop the knowledge and skills to become registered midwives."

Amanda Dacey is doing her midwifery training at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, Ashley Galea at Wollongong Hospital, Tahnee Reynolds at Tamworth Hospital and Jasmine Wannell at Blacktown Hospital.

# \$30m to close WA health gap



THE Western Australian Government has allocated more than \$30 million in its latest Budget to help close the state's health gap.

Health Minister Kim Hames, speaking at the WA

Aboriginal Community Controlled Sector Conference, said the new WA Footprints to Better Health Strategy (FBH) would build on work done under two programs started as part of the existing Federal-State National Partnership Agreements.

"Footprints combines the two programs – Closing the Gap in Aboriginal Health and the Indigenous Early Childhood Development programs, and will promote the critical role that prevention, early intervention and self-care play in good health

outcomes," he said. "The program will increase access to quality health care, improve services and create jobs for Aboriginal people in health care.

The Government says its latest funding will enable the delivery of dedicated Aboriginal

**"The program will increase access to quality health care, improve services and create jobs for Aboriginal people in health care."**

health services, addressing six areas of reform using culturally appropriate models of care.

It says Footprints will target:

- improving maternal and child health;
- the health of young people and the

issues associated with a healthy transition to adulthood;

- assisting Aboriginal people to make healthy lifestyle choices which incorporates addressing the social determinants of health;

- chronic disease early intervention and self-management – more than 80% of the life-expectancy gap for Aboriginal Australians is attributed to chronic health conditions such as diabetes, circulatory and respiratory disease;

- continuity of care to ensure the state's Aboriginal people receive access to timely and culturally appropriate health care; and

- culturally appropriate mental health care through the statewide Specialist Aboriginal Mental Health Service, overseen by the Mental Health Commission.

# NATIONAL CALENDAR



**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

### Until June 30:

Wesfarmers Indigenous Arts Leadership Program – applications for 2014 open. This is a short-term program with an industry focus. Ten candidates will be selected from across Australia to participate in the program. Details: Cara Kirkwood on (02) 6240 6589 or visit [www.nga.gov.au/WesfarmersFellowship](http://www.nga.gov.au/WesfarmersFellowship)

**Carer Line** is a free telephone information and support service 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 Registration and Information Service on 1800 242 636 or visit [www.carersnsw.org.au](http://www.carersnsw.org.au)

**Community Yarn Up Project** – expressions of interest. The National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the Australian National University, with industry partners, is undertaking the national oral history research project 'Serving Our Country: A history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Defence of Australia'. The project will look at the history of Indigenous service men and women in the Australian defence and auxiliary services from 1890s to 2000. To find out when and where they'll be near you over the next few months, call Craig Green on (02) 6125 0092 or email [craig.greene@anu.edu.au](mailto:craig.greene@anu.edu.au)

**Until July 31:** Art submissions for *Our Mob – God's Story* book project. The project will be a book of art featuring faith stories and paintings by Indigenous artists. Artists nationwide are invited to submit paintings that tell Bible stories or depict Christian symbols. Details: Louise Sherman on (08) 8292 4888 or email [louise.sherman@biblesociety.org.au](mailto:louise.sherman@biblesociety.org.au)

## NSW-ACT

**Ongoing:** National Museum of Australia 'Go on a Gallery Tour'. Explore Indigenous peoples' history, cultures, spirituality and

connections to country on this one-hour guided tour of the 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](http://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, northern NSW, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-5pm. Details: (02) 6681 5992.

**Ongoing:** Hockey NSW free coaching sessions. Held every Tuesday in Ballina and every Wednesday in Lismore, northern NSW, from 3.30-4.30pm. Free event. Details: Tony Meldrum on 0447 186 134.

**Until May 12:** *Flow of Voices* exhibition (part one). Featuring works by artist Jacky Green that look at colonial relations in the Gulf region and the impact of mining. The artists aim to highlight their concerns about the absent voice of traditional owners. Held at The Cross Arts Project, 8 Lankelly Pl, Kings Cross, Sydney, from Thurs-Sat, 11am-6pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9357 2058 or visit [www.crossart.com.au](http://www.crossart.com.au)

**Until May 23:** *Joona Junba Juju* exhibition. Explores the material objects made and used for song and dance cycles in the Kimberley and presents them alongside performance documentation and custodians' stories. Held at UTS Gallery, Level 4, 702 Harris St, Ultimo, from Mon-Fri, 12-6pm. Free entry. Details: Tania Creighton on (02) 9514 1284.

**Until June 5:** Papunya Tula Artists *Healing Art* program. This is a fundraising exhibition for Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Aboriginal Corporation. All welcome. Held at Xavier Art Space, Level 3, Xavier Building, St Vincent's Hospital, Victoria St, Darlinghurst. Details: Kim Vaughan on (02) 8382 3581 or Katrina Cvitkovic on (02) 8382 4291.

**Until June 8:** *The Hills Beyond Hermannsburg* exhibition. Showcasing 36 works of Central Australian landscapes by Aboriginal artists 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](http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au)

**Until July 20:** *Old Masters* exhibition. Selected barks on display in this exhibition that celebrates



Kaylah Tyson, aka Kaylah Truth.

## Truth for Stylin' Up



WHEN Kaylah Tyson was a kid her mum used to take her to Stylin' Up, the free Indigenous hip-hop and R&B event. "I'd sit there and watch all the older kids perform. It was awesome to see locals sharing the stage with established artists. I was just amazed as a kid," she said.

Now, better known by her stage name of Kaylah Truth, she will be performing at the festival, this Saturday, May 24, in the Brisbane suburb of Inala.

Hosted by not-for-profit group Inala Wangarra, the day will include children's activities and workshops, rides and fireworks, as well as music and dance.

American J Holiday will headline the show, which will also feature DCP (also a member of the Indigenous Intrudaz) performing alongside The Hostile Takeover, Xy Latu and Dialect, X Factor 2013 finalist Dean Brady, established local R&B singer Ezra James, Ceezy, Indigenous rights singer Teila Watson, emerging artist Tiama, the Collab Crew and a showcase by the Aboriginal Performing Arts Centre.

Kaylah Truth will perform some of her new tracks. "I started out writing about political things as a way for me to express myself and have a voice, and now I'm trying to experiment with a lot of things as an artist, with my style of music," she said.

"I want to be a voice for my people, not just Indigenous people, but also young women.

"I'm always the kind of person to speak up about what's going on. I've been really studying Lauren Hill and Janet Jackson; listening to songs for the sistas.

"I want to write about girls and women empowering themselves and loving themselves – that's okay, they're not big-noters, if they do, it's just wanting to put out positive, happy vibes."

Stylin' Up Festival runs from 11am-6pm, Saturday, May 24, at CJ Greenfields Sports Complex, Inala.

For more information, go to [www.stylinup.com.au](http://www.stylinup.com.au)

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](http://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, concession \$48, previews \$48. Details: (02) 9699 344 or visit [www.belvoir.com.au](http://www.belvoir.com.au)

**May 22:** The Black Wallaby Indigenous Writers' Night 2014 presents readings from new work by June Correctional Centre Aboriginal inmates. The group will also launch the second volume of *Dreaming Inside – Voices from the June Correctional Centre*, which includes many poems from the inmates. Held at Wollongong Art Gallery, cnr

Kemla and Burelli streets, Wollongong, from 6.30-8.30. Free event. Details: (02) 4228 0151

**May 22:** Community information and complaints forum. The Good Service Mob will talk about free complaint-handling services available for Indigenous people. Lunch will be provided. Held at Casino Community Centre, 35 Walker St, Casino, from 10am-1.30pm. Free event. Details: (02) 8218 5211 or (02) 9268 5541.

**May 23:** National Sorry Day Bridge Walk. Includes a welcome to country, guest speaker, entertainment and smoking ceremony. Gather at the base of the Commonwealth Avenue Bridge, Canberra, from 10.45am. Free event. Details: Ian Bateman on (02) 6284 6222 or email [ian.bateman@winnunga.org.au](mailto:ian.bateman@winnunga.org.au)

**May 23:** Reconciliation Week and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia. An opportunity to observe the court in operation. Activities include a welcome to country and acknowledgement, reading of the 2007 Apology, and Aboriginal flag-raising ceremony. Morning tea provided. All welcome. Held at Parramatta Registry of the Federal Circuit Court from 8.45am-11.45am. Details: (02) 9893 5608 or 1300 352 000. RSVP by May 16 to [associate.judgeharman@federalcircuitcourt.gov.au](mailto:associate.judgeharman@federalcircuitcourt.gov.au)

**May 24-June 1:** *Nara Dreaming* exhibition. An exhibition of Aboriginal painting, sculpture, craftwork, jewellery, story telling and photography. Held at Avisford (Bill's Shed), 1023 Calder Alternative Highway, Lockwood, Mon-Fri 10am-4pm. Entry by gold coin donation. Details: 0418 579 501 or visit [www.naradreaming.com.au](http://www.naradreaming.com.au)

**May 25:** Reconciliation 2014 art competition and exhibition. The official opening will be held at the Gosford Regional Gallery, 36 Webb St, East Gosford, at 11am. Reply to Dianne Millington on (02) 4320 0623.

**May 26:** Suicide prevention workshop. The program helps participants to recognise when a person may be having thoughts of suicide and provides a simple strategy to intervene and assist them. Open to all over 18. Held at Windara Conference and Community Centre, 253 Sextonville Rd, Casino, from 1-5pm. Free event. To register visit [www.eventbrite.com.au/](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/) or call 1800 100 024.

**May 26-27:** Supply Nation Connect 2014 Leading Change in Business conference and trade show. The event will focus on developing new relationships, expansion of existing partnerships and

facilitating the growth of the Indigenous business sector. International guests and speakers. All welcome, cost involved. Held at the Australian Turf Club, Randwick. The gala dinner awards night will be held at Sydney Town Hall on May 27. Details: 1300 055 298 or [www.supplynation.org.au/connect](http://www.supplynation.org.au/connect)

**May 27:** Close The Gap Aboriginal Health Expo. Includes free health checks, information stalls, a yarnning circle, kids' activities and more. Held at Parramatta Town Hall from 10am-2pm. Free event. Details: Lisa De Lahaye on (02) 4702 5380.

**May 27:** Seventh National Indigenous Arts Awards. Including the Red Ochre Award, Dreaming Award and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Fellowships 2014. Held at the Utzon Room, Sydney Opera House, from 6-8pm. Details: (02) 9215 9067.

**May 28-31:** Djuki Mala (The Chooky Dancers) performance. Held during National Reconciliation Week at Seymour Centre, Everest Theatre, cnr of City Rd and Cleveland St, Chippendale, daily at 11am and 7.30pm. Cost: \$32 adults, \$27 concession. Bookings on (02) 9351 7940 or visit [www.seymourcentre.com](http://www.seymourcentre.com)

**May 29:** Indigenous art@IGS opening night. In support of the International Grammar School's Indigenous scholarship endowment fund, the event includes guest speaker NSW Governor Marie Bashir. Held at the International Grammar School, 1 Macarthur St, Ultimo, from 7pm. Reply to (02) 9219 6700 or email [indigart@igssydney.nsw.edu.au](mailto:indigart@igssydney.nsw.edu.au)

**May 30:** Eighth annual commemoration service honouring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women. The ceremony is being held to recognise the contribution that Indigenous veterans have made to this country. Held at Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park South, Sydney, from 11am. Free event. Details: David Williams on 0450 361 418.

**June 5:** Jarjum Centre 2014 art exhibition. It includes a silent auction on an artwork by Digby Moran. Held at Lismore Regional Art Gallery, 131 Molesworth Street, Lismore from 5pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 6622 2209 or visit [www.lismoregallery.org](http://www.lismoregallery.org)

**June 5:** 'Discover Bark Painting' lecture. Celebrating the *Old Masters* exhibition, the lecture series explores bark painting and draws from experts inspired by this art form. Free event, bookings essential. Held at the Visions Theatre, the National Museum of Australia, Lawson

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Cres, Acton, from 12.30-1.30pm. Details: (02) 6208 5000 or visit [www.nma.gov.au/bookings](http://www.nma.gov.au/bookings)

**June 6 and 25:** Bangarra community night and Koori Kids Day. Featuring performances of the play *Patyegarang* with a community night on June 6 at the Sydney Opera House from 8pm, and a Koori Kids Day at the opera house on June 25 from 12.30-1.40pm. Discounted tickets available for Indigenous people. For bookings call (02) 9251 5333 or email [community@bangarra.com.au](mailto:community@bangarra.com.au)

**June 8:** Myall Creek commemoration. This annual memorial ceremony is for those who died at the Myall Creek Massacre on northern NSW. Held at Myall Creek, Bingara-Delungra Rd, west of Inverell, from 9.30am. Details: Ivan Roberts on (02) 6257 4600, Sue Blacklock on (02) 6723 3279, Lyall Munro on (02) 6752 5792 or Graeme Cordiner on (02) 9817 0288.

**June 17:** Kyogle Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healthy Ageing and Wellbeing Expo, an event to promote healthy mental, social and physical ageing. Includes morning tea, lunch and activities. Held at Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall, Stratheden St, Kyogle, from 9.45am. Free event. Details: Narelle on (02) 6632 2194 or Bundjalung HomeCare on (02) 6663 0622.

**July 29:** Free eye testing. The Wellington Aboriginal Medical Service will hold free eye testing for the Parkes Shire Indigenous community. Held at Parkes Neighbourhood Centre, 80-82 Currajong St, Parkes. To book, call Amanda Corcoran on (02) 6862 4140.

## Queensland

**Until May 23:** *Malungu Ngpapa (From The Sea)* exhibition. Featuring Badu Island artists Talla Gaidan, Weldon Matasia and Laurie Nona. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery. Free gallery entry. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or visit [www.wag.com.au](http://www.wag.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, email [kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.slq.qld.gov.au](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au)

**Until June 27:** Musgrave Park Family Fun Day stallholder applications now open. The event includes three performance stages, food fare, Elders' tent, kids' rides, arts and crafts, traditional dance and more. Details: 0478 789 386 or visit [www.musgraveparkffd.com.au](http://www.musgraveparkffd.com.au)

**Until July 13:** *Yirrkalá Drawings* exhibition. Features more than 80 crayon drawings by senior leaders of the Yirrkalá community in 1947. Details: (07) 3842 9844 or visit [www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/yirrkalá](http://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/yirrkalá)

**May 24:** 2014 'Stylin Up' Festival. The Indigenous hip hop, r'n'b music and dance event includes children's interactive activities and workshops, rides and a fireworks display. Held at CJ Greenfields Sports Complex, Freeman Road, Inala, from 11am-6pm. Free event. Details: (07)3178 6723 or visit [www.stylinup.com.au](http://www.stylinup.com.au)

**May 26:** Noongar Reconciliation Group National Sorry Day event. All are invited to attend the ceremony, which includes morning tea. Held at the Stolen Generations Memorial Site, Kalinga Park, Clayfield, from 10-11.30am. Reply to [noonga.rg@gmail.com](mailto:noonga.rg@gmail.com). Details: Bev on (07) 3256 7430.

**May 27:** Bunyaville Environmental Education Centre Elders' morning tea as part of National Reconciliation Week. Held at Bunyaville Environmental Education Centre, Bunyaville Conservation Park, Off Old Northern Road, Everton Hills, from 10.30am. Reply to [gpric5@eq.edu.au](mailto:gpric5@eq.edu.au) Free event. Details: (07) 3353 4356.



**Anonymous, *The Golden Road*, c1949, pastel on paper. A part of the Herbert Mayer Collection of Carrolup Artwork, Curtin University Art Collection, to go on show in Albany, Western Australia.**

# Albany to get Carrolup art



**WORKS from The Herbert Mayer Collection of Carrolup Artwork will go on show in Albany, Western Australia, later this month.**

The collection features rare artworks created by Aboriginal children from the Stolen Generations at the Carrolup Native Settlement between 1946 and 1950. The historical artworks, found in storage at Colgate University in

the US state of New York in 2004, were donated to Curtin University, finally returning to Western Australia last year.

After being displayed at the John Curtin Gallery in Perth, the works are now being taken to regional WA centres as part of the *Koolark Koorl Koorl (Heart Coming Home)* exhibition, starting with Albany Town Hall from May 24 until June 29. More details available at [www.johncurtingallery.curtin.edu.au](http://www.johncurtingallery.curtin.edu.au)

**May 29:** Queensland Reds Indigenous Business Breakfast to celebrate the Qld Reds Indigenous Program. Includes guest speakers. Held at the Podium Room, Rydges Hotel, Southbank, from 7am. Cost: \$99 a person. Details and tickets: [www.redhospitality.com.au/businessbreakfast](http://www.redhospitality.com.au/businessbreakfast)

**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 a person. Details: (07) 5459 9150 or email [sarah.larsen@dete.qld.gov.au](mailto:sarah.larsen@dete.qld.gov.au)

## Victoria

**Until May 23:** Nominations close for the Victorian Honour Roll. For details, visit [www.dpc.vic.gov.au/vihr](http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/vihr)

**Until June 30:** *Bad Aboriginal Photography* exhibition. A display of cheeky works by three Indigenous artists. Held at Auntie Joyce Johnson Gallery, Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King St, Melbourne, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (03) 8622 2600 or visit [www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au](http://www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au)

**Until June 30:** *New Era: 2nd Time Lucky* exhibition by the 'pitcha makin fellaz' (PMF), young men who paint and write together. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King St, Melbourne, from Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm.

Free entry. Details: (03) 8622 2600 or visit [www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au](http://www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au)

**Until July 27:** Danie Mellor's *Exotic Lies Sacred Ties* touring exhibition. On tour from the University of Queensland Art Museum, featuring works by award-winning artist Danie Mellor. Held at TarraWarra Museum of Art, Yarra Glen Road, Healesville, Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm. Cost: \$5-\$7.50, under 16 and concession holders free. Details: (03) 5957 3100 or visit [www.twma.com.au](http://www.twma.com.au)

**Until October 17:** *Healing Ways: Art with Intent* exhibition. Draws attention to a little-considered aspect of Indigenous art practice, the way in which Aboriginal people use art for emotional healing and wellbeing. Held at The Dax Centre, Kenneth Myer Building, the University of Melbourne, Genetics Lane, Melbourne, from Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm. Details: (03) 9035 6258 or visit [www.daxcentre.org](http://www.daxcentre.org)

**May 23:** Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation Sorry Day event. It includes guest speakers and entertainment. Held at South Melbourne Community Centre, cnr Ferrars Pl and Park St, Sth Melbourne, from 12.30pm. Free refreshments but gold coin donation appreciated. Details: (03) 9699 8804.

**May 30:** Reconciliation Week fundraising trivia night. Includes prizes for the winning team, door prizes, silent auctions and games. BYO food and non-alcoholic drinks. Held at Knox City Council Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South from 7pm. Cost: \$25

donation per person, tables of ten available. Details: (03) 9725 2166 or email [mmigp@mmigp.com.au](mailto:mmigp@mmigp.com.au) or visit [www.mmigp.org.au](http://www.mmigp.org.au)

**May 31:** The Long Walk 10th anniversary celebration. Join AFL legend Michael Long on The Long Walk from the Sidney Myer Music Bowl to the Dreamtime at the 'G game. The event includes a charity fun walk and a wellbeing concert. Starting at the Royal Botanic Gardens at 10.30am, 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](http://www.thelongwalk.com.au)

## Western Australia

**Until June 13:** Entries wanted for the *Noongar Country* exhibition. Open to artists, community groups, schools and youth. This year's theme is 'Kooliny Mia, Coming Home'. Entry forms available from Bunbury Regional Art Galleries, 64 Wittenoom St, Bunbury. Details: (08) 9721 8226.

**May 23:** Too Deadly family day. Featuring stalls, health checks, acting, cooking and painting workshops, modelling, music performances and more. Held at Bunbury Regional Art Gallery, 64 Wittenoom St, Bunbury, from 3-7pm. Free event. Details: (08) 9797 1413 or visit [www.brag.org.au](http://www.brag.org.au)

**May 24-June 29:** *Koolark Koorl Koorl (Heart Coming Home)* exhibition. A collection of Stolen Generations artworks created by Aboriginal children at the Carrolup Native Settlement between 1946 and 1950. Held at Albany Town Hall, Albany, from Tues-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 9266 7347 or 0407 386 687.

**May 31-June 1:** Noongar doll-making workshops. Learn how to use simple textile techniques to create a doll telling a story. Held at the Bodhi Tree, Unit 1, 416-418 Oxford St, Mt Hawthorn, daily from 11am-3pm. Free event. Details: Caris Mooney on (08) 9273 6016 or visit [www.canwa.com.au](http://www.canwa.com.au)

**July 5-6:** Rural Health West will host the Aboriginal Health Conference at the Parmelia Hilton Hotel in Perth. More details and a conference program at [www.ruralhealthwest.com.au](http://www.ruralhealthwest.com.au) or call (08) 6389 4500.

**July 6-12:** NAIDOC Week celebrations in Perth. A large program of events has been planned for the annual celebration. Visit [www.naidocperth.org](http://www.naidocperth.org) for more details.

## South Australia

**July 3-5:** *Pecan Summer* opera, composed by Deborah Cheetham, tells the story of the 1939 walk-off from Cummeragunga mission in Victoria. Held at Her Majesty's Theatre, 58 Grote St, Adelaide, daily at 7.30pm. Cost: Adults \$45-\$95 a person. Details: 131 246 or visit [www.shortblackopera.com](http://www.shortblackopera.com)

## Northern Territory

**May 28:** Alice Springs Sorry Day Forum. The Intervention Rollback Action Group in conjunction with the NT Greens will host the forum to discuss 'the new stolen generation' of Aboriginal children. Held at the Andy McNeill Room, Town Council complex. Free event. Details: Paddy Gibson on 0415 800 586 or Barbara Shaw on 0401 291 166.

**May 30-June 1:** 27th Merrepen Arts and Cultural Festival. A cultural weekend including traditional and contemporary performance, colourful designs, fashion and fabrics sale, an art sale, exhibitions, demonstrations, workshops, music, bush tucker and a sport carnival. Held at Nauiyu, 240km south-west of Darwin, an alcohol-restricted area. Cost: \$20 adults, \$10 concessions, under 18 free. Tickets available at the gate. Details: (08) 8978 2533 or visit [www.merrepenarts.com.au](http://www.merrepenarts.com.au)

# Employment

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Bright futures: Mallee District Aboriginal Services workers, from left, Indi Clarke, Melissa Badenoch, Rosie Faulkhead and Simone Philp.

## Big plans in Mallee



THE Mallee region's largest employer of Aboriginal staff has unveiled initiatives to further increase its Indigenous workforce. Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) says the longer-term plans are aimed at achieving a majority of Aboriginal staff on its workforce in the next two years.

MDAS manager of people and culture Debbie Fankhauser said the organisation was building from its first three-year Aboriginal employment strategy developed last year, with currently about half of the organisation's staff being Indigenous.

"In the past six months, we're

pleased that we've been able to appoint Aboriginal people to 50% of the positions we have advertised," she said.

"We now have really robust processes around recruiting good staff, so we need to also begin focussing on longer-term initiatives that will help us achieve that longer-term goal of 60% Koori staff by 2016."

MDAS chief executive officer Rudolph Kirby said other initiatives being implemented focus on upskilling existing staff and enhancing career paths and choices by empowering Aboriginal staff to either seek promotion internally or externally to MDAS.

"Our first priority is always to recruit the right people to the right

job, but we also have a responsibility to create opportunities that help break down barriers for Aboriginal people entering the workforce, so we are proactive in our recruitment policies," he said.

### "Prepared to invest"

"We are prepared to invest in Koori people who have the right skills, interests and abilities for roles within the organisation, by providing the right opportunities for them to access the training and skills development for them to continue their career aspirations."

"One of the initiatives we are developing that will make a real difference to staff members who

are wanting to progress is the setting up of a study centre at MDAS, so staff have access to a quiet area that is set aside only for study purposes."

Mr Kirby said changes would take time, but the initiatives being rolled out were making a difference.

"I'm really proud of some terrific young people we have coming through MDAS. One of our trainees, Indi Clarke, is aiming to become an accountant, and James Peterson has his sights on becoming a nurse," Mr Kirby said.

"They are getting great workplace experience with MDAS, but as an organisation we are also helping them find and access opportunities for

further training so they can get where they want to go in their careers."

"We currently have three staff, Derek Jones, Kirsty Hampton and Carl Kirby, who are training to be Aboriginal health workers, and we have recently appointed five Koori reception staff across our locations."

"Sometimes all people need is a start and an opportunity. My own first job was as a trainee foster-care worker at a local Koori organisation. That gave me the confidence and skills to kick start my career and I eventually followed on to graduate from law at university. That has not only benefited me, but my family and the community."

## It's your guide to employment

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For more information and to lodge an expression of interest, please contact Brian Walker, Manager, Indigenous Employment, on (03) 9905 5000 or [brian.walker@monash.edu](mailto:brian.walker@monash.edu)

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Some weekend work will also be involved.

For a position description and to apply for this position, please go to: <http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/about-us/job-opportunities> and follow the links under 'Current Opportunities'.

**Enquiries to:** Roslyn Semler, Visitor Programs Coordinator, (03) 9252 2338.

Applications required by: **COB Tuesday 10 June 2014**



### Aboriginal Health Services Officer

- **Fixed Term - Part time**
- **Melbourne, Australia**
- **Ref No: 11800**

The Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre is Australia's only public hospital solely dedicated to cancer and one of an elite group of hospitals worldwide to have its own integrated cancer research program and laboratories. In 2016, Peter Mac will move to a brand-new building purpose-built for cancer care, treatment, research and education at Parkville.

This is an exciting opportunity for a professional with excellent interpersonal and communication skills who is committed to the advancement of patient rights. This is a rewarding position, assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people access services at Peter Mac and supporting them throughout their cancer journey.

This position will provide advocacy and support to Aboriginal patients and their families at Peter Mac. The role is co-located with Social Work, and works alongside hospital staff to provide high quality and culturally appropriate health care and services to Aboriginal patients. The position will also be responsible for assisting the development of strategy and education to increase cultural awareness of health care service providers and service improvements for Aboriginal patients.

For more information contact Alison Hocking on (03) 9656 1031, and to apply, visit <https://petermac.mercury.com.au>

**Applications close: 11 June 2014**



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**Location:** Lismore.

**Contact:** Lenore Marlowe – CEO, email [lenore.marlowe@ngunyajarjum.com](mailto:lenore.marlowe@ngunyajarjum.com)

**Information Packages:** Must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request by contacting the office on (02) 6626 3700.

**Send Applications to:** Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 580, Lismore NSW 2480.

*Previous applicants need not apply.*

**Closing Date: 6th June 2014.**



## Health Hunter New England Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at [www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)  
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

### Mental Health Professional

Narrabri Community Health

Enquiries: Leigh Philpott (02) 6757 0222

Reference ID: 193613

**Closing Date: 30/05/2014**

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They are also responsible for supporting forestry operations by ensuring pre-harvest Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Surveys are accurate, compliant and completed in a timely manner.

For further information please visit [www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au) or call Kathy Jones on 0428 963 561.

**The closing date for applications:  
10 June 2014**

#### Job Notes:

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The CEO reports directly to the AIDA Board of Directors and is responsible for the company's consistent achievement of its vision, purpose and objectives. The CEO is responsible for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, including the maintenance of good governance, sound financial management, high level policy development and advice and effective engagement of key stakeholders. The CEO needs to be a highly skilled leader, able to effectively operate within complex, multi-stakeholder environments.

Applicants should have extensive experience at the executive level, possess a sound understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and education and a strong understanding of the national policy context.

The role is an identified position open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander candidates only. This is intended to constitute a special measure in line with the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT) subsection 27 (1)(b) and the Racial Discrimination Act 1975(Cth) subsection 8(1).

The CEO leads the AIDA Secretariat team based at Old Parliament House, Canberra, ACT

An attractive salary package will be negotiated with the successful candidate based on skills and experience. Salary packaging is also available.

If you would like to discuss the position further please do not hesitate to contact Dr Tammy Kimpton via email at [president@aida.org.au](mailto:president@aida.org.au) or through Ms Susan Granger on (02) 6273 6013.

Duty Statement & Selection Criteria can be found at <http://www.aida.org.au/positions/vacant.aspx> Applications marked "Confidential" should be addressed to:

Ms Susan Granger Corporate Services Manager PO Box 3497 MANUKA ACT 2603 or by email to: [susan@aida.org.au](mailto:susan@aida.org.au) by Close of Business (AEDT) **Monday 2nd June 2014**



## Business Development Manager and Member Services Manager

The Kuruma Marthudunera Aboriginal Corporation (KMAC) represents and advances the economic and social interests of the Kuruma and Marthudunera people (K&M people) in their dealings with government and the corporate sector. We are an expanding organisation in the Pilbara with responsibility to implement a number of native title agreements.

The newly created positions of Business Development Manager and Member Services Manager are pivotal in realising these goals. Successful candidates will work closely with the Chief Executive Officer to create a positive environment that maximises team and community engagement to achieve the corporation's objectives.

The primary responsibility of the Business Development Manager is to develop and execute a business development strategy that identifies and establishes new business opportunities for KMAC and the K&M people.

The Member Services Manager will primarily manage the Member Services Unit and oversee the initiation, development and implementation of programs for the K&M people in areas of education, housing, lore and culture and health.

### Applicants for these positions should possess:

- specialist expertise in business development and program coordination respectively
  - demonstrated experience and record of achievement in one or more of the following fields: business development; financial management; community development and project management
  - planning and organisational skills to implement processes and tasks and manage the human and financial resources required to achieve agreed goals
  - a degree (honours or above) in commerce, community development or related disciplines; and
  - working knowledge of Aboriginal community aspirations.
- Remuneration for both roles is negotiable, based on experience.

For further details, including requests for a copy of the position descriptions, please contact Franklin Gaffney on 0400 972 615. Your resumé and applications addressing the above criteria should be forwarded to [careers@kmac.org.au](mailto:careers@kmac.org.au) by no later than **Friday, 6 June 2014**.

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## Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative



### Chief Executive Officer

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Bendigo is a thriving community with a population of more than 80,000 located in central Victoria about 150 kms from Melbourne.

The Chief Executive Officer is accountable to the Board for management of all resources and risks so that Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative continues to develop as a sustainable organisation providing a comprehensive range of services.

The salary component of the remuneration is in the range 90-110k. A vehicle is provided and there are a number of other benefits including an accommodation allowance, private health insurance assistance and 12% superannuation.

Aboriginality is genuine occupational requirement for this 'identified' position, given the nature of the current and planned services.

An information package is available from [bscott@delphi-mentors.com.au](mailto:bscott@delphi-mentors.com.au). Applicants must comply with the instructions in the information package.

**Applications close: 12 noon AEST 30th May 2014.**



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The Manager is expected to have a high degree of capability in research and in managing a diverse portfolio of projects including budgets and staff. They will have the experience and capacity to liaise with program stakeholders across all levels of responsibility as well as being able to develop and sustain partnerships with external groups and research institutions.

### The successful applicant for this position will be required to:

- Manage, develop and build the sustainability of the Social Policy and Research Unit as well as design and deliver projects in accordance with the VACCA Research Plan and the strategic priorities of VACCA;
- Initiate, develop, implement and review research projects that will enhance the capacity and development of the organisation and contributes to Indigenous and social policy;

For a copy of the position description which contains the key selection criteria that all applicants must address, please email: [recruitment@vacca.org](mailto:recruitment@vacca.org)

For information specific to the position please contact Nigel D'Souza on 0400 978 015.

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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER- RE-ADVERTISED

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Our Board is made up of CEO's 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.

### 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](mailto:ora@oric.gov.au)

Should you require any further information regarding the position, please contact the SWFWAA Chairperson, Jo-Anne Kelly on (02) 6562 8688 or email [klalc\\_ceo@bigpond.com](mailto:klalc_ceo@bigpond.com), or the Deputy-Chairperson Chris Spencer on (02) 6652 8740 or email [chris@coffsharbourlalc.com.au](mailto:chris@coffsharbourlalc.com.au)

**Applications close: 1 June 2014**

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**Senior Operator Water Treatment Plant Casino (re-advertised)**  
Salary: \$47,170 - \$54,250 p/a. Contact Aidan Macqueen for further information on 0439 411 504

**Treatment Plant Operator Casino (re-advertised)**  
Salary: \$43,700 - \$50,250 p/a. Contact Aidan Macqueen for further information on 0439 411 504

**Applications Close 30 May 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](http://www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au) or by contacting Workplace Relations on (02) 6660 0239. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply. Applications will be received by email at [jobs@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jobs@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au) or by post to the General Manager, Richmond Valley Council. Locked Bag 10, CASINO, NSW 2470 until 4pm 30 May 2014.



## Communications Coordinator

We have an exciting opportunity for a highly experienced communications officer to create and drive proactive strategies across both social media and traditional media in order to positively position Richmond Valley Council.

We are seeking a person with:

- Demonstrated experience and understanding of social media and digital communications technologies, including experience in writing and editing web content.
- Experience in content management systems and web programming – UNIX, HTML, SEO and analytics.
- Demonstrated experience with Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop and Adobe Acrobat or similar graphic design applications.
- Good time-management skills, including the ability to work under pressure to meet tight deadlines and to work on a number of projects concurrently.
- Demonstrated communication skills, including interpersonal skills, and a proven ability to produce community information and promotional material.

Salary: Grade 12 \$57,933 to \$66,622 pa depending on qualifications and experience, plus 9.25% employer superannuation contribution.

**Applications Close Friday 30 May 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](http://www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au) or by contacting Sharon Davidson on (02) 6660 0257. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply. Applications will be received by email at [jobs@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jobs@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au) or by post to the Manager Communications, Richmond Valley Council. Locked Bag 10, CASINO, NSW 2470 until 4pm Friday 30 May 2014.



**ACT**  
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Community Services

## Office for Children, Youth and Family Services Youth Services Youth Justice Case Management

## Youth Support Worker

**Administrative Services Officer Class 3**  
**Salary Range: \$52,818 - \$57,004 (PN: 32469)**

Youth Justice Case Management are looking for an individual to backfill the position of Youth Support Worker for approximately six months. The position involves supporting Case Managers who supervise young people who are sentenced by the court or on bail orders. The individual will be required to work in a team, be able to work with young people (often with multiple and complex issues) and build rapport with these young people. The position also provides administrative support for the Youth Justice Case Management team.

**Eligibility/Other Requirements:** Current driver's licence is essential. Relevant qualifications and experience is highly desirable. A Senior First Aid Certificate is desirable. Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* will be required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable people registrations refer to [www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2011-44/default.asp](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2011-44/default.asp) and [http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working\\_with\\_vulnerable\\_people](http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people)

**Notes:** This is a temporary position available for a period of six months.

**Contact Officer:** Christina Towns (02) 6205 4369 [christina.towns@act.gov.au](mailto:christina.towns@act.gov.au)

**Applications Close:** 30 May 2014

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## Aboriginal Targeted Legal Support Officer, Clerk Grade 1/2, Mental Health Advocacy Service, Burwood Office (Ongoing)

- Ongoing vacancy
- Package up to 67K
- Job NSW Reference No. 00002SQR

**Enquiries:** Sophia Tsatsimas on (02) 8746 2649 or [Sophia.tsatsimas@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sophia.tsatsimas@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

Applications must be submitted online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) to be considered.

**Closing Date:** 26 May 2014

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## Full Time ADMINISTRATION SUPERVISOR

At Ricoh we understand that being first to market also means being first in quality, reliability and performance. This is what makes us a leader in our industry. An opportunity has arisen for an Administration Supervisor to join our new Branch located in Darwin NT.

Reporting to the Branch Manager, the Administration Supervisor has an important role that unifies the overall function of the Branch. Specifically, this involves assisting with general operations whilst supervising a part time administration support staff. You will be an organised individual who is experienced in solving day to day office issues with enthusiasm and efficiency. You will strive for excellence in customer service and enjoy liaising with staff and clients.

To view the full add and to apply please visit  
[Ricoh.com.au/careers](http://Ricoh.com.au/careers)

*Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for this position  
Ricoh is an equal opportunity employer*



## Aboriginal Child, Family & Community Care State Secretariat NSW (AbSec)

### Practice Support Officer

The Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) is seeking appropriate qualified persons for the positions of Senior Practice Support Officer and Practice Support Officer for a period of 12 months with the possibility of extension/permanent appointment. Applicants are encouraged to address the essential criteria below and submit with your resume.

#### Principal purpose of this position

These roles are responsible for supporting the Transition of OOH to the non-government sector.

Both roles will work in close collaboration with the Accreditation Manager to support new and existing OOH services to achieve accreditation and maintain compliance with statutory requirements and provide information and resources as well as ensuring OOH practices are in line with the NSW Standards for Statutory OOH.

They will preferably have demonstrated experience working with and engaging with Aboriginal community organisations.

#### Essential Criteria:

- Working knowledge of the NSW Standards for Statutory OOH
- Working knowledge of the NSW Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 and Care and Protection Regulation (2000) and familiarity with the legislative background to the community services sector
- Demonstrated capacity to effectively engage with government and non-government service providers
- High level written and oral communication
- Demonstrated understanding of non-government organisational practice and service delivery and ability to interpret statutory requirements and advise on their practical application
- Current NSW driver's licence and ability to travel. (This position will involve extensive travel throughout NSW)
- Aboriginality (documented)

#### Desirable Criteria:

- Experience in engaging with Aboriginal non-government services
- Experience in delivering training
- Experience in service management especially out-of-home care

*Applicants will be subject to working with children checks and criminal record checks.*

**Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement under Section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.**

**Applications Close: Tuesday 3 June 2014**

For further information contact: Greg Bennett, Senior Manager Operations on

(02) 9559-5299 or via email at [greg.bennett@absec.org.au](mailto:greg.bennett@absec.org.au)

Applicants to submit your application to:  
[conference@absec.org.au](mailto:conference@absec.org.au)



**Health**  
South Western Sydney  
Local Health District

## Aboriginal Women's Sexual Health (HEO Non-Graduate) HARP Health Promotion

F/T at Rosemeadow/Liverpool Community Health

Salary: \$46,856 – \$69,016 pa

Enquiries: Abhai Dhillon, (02) 9828 5754

Reference Number: 163447

**Closing date: 3 June 2014**

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Please apply online by visiting:**  
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## South West Close the Gap Program PROJECT COORDINATOR

The South West Close the Gap Program provides a coordinated approach and greater case care to aboriginal families in need of health care around Drug and Alcohol, Family Violence and Mental Health including any associated underlying issues. This position is based at the Warrnambool Community Health Centre and also works across our partner agencies at Kirrae Health Service (Framlingham) and Gunditjmarra Health Service.

An exciting opportunity exists for an experienced primary health care or community care practitioner to coordinate and lead the implementation of this program. Applicants will possess well developed communication and interpersonal skills and demonstrated effective relationships with key stakeholders.

This is a fulltime position and due to funding is available until October 2015. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

For further information regarding the role please contact Allan Miller (Manager Aboriginal Health) on (03) 5564 4192 or email [amiller@swh.net.au](mailto:amiller@swh.net.au)

Applicants will be required to consent to and undergo a Police Record Check.

**Applications are to be submitted online via our website only under Careers** and need to include: an application letter, full personal particulars, qualifications and experience; together with the names of three (3) referees by **Sunday 25 May 2014**. Other documents you feel are relevant may also be attached: however this is limited to 5 documents and there is also a size limitation of no greater than 2 Mega Bytes.

**Note:** If you experience any difficulties with this website or completing the application process, please send an email to: [humanresources@swh.net.au](mailto:humanresources@swh.net.au) Please note this address is for enquiries only and application cannot be submitted via this email.

**WARRNAMBOOL CAMPUS**  
**RYOT STREET WARRNAMBOOL 3280**  
[www.southwesthealthcare.com.au](http://www.southwesthealthcare.com.au)

## POSITIONS VACANT

### Aboriginal Health Worker (Drug & Alcohol)

**Permanent full time**



### Aboriginal Transport Officer

**Permanent full time**

Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney is a vibrant and exciting non-government community controlled health organization that offers high quality, culturally appropriate, efficient and effective primary health care and related services to the Aboriginal community of Mount Druitt and surrounding areas. We are a modern, computerized organization with AGPAL accreditation and have served the local community for over 25 years.

AMSWS is seeking enthusiastic, friendly and experienced persons to work as part of our holistic health care team committed to the delivery of primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community of Western Sydney.

*These are Identified Aboriginal Positions - Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under s14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).*

*"Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney (AMSWS) considers being a woman or man is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions under s31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)."*

These positions require a Working with Children Check (WWCC) issued by the Office of the Children's Guardian as a condition of employment. For more information on how to apply for the clearance, please visit the Office of the Children's Guardian website [www.kids.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/new-working-with-children-check](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/new-working-with-children-check). In addition, relevant criminal record checks will be conducted on successful applicants recommended for employment or appointment.

Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria and pre-screening questions contained in the information package. For further information visit our website [www.amsws.org.au](http://www.amsws.org.au)

**Information packs:** Jean Blair (Administration Officer) on 02 9832 1356 or email [jean@amsws.org.au](mailto:jean@amsws.org.au)

**Enquiries:** Joanne Delaney (DCEO/Programs Manager) on 02 9832 1356 or email [joanne@amsws.org.au](mailto:joanne@amsws.org.au)

The AMSWS is a non-smoking workplace. The successful application will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Work Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

**Closing Date: Friday 13th June 2014**



## Casual Contact Supervisors Central West Contact Service

**More info:** [www.macquarielegal.org.au](http://www.macquarielegal.org.au)  
(02) 9893 7949 or [Leah\\_Cruickshank@clc.net.au](mailto:Leah_Cruickshank@clc.net.au)

Emailed applications will not be accepted  
**Closing date: 26 May 2014 at 5pm**



## YOUTH ADVISOR

MTC Australia, a leading provider of education, employment, training and support services for young people across Sydney seeks to employ a Youth Advisor for the Opportunity Hub in Campbelltown. MTC adheres to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity and is committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment for its staff.

The Opportunity Hub's focus will be upon inspiring young Aboriginal students to succeed in school and to actively plan for their future post school. Assisting students to successfully transition from school to sustainable work or further education will be central to the Hub's operation.

An opportunity has arisen for a Youth Advisor to be appointed for the Opportunity Hub program in Campbelltown. This role will be hired initially on a fixed term contract which will be reviewed at the end of February 2015 and provide full time hours Monday to Friday plus an RDO (rostered day off) monthly.

### Essential Criteria

- Qualifications in Welfare, Youth, Education or related field
- Experience working with disengaged Aboriginal people and communities, preferably in a school setting.
- Medium level computer skills
- High level written and oral communication skills
- Current NSW Driver's License and your own car

This role will be hired on a Fixed Term Contract basis until 28 February 2015. This is an exciting opportunity to develop your career further within Youth Services with a program provider known for excellence in providing positive outcomes to young people and their communities.

**Closing Date:** By COB 4th June 2014

**All successful applicants will be required to undergo a criminal history and Working With Children checks.**

We appreciate your application and interest. Please submit your CV and Cover Letter addressing the Essential criteria to [mbastias@mtcaustralia.com.au](mailto:mbastias@mtcaustralia.com.au)

MTC AUSTRALIA

[www.mtcaustralia.com.au](http://www.mtcaustralia.com.au) P 1300 BECOME (1300 232 663)



## Aboriginal Partnerships Liaison

Located in Batemans Bay, NSW

The Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) is currently seeking an Aboriginal Partnership Liaison (APL) in the Batemans Bay area.

The APL is responsible for supporting effective forestry operations by undertaking accurate, compliant and timely pre-harvest Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Surveys in designated areas.

The APL is also responsible for building and maintaining mutually-beneficial partnerships with Aboriginal communities in order to collaborate and contribute to the development, implementation and review of business opportunities and other initiatives that maximise opportunities for Aboriginal communities to gain value from the forest estates.

For further information please visit [www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au) or call Kathy Jones on 0428 963 561.

**The closing date for applications:**  
**10 June 2014**

### Job Notes:

Forestry Corporation considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).



## Female Aboriginal Partnerships Liaison

Located in Grafton, NSW

The Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) is currently seeking a Female Aboriginal Partnership Liaison (APL) in the Grafton area. The APL is responsible for supporting effective forestry operations by undertaking accurate, compliant and timely pre-harvest Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Surveys in designated areas.

The APL is also responsible for building and maintaining mutually-beneficial partnerships with Aboriginal communities in order to collaborate and contribute to the development, implementation and review of business opportunities and other initiatives that maximise opportunities for Aboriginal communities to gain value from the forest estates.

For further information please visit [www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au) or call Kathy Jones on 0428 963 561.

**The closing date for applications:**  
**10 June 2014**

### Job Notes:

Forestry Corporation considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) and also considers being a woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).



## BOURKE ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE RECRUITMENT ADVERTISEMENT

### Bringing Them Home Counsellor

Bourke Aboriginal Health Service is seeking an appropriately skilled, qualified and motivated person for the position of Counsellor with Bringing Them Home (BTH) Focus. *This is an identified position under Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977, NSW.*

To apply for this position, please obtain an application package by contacting Louise Johnson-Warwick on 02 6872 3088 or email [louisej@bahs.com.au](mailto:louisej@bahs.com.au)

Please note that your application must be in writing, and will not be accepted if you have not addressed the selection criteria.

**Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday, 6th June 2014.**

Karen Harding, Acting CEO  
Bourke Aboriginal Health Service  
PO Box 362, BOURKE, NSW, 2840.



**Family &  
Community Services**  
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



## Aboriginal Care Worker

Grade 2

**Aboriginal Home Care Service of NSW  
Central Coast/Hunter New England District  
Taree, Forster, Tea Gardens and surrounding areas**

**Job Reference No: 00002R2U**

**Rate of pay commences at \$25.43 per hour, plus loadings for out of hours work, non-contributory superannuation and car allowance**

### Job Description:

Aboriginal Home Care Service of NSW is a state-wide service providing household support to Aboriginal people who are frail aged or people with disabilities and their carers to enable them to live independently in their own homes. Support is also provided to their carers.

We are seeking to employ Casual Grade 2 Care Workers to provide basic personal care and domestic assistance (housekeeping) services to our clients in their homes. Flexible days and hours of work Monday to Sunday available.

### Are You

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Caring and understanding.
- Able to engage with the aged, people with disabilities and people from all backgrounds.
- Able to work varying hours including early mornings, evenings, some weekends and public holidays.

### In Return We Will Offer You

- Good rates of pay and kilometre allowance.
- Ongoing paid training.
- Supportive work environment.
- Rewarding career.

**Job Notes:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Qualifications in community care, aged care or disability would be well regarded but not essential. Applicants must obtain an Information Package and address the full selection criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check and a pre-employment functional assessment.

**Enquiries:** Michelle Russell (02) 6592 0270

**Information Packages:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or applicants who do not wish to apply online can obtain an **Application Package** from (02) 6592 0270.

**Job Reference Number: 00002R2U**

**Closing Date:** 6th June 2014

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## POSITIONS VACANT

### Registered Nurse - Triage Clinic

Permanent full time



The Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney (AMSWS) is a vibrant and exciting non-government community controlled health organization that offers high quality, culturally appropriate, efficient and effective primary health care and related services to the Aboriginal community of Mount Druitt and surrounding areas. We are a modern, computerized organization with AGPAL accreditation and have served the local community for over 25 years.

AMSWS is seeking to employ an appropriately qualified and experienced Registered Nurse. As part of our nursing team you will be required to work within our Triage, Nursing Clinic and as well as our Community Nursing Program.

### Selection Criteria

- Current authority to practice as a Registered Nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the National Competency Standards for Registered Nurses
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of current trends in Aboriginal health, Chronic disease management and an awareness of community services and initiatives
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Medicare Benefits Scheme
- Previous experience managing chronic disease and empowering patients to self-manage their condition
- Previous experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Current unrestricted NSW Drivers Licence

This position requires a Working with Children Check (WWCC) issued by the Office of the Children's Guardian as a condition of employment. For more information on how to apply for the clearance, please visit the Office of the Children's Guardian website [www.kids.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/new-working-with-children-check](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/new-working-with-children-check) In addition, relevant criminal record checks will be conducted on successful applicants recommended for employment or appointment.

Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria and pre-screening questions contained in the information package. For further information visit our website [www.amsws.org.au](http://www.amsws.org.au)

**Information packs:** Jean Blair (Administration Officer) on 02 9832 1356 or email [Jean@amsws.org.au](mailto:Jean@amsws.org.au)

**Enquiries:** John Gallagher (Operations Nurse Manager) on 02 9832 1356 or email [john3@amsws.org.au](mailto:john3@amsws.org.au)

The AMSWS is a non-smoking workplace. The successful application will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Work Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

**Closing Date: Friday 13th June 2014**

Recruitment

## Aboriginal Oral Health Worker

**5 month Maternity Leave  
Contract  
(Identified position)**

***In this position, an applicants' Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.***

Our client operates a very successful Aboriginal Health Service organisation providing professional wellbeing services to their community members. They are currently seeking to appoint an Oral Health Promotion Worker (OHPW).

The OHPW position will be responsible for development and promotion of projects and programs that will enhance the communities understanding of Aboriginal oral health issues and advocate for best practice. The position will also work with the community to develop and implement a range of activities to promote better oral health.

The successful applicant will possess;

- Current knowledge of health issues relevant to the Aboriginal community.
- Be able to communicate effectively and have established links with the local Aboriginal community.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Current drivers licence.

Tertiary qualifications in health or social science or other relevant qualifications will be highly regarded but are not essential.

To apply, please log onto:  
[www.mppersonnel.com.au](http://www.mppersonnel.com.au)  
Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285  
[admin@mppersonnel.com.au](mailto:admin@mppersonnel.com.au)  
PO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640

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**Family &  
Community Services**  
Housing NSW

## Senior Client Service Officer Specialist (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 5/6

**Sydney District, Burwood  
Ongoing Full-Time**

**Job Reference No. 00002QG**

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$90,161 per annum (Salary: \$73,882 pa – \$81,520 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

### Job Description:

The purpose of this role is to provide specialised advice and support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients, including those with complex needs. Also to develop and manage relationships, partnerships and networks between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the Department to improve communication on, and access to, services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and support sustainable tenancies.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Aboriginality.
2. Demonstrated understanding of and experience in providing support to and initiating and maintaining relationships, partnerships and networks with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients and communities.
3. High level influencing, negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
4. Demonstrated ability to identify and analyse problems and propose effective and innovative solutions to meet client needs.
5. Willingness to participate in community events and internal reference groups.
6. Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** This is an ongoing full-time role available under the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*. Further information about this role is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. An Eligibility List may be created to fill future temporary vacancies.

**Enquiries:** Margaret Macrae on (02) 8372 4701

**Information Packages and to apply on-line:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Position Number:** 00002QG

**Closing date:** Friday, 30 May 2014

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## CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Aboriginal Targeted Position  
PoliceLink, LITHGOW  
Permanent Full-time/Clerk Grade 1/2  
Jobs.NSW Requisition No: 00002V27

**Salary Package:** \$67,162. **Salary:** \$55,985 – \$60,863. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

### Job Description:

Providing customer service by answering emergency Triple Zero (000) and non-emergency (131 444, Crime Stoppers, Customer Assistance Special Operation) calls and providing accurate, timely information to police, as well as providing information and advice on a range of police issues.

### Job Notes:

- Applicants **must** obtain an information package via the following link: [www.randstad.com.au/jobseekers/resource-centre/policelink-information-package](http://www.randstad.com.au/jobseekers/resource-centre/policelink-information-package) and select the Lithgow package.
- Applicants **must** then undertake an initial call centre simulation test.
- Suitable applicants will then undertake a telephone screen.
- Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an Assessment Centre.
- If you have any further enquiries after reading the information package, please contact the Enquiries Officer on (02) 4032 7354.
- Successful applicants will need to be committed to perform rotational shiftwork to cover 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- 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.
- The successful applicant 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: Belinda McBrearty on (02) 4032 7354 or email [nswpolice@randstad.com.au](mailto:nswpolice@randstad.com.au)

For the selection criteria, downloadable position description and information package, please go to Jobs.NSW ([www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)) and search for Requisition Number 00002V27.

Closing date: Sunday, 1 June 2014

N45496



## Director Gumurrri Student Support Unit

- Support Indigenous students and their learning
- Critical leadership role

Griffith University is one of Australia's most innovative tertiary institutions and one of the most influential universities in the Asia-Pacific region. Since opening its doors in 1975 Griffith has grown to become a large multi-campus institution with more than 40,000 students.

Griffith takes pride in supporting its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through the GUMURRI Student Support Unit, which has been recognised nationally with an Award for Teaching Excellence. An opportunity now exists for a Director to take the GUMURRI Student Support Unit to the next level of achievement. The Director is responsible for managing student support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and enriching their university experience by working with the academic groups and schools at Griffith.

Based at either the Nathan or Gold Coast campus, this full-time position reports directly to the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Engagement) and manages 18 staff over five campuses.

The successful candidate will be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, have a track record of successful leadership and be able to demonstrate capability in building and managing a team, projects and resources. The capacity to develop strong relationships with Indigenous communities is critical, as is excellent communication, conceptual and influencing skills. Ideally, the successful candidate will have postgraduate qualifications and relevant experience in managing a student support service for Indigenous students in tertiary education, but the University is also happy to consider candidates with experience in delivery of services to the Indigenous community within government or in the community services area.

A position description can be obtained by visiting [www.griffith.edu.au/jobs](http://www.griffith.edu.au/jobs).



**Enquiries:** Denise Wiseman on 0412 403 567 [denise@carolwatson.com.au](mailto:denise@carolwatson.com.au) or Carol Watson on 0419 523 410 [carol@carolwatson.com.au](mailto:carol@carolwatson.com.au)  
Applications to [amanda@carolwatson.com.au](mailto:amanda@carolwatson.com.au)  
**Applications close** June 16th 2014.

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## Aboriginal Population Health Trainee (HSM Level 1)

Ref ID: 193223

Temp F/T up to June 2017 at Camperdown

Salary: \$1,232.40 – \$1,657.80 pw

Enquiries: Kirsty Hope, (02) 9515 9420

**Closing date: 6 June 2014**

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Please apply online by visiting:  
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TUTORING INDIGENOUS STUDENTS?

Charles Darwin University's Office of Indigenous Academic Support (OIAS) is currently seeking suitably qualified tutors in Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Higher Education (HE) disciplines to join the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS).

You will tutor an individual student or a group of students in the course/s they are studying. Your qualification/s must align with the disciplines in which you wish to tutor.

You can earn \$60.00 per hour (individual undergraduate tutoring) and \$50.00 per hour (individual VET tutoring).

**For further information on tutoring guidelines, please contact:**

Angela David - Coordinator

Indigenous Tutorial

Assistance Scheme

**T:** 08 8946 7413

**E:** [angela.david@cdu.edu.au](mailto:angela.david@cdu.edu.au)

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**[cdu.edu.au](http://cdu.edu.au)**



Health  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at [www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)  
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

## Aboriginal Health Education Officer – Non Graduate

Newcastle Community Health Centre

Enquiries: Leanne Morris, (02) 4016 4900

Ref ID: 191859

**Closing Date: 01 June 2014**

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants must be female. This is a genuine qualification under Section 31 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

### Telephonist

John Hunter Hospital

Enquiries: Sarah Gilbertson, (02) 4921 3642

Ref ID: 193414

**Closing Date: 01 June 2014**

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Part 9A, Section 122J of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Health  
Justice Health &  
Forensic Mental Health Network

## Aboriginal Tobacco & Health Promotion Coordinator

Sydney

**Temporary Full Time (up to 30/06/15) – JH No: 193437**

**Salary:** Health Manager (State) Award, HM2: \$84,532–\$100,262 pa.  
**Enquiries:** Shani Prosser on (02) 9700 3227 or [shani.prosser@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shani.prosser@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** 4 June 2014.

This is a dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. JH&FMHN deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or prior to commencement of the position.

### Registered Nurse

Cessnock

**Permanent Part Time, 32 hpw – JH No: 189047**

**Salary:** Public Health System Nurses & Midwives (State) Award, RN1–8: \$46,708–\$65,589 pa.

**Enquiries:** Carla Coelho on (02) 4993 5465 or [Carla.Coelho@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Carla.Coelho@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** 4 June 2014.

To apply for this position please visit <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>  
NSW Health Service – Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



## ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

REFERENCE NO A14/6338

*Aboriginality is a genuine requirement for this position under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act.*

Council is seeking the services of a suitably qualified and motivated individual to join its Community Services area in the position of Aboriginal Community Development Officer. The position holder will provide a link between Council and the local Aboriginal community and consults closely with that community and with services provided to the local Aboriginal community. The position holder also works closely with the local Aboriginal community to coordinate Council sponsored events such as NAIDOC and Reconciliation week along with other significant events.

Please contact Council's Manager of Community Services, Jane Foyle on telephone 0267703688 for more detailed information.

The salary offered ranges from \$61292 to \$70460 per annum dependant upon your qualifications and experience plus 9.25% superannuation, study assistance and participation in Council's rostered day off system.

Applicants must address the selection criteria listed in the position description, and provide a current resume along with details of at least two referees.

Applications close on 3rd June 2014 and are to be addressed to The Manager, People & Performance, Armidale Dumaresq Council, P.O. Box 75A, Armidale NSW 2350.

Council is a non-smoking workplace and is committed to the principles and practices of Equal Opportunity and Cultural Diversity.



## Aboriginal Liaison Officer

- Work with the Victorian Aboriginal community and stakeholders
- Increase community awareness about the harmful effects of smoking
- Full-time fixed term position – St Kilda Road, Melbourne

Cancer Council Victoria has been leading efforts against cancer since 1936 through world leading research, prevention, support and advocacy programs. Quit Victoria is one of Cancer Council's prevention programs and is dedicated to ending the pain, suffering and costs caused by tobacco. Cancer Council has a continued commitment to improving the health of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

We currently have an exciting opportunity for a passionate Aboriginal Liaison Officer to join Quit Victoria. Your role is to support the Aboriginal Program Coordinator with the development, promotion, implementation and evaluation of the program with a focus on the Aboriginal Quitline Enhancement Service including local programs and initiatives aimed at reducing tobacco use in Victorian Aboriginal communities.

This full-time fixed term position for 12 months provides a salary within range \$51,000 – \$57,000 pa plus superannuation, annual leave loading and the benefit of not-for-profit salary packaging.

To find out more visit [www.cancervic.org.au/about/careers](http://www.cancervic.org.au/about/careers), or you can have a chat with Quit's Aboriginal Program Coordinator on (03) 9514 6440.

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

**Applications close Sunday, 1 June 2014**



# DOING THE MOST GOOD

## Team Leader Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

Job No: 493050

Work type: Ongoing - Full Time

Location: Lake Victoria, NSW

**At SA Water our dedicated staff are deeply committed to the management and security of South Australia's water supply.**

Full time Team Leader position, responsible for managing the protection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in the Lake Victoria area and for liaison with the local Aboriginal Community. Land management and leadership skills required. Live and work in isolated location. Rental accommodation available. Current Driving Licence essential.

For a Position Description or to apply go to <http://careers.sawater.com.au> and upload a copy of your application by no later than 9th June 2014.

For any enquiries please contact Ken Heather On 08 7424 3805.

People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background are strongly encouraged to apply.

SA Water values diversity and supports people with family responsibilities.

[www.sawater.com.au](http://www.sawater.com.au)



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## Clinicians (Psychologists/Social Workers)

- Dame Phyllis Frost Centre, Ravenhall
- Salary range \$71,511 - \$81,137 + super (fully registered psychologist/social worker)
- Salary range \$51,165 - \$70,137 + super (provisionally registered psychologist/social worker)
- 2 x ongoing positions, 1 x fixed-term position until 6 February 2015

The Department of Justice's West Metropolitan Region is seeking three Clinicians to join its Offending Behaviour Programs team.

As a Clinician, you will provide interventions to prisoners and offenders across the public prisons and Community Correctional Services system, aiming to reduce the offender's risk of re-offending. You will also provide comprehensive assessment, case consultancy and participate in various other activities.

Offending Behaviour Programs can offer you:

- A challenging and rewarding role;
- Professional development and training opportunities;
- Work variation (various interventions, offender populations and a multidisciplinary environment); and
- Access to regular clinical supervision.

If you are resilient, flexible and passionate about delivering interventions that make a difference in people's lives, this could be the job for you.

**For further information on these positions and to submit your application, please visit [careers.vic.gov.au](http://careers.vic.gov.au)**

*Applications close on Sunday 1 June 2014.*



## Implementation Manager: Get a career that matters.

### 12 month Fixed Term Contract, immediate start

UnitingCare, in partnership with Settlement Services International, will deliver Ability Links programs across the Metro North and Southern regions of NSW. Ability Links is the NSW approach to local area coordination for people with a disability. Working closely with the Operations Manager and our SSI partners, the successful candidate will lead the development and implementation of the project plan to ensure the program will be operational on 1 July 2014

#### Applicants will require:

- Relevant degree with at least 3 years' management experience
- Demonstrated experience in project management
- Sound understanding of local area coordination approaches to support people with a disability
- Demonstrated ability to ensure cultural consideration of the needs of people from Aboriginal and CALD communities
- Proven ability to engage with a variety of stakeholders

[getacareerthatmatters.com.au](http://getacareerthatmatters.com.au)

Apply online by 5pm Sunday 25 May 2014.

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



## Manager - Ability Links: Get a career that matters.

UnitingCare and Settlement Services International will deliver Ability Links programs across the Metro North and Southern regions of NSW. Ability Links is the NSW approach to local area coordination for people with a disability. The Manager is directly responsible for leading and managing the day-to-day operations of the Ability Links program across both regions.

#### Applicants will require:

- Tertiary qualification/s in social sciences and/or management and/or at least five (5) years' experience in a management role.
- Demonstrated ability to lead and manage people
- Lived experience, or awareness of the impact of existing or acquired disability upon individuals, families, carers and the community
- Demonstrated ability to ensure cultural consideration of the needs of people from Aboriginal and CALD communities
- Highly developed communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills
- Understanding of a person-centred approach to service provision

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Apply online by 5pm Sunday 25 May 2014

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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council (NLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the NLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound

communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

## NOWRA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL



For a recruitment package contact the Chairperson Natalie Beckett, on 0432 114 123.

Applications can be forwarded to the address below marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson  
Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 528, Nowra NSW 2541

**Applications close:  
Friday 20th June 2014.**

**Petroleum Production Licence Application No. 13**

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

**Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to mine on native title land**

An area of approximately 26,668 hectares approximately 15 km SW of Narrabri, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram ("the area").



**Description of the nature of the act**

Santos NSW Pty Ltd (ACN 094 269 780) and EnergyAustralia Narrabri Gas Pty Ltd (ACN 147 609 729) ("the applicants") have applied to the Minister for Resources and Energy for a petroleum production lease over the area under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* (NSW). The granting of a petroleum production lease would grant the applicants exclusive right to conduct petroleum mining operations and associated works within the area.

**Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done**

**The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Resources and Energy**, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

**How further information about the act can be obtained**

Further information may be obtained from Keiran Thomas, Principal Titles Officer, NSW Office of Coal Seam Gas, telephone (02) 4222 8325, email [ocsg.enquiries@resources.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ocsg.enquiries@resources.nsw.gov.au).

**Notification Day**

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **28 May 2014**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

**Petroleum Production Licence Application No. 14**

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

**Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to mine on native title land**

An area of approximately 15,310 hectares approximately 15 km S of Narrabri, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram ("the area").



**Description of the nature of the act**

Santos NSW Pty Ltd (ACN 094 269 780) and EnergyAustralia Narrabri Gas Pty Ltd (ACN 147 609 729) ("the applicants") have applied to the Minister for Resources and Energy for a petroleum production lease over the area under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* (NSW). The granting of a petroleum production lease would grant the applicants exclusive right to conduct petroleum mining operations and associated works within the area.

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**Notification Day**

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **28 May 2014**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### AUTHORISATION MEETING – WOPPABURRA NATIVE TITLE APPLICATION (QUD 738 OF 2013)

The **WOPPABURRA NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP** is described as the descendants of the following Woppaburra ancestors:

1. Yulowa "Weerobilling"
2. Nellie "Ooroong-ooran"
3. Oyster Maggie
4. Fanny Lohse/Singh

### WOPPABURRA CLAIM GROUP AUTHORISATION MEETING – Saturday 7 June 2014

This Notice invites the Woppaburra People (as described above) to attend meeting at the date, time and location set out below:

**Date:** Saturday, 7 June 2014

**Venue:** River Side Receptions, 50 Oxlade Drive, New Farm, Brisbane

**Time:** Registration from 9am. Meeting commences at 9:30am sharp.

**The purpose of the meeting is to:**

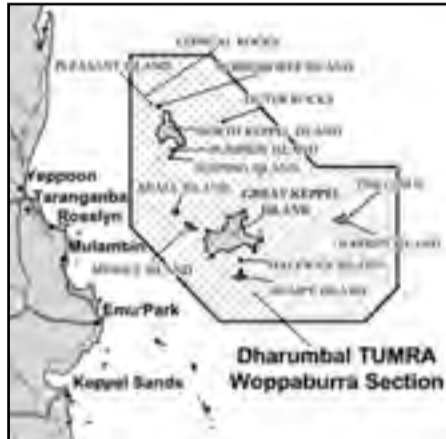
1. Authorise a new Applicant (pursuant to section 66B of the *Native Title Act 1993*) to make the native title determination application and deal with all matters arising under the Native Title Act (C'th) in relation to it.

(N.B. The Woppaburra Claim Group may choose to replace, reappoint, or add new members to the existing Applicant).

The area covered by the **Woppaburra Native Title Claim Area** is located off the coast from Yeppoon, Queensland and covers the Keppel Islands and surrounding waters as shown on the map below (marked as the Dharumbal TUMRA – Woppaburra Section):

All Woppaburra People are invited to contact Hank Wymarra, Community Relations Officer, **Queensland South Native Title Services**, Communities Section, **1800 663 693 (free call)** to register their intention to attend the authorisation meeting.

QSNTS is not able to fund travel or accommodation to attend this meeting, however morning tea, and lunch will be provided.



### Public Notice

### NATIVE TITLE CLAIMANT APPLICATION UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) YIRRGANYDJI PEOPLE

### NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING TO BE HELD ON 7 JUNE 2014

The Yirrganydji People intend to make further applications to the Federal Court of Australia for determinations of native title, seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) for land and waters in the coastal and McAllister Range foothills area and an area of offshore waters between Port Douglas and Cairns in Far North Queensland, "Yirrganydji Peoples Claims".

An Authorisation Meeting for all Yirrganydji People asserting rights and interests in the above areas will be held:

- Date:** 10:00am  
Saturday 7th June 2014
- Venue:** Education Centre  
Skills360  
1 Wilkinson Street, Manunda, CAIRNS, QLD, 4870

**Purpose:**

In respect of proposed new claims as described above:

- Authorise Applicants for the Yirrganydji People's claims;
- Authorise Applicants to make the Yirrganydji People's claims on behalf of Yirrganydji People;
- Discuss and authorise the description of the land and water to be included in the Yirrganydji people's claims;
- Discuss the membership of the claim group and authorise the description of the claim group to be used on the applications;
- Discuss a description of the native title rights and interests claimed in relation to Yirrganydji People land and waters; and
- Discuss the role of the Applicants and the extent of their powers;
- Authorise a name for the claims.

AND to discuss and if so, decide to authorise and/or approve agreements including:

- The Cuming Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA);
- An agreement with Cairns Regional Council in connection with non-claimant application No. QUD 259/2012;
- A draft Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Aquis at the Great Barrier Reef Resort;
- AND other Yirrganydji People business.

The meeting is important. The meeting is open to all those Aboriginal people who identify as Yirrganydji (also known as Irukandji) people are accepted by other Yirrganydji people as Yirrganydji people according to the continuing law, custom and practice of the Yirrganydji people, including (but not limited to) the descendants by birth and by customary adoption of the following people, believed to be Yirrganydji ancestors:

(King) Billy Jagar and sister Ginny (Jinny/Njunjingai), Jerry Bardon, Janie Brown/ (nee Clark), Billy Boyle, Ernest Bounghi, Biddy Tangir Coleman, Joshua Barron, Henry of Barron River, Niji Wu of Double Island, Old man Manga/Mange and Robert Clarke.

This notice invites all persons who are members of the Yirrganydji people to the authorisation meeting. Those wishing to attend are asked to contact Jeanette Singleton on (07) 4032 4854 by 4 June 2014 to register their intention to attend the Authorisation meeting.

Yirrganydji people regret they are unable to assist with transport to or from the meeting or accommodation costs, however a light lunch will be provided.

**ATHERTON TABLELANDS LAW  
ATHERTON**



## 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
38/2847	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	444924	238.74HA	46km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 122° 44' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
39/1502	STAUB, Johann Jakob NEUHAUS, Imelda	444920	155.43HA	91km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 26' S Long: 122° 23' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day:** 21 May 2014

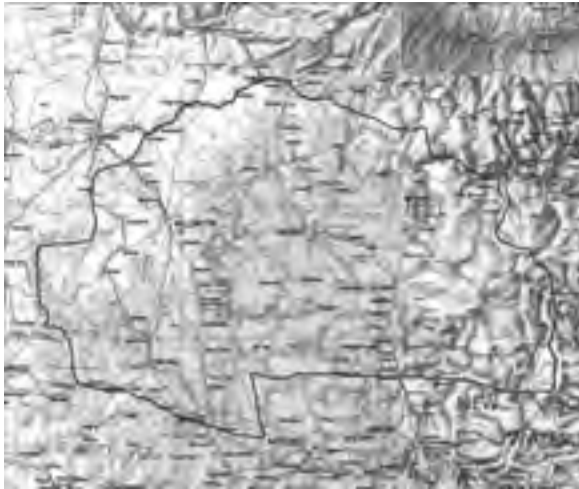
**Native title parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th), persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **21 August 2014**. Any person who is, or becomes 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* (C'th). 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. **21 September 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 3518.

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WELLINGTON VALLEY WIRADJURI CLAIMANTS  
PROPOSED NEW NATIVE TITLE CLAIM



TAKE NOTE THAT ON FRIDAY 25th JULY 2014 the WELLINGTON VALLEY WIRADJURI NATIVE TITLE CLAIMANTS will be holding a meeting of all claimants who are the descendants of the following:

Charlotte Riley (nee Trudgett), Ellen Plummer, Benjamin Holland & Sarah Hill (Steel), William John King & Mary Dawkins, Jemmy & Poll Buckley, Charles Stewart & Bessie Macdonald, George Drew & Lily Macdonald, Alexander Stewart & Agnes Dray, Michael Mitchell Mickey & Mary Bloomfield & Mary Ann Peck, Jock Stanley, Edward & Sophie Carr, Catherine (Kitty) Carr & Edward Williams, Ellen Beard, Ann Daley (mother of George Daley), Catherine ("Kate") Stewart, Willy Stewart, for the purposes of authorizing Applicants under the Native Title Act 1996 (as amended) to make a new native title determination application for the claim area (as appearing in the map above) on their behalf.

**REGISTRATION:** All claimants who wish to attend this authorization meeting are required to complete a Pre-registration Application Form. A Pre-registration Application Form can be obtained by emailing [WVWAC@hotmail.com](mailto:WVWAC@hotmail.com) or by phoning 02-8922-9630. The completed and signed Pre-registration Application Form must be returned to one of the following addresses prior to 23rd June 2014:

WVWAC or WVWAC  
c/- PO Box 1151 PO Box 2290  
Manly NSW 1655 Orange NSW 2800  
or emailed to: [WVWAC@hotmail.com](mailto:WVWAC@hotmail.com)

All of those claimants who complete and forward a Pre-registration Application Form and who are eligible to attend the meeting will be notified by email or surface mail of their eligibility to attend the meeting. Entry to the meeting will only be permitted to those claimants who present such written advice and who also provide photographic proof of identity prior to entry to the meeting.

**MEETING LOCATION AND TIME:**  
Wellington Senior Citizens Hall  
Swift Street, Wellington NSW.  
Meeting to commence at 9:30 am on 25th July 2014.

PUBLIC NOTICE

YULLUNA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION  
and NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS MEETINGS

The **Yulluna People:**

- are the biological descendants of:
  - Mick Moonlight;
  - Willie Sullivan;
  - Rosie O'Sullivan;
  - Kitty Casey;
  - Momas;
- identify themselves as members of the Yulluna People; and
- are recognised by others who are Yulluna People as being Yulluna People.

**YULLUNA PEOPLE AUTHORISATION MEETING**

This notice invites all members of the Yulluna People (as described above) to an Authorisation Meeting at the time and date below:

**Date of Meeting:** Saturday, 7 June 2014

**Time of Meeting:** Registration 9.30 am Meeting Start 10.00am

**Venue:** Ibis Styles, Cnr Rodeo Dr and Camooweal St, Mt Isa.

**The purpose of the meeting** is for the members of the Yulluna People to authorise an Applicant to bring a new native title determination application over Lot 103 on USL703 located near the town of Duchess, Queensland, (depicted on the map included in this notice) on behalf of the Yulluna People and deal with all matters arising under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to that application.

**YULLUNA NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS MEETING**

This notice also invites all members of the Yulluna People (as described above) to a Native Title Holders Meeting at the time and date below:

**Date of Meeting:** Saturday, 7 June 2014

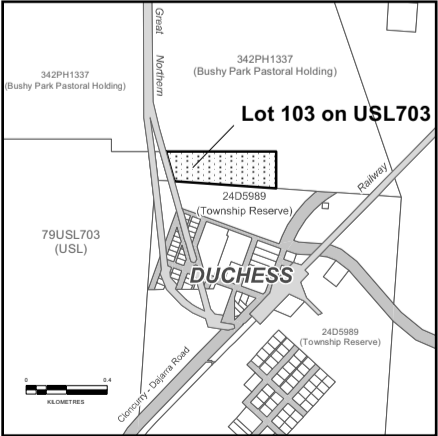
**Time of Meeting:** Immediately following the close of the Authorisation Meeting

**Venue:** Ibis Styles, Cnr Rodeo Dr and Camooweal St, Mt Isa.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Yulluna People (as the common law holders of native title over the lands and waters the subject of the native title consent determination in Yulluna #3 QUD189 of 2010 made by the Federal Court on 28 March 2014) to agree to or adopt a process of decision-making for giving consent to the Yulluna Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 7112) to make certain native title decisions pursuant to the Native Title (*Prescribed Body Corporate*) Regulations 1999 (Cth).

**All Yulluna People are invited to contact Queensland South Native Title Services' Client Relations Unit on freecall 1800 663 693 to register their intention to be present at the meetings.**

**QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the above meetings. However, lunch and refreshments will be provided to participants at the meetings.**



**Petroleum Production Licence Application No. 15**

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

**Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to mine on native title land**

An area of approximately 26,340 hectares approximately 10km W of Narrabri, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram ("the area").



**Description of the nature of the act**

Santos NSW Pty Ltd (ACN 094 269 780) and EnergyAustralia Narrabri Gas Pty Ltd (ACN 147 609 729) ("the applicants") have applied to the Minister for Resources and Energy for a petroleum production lease over the area under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* (NSW). The granting of a petroleum production lease would grant the applicants exclusive right to conduct petroleum mining operations and associated works within the area.

**Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done**

**The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Resources and Energy**, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

**How further information about the act can be obtained**

Further information may be obtained from Keiran Thomas, Principal Titles Officer, NSW Office of Coal Seam Gas, telephone (02) 4222 8325, email [ocsg.enquiries@resources.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ocsg.enquiries@resources.nsw.gov.au).

**Notification Day**

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **28 May 2014**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

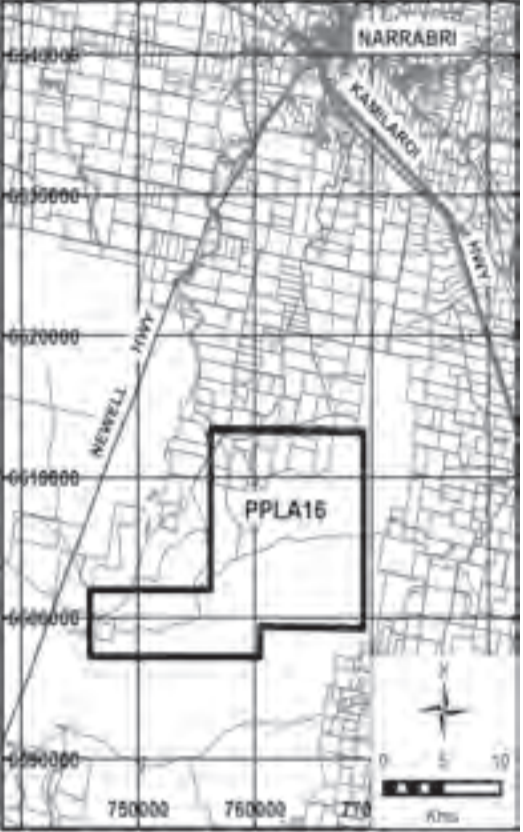


**Petroleum Production Licence Application No. 16**

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

**Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to mine on native title land**

An area of approximately 24,060 hectares approximately 30 km S of Narrabri, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram ("the area").



**Description of the nature of the act**

Santos NSW Pty Ltd (ACN 094 269 780) and EnergyAustralia Narrabri Gas Pty Ltd (ACN 147 609 729) ("the applicants") have applied to the Minister for Resources and Energy for a petroleum production lease over the area under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991* (NSW). The granting of a petroleum production lease would grant the applicants exclusive right to conduct petroleum mining operations and associated works within the area.

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**How further information about the act can be obtained**

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**Notification Day**

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **28 May 2014**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	08/506	MULGA MINERALS PTY LTD	729.65HA	110km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 48' S Long: 116° 41' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	46/526	PILBARA MANGANESE PTY LTD	2223.95HA	82km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 0' S Long: 120° 53' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	52/1066	REDSTONE MINERALS PTY LTD	149.43HA	29km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 36' S Long: 119° 49' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE

**Nature of the act:** Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification day:** 21 May 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 **21 August 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. 21 September 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 3518.

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## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 4 June 2014



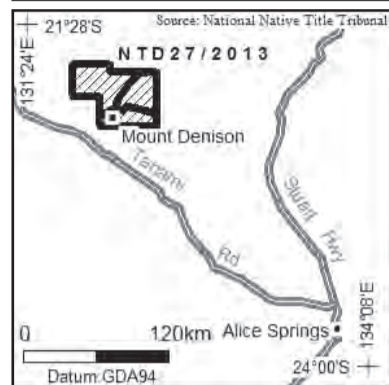
National  
Native Title  
Tribunal



This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 1806, Darwin, NT, 0801 **on or before 3 September 2014**. After **3 September 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.



**Application name:** Mt Denison Pastoral Lease

**Federal Court File No:** NTD27/2013

**Date filed:** 6 December 2013

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

**Location :** The area subject to this application covers about 2,712 sq km and is located approximately 220 km north west of Alice Springs.

**Relevant LGA:** Central Desert Shire.

**Data statement:** claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Lands and Planning (NT).

For assistance and further information about this application, call Lisa Jowett on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

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## CORRECTION AND RE-NOTIFICATION of an application for determination of native title in the state of South Australia

On 7 May 2014 a notification advertisement was published, which incorrectly identified the description of the area the subject of the application as "about 80 ha". As a result the National Native Title Tribunal must correct the error and re-notify the application with the correct description of the area being, "about 0.8 ha", as set out below.



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal



## State of South Australia

Notification day: 21 May 2014

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a **native title claimant application prior to 20 August 2014**. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **20 August 2014**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court**, GPO Box 1350, Adelaide, SA, 5001, **on or before 20 August 2014**. After **20 August 2014**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



**Application name:** Tatiara District Council

**Federal Court File No:** SAD54/2014

**Non-native title interest:** The land is in the care and control of Tatiara District Council.

**Description:** Section 924 Hd Tatiara, Crown Reserve CR5648/23 and Section 945 Crown Reserve CR5911/540. The area covers about 0.8 ha located approx 300 m west of Naracoorte Road on South Terrace within the township of Bordertown.

**Relevant LGA:** Tatiara District Council

**Data statement:** Non-claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the SA Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) and Geoscience Australia.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Sylvia Jagtman on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

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Traevonnah Fisher, 10, has a handy knack for sport but surprised everybody by making the South Burnett under 12s basketball side. She is also trying out for the Wide Bay mixed boys-girls rugby league side.

# Sporty girl shines on the court



LAST year Traevonnah Fisher would walk past the Cherbourg (south-east Queensland) basketball courts and hardly give them a thought. Then, in first

term this year, the 10-year-old played a bit of the sport at her Murgon State School.

Basketball coach Sue Rewald spotted Traevonnah mucking around with mates and saw the young girl had talent.

She suggested the sporting all-rounder try out for the South Burnett under 12s team.

Traevonnah took the chance and made it as an off-guard.

She then made the possibles-probables match at the end of the Wide Bay trials in Bundberg on April 23-24.

She didn't make the final cut but has decided to play club basketball in Kingaroy next term.

A week after her basketball trials Traevonnah made the South Burnett under 11 mixed boys and girls rugby league team and was trying out for the Wide Bay side on May 18-19.

She plays for the Cherbourg under 12s side as a playmaking five-eighth and loves anything with a bat or ball.

Traevonnah has no idea what she wants to do when she grows up but her mother Tessa is happy for her daughter to be involved in a lot of things.

"It gives her focus, a purpose and she's loves her sport," Tessa said.

"That's why I encourage her even more and take her to footy matches and wherever she wants to go."

## NT AFL hall of fame



THE AFL Northern Territory (AFLNT) Hall of Fame Committee has extended the nominations for the 2014 induction until 5pm, May 30. Committee chair Bryan Moroney said he was excited at the prospect of inducting more people into the Hall of Fame.

"We have an exciting list of nominees already, based on previous nominations, and people now that come into consideration based on the criteria that needs to be met for the various categories we have," he said.

"We want to provide the best opportunity for those family members, friends and football followers to get their NT football heroes recognised and we have extended nominations to allow for this ready for yet another big evening in November this year."

Preparations for the 2014 AFLNT Hall of Fame are underway, with the event moving to a much larger venue, the SkyCity Beachside Pavillion, which is expected to reach capacity of 550 people for the event in November.

For more information go to [www.aflnt.com.au](http://www.aflnt.com.au) or call 08 8980 4801.

## Boys sting like a bee



TWO young Aboriginal men from far north Queensland brought home medals from the state novice boxing titles in Brisbane this month.

Tareni Kemp, 17, won silver in the welterweight division and Phillip Coutts, 17, won gold in junior welterweight.

Stingray boxing club head trainer Graham Williams said the boys had done their club proud.

"They were great. They did what we came down for. They didn't hold back," he said.

"They made their whole families proud. It was the first

time they had travelled away for sport. It was a big eye-opener for them, getting out of their environment to a bigger city, a whole new world to them.

"It's good to get them out of their comfort zone to compete in tournaments where they can have the opportunity as amateur boxers to showcase their skills and add to their experience, to achieve long-term goals to compete in the Olympic or Commonwealth games."

The Stingrays club, from Gordonvale, south of Cairns, will compete in the south-east Queensland titles at the Gold Coast on June 21.



From left, Tareni Kemp, 17, Phillip Coutts, 17, both in the intermediates division (welter and junior welter) with assistant trainer Cedric Williams.

## Rugby nominations



NOMINATIONS are open for the National Indigenous under 18 boys rugby team.

The team will contest the Australian Schools Division 2 Championships at Riverview

College in Sydney from July 1-4.

The team will assemble in Sydney on Sunday, June 29, then go to St Ignatius College, Riverview, for the tournament.

Selection is by the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) and will be based on information provided in the application form.

Nominations close on May 30.

There will be a player levy of \$350 per player but travel to Sydney is provided by the LMRDT.

To apply go to <http://form.jotformpro.com/form/41210524869958>

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR INDIGENOUS BUSINESS PROVIDERS

**Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS) is the Native Title Service Provider for the southern and western region of Queensland. We aim to assist Traditional Owners in realising their aspirations to native title through statutory services, capacity development and system reform.**

Through Native Title, we drive the achievement of Indigenous self determination to redress the past, strengthen the present and empower the future.

As a part of this vision and to ensure we continue to provide a professional service we are seeking to support and engage Indigenous business service providers. We are seeking expressions of interest from Indigenous businesses for a variety of services which include, but are not limited to: venue hire, catering, printing, transport, security, office cleaning and maintenance, as well as consultancy services such as law, anthropology, facilitation, mediation.

QSNTS has offices in Brisbane, Rockhampton and Mount Isa, and regularly holds meetings in those areas, as well as Toowoomba and south western Queensland.

If you would like to work with QSNTS, please contact **Sharon McAvoy**, Manager of Client and Community Relations to discuss opportunities:

**Email:** [sharon.mcavoy@qsnts.com.au](mailto:sharon.mcavoy@qsnts.com.au)

**Phone:** (07) 3224 1200 (Brisbane Office) or 1800 663 693 (free call)

**Fax:** (07) 3229 9800

**Mail:** Queensland South Native Title Services PO Box 10832, Adelaide Street BRISBANE QLD 4000



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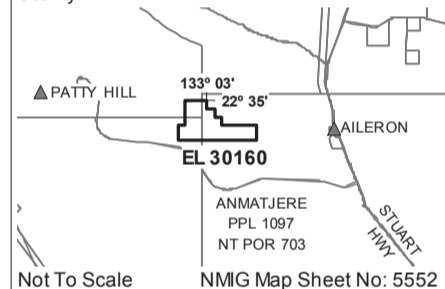
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

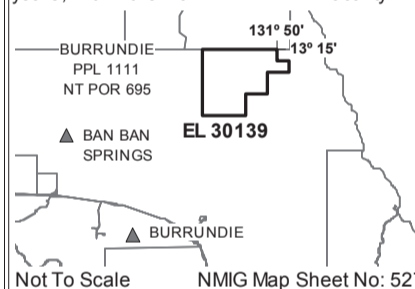
The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

#### Applications to which this notice applies:

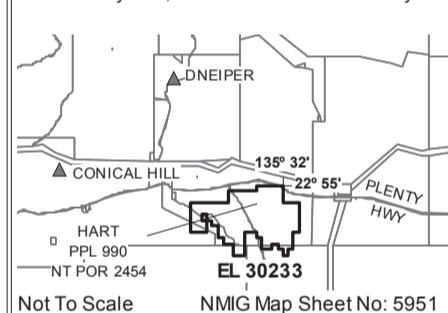
Exploration Licence 30160 sought by ARAFURA RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 080 933 455 over an area of 34 Blocks (108 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the AILERON locality.



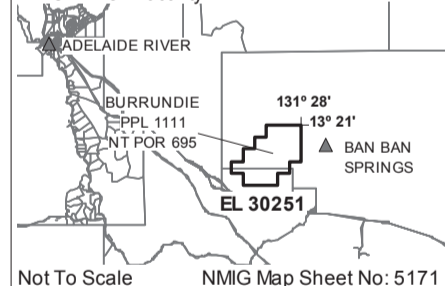
Exploration Licence 30139 sought by ENDEAVOUR INVESTMENTS (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 133 112 811 over an area of 35 Blocks (117 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MCKINLAY RIVER locality.



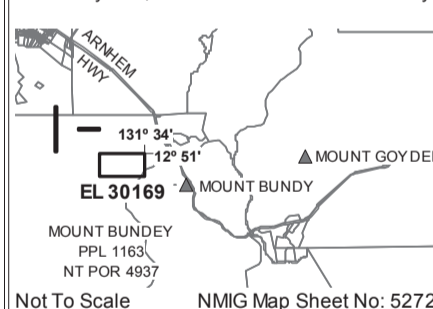
Exploration Licence 30233 sought by GEMPART (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 153 Blocks (484 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



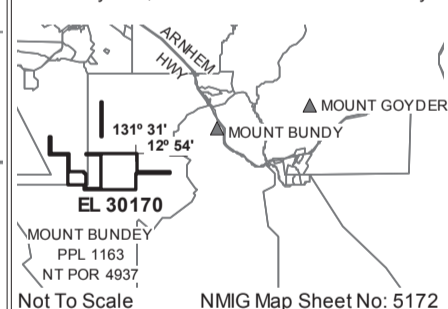
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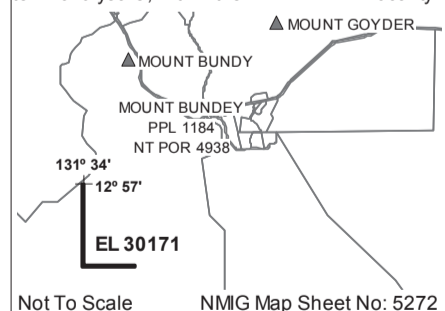
Exploration Licence 30169 sought by PRIMARY MINERALS NL, ACN 153 582 962 over an area of 5 Blocks (8 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MARY RIVER locality.



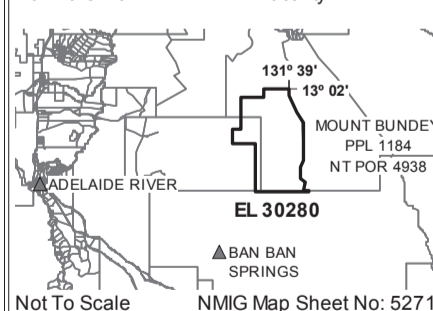
Exploration Licence 30170 sought by PRIMARY MINERALS NL, ACN 153 582 962 over an area of 18 Blocks (20 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



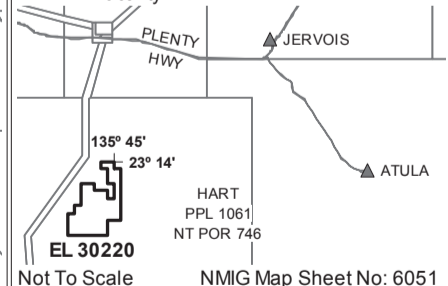
Exploration Licence 30171 sought by PRIMARY MINERALS NL, ACN 153 582 962 over an area of 4 Blocks (2 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MARY RIVER locality.



Exploration Licence 30280 sought by ROSS ANICTOMATIS over an area of 97 Blocks (295 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MCKINLAY RIVER locality.



Exploration Licence 30220 sought by YUMEI MINING (AUSTRALIA) PTY LIMITED, ACN 157 933 643 over an area of 47 Blocks (149 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BRAHMA locality.



**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 21 May 2014

Culture kick



THE sixth annual Murlpirrmarra Connection cultural football carnival between the Wiluna Martu Eagles and the Dalkeith Nedlands/Subiaco Giants Junior Football Club will take place at Wiluna, in the Western Desert, over the weekend of May 30-June 2.

The yearly carnival brings together young players from the two clubs in a team-building weekend that combines football with educational activities and plenty of fun.

The first carnival was held in 2009 at the Dalkeith Nedlands Junior Football Club's home ground with the Wiluna Martu Eagles team and supporters making the 1200km trip to Perth. 2010's event took place in Wiluna, 2011 was held at Rottnest Island, 2012 was held back in Wiluna and last year's cultural football weekend was conducted in Dwellingup.

It has become a major event on the junior football calendar and a celebration of team spirit, cultural understanding, respect, and healthy living.

Last year's event in Dwellingup was enjoyed by more than 100 players, parents and supporters. The weekend was packed with activities, including team-building exercises, cultural awareness sessions, and tours of the area surrounding Nanga Bush Camp.

The annual carnival culminates with the football match between the two young teams and the presentation of the Wilson–Dawson Perpetual Cup.



The Wiluna Martu Eagles and the Dalkeith Nedlands/Subiaco Giants Juniors at Dwellingup oval last year.

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 <i>Mining Act 1978</i> :						
Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2346	BARACUS PTY LTD	48BL	123km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 35' S Long: 124° 30' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2348	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	63BL	40km W'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 16' S Long: 123° 15' E	BROOME SHIRE, DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE, STATE WATERS-SUBMERGED LANDS ACT
Exploration Licence	04/2349	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	44BL	82km E'ly of Broome	Lat: 17° 42' S Long: 122° 57' E	BROOME SHIRE, DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2350	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	35BL	68km SW'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 42' S Long: 123° 8' E	BROOME SHIRE, DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2585	SLATER, Anthony Warren	2BL	18km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 48' S Long: 115° 6' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2091	BADGERADDA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	29BL	131km NE'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 27° 15' S Long: 115° 24' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	24/192	DYNASTY RESOURCES LIMITED	10BL	61km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 120° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	25/508	DALLA-COSTA, Troy Gavin BOWDEN, Graeme Fredrick HOOPER, Jamie Gavin	1BL	39km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 122° 0' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2311	ATRIplex PTY LIMITED	50BL	82km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 47' S Long: 122° 30' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/461	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	10BL	44km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 33' S Long: 120° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1189	JAGUAR PROJECT PTY LTD	1BL	53km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 25' S Long: 121° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1190	KIRBY, Paul	1BL	65km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 17' S Long: 121° 12' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1191	GENTRY, Keith GENTRY, Carol	1BL	64km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 17' S Long: 121° 11' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2587	CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTHS PTY LTD	8BL	29km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 122° 35' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1791	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	4BL	75km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 122° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4283	KNOX, Peter Gregory	20BL	16km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 119° 54' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4311	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	66BL	43km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 31' S Long: 119° 34' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2721	GREENWOOD RESOURCES PTY LTD	20BL	75km N'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 1' S Long: 117° 41' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2998-1	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	4BL	60km E'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 43' S Long: 116° 54' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3057	BARACUS PTY LTD	6BL	59km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 41' S Long: 117° 13' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3024	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	8BL	28km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 23' S Long: 117° 51' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3025	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	8BL	36km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 24' S Long: 117° 57' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3026	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	9BL	33km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 27' S Long: 117° 50' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/464	LEYLAND, Michael Terrence	4BL	12km N'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 117° 53' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2021-1	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	19BL	11km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 15' S Long: 116° 38' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2043	ACCENT RESOURCES NL	3BL	56km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 34' S Long: 117° 13' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2044	ACCENT RESOURCES NL	2BL	51km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 29' S Long: 117° 13' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2049	PENTAMIN PTY LTD	17BL	78km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 118° 19' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1696	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	7BL	90km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 52' S Long: 122° 39' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4543	ATRIplex PTY LIMITED	162BL	61km NE'ly of Walpole	Lat: 34° 28' S Long: 117° 0' E	CRANBROOK SHIRE, MANJIMUP SHIRE, PLANTAGENET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4581	CANNING COAL PTY LTD	190BL	44km S'ly of Katanning	Lat: 34° 5' S Long: 117° 32' E	BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP SHIRE, CRANBROOK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4582	CANNING COAL PTY LTD	35BL	24km SW'ly of Cunderdin	Lat: 31° 49' S Long: 117° 4' E	CUNDERDIN SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4583	IMAGE RESOURCES NL	6BL	18km E'ly of Busselton	Lat: 33° 40' S Long: 115° 32' E	BUSSELTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4585	CANNING COAL PTY LTD	166BL	31km S'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 44' S Long: 118° 51' E	KULIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2188	MONTAGUE RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	3BL	86km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 12' S Long: 119° 43' E	KONDININ SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4866	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	80BL	95km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 23' S Long: 127° 51' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE, WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4867	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	109BL	53km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 45' S Long: 127° 41' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4868	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	56BL	30km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 59' S Long: 127° 47' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5888	AVILA, Tony	15.95HA	22km NW'y of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 19' S Long: 121° 28' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5889	AINSWORTH, Ian Roger	6.58HA	7km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 12' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2230	WILLIAMS, Gregory Roland	199.59HA	2km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 27° 9' S Long: 117° 45' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4805-6	NAPPY, Paul Roy	359.10HA	71km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 120° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3944	AMBERLEY MINERALS PTY LTD	162.67HA	20km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 121° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3994	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	58.10HA	5km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 29' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3996-8	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	399.19HA	23km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 53' S Long: 121° 38' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2167	LANDTEC PTY LTD	189.84HA	34km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2187	MOORES, Martin Clive	15.29HA	53km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 45' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Prospecting Licence	37/8338	MAINCOAST PTY LTD	190.43HA	42km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 31' S Long: 121° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8462	EPIS, James Brendon EPIS, James Gregory	196.49HA	57km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 23' S Long: 121° 10' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8463	CREW, Ross, Frederick MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	197.29HA	64km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 19' S Long: 121° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8464	PHILLIPS, Brodey Malcolm	142.04HA	63km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 18' S Long: 121° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	40/1347	MADIGAN, Michael Francis	174.97HA	43km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 29' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	57/1335	MACK, Christopher Jeffrey	131.67HA	22km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 119° 25' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1650	DARNELL, Kenneth James	99.97HA	67km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 2' S Long: 118° 31' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2035	MOUNT GIBSON MINING LTD	165.26HA	33km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 117° 27' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2036	PAYNES FIND GOLD LIMITED	30.98HA	2km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 117° 40' E	YALGOO SHIRE
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<b>Nature of the act:</b> 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.						
<b>Notification day: 21 May 2014</b>						
<b>Native title parties:</b> Under section 30 of the <i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)</i> , 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 <b>21 August 2014</b> . 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 <i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)</i> . 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.						
<b>Expedited procedure:</b> 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 ( <b>i.e. 21 September 2014</b> ), 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 3518.						
* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km <sup>2</sup>						

# Sharp talent



Fencing star Rachel Aistrope competes at a national competition.

By RUDI MAXWELL



AFTER doing a primary school project on the Olympic sport of fencing Rachel Aistrope decided to give it a go herself.

Six years on, Rachel, a Year 11 student from Ethelton in South Australia, has just made the Australian junior fencing team for the second time.

"It's exciting to be on the team and good to be representing Australia," Rachel, who has Ngarrindjeri heritage, said.

"I really enjoy the sport. The people I've met through it there are so much fun and it's so different, a big challenge – I enjoy the challenge."

Fencing has three different blade classes: the epee, foil and sabre.

Competitors wear face guards and protective suits and attempt to hit their opposition with their sword, for which they get points.

"You have to be balanced, have a good core and sense of where you are and to be coordinated to hit the other person," Rachel said.

"I used to do foil, but I switched to epee, which suits me more."

"With foil, it's very quick. You don't have time to think. It's all about action and reaction."

"With epee, you really have to think about what you're doing, aim for the whole body and you need to be more cautious about what actions you take – it's

more strategic than the others."

Rachel trains most nights of the week and on Saturdays, when she also coaches beginners.

The Australian team is heading to Dubai early next year, then to South Korea.

"It's pretty exciting. I want to go there right now. It should be an amazing experience," Rachel said.

"It's tough trying to fit everything in, especially when I go away. I miss big chunks of school, but I just have to be really organised and I can manage it."

"I'm hoping to eventually one day win a world championship, but even getting into the finals of a world cup would be exciting."

Rachel is looking for sponsorship – if anyone can help please send an email to [susanhunter19@gmail.com](mailto:susanhunter19@gmail.com)



Rachel Aistrope

# Young rugby star shines



Percy Duncan (wearing the green and gold for New England with no head gear) was named backline player of the tournament at the NSW Junior Country Rugby Union championships in Newcastle this month.



KAMILAROI boy Percy Duncan was named backline player of the NSW

Country Junior Rugby Union championships in Newcastle this month, with a fantastic performance for New England earning him selection in NSW Country under 15s.

Percy, a Moree boy who boards at The Armidale School in northern NSW, made a big impression on the selectors in New England's third game, scoring two tries in a narrow 17-15 loss against Illawarra.

"We suffered a couple of tough defeats, but we won our last game. The carnival was tough but good," he said.

NSW Country will play against NSW City in Tamworth,

then tour to the ACT, play in a carnival on the Gold Coast and in September they're off to Fiji.

"I'm very happy to have made the team. It's great. It brings a lot of new opportunities, including my first trip overseas – and it's for rugby," he said.

"A few of the boys will come to watch the game at Tamworth. I've got a lot of family there too, including my Nan and Pop. My family is really proud and very happy for me."

As well as rugby Percy plays cricket and was named age champion at his school athletics carnival.

But rugby is his favoured sport, with Kurtley Beale his favourite player.

"I like the team side of it, playing footy with all your

mates, making new mates," he said.

Percy, who plays inside centre, said being part of the ARU's Junior Gold Cup program (a national competition for 15- and 17-year-olds) had developed his skills.

"Training and playing really helped me get into shape for the New England side. It was a good opportunity," he said.

One of 20 Aboriginal boarders at TAS, Percy is also looking forward to his school rugby season which will include games against the top Sydney schools.

"It's good being at boarding school. It's like having heaps of brothers. There's always something to do: kick a footy with the boys or go down town," he said.

# Youngsters in the swim



SIX young Koori kids are doing a deadly job in the pool

for the Swim Club Emerton in Blacktown, Sydney.

The swimmers are Riley Heath, 11, Georgia Crebbin, 11, Paige Stubbs, 10, Michael Wills, 11, Georgia Heath, 8, and Ryder Stubbs, 8.

Club president Scott Stubbs said the six youngsters were all doing a great job.

"Our deadly swimmers can swim and they give it their all every time they train and compete in races," he said.

"I think we can grow as a club and see our deadly swimmers reach the Olympics one day."



Swim Club Emerton's deadly swimmers: (back, from left) Riley Heath, 11, Georgia Crebbin, 11, Paige Stubbs, 10. Front: Michael Wills, 11, Georgia Heath, 8, and Ryder Stubbs, 8.

# Rhiannon is out to build on her first triumph



**DARKINJUNG (NSW)** woman Rhiannon Keith, pictured, won her first professional bodybuilding

competition this month.

Keith was named champion in the open women's category at the Sydney Body Building, Fitness and Bikini Championships at the Castle Hill RSL.

She has qualified for the national championships, which will be held in Sydney on June 1, and is hoping to make it to the International Natural Bodybuilders Association Championships later in the year.

As well as training for the major international competition Keith is also studying sports science at Western Sydney University and works at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence Fitness.



# KRL comp expands

By ALF WILSON



**NEW** clubs Horn Island Brothers and Torres Eels will join an expanded five club 2014 Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) competition on Thursday Island. A Moa Island side that competed in the four-

club 2013 season has dropped out.

There are also plans to have a nine-a-side women's competition, with fortnightly games.

KRL treasurer Terry Abednego told the *Koori Mail* that Suburbs would be going for four grand final wins in a row.

"The five teams that will be involved are Suburbs, Roosters, Mulga, Torres Eels and Horn Island Brothers," he said.

"Torres Eels will be under the guidance of Sam Stephen, who was one of eight participants who recently completed the theory component of the club coaching accreditation on Thursday Island and will be doing his practical assessment throughout the KRL season."

Round one was scheduled for May 17 with the finals series to start on August 23, climaxing with the grand final on September 6.

Meanwhile, KRL will also be looking to



**Football action at Thursday Island's Ken Brown Memorial Oval, where a feast of rugby league football is on offer in 2014.**

field a strong team for the Remote Area Rugby League (RARL) representative challenge in late June.

Other sides to compete in the challenge will be Palm Island, Northern Cape, Southern Cape, Bowen and possibly Three Rivers, which would include players from Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Cooktown.

registered to a club playing under Kaiwalagal Rugby League," Abednego said. The selection process will be based on form, training and availability to travel.

And in other rugby league news, Thursday Island will host the Northern United versus Queensland Outback game at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval in July.

The Northern United side will include players selected after the RARL Challenge in Cairns.

QRL Northern Division manager Scott Nosworthy said there would be some exciting curtain-raisers, making it a gala day of rugby league. "We are looking at having Torres versus Cape York in men's, women's and under 16 games," he said.

Nosworthy said the QRL had a three-year commitment to schedule important games at remote communities which are rugby league strongholds. "Over the next three years places like Palm Island will be considered," he said.

Outback will include many Indigenous players from places such as Doomadgee, Cloncurry, Mount Isa, Mitchell and Charleville.

And the two major rugby league carnivals in the Torres Strait, the Island of Origin on Badu Island and Zenadth Kes on TI, are also on a big program of football.

# Staring down racism

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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It seems only yesterday that 15,000 people celebrated the Long Walk to the Melbourne Cricket Ground as part of Dreamtime at the 'G.

In the context of the histories of our great people inhabiting our lands it is indeed but a blink of the eye.

But it still will not stop people asking what has really been achieved over the past decade.

I will not shy away from confronting many of the challenges and injustices that still inflict our peoples.

And I will stare down racism that still exists at all levels of our society.

Sydney Swans star Adam Goodes and leaders of his ilk deserve our continued support as they stand up for a better future for our children.

At the same time we should not ignore the importance of events like Dreamtime at the 'G or the Long Walk in bringing Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians together.

Events such as these bring key issues into focus and assist in the broader education of the community.

There is little doubt that there are more people committed to true reconciliation than there were in previous generations.

The 15,000 people who joined Michael Long on his walk to the MCG 10 years ago are but one simple measure of this support.

Importantly these events also allow Indigenous people to celebrate our cultures and to express pride.

The NRL has followed this lead with their All Stars concept, which has also proven to be a great celebration.

And then there are the players.

We often ask our players to be leaders and role models.

At times we place unfair and undue expectations on them as many of them still have their own personal issues to deal with.

At the end of the day the first thing that makes them stand out is their athletic ability.

This does not mean they do not have leadership potential but these qualities need to be developed and nurtured.

And we cannot expect these players to be leaders of their people if they do not understand their history and culture.

This also has to be developed and nurtured.

And this is also where the Indigenous Round, Dreamtime at the 'G and the Long Walk are also important.

They provide a platform for Indigenous players to express their pride and connect with culture in a meaningful fashion.

It gives them an understanding of their potential role and the real difference they can make.

It brings a personal focus to an event that also attracts a national focus.

It is an event that in many ways symbolises how far we have come as a society.

More importantly, it is an event that can also highlight how far we still have to go.

I would encourage you all to support the event and what it stands for.

Together we can ensure the game celebrates our peoples and our culture while keeping a focus on issues that matter.

Above all, let's support our players so they can become the leaders and role models we need them to be.

Until next time... keep dreaming!

Lilla Berry in the SA women's All Stars game.



# Women make a mark in AFL

By **PETER ARGENT**



ON Easter Saturday South Australia's best female AFL players lined up for their first ever All Stars match, as a curtain-raiser to the Central District versus Adelaide Crows SANFL game, at Playford Alive Oval in Adelaide.

Four Aboriginal women lined up for the match, Bronwyn Davey, Jacinta McKenzie, Lilla Berry and Ammy Singleton.

Evergreen veteran Davey – whose ability to read the game is a family strength, seen in her brothers Aaron at Melbourne and Alwyn at Essendon – was drafted to the Melbourne Football Club last year and was a member of the winning side in the inaugural women's game at the MCG.

Berry, who plays with Ingle Farm in the SAWFL, is a former SA under 18 and open team player. Singleton is also a former under 18 state player.

Defender McKenzie is a member of the 2013 premiership-winning Greenacres side.

Vision from the SA All Stars

match was distributed to selectors in the lead up to the 2014 women's draft.

The second annual women's AFL clash is expected to be a curtain-raiser to the Western Bulldogs versus Melbourne game at Etihad Stadium on Sunday, June 29.

The women's AFL is planned to launch in 2020.

SANFL female football co-ordinator Emma Gibson said the All Stars match was the biggest event in SA women's football outside of the state teams.

"It was the best of the best in SA which was a first, and

something we hope to continue," she said.

"In the past, females have played football when they were younger, but they have taken on another sport because there might not have been the pathway for them to follow to the top.

"Now there is an opportunity for them to go to the elite level in football so we are looking to get back junior talent we used to have or find people playing other sports at elite level.

"When you are playing other sports at elite level, their talent and skills can often translate into football really easily."



**AFL All Stars Lilla Berry, Jacinta McKenzie, Bronwyn Davey and Ammy Singleton.**

# Inglis job queries



NRL star Greg Inglis will continue his \$50,000-a-year job with the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) amid an investigation into the use of Medicare funds to pay him for his services.

Inglis signed a three-year deal in December 2010 with Redfern AMS, where the South Sydney Rabbitohs fullback was paid as much as \$90,000 for doing promotional and ambassadorial work, according to Fairfax media.

The contract was last year renewed at the reduced rate of \$50,000.

But the federal Department of Health's rules dictate that Medicare income at grant-funded Aboriginal medical services "must be used for primary health care services".

The department has confirmed it is investigating, despite having already looked into allegations raised about the Inglis deal.

"The department has previously considered the specific allegations raised that Greg Inglis has been paid \$90,000 a year by the AMS at least in part through Medicare billings income," a spokeswoman said.

"Our investigations have found no evidence that commonwealth health funding was being used inappropriately."

The department will now consider new information received from community contacts, the spokeswoman said.

Redfern AMS says it received conflicting advice about how the income could be used and is seeking clarification



NRL star Greg Inglis is sticking with his contract role at the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service.

from the government about the use of the funds.

However, a spokesman for the service said Inglis' role will continue.

"His role is very important for the AMS,"

an AMS spokesman told AAP.

"He will continue in the role – there is no question about that from our perspective."

The spokesman said Inglis was an

integral part of the AMS's health campaign. The third-party deal between Inglis and the AMS was lodged with the NRL and there has been no suggestion of any salary cap breach. – AAP

# Softball hits the red soil

By ALF WILSON



IMANPA led the table from Docker River, Yulara and Finke in round two of the southern Northern Territory Softball competition, which was played in the red soil of the desert.

It was held at Imanpa AFL oval from May 2-4 and attracted a large crowd of locals and visitors from remote Indigenous communities.

The strong Imanpa combination started off well, defeating Docker 8-5 in game one.

Melisa George, Tanya Burton and Lulu Lucky each scored two runs for Imanpa. Lucky also earned two RBIs (runs batted in).

Rayleen Kunoth scored two runs for Docker.

Next up Yulara Stars rolled Docker River 10-6 after three innings.

Finke rolled Imanpa 11-4 in game three with Schneil Kenny and Marryann Doolan scoring two runs for the winners and Doolan one RBI.

In game four Imanpa beat Yulara 4-2, with Brenda Whiskey Henery scoring one run and one RBI for the victors. Rosland Wongway also starred with two RBIs for Imanpa.

Improving as the games went on, Docker River hit top form in game five with a 14-4 demolition of Finke.

The Docker River batters hammered Finke's pitching as seven hitters had a field day, combining for 18 hits, 10 RBIs and 13 runs scored.

In game six Finke beat Yulara 9-0.

Overall points after round two are: Imanpa 20 (+21), Docker River 18 (+29), Yulara 18 (+24) and Finke 10 (-13).

Overall individual statistics leaders: Quality at bats: Christine Bennett 9 (Docker), Brenda Whiskey Henery 8 (Yulara), Michelle Robison 7 (Docker).

Runs Batted In (RBI): Sally Yiparti 8 (Docker), Brenda Whiskey Henery 6 (Yulara), Christine Bennett 6 (Docker).

Runs: 7 Christine Bennett (Docker), 6 Rayleen Kunoth (Docker), 6 Brendella Coombs (Finke).

First Pitch Strikes: M Rodgers 75% (Imanpa), Brenda Whiskey Henery 69.1% (Yulara), Regina Watson 60.9% (Docker).

Strike Outs: Brenda Whiskey Henery 22 (Yulara), Regina Watson 11 (Docker), J Young 4 (Imanpa).

The next round is at Docker River on May 23-25.



Top: Docker River players show off their new uniform.

● Bottom: (left) The Finke team with supporters and (right) Imanpa plays Docker River on the red dirt of the Imanpa AFL oval in the Northern Territory.



# Hodges looks to be on the ball but concerns surround Thaiday



Justin Hodges crosses for Queensland in last year's State of Origin.



CONCERNS for Sam Thaiday have overshadowed praise for Justin Hodges ahead of the Maroons' quest for an unprecedented ninth straight State of Origin series win. Maroons chairman of selectors Des Morris all but gave the green light to veteran Broncos centre Hodges for the May 28 opener in Brisbane after an encouraging return from an eight-month recovery from achilles tendon surgery. Thaiday was expected to provide food for thought when Queensland finalised their side, which was unveiled on Monday, after the *Koori Mail* had gone to press. Thaiday did not play in Brisbane's game against Gold Coast on Friday and the jury is out on when the forward will return from a month-long calf complaint after missing Broncos training last week. Morris said they were considering

medical opinion before assessing Thaiday's Origin I availability. "We only thought he would be a couple of weeks out," he said. "But if he doesn't play we won't immediately rule him out. It will depend on medical reports and when they reckon he will be back. "We are pretty fortunate at the moment with plenty of backrowers playing well for us. "But the job Sam does for us can't be underestimated, playing in the backrow and then the front row as the game wears on." But Morris had no concerns for Hodges despite the veteran conceding that his achilles had been sore after each of the five games he had played since returning. "He has undergone a fairly serious operation. Soreness just comes with the territory," Morris said. "He has come back fairly well and he will get a bit of rest in camp. "At face value I don't think he is a problem at this stage." – AAP

# Indigenous players central to Origin

AS we prepare for the series that will celebrate 100 State of Origin contests, the importance of the availability, selection or form of Indigenous players in both sides will be critical to the outcome of both the first game and the overall battle for rugby league supremacy.

It is only fitting for a series whose legend is tied to the great Arthur Beetson to have the best Indigenous players central to the result as well as the public's fascination with this unique contest. It is also fitting that the QRL has honoured the memory of Beetson by retiring his jersey out of respect for the man who lit the Origin flame that still shines so brightly.

The NSW Blues will sorely miss the impact of Greg Bird in the critical first game.

NSW is fortunate that he had his dangerous tackle charge downgraded and that he will be available for the last two games, subject to injury.

Birdy's competitive spirit is infectious and his combative nature rubs off on his teammates, no matter whether he is playing at club or representative level.

He has been in outstanding form for the Titans this year and he would have been central to Laurie Daley's plans for the opening contest.

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

Daley also looks as if he will be without the power and unpredictability of Andrew Fifita just as the big fella seemed to be running back into form.

With his off-field distractions close to settlement, Fifita made a positive impression in the City-Country fixture and his impact will be sorely missed.

Daley must still be regretting

losing Blake Ferguson due to his off-field indiscretions last year and would still be yearning to have an outside back of his quality to go part way to combating the power and dominance of Greg Inglis.

Just the mention of Inglis' name reinforces the riches at Queensland's disposal.

The fact that the media has been debating whether Inglis should replace Billy Slater at fullback just underlines the depth of talent in Queensland.

I believe that they should keep GI at centre, safe in the knowledge that he could move to fullback at anytime if needed.

Greg is a dominant player no matter where you play him and you can be assured that he will rise to the occasion as these are the matches he craves.

Speaking of which, it is no coincidence that Johnathan Thurston has returned to match-winning form since the Test against the Kiwis.

Thurston thrives on competing against the best and he is set to continue his dominance at this level.

JT is the ultimate competitor as is evidenced by the way he puts his body on the line in defence, where he also covers vast territory in his desperation to stop the opposition from scoring.

But it is his guile in attack that

stands him out from the rest.

It is a rare combination of vision and intuition that allows him to either read the play a few tackles in advance or intuitively swoop on an opportunity that presents itself.

Combine this with an astute kicking game, an outstanding conversion rate as a goal kicker and the best 'show and go' in the game and there is no arguing with JT's status in the game.

That is not to say that the Queenslanders are without their problems.

Even if Sam Thaiday had made a successful return against the Titans he cannot possibly be match fit going into a match of this quality.

Add to this the nature of a strained calf injury and he might be considered to be a potential liability.

The selectors will undoubtedly take into account the value of Sam's leadership and experience in the engine room, where most big matches are won.

Nevertheless the pace and intensity of these matches are like no other and to be short a rotational forward would normally be considered match suicide.

But the Queenslanders are – if nothing else – extremely loyal and I expect Sam to be one of the first chosen.

His fellow Bronco teammate Justin Hodges will be under a similar microscope.

Although Hodges has a few more games under the belt he is still regaining full confidence and form.

Again, he is likely to be selected, as he has always delivered.

Justin shares the same competitive spirit as the others but always seems to be able to get under the skin of his opponents.

As he approaches the end of his representative career he seems to appreciate and relish every opportunity to prove his worth.

Performance over a long period will be rewarded and Hodges is the type of player to rise to the occasion.

One player not expected to be selected is Ben Barba, who is still struggling to re-establish his career at Brisbane.

If the Maroons falter in the first game, however, it would not surprise if he were rushed into the squad.

That being said, it is hard not to back Queensland in the first game.

But people should not forget how close last year's series was.

This could still be the year the Blues regain the Origin mantle. Go the Blues!

# 2014 AFL Indigenous Round

## A packed schedule

The AFL has organised special events as well as top football clashes for the annual Indigenous round. Here's the program.

### Monday May 26

AFL to launch its Reconciliation Action Plan at the MCG.

### Tuesday May 27

Launch of AFL Indigenous Round in Sydney in Hyde Park, including launch of 18 club Indigenous guernseys and announcement of AFL partnership with Recognise.

Footy Means Business Davey Squad Training at Essendon Football Club – 9am-11.30am.

Footy Means Business Rodan Squad at Richmond Football Club – 1.30-3.30pm.

### Wednesday May 28

Footy Means Business program Amazing Race through Melbourne

### Thursday May 29

Essendon Dreamtime Luncheon at RACV Club Melbourne, celebrating the 10-year anniversary of Dreamtime. Bookings available at [essendonevents.com.au](http://essendonevents.com.au)

Footy Means Business Davey Squad Training at Richmond Football Club – 9am-11.30am.

Footy Means Business Rodan Squad at Essendon Football Club – 8am-9.30am.

Sydney Swans v Geelong Cats, SCG, Sydney.

Footy Means Business participants to appear on NITV's *Marngrook Footy Show* at 7.30pm.

### Friday May 30

Richmond Power of Sport Dreamtime luncheon at ME BANK Centre, Richmond.

St Kilda v Collingwood, Etihad Stadium.

### Saturday May 31

Fun Walk, Botanic Gardens, Melbourne – 10.30am start.

Long Walk Wellbeing Concert, Myer Music Bowl, Melbourne, noon-5.30pm.

VFL Dreamtime game at Punt Road Oval, Richmond, 2pm.

Dreamtime Careers Expo at Korin Institute, Richmond FC, 11am-2pm.

Rio Tinto Cup Footy Means Business match, Aaron Davey squad v David Rodan squad, MCG, 3-5pm.

The Long Walk to Dreamtime at the G, Myer Music Bowl to MCG, 5.30pm.

Dreamtime at G ceremony and match Essendon v Richmond, MCG, from 6.30pm.

Melbourne v Port Adelaide, Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

Brisbane Lions v Carlton, Gabba

### Sunday June 1

Adelaide Crows v Gold Coast Suns, Adelaide Oval.

Western Bulldogs v Fremantle, Etihad Stadium.

Hawthorn v GWS Giants, MCG.

West Coast Eagles v North Melbourne, Patersons Stadium, Perth.

Essendon's Leroy Jetta, who's expected to feature on May 31, is chased by the Power's Matthew Lobbe and Andrew Moore during the 2014 NAB Challenge. Photo: Michael Willson/AFL Media



# Dream week of top action



There'll be plenty of eyes on Richmond's only Indigenous player, Shane Edwards.



Indigenous player Patrick Ryder, of the Bombers, is a key player.



A FULL house is expected when the Essendon Bombers take on the Richmond Tigers in this year's Dreamtime at the G

feature game on Saturday week, May 31. The clash is a highlight of the annual AFL Indigenous Round, celebrating the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the national code.

The round comes during National Reconciliation Week, and the AFL has organised a packed program of special events. (See left.)

Apart from the game, which is expected to be a cracker, clubs will unveil special jumpers to be worn for the round.

And the AFL will also formally announce a partnership with the Recognise campaign calling for appropriate changes to the Australian Constitution.

In other round highlights, the Swans will take on the Geelong Cats in Sydney on May 29, while St Kilda and Collingwood will clash on May 30 in Melbourne.

Full details are available at [www.afl.com.au](http://www.afl.com.au)

# Wingard has power

By PETER ARGENT



FIVE goals, a contender for mark of the year and breaking a six-game losing streak against Fremantle capped off Chad Wingard's 50th game for Port Adelaide this month.

Like Mark Ella was to rugby union, Johnathan Thurston is in league and Polly Farmer was to Aussie rules, Wingard is a rare breed of player who you see just once in a generation.

Over his first 50 games for Port, Wingard has shown he is a true match winner, who can and does change games.

Hawthorn five-time premiership great Dermott Brereton believes Wingard is unique.

"He's actually a ground level player, who can play tall and pull down a big mark like he did in the last quarter against Fremantle," he said.

"It is hard to compare him with any other player in AFL history."

Wingard started as a junior with the Murray Bridge Imperials in the rough and tumble of River Murray football.

Imperials coach Tony Fielke said Wingard's ability to nail freakish goals started to shine when he was only 16.

"I mentored Chad through his early years and had no doubts about his ability," he said.

"Along with being an excellent footballer, he is just an extraordinary young human being.

"His parents Julie and Trevor should take a lot of credit for the type of young man that Chad is."

Wingard's ability to change the course of a game was first noticed at the 2011 national under-18 championships, in South Australia's game against Victorian Country at Adelaide Oval.

With the visitors in control at halftime, Wingard's heroics in the third quarter lifted his team and set them on the road to a highly



Chad Wingard breaks a Dylan Robertson tackle in the Port vs St Kilda match at Alberton Oval on March 8.

unlikely victory. SANFL talent manger Brenton Phillips said that was the only time he'd seen a player at that level so obviously influence the result of a match.

"He was always clear in his own mind about what he wanted to do and where he was going to go," Phillips said.

"I never saw any ego, although he is a man of his own mind.

"Chad is tracking towards being a 200-game player, who has already shown he can stand up in big games.

"Around goals I don't think that opposition sides can hold him down. He strikes me as the type of player that the bigger the stage, the better his performance will be.

"If the Power continues on the same trend as they have over the two years, expect Chad to play a lot of exciting major round football."

Despite Wingard's consistent performances at national underage level, and having already played SANFL football, he was amazingly ignored by the

Greater Western Sydney Giants, who had the first five picks in the 2011 AFL national draft.

Some experts have ranked Wingard's first 50 matches with the best performances in VFL/AFL history.

Power coach Ken Hinkley was asked if any player had produced a better first 50 AFL games, after Wingard's brilliant five-goal display against Fremantle.

"It's a really hard question to ask me because I'm a bit emotionally attached," he said.

"Chad is a great player and going to get better.

"I have been around some really talented players in my time. The only thing I will say is, if you drop off, you won't get where you want to go.

"Chad won't drop off."

Wingard, who will turn 21 on July 29, has already achieved more than most in his first 50 games, winning the Jack Cahill medal as Port Adelaide club champion and an All Australian honour last year.



Rookie Jarman Impey is proving a force to be reckoned with. Picture by Peter Argent

# All eyes on Impey



PORT Adelaide Power rookie from the Shepparton Swans Jarman Impey secured the round eight AFL Rising Star nomination.

A small utility, he played a crucial role in the 18-point win over Fremantle, restricting game breaker Hayden Ballantyne to just nine possessions and keeping him goal-less.

With Impey displaying pace, good foot skills and hardness at the ball, senior coach Ken Hinkley said he was pleased with Impey's versatility.

"We've played him different spots over the past eight weeks: We've had him in the forward line, the midfield and back. We've had him on (Eddie) Betts and we've had him on Ballantyne," Hinkley said.

"He's been given some big jobs and he just does what the team needs and he just gives his absolute all for the whole team. Jarman is a real competitor and the very best competitors are the ones that want to win the most, but they also understand how much hard work they have to do to be good."

# Williams stays safe



**ABORIGINAL** goalkeeper Lydia Williams was instrumental in the Matildas' 2-all draw with Japan

in the Australian women's football team's opening match of the Asian Cup in Vietnam.

Williams, who celebrated her 26th birthday in Ho Chi Minh City the day before the game, came out of the goals on several occasions and showed why she is considered the Matildas' number one keeper.

Australia was 2-0 up early in the second half, thanks to goals to Caitlin Foord and Lisa de Vanna.

However an own goal by Australia captain Clare Polkinghorne set up a tense finish.

The Matildas defence was breached again, seven minutes from fulltime as Yuki Ogimi scored from close range.

Ogimi was denied a second by a superb stop from Williams.

The other Group A match saw host nation Vietnam defeat Jordan 3-1 to take an early lead in the standings.

The top two teams in each of the two groups will claim automatic qualification for next year's World Cup in Canada.

Australia beat Jordan 3-1, with Williams on the bench, and was due to play Vietnam after the *Koori Mail* had gone to press.



Australia's Lydia Williams clashes with Ogimi Yuki of Japan during the AFC Women's Asian Cup Group A match in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.  
Picture: Stanley Chou/Getty Images

# Going the distance in NY



A SQUAD of 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes has been selected to run in the

2014 New York Marathon, as part of the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP).

Seven female and five male runners were selected from a record number of 120 applications.

Ruth Wallace from Adelaide becomes the first female Indigenous athlete to represent South Australia in the IMP.

The project annually selects, educates and trains a group of outstanding Indigenous Australians to compete alongside 47,000 other competitors at the world's biggest marathon.

The IMP also provides an educational pathway, with all squad members required to undertake Certificate IV in Leisure and Health as part of the program.

IMP, now in its fifth year, has mentored and trained 32 Indigenous athletes to cross the finish line of a number of major international marathons, including New York, Boston and Tokyo.

Squad members face a gruelling six months of training to prepare for one of the biggest challenges of their lives.



Indigenous runners Brendan Peeters and Harold Matthew will compete in the New York Marathon.

IMP founder and former world champion marathon runner Rob de Castella said the record number of applications highlighted the success of the program.

"This year we received more than 120 applications from Indigenous people who are

dedicated about driving change, through running and encouraging healthy lifestyles, in their communities," he said.

"That is the epitome of what this project is about and what we have been committed to since day one. Our goal is to promote

healthy lifestyles, increase pride, instil a sense of achievement and have a positive impact on lifestyle-related illnesses."

Newly appointed head coach and manager Mick Rees said the strength of this year's squad was in its depth and diversity.



"Members of this year's squad range in age from 20 to 30 and represent a significant cross-section of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures from major cities, regional centres and remote communities," he said.

"They bring their own set of skills and abilities but they all share the same drive and passion to succeed. They want to be role models in their communities and each team member adds significant value to the 2014 squad."

The squad will meet for the first time at the AIS in Canberra on May 30 for their first training camp.

The final team to travel to New York in November will be announced following a 30km time trial in Alice Springs in September.

The 2014 Indigenous Marathon Project team is: **Men** – Brendan Peeters, Cairns, Qld; Nathan Riley, Dubbo, NSW; Harold Matthew, Thursday Island, TS; Adrian Dodson-Shaw, Broome, WA; Raymond Ingram, Sydney NSW. **Women** – Ruth Wallace, Adelaide, SA; Toni Daisy, Townsville, Qld; Elsie Seriat, Thursday Island, TS; Rachel Baker, Elcho Island, NT; Allirra Braun, Katherine, NT; Sarah Carmody, Alice Springs, NT and Corinna Turner, Katherine, NT.

# Wildcard for Barty



Ashleigh Barty will take a shot at grand-slam success with her wildcard entry into the French Open.



**TEENAGE** Aboriginal tennis prodigy Ashleigh Barty is hoping for a career-best grand-slam run after being awarded a wildcard into the French Open, which begins this Sunday, May 25.

Tennis Australia had no hesitation throwing another wildcard Barty's way, after the former Wimbledon junior champion scored her breakthrough first win at a major last year at Roland Garros.

Barty then kicked on to also reach the second round of the US Open in a breakout season in which she also made three grand slam doubles finals with Casey Dellacqua.

Barty won the Wimbledon junior championship on grass at just 15. She is yet to earn any notable triumphs on clay, but the teenager says she's learning to enjoy playing on the red dirt.

"It's a part of the season that we have to play on for a couple of months so you have to learn to love it, otherwise you're never going to have success on it," Barty said.

"Sliding around and playing a few shots on it, hopefully I can re-create the success that I had at the French last year and get hopefully another win."

Or perhaps even two or three.

"Sometimes a draw's got to work out in your favour and I've just got to turn up on the day and give it the best that I can. I'll give it a go," she said.

Long touted as the next Martina Hingis for her small frame and crafty playing style, Barty turned 18 last month and says she's developing well physically and mentally.

"Once you do hit 18, you're really ready to take on the world, in a way," she said.

"I'm still working to get there but I'm happy with where I'm at, at the moment.

"I've had some good success. I've just got to keep knuckling down and working hard and I'm sure I'll get the results that I want." – AAP

# Hurdles ahead for McCann

By CHRIS PIKE



**WESTERN** Australian Shannon McCann, 25, is now a two-time national champion in the 100m hurdles and

on target to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, this July and August.

McCann has already run six Commonwealth Games 'B' qualifying times so far in 2014, but, given she finished second at the Games selection trials behind Sally Pearson, she faces a nervous wait until early June to find out if she is picked in the Australian team.

McCann has set herself some big goals over the next three years, starting with the Glasgow Games and then the World Championships in 2015 and culminating in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

McCann recorded her career-best time of 13.15s in February in Perth and has been making steady progress over the course of her career, having represented Australia at the World University Games in 2011, where she competed despite a hamstring injury.

She was named the NAIDOC

Perth Female Sportsperson of the Year in 2012, broke the WA 100m hurdles record in 2013, and backed up at the 2013 World University Games in Russia, finishing sixth in the 100m hurdles final.

She now faces a nervous wait to see if she is selected for Glasgow, but remains confident.

"Sitting here now I can tell you three things I know for certain," McCann said.

"Running a B-Qualifier is easy. I had the worst start of the entire national championships across any event and I have a sub-13 in me – I just need to execute. It still feels amazing to say I have six Commonwealth 'B' qualifiers from seven races this year."

## Almost missed

Even though McCann ended up finishing second at the Commonwealth Games selection trials, she didn't have the ideal preparation, having almost missed her flight from Perth.

"I overslept the morning I was due to fly out and woke up 40 minutes before my flight closed and I live an hour from the airport. Amazingly I had a brilliant run with traffic to get there in 43 minutes, but it was three minutes too late. The flight had closed," she said.

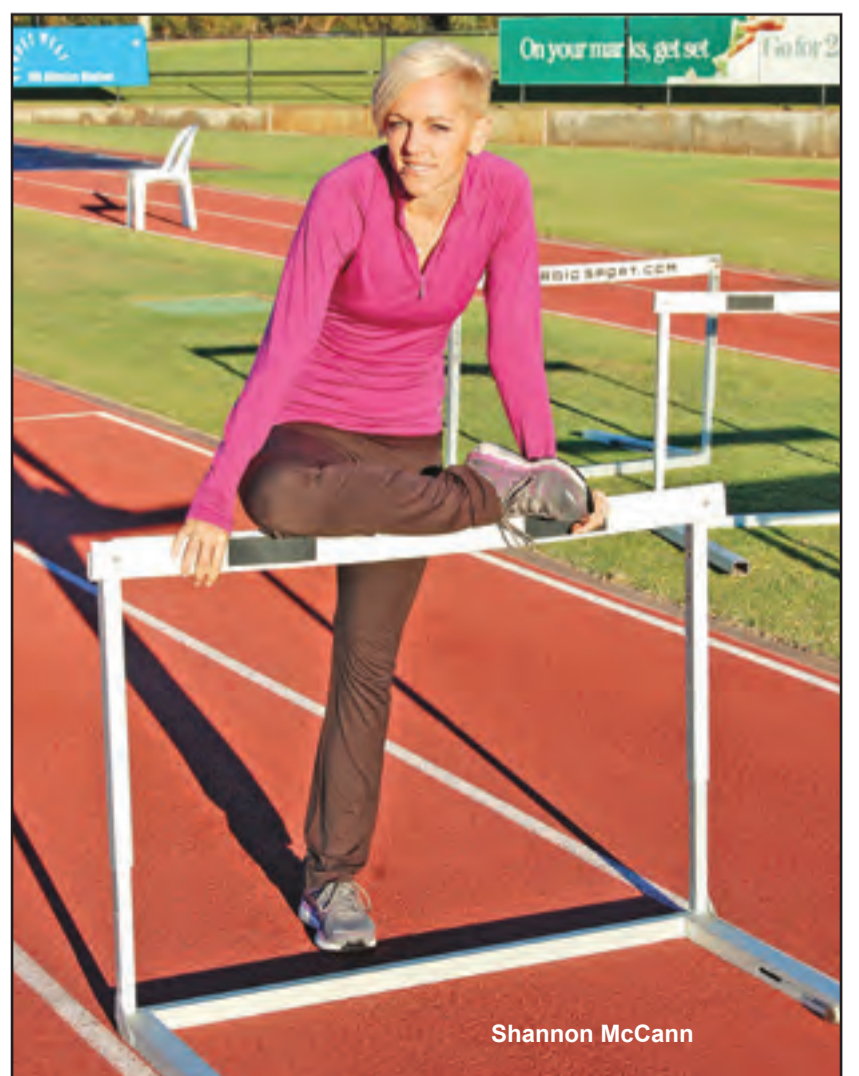
"They wouldn't budge no matter how much I begged, but luckily after I dropped the fact that I was an athlete travelling for the Commonwealth Games selection trials and explaining I couldn't miss the flight, they let me on. I will never forget the look on my training partner's and coach's faces as I walked to my seat on the plane after texting them minutes earlier that I had missed the flight."

Once she got to the trials in Melbourne, she was reasonably happy with her heat and then ended up delighted to run second to Pearson in the final after a disastrous start.

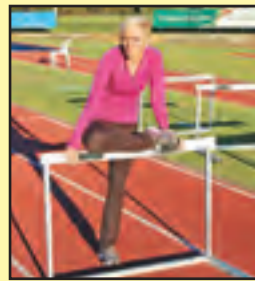
"I was in Heat 2 and finished first with 13.31 and under the 'B' qualifying time so I was impressed with that, but then in the final I felt lethargic – I think because the gap between the heat and final got to me and I wasn't quite prepared for it," McCann said.

"As a result, I had the worst start in the history of track and field. Somehow I managed to recompose and cross the line second to Sally Pearson and I screamed my lungs out crossing the line.

"I ran 13.21, which isn't a PB so people didn't understand my excitement, but from the start I had to cross the line in second and it was an amazing moment."



Shannon McCann



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# Buddy hits his straps



ESSENDON will need to pull up their socks and regroup for the AFL's signature Indigenous event, Dreamtime at the G, on Saturday, May 31, against the Richmond Tigers. Last Friday night Lance

'Buddy' Franklin flexed his muscles, and Sydney did the same in an eventful 50-point AFL victory over the Bombers at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne.

Franklin finished with five goals, his biggest haul and most impressive performance since heading north on a \$10 million deal last year, as the Swans won 18.6 (114) to 9.10 (64).

The 27-year-old looked sharp and reproduced the sort of explosive dominance that came to define his time at Hawthorn, booting three goals in the space of 10 minutes during the second quarter.

Aside from Franklin finishing the game one short of 600 career goals and the Swans strengthening their hold on a top-four spot, two third-quarter incidents delivered the game's main talking points.

## Knocked senseless

Umpire Troy Pannell was knocked senseless, vomited when he regained conscious and left the field on a stretcher after an accidental collision with Sydney's rebounding defender Nick Malceski.

Malceski was looking elsewhere when he smashed into Pannell's head.

Swans midfielder Daniel Hannebery may be in trouble at the tribunal, after he careered into Michael Hurley's neck. Hannebery was hunting the ball and there was no malice in the bump, but he nonetheless felled Hurley when the Bombers defender had his head over the ball. Hurley was forced from the ground but eventually returned.

Franklin outmuscled opponent Hurley to clutch a game-high four contested marks, but it was a triumph built on the back of 22 players, not only No 23.

"We're playing some pretty good football, but there's still a lot of the season to go," Franklin said of his side's premiership prospects heading into their round-10 bye.

Swans coach John Longmire said Franklin was certainly benefiting from having Adam Goodes, Kurt Tippett and Sam Reid alongside him.

"It was probably our pressure that turned a lot of those opportunities into goals in that first quarter," Longmire said, referring to the Swans' seven-goal opening term.

"But in that second quarter he (Franklin) was able to win the one-on-ones and he was very good in the one-on-ones; he is hard to beat." – AAP

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Sydney Swan Lance Franklin smashes into Mark Baguley, of the Essendon Bombers, during the round nine AFL game at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne, last Friday. The Swans won by 50. Picture by Quinn Rooney/Getty Images

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