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Sydney Swans AFL champions Adam Goodes and Buddy Franklin pictured with students from Glebe Public School, who are modelling the AFL's Indigenous Round jerseys.

AFL stars speak out on racism



WITH the AFL's Indigenous Round timed to coincide with National Reconciliation

Week, the code's stars have spoken out about racism.

Among them was Australian of the Year and Sydney Swans star Adam Goodes, an Adnyamathanha man, who has been the victim of two acts of racial vilification at AFL grounds in Melbourne over the past year.

He was abused by a Collingwood supporter in 2013 and by an Essendon fan last month. "Ever since the Essendon game, the amount of calls I'm getting from people in junior football leagues asking for support on 'How do we deal with this issue at our local club? This is what happened on the weekend'," he said. "That to me means that more people are standing up and saying 'This is unacceptable', which I think that's what we want to start to do. That's how we're going to make change."

— with AAP
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Gap target fears



CLOSE the Gap (CTG) campaign co-chairs Mick Gooda and Kirstie Parker have warned that recent cuts and new policies by the Abbott Government may mean campaign targets cannot be reached.

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform

Council released its CTG report card last month, which showed mixed results. Childhood mortality rates are falling, the life-expectancy gap is closing slightly and the literacy gap is narrowing, but unemployment continues to rise.

Mr Gooda and Ms Parker warned that measures in the recent Budget could delay progress and even reverse

gains made in Closing the Gap.

Mr Gooda said it was heartening to see the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child mortality significantly decreasing.

"This demonstrates the traction we are getting with the closing the gap strategy," he said. "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are getting better access to health care services. Indigenous

childhood health checks have doubled over the past four years and childhood immunisation rates are increasing.

"But childhood vaccinations will now incur a \$7 Medicare co-payment. Given that children require six GP visits in their first 18 months for their immunisation program, this \$7 co-payment for each visit will deter parents and

may hinder the progress we're making in reducing childhood mortality rates."

Ms Parker said that as the report showed improvements in reducing the smoking rates and obesity of Indigenous people, now was not the time to take the foot off the accelerator.

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Otis rips in Bells Indigenous comp

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Jesse stands out at White House

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THIS photo was taken on the day of the Indigenous veterans commemoration service in Kings Park, Perth. (See our report on page 40.)

My husband Paul served in the army in the Vietnam War. He volunteered to join the army.

It's very important to our family to go to the service in Reconciliation Week because of Paul. We wouldn't be living the way we are today if it wasn't for people like Paul and the rest of the veterans. We're very grateful to have them in our lives.

Family means everything to me. When we get together, we have a good yarn, a laugh, a barbecue, me and my kids and grandkids, and we reminisce about old times.

Family is important to all of us.

We teach the young ones respect and love, to always respect your Elders, and we always make sure that they use their manners.

Love and respect is the main thing, and always be good to one another.

Those lessons were taught to me from my family, sure was.

We were taught always put other people's needs before your own. I had a very strict upbringing.

I have 18 grandchildren, the youngest is 18

months. She's the terror of the lot and two great-grandkids – I do more spoiling of the little ones.

We all look after one another. We're all here for one another, with extra love and support.

When we get together we talk about our lives, things we've been doing, achievements, what the little ones have been doing, all the new stuff they've been learning at kindy. Paul tells all the kids about his army life over in Vietnam.

We get together a lot, nearly every day of the week. One or two will be here at my place nearly every day of the week. The grandkids call in after school, about four of them. They just take over the house, the little ones. We've got a couple of little bikes. The boys go out the front with a footy or out the back with the birds or the dogs. They just take over.

I am proud of my family – the cousins get on like a house on fire; they have little squabbles, but that's normal for kids and they make up five minutes later. They're all very, very good, from the oldest to the youngest.

When I see the older ones looking after the little ones it makes me feel so proud of them – I love my family very much. I don't know what I'd do without them.

● Pictured above: From left, Kayla Websdale, Makenzee Rodda (child in arms), Kayleigh Hilton, Talicia Hansen, Joshua Websdale, Sharnie Websdale, Pat Websdale, Nathan Hansen, Ethan Hansen, Paul Hansen and Simone Cornwell. Children in front row: Joshua Websdale Jnr and Connor Rodda.

Picture by Tash Nannup

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OUR CHILDREN



There was no shortage of happy children when the Adelaide United Football Club brought its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program to Yuendumu, in central Australia. The club visit is part of a push to introduce soccer to Indigenous children in central Australia. When the session started at the community's softball oval, there were just six children. But by the time it ended, there were more than 50 boys and girls. See page 62 for more on the Adelaide United program.

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Gulpilil a star at Cannes Film Festival

YOLNGU man David Gulpilil received a best actor award at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival in France for his role in *Charlie's Country*.

Gulpilil won the gong in the 'Un Certain Regard' competition, which honours more offbeat films than those up for the Palme d'Or, the main section of the festival.

Charlie's Country, co-written by director Rolf de Heer and Gulpilil, is set in a remote Aboriginal community in Arnhem Land and follows an Elder as he struggles with his cultural ties in a world dominated by white law.

While the story is not autobiographical, much of it mirrors Gulpilil's life. Charlie battles the demon of drink, spends time behind bars and feels disconnected from his native land.

De Heer believes the personal connection allowed

Gulpilil to deliver the performance of his career. The film received a standing ovation when it screened at Cannes.

"David is such an extraordinary talent and one of the great things about *Charlie's Country* for me is that he's been allowed to live up to that talent for the first time," he said.

"It's just the greatest role for him ever."

It's also worked as a vehicle for Gulpilil, 60, to get his life back on track. The actor is now two years sober and campaigning over land use in his native Arnhem Land.

Gulpilil first attended Cannes in 1971 when he left Australia for the first time as a teenager following his breakthrough role in Nicholas Roeg's *Walkabout*.

Charlie's Country will be released in Australian cinemas on July 17. – AAP



David Gulpilil in a scene from *Charlie's Country*.

Stolen pay case fails



AN Aboriginal Elder's claim for wages he says were stolen by the State has been thrown out of court due to a lack of evidence. Conrad Yeatman, 74, was seeking \$35,000 for wages he said were never paid to him when he worked as a carpenter and labourer in north Queensland in the 1950s.

Under the *Aboriginals Preservation and Protection Act 1939*, part of his wages were placed in the trust of the superintendent of the Yarrabah mission, where he lived.

Mr Yeatman's District Court claim said that, while some of his earnings were paid out when he became exempt from the law in 1958, 70 pounds that he earned working on a station was never recovered.

However, Judge David Andrews granted a State bid to put the case on hold permanently after exhaustive searches found almost no financial documentation, and that potential witnesses were dead.

"The defendants have effectively no evidence



Conrad Yeatman speaking outside the Brisbane court. Picture: SBS

whatsoever to test these claims," the judge said.

After the decision, Mr Yeatman said he felt the Government needed to be honest.

"We need respect," he said. "We need the law to be the same – not just by word or by mouth but by action."

Judge Andrews said it wasn't disputed that Mr Yeatman's savings had been managed by the superintendent, but the money could have been withdrawn on his behalf for food

or other reasons. There was some evidence money had been spent on Mr Yeatman when he was a teenager for clothes, medical expenses and trips.

"I don't accept Mr Yeatman is capable of giving a useful account of the number and amounts of payments made for and on his behalf," the judge said.

Mr Yeatman, whose claim was seen as a test case and was backed by the Queensland Council of Unions, must also pay the State's legal costs.

His lawyer, Charles Massy, said it was an immensely disappointing outcome and the team was considering an appeal.

In 2002, then premier Peter Beattie acknowledged that as much as \$500 million may have been stolen from Aboriginal people's wages. Mr Beattie offered \$55 million in compensation, and a reparation scheme subsequently paid out about \$35 million to 7000 applicants.

Mr Yeatman was offered the maximum \$7000 reparation payment, but rejected it as inadequate. – With AAP



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Hours of Magic for Ursula



AWARD-winning actress Ursula Yovich (*Capricornia*, *The Secret River* and ABC TV's *Gods of Wheat Street*

and *Redfern Now*) stars in a new one-woman show, *The Magic Hour*.

Fremantle's Deckchair Theatre is now touring the retelling of classic bedtime stories in *The Magic Hour* across the eastern states, including Sydney's Riverside Theatres, and venues in Queensland, NSW and Victoria.

The evening of song and storytelling is a different interpretation of classic Grimm fairytales.

The show takes the tales' sidelined characters, including Rapunzel's captor, Red Riding Hood's granny and one of Cinderella's ugly stepsisters, and tells their stories in a contemporary urban landscape.

A one-woman comedy, *The Magic Hour* reveals the social commentary embedded in these tales and reflects on the gritty lives of the women who inspired the characters.

Written by award-winning Australian playwright Vanessa Bates, *The Magic Hour* is the swansong production for Deckchair Theatre. It is not recommended for children under 14.

For a full list of venues go to <http://performinglineswa.org.au/performances/>



Aboriginal actor Ursula Yovich in a scene from the one-woman comedy *The Magic Hour* now touring eastern Australia.

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Govt told to lift business



SUPPLY Nation has urged the Federal Government to make good on a statement that it

wants a "dramatic lift" in the amount of its work offered to Indigenous business.

Speaking at the Supply Nation Connect 2014 meeting last week in Sydney, Alan Tudge, the Federal Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, admitted the Government was failing to provide Indigenous businesses with near enough work and needed to do much more.

Supply Nation, formerly the Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Council, exists to connect corporate and government customers with Indigenous firms and suppliers.

Mr Tudge told about 500 people at the Connect dinner that Indigenous organisations collected only about \$6 million from the \$39 billion in work tendered out by government.

This is despite government Indigenous opportunities policies and the Commonwealth Procurement Rules Exemption designed to boost Indigenous business and employment.



"Government spending with Indigenous business could easily be in the hundreds of millions of dollars."

– Supply Nation CEO Charles Prouse

Supply Nation chief executive Charles Prouse welcomed the statement, and urged the Government to follow through. "The Government should be spending much more with our businesses," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"They have policies at their disposal to ensure this, so they need to make sure it happens."

"Government spending with Indigenous business could easily be in the hundreds of millions of dollars."

"We've got suppliers ready to fill contracts, but so far they're not finding much joy."

This year's Connect conference drew more than 250 suppliers and members from around the country and

overseas, with more at the gala dinner and trade show held in conjunction. "The trade show was a big success, with suppliers doing good business and providing excellent feedback," Mr Prouse said.

Supply Nation has about 265 Indigenous suppliers on its books, and Mr Prouse believes there are many more who could benefit from membership.

"I believe there's at least 1000 potential suppliers, and probably many more, who would qualify for our membership," he said.

"I'd urge then to get in touch and take advantage of the potential benefits available."

● **Trade show coverage, pages 38 and 39**

National Reconciliation Week 2014



Michael Long and former Test cricketer Adam Gilchrist. Picture by Melinda Ogden, Reconciliation Australia



Dan Sultan rocks Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl. Picture by Melinda Ogden, Reconciliation Australia



Former St Kilda Star AFL Nicky Winmar makes a statement about recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution. Picture by Will Russell

Football stars show the way



ABORIGINAL AFL stars past and present were front and centre during National

Reconciliation Week, in the lead-up to the AFL's Indigenous round, which included a Dreamtime at the 'G game. Former Essendon player Michael Long led a group of people into the Melbourne Cricket Ground before the game between Richmond and the Bombers for the 10th anniversary of the Long Walk.

Long famously walked more than 650km from Melbourne to Canberra in 2004 to meet with Prime Minister John Howard and put Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the national political agenda.

Long says there is no room for complacency, but the fight against racism in the sport is being won.

In the lead-up to last weekend's annual Indigenous round, it was revealed that Australian of the Year and two-time Brownlow medallist Adam Goodes and Melbourne's Neville Jetta had been racially vilified by fans this season.

Goodes took heart from the fact that it was other Essendon supporters who alerted authorities to the man who abused him.

Long has been an outspoken advocate against racism in sport since he was vilified by Collingwood ruckman Damian Monkhorst



Participants in the Long Walk, from left, Ken Wyatt MRR, Premier Denis Napthine, Michael Long, Minister Nigel Scullion, Michael O'Loughlin and Senator Nova Peris. Picture by Melinda Ogden, Reconciliation Australia



Jessica Austins sticks her neck out for Recognition. Picture by Melinda Ogden, Reconciliation Australia

during the 1995 Anzac Day match, prompting the AFL to tackle the issue seriously for the first time.

"We've come on in leaps and bounds," Long told the inaugural Dreamtime luncheon in Melbourne.

"The game has come so far and the positives outweigh the negatives.

"Given what's happened (with Goodes and Jetta) we've still got to be just as

diligent with our supporters and ... influence what happens on the boundaries of our great game.

"There still needs to be a lot of work done on the education side of things.

"You can never lose sight of that."

Nathan Lovett-Murray told the Dreamtime luncheon he was inspired to become an AFL player by Long's heroics in the 1993 grand final, when

he was awarded the Norm Smith Medal in Essendon's win over Carlton.

Lovett-Murray, who was at the MCG that day as part of the half-time entertainment show, went on to play 145 games for the Bombers before retiring at the end of the 2013 season.

His appreciation of the sacrifices made by the Indigenous trailblazers in the VFL/AFL increased greatly when he learnt more about his great grandfather Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls, who played for Fitzroy in the 1930s after being shunned at Carlton.

Sir Douglas went on to become a Churches of Christ pastor, reconciliation advocate and the Governor of South Australia, the first Indigenous Australian to hold vice-regal office.

For the AFL Indigenous round, all teams wore specially designed jerseys and the ball was bounced on an 'R', after the code backed the Recognise campaign to gain constitutional recognition for Indigenous Australians.

And former St Kilda legend Nicky Winmar added his name to the Recognise campaign too, recreating his famous statement against racism, but pointing to an 'R'.

Rock star Dan Sultan – an outspoken supporter of the Recognise campaign – headlined a special National Reconciliation concert at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl in Melbourne before Dreamtime at the 'G. – *With AAP*

Going nuts for opera



The cast of *Pecan Summer*.
Picture by Robert Jefferson

SA

PECAN Summer, the opera written by Yorta Yorta soprano Deborah Cheetham, is heading to Adelaide for a short winter season.

It will be the first time Short Black Opera has staged the production in South Australia.

Pecan Summer, Australia's first Aboriginal opera, tells the story of the 1939 walk-off from Cummeragunga mission in Victoria, when 200 people of the Yorta Yorta nation left their home in protest of the harsh and inhumane conditions imposed upon them.

In 2007 Cheetham, a member

of the Stolen Generations, was awarded a fellowship from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander board of the Australian Council for the Arts.

This fellowship supported the creation of *Pecan Summer*, which had been a lifelong dream for Cheetham.

The success of the production led to the creation of Short Black Opera Company, a not-for-profit devoted to the development of Indigenous opera singers.

"As a soprano, someone who had walked in the field of classical music for 25 years, I really wanted to share the stage with other Indigenous opera singers," Cheetham said.

"Harold Blair, the Aboriginal tenor from Cherbourg mission, had a successful career before my time but for the whole of my career, up until I formed Short Black Opera, I hadn't shared the stage with any other Indigenous singer.

"I knew people like (Yorta Yorta bass baritone) Tiriki Onus had a voice, if just given the opportunity to prove themselves."

Joining Cheetham on stage for the Adelaide production will be some of Australia's newest Indigenous opera stars, along with established singers including Jonathon Welch (Choir of Hard Knocks), Rosamund Illing (Opera Australia), Onus, Adelaide-based

mezzo soprano Vonda Last and tenor Robert Taylor.

"There's more work to be done, I don't want this to be a one-off. It's really important that Short Black keeps growing its national profile and we have been able to do that, just signing a memorandum of understanding with Opera Australia," Cheetham said.

"It has been a lot of hard work, but it is so rewarding to know that we have created a presence, created something new, and we couldn't have done it without the support of the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts at Melbourne University.

"It's always a funny world – I

just wanted to share the stage with other Indigenous opera singers and I thought opera was a great way of getting our culture out there. Opera is such a fantastic way of telling stories, and we've always told our stories through song.

"I knew there were other singers out there like me, passionate about opera but who hadn't been given an opportunity and I'm just thrilled to be able to provide that opportunity and that they've made the commitment to come on this journey.

"I couldn't be more proud."

Pecan Summer is on at Her Majesty's Theatre in Adelaide from July 3-5.

Clash in Block Ryan voted back in as CLC chair

By YATU WIDDERS HUNT

NSW

AN Aboriginal tent embassy was established at The Block in Redfern on

Sorry Day last Monday, due to concerns that development plans for the land don't prioritise affordable housing.

Development on the land owned by the Aboriginal Housing Company (AHC) is expected to commence this year pending financial approvals, but protesters say they are worried that commercial development will take priority.

Tent embassy organiser Jenny Munro said many Aboriginal people had had serious concerns for some time.

"We feel that the AHC are really pushing for commercial development and student accommodation and that means that the needs of our people will be last on their agenda," she said.

"We feel we have been removed from the planning process altogether and our community is insulted by that."

Ms Munro said she believes the AHC has broken promises to people and especially older



Catherine Jackson and Linda Jackson at the Redfern Tent Embassy, established to air concerns about affordable housing for Aboriginal people in the area.

people, who were told they would already have access to affordable housing.

"What people need to understand is that we have waited a long time, we've gone through dysfunction and we want to know that the planning will be done in the right way. If it goes commercial, it's not going to happen," she said.

AHC general manager of Aboriginal housing Lani Tuitavake says the company's development application (DA) for the site includes 62 affordable homes, alongside other kinds of development, including a childcare space, a retail space and a gallery.

"I think there is a lot of misinformation out there and I

would simply encourage people to look at our DA and see that affordable housing is a part of it," she said. "Our board has worked very hard to ensure this stays in Aboriginal hands."

The tent embassy protesters said they would remain at The Block indefinitely – until the AHC agrees to meet the needs of the local community.

NT

MAURIE Japarta Ryan has been overwhelmingly re-elected as chair of the Central Land Council (CLC), just weeks after being dumped by the executive saying they no longer had confidence in him to carry out

his duties.

Mr Ryan was suspended by the 11-member executive at its meeting in Alice Springs on May 1.

A special meeting of the council was called for May 20 to consider the matter.

At that meeting in Tennant Creek, Mr Ryan was reinstated as chair of the CLC.

Mr Ryan thanked the elected members for giving him their vote of confidence.

"I will be working with all the members and staff of the CLC to improve the lives of Aboriginal people in our region," he said.

"We have a lot of business to sort out with the Territory and Commonwealth governments and the CLC will be getting on with it."

Speaking from central Australia several days after his re-election, Mr Ryan told the *Koori Mail* he would prefer not to make any further comment on the matter.



Celebrating Sorry Day



ON May 26, 1997, the 'Bringing them Home' report about the Stolen

Generations was tabled in Federal Parliament.

The report detailed the history of forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families and the effects that had – and continued to have – on the members of the Stolen Generations, their families and communities.

National Sorry Day is held each year to remind people of the significance of the forcible removal policies and their impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Events were held in all states and territories to honour the resilience, strength and compassion of the Stolen Generations – and for the nation to say "Sorry".

● More Sorry Day pictures – see page 33.



At a Sorry Day event at Sydney's Guringai Festival were (from left) Yankunytjatjara Elder and Stolen Generations member Bob Randall, Peter Shine, Minmia, Susan Moylan-Coombs, Rigzin Yuthok and Justin Bergholcs.

Kids 'still being taken'



PROTESTS were held in centres around Australia on

National Sorry Day, May 26, to highlight fears of another Stolen Generation.

About 100 people turned out for the Sydney protest, held at the Department of Family and Community Services office in Strawberry Hills.

Those at the peaceful gathering included members of the Gunnedah-based Grandmothers Against Removals, who say more Indigenous children than ever are being taken from families by government authorities.

The gathering heard that there are about 6000 Aboriginal children now in out-of-home care in NSW.

"A new Stolen Generation is being created," one speaker said. "We want our babies home. This cannot be continued."

In Brisbane a group protested outside Parliament House. Karen Fusi spoke to the gathering about her battle in Federal Court to keep her grandchildren after their mother took her own life.

"In our generation they are still doing it, and for us what they do is make us strong to fight them because we know we can't live in the past," Ms Fusi told AAP.

"People say we live in the past but we live in the future for a better education and life for our children."

In Alice Springs the Intervention Rollback

Action Group also held a rally and a forum, supported by leader Barb Shaw.

"There are strong Aboriginal people in every community who badly need resources and support to help deal with the issues facing our families and to keep our kids safe in their culture," Ms Shaw said in a statement.

"We are all part of extended kinship networks; there is always somewhere they can turn without removing children, but the resources and support need to be on the table."

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Protesters at the Department of Families and Community Services office in Strawberry Hills, Sydney, on National Sorry Day.

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Archie rocks in Mungo



A RECENT concert by Archie Roach in Mungo National Park, in south-west NSW, highlighted the connection the local Aboriginal people have with country.

More than 300 people attended the performance, which was part of a project jointly developed by Murray and Western Local Land Services and coordinated by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

Aboriginal communities officer with Western Local Land Services Ronni O'Donnell said it was wonderful to see people young and old clapping along, dancing and enjoying Mr Roach's

performance. "People have gathered in this area for thousands of years to celebrate and strengthen their culture and (the concert) was a continuation of that tradition, with that added bonus that people were genuinely touched by Archie's presence and his music," she said.

OEH says it will develop a strategic document to help build a better understanding of the connection to country that Aboriginal people have in the area.

● Pictured: Archie Roach and Tania Charles, who coordinates the Discovery Rangers Program in Mungo National Park.

Latest gap report has mixed results

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE latest Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council report card on Closing the Gap

(CTG) shows mixed results for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Childhood mortality rates are falling, the life-expectancy gap is closing slightly and the literacy gap is narrowing, but unemployment continues to rise.

CTG Campaign co-chairs Kirstie Parker and Mick Gooda warned the Abbott Government's recent Budget cuts and extra taxes could delay progress in Closing the Gap.

"We see the Federal Government cutting preventative health programs, including anti-smoking and obesity measures," Ms Parker, who is also co-chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, said.

"Obesity has significant health implications. Cuts to preventative health now will only cost many more dollars in future health expenses and delay progress in

closing the gap."

Mr Gooda, who is also the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, pointed out that the Government's proposed \$7 charge to see a GP would include childhood vaccinations.

"Given that children require six GP visits in their first 18 months for their immunisation program, this \$7 co-payment for each visit will deter parents and may hinder the progress we're making in reducing childhood mortality rates," he said.

The report found Australia is not on track to halve the gap in employment outcomes by 2018, with the unemployment gap growing by 4.1% and labour force participation by 4.9%.

"The Indigenous employment rate did not improve in any jurisdiction, and the gap either did not improve or widened significantly in every jurisdiction," the report card read.

The recent changes to the Newstart allowance for young people, announced in the Federal Budget, could see those aged under 30 receive no benefit at all for six months a year if they fail to meet certain criteria, which Ms

Parker said could be particularly hard on young Indigenous people.

"Those measures fall into the same category as other general measures in the Budget like the GP co-payment, which will have a disproportional impact on our people," she said.

"We know that for our young people who do not have a safety net for six months, the burden will fall on our families to meet what previously has been the responsibility of the state, and our families are not in good enough shape to soak up more pressure.

"Doing it tough"

"Aboriginal households are already doing it tough, and within our community we have a young demographic with so many of our people aged 25 or less, so these measures will be even further compounded."

A spokesperson for Prime Minister Tony Abbott reaffirmed the Government's commitment to Closing the Gap and said it was important that all young people, regardless of race, were engaged in work, education or training.

"These measures apply to those with a capacity to work, and

Government support, such as employment services, will be provided to help them find work or appropriate training into work," the spokesperson said.

"Young people with multiple barriers to employment are amongst categories exempt from the measure, along with single parents receiving Family Tax Benefit, those eligible for Disability Employment Services and those in full-time education or apprentices."

The COAG Reform Council report found that nationally in 2011-13 there was no significant difference between the proportion of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people whose drinking put them at lifetime risk of harm.

The Federal Government is currently holding an inquiry into alcohol misuse in Aboriginal communities.

"Alcohol misuse is a problem throughout the nation, but these sorts of endeavours that target only Aboriginal people feed into, and further, stereotypes surrounding Aboriginal people and grog," Ms Parker said.

"The rate of ATSI people who do not drink is proportionally

higher than the rest of the population, but those who drink at problem levels are more visible because many more of our people don't have a secure environment.

"Inquiries like these bring into play all sorts of other issues, like secure housing, law and order, and will continue to do so while alcohol is treated as a criminal rather than a health matter."

The Government has announced that the COAG Reform Council will fold after June 30, which Ms Parker and Mr Gooda said meant significant uncertainty about how independent reporting on CTG targets would continue.

"The Government needs to ensure that the rigour in the data collated by the Reform Council continues," Ms Parker said.

"There were a lot of measures in the Budget that concerned our people but that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people weren't consulted with.

"We would much prefer a real partnership with government because our expertise lies within our communities and our community organisations."

Running Water to make Sand Tracks



JUST about the only running water at Kintore is a local band. And the eight blokes from the community

530km west of Alice Springs who make up the band Running Water are about to share their music through central Australia on the 2014 Sand Tracks Tour.

Clive Young, Christopher Tolson, Solomon Daniels, Francis Collins, George Butcher, Malcolm Dempsey, Kevin Bennett and Dennis Maxwell have been building momentum for their music after an impressive performance at the 2013 Bush Bands Bash in Alice Springs and tracks featured on the latest two CAAMA Music Snapshot releases.

The band will travel more than 6000km as part of the Sand Tracks Tour to play their bush reggae in communities in Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory (with one other band, yet to be announced).

Sand Tracks is a remote Indigenous contemporary music-



touring program run by Country Arts WA that kicks off at the annual Bush Bands Bash and takes two bands on tour throughout September.

Bush Bands coordinator Jaspa Woods said Running Water was a

highlight of last year's program.

"Running Water's powerful vocals, comfortable performance style and easy banter with the audience, in their native Luritja language, made them a stand-out band in the 2013 Bush Bands

program," he said. "We're looking forward to seeing them on the stage again this year."

The 2014 Bush Bands Bash and start of Sand Tracks will be held on September 6 in Alice Springs.

Applications are now open for Indigenous bands wanting to be involved in this year's event. For more information visit www.musicnt.com.au/bushbands

● Pictured above: Running Water ready to tour.

Removals linked to lifestyle



JUMBUNNA Indigenous House of Learning at the University of Technology, Sydney, (UTS) senior researcher Paddy

Gibson says Aboriginal families who live a traditional lifestyle are being punished with the removal of their children in "a new Stolen Generation". His claim has been rejected as "fanciful" by the Northern Territory Government.

Mr Gibson says more Indigenous children are now being removed from their families than at any time in Australia's history.

As of June 30 last year, there were five times more Aboriginal children (624) than non-Aboriginal children (126) in care, the NT Children's Commissioner's annual report shows, and while the number of non-Aboriginal children has plateaued, the number of Aboriginal children is rising.

This was mainly due to neglect issues rather than physical or sexual abuse, Mr Gibson said.

"There are a lot of children out there in real trouble, and families that do need support to provide a safe environment for kids to grow up in, but too often we are seeing Aboriginal cultural practices themselves being classified as neglect," he said.

Frequent travel to visit family, and overcrowding in houses when relatives visited, disrupted children's routines and stability, Mr Gibson said. "It's basically their Aboriginality being held against them in far, far too many instances," he said.

Mr Gibson said it cost up to \$300 a night to keep a single child in care, which he described as "obscene when you consider the poverty these families are in".

"(The NT Government) won't invest in the services that are needed to increase the incomes of those families struggling to survive in many cases, which is often the catalyst for government moving in," he said.

"It's a very cruel and punitive process, and it's very rightly being described by the families living through it as a new Stolen Generation."

"Reality"

But NT Minister for Children John Elferink said Mr Gibson's assertions were "fanciful". "It's more about strapping on a black armband than it is about the reality of child protection," he said.

"To simply say an Aboriginal practice is something we target is misleading and inflammatory. If there is an Aboriginal practice that does constitute neglect, then, quite frankly, the human right of that child will come ahead of the cultural right."

Mr Elferink said it was not about race, but due to the over-representation of Aboriginal people on welfare or in jail as a result of a federal reliance on welfare.

"(Welfare) says to its recipients, 'You are useless' ... That is entirely the wrong signal to send to any human being, irrespective of their cultural background," he said.

The Government was not overly intervening in cases of Aboriginal children in care, the minister said. — AAP



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Exhibition 30 years in making

By JILLIAN MUNDY



CULTURAL Jewels, the extensive solo exhibition of Tasmanian Aboriginal artist

Lola Greeno, which in essence has been 30 years in the making, opens in Launceston this month before setting off to tour Australia.

It is sure to be a highlight of Mrs Greeno's 30-year arts career which has included studying, creating, lecturing and working in Aboriginal organisations, most recently as Aboriginal arts program officer with Arts Tasmania.

Her exhibition of 60 pieces will feature traditional and contemporary pieces, all created from materials Tasmanian Aboriginal people ate, wore, crafted tools from and adorned themselves with, enhanced with interpretation panels and multimedia installations.

"It's the biggest thing since sliced bread for me," Mrs Greeno told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's a lot about cultural maintenance, in a sense.

"It's about sharing my experiences."

Mrs Greeno said that while some viewers saw her work as political, especially earlier installations such as those about land claims and black deaths in custody, she sees her works more as an expression of her feelings, stories of her people and an avenue for healing.

Mrs Greeno is a big supporter of working in teams and in partnership with well-established and well-funded institutions, which can provide experienced background crews for

large-scale art projects.

"They're things our little organisations can't do unless they work in partnerships," she said.

Cultural Jewels is the result of Mrs Greeno being recognised as the Living Treasure Master of Australian Craft for 2014.

The award celebrates the achievements of influential Australian crafts practitioners whose skills have been recognised by their peers.

"You've got to have near to 30 years' experience in the arts industry to qualify," Mrs Greeno said.

"It's huge. Part of the award is they put on an exhibition for you. They don't give you a trophy, but they do all these wonderful things."

National award

Mrs Greeno is the first Aboriginal person to receive the national award since it began in 2005, and it's the first time the exhibition has been launched in Tasmania.

Another part of the award is a professionally designed publication.

"They call it a catalogue, but it's going to be my book. It's got my stories in the middle of it, stories of my childhood growing up on Cape Barren and Flinders islands," she said.

Cultural Jewels will be at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Royal Park, Launceston, for six weeks from June 14.

The exhibition will show in Sydney in August before going to 16 regional venues around country over the next four years.

Mrs Greeno's arts practice will also be showcased alongside her husband Rex's on ABC's *Art + Soul* program this month.



Lola Greeno is feeling a bit daunted by the enormity of her upcoming exhibition *Cultural Jewels*. She is pictured here wearing a shell necklace and holding a sculptural piece that will be in the exhibition.

Commission in call for submissions



THE Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is seeking

submissions to its issues paper on victims compensation schemes for those who experienced child sexual abuse while in the care of an institution.

Royal Commission chief executive Janette Dines said the commission was required under its terms of reference to consider the role of compensation in addressing and alleviating the impact of child sexual abuse.

"This is a very important part of the royal commission's inquiries," she said.

The commission is seeking submissions from interested individuals, government and other organisations on the matters raised in the paper.

Organisations and individuals wanting to respond to Issues Paper 7 have until Monday, June 30, to lodge a submission by emailing solicitor@childabuse.royalcommission.gov.au

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'Adequate' native title funds urged

By MEZ FISHER



ADDITIONAL funding is needed to help relieve the burden of ongoing native title claims work and ensure the "fragile" system can meet its aspirations, a review of the

nation's native title organisations has recommended. Deloitte Access Economics' 'Review of Roles and Functions of Native Title Organisations' report says most of the 118 Registered Native Title Body Corporates (RNTBCs) have been struggling to meet their regulatory responsibilities and pursue wider community benefits.

"This gap between capacity and aspirations continues to be a source of considerable frustration and distress among native title holders," the report says.

"The limited capacity of RNTBCs seriously constrains their ability to give effect to the Act. This has significant adverse implications for the smooth management of native title land."

The success of projects can be compromised, the report says, "where RNTBCs are unable to effectively engage in negotiations on matters such as the establishment of government facilities, resource development and infrastructure."

Native title now covers more than 20% of

Australia's landmass, with at least a further 40% subject to claims.

There are more than 250 determined claims and about 120 native title organisations responsible for managing claims and benefits.

These numbers are set to increase, with claims activity not expected to slow down in the next five to 10 years.

But adequate funding is crucial to the native title system's continued success, the report says.

"Fragile"

"Without adequately functioning RNTBCs, the native title system will be fragile and the ambitions of stakeholders (including native title holders, governments, industry and the wider community) will be impeded," the report says.

"Limited but well-targeted additional funding for RNTBCs would relieve one of the most critical constraints on their capacity and provide the opportunity for native title holders to actively consider the pathways they have available."

Most claims work over the past 20 years has fallen to Australia's 15 Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs) and Native Title Service Providers (NTSPs).

In a small number of regions, such as the Torres Strait Islands, there are no or very few

outstanding claims. Other regions, such as Queensland South and NSW (NTSCORP Ltd), have a large number of outstanding claims which may take a decade or more to resolve.

The review did not identify any case of an NTRB or NTSP that warranted intervention, and concluded that rationalisation or amalgamation of the bodies in the medium-term "is unlikely to result in significant benefit".

It said services provided by private agents (professionals from fields including the law, anthropology and commercial services) are indispensable to a well-functioning native title system, but noted that tensions can arise which are "exacerbated by private agents in situations where a profit motive occurs".

The review recommends a system of registration or accreditation of native title practitioners, the reporting of excessive fees to external parties and the introduction of an appeals mechanism for unethical behaviour.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion says the Government will consider the findings of the review and provide a formal response soon.

He said that over the coming months he would continue to talk with native title bodies, service providers, and state and territory governments to seek their views about the best way forward.

2014 National Indigenous Arts Awards

Red Ochre for Hector



\$50,000 richer: Red Ochre Award winner Hector Tjupuru Burton at his community with one of his artworks.



THE vibrancy, colour and cultural contribution of Indigenous arts have been celebrated at the

Australia Council's National Indigenous Arts Awards, held in Sydney last month.

This year's winner of the Red Ochre Award, Australia's top peer-assessed award for an Indigenous artist, is Hector Tjupuru Burton from Amata, in the APY Lands of central Australia.

The \$50,000 prize acknowledges the artist's outstanding contribution and lifetime achievement at a national and international level.

Mr Burton is a curator, teacher and Christian minister, revered as a caretaker of Anangu law and culture. He has been involved in the success of arts centre Tjala Arts and his work has been shown at exhibitions in cities across Australia and overseas.

Australia Council board director Lee-Ann Buckskin said Mr Burton was chosen for the Red Ochre for his remarkable work as a visual artist and cultural leader.

"Mr Burton, a senior

Pitjantjatjara man, started painting on canvas in October 2003 after a men's painting room was established to encourage men to tell and paint their stories," she said.

"Since this life-changing event, Mr Burton has revived ceremonies and documented and recorded stories north and south of Amata (on the APY Lands), including the area associated with Uluru.

"He paints the creation time story of the caterpillars, the Anumara, which tells a story about kinship groups.

"Mr Burton's art has been collected by major institutions, including the Art Gallery of NSW, the Art Gallery of South Australia, the National Gallery of Victoria, the Ian Potter Museum of Art, and the University of Melbourne."

Renowned Melbourne musicians Bart Willoughby and Dave Arden each won fellowships, providing them with \$45,000 a year for two years to create a major project.

Ms Buckskin said Mr Willoughby, founding member of the band No Fixed Address and a featured artist in the Black Arm

Band, was the first Indigenous artist to record on the Melbourne Town Hall organ.

"For Bart's two-year fellowship project he will stage a series of concerts, which will feature him playing the organ, and promote his album *We Still Live On*, inspired by the instrument," she said.

Dave Arden has worked with many Aboriginal artists, including as a guitarist with Archie Roach, the Hard Time Band, Koori Youth Band, Mixed Relations and Bart Willoughby, and written and performed songs for many albums.

"For his fellowship, Dave will develop and perform original songs with accompanying stories and projected images about five generations of his family, called The Dave Arden Kokatha/Gunditjmarra Songman and Storyteller Showcase," Ms Buckskin said.

The Dreaming Award, which provides \$20,000 to a young artist aged 18-26 to create a major body of work through mentoring or partnerships, went to interdisciplinary artist Tyrone Sheather.

Sheather scores Dreaming Award

By MEZ FISHER



YOUNG Tyrone Sheather's quest for identity through his art has landed him the \$20,000 Dreaming Award in the Australia Council's National Indigenous Arts Awards.

The 23-year-old Gumbaynggirr artist from Bellingen, on the NSW mid-north coast, works in several different mediums, including photography, film, projection art, paint, textiles and dance.

Mr Sheather said he was inspired to pursue art after discovering some old recordings of his great grandfather from the 1970s.

He had grown up with his non-Aboriginal mother and had little connection to his Aboriginal heritage until Year 11, when he visited Muurrbay Language Centre at Nambucca Heads on a school excursion.

Mr Sheather said the people there

were all looking at him as though they knew him, but it wasn't until about a year later he found out that the recordings he heard at the centre were his great granddad telling traditional stories in language. His forebear had been a storyteller for his people and his photograph had even been hanging on the wall of the centre.

"I realised I can actually tell these stories – that I need to step up and keep these stories alive," Mr Sheather said.

Exploring identity

Since then he has used art as a way of exploring his own identity, connecting to his culture and keeping language alive.

He made his first film entirely in Gumbaynggirr language in 2008. It won Best Short Film and People's Choice at the Local Clapper Film Festival.

The film *The Wijiirragi* is used for language teaching by Muurrbay

Language Centre and for cultural consciousness training.

"My identity and who I am is going to be a continuing concept and always changing, just like my artwork is always changing," Mr Sheather said.

He plans to use the Dreaming Award prizemoney to complete a series of humanoid sculptures for Tasmania's Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) 2015 Dark Mofo Festival.

The project, called GILDANYBA, will feature seven glowing, interactive humanoid pieces standing two metres tall and emitting sound, symbolising the knowledge keepers of the old world.

Mr Sheather will be mentored by other artists as well as Elders.

"I think I'm in the process of figuring out who I am, and as long as the work I am doing is about me becoming someone, finding out who I am, then it will create interest in that culture," he said.



\$20,000 better off: Dreaming Award winner Tyrone Sheather.



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Big gaps in health remain



THE peak body for Indigenous health has welcomed a Federal Government announcement backing the implementation of a 10-year National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan (NATSHP), but still has serious concerns about changes to health that will cut deep in disadvantaged Aboriginal communities.

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has applauded the Government's commitment to develop an implementation plan for the national health plan by the end of the year.

NACCHO chair Justin Mohamed said the health plan had been developed with extensive consultation with Indigenous stakeholders in urban, regional and remote community settings.

"The NATSHP is a great example of a blueprint harnessing the expertise and deep knowledge of Aboriginal people for better health outcomes in their communities," he said.

"I welcome in particular the long-sought acknowledgement that racism continues to have a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"Factors such as person's social and economic position in life, exclusion from participation in society and employment, and exposure to stress can all influence their health throughout life."

However, Mr Mohamed said there were still serious concerns about federal Budget cuts to the health sector, which have sparked crisis talks among Indigenous leaders, particularly cuts to Aboriginal health funding and the

\$7 Medicare co-payment to see a GP.

NACCHO representatives met in Canberra recently with other Indigenous agencies to call for an immediate scrapping of the co-payments scheme.

Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service chief executive Julie Tongs said the coalition of organisations called on the Australian Government to recognise that a co-payment system was against the principles of health equity outlined in the Close the Gap campaign.

"Introducing co-payments will not serve to close the gap in health outcomes; it will only widen the gap between our people and the rest of the community," Ms Tongs said.

Needy

"The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector will not agree to turn our backs on the needy, disadvantaged and desperate.

"We call on our partners, colleagues and all concerned Australians to stand with us at this critical time."

Both Mr Mohamed and Ms Tongs have expressed a hope for further constructive conversations and consultation with government

Assistant Minister for Health Fiona Nash said the 10-year health plan would be updated to reflect the Government's approach and priorities for Indigenous affairs, to recognise the important links between education, employment, community safety and health.

Senator Nash said she recognised the important work that had gone into developing the health plan and thanked the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, stakeholders, peak groups, and representative organisations that contributed to the framework.

Smiles in style



Thousands of people flocked to Stylin' Up last month, the Indigenous hip hop, culture and R&B event at Inala in south-west Brisbane. They included Brooke Anderson, left, and Kristen Fagan, right. Dozens joined the dance contests and talent competition. American R&B artist J Holiday headlined the show. Picture by Naomi Moran ● For more pictures see page 37.

TV viewers to get taste of reef



A CREW of filmmakers has just wrapped up a three-hour documentary series about life in the Torres Strait that will be broadcast on the ABC and PBS in the United States later this year.

A crew from Northern Pictures followed the activities of people connected to the reef and their work to protect it.

The production team was particularly interested in the work being done to train and certify local skippers.

They joined staff from the Torres Strait Marine

Pathways Project during May and filmed commercial maritime training provided under the project, as well as filming some Torres Strait Island community members to capture compelling stories from the region.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chairman Joseph Elu said the documentary, *Life on the Reef*, would positively reinforce the great work coming out of marine projects and local rangers in the Torres Strait.

"The reef stories will demystify any misconceptions associated with the Torres Strait and celebrate the good work

done by Torres Strait Islanders and maritime authorities," Mr Elu said.

"Many Islanders have sea country connections in the reef stretching back thousands of years, which is why the opportunity to share our stories, and educate others on the reef as we know it, is warmly welcomed.

"TSRA rangers regularly partner with researchers to survey the biodiversity of the reef and our islands in order to better understand it and find ways to protect it for future generations."

The series was commissioned by the ABC to showcase Australia's natural treasure.



Torres Strait marine workers are featured in a new documentary, *Life on the Reef*.

March backs RDA



SUPPORTERS of the *Racial Discrimination Act* (RDA) brought a Sydney street to a standstill last month.

The Federal Government has published draft amendments that would scrap parts of the RDA, including section 18C, which prohibits offensive behaviour on the grounds of race, colour, nationality and ethnic origin.

The protesters, of different ethnic backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, marched together along Lakemba's Haldon Street in Sydney's south-west, holding banners condemning any changes to the RDA.

The march, organised by Labor MP Tony Burke, began with an Aboriginal smoking ceremony before being led off by a Chinese dance troupe and drummers, with hundreds of people filing in behind.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Kirstie Parker, a Yuwallarai woman, spoke at the protest about the importance of strong protection for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people against racism.

The Government has said removing section 18C – a 2013 election promise – would restore freedom of speech laws to their full power, with other existing legislation capable of tackling racial vilification.

Shadow Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus said Labor had begun



Aboriginal women Gail Daylight and Rhoda Roberts, holding the Aboriginal flag, joined the Lakemba street march in support of keeping the *Racial Discrimination Act* (RDA) as it is.

negotiating with crossbench senators and was confident it could get the numbers to block the proposed reforms, which have not yet been tabled in Parliament.

"They've been very fruitful discussions and I'd be hopeful that in the new Senate, changes to 18C will be blocked," he said.

"We don't yet know if the Abbott Government is going to proceed

with it – they should actually abandon what they're doing.

"But if they go forward, I'm hopeful it'll be blocked in the new Senate."

Attorney-General George Brandis launched the Government's draft proposals earlier this year, saying: "I have always said that freedom of speech and the need to protect people

from racial vilification are not inconsistent objectives.

"Laws which are designed to prohibit racial vilification should not be used as a vehicle to attack legitimate freedoms of speech."

Political commentator Andrew Bolt is among those to have fallen foul of section 18C after he wrote two error-ridden columns attacking Aboriginal people. – *With AAP*

ACT Elected Body poll next month



VOTING will start next month for the Australia Capital Territory's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body.

The body, consisting of seven members, advocates for Indigenous people in the ACT and gives advice to Government.

ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Shane Rattenbury said polling would start on July 5 and close on July 12, with scrutiny scheduled from July 22 and results to be declared soon after that date.

Current Elected Body chairperson Rod Little said he appreciated the contributions, cooperation and collaboration of the community, the ACT Government and the Elected Body to represent and advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Territory.

Elections are held every three years. More details at <http://www.elections.act.gov.au/>



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Indigenous veterans recognised



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander war veterans were honoured at services in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth during National Reconciliation Week.

Noongar woman and Honouring Indigenous War Graves Inc committee member Dianne Ryder acted as MC for the Perth service in Kings Park.

"We all know what happened when our families came back from war," she said.

"Non-Aboriginal soldiers were given land parcels, but our men got nothing. They weren't even allowed to drink in pubs with their mates who they served alongside in war.

"They weren't recognised any way.

"This annual service is about recognising those Indigenous people who made that sacrifice in war. It's also important for non-Aboriginal people to understand that our people did fight next to them, side by side as comrades, yet weren't recognised when they came home."

More than 300 schoolchildren attended the Perth event.

"The kids were overwhelmed. They loved the day," Ms Ryder said.

"It meant something special for the Aboriginal children to see the full service in National Reconciliation Week, and see that Aboriginal soldiers were recognised.

"It was an emotional type of day, and they're already saying they want to come back next year."

● For more pictures of the Perth Indigenous veterans service, see page 40

● Pictured left: Elders Bev Port-Louis and Irwin Lewis, from the City of Stirling Nollamara Community Group, prepare to lay a wreath in honour of Indigenous war veterans. Picture by Tash Nannup



Filmmaker Darlene Johnson with writer Gerry Bostock, who features in *The Redfern Story*, about the National Black Theatre.

National Black Theatre in focus



DUNGHUTTI director Darlene Johnson will present her newest film at the Sydney Film Festival, a documentary called *The Redfern Story* about the famed National Black Theatre. *The Redfern Story* tells the tale of the volatile birth of the first all-Indigenous theatre company, the National Black Theatre, created out of growing turmoil in relation to land rights.

The documentary features interviews with Indigenous media pioneer Lester Bostock, writer Gerry Bostock, actor Lillian Crombie, activist and academic Gary Foley, academic Marcia Langton, and actors Rachael Maza, Bryan Brown and Bindi Williams. Ms Williams and Mr Foley will attend the screening, at 5pm on Sunday, June 8.

As part of the SFF partnership with Screen Australia's Indigenous department Screen Black, there will also be a screening of Rachel Perkins' new documentary, *Black Panther Woman*, which tells the story of Marlene Cummins, a member of Brisbane's short-lived Black Panther movement.

For more information, go to www.sff.org.au/public/films/

Title victory for Kimberley mob



AFTER an 18-year land rights battle, the Nyikina Mangala people of the Fitzroy River region in the central Kimberley have been recognised as the traditional owners of their land.

The Nyikina Mangala native title claim area covers more than 26,000 square kilometres and extends from the mouth of the King Sound below Derby, along the Fitzroy Valley to Noonkanbah and south into the Great Sandy Desert.

Exclusive possession – the highest form of native title – has been recognised across more than 40% of the claim area, including three Aboriginal pastoral stations, a large tract of unallocated Crown land in the Great Sandy Desert and smaller pockets within the claim.

Federal Court judge Justice John Gilmour handed down the decision in an on-country hearing at Lanji Lanji along the Fitzroy River, 40km south-west of Derby.

Kimberley Land Council (KLC) chief executive officer Nolan Hunter said securing recognition of native title for the Nyikina Mangala people had been a long struggle.

He said they had endured stalling

tactics and delays from the Western Australian Government and third parties. As a result of failed negotiations they had been preparing to litigate the claim through the Federal Court.

"Resolving native title through litigation is a long and arduous process that is extremely costly, so to have this claim determined with the consent of all parties has been a big win for the Nyikina Mangala people. We welcome this decision," Mr Hunter said.

"Still disappointing"

"After more than 20 years since the introduction of the *Native Title Act*, it is disappointing to see that we still have to fight big battles for our rights and interests to be recognised, especially in this case where the evidence clearly showed that the Nyikina Mangala people have a strong and unbroken connection to their country.

"I would like to acknowledge the steely determination, persistence and never-give-up attitude of the Nyikina Mangala people. This determination is a credit to your hard work and character as a strong and resilient people."

Nyikina Mangala traditional owner

Anthony Watson said the native title determination was long overdue, but it was time for his people to look to the future.

"I would like to recognise our old people who set us in good stead by teaching us about our culture so we could keep it strong, but also instilled in us solid values of community, traditional knowledge and respect," he said.

Mr Watson said native title gave the Nyikina Mangala people the right to have a say about what happens on their country.

"Our country is resource-rich and as a result is almost completely covered with exploration and mining tenements," he said.

"Now that we have our native title determined, let's hope it provides us with some protections but, more importantly, gives us the respect and recognition of being landowners with rights and interests.

"We are not spectators; we are real players and want to be at the forefront of any decisions made about what happens on our country.

"We want to ensure that native title benefits our people, our country and our culture."

Queen to get petition



Alf 'Uncle Boydie' Turner in front of a statue of King George V. Picture by Andrew Sikorski – Art Atelier.

By MEZ FISHER



THE grandson of Aboriginal activist William Cooper is one step closer to delivering his grandfather's dream, after handing over an original 1930s petition to Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove, who has promised to deliver it to the Queen.

It's been a long road for Victoria's Alf 'Uncle Boydie' Turner, who grew up with his grandfather from the age of nine and remembers him writing the letter to King George V in 1934, calling for Indigenous justice and parliamentary representation.

"Seeing the petition was never sent, I decided within myself that I would see that it got to England," said Mr Turner, who turns 86 in October.

In 2012, he gave another of his grandfather's letters to the German consulate, which had refused to accept the original in 1938, protesting the Nazi leadership and its persecution of the Jewish community following the violence of Kristallnacht.

This year, it is his dream to finish the job and deliver the first petition from Australia's Indigenous people to the monarch.

With the help of "six or eight wonderful people", Mr Turner was able

to meet with Prince William on his recent tour of Australia.

"He wanted to hear the story of my grandfather and about his life and how things were made hard for him by different people," Mr Turner said.

They spoke for about 15 minutes, and Prince William said he would help in any way he could.

However, Mr Turner had been instructed before he met the prince not to hand the petition to him, so when Prince William moved towards it "a chap pulled it away", Mr Turner said.

From there, a meeting was organised with the Governor-General and they met in Canberra last month.

"He was great. He made us feel at home and even asked for more time with us," Mr Turner said.

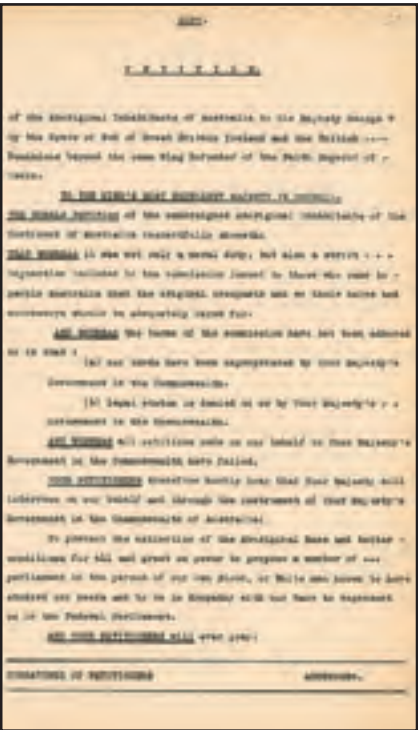
It is 75 years since Yorta Yorta activist William Cooper organised the petition, which calls on the king to "intervene on our behalf" to "prevent the

extinction of the Aboriginal Race and better conditions for all..."

Mr Cooper founded the Australian Aborigines' League in 1933 and worked well into his 70s, agitating for Indigenous justice in letters, newspaper articles and speeches.

He collected 1814 signatures on his petition to King George V despite active obstruction from the national and state governments of the day. It was handed

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A copy of William Cooper's original petition from 1934.

to the Commonwealth Government in August 1937, but was prevented by the Cabinet from ever reaching its destination.

Now, finally, his grandson has handed it over to the Governor-General, who told Mr Turner he would see that it gets to England.

"It's the result I wanted," Mr Turner said, "because all I wanted to do was to get that petition to where my grandfather wanted."



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Healing forum at University of NSW



A HEALING forum at the University of NSW on July 23 has been welcomed by Indigenous people and the NSW Government.

The forum, to be run by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation in conjunction with the NSW Government, will involve Aboriginal people who have experienced trauma. They will talk to policy makers and service providers about healing.

Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston and NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello welcomed the event.

"The NSW Healing Forum is a clear step towards understanding an appropriate role for government in healing and what it means to Aboriginal people," Mr Dominello said.

Mr Weston said the forum would be the first time a conversation about healing had been opened up between government and Indigenous people across any state or territory.

Businesses register with WA directory



MORE than 280 Aboriginal-owned and -operated businesses have now registered with the Aboriginal Business Directory of Western Australia (ABDWA).

Launched in October 2012, the online directory is a joint venture between the Small Business Development Corporation, the WA departments of Training and Workforce Development, and Aboriginal Affairs, and Project Connect (CCIWA). It gives Aboriginal businesses in WA an opportunity to promote their products and services to potential buyers from government and private organisations.

Small Business Commissioner David Eaton says the directory has paved the way for businesses wanting to engage with Aboriginal businesses, and provides an ideal avenue for Aboriginal businesses wanting to market their goods and services to a statewide customer base. More details at www.abdwa.com.au

Dodgy photo firm gives undertaking



A PHOTOGRAPHY company which operated in remote communities has given the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) a court-enforceable undertaking after breaching the Australian consumer

law. The ACCC took action against Tiny Tots Images Photography Pty Ltd, which entered into about 1400 unsolicited consumer agreements for photographic services with customers across Australia, mainly with people in remote and rural locations, including Indigenous communities.

Consumers were misled when they were told that they had no cooling off rights, when they did. They were also not informed about how they could terminate the agreement nor provided with required contact details for the company.

"It is particularly concerning to the ACCC that a significant number of Tiny Tot's customers were from remote Indigenous communities. The right to cancel unsolicited contracts during a cooling off period is a fundamental protection for consumers under the Australian Consumer Law," ACCC NT regional director Derek Farrell said.

Mental health help is closer to home



THE Western Australian Government says Kimberley and Pilbara residents have benefited from an expansion of the Broome Mental Health Unit.

Health Minister Helen Morton said more people – many of them Indigenous – were receiving

treatment closer to home.

She also said the Government planned to build a six-bed special treatment centre in Broome.

"Those in the Kimberley and Pilbara can now receive care for mental illness in the regions, stay better connected with family and community, and avoid the added stress of being transferred to Perth," Ms Morton said.



Right at home: Albert Storch and Mariana Nipper in front of their block of land at Hope Vale in north Queensland.

\$2 billion loaned through IBA home ownership plan



INDIGENOUS Business Australia's (IBA) Indigenous Home Ownership Program (IHOP) has now provided more than \$2 billion in home loans to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The milestone was reached with a loan

approval to Albert Storch and Mariana Nipper from the far north Queensland community of Hope Vale.

They have been long-term social housing residents in the community, and are looking forward to having their own home.

Since beginning in 1975, IHOP has lent money to first-home buyers, which has generated

wealth for Indigenous people through the equity created by buying their own homes.

IBA chair Dawn Casey said the program had assisted more than 16,000 families. "The home ownership program is very successful because it provides flexible, affordable housing finance and post-settlement support," she said.

"It is unique as it assists first-home buyers who cannot get home loans from banks due to circumstances such as low incomes, minimal savings and unique land tenure on community titled land along with the other barriers Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples often face when they are wanting to buy their own home."

NLC push for access deals



THE Northern Land Council is pushing for the final settlement of fishing rights and access to the intertidal zone on Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory.

The High Court's Blue Mud Bay decision in 2008 gave ownership of the intertidal zone to traditional owners where it adjoins Aboriginal land, affecting about 80 per cent of the Territory coastline.

Traditional owners have agreed to allow access for recreational and commercial fishers through a permit licensing arrangement in five high-use fishing areas, with negotiations ongoing in some other regions.

But no deals have been reached with the NT Government and fishing industry over much of the remote NT coastline.

At its latest meeting, the full council of the NLC agreed to a final five-month extension of access, until November 30.

Chairman Sam Bush-Blanas said it was "the last chance to clean up business which has been dragging on for six years now".

"After that, if a permanent settlement has not been achieved, commercial and ordinary fishers will have to apply for a licence under section 19 of the *NT Land Rights Act* to continue their operations, outside the agreed recreational fishing areas," he said.

"Frustration"

"The decision by the NLC full council to set a final deadline reflects a frustration of traditional owners that negotiations have dragged on for far too long.

"The full council made it plain that

traditional owners now want to take control of the agenda."

The NLC is also concerned that there is no evidence from the Government of proposed enforcement legislation or engagement by Aboriginal people in resource and environmental management.

The NLC called on the Territory Government to settle deals for the five high recreation fishing areas that have already been agreed to by traditional owners.

"The NLC full council ratified the first deals in June 2012. We've negotiated in good faith. But two years on, the Government has not yet signed off, and that's another source of immense frustration," Mr Bush-Blanas said.

The NLC wants the Government to execute the five agreements by June 30.

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Culture views attacked



LIBERAL politicians are telling Aboriginal people that in order to achieve prosperity they must turn their back on culture and community, a

Northern Territory Labor MP says.

It is the same message being pushed federally and in the NT, says shadow minister for Indigenous policy Ken Vowles.

He criticised the head of the

Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council, Warren Mundine, for being "North Shore ignorant" and giving a "self-serving" lecture to Aboriginal communities living in extreme disadvantage across the NT.

Mr Mundine spoke at an Indigenous employment conference in Darwin last month.

Mr Mundine said "bludgers weren't welcome in traditional communities" and welfare dependence and humbugging were not part of traditional culture.

Mr Mundine said Aboriginal people should not use cultural obligations like funerals to leave work and school for long periods of time, News Corp Australia reported.

"It's become almost a bullshit process, to be quite frank," he said.

But Mr Vowles has taken exception to Mr Mundine's comments.

"Rather than pontificate his theories from down south, Mr Mundine should be using his position ... to engage with Indigenous Territorians, and experience the cultural practices he has questioned and understand that living conditions are set to get

worse from the severe cuts to Indigenous affairs in the federal Budget," Mr Vowles said in a statement.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said that cultural norms around Indigenous employment needed to change.

"Warren does have a point that we have to be mindful of the fact that there are competing priorities between school, employment, training and also cultural obligations and family responsibilities," he said.

"You've got to make sure you get that balance right and in a lot of cases the balance isn't right, and a kid's education or a person's employment does suffer as a result of that." – AAP

● Warren Mundine's view – see page 24

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Be quick to apply for ACCELERATE program



APPLICATIONS are open for ACCELERATE, the British Council's leadership

program for Indigenous people in the arts. The program, in its fifth year, is designed to provide participants with the skills, networks and confidence to drive their own careers, and take up leadership positions in their community and cultural organisations.

Past recipients have represented a range of artistic professions, from visual arts to design, museum work and curating, to theatre direction and writing.

Accelerate offers leadership training and a fully-funded trip to Britain, where participants will spend time with high-profile individuals and organisations in their artistic field.

This year, the final four participants, selected from around the country, will also be paired with a British mentor they will meet while in the United Kingdom and stay in regular contact with after they return home.

One of last year's participants, Kimberley Moulton, said there was a great opportunity to learn, engage and share knowledge between Australia and Britain. "Having an open dialogue and building trusted professional relationships is important in creating new ways of communicating old stories," she said.

"It's important to understand that we do share in our histories, good and bad, and collaboration and working together is the next step in our journey."

Applications close on July 6. More details at www.accelerate.org.au



2013 ACCELERATE participant Kimberley Moulton.

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For further enquiries contact Anita Whittaker, Director Corporate, on 02 9286 1037.

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Van offers hope for eye issues

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



IT'S A travelling roadshow with a difference. A 13-metre specialist van landed in Cairns last week on its long trek to

some of Queensland's most rural and remote Indigenous communities to test and treat diabetes-related eye conditions.

And you certainly couldn't miss it. Covered in eye-catching Aboriginal artwork and filled with state-of-the-art medical equipment, the Indigenous Diabetes Eyes and Screening (IDEAS) van has already made a significant difference in the lives of those treated in it.

Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) regional development coordinator Bevan Ah Kee welcomed the initiative and said the project would enhance the work being done by Aboriginal Medical Services (AMSes), particularly in diabetes.

While the project is aimed at preventing blindness in Indigenous communities, Mr Ah Kee said the long-term scope was far more wide reaching.

"Our model is based on comprehensive primary health care and we all know that means prevention of the illnesses that impact on our health and wellbeing," he said.

"What the van is doing is fitting in a piece of that picture. Early detection and early intervention is the key, and so far around 30 people have been detected with cataracts that previously went undiagnosed and that would have led to long-term blindness. What the van does is negate the wait list."

Support

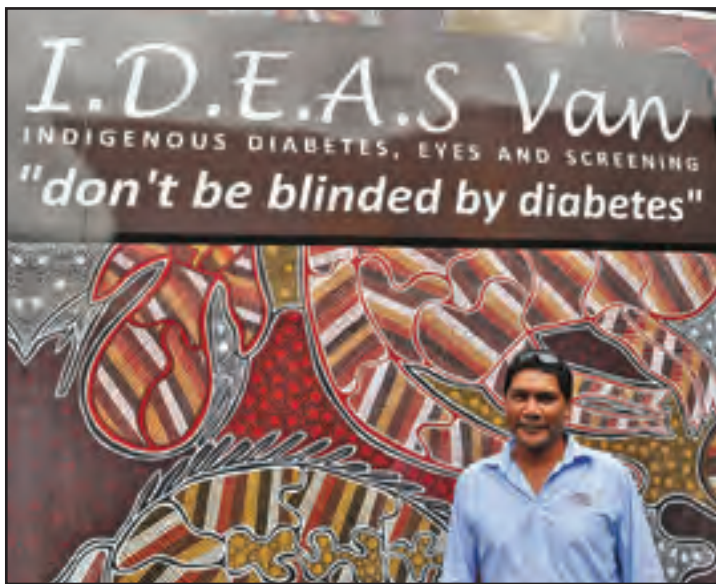
The two-year pilot project will partner with 27 AMSes around the state, including in Charleville, Cunnamulla and Mount Isa, to provide education, equipment, treatment and specialist support to the tune of \$5 million.

Where specialist services are not available, the project will provide the treatment teams to accompany the community visits.

The van will travel to nine regional hubs such as Cairns every four to five weeks and complete up to 10 visits a year in any given community. The Ideas van is expected to provide about 80 clinics this year.

For a few, the treatment they've received has brought them back from the brink of blindness, something Professor Paul Mitchell says cannot be underestimated.

One of Australia's leading authorities on diabetic retinopathy (retina damage), Prof



Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council regional development coordinator Bevan Ah Kee in front of the new van.



Donald Solomon, from Mossman, gets his eyes checked in the Indigenous Diabetes Eyes and Screening van.

Mitchell, saw about 30 patients from Yarrabah, Mareeba, Mossman Gorge, Innisfail and Ravenshoe last week. He praised the program, including the state-of-the-art technology.

"The aim is to supplement the existing services, not replace them," he said.

"Diabetes is a common cause of vision loss in Indigenous communities, which have higher frequency of the illness – 30% as opposed to 10% in non-Indigenous populations. That's a significant difference and one of the areas where we hope to make some changes.

"The program is not just about reducing blindness, it's about looking at diabetes and linking into other programs and projects. There's already a telemedicine project and we're hoping to communicate whatever

information comes out of this to practitioners looking after their patients with diabetes."

Prof Mitchell said the project would also fit into a more holistic model of Indigenous health.

"There's links with having the AMSes do the retinopathy screening and tying it into people's annual health checks and perhaps having other tests completed at the same time. We're not trying to do this in isolation," he said.

"The reality in Indigenous communities is that diabetes is so often under-diagnosed that by the time it is picked up it's often been there for five to 10 years, and once people lose their vision over a period of time it's very hard to get it back. That's where we can provide the initial checks and treatment, but link people into follow-up care as well."



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.

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Are you looking for the following in a job?

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Juvenile Justice NSW is NOW recruiting Youth Justice Conference Convenors in the Tamworth, Armidale, Glen Innes and Tenterfield areas.

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What does the role involve?

A Youth Justice Conference Convenor is responsible for facilitating youth justice conferences in local communities between young people, victims and other relevant stake holders. This helps young people to take responsibility for their offending behaviour. The role offers a great sense of achievement to conference convenors with flexible working arrangements. Juvenile Justice provides full training prior to your first conference.

Closing Date: Sunday, 8 June 2014

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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Matthew Chilly

Receptionist, Murray Valley Aboriginal Cooperative
Robinvale, Vic

Favourite bush tucker?
Damper.

Favourite other food?
Chinese. All Chinese food.

Favourite drink?
Orange juice, freshly squeezed.

Favourite activity?
Travelling. If I can get out of town any time, I love it. I love life on the road.

Favourite sport?
AFL. I always pick the opposite team to my family.

What are you reading?
Mockingjay, from the *Hunger Games* trilogy.

What do you like in life?
Our culture. To be able to go bush and get that feeling where you can connect with your history.

What don't you like?
Racism. It's still a big thing in our town.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Barack Obama, so I can have a yarn with the first black US President, and my grandmother, who has passed.

If you could, what would you do to benefit Indigenous Australians?
Continue what I'm doing with my films and create workshops for young ones to show them how to face their issues as well.

Quote



“We’ve come on in leaps and bounds.”

– AFL legend Michael Long speaking at the inaugural Dreamtime luncheon in Melbourne

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Unquote

Little word that is so important

SORRY. Such a small but important word. And National Sorry Day, May 26, is such an important day.

On May 26, 1997, the ‘Bringing them Home’ report about the Stolen Generations was tabled in Federal Parliament.

After decades of fighting to be heard and seen, the stories of children who were ripped from their families were finally on the national stage.

Sorry Day is one of the days we especially remember the Stolen Generations and all they, their families and communities have suffered and continue to suffer.

We also pay tribute to their resilience and strength. When listening to members of the Stolen Generations, what frequently is striking is their wisdom, compassion and capacity for forgiveness.

There are lessons there for all of us, if we are willing to listen.

And following Sorry Day comes more days celebrating the strength and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

National Reconciliation Week, bookended by the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and Mabo Day, provides an opportunity to recognise culture and achievement.

This year's theme, ‘Let's Walk the Talk’, is particularly apt as the Long Walk turned 10.

In 2004, Former Essendon AFL star Michael Long walked more than



650km to draw political attention to issues for his people.

While many of those issues, including lower life-expectancy for Indigenous people, are still around today, everyone who participated in an NRW event is contributing towards combating racism and ignorance and deserves to be congratulated.

And with an independent report into the Close the Gap (CTG) campaign released recently, it's important to work on the gains and labour even harder in the areas where progress is slow.

The Abbott Government talked a good game before last year's election and seemed to present a genuine interest in and engagement with Indigenous affairs. But CTG co-chairs Kirstie Parker and Mick Gooda have warned the recent Budget, which hits hardest those who can least afford it, could have disproportionate effects on our mob.

In this case ‘sorry’ just won't cut it. The Abbott Government needs to back up its rhetoric with genuine engagement, consultation and support.

Koori Mail – The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Story of a true survivor

Bidjara woman Keelen Mailman: a daughter, a sister, a mother, a leader, a cattle station manager and now an author.

Picture by Liz Harfull



By RUDI MAXWELL

BIDJARA woman Keelen Mailman has been through some tough times – but she's strong and a survivor and has always thrived on finding a way to do the things she was told she couldn't.

As a 30-year-old single mother, Mailman became the first Aboriginal woman to run a commercial cattle station, when she took the reins for the Indigenous Land Corporation at Mt Tabor, in the Carnarvon Ranges of central Queensland.

Some of the locals took bets on how long she'd last, with most of the money on a couple of months. She's been there, and survived through fire and flood, well over a decade.

Mailman recently released her memoir *The Power of Bones*, a conversational-style book that makes you feel like you're sitting at a campfire listening to her have a yarn about the ups and downs of her life.

"All I've ever wanted to do is help people. Hopefully by telling my story it will help people who might be going through something in some area of their life," she said.

"I've been through a few heartaches, and had a bit of happiness amongst it too.

"I wanted to help people to have courage, to stand up for what they believe, because if you set a goal and go for it without hurting anyone along the way, you can be anything you want to be."

Mailman's story begins and

ends with her Bidjara (central Queensland) country. She is a strong believer in passing culture, language and knowledge on to the younger generations, having been taught by her grandparents and other Elders.

Her childhood wasn't all learning about country and cultural knowledge however, as Mailman was sexually abused by one of her uncles from when she was about seven.

"You sort of like think that's normal, and he said to me if I told anyone, who do you think they're going to believe?" she said.

"The fear of God went into me. I thought, 'They'll take me away from Mum and my brothers and sisters.' So I didn't say anything. It was only when I got older I realised it wasn't right at all; it was deadly wrong."

Forgiveness

Decades down the track, Mailman found it within herself to forgive her uncle and work with him on a Bidjara native title claim.

"That sort of happened over years. When he'd approached me, I confronted him about the sexual child abuse. I said, 'You're me Mum's brother. You're supposed to be someone I love and trust, and who helps, not a predator who has his way', she said.

"With the talking's learning. I watched a lot of people who went off track, with alcohol, drugs, suicide, mental health issues. It's sad.

"I had kids to think of. I was a mum at a young age, and I didn't want to become a bitter, twisted



The cover of *The Power of Bones*, by Keelen Mailman.

person who couldn't get past what was done.

"I thought, 'You're only a visitor to this planet for one lifetime', and I wanted to live, make the best of my life, the best for me and my children. They were my strength.

"I did say to Uncle Bob, 'I forgive you for me, so that I can move on for my children – but I will never, ever forget.'

"By forgiving I took my power back, so I can live in this world and help people along the way."

Family is central to Mailman's story. She writes of her mother, beautiful and loving but ultimately damaged by drinking. And her siblings, older brother Charlie and sister Brenda, who stepped into the parental roles when their mother had a stroke.

At 14, Mailman spent an entire year hiding out in their house, looking after her younger siblings Dom, Cissy, Kenny and Karl.

"That's my bloodline, the most important people in my life. You've got to prioritise, of course, and look after yourself, because if you break down, you're no good to anyone else. But family is the most important thing in life," she said.

"My brothers, sisters, my children, my little lovelies, my grandchildren – and I include a lot of my close friends, my people as my family – they're the most important people in my life.

"You only need one good friend, and I've got a couple I can count on no matter what, through good and bad, happiness and heartache."

Heartache

Some of Mailman's heartache came from abusive partners.

"Again, I feel, by speaking out I've taken my power back," she said.

"Looking back at those relationships, I think, God, what was I doing? It's a cycle a lot of women get caught in.

"We're all searching, all wanting to fall in love with someone, then you love that person, you're intoxicated with love and happy. Then all of a sudden things start to unfold, and each time he's like 'I'm sorry, I'll never do it again', and it's all love and happiness for a short time and before you know it you've been stuck for years.

"All I ever wanted was that person I fell in love with to come back. I was just grateful for those

happy days among the ones where I was told if I left, 'I'll cut your throat, or kill your kids.'

"I got my strength after all that wishing – I must have needed my head read for staying so long – 'cause I realised it was just full of piss and wind, all talk. I had to break the link in that chain."

A few years ago, Mailman was asked to apply for the Australian Rural Leadership program. She was accepted and, as part of the program, travelled all over Australia and also to India.

The Power of Bones – which takes its title from the nickname Mailman's beloved sister Dom had for her – is littered with stories of racism, from the embedded bigotry in country towns to the downright brutal and violent.

"This is the most racist country and also the most beautiful, and I don't think it's getting better, I think it's getting worse," she said.

"I've always seen, and still see today, that my people, Aboriginal people, are fighting harder, all the time, for work, just to have their identity as a human being in this life.

"There are some people who are so sadly misled in their own, warped minds that they think all Aboriginal people are no-hoping drunk scum, and that's just wrong.

"People overseas respect Aboriginal culture more than most of the people in our own country.

"There are some beautiful people out there, too, of course, and as my mum said, it doesn't matter if they're pink with green polka dots, judge them the way you want to be treated."



Government of
South Australia

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

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



Trade &
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EXPLORATION LICENCE No. 7438 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the Minister's consent to prospect on native title land.

An area of 242 units situated approximately 40 km WSW of Nyngan, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Oxley Exploration Pty Ltd (ACN 137 511 141) is the holder of Exploration Licence No. 7438 (Act 1992) for Group One minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Resources and Energy. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

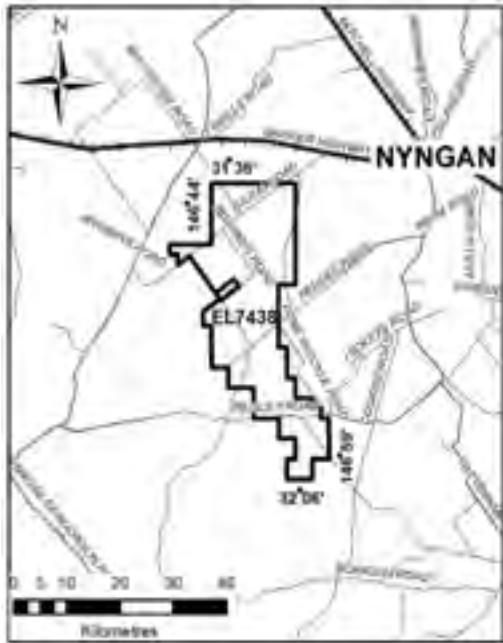
Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Wayne McDonald; Titles Program, Trade and Investment NSW, Telephone (02) 6360 5341, Fax No (02) 6360 5365.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **19-June-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.



Leah wins with Lawson rethink



ACTOR, director and writer Leah Purcell has won the Balnaves Foundation Indigenous Playwright's Award for an adaptation of Henry Lawson's *The Drover's Wife*.

Purcell was announced the winner of the \$20,000 award at a special ceremony at the Belvoir Theatre in Sydney last month.

"I want to thank Belvoir and the Balnaves family for their support to Indigenous artists," she said.

"This truly is an amazing opportunity to be able to write a play of my choice, with the possibility of bringing it to performance at Belvoir."

Purcell has re-imagined Lawson's drover's wife as an Aboriginal woman estranged from her culture.

The Balnaves Foundation Indigenous Playwright's Award was established to encourage the telling of Indigenous stories with the aim of fostering understanding and reconciliation.

Foundation representative Hamish Balnaves said most non-Indigenous Australians had no connection with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"For many, they only see news reports of the Indigenous community's interactions with police and justice, and motherhood statements from governments," he said.

"This award is about creating the opportunity for Indigenous playwrights to tell their own stories directly to an audience that needs to hear the unfiltered reality of Indigenous experiences."

● **Pictured right: Leah Purcell has won the Balnaves Foundation Indigenous Playwright's Award for a re-imagining of Henry Lawson's *The Drover's Wife*, making the central character an Aboriginal woman estranged from her culture.**

Picture by Brett Boardman



A sign that says it all



WILLIAM Trapman, from Brewarrina in north-west NSW, is out spreading peace and goodwill

with his placard in Martin Place, Sydney, all day every day.

"To my people the Aboriginal people of this country," his message reads.

"To the Australian people. To the immigrants who crossed our foreshores and called Australia home.

"I want you all to take a stance and fight racism, discrimination in the community, in the workplace, on sporting fields or wherever, and let us all embrace one another and walk side by side, shoulder to shoulder, arm in arm.

"Holding hands and go together as one."

Picture by Tony McAvoy



Farewell Aunty Alice



GUNNAI Elder Aunty Alice Thomas has passed away in Melbourne, on May 15, at the age of 95.

Well known for her piano playing and sense of humour, she leaves behind more than 200 descendants.

Aunty Alice was farewelled at a celebration of her life in Fitzroy last

week at St Marks church, where over the years she had played piano at the funerals of hundreds of other Aboriginal people.

She was laid to rest in a stunningly decorated custom-made coffin.

Aunty Alice's story was featured in the April 23 edition of the *Koori Mail*.



Join us at Myall Creek

I AM from Sydney. Each year I make a 'pilgrimage' back to NSW New England country where, many years ago, I went to then University of New England and learnt that Sydney was not in fact the centre of the universe.

My destination now is not Armidale, but Myall Creek. No-one lives there. On the map it is a locality, with a memorial hall and two overgrown tennis courts.

Why go there?

Hundreds meet in that hall, aware of the sacrifice behind the names on the walls. We remember them as we gather to remember the fallen in another conflict much nearer home, in fact just over the nearby Myall Creek. This is the massacre of Aboriginal people in 1838.

The Myall Creek story did not finish in 1838. Every June long weekend Sunday we gather from all over – black, white and brindle – to walk side by side from one memorial to the other, and back again. I realise that we are all being written into the next unfolding chapters



People making their way to the Myall Creek massacre site during a recent commemoration service.

of the Myall Creek story.

There is a power to the place. When a descendant of one of the children who escaped embraced a descendant of one of the perpetrators, it marked a turning point. The embrace was free, unconditional and included us all. But it was not without cost, a

cost beyond calculation, borne by the giver.

The CWA caters for lunch. Gwydir Council is involved. Schools in the region participate. The site has State and Commonwealth heritage listing. It is a growing grassroots movement. A memorial

educational centre is being planned.

Why not join us this year on June 8 (Sunday) at Myall Creek? For more information go to www.myallcreek.info

GRAEME CORDINER
Gladesville, NSW

'Black card' needed

WHERE the hell is this supposed proposed 'black card' for these mosquito-like non-Indigenous people/workers who go around drinking from the well Aboriginal people dug?

Yeah, I'm talking about these non-Indigenous mozzies all around Australia with limited cultural training and lesser respect for the local native people getting handed jobs in our communities.

Some might say these people are already culturally trained and have some awareness, but whoever these people are in government buildings who deliver this kind of cultural training need to do a better job of educating non-Indigenous people about our people, our customs, our laws and our way of life in Aboriginal communities.

It's a sickening trend that is getting out of hand in our Indigenous communities, this tidal wave of uneducated non-Indigenous people being employed in Aboriginal communities and taking the jobs our locals used to do.

These disrespectful non-Indigenous people have been overflowing in our communities

since the Queensland Government cut major funding years ago to crucial community projects (such as CDEP programs in communities).

Millions of dollars have been sliced off the Indigenous budgets over the past 10-15 years, which has led to mass Indigenous unemployment throughout the country.

Now what jobs are left in communities are being snapped up by these non-Indigenous people who specialise in ripping-off and are waiting to pounce on an Indigenous community job like an eagle scoping out his next prey.

I find this appalling, especially when you know these non-Indigenous folk who work in communities are disrespectful to local Aboriginal people, and can't even do their supposed jobs properly.

It's really out of hand lately, especially in north Queensland. It's also pretty much a family affair with non-Indigenous folk. Now we even have married non-Indigenous couples cashing-in on 'black jobs' because they failed

to secure a job in the mainstream, and they too are dragging all their non-Indigenous friends into the communities just for the sake of making their resumes/CVs look good.

Go to any north Queensland Aboriginal community and you can see what I'm talking about. They do only two or three years' work in a community and they piss off!

These non-Indigenous people are going from community to community until whatever employer or council they get jobs at finds out how useless they are, they get sacked, and they go to the next community.

It's about time all our mob who are supposed leaders in the communities stop employing these useless, disrespectful, worthless, bloodsuckers who continue to drink from the well the Aboriginal people dug.

A 'black card' has to be back on the priority list to stop these mozzies.

BRAD HIGGINS
Yarrabah Aboriginal Community
Queensland

POETRY

Saltwater Man

Saltwater man eyes the sun
lament those songs, languages and
dances lost
as winds of change make ghosts of
all that once was
so dear to they who passed down
tales from young to old
of how the world began each tribe's
joys and woes
the myriad of places brown ochre
touched toes
schools of fish caught with a net or
skilled spear throw
weather predicted by watching
nature's moves
rocking onyx bodies to some grand
celestial groove
that digge and tapstick melody still
ringing out
down through the generations
making legs shake about
the trout caught in the hook secured
by dreaming hope
cry for the adolescent neck dangling
from greasy old rope
in cells the custodian unaccustomed
to the whirling mix of foreign furious
tongues
visions of home will guide the soul
with no soles
the mind gone walkabout where feet
can't tread
too poor to afford even milk and
bread
remember when the dirt would have
us fed
the Elder recalls as he lays down to
rest his weary head
sleeping rough near the park bench
he calls his bed
his daughter's somewhere pillaging
the mines
his other sheila's found behind
those picket lines
his son is trying to claim the federal
throne in colder climes
while his old lady comforts him with
ballads of the old times
when they were free to roam,
fences a myth, their home vast as
sea foam.

DANIEL WISEMAN
Burpengary, Qld

You Own The Greed But Not The Deeds

The Australian Aboriginals
Are Really The Originals
They Were First On This Land
To Enjoy The Sea And Sand.

They Sold It, To Nobody
So No One Has The Right
To Put Their Name Upon It
Or Even Fly A Kite.

What A Beautiful Country
That Only Belongs To Them
And If We Asked, To Borrow It
I'm Sure This Place They'd Lend.

But We Didn't Even Bother
To Be Respectful, Or Polite
We Took Away Their Children
And Gave Them All A Fright.

Mothers Had No Kids
They Weren't Even Out On Loan
Cause People Took Them Away
And Labelled Them Their Own.

Even Though You Claimed This
Country
And Called It By Your Name
We Know The Real Owners
And That Is To Your Shame.

Abi DRabi
Sydney, NSW

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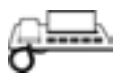
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Every day is Sorry Day

THERE is an old African proverb that says 'Whether the elephants are feasting, fighting or making love, the grass always gets trampled on.'

I am writing this article on Sorry Day 2014. I am writing because I am deeply disturbed by the social and political directions in which we are being led and by recent debates and comments made by our leaders, especially in relation to the time spent on 'sorry business' among our communities. From my perspective, every day is Sorry Day for my people.

As an Aboriginal pastor, I am constantly called upon to conduct funerals for my people. It is very difficult for me to refuse this responsibility when our people are at their most vulnerable. This year, each week, I have been called upon by our people to assist them to lay their loved ones to rest with a culturally appropriate ceremony, in all parts of NSW and Queensland. One of those funerals included my own brother. Aboriginal pastors can be called upon to attend to more than 50 funerals a year.

Walking with my people from one graveside to another can give one a different perspective on the future direction that we are being led into as First Nations peoples by our political leadership. I will only discuss one of the most important issues to me from a graveside perspective. Sorry business.

My personal experience and observations of sorry business have led me to conclude that this matter is one of the most serious issues we face as a people.

Firstly, the arithmetic around the cost of sorry business.

It is important to do the

arithmetic around the cost of living and the cost of dying for an Aboriginal family. The monetary costs of funerals are quite expensive. My conservative estimated cost of a funeral for an Aboriginal family starts at around \$10,000, depending on where it takes place. This includes a casket, funeral home fees and a plot. There are other costs that need to be added to these basic costs. Some of those include travel and food for families who come to pay respect to the grieving family. A more realistic figure is probably around \$15,000 per funeral for each Aboriginal family when they experience the loss of a loved one.

The number of funerals that a family and a community experience in a year is very high and difficult to estimate, but the average number of funerals an Aboriginal family attends each year could be as high as one per month.

What isn't factored into this cost is the cost of time off work and school. Also, the recovery time needed to grieve the loss of a loved one. Many families grieve without the support of qualified grief and trauma counselling services that are necessary to support the family to help them get back on their feet again. Those Aboriginal organisations that do offer this service are overstretched and under-resourced.

Another serious matter that I have observed at our funerals is the number of children who attend. At a conservative estimate, I would assert that it is possible an Aboriginal child would attend at least 100 funerals before they leave primary school. My deep concern is that our children grow up in families



Pastor Ray Minniecon

where grief and trauma are seen as natural and normal parts and life-ways of growing up and living as an Aboriginal person in their country. The under-resourced mental and wellbeing developmental needs of our children are another hidden cost to Aboriginal families during sorry business times.

On the other side of the arithmetic of sorry business is the arithmetic of the cost of living. Many of the Aboriginal families I have contact with are on social security benefits. For an average Aboriginal family of five on social security benefits, the average income per family per year would not exceed

\$60,000. The challenge for each of those families is to meet the shortfall brought about by the loss of a loved one. That cost could be above \$20,000 per year.

When one tries to analyse the arithmetic around those of us who come away from the graveside and find the strength to try and 'get back on track again,' then the cost of living and the cost of dying per Aboriginal family becomes more pronounced.

Unfortunately, I know Aboriginal families who are trying to pay off funeral expenses to the funeral directors and homes with their welfare payments or salary deductions. I find this sinister situation an oppressive financial burden on Aboriginal families, and a situation that our present day leaders are not taking into serious consideration.

I have not mentioned the different types of incidents that bring about a death in an Aboriginal family. Nor have I mentioned the age of the loved ones I have laid to rest. These matters are quite well researched and published and are an ongoing blight on this nation's attitudes and behaviours toward my people.

The other burdens of grief and traumas that many of our families face on a daily basis, when they return from the graveside, include dealing with traumas as a Stolen Generation member; having a family member incarcerated; having a child removed under the new child protection laws implemented with impunity on grieving Aboriginal families. These are added burdens to the cost of living and the arithmetic challenge that Aboriginal people have to make survival

choices about daily.

My reason for writing this article was an attempt to briefly outline the challenges that Aboriginal families make from one graveside to another. It is also a challenge to our leaders to seriously consider the mathematical challenges that our families have to consider in order to survive on a daily basis.

There is no thought or discussion about entitlements around the graveside. Our people are trying their best to find the energy and strength to grieve for their loved one.

If there is one experience and observation from the graveside that gives me hope, it is the incredible resilience, love, hope and faith that I witness and receive from my people around the graveside, despite the loss of a loved one.

When I look back at the Aboriginal leaders of yesteryear, I am always encouraged by the fact that they met with their people around the graveside. Around the graveside they gave us hope and faith that together we could make a better future for those of us who remain. They inspired us to continue to maintain our cultural roots and identity. They encouraged us to continue to fight and struggle for justice, because this is what those who have recently passed, and our ancestors, require of us. They reminded us that truth will always be our greatest weapon in the face of fierce odds.

Perhaps these are the only weapons we have left to defeat the elephants.

Pastor Ray Minniecon is the national secretary of the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship, Australia.

Get real about culture

A WISE Aboriginal woman once said to me, "There's whitefella law, there's blackfella law and there's bullshit law." We hear a lot of talk about this or that being cultural. We hear culture is a barrier to school attendance because families travel far and wide for weeks for funerals; that culture is a barrier to work because ceremony occurs at crucial times; that culture condones humbugging.

Let's get real. Our people have lived here for 40,000 years. The problems of social dysfunction and welfare dependence are mostly of the past 40 years caused by well-intentioned – but ultimately failed – government policies.

Traditional culture is centred on two things – family and work.

Traditional society was structured around kinship systems which defined who you could marry, where you lived, your responsibilities to community and environment and operated as a welfare system for the orphaned, widowed and dependent. Everybody worked in traditional society – hunting and gathering food; caring for children and Elders; constructing weapons, implements, instruments, traps, shelter, and boats; educating children through ceremony, songlines and stories; managing the land.

Ceremony was integral to traditional societies and co-existed

with work. People couldn't drop everything for weeks when someone died. There was no refrigeration or fast communication and travel over long distances. During the mourning period people had to eat, children had to be cared for, physical work had to be done.

This work ethic remained part of our communities after British invasion. Our ancestors worked both in traditional ways and for the white man – on cattle stations, in mines, as domestics, as trackers and soldiers. Our ancestors worked for a pittance or were 'paid' with tea and damper or in return for being able to live on their own land.

All human societies combine religious and ceremonial practices with work because without work people can't survive. And all human societies adapt these practices as the nature of work changes. In the modern world, people's ability to work flexibly, both in terms of time and location, is only increasing. We don't have to choose between culture and work.

Today we attach 'culture' to things like incarceration and welfare which are the opposite of traditional values.

There are culturally specific facilities in prisons and Koori and Murri courts. Yet traditional punishment was swift and brutal – a spearing or a beating or expulsion or death. You were punished and, if



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

you lived, were expected to get back to work. Today's cultural programs are examples of modern Western attitudes to prisoner rehabilitation. I have no problem with cultural sensitivity in the justice system. But diversionary programs putting offenders into work are more truly aligned with traditional culture.

There are also 'cultural' welfare models where Elders play a role in

welfare distribution and compliance. Yet welfare dependence enabled by government isn't traditional culture – it's a modern Western phenomenon. Traditional societies couldn't afford to have people doing nothing if they could be working.

Humbugging isn't cultural either. Sharing resources in traditional communities worked because everyone had something to share; people were obliged to give because everyone had something to contribute. Culture isn't about taking from others. It's about taking responsibility for others. If you're humbugging your aunty or grandmother for money, you aren't practising culture. Don't kid yourself. Culture requires you take care of your aunty and grandmother. You should be providing for them.

I was raised on these values, and when I go into community the Elders speak to me of being raised with the same expectations. But these values and expectations are being slowly weeded out.

When communities apply real traditional cultural values, the results are transformative.

For example, a few years ago four Wik clans set up a cattle station business incorporating traditional knowledge (for example burn-off methods) with modern operations. In the words of one stockman: "This is part of our history. This is what

our fathers and grandfathers did. There was pride and it hasn't been there for a long time."

We've seen communities integrating culture and language with Western education. The Yolngu have long advocated 'both-ways' learning. Dr Yunupingu AC brought both-ways learning to Yirrkala School and used the metaphor of mixing fresh water from the rivers (Yolngu knowledge) with salt water rushing in from the sea (Western knowledge). Another Yolngu clan leader, Djambawa Marawili AM, campaigned for a real school in the Madarrpa homelands. This school has 100% attendance. Children know their parents, community and Elders expect them to go to school. It's part of cultural and community obligations.

Traditional culture is aligned with going to school, getting a job, taking responsibility for your family, community, environment and yourself. Culture is an enabler for education and employment. There can be nothing more cultural and rewarding than working, feeding, clothing and housing your family and being a role model for your community.

Nyunggai Warren Mundine is the managing director of NyunggaBlack and executive chairman of the Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce.

Sovereignty is still ours

**Ghillar
Michael
Anderson**



THE Euahlayi rates cases that are before the Supreme Courts of NSW and Queensland are about land title and jurisdiction.

All sides agree that contested sovereignty is not justiciable in these domestic courts and the state ministers with responsibility for land and the shire councils in each respective state do not contest this position in any way. Therefore, the implications confirm that Aboriginal nations and peoples have standing and in this respect the Commonwealth and states cannot argue they have sovereignty and dominion over Aboriginal nations and peoples.

On Tuesday, May 20, our Euahlayi rates case was before the Supreme Court of Queensland, where the Balonne Shire and the State Government admit they do not have any documents to show how Euahlayi allodial (free) title to land was transferred to the Crown land tenure system. I reminded the Queensland Supreme Court that: "You cannot benefit from murder and that is what happened. Time does not erase murder."

The High Court Mabo No 2 judgment affirmed that Aboriginal 'native title' burdens the Crown's assumed radical title.

So how does the Commonwealth Government's 'Recognise' campaign for a referendum about the recognition of Aboriginal people as the preamble to the Constitution fit with the Sovereignty movement? The short answer is – it doesn't.

In respect to the millions of dollars being spent on the Recognise campaign, many First Nations people are asking: Who are they trying to convince – non-Aboriginal people or Aboriginal people?

If they are trying to convince First Nations people, then what is the specific wording that is being proposed?

Surely those running the Recognise campaign must understand that it is criminally deceitful to conduct a campaign asking people to blindly support a referendum to change the Constitution that does not specify the final wording. It is a proverbial case of putting the cart before the horse. We also know that our sovereignty position is excluded by the terms of reference of the Expert Panel on the Constitution.

The real hidden agenda of the proposed referendum is to coerce Aboriginal Nations and Peoples to become part of the Australian Constitution and, by doing so, consent to be governed. The Commonwealth Government can then claim that Aboriginal nations and peoples have acquiesced. This is the main weapon the Crown has to counter our sovereignty movement.

For the Federal Parliament to put the terms of an amendment to the Constitution to the Australian population, it must have the absolute free prior and informed consent of Aboriginal nations and peoples before that referendum can become valid, otherwise it is a unilateral action and will have no validity.

A Commonwealth debate on April 1, 1965, resonates with the current constitutional debate.

When former Prime Minister of Australia Sir Robert Menzies addressed the Parliament on April 1, 1965, he drew attention to the recurring issue of 'Aborigines' and the Constitution. Menzies was telling the people of Australia that if the word 'Aborigines' is taken out of the Constitution the Parliament would have no specific constitutional powers to pass laws for 'Aborigines'. Then the only way in which the Parliament could make a law for Aboriginal peoples was to treat them as aliens, that is non-citizens, and use the race power to pass laws "for the Aboriginal race".

Any federal legislation specifically directed at providing a Commonwealth service for Aboriginal peoples must have as part of its definition an Act for the people of the "Aboriginal race". Without this definition, all Commonwealth legislation relating to Aboriginal peoples would be invalid*.

In the same debate Kim Beazley (Fremantle,

WA) further clarified the position of Aboriginal people being outside the Australian Constitution, concluding that "Until placitum (xxvi.) of section 51 of the Constitution is amended, Aborigines can have no effective Australian citizenship".

As can be seen from this, we have been lied to with deceit to this day and the Commonwealth Government employs modern-day Black trackers to keep the dust flying to conceal the truth, and the Recognise campaign is part of this.

We need to have lot more talk on our status as sovereign First Nations and

Peoples otherwise, through acquiescence, everything Aboriginal people have fought for until this day will be given up.

Isn't it bad enough that they are asking you to give up all your rights through the Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) process? Even worse are the governments' 'Native Title by consent' where, in order to have the governments sign agreements, you have to give up all other claims of right.

Don't be deceived for short-term gain.

Why agree to be part of a racist Constitution from a foreign country – Britain – when we still hold and can

assert our own sovereignty?

**For a record of Robert Menzies' and Kim Beazley's speeches see 533 & 534 Hansard No. 13, Thursday, 1 April 1965 25th Parliament, 1st session, 3rd period.*

Ghillar Michael Anderson is convenor and joint spokesperson of the Sovereign Union of First Nations and Peoples in Australia. He is one of the founders of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and is currently running court cases in both NSW and Queensland challenging the validity of common law over Euahlayi tribal law.

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Aboriginal community Elders sharing traditional bead-making skills with volunteers Crista Walters, left, and Alice Krakouer.

Volunteers sought



AUSTRALIAN Volunteers International (AVI) is calling for young Aboriginal people aged 18-

35 to apply for a volunteer program in the remote South Australian town of Oodnadatta.

Recent participants Dale Weegberg and Alice Krakouer said the 10-week volunteer project was a life-changing, learning experience.

Mr Weegberg and Ms Krakouer worked on community-driven programs identified by Oodnadatta's community leaders.

They worked with the Oodnadatta Aboriginal School to help improve literacy levels of students who had fallen behind, assisted aged-care residents to develop and maintain community vegetable gardens, and worked on a

beautification project with the Dunjiba Community Council.

"I really had to step out of my comfort zone and learnt a lot from the people of Oodnadatta," Mr Weegberg said.

"The friendships I've made will be lifelong connections, and even though I haven't been there in a little while, I am still in contact with many of the people I met during my stay."

Ms Krakouer said living in a remote community was a stark contrast from her usual life back in Perth.

"Living in Oodnadatta was completely different to what I knew, but the whole experience really enhanced my cultural knowledge," she said.

"It was a privilege to meet the community members. It is a group of people I will always feel connected to. It was like having a whole new family around."

AVI Aboriginal Volunteer Program coordinator Christina Jenkins said the group was partnering with the Oodnadatta community, the South Australian Aboriginal Reference Group and Volunteering SA&NT to support the third intake of Aboriginal volunteers.

"We urge any young people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds to apply for this fantastic opportunity. Participants will travel to Oodnadatta from mid-July until mid-September and will be fully supported on their journey," she said.

All volunteers will receive training, project support, airfares, transport, accommodation, living allowances and insurance.

Applications close on Wednesday, June 11. For details visit www.australianvolunteers.com/programs/

Campaign to end trachoma



FORMER Governor-General Michael Jeffery has brought out the big guns in a

battle to eliminate trachoma, the leading infectious cause of avoidable blindness, from central Australia.

Major General Jeffery launched a Tri-State Trachoma Elimination Program in Alice Springs that builds on the progress of Aboriginal-controlled health services, civil society and government service providers in reducing trachoma in about 200 at-risk remote Aboriginal communities.

Australia is the only developed country in the world where trachoma is still endemic

and it is only found in remote and very remote Aboriginal communities in South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust is

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supporting the program as part of a Commonwealth-wide effort to eliminate trachoma.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation chair Justin

Mohamed said the program would help end the disparity between Indigenous and mainstream eye health.

"Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people are six times more likely to go blind than the rest of the Australian community," he said.

"As much as 94% of vision loss is treatable or preventable. We can make a significant difference, with strategies ranging from better access to surgery to cleaner water supply and helping schools to enforce hand and face washing.

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Australian Government

Department of Social Services

INVITATION TO APPLY

2014 AGED CARE APPROVALS ROUND

To mark an important step forward in the Government's continued reform of the aged care sector, the Department of Social Services is inviting applications for the 2014 Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR).

The Government recognises greater investment in residential aged care services is needed and funding is being made available for capital grants under the *Rural, Regional and Other Special Needs Building Fund*.

Applications are invited from new and existing Approved Providers for 9,330 residential aged care places, 6,653 home care places to be delivered on a consumer direct care basis; and capital grants up to \$103 million, which includes around \$11.6 million earmarked to support access to residential aged care for older people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

The 2014 ACAR Essential Guide provides information on the assessment process, guidance on completing the application form(s), and incorporates the 2014 Regional Distribution of Aged Care Places that identifies where places are being offered in this year's ACAR and any geographic locations, key issues or special needs groups that are the focus of this round.

Application Forms, Essential Guide and Questions and Answers, for the 2014 ACAR can be downloaded from the Department of Social Services website at www.dss.gov.au/2014ACAR

If applicants cannot access the website, they should call the HACC Service Provider Helpdesk on 1800 057 616. The HACC Service Provider Help Desk is open from 8am to 6pm (AEST), Monday to Friday.

CLOSING TIME AND DATE

All applications must be received within the Department of Social Services by:

2pm Friday 4 July 2014

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www.dss.gov.au



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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.

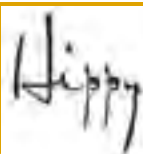
To be eligible for the position, you will need to:

- 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 and Expressions of Interest must be received by the National Youth Week Secretariat via email at nationalyouthweek@education.gov.au no later than **Sunday 15 June 2014**.

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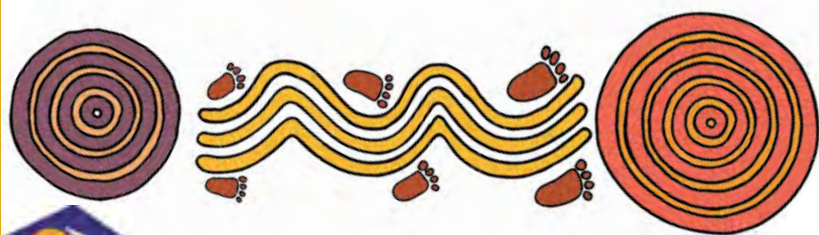
Local community members and service providers are invited to attend local information sessions about:

Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters, a two year program that starts the year before school.

The following communities have been identified as possible HIPPY sites:

NSW - Goonellabah & surrounds, Kempsey, Nambucca, Taree, Walgett, Wyong & surrounds. **N.T.** - Darwin North, Maningrida, Milimilimbi & Ramingining, Tennant Creek, Tiwi Islands, Wadeye. **QLD** - Bamaga & surrounds, Cairns South, Cherbourg, Deception Bay, Doomadgee, Hope Vale & Cooktown, Mornington Island, Thursday Island. **S.A.** - Port Augusta. **TAS** - Brighton. **VIC** - Mooropna & surrounds, Whittlesea. **W.A.** - Broome, Bunbury & Collie, Derby & Mowanjum, Fitzroy Crossing & St George Ranges, Kalgoorlie & Boulder, Midland & surrounds, Port Hedland & South Hedland.

Information sessions will run from June - August providing information about how HIPPY works. **To find out more:** call 1300 394 396, email hippyaustralia@bsl.org.au or visit www.hippyaustralia.org.au



Art work created by HIPPY Home tutors in Alice Springs

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education.



Service NSW opens in Penrith on 20 June

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From 20 June, **Motor Registry** and **Fair Trading** transactions will be handled by the **Penrith Service NSW** centre at 333 High Street.

Service NSW allows you to do over 850 government transactions in the one location including **driver licences, vehicle registrations, boating licences, applications for birth certificates, owner builder licences, Seniors cards** and more.

The centre will open between **7am-7pm Monday to Friday** and **9am-3pm on Saturday**.

For more information:

Visit www.service.nsw.gov.au
Call **13 77 88**

Email info@service.nsw.gov.au



National Heritage Award winner David Johnston with Claire Stacey, his daughter Neve Johnston and Australian Heritage Council member Dr Jacqui Huggins. Picture courtesy of the Federal Department of the Environment

Archaeologist scores award



AN expert in Indigenous archaeology has taken out this year's Sharon Sullivan National Heritage Award.

Aboriginal archaeologist David Johnston won the award, created by the Australian Heritage Council to recognise outstanding and long-term contribution to Australia's national heritage in the natural, Indigenous or historic environment.

Mr Johnston was recognised for "his outstanding contribution to the Australian Indigenous heritage environment and his continued influence on practice".

The current director of Aboriginal Archaeologists Australia and chair of the Australian Indigenous Archaeologists' Association, Mr Johnston serves as a member of the Federal Indigenous Advisory Committee that deals with advice relating to the

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act and as a member of the AIATSIS Research Ethics Committee and the Canberra Museum and Gallery Advisory Committee.

"Communities all over the country stand together to protect cultural sites from development," Mr Johnson said.

"My philosophy is that having the privilege of the education I've had, if communities ask me for help, where they can't get it from elsewhere, I go in and bat for them.

"I am honoured to be the first Indigenous recipient of the award and I hope it helps lift the profile of Indigenous heritage conservation in Australia. Indigenous archaeological sites are something we want to share with all Australians."

AIATSIS chair Professor Mick Dodson said Mr Johnson's contribution to the research, management and protection of Australia's Indigenous heritage has been invaluable.

"Dave has had a remarkable career and is a world leader in the field of Australian Indigenous archaeology," Prof Dodson said.

Australian Heritage Council chair Professor Carmen Lawrence said Mr Johnston had "made important contributions to the development of the field Indigenous archaeology and its development at Australian universities as well as working to ensure an Indigenous perspective in the study of Australian archaeology".

"David's contributions have been internationally recognised. He was actively involved in the development and adoption of a code of ethics for the World Archaeological Congress and also drove the adoption of a code of ethics by the Australian Archaeological Association.

"He was instrumental in the development of the Australian Government's guidelines for Indigenous heritage."

Declaration sessions



THE Australian Human Rights Commission is holding a series of workshops around the nation to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people a chance to have their say on the issues behind implementing a Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The workshops aim to create a national conversation about the declaration and ensure consensus on its principles.

The Declaration Dialogue Series will provide a mechanism to develop a comprehensive national strategy.

There will be a range of consultative mechanisms including:

- a set of focussed discussion papers;

- a survey of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' views on the declaration;
- high-level meetings with governments and key industry stakeholders;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community dialogues; and
- a national summit.

Organisers hope to develop an agreed approach to give full effect to the declaration between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, governments and other relevant stakeholders.

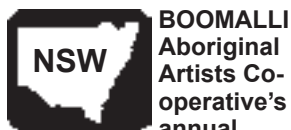
Events are scheduled in Coffs Harbour on June 4, Brisbane on June 13, and Adelaide on June 19.

For further details phone (02) 9284 9600 or email events@humanrights.gov.au



Works like *Outback Landscape*, by Cecil Bowden, will be up for sale from 5pm today, June 4, during Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative's annual fundraising event, 300 Dollar Day.

Boomalli set for big day



BOOMALLI Aboriginal Artists Co-operative's annual fundraising event, 300 Dollar Day, is on today, Wednesday, June 4, at 5pm. More than 120 artworks have been donated.

Everyone who attends will receive a raffle ticket, with the chance to win prizes throughout the night.

The exhibition will run till Sunday, June 8, at Boomalli, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, Sydney.



The artwork *Sugar Gliders*, by Brian Irving.

Comedy and classics for Black Friday



BLACK Friday celebrations return to NITV this month, with a showcase of comedy shorts and classic Aboriginal road movies.

Each night at 9pm from June 9-13, NITV will screen some of the station's most popular films including *The Tracker*, *Backroads* and *Beneath Clouds*.

The line-up also features *Wrong Side of the Road*, one of

the groundbreaking Aboriginal films of the 1980s, telling the story of two days in the life of bands Us Mob and No Fixed Address.

Black Friday itself, June 13, gets funny at 7.30pm, with *Short Black Funny*, a selection of comedy shorts from the past 20 years, featuring and produced by Indigenous talent from across the country.

Some of the shorts include *Jackie Jackie*, *Round Up*, *My Bed*, *Your Bed*, *Ralph* and *Nana*.

The laughs precede the final film in the Black Friday series, *Stone Bros* at 9pm, which takes viewers on a riotous trip through outback Australia, following city-based Eddie, who sets off to reconnect with his blackfella roots.

The cheeky black cat, who featured in a series of skits on NITV for Black Friday last December, will also be popping up on screens again, creating mischief and encouraging viewers to celebrate their blackness.



Charlie (played by Leon Burchill) and Eddie (Luke Carroll) in a scene from the comedy *Stone Bros*, which will screen on NITV this Black Friday, June 13.



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"At my age, lots of kids don't think they know what they want to do. But I reckon you make your own sense of direction. For me, being able to study the PTS program on campus at ACIKE was perfect. It's great to be surrounded by other Indigenous people of different ages, all with the same dream to get into tertiary education. After completing PTS, I'm now enrolled in a Bachelor of Science degree and plan to take the knowledge back to help my community. You don't have to know what you want to do; just start doing it." [Read the full story online.](#)

Sharna, graduate of Preparation for Tertiary Success (PTS) on campus workshop, Queensland

Our free Preparation for Tertiary Success program (PTS) is especially designed for Indigenous students. It's perfect if you didn't finish year 12, haven't studied for some time, or you want to build the confidence to succeed at uni. PTS is delivered in a culturally-aware environment with dedicated staff and a diverse student body via online study and short workshops on campus in Darwin or Alice Springs. Financial assistance is available for travel and accommodation costs.

Completion of the PTS program gives adults the entry requirements for many courses at the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Environment (ACIKE) and Charles Darwin University (CDU). ACIKE offers innovative courses that champion Indigenous identity and knowledges, including creative writing, advocacy, Indigenous knowledges, teaching, nursing and health science.

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4TH JUNE TO 17TH JUNE



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WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE

12:00 NITV News (News)
12:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
1:00 Volumz G (Entertainment)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan 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 88.9 Radio Redfern PG (Documentary)
1:30 RHEF 2013 PG (Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Awaken Best Of NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
8:30 The New Black M (Documentary)
10:00 Colour Theory PG (Series)
10:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 5TH 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)
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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 Marngrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)
9:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)
10:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
10:30 By The Rapids PG (Comedy)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE

12:00 The Marngrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)
1:30 Flying Boomerangs PG (Documentary)
2:00 Away From Country PG (Documentary Series)
3:00 Koori Knockout Documentary G (Documentary)
4:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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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 G (Entertainment)
9:00 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)
10:00 The Boondocks MA (Comedy)
10:30 Nganampa Dandjoo G (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)

SATURDAY 7TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 The Marngrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)
2:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
2:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
3:00 Noongar Dandjoo G (Documentary Series)
3:30 Buried Country PG (Documentary)
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 Uneathed G (Documentary Series)
7:30 We Shall Remain PG (Documentary)
8:45 Two Spirits PG (Documentary)
9:35 Good Hair M (Movie)
11:10 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Uneathed G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Volumz G (Entertainment)
10:00 OFC Nations Cup NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 The Dream And The Dreaming PG (Documentary)
1:30 Flying Boomerangs PG (Documentary)
2:00 Barefoot Sunday NC (Sport)
4:00 Uneathed PG (Documentary Series)
4:30 Among Us PG (Documentary)
5:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Awaken Best Of 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 Samoana PG (Documentary)
9:00 From The Western Frontier PG (Documentary)
9:30 The Orator PG (Movie)
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

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MONDAY 9TH JUNE

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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Not Just Cricket PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Larger Than Life PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Brush Sings, The G (Documentary)
9:00 THE BLACKLIST: The Tracker MAV (Movie)
10:30 The Lore Of Love PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)



THURSDAY 12TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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10:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken Best Of NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
1:30 Colour Theory PG (Series)
2:00 Rock Art And Yingana PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
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5:30 NITV News (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 The Marngrook Footy Show 2014 (Sport)
9:00 THE BLACK LIST: Backroads MAV (Movie)
10:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
10:30 By The Rapids PG (Comedy)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 13TH JUNE

12:00 The Marngrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)
1:30 Not Just Cricket PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Away From Country PG (Documentary Series)
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's 2009 NC (Sport)
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
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10:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
11:00 The Marngrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)
12:30 Backroads MAV (Movie)
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5:30 NITV News (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Short Black Funny (Comedy)
9:00 THE BLACKLIST: Stone Bros. MA (Movie)
10:30 The Boondocks MA (Comedy)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review (News)
12:30 The Marngrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)
2:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
2:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
3:00 Noongar Dandjoo G (Documentary Series)
3:30 Short Black Funny (Comedy)
5:00 Bikies PG (Documentary)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review (News)
6:00 Maori TV's Native Affairs NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Uneathed PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 Rose Against The Odds PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 2014 FIFA World Cup Match Of The Day (Sport)
9:30 Charlie Zone MA (Movie)
11:00 Bush Plum G (Documentary)
11:30 Uneathed PG (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 15TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Volumz G (Entertainment)
10:00 OFC Nations Cup (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review (News)
12:30 Bush Plum G (Documentary)
1:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Timber Cup 2014 (Sport)
4:00 Uneathed G (Documentary Series)
4:30 Flying Boomerangs PG (Documentary)
5:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (Documentary)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review (News)
6:00 Awaken Best Of 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 Among Us PG (Documentary)
8:30 Sun Kissed M (Documentary)
9:30 Oh My God PG (Movie)
11:00 Big Fella M (Documentary)
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 10TH 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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10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Not Just Cricket PG (Documentary)
11:30 Larger Than Life PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Ailan Kores Concert G (Entertainment)
1:00 Ailan Kores Concert G (Entertainment)
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 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:30 Knowledge, Painting And Country PG (Documentary)
9:00 THE BLACKLIST: Beneath Clouds M (Movie)
10:30 The Boondocks MA (Comedy)
11:00 ANZ Netball Championship 2014 NC (Sport)

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE

1:00 NITV News NC (News)
1:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
2:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
3:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
4:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
5:00 NITV On The Road: Laura Festival G (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 PG (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 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Beneath Clouds M (Movie)
1:30 RHEF 2013 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 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Awaken Best Of NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
8:30 Rock Art And Yingana PG (Documentary)
9:00 THE BLACKLIST: Wrong Side Of The Road (Movie)
10:30 Colour Theory PG (Sport)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 16TH 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 PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Around The Traps PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)
11:30 Awaken Best Of NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Sun Kissed M (Documentary)
1:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
2:00 Among Us PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
4:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Cool School Antarctica G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Larger Than Life PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 2014 FIFA World Cup Match Of The Day (Sport)
9:30 Mataka M (Documentary Series)
10:00 Blackstone Series 3 MAV (Drama)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 17TH 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 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Cool School Antarctica G (Documentary Series)
11:30 Larger Than Life PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Mataka M (Documentary Series)
12:30 Back To Munda G (Documentary)
1:30 Contrary Warrior PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
4:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:30 By The Rapids PG (Comedy)
9:30 The Boondocks MA (Comedy)
10:00 ANZ Netball Championship 2014 NC (Sport)

Girls make model citizens



The entrants in this year's Miss NAIDOC Perth competition. Picture by Carlo Fernandes



ASHLEA Walley, a 22-year-old Noongar/Yamatji woman from Perth, has

been crowned Miss NAIDOC Perth 2014. Ms Walley, who works as a mentor at the Wirrpanda Foundation, took out the top title in a ceremony last month at Perth Concert Hall.

"I feel very honoured and proud to have taken out the title and sharing this moment with my fellow contestants, family and friends meant everything to me," Ms Walley said.

"I am now very excited to get out in to the community and fulfill my role as a proud Aboriginal woman."

Runner-up was Vinka Barunga, a 25-year-old

Worrorra woman from the Kimberley region who grew up in the remote community of Mowanjumb.

Ms Barunga is currently in her fourth year of medicine at the University of Western Australia (UWA).

"Being crowned Miss NAIDOC Runner-up 2014 last night was amazing, and thank you to all of the judges for seeing the potential in me," she said.

"I feel honoured to be following in the footsteps of the previous runners-up, all of whom are inspiring and strong female leaders within the community."

Nineteen-year-old Torres Strait Islander and Yarrabah woman Aggie Mannel took out the title of Miss Kwarbudok, which means 'beautiful' in Noongar.

Ms Mannel's honour was selected by the girls



themselves. She is studying psychology at UWA.

"I feel so honoured and humbled to have received Miss Kwarbudok, an award voted in by all the Miss NAIDOC contestants," she said.

"For me, it means they see true leadership and the empowering potential I have to be able to contribute to the community and follow my dreams."

Sara Cooper, a 24-year-old Wongi/Ngadju woman from the Central Goldfields who works as a model at Aboriginal Model Management, won the Miss Photogenic title.

Miss NAIDOC Perth 2011 winner and upcoming lawyer Krista McMeeken compered the awards night.

"It's fantastic to see the way each participant grows over the six weeks of

leadership and development training – gaining confidence, understanding and a voice," she said.

"The most rewarding part of the Miss NAIDOC program is seeing the supporting network of inspirational and like-minded young women which is created each year and which carries each participant forward in the future."

In the lead up to the crowning, the entrants participated in seven mentoring sessions (including modelling and deportment) with working group members and model Shannon McGuire, who rose to fame in 2005 when she won third place on *Australia's Next Top Model* and competed in Miss Universe Australia in 2008.

Win for student



FOR Ballina TAFE Aboriginal student of the year Susan

Siganto studying didn't just change her life, it changed the lives of her children.

Throughout her life, Ms Siganto has overcome problems including domestic violence, family and health problems, lack of education, and no money.

In 2012, after a family crisis, she returned to TAFE to update the Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs she earned 20 years ago.

She brought with her some students who would also benefit from studying the Alcohol and Other Drugs course: her children.

Ms Siganto not only finished the Cert IV course but is now studying Certificate III in Aboriginal Mentoring at North Coast TAFE and has begun a degree in social welfare at Southern Cross University.

"The assistance I have been given by the TAFE teachers, Janice Long particularly, has been such an incredible help to get through my course. They are like family to me now," she said.

"Nothing was ever an issue for the teachers; they had that time to spare for us students."



Ballina TAFE Aboriginal student of the year Susan Siganto.

Her daughter Trudy Barnard said her mother was a fantastic role model.

"Seeing my mum cry for the first time in public when she received both the Aboriginal Student of the Year award, and Outstanding Achievement in the Diploma of Community Services award, was one of the most touching moments of my life to see her that proud," she said.

Ms Siganto is now mentoring young Aboriginal students at North Coast TAFE campuses, including helping under-privileged youth to gain

their learner licences through the TAFE Get Licenced, Get Legal, Get Work.

"It's been a long journey, but it's been really good. Without the opportunity to see a different way of life I may have never been able to help my family and community around me change," Ms Siganto said.

"Having the awareness that my course has brought to me gave me the ability to help change lives, including my family.

"It also changed my confidence, my approach to

life and I now think positively rather than negatively."

Ms Siganto's children have all undertaken the course and are working in community-oriented organisations.

Ms Siganto plans to continue to help the underprivileged, as well as people who have had their lives affected by domestic violence, alcohol and drugs.

● If you, or someone you know has been affected by domestic violence, drugs or alcohol, you can reach support through Lifeline on 13 11 14.



NEW MEMBERS

Applications are invited for membership of the NSW Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing (MACA).

The MACA is seeking people who have professional, academic or community experience in issues affecting older people in NSW and responding to the challenges and opportunities of population ageing.

Skills and knowledge in the following areas are particularly valued:

- Private sector engagement
- Community engagement
- Liveable and accessible communities, including housing, planning & the built environment.
- Employment, skills and training
- Active and Creative Living

The Committee advises the Minister for Ageing on matters affecting the needs, interests and well-being of older people and on the impact of population ageing on Government and the community. The MACA meets approximately six times a year in Sydney and may host events or community consultations across regional NSW.

While the majority of members are older people, people of any age with relevant expertise are encouraged to apply.

For information about the Committee and how to apply contact the Office for Ageing, the MACA's Secretariat, on 02 9248 0962 or email frances.lockie@facs.nsw.gov.au



Applications close 5pm, Friday 20 June 2014.

Agreement covers Nyangumarta land



AN Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the Nyangumarta people and the Western Australian Government will enable the creation and joint management of Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park and adjacent land reserves in the Kimberley.

WA Environment Minister Albert Jacob said the agreement would provide for the creation and joint management of Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park and Walyarta and Kujungurru Warrarn conservation reserves within Nyangumarta country.

"A key priority for the State Government at Eighty Mile Beach is to work closely with traditional owners to ensure their country continues to be well managed for future generations," he said.

"The Department of Parks and Wildlife has already established good working relationships with Nyangumarta people through the marine park planning process and on-ground works such as turtle monitoring, fencing, conservation and cultural interpretive signage.

"The signing of the agreement formalises this partnership and also provides for the employment of two Nyangumarta rangers and funding of \$120,000 a year for joint management."

Commission set for Hobart, Melbourne



THE Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will hold private sessions in Melbourne and Hobart over the coming weeks.



Commission chief executive Janette Dines said private sessions were an important way for commissioners to hear first-hand about the impact of child sexual abuse and to better understand how it might be prevented in the future.

Sessions will be held in Melbourne this month – see <http://bit.ly/1mhZNI4>

And sessions are also planned for Hobart this week – go to <http://bit.ly/1kG0VjX>

People sexually abused as a child while in the care of an Australian institution can register interest in sharing their story with the royal commission by telephoning 1800 099 340 or emailing contact@childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au

Elders meet to help stop reoffending



ABORIGINAL Elders have met in Darwin to find ways to help inmates not to reoffend once they are released from prison. They are members of the Elders Visiting Program (EVP), an NT Government scheme aimed at ensuring links with culture and community are maintained while Indigenous inmates serve out their sentences.

NT Corrective Services Minister John Elferink said the Government wanted to reduce the Territory's rate of reoffending, now at 57%.

"The NT Government has recently announced an initiative aimed at arresting the high rates of recidivism amongst the Indigenous population," he said. "Located in Nhulunbuy, the Datjala Work Camp will allow prisoners to remain close to their homeland while also increasing employment opportunities upon their release.

"The camp will mostly accommodate prisoners who have family and community ties in the East Arnhem Region.

"All inmates are expected to work in either volunteer or paid employment through the Sentenced to a Job program.

"Culture and family is clearly very important to many of the Indigenous inmates and it is important that these ties are maintained."

Boyce an LNP senator

IN the previous edition of the *Koori Mail*, May 21, on page 36 under the headline 'Katijah on way to bright future', the report incorrectly stated that Senator Sue Boyce was a Labor senator. She is in fact a Liberal National Party senator for Queensland. The *Koori Mail* apologises for the error.



Apunipima Cape York Health Council staff – Men's Health manager Bernard David and Deadly Choices project officer Jana Finke – having a deadly time at the Mossman Gorge No Tobacco Day event.

Smoking is still a problem



EVENTS were held all around the country for World No Tobacco Day, including at

Aboriginal medical services. In Cape York, Apunipima Cape York Health Council hosted special events at Mossman Gorge, Aurukun, Pormpuraaw and Hopevale.

According to data collected by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council report into Closing the Gap, while the proportion of Indigenous Australians who smoke daily has fallen since 2008, Indigenous Australians are smoking at more than twice the rate of other Australians.

Between 2008 and 2011-13, the proportion of Indigenous people who smoke daily fell by 3.6% nationally (from 44.8% to 41.2%).

The proportion of non-Indigenous people who smoke daily fell by 2.9% nationally (from 18.9% to 16.0%).

In 2011-2013, Indigenous smoking rates were highest in the Northern Territory (48%) and lowest in the ACT (28.1%).

In the NT, the Cancer Council has launched a new Quitline campaign to address the high rates of smoking among Indigenous people.

MyMoola right on the money

By YATU WIDDERS HUNT



A PANEL discussion on the importance of financial literacy set the scene for the myMoola launch at Redfern's National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) last month. Hosted by financial journalist Ross Greenwood, the panel talked about the significance of the program being offered in Redfern, through a partnership between the NCIE and the First Nations Foundation.

The program offers people money management skills linked to strong cultural values, something NCIE chief executive Jason Glanville says aligns with the organisation's goals.

"The NCIE is committed to providing programs that help our people realise their financial aspirations," he said. "MyMoola empowers them with the skills to do this.

"For too long, Closing the Gap has been viewed through a lens of low expectations, but excellence in our communities can be supported with programs like myMoola.

"What I love most about the program is where it has come from and that it has been developed by Indigenous people for Indigenous people."

Panel member and NRL welfare and education manager Dean Widders said that when he first moved to Sydney to begin a professional rugby league career, he didn't have anyone to help him with money management.



NRL welfare and education manager Dean Widders, entrepreneur and trainer Aunty Beryl Van-Oploo and NCIE programs coordinator Sara Hamilton.

Having now done the myMoola course, he is encouraging young players in the NRL to sign up.

"I want these young guys to understand the good feeling you get when you are managing your money properly and, equally, what it feels like when you don't. If there's one thing that can cause you to throw away your career, it's money management," he said.

The panel also included entrepreneur and trainer Beryl Van-Oploo, chartered accountant Anthony Ashby and First

Nations Foundation chief executive Trevor Pearce, who spoke about the impact of investing in financial literacy.

"For every dollar spent on financial literacy, in any community in the world, there is a \$5 return," he said.

The myMoola program was developed in 2007 through a partnership between the First Nations Foundation and ANZ Bank, under a shared commitment to improve the financial inclusion of Indigenous people. It is being offered through the NCIE from now until December.



At the Sorry Day event at the Guringai Festival in Sydney, from left, Australia's First Peoples wellness consultant Susan Moylan-Coombs, Wiradjuri Elder Minmia, NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello and Eliza Pross, from Community Care Northern Beaches.



May Turner and Kylie Ellis at the opening of the Stolen Generation Memorial and Healing Garden in Adelaide. Picture by Janette Milera



A mosaic at the Stolen Generation Memorial and Healing Garden in Adelaide.

Events held nationwide



● Above: Racism stops with you. That was the message from St Joey's (Murgon, south-east Queensland) school students when they took part in Sorry Day activities. Pictured with a colouring-in exercise are, front, Lataya Purcell, 6, and, back from left, Yolande Fewquandie, 10, visiting All Hallows, Brisbane, Year 12 student Payton Grgurovic, school officer Niketa Law and Year 5 student Rebecca Palmer.



The Stolen Generations group at Yarrabah, Queensland, funded by the Healing Foundation. Picture by David Williams, courtesy of the Healing Foundation



EVENTS were held across the country to commemorate National Sorry Day, May 26, the anniversary of the day the 'Bringing them Home' report was tabled in Parliament.

In South Australia, the Stolen Generation Memorial and Healing Garden was officially opened in Adelaide.

Numerous events were staged across Sydney, including a panel discussion at the Guringai Festival featuring Stolen Generations members Bob Randall and Minmia.

In Canberra, Elders invited people to join them for a walk across Commonwealth Avenue bridge.

The Healing Foundation works with members of the Stolen Generations and their families. Foundation chief executive Richard Weston said the 'Bringing them Home' report presented evidence and provided a comprehensive understanding of the complexities of the impact of the forcible removal of Aboriginal children from their families and communities.

"It recognised the trauma and grief suffered by members of the Stolen Generations and their families and the continuing harm that has affected their children and grandchildren," he said.

"For our Stolen Generations embarking on a healing journey is an act of courage that requires acknowledgement and support."



Yankunytjatjara Elder Bob Randall at the panel discussion on Sorry Day during the Guringai Festival in Sydney.



● Above: South Australian Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Khatija Thomas speaks at the opening of the Stolen Generation Memorial and Healing Garden in Adelaide.

● Left: Ngarrindjeri Elder Dawn Trevorror at the Adelaide opening. Pictures by Janette Milera



Bundjalung yarns shared



BUNDJALUNG Elders, TAFE and the local community acknowledged Reconciliation Week by celebrating the completion of the TAFE Spinning Yarns Aboriginal story sharing project, at an event at Wollongbar TAFE in north-east NSW.

The Spinning Yarns completion celebrations included a smoking ceremony, traditional Aboriginal songs sung together and a welcome to country by Elder Dorothy Gordon.

The project was designed to bring together Bundjalung Elders from Tweed, Lismore, Casino and Coraki over a 20-week period to share stories of their lives, culture, history and family.

Under the project, 21 Elders shared traditional and personal stories.

● **Pictured: Bundjalung Elders, TAFE representatives and community members celebrate the completion of Spinning Yarns, an Aboriginal story-sharing project. Inset: Dorothy Gordon, Mickey Ryan and Robert Corowa ready to light the fire.**

Darlington joins in



Darlington Public School Aboriginal education resource teacher Justin Cooper with Aboriginal education officer Aunty Norma Sides at the reconciliation celebrations.

By YATU WIDDERS HUNT



THE students of Darlington Public School in inner Sydney discussed the issue of reconciliation and worked on pieces of art in the lead up to the school's major Reconciliation Week event last week.

A special assembly, featuring student performances of dance, music and song was held in the school's hall and involved teachers, parents and members of the wider community.

The celebration also featured short videos, reflecting on important historical moments including the 2008 National Apology. At the end of a special assembly, guests were invited to a community barbecue in the playground.

Driving the week's activities were Aboriginal education officer

Norma Sides, who has worked at Darlington Public for 35 years, and Aboriginal education resource teacher Justin Cooper.

Mr Cooper said the event was important in bringing people together and recognising the relevance of the week to everyone. "We want to create a climate where we recognise that these events are significant to all children at our school," he said.

"All of our classes have a focus on reconciliation in the lead up to the week, with students contributing to a visual representation of reconciliation in the school hall."

Although the week's activities were largely celebratory, Mr Cooper said it was also an important time for students to remember the past.

"We provide students with information about what has happened in this country," he said.

"We expose them to an

understanding of the past and of our treatment of Aboriginal people. We use the celebration as a reminder of that, but with an emphasis on how we can make change for the better and build better relationships."

This positive change is a topic that Ms Sides enjoys talking about to the students.

"It's so important for them to let you know how they feel inside about these things," she said.

"It's good to talk to the children about how they would go about making things better and involving them in that."

Ms Sides and Mr Cooper said the celebration built on a strong commitment of the school to promote reconciliation and work with its local community.

They also hosted a community screening of the recent John Pilger documentary *Utopia* and are already making plans for NAIDOC celebrations.



Darlington Public School students at the community barbecue. Picture by James Widders Hunt



Kurna Narungga Elder Yvonne Agius and Adelaide Deputy Lord Mayor David Plumridge.



Randwick Mayor Scott Nash, Australian of the Year Adam Goodes and NSW Governor Marie Bashir at the Sea of Hands on Bare Island, La Perouse.

Celebrations nationwide



At the opening of Reconciliation Plaza in Adelaide are John Browne, Yvonne Agius and Adelaide Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood along with local children.



NATIONAL Reconciliation Week (NRW) was celebrated around the country last week with events big and small.

NRW begins on May 27, the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, which saw more than 90% of Australians support a move to count Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the census.

And it ends on June 3, Mabo Day, which commemorates the 1992 High Court decision that legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land, which existed before colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for Native Title. The court case was run by Mer (Murray) Islander Eddie Koiki Mabo.

Plaza

In Adelaide, Aboriginal leaders including Yvonne Agius, John Brown and Rosemary Wanganeen joined City Council representatives to officially open Reconciliation Plaza.

On Bare Island, at La Perouse in southern Sydney, Australian of the Year Adam Goodes joined a ceremony planting a sea of hands.

In Melbourne, former Olympian Kyle Vander-Kuyp spoke at a reconciliation breakfast about the importance of reconciliation, and what it means to be aware of your ancestry, and how that can help your recognise and appreciate who you are and where you come from.

NRW events were also held in other cities and towns across the country.



Dancers from NITV's *Move It Mob Style* warm up before a special NRW gig at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl in Melbourne.



At the official opening of Reconciliation Plaza in Adelaide, form left, Rosemary Wanganeen, Royal Australian Air Force officer Taryn Cave, Natalie Dudman and RAAF officer Kate Fox.



Mission Australia's Troy Crellin, former Olympian Kyle Vander-Kuyp, and Kylee Bates, from Mission Australia, at a reconciliation breakfast in Chalk Lane, Melbourne.



Simon Barker, from Indigenous Business Australia, and Thomas Holden, from Sundown Group Pty Ltd, at the awards presentation in Townsville.



Dreamworld Corroboree general manager Al Mucci and Yugambeh Museum director Rory O'Connor celebrate winning the Premier's Reconciliation Award for their Dreamworld Corroboree project.

Big night at Qld Awards



YUGAMBEH Museum and Dreamworld won the 2014 Premier's Reconciliation Award at the Queensland Reconciliation Awards in Townsville last week.

Yugambeh Museum director Rory O'Connor said the organisations' Dreamworld Corroboree project was "aspirational and inspirational".

"It has created 17 Indigenous jobs and a pathway for future generations," he said.

Dreamworld was the first theme park in Australia to adopt a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which resulted in the partnership with Yugambeh Museum. Through this partnership, the concept for Australia's first Indigenous-inspired attraction within a major theme park was given life.

Dreamworld Corroboree was officially opened in February, after more than three years of work between Yugambeh Museum and Dreamworld to present the stories, as told by Elders and community storytellers, of 22 different Indigenous peoples from across Australia.

The Queensland Reconciliation Award for Business went to far north Queensland company Island & Cape for Unity Through Enterprise.

Kirwan State High School won the award for Excellence in Indigenous Education.

South Cape York Catchments took the Community Award, for bringing together traditional owners, Indigenous organisations, volunteers, scientists and schools to protect and promote the region's cultural heritage and environment.

The Partnership Award went to Mungalla Aboriginal Business Corporation and CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences for the Mungalla Wetlands



Yalari Ltd and law firm Herbert Smith Freehills were named as finalists in the Partnership category for their Indigenous education work. At the awards, from left, HSF's Kirsty Faichen, Mia La Burni and Susannah Carr and Yalari's founding director, Waverley Stanley.



Noel Gertz, from CopperChem Ltd, Ben Gertz, from Townsville Enterprise Ltd, and Torres Strait Islander Elder Uncle Francis Tapim at the awards.

Biodiversity Project, which is helping to protect the wetlands and waterways from introduced weeds.

For a full list of winners and

finalists go to www.qld.gov.au/reconciliation

The *Koori Mail* was again a supporter of this year's awards.



Carbon Media was highly commended in the Business Award. With the awards, from left, Carbon Media managing director and executive producer Wayne Denning with staff Danielle Ah Boo and Keil Whaler.



Townsville Cultural Centre representatives, from left, Drue Ross, Tanya Akee, Aunty Angie Akee and Vanessa Ross.

Stylin' Up 2014 draws music-lovers



Grammy Award nominee and international R&B artist J Holiday takes time out with local hip hop artist Kaylah Truth.



Dawn and Hedley Johnson, from Acacia Ridge in Brisbane.



Stylin' Up's favourite local sister act ready to perform – twins Kiesha and Danni Taunoa.



Brisbane entertainer Garret Lyon.



Fired up: A member of the Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dance Troupe.



Leah Shadford, from Inala, with her daughter Destiny. All pictures by Naomi Moran



Inala two-year-old William Egert.



Dean Brady was a crowd favourite.



WITH American R&B artist J Holiday as the headline act, and supported by Indigenous hip hop acts Kaylah Truth, DCP, Xy and Dialekt,

Stylin' Up attracted a crowd of thousands to Inala in south-east Queensland late last month.

Young Dean Brady, who shot to fame on the reality TV show *Australia's Got Talent* last year,

also proved popular at the day-long annual festival in Brisbane's south.

Earlier in the day, primary schools got into the move-and-groove action with dance competitions.

The all-ages, no smoking, no alcohol, family-friendly event proved a hit with young and old and was run in partnership by Inala Wangarra and Brisbane City Council.



Keeping cool: Shonikqua Ruska, from Redbank, Tyleah Matters (Carol Park), Kiarra Matters (Forest Lake) and Ally Anderson (Goodna).



Glass artist Toni Phillips-Petersen, left, with Mark and Tess Brimble, from Rasta Murri Clothing.



Michael and Jo Connolly at their Dreamtime Kullilla Art stall.

Supply Nation Connect 2014



Greg and Leah Fletcher, the people behind Print Junction which operates out of Adelaide and Perth.



Gilimbaa's David Williams, Sam Seljak, Riki Salam and Mandy Lear at the Brisbane-based organisation's stand.



Darryl Monaghan and Tahnee Jash at the Reconciliation Australia stand.



● Above: Malan and Greg Dimopoulos, of Native Oz Cuisine in Melbourne.

● Right: Dale Chapman, from Coolamon Food Creations which operates in NSW and Queensland.



Janisa Ryder, left, and Pamela Lynch, right, both from Alice Springs-based Interrentye Health Products, joined Koori Mail staffer Melissa Bolt at the newspaper's stand.



Melissa Fletcher at the Brisbane-based Sovereignty Flooring, Furniture and Living stall.



Supply Nation staff, from left, Tarita Cameron, Jenny Hayes, Richard Smith and Ray Johnson.



Fatima Everitt at the Melbourne-based Dreamtime Art stand.

conference and trade show



From left, Sharna Collard, Kim Collard, Amu Shah and Janki Shah were among a group from Kulbardi business supplies in Perth at the Supply Nation trade show.



Kylie Duggan, left, of recruitment company HR Links and Mikaila Jackson, of construction firm Rusca Bros, came from Darwin for the event.



Henry and Natalie Nona, from NN Consulting in Brisbane.

Firms make connections



A HIGHLIGHT of Supply Nation's annual Connect conference is the trade show, held this year at Randwick Racecourse in Sydney.

About 60 exhibitors from across Australia were on hand this year for the event, a showcase of services

offered by the organisation's membership. The goal is to connect Australian corporate and government organisations with Indigenous business suppliers – something many of the exhibitors said happened at this year's trade show.

Those with stands at the show ranged from small single-person

operations through to larger, established businesses.

The trade show was opened by Supply Nation chief executive Charles Prouse and Indigenous Business Australia chief executive Chris Fry.

Supply Nation was formerly known as the Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Council.



Zipella workers, from left, Steve Ella, Paul Frendin, Hugh McDonald and Jamie Alpen. The new NSW Central Coast-based business supplies coffee.



Leah Cameron, the principal solicitor at Cairns-based Marrawah Law.



The Compass Group's Sharon Dunn and Shaun Hodgins were at the trade show.

Indigenous veterans honoured in Perth



Cezera Critti-Schnaars delivering her speech with support from her grandfather John Schnaars, the president of Honouring Indigenous War Graves Inc.



Mort Hansen plays the didgeridoo after delivering the welcome to country.



Dr Robert Isaacs was one of the guests.



Governor of Western Australia Malcolm McCusker lays a wreath in honour of Indigenous war veterans.

The scene during the Remembering Indigenous Service ceremony at the Perth War Memorial last week.



Hundreds pay their respects

Pictures by TASH NANNUP



HUNDREDS of people gathered in Kings Park, Perth, last week for a service to honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans and their families during National Reconciliation Week.

The Western Australian

Governor, Elders, community groups, Australian Defence Force representatives, other officials and family members laid wreaths for Indigenous war veterans.

Dianne Ryder served as master of ceremonies for the service, which included a speech from Cezera Critti-Schnaars, granddaughter of Honouring Indigenous War Graves president John Schnaars.



Elders Bev Port-Louis and Irwin Lewis, from the City of Stirling Nollamara Community Group, lay a wreath.



Staff and students from Westminster Junior and Senior Primary School attending the Perth ceremony.



Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers Tracey Anthony and Karina Blurton with Indigenous students from Perth's La Salle College at the memorial in Perth.



Time to remember: Pat Oakley and her mother Ada Fossa at the ceremony.

\$50,000 in prizes on offer



ENTRIES are now open for this year's Victorian Indigenous Art Awards, and spokesperson Kent Morris is encouraging emerging artists to enter. "Don't be shame, be game," Mr Morris said. "These awards express our stories, through our eyes, in any medium."

"You don't need to be a professional artist; some award winners have exhibited for the first time, some entrants have just completed a fine arts course, others have just been making art for years."

"If you don't submit we can't hear your story and all of our stories together give a fuller picture of south-east Aboriginal experiences."

More than \$50,000 in prizes are offered through the awards program, open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists at all career stages, working across all mediums. This year, community groups and collaborative works are eligible for the first time.

Now in their ninth year, the Victorian Indigenous Art Awards were established by Arts Victoria to celebrate and raise the profile of the Indigenous arts sector of south-eastern Australia, and to create commercial opportunities for Indigenous artists.

"The awards continue to achieve both of these aims, offering winners

and finalists all sorts of outstanding opportunities: from the chance to exhibit internationally; to gaining gallery representation; or finding their works acquired by major galleries," Arts Minister Heidi Victoria said.

This year's awards will be hosted for the second consecutive year by the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

"The Art Gallery of Ballarat is Australia's oldest and largest regional gallery, and has been acquiring Indigenous art for more than 80 years," Ms Victoria said.

"Last year's stunning exhibition was seen by over 16,000 people, and we're proud to partner with the gallery again."

This year's awards will feature a new section, an acquisitive prize sponsored by Federation University, for regional Victoria.

"It's just striking each year how the works provide an incredible link between traditional cultural practice and the experience of living in today, and how we

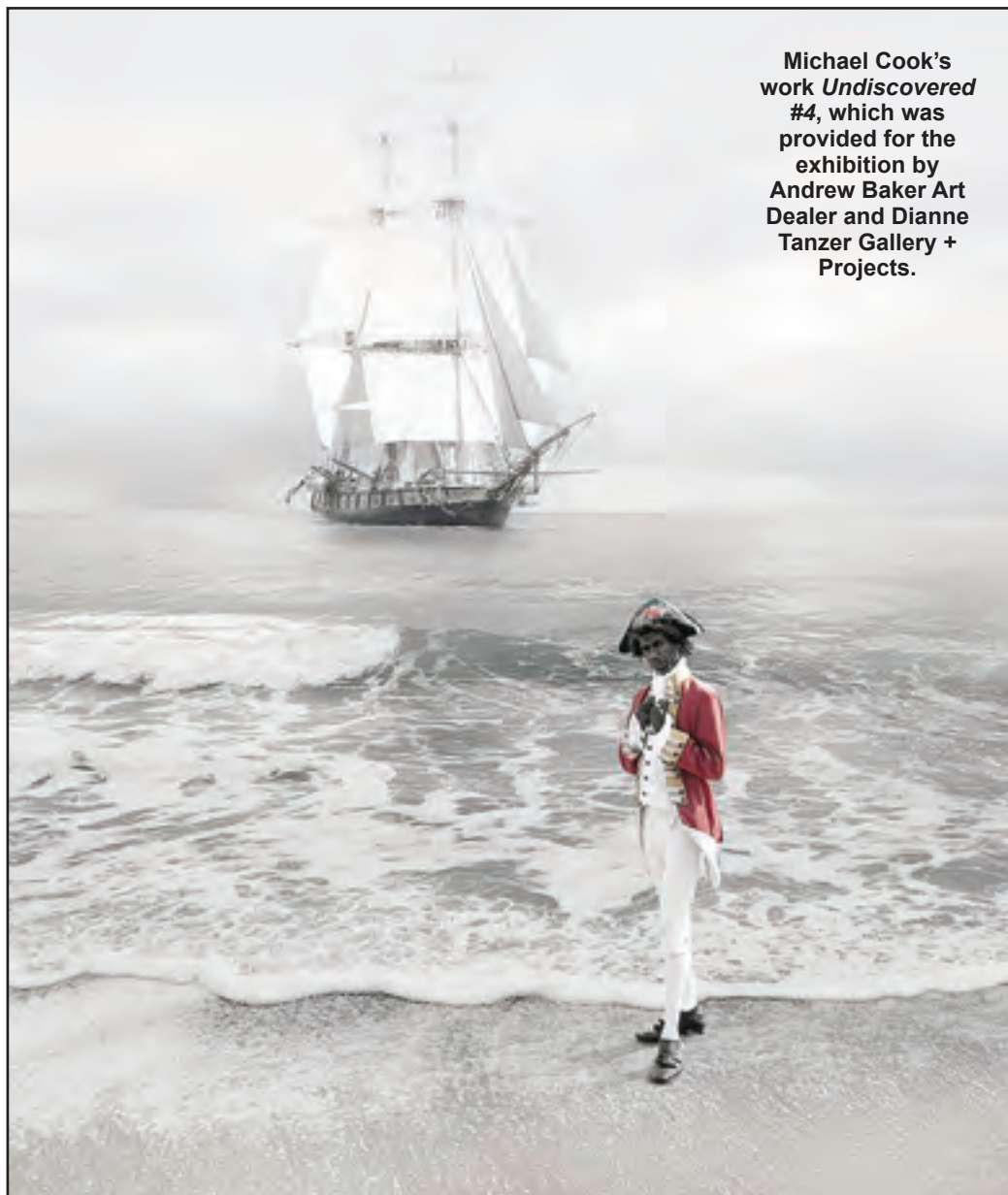
negotiate that combination," Mr Morris said.

"The expression of stories to the broader community helps us connect and spreads understanding and knowledge."

Entries are open to Indigenous artists who currently live, or were born, in Victoria. They close on June 12. More details at www.indigenousartawards.com.au



Last year's award-winner: Ray Thomas's *A Gunnai Elder* – Mum Alice. Courtesy of the artist



Michael Cook's work *Undiscovered #4*, which was provided for the exhibition by Andrew Baker Art Dealer and Dianne Tanzer Gallery + Projects.

Artists endeavour to reimagine encounter



A NEW national art exhibition that uses Indigenous and other perspectives to reimagine the encounter between Captain James Cook's crew and Aboriginal people in 1770 has been officially launched.

The exhibition, *East Coast Encounter*, features the works of more than 20

prominent artists, musicians and writers. It has been on show at the National Maritime Museum, and was officially launched last week as part of National Reconciliation Week.

It will tour to regional galleries around Australia during the new few years.

Co-curator Dr Lisa Chandler, a senior lecturer in art and design at the University of the Sunshine Coast, said the works on

show represented many points of view.

"We're all so passionate about this project because we're reimagining a significant historical encounter through creative practice to promote cultural dialogue and reconciliatory understanding," she said.

For more details including exhibition dates, go to the website www.eastcoastencounter.com.au



SCREEN: BLACK

The latest docos from Indigenous Australian filmmakers.

Two Indigenous female directors, Darlene Johnson and Rachel Perkins, present their latest productions in this year's Sydney Film Festival.

Both films – Johnson's *The Redfern Story* and Perkins' *Black Panther Woman* – reflect on the past and its impact on the present.

THE REDFERN STORY



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Darlene Johnson's forceful documentary tells of the volatile birth of the first all-Indigenous theatre company, the National Black Theatre, and features interviews with some of its pioneering members.

BLACK PANTHER WOMAN

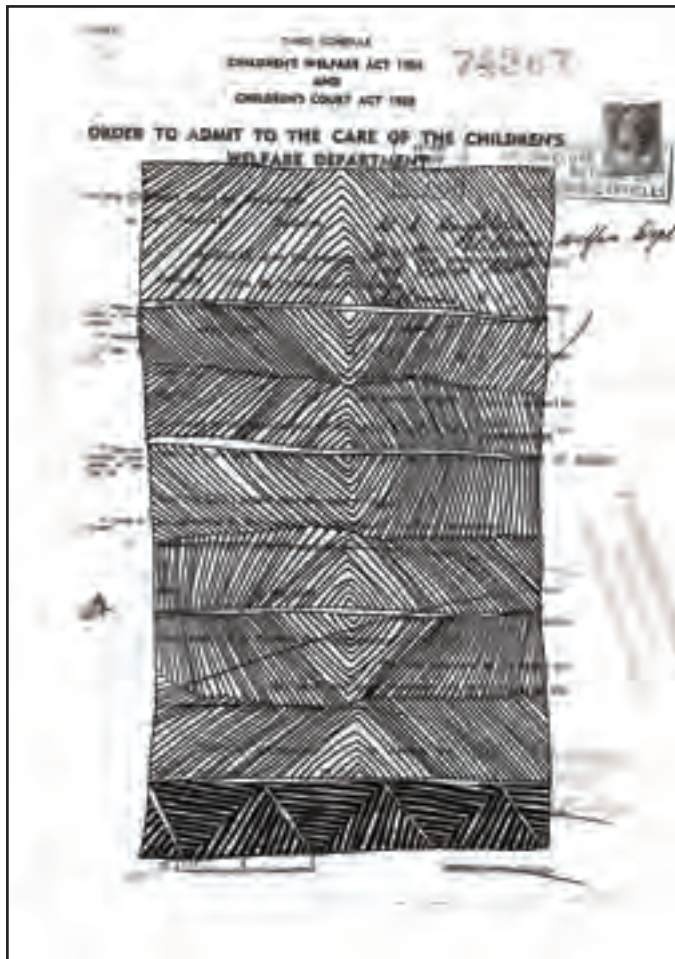


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This doco about Marlene Cummins, a member of Brisbane's Black Panthers who struggled with sexism within the organisation, is told with great sensitivity by Rachel Perkins (*Bran Nue Dae*, *Mabo*, *Redfern Now*).



Bush babies in the frame



Mornington win for Waup piece



ABORIGINAL woman Lisa Waup, of Baluk Arts, won an acquisitive section in the National Works on Paper Award at her local Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery.

Waup's winning artwork, *Admit To Care* (pictured above) expresses the impact of her birth mother being removed and her own adoption. It is based on her adoption documents, with Indigenous designs sewn into the paper reconnecting her

cultural heritage with the historical impact on her Indigenous family.

"They are for me a replacement of ancestral Indigenous history that is unknown and lost, and is a tangible piece of cultural information," Waup said.

"My works are an important vehicle for ensuring cultural continuity through my story and are a connection to place and kin."

The *National Works on Paper Award* exhibition continues at the Mornington gallery until July 20.



THE strength and resilience of Noongar Elders from across Western Australia's Wheatbelt has been celebrated at a portrait exhibition in Narrogin.

The just-finished exhibition featured portraits of 16 Elders as part of the Community Arts Network Western Australia (CAN WA) Bush Babies community arts project, which aimed to capture the stories of Noongar 'babies' born in the bush, reserves, missions or fringes of towns.

"Apart from being a heartfelt project that pays tribute to Noongar Elders and embraces reconciliation, the real beauty of this exhibition is that it has evolved entirely from the community and the goodwill of many individuals," CAN WA managing director Pilar Kasat said.

Professional and student artists painted the portraits, mainly from images taken by photographers in the Bush Babies project.

Artist Graham Smith inspired the project when he saw a Bush Babies photo of the oldest living Ballardong woman, Hazel Winmar (Nana Purple), and felt compelled to paint her.

"The first time I saw Jarrad Seng's marvellous photo of Nana Purple, I knew that this was a painting I had to do," he said.

"I feel very privileged to be a part of the Bush Babies Elders Portrait project and I hope it continues to open doors towards reconciliation and the honouring of Elders all around Australia."

CAN WA is now in talks with a major cultural institution to bring the *Bush Babies* exhibition to Perth as part of next month's NAIDOC celebrations.



Leslie, John and Stephanie Yarran in front of their grandmother Dianne Kickett's portrait by Sue Riley.



Lizzie Riley, Jennifer Narkle and Judy Bone in front of Jennifer's portrait by Margaret Fleay.

Tiwi art in Perth



THE unique art of the Tiwi Islands will be on show this month in Perth. Works from the islands, north of Darwin, will be highlighted in the

Tiwi Tradition 2014 exhibition at the Elements Gallery in the Perth suburb of Dalkeith.

On hand for the official opening on June 13 will be Melville Island artist Susan Wanji Wanji, and Munupi Art Centre president and artist Francesca (Nellie) Puruntatameri.

Both women will paint up for the opening and welcome guests with a Tiwi 'Yoi' ceremony.

The exhibition, which continues until June 29, will include paintings by octogenarian Cornelia Tipuamantumirri as well as younger emerging artists from the islands.

For more details, go to www.artitja.com.au



Francesca Puruntatameri painting for the exhibition.

Black Screen

INDIGENOUS STORIES, AT THE HEART OF YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT

The NFSA's *Black Screen* program brings our Indigenous stories and filmmaking talent to community events across Australia.

Black Screen DVDs are available, free on a loan basis, for community screenings during NAIDOC week and throughout the year.

Each DVD includes entertaining and informative films by renowned artists such as Warwick Thornton, Ivan Sen and Rachel Perkins. Our newest titles include Ella Bancroft's engaging short *Destiny in the Dirt*, and award-winning documentary *Buckskin*, a story of one man's mission to renew a once extinct language, Kurna.

For more information visit nfsa.gov.au/blackscreen

Talk to Coordinator Andrea Briggs (02 8202 0112), and host your own *Black Screen* screening.

NATIONAL FILM & SOUND ARCHIVE



The people choose Sabatino's artwork



The people's choice: *Clinging for Life*, by Ceferino Sabatino.



HAMMOND
Island artist
Ceferino
Sabatino has
taken the
People's
Choice title at

this year's Gab Titui
Indigenous Art Award.

Centre visitors selected
Mr Sabatino's ghost net
creation *Clinging for Life*
from among the 45 entries
from across the Torres
Strait and Northern
Peninsula Area.

Torres Strait Regional
Authority chairman Joseph
Elu congratulated Mr
Sabatino on taking out the
award for the second time
since 2012.

"Ceferino is an artist
whose works clearly
resonate with communities
both here in the Torres
Strait and further afield
where he is also
experiencing great
success," Mr Elu said.

"His work plays a vital
role in promoting our
region and issues of
importance to Torres Strait
Islander people."

Clinging for Life
highlights the
environmental dangers of
discarded fishing nets to
the oceans and marine life



Hammond Island artist Ceferino Sabatino receives the National Museum of Australia History Through Art Award at this year's Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award ceremony from senior curator Dr Michael Pickering.

in the Torres Strait.

"At the moment I'm doing
a lot of ghost net art, as it's
my way of contributing as a
visual artist in caring for
country," Mr Sabatino said.

He also works to educate
the public locally through

workshops on Thursday
and Hammond islands,
where participants not only
gain an insight into his
practice but can also try out
some of the techniques.

Mr Sabatino's work will
be displayed in the Gab

Titui Wabunaw Geth Gallery
on Thursday Island until
July 4 and will feature in
the 2014 Gab Titui
Indigenous Art Award
catalogue, which will be
available from the Gab Titui
Gallery Shop from July.

Writers win fellowships



TWO new works
of fiction by
Indigenous
authors will be
published through
State Library of
Queensland's

2014 black&write! Indigenous
Writing Fellowships.

First-time author Adrian
Stanley and distinguished
playwright Jane Harrison are
this year's black&write!
Indigenous Writing Fellows.

Each of the two fellowships is
worth \$10,000, and includes a
publishing deal with Indigenous
publisher Magabala Books. The
prizes were awarded following
the national competition for
published or emerging
Indigenous authors of fiction.

Stanley, who lives in
Adelaide, balances a fly-in fly-
out mining job with care for his
disabled children. His winning

manuscript, *Could be Worse*, is
a comical tale of colourful
characters in a small country
town.

Harrison is an established
playwright whose works have
been performed in Australia and
internationally. Her winning
manuscript, *Becoming Kirrali
Lewis*, is a young adult novel.

Commended

Highly commended were
Dylan Coleman, from Adelaide,
for her novel *Clear Water White
Death*, Siv Parker, from Lismore,
for her novel *On Dusk*, and
Alison Whittaker, from Sydney,
for her poetry collection *Lemons
in the Chicken-Wire*.

Now in its fourth year, the
black&write! project was
launched to train, mentor and
promote outstanding Indigenous
writers and editors and
encourage a love of reading,

writing and ideas in Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander
communities.

Queensland State Librarian
Janette Wright said that since its
launch in 2010, black&write! had
fostered a thriving Indigenous
writing community.

"A national project and the
first of its kind in Australia,
black&write! continues to
demonstrate the value and
importance of Indigenous
Australian literature," she said.

Queensland Arts Minister Ian
Walker said the competition had
"revealed an exceptional range
of Indigenous literary talent from
across Australia".

Black&write! is supported by
State Library of Queensland and
Magabala Books.

Entries for the 2015
fellowships close on January 30
next year. Visit slq.qld.gov.au for
details.

VICTORIAN INDIGENOUS ART AWARDS 2014

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Victorian Indigenous Art Awards celebrate the quality and diversity
of art practice among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists,
and the richness of Victoria's Indigenous arts and culture.

Total prize pool over \$50,000 including the \$30,000 Deadly Art Award.

Entries close Thursday 12 June 2014

For award conditions and entry forms visit
www.indigenousartawards.com.au
or call Art Gallery of Ballarat on 03 5320 5858

Award partners



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Artists qualify at Kalumburu



Selina Bundamura works on a print at Kalumburu.



SEVEN artists from Kalumburu in the far north of Western Australia have received a Certificate I in Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts.

They all completed a week-long Vocational Education and Training (VET) course run by Charles Darwin University's Northern Editions Studio workshop manager Jacqueline Gribbin. The course included units in printmaking, drawing and occupational health and safety.

"CDU is committed to providing education for Indigenous students from all over Australia, not just in the Northern Territory," Ms Gribbin said.

She said a printmaking course had encouraged younger and new artists to become involved in Kalumburu's Kira Kiro Art Centre.

The artists' etchings will be proofed at Northern Editions Studio, on CDU's Casuarina campus, and the final products will be displayed at the Northern Editions Gallery later this year.

The VET course was facilitated by the Kimberley Training Institute.



Mercy Fredericks was one of the artists to qualify for a Certificate I.

Pictures by Andrew Barker, Kira Kiro Arts

Students share vital message



AS a high school student, Darwin-born Larrakia man Ian Lee thought that becoming a doctor was out of his reach.

But now the second year Doctor of Medicine student knows a career in medicine is possible.

It's a message he's shared in the past month as part of the Northern Territory Medicare Local (NTML) Rural High School Visit (RHSV) program.

Mr Lee joined with seven other tertiary students from universities across Australia also studying a health-related discipline for the RHSV program, providing first-hand advice on health career pathways for students.

"As an Aboriginal man, I had never considered medicine as a career for me," Mr Lee said.

"But with an alternative entry pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into the Flinders University medical degree, not only was I able to gain entry into the course, but I have also experienced the feeling that I am able to complete the course."

"I was never gifted at

school, but I have always worked hard to get what I want."

NTML chief executive Debbie Blumel said the RHSV program gave students an insight into the transition from high school to tertiary study.

"The rural high school visits provide a valuable opportunity for students who might be thinking about studying a health-related discipline but can't quite figure out how to get there," she said.

"We've also learnt from experience that students from rural or remote communities are more likely to return to live and work in rural or remote communities when they complete their studies. This is important to ensure that we develop the next generation of the NT's health workforce."

Mr Lee hopes to become a general practitioner (GP) when he graduates.

"As an Aboriginal man training to become a doctor, I am hoping that young Indigenous kids might change their thinking so that they might think it is possible for them to become a doctor too," he said.

The NTML RHSV program visited high schools and health services in Humpty Doo, Palmerston, Katherine, Barunga and Darwin.



Larrakia man and medical student Ian Lee.

Deadline is close for Experience



INDIGENOUS students have only until this Friday, June 6, to apply for the July Galuwa Experience week at the University of Technology,

Sydney. Established last year, the Galuwa Experience is a program designed to give would-be students a taste of what to expect at university.

Originally established for students hoping to be engineers, it has been extended to include information technology (IT) this year.

Led by the UTS Faculty of Engineering and IT in conjunction with Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, the program brings together high school students from across the eastern states to UTS's City campus for five days of interactive, hands-on learning.

The students, whose travel and education expenses are sponsored by the program, are shown what it's like to study engineering and IT, pathways into further education, and opportunities in these industries.

UTS says the response to last year's program was positive, resulting in the introduction of two programs this year – during the first week of the July school holidays and the first week of the September school holidays.

In a series of practical Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) workshops, participants engage in problem-solving to build load-bearing bridges made of spaghetti and race cars from mousetraps; design and construct cheap and simple miniature floating houses in response to humanitarian needs in Cambodia; and set up a small IT network. The program will also include an introduction to biomedical engineering and the possibilities to bring health and engineering to life, such as through a mind-control wheelchair.

For more information and to apply, go to uts.ac/UTSGaluwa

Students exhibit their works



AN exhibition now on show at the Glasshouse Regional Art Gallery in

Port Macquarie is the culmination of a four-year program for contributing Indigenous art students.

In 2011, students from the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts program at Wauchope TAFE joined in a partnership between the Glasshouse and the Museum of Contemporary Art to learn about the exhibition process. This included a trip to the museum in Sydney to select works from its Indigenous art collection for the *People of the First Sunrise* exhibition at the Glasshouse.

Students worked with MCA Aboriginal curator Keith Munro to learn more and participate in the curatorial decisions involved in the hanging of an exhibition, and now have used those skills to display their own artworks in the *Spirit of Place* exhibition.

One of the artists, Trish McInherny, said the program had helped her develop as an artist and a person.

"It has reconnected me to my wider community and I



Wauchope TAFE students with works in the *Spirit of Place* exhibition, from left, Peter Dowse, Kay Brown, Sandi Nicholson, Rose Lowe, Leah Bale, Freeda Archibald and Deb Robinson.

have gained valuable technical skills, as well as building on my communication and studio skills," she said.

"Doing this work is invigorating and energising. We can share cultural education visually through

stories. Through shared past experiences and political thought, we learn from each other. There is trust built

between teacher and student." *Spirit of Place* continues until July 20. More details at www.glasshouse.org.au/event

New centre at Karratha



THE Gumala Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) has opened its fourth 3A Early Learning

Centre, this time in the Pilbara centre of Karratha.

The 3A Early Learning Centres have been created as a partnership between the Indigenous-owned and run GAC and the University of Melbourne. The other learning centres are in communities across Western Australia's Pilbara region.

All feature the Abecedarian approach to learning, which uses games, conversational reading and enriched care giving to help advance a child's development by focussing on parent/child interaction.

Gumala executive manager of education Lynne Beckingham said 3A Early Learning Centres offered parents employment as learning assistants and encouraged further education among parents.

"Gumala is currently the only group using the 3A



3A officer Rosanna Smith and 3A coordinator Julie Christine working together to teach children at one of Gumala's Pilbara early learning centres.

program in Western Australia that links playgroups to traditional schools, giving children a head start in their development," she said.

"There is clear evidence that 3A students are more likely to go to university, more likely to succeed, and even parents feel the benefits, particularly single mothers, who see their child advance and want to do better too.

"Our 3A model is a very successful one that is starting

to get the attention of government and other organisations."

Earlier this year, the creator of the Abecedarian approach, University of North Carolina Professor Joe Sparling, visited the Indigenous-focussed program in the Pilbara centre of Paraburdoo and said he was impressed with the progress Gumala had made in rolling out the program across the Pilbara.



Getting an education: Gumala 3A Early Learning Centre 3A children Sydney Lockyer, Halimah Hicks and Mikayla Wally. Pictures by Elly Lukale

30 teams rose to the challenge



THE winners of the George Rose Knockout Health Challenge have been announced by the Melbourne Storm NRL champion himself.

The George Rose Challenge, the first in this year's NSW Knockout Health Challenge series, attracted 30 teams from across the state.

The goal is for participants to lose weight and get fitter, and that's exactly what they did, losing 1250kg collectively and at the same time reducing their risk of disease.

The George Rose winners were the members of the Menindee Fat Yabs, losing 178kg or 8% of their collective weight.

The now not-so-fat Yabs picked up a healthy \$20,000 in funding to support their community to be healthy, for items such as sporting equipment, training in exercise



George Rose Knockout Health Challenge winning team members and rugby league officials with Melbourne Storm NRL champion George Rose (back centre).

and nutrition, and sponsorship to local sporting clubs.

Second place went to the

Eurobodalla Scale Busters participants, who lost 97kg between them, picking up

\$10,000 to help their community, while third was the Armidale Allshapes team, with members

losing 92kg and scoring \$5000.

"I'm so proud of everyone who's been involved in and remained committed to the challenge," said star Aboriginal NRL forward George Rose.

The NSW Knockout Health Challenge is an annual partnership between the NSW Ministry of Health and swNSW Rugby League and is implemented through the Agency for Clinical Innovation.

Challenge teams can use a portion of their winning funds to support their local rugby league team to participate in the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in Raymond Terrace this October.

The Julie Young 10-week weight-loss challenge will start on June 30, and the series will finish with the Ronny Gibbs Challenge Games over the Knockout weekend in October.

More information at www.facebook.com/nswknockoutchallenge

Deadly Choices now at Mossman Gorge



APUNIPIMA Cape York Health Council has launched its Deadly Choices program at the Mossman Gorge Primary Health Care

Centre in far north Queensland.

Deadly Choices aims to empower Indigenous people to make healthy choices for themselves and their families – to stop smoking, to eat good food and exercise daily – through health incentives, ambassadors such as NRL stars Sam Thaiday and Preston Campbell and school-based programs.

Deadly Choices also

encourages Indigenous people to use local health services and undertake a health check.

The Mossman Gorge launch featured special guest and Deadly Choices ambassador, boxer Damien Hooper.

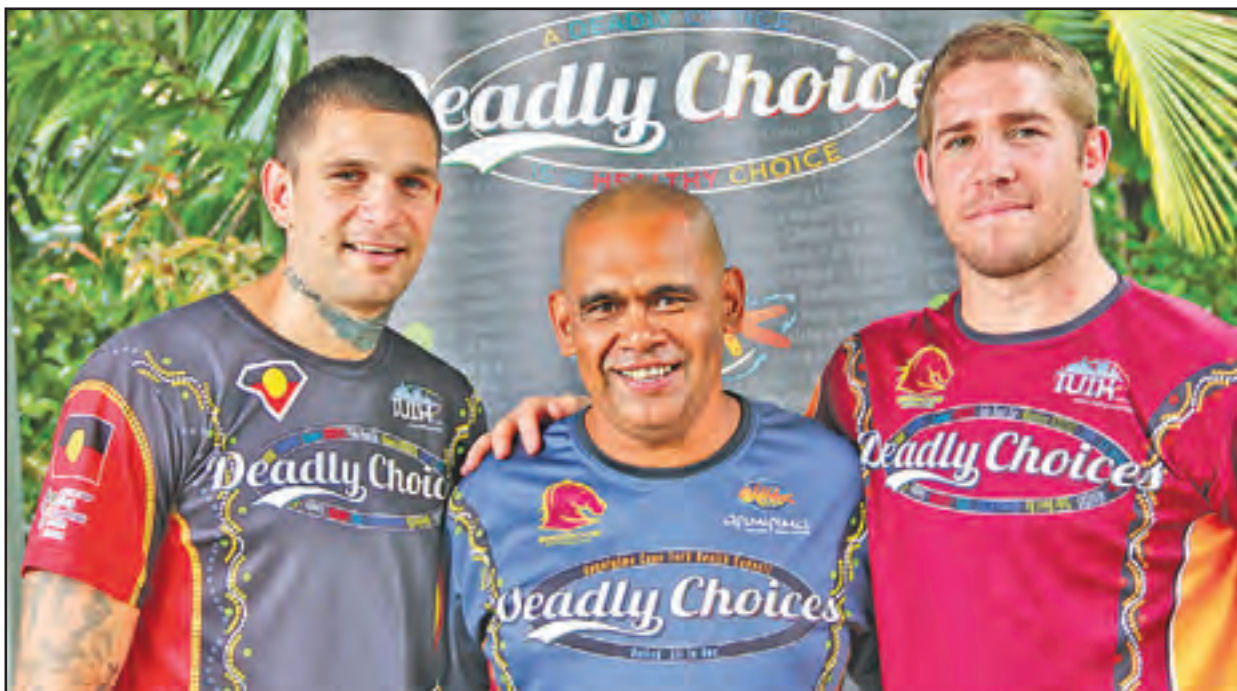
Apunipima men's health manager Bernard David, who is leading the Deadly Choices program, said the launch marked the start of health check incentives for Mossman Gorge Primary Health Care Centre clients.

"Everyone who completes an annual health check at Mossman Gorge will receive a Deadly Choices t-shirt," he said.

"Health checks make all the difference when it comes to preventing or managing health issues, and we encourage everyone to come in for one.

"We are proud to introduce Deadly Choices to Cape York and look forward to rolling out the program in four more Cape communities by the end of the year."

Deadly Choices is an initiative of Brisbane's Institute for Urban Indigenous Health. Established in 2011, the program is used by Aboriginal health services in south-east Queensland, Charleville, Mt Isa, Gladstone and Newcastle.



Deadly trio: Deadly Choices Ambassador and Olympic boxer Damien Hooper, Apunipima Cape York Health Council Men's Health Manager Bernard David, and Urban Institute of Aboriginal Health representative Keiron Lander during the program launch at Mossman Gorge, far north Queensland.

Cardiac guide a winner



A PROJECT to develop a self-management guide for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a history of cardiac problems has taken out a national health award. The 33-page information kit *Living every day with my heart failure* received the Excellence in Consumer Information Award at the NPS National MedicineWise Awards.

It was developed in a partnership involving The University of Sydney, through the University Centre for Rural Health (UCRH) North Coast, Northern NSW Local Health District and the Heart Foundation.

The co-winners of the award were UCRH pharmacist academic Lindy Swain, The University of Sydney Nursing Faculty pharmacist Dr Lisa Pont, UCRH's Associate-Professor Janelle Stirling and Kerry Wilcox, the Cardiac Services and Chronic Disease Program manager at Northern NSW Local Health District.

Team of researchers

The information kit resulted from the formation of a team of researchers, pharmacists, health promotion educator and a specialist cardiovascular nurse, and consultation with Indigenous people.

"Chronic heart failure is a major cause of illness and death among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," Ms Swain said. "Previously, standard health resources were not culturally or linguistically useful for many Indigenous people.

"Art and design had an important role, not only to identify the resource as belonging to the Indigenous community but also to explain key messages in a non-verbal way. All key messages are presented visually as well as in text."

Already, nearly 4000 copies of the booklet have been requested, with a similar number of downloads from the Heart Foundation site at www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/Living-every-day-with-my-heart-failure.pdf

Warning to get breast screening



INDIGENOUS women are potentially putting their lives at risk by not having a regular breast screen, BreastScreen Victoria

warns. New figures released by the organisation show just one in three Victorian Indigenous women aged 50 to 69 take part in the program.

"This is considerably lower than the statewide average of 54%, despite the fact that it is an increase of 5% on the previous year," BreastScreen Victoria CEO Vicki Pridmore said.

She is concerned about the figures and urges women of all backgrounds to take advantage of the free service.

"A female radiographer takes the breast screen and it takes just 10 minutes every two years," Ms Pridmore said.

Former tennis champion and BreastScreen Victoria ambassador Evonne Goolagong-Cawley is encouraging eligible women to make an appointment.

"It's so important to look after your health," the two-time Wimbledon winner said.

BreastScreen Victoria has 39 permanent screening clinics and eight assessment services throughout the state, including two mobile screening services which visit 29 centres every two years.

"We work with Aboriginal Co-ops and health services throughout the state to provide breast health awareness sessions and group bookings to best suit the needs of eligible women," Ms Pridmore said.

BreastScreen Victoria encourages women aged 50 to 74 to screen as it is proven they are at most benefit from the program. Regular screening mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, before any symptoms are noticed and when treatment is likely to be most successful.

BreastScreen Victoria says women diagnosed with breast cancer are surviving longer than ever before. The five-year breast cancer survival rate is now at 89% and is attributed to breast screening and improved treatment options.

To make an appointment, call 13 20 50 or book online at breastscreen.org.au



Dental assistant takes Vic award



DENTAL assistant Melissa Stevens (pictured above) has won Victoria's top honour for Indigenous Australian health professionals in training. The Melbourne woman took out the Koolin Balit Aboriginal Learner Award, part of the state's People in Health Awards.

Ms Stevens said she was committed to improving oral health in Victorian Indigenous communities. She joined Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV) as a trainee in 2012, and graduated last year.

"I have to say the traineeship has opened a lot of doors and really put me where I am today," Ms Stevens said.

She now works at the The Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne and among her duties she visits juvenile justice centres to help troubled teens.

"Over the last couple of years the number of Indigenous patients has jumped significantly in Victoria, and doing the rounds in the clinics and community centres really makes that hit home," Ms Stevens said.

"People in our community need positive mentors and role models to face the future. I want this win to show our community that it is really possible to go back to study, work hard, and succeed."

DHSV was also short-listed in the Koolin Balit Aboriginal Health Workforce Initiative category.



BreastScreen Victoria ambassador Evonne Goolagong-Cawley and BreastScreen Victoria chief executive Vicki Pridmore are encouraging Indigenous women to get regular breast screens.

Artworks unveiled at city medical centre



DANDENONG Koori Youth Group has unveiled new artworks at the entrance of the Monash Medical Centre in Melbourne to acknowledge the continuing importance of Aboriginal culture.

Each of the 24 paintings draws on inspiration from the themes of health and wellbeing and is intended to bring a welcoming feel to the hospital.

The project, commissioned by Monash Health, was completed by

Dandenong group members guided by artist Kerryn Knight.

Monash general manager of allied health Donna Markham said the works ensured the hospital had a culturally welcoming environment.

"We are aiming to connect with the local Aboriginal community through art," she said. "Artwork is an important part of recognition and connection to culture for Aboriginal patients and visitors."

Koori youth group members designed and created all 24 canvas panels to fit to the entrance columns of the centre.



Are you a registered nurse?
Have you considered a career in midwifery?
If you answered yes to both these questions, read on...

All applications for postgraduate midwifery student positions in NSW public hospitals and a small number of not for profit private hospitals for 2015 will be processed online through NSW Health.

Applicants are able to select up to six hospitals for their clinical training, and will be interviewed at their first preference hospital.

Applications open on July 1, 2014.

Applicants will be required to provide a letter addressing the selection criteria, as part of their application.

For more information about the application process, go to <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/employment/Pages/MidStART.aspx>



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

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

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. For details, call Craig Green on (02) 6125 0092 or email 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

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: National Museum of Australia 'Go on a Gallery Tour'. Explore Indigenous people's 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

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.

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 6: Applications open for the three-day Aboriginal Dance Culture Camp



Dani Sib Picture by Michelle Grace Hunder

Three ready for Emerge



THREE young Indigenous artists will join a melting pot of emerging refugee talent from countries including

Sudan, Iran, Ethiopia, Somalia, Samoa and Afghanistan at Multicultural Arts Victoria's 11th annual Emerge Festival.

Hip hop artist Birdz will deliver his beats voicing strong messages of Indigenous activism and history; young singer/songwriter Dani Sib will share her tunes about life as a 20-something which also pays respect to her Aboriginal heritage; and soulful Indigenous singer Illana Atkinson will wield her acoustic guitar and voice to create country pop.

Birdz, who has Butchulla, Nguburinjji, English and Scottish ancestry, delivers a raw and uncut commentary on Australia's suppressed histories through hip hop. He has just signed to Aboriginal-owned label Impossible Odds Records.

Dani Sib, originally from Broome in Western Australia, now lives in

Melbourne. She is working with musician Gossling through Multicultural Arts Victoria's Visible Music Mentoring Program to develop her songwriting skills and portfolio.

Illana Atkinson is from the Gunditjmara/Muthi/Wemba/Yorta Yorta nations. Born and raised in Melbourne, but also growing up around Victoria, she has worked with such luminaries as Yothu Yindi, Tiddas and Paul Kelly.

The three musicians will hit the stage at the festival's main event on Sunday, June 15, at Fitzroy Town Hall, Melbourne.

The Emerge Festival runs from May 17 until July 5 with a series of performances and cultural experiences encompassing music, dance, visual arts, exotic foods, ancient crafts and ceremonies.

The free signature event on June 15 sees Fitzroy Town Hall open its doors and Napier Street closed off for an all-day block party with three stages of world music and a cultural market place.

for Youth. Open to Aboriginal people aged 15-18 and living in between Taree and Dungog. How to apply and more information on (02) 6658 1315 or email shar@saltwaterfreshwater.com.au or visit www.saltfreshwater.com.au

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

Until July 20: *Old Masters* exhibition. Selected barks on display in this exhibition that celebrates Australia's master bark artists. Held at the National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton, from Mon-Sun, 9am-5pm. Cost: \$8 child, \$10

concession, \$15 adult, \$30 family. Details: (02) 6208 5000 or visit www.nma.gov.au

Until August 11: *20 Questions*, a cabaret and talk show rolled into one. Each Monday night a new mystery Indigenous performer will be asked 20 questions. Held at Belvoir St Theatre, 25 Belvoir St, Surry Hills. Cost: Full \$68, snr/industry/group \$58, concession \$48, previews \$48. Details: (02) 9699 344 or visit www.belvoir.com.au

June 5: Jarjum Centre 2014 art exhibition. It includes a silent auction of 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

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 and bookings essential. Held at the Visions Theatre, the National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton, from 12.30-1.30pm. Details: (02) 6208 5000 or visit www.nma.gov.au/bookings

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 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

June 8: Myall Creek massacre commemoration. Held at Myall Creek, Bingara-Delunga 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 10-28: *Hector Burton and Tjala Arts SA Exhibition*. Burton is a senior Pitjantjara artist noted for his painting of the sacred Anumara (caterpillar) Dreaming. Held at Aboriginal and Pacific Art, 2 Danks St, Waterloo, Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9699 2211 or visit www.aboriginalpacificart.com.au

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. Details: Narelle on (02) 6632 2194 or Bundjalung HomeCare on (02) 6663 0622.

June 25-27: NAISDA *Mud Map* performance. Celebrating NAISDA developing artists' homes and where they come from while commemorating NAISDA's nearly 40-year existence. Held NAISDA Dance College, Building 32, Mt Penang Parklands, Kariang, daily at 11am and 6.30pm. Bookings essential, entry by gold coin donation. Details: Casey Bourke on (02) 4340 3100 or email c.bourke@naisda.com.au

June 26: Lismore Community NAIDOC Celebration Day 2014. Includes a welcome to country, information stalls, music and dance, performances by local schools, rides, sausage sizzle and more. Held at the Lismore Showgrounds, Alexandria Parade, North Lismore, from 10am. Free. Details: Sandra Vincent on 1300 878 387

July 4-6: NAIDOC Week at Sydney Opera House. Held over three days, includes a variety of cabaret, music, film and talk. Held at the Sydney Opera House, Bennelong Point, Sydney. Details: Performance times and prices

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on (02) 9250 7777 or visit the website www.sydneypoperahouse.com/about/naidoc

July 6-11: Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council NAIDOC Week. Held over six days, events include a corroboree, flag-raising, march, barbecue, Elders' luncheon, disco, museum launch, a family fun day and masquerade ball. Details: Tamika on (02) 4015 7000.

July 7-13: Lismore NAIDOC Week events 2014. Held over a number of days, includes a flag-raising, art exhibition, Little Miss and Mr NAIDOC, Aboriginal workers' dinner and more. For more information, contact Lizette Twisleton on 1300 878 387.

July 10: 'More Than Service Black Diggers and the Great War' forum. In commemoration of the centenary of World War I, guest speakers include Prof John Maynard and Prof Mick Dodson. Held at Metcalfe Auditorium, NSW State Library, from 9.30am-4pm. Places are limited, bookings essential. Details: (02) 9252 8715 or email admin@historycouncil.nsw.gov.au

July 12: Rouse Hill House and Farm NAIDOC Week event. Join Darug Elders as they share cultural knowledge of woodcarving and the use of stone tools. Held at 21 Guntawong Road, Rouse Hill. Free event, but bookings essential. Details: (02) 9627 6777.

July 29: Free eye tests. 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.

South Australia

June 28: Adnyamathanha Culture Day. A day of culture past, present and future, activities includes bush tucker, artifact making, plant tours, story-telling, language and genealogy workshops and more. Held at Wilpena Pound, north of Adelaide, from 10am to late. Further information and costs on (08) 8648 0048.

July 3-5: *Pecan Summer* opera, composed by Deborah Cheetham, tells the story of the 1939 walk-off from Cumeragunga mission in Victoria. Held at Her Majesty's Theatre, 58 Grote St, Adelaide, from 7.30pm. Cost: Adults \$45-\$95 a person. Details: 131 246 or visit www.shortblackopera.com

Queensland

Ongoing: Kuril dhagun Interactive Space. Showcases and explores Qld's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and cultures through exhibitions, installations and spaces at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library of Qld, Stanley Place, South Bank, daily from 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 3842 9836 or visit www.kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au



Lisa Flanagan and Rarriwuy Hick in *Brothers Wreck*, a play by Jada Alberts on stage at Belvoir in Surry Hills, Sydney. Picture by Brett Boardman

Brothers Wreck on stage at Belvoir



BROTHERS Wreck, a new play by Aboriginal playwright Jada Alberts, is showing at Belvoir in Surry Hills, Sydney. *Brothers Wreck* begins with a death. On a hot morning at a house in Darwin, Ruben wakes to find his cousin Joe hanging from the rafters. The play tells the story of how Ruben's family, little by little, brings him back from the edge. It is a confronting and honest

exploration of grief and loss, but ultimately redemption.

Directed by Leah Purcell, the play has a cast of Indigenous actors including Rarriwuy Hick, Hunter Page-Lochard, Bjorn Stewart, Lisa Flanagan and Cramer Cain.

Brothers Wreck opened last week and runs until June 22 at Belvoir St Theatre, Surry Hills. For tickets, call 02 9699 3444 or go to belvoir.com.au

Until June 9: *Our Dreaming – animating country* exhibition. Connecting people to place through animation and storytelling. Held at the State Library of Qld daily from 10am-5pm. Details: (07) 3840 7666, email kuril.dhagun@slq.qld.gov.au or visit 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, children's rides, arts and crafts, traditional dance and more. Details: 0478 789 386 or visit 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

June 7: 2014 Mabo Day Community Event. Includes official opening, guest speakers, performances by Malu Kia Mura Bui Dance Company and Butchula Dance Group, acoustic performances and food and drinks. Free event at Koobara Kindy, 421 Beams Road, Taigum, 10am-3pm. Details: (07) 3265 7171.

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

June 28: Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Day. Includes traditional dancing, local bands, art exhibition launch, spear throwing and a visit to the Menmuni Museum. Free entry. Held at Yarrabah Arts Precinct, Back Beach Road, Yarrabah, from 10am-3pm. Details: (07) 4041 6152.

July 10: Ipswich 2014 Family and Cultural Celebration. Celebrating the 2014 NAIDOC theme 'Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond'. The event includes arts and crafts, rides and entertainment, food and information stalls. Held at Briggs Road Sports Club, 121-135 Briggs Road, Flinders View from 10am-2pm. Free event. Details: (07) 3810 6655 or visit www.ipswich.qld.gov.au

July 11: 23rd Annual Musgrave Park Family Fun Day. Showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture with dance, song, food, art and stories. It includes an Elder's tent, rides, information stalls and more. Held at Musgrave Park, South Brisbane, from 9am-5pm. Details: 0478 789 386 or visit www.musgraveparkffd.com.au

Victoria

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, from 9am-5pm.

Free entry. Details: (03) 8622 2600 or visit the website www.koorieheritagetrust.com.au

Until June 30: *New Era: 2nd Time Lucky* exhibition by the 'pitcha makin fellaz' (PMF). These are 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

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

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

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.

Until July 9: *Kimberley Ochre Artists/Tiwi Carvings/Mini Masters* exhibition. Includes ochre paintings from the Kimberley, sculptures and carvings from Bathurst Island and canvases by major desert artists. Held at Japingka Gallery, 47 High Street, Fremantle, Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm and Sat-Sun, noon-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 9335 8265 or visit www.japingka.com.au

June 7: Indigenous AFL Round – Guilford Grammar School versus Wesley College. This is the first Indigenous AFL round in the PSA, and includes bush tucker and guest speakers. Held at Guilford Grammar School Sports Oval, 11 Terrace Rd, Guildford, from 10am. Free event. Details: (08) 9377 9222.

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 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 for more details.

Northern Territory

June 6-9: The 29th annual Barunga Festival. A long weekend of sport, music and culture, with a program for the whole family. Held at Barunga, Central Arnhem Road (80km south of Katherine). Gates open at 10am. Cost: Adults \$35, children 12-18 \$10, under-12 free. Tickets: (08) 8980 333 Details: Angela Kelly on (08) 8941 8066 or email info@barungafestival.com.au or visit www.barungafestival.com.au

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Ray Ahmat on site at Rio Tinto Alcan's Weipa operations.

Ray's efforts lead to award



A YUPUNGATHI traditional owner and Weipa-based mining superintendent was a winner at the Queensland Resources Council Indigenous Awards, held in Brisbane.

Ray Ahmat took out the Overall Indigenous Award for his contribution as a role model in the Queensland resources industry.

As the first local Aboriginal superintendent at Rio Tinto Alcan's bauxite mine in Weipa, Mr Ahmat leads a large operational team of more than 170 people, managing pre- and post-mining activities.

Weipa's bauxite mine has Rio Tinto's highest Indigenous participation rate in Australia at 22 per cent, and is intrinsically linked to the local community

with three Aboriginal agreements underpinning all operations and activities.

Having worked for the mine for 15 years, Mr Ahmat said Weipa provided excellent employment opportunities for local Indigenous people and he encouraged others to follow in his footsteps.

"Winning the Overall Indigenous Award is very humbling, and I am very proud to be representing not only the business, but the Yupungathi Traditional Owner Group," he said. "My family and I have strong connections with the land on which the business operates, and I feel a responsibility to build on the foundation my parents and Elders created many years ago."

"The broad range of careers available with a world-class operation right on our doorstep provides a unique opportunity to

develop local talent in a remote Australian community. I look forward to continuing to ensure we operate in mutually respectful way, now and for generations to come."

Mr Ahmat shares a strong family history of employment at the mine, where his mother and father worked for 28 and 32 years respectively.

Challenges

By taking on challenges, leading crew and coordinating mine services, Mr Ahmat progressed from driving trucks in 1999 to being appointed in his current role as mine development superintendent in 2012.

Mr Ahmat also sat on the board for several committees under the Western Cape Communities Co-existence Agreement (WCCCA), which is

one of the three Aboriginal agreements under which Rio Tinto Alcan Weipa operates.

"As a board member I had to balance several perspectives as traditional owner, Rio Tinto Alcan employee and Weipa community member, and that was no easy feat," he said.

"Wearing these three hats gave me a unique perspective to deliver positive outcomes for the WCCCA in the areas of land management and Indigenous employment."

Mr Ahmat's leadership extends beyond his team, being involved in the site recruitment process as a role model for mine operators, including Indigenous and other people and local Aboriginal trainees.

Rio Tinto Alcan Weipa general manager, operations, Gareth Manderson said Mr Ahmat was a

key part of the mine's leadership team, and a great ambassador for the business.

"Ray and his team played an integral part in helping to achieve a 50% increase in production rates during a ramp-up phase of the operation," he said.

"His commitment to diversity as one of the key focus areas of our business has resulted in a 30% Indigenous participation across his team alone."

"Ray is known for his strong commitment to safety which has supported the mine's improving safety performance over the last 18 months."

Rio Tinto is one of Australia's largest private sector employers of Indigenous Australians. The group employs about 1700 Indigenous people across its Australian operations, including 250 at Weipa.

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For further information please contact Sandy Austin on 03 8765 7515

Please quote reference no **DH/SMR/00282600**.

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*Our purpose is to serve and connect with our community
who are at the heart of what we do.*

Aboriginal Partnering and Community Engagement Officer

The Aboriginal Partnering and Community Engagement Officer is a key link between elected Councillors, Council staff, Lismore's Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) community and the wider Lismore community. This position's responsibilities include; liaising with the Lismore ATSI community; collaborating with Council staff to develop strategies that respond to issues related to both the ATSI and broader communities. This position will support the work of Council's Aboriginal Advisory Group and will coordinate Council's annual NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week Celebrations. This role will have a major role in the implementation of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan. Additionally, the role will collaborate with the Community Services team to implement both Council's Partnering Strategy and Council's Community Engagement strategies throughout the Lismore LGA.

Information Session

Applicants are encouraged to attend an Information Session on Thursday, 12 June 2014 between 4.30pm and 5.30pm, Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.

Salary

Depending on Qualification(s) and experience, Council is offering a salary range up to \$74,918 (Grade 15) per annum with the opportunity for annual progression, plus 9.25% Superannuation.

NOTE: Lismore City Council considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

For further information regarding this position please contact Annie McWilliam, Community Services Coordinator, on 1300 87 83 87

Applications close Monday, 23 June 2014

Detailed Information packages are available on Council's website, www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Council, phone 1300 87 83 87.



Board Members

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation is an independent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation that focuses on healing our community.

The Foundation was established in 2009 on the first anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, to address the profound legacy of pain and hurt in people's lives caused by colonisation and other past government policies, including the removal of children from their families. To date we have funded over 90 healing programs across Australia.

The Foundation is now seeking expressions of interest from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people interested in joining the board leadership of an organisation that has a vision of Strong Culture, Strong Spirit, Strong People for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across this nation.

The Foundation needs Board members who can operate as strategic thought leaders inspiring our organisation to meet the great challenge of healing for our peoples, and help us breathe life into the spirit and intent of the national Apology. Candidates are required to have superior skills, knowledge and experience across one or more of the following areas:

- + Financial management, governance and/or legal skills
- + Corporate, business and/or entrepreneurial skills
- + Building strategic, high level partnerships
- + Fundraising from major donors, companies, government, trusts and foundations
- + High level experience in the development and delivery of programs.

Knowledge and insight into Healing from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander world view would be viewed favourably.

All candidates will need to demonstrate:

- + An ability to think strategically about the long term sustainability of the Foundation in the context of the Indigenous Affairs landscape within the current social and political environment
- + The capacity to think and act at the national level for the benefit of our people
- + Individual professionalism and integrity in a Board level team environment
- + Demonstrated respect for the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



To register your interest, please contact Kerryn Newton, Managing Director, Directors Australia on T: 07 3221 5107 / 0408 735 529 or at kerryn.newton@directorsaustralia.com

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Family & Community Services Housing NSW

Housing Assistant (Aboriginal)

**General Scale Clerk
Illawarra Shoalhaven District, Nowra
Temporary Full-Time
Job Reference No. 00002QQ1**

Total remuneration package valued up to \$58,687 per annum (Salary: \$27,109 pa – \$53,062 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The role exists to support client service delivery within Client Service Teams. This is an entry level position to client service work in Client Service Teams. The main duties are administrative and providing a good service to our clients (face to face and over the telephone).

Selection Criteria:

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2. A general understanding of social issues impacting upon clients in need, particularly Aboriginal people.
3. Ability to use a computer and be able to do basic functions, such as data entry, send and receive emails and update spreadsheets.
4. Ability to perform general office and administrative tasks and to work in an organised manner.
5. Ability to communicate with the public and other staff members within your office and in other locations.
6. Desire to work as part of a team and be able to support and assist other team members.
7. Willingness to gain experience in other client service positions within the office (as required) and to participate in training courses to improve your skills.
8. Current Drivers licence (or willingness to obtain).

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time role for a period of up to 6 months 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*.

Enquiries: Jill Turnbull on (02) 4424 5401

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Environmental Health Officers undertake a diverse range of functions such as regulation of environmental sustainability including air, noise, land and water quality and pollution, food safety and other public health and On Site Sewage Management systems, in order to promote good public health and environmental practices.

Created through a partnership between Council and the NSW Health Environmental Officer Training program, this position provides an excellent opportunity to gain valuable on-the-job experience while you earn \$s and obtain your qualifications.

As well as having an interest in Environmental Health you will need to be able to commit to work and University level study.

Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Progression will be based on advancement through professional qualifications and on-the-job performance. Financial assistance with study fees is provided.

To Find Out More

If you would like more information about the position and how to apply, please collect a copy of the information package from www.esc.nsw.gov.au or by emailing positions@eurocoast.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 4.30pm Friday, 13 June 2014.

This is an identified Aboriginal position.

Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

RichmondPRA
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Mental Health Workers (Western Sydney)

RichmondPRA currently has several opportunities for part-time and full-time **Mental Health Workers** to join its team based in Seven Hills, NSW. These roles will be responsible for **providing a range of high quality support services to individuals involved in the Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) and Aboriginal HASI programs in the Western Sydney area.** In return for your hard work and dedication, you'll be rewarded with an **attractive salary** + a host of great benefits. RichmondPRA encourages persons with a lived experience of mental health issues to apply.

www.richmondpra.applynow.net.au



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Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service is a community service organisation that has been helping people battle poverty and disadvantage since 1976.

As an organisation committed to social justice, Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service, is working towards reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We employ direct services, administrative and management staff in the following areas:

- women and girls
- young people
- families and children
- financial inclusion
- business and finance
- marketing and fundraising
- organisational development
- social policy and research

We advertise all our positions at www.goodshepvic.org.au where you can also register to receive job updates via email for all Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service's vacancies.

Please remember to follow the application process outlined in the position description and address the **key selection criteria** if you wish your application to be considered.

Employment is subject to a current Working with Children Check (E) & Police Record Check.

Department of
Justice and Attorney-General

Indigenous Service Support Officer

Youth Justice, Central Queensland Region

Temporary for Six months

Department of Justice and Attorney-General

Salary: \$62 997 - \$69 272 p.a.

Location: Mackay

REF: QLD/122267/14

Key Duties: The Indigenous Service Support Officer assists Youth Justice staff to provide support and intervention services to ATSI young people on interventions.

Skills/Abilities: It is a genuine occupational requirement that an Identified position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. No tertiary qualifications are required.

Enquiries: Gregory Strohal (07) 4967 2360
To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 16 June 2014

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Ninti One Ltd is a truly unique and innovative not-for-profit organisation that is devoted to the creation of benefits for remote Australian people, businesses and landscapes through research, innovation and community development. Its networks are unrivalled and, together with the organisation's 60+ partners, collaborates to deliver research, training, commercialisation, economic development and evidence for policy development

appropriate for remote Australia. Its work has earned an enviable reputation for delivering high quality, ground-breaking outcomes for remote Australia.

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- under the direction of the Board, manage Ninti One Ltd, the Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation and the Remote Australia Institute by providing strong leadership in setting priorities, developing programs and promoting the role of research in influencing policy and outcomes for remote Australia;
- leading, motivating, developing, mentoring and managing dedicated and close knit, but geographically dispersed, teams;
- supporting the Board to ensure strong governance standards are practiced, maintained and continuously improved;
- promoting, developing, managing and growing relationships between partners and stakeholders;
- managing the process of developing, operationalising and implementing the strategic plan;
- fostering strong relationships and partnerships with industry, research institutions and government;
- ensuring the results of research programs are effectively disseminated for uptake by key stakeholders.

This is a very grounded role and would suit a consummate professional experienced in oscillating between strategy, advocacy and practical delivery. The successful candidate will be appropriately qualified with senior management experience within an organisation servicing diverse stakeholders and a proven practice of cultural competence. Genuine interest and credibility in the research arena, together with an ability to demonstrate strong evidence of the capacity to collaborate and influence, is essential. Other important qualities include strategic thinking, high level negotiation, communication, organisation and commercial analysis. Frequent travel is expected.

For a job and person specification, please visit www.hender.com.au and for further information on our client, please visit www.nintione.com.au. Applications in Word format only should be forwarded to Justin Hinora by email to 18311@hender.com.au. Telephone enquiries are welcome on (08) 8100 8849.

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Ralph.white@aflsportsready.com.au or (03)8413 3535

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where it might take you."*



CASUAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS Parramatta

Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited is seeking enthusiastic and motivated Aboriginal Administration Officers for a 6 week period early July .You could also be part of our casual pool to work in our Care and Protection/Family Law Practice at Parramatta.

Responsibilities include typing, photocopying, filing, and general clerical duties. We are seeking applicants with previous administration experience, excellent computer skills, be able to cope with high volume workload and exceptional communication skills.

Our application form can be found at
www.alsnswact.org.au/getinvolved/jobs or call/email
Mrs. Demeine Winikerei
on 88363444
demeine.winikerei@alsnswact.org.au

**Applications for this position close
on midnight 12 June 2014**

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Macquarie University Fellowship for Indigenous Researchers

Ref 494361

Macquarie University will offer one full-time postdoctoral Research Fellowship to an Australian Indigenous Researcher, commencing 1 January 2015. Full information including the funding rules and application material are available at:
<http://www.research.mq.edu.au/mufir>

In addition to salary, the MUFIR recipient will be eligible for up to \$50,000 over three years for project costs.

Like to find out more?

Visit www.research.mq.edu.au/mufir

Macquarie University is an EO Employer committed to diversity and social inclusion. Applications are encouraged from people with a disability; women (particularly for senior and non-traditional roles); Indigenous Australians, people who identify as GLBTIQ; and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.



CRICOS Provider Code 00002J

Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council

ABN 17 304 066 465
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Fax: (02) 4997 5750
PO Box 30, 16 Mustons Rd
KARUAH NSW 2324
Email: karuahaboriginal@bigpond.com



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**KARUAH Local Aboriginal Land Council
(Attractive Salary Package and Benefits)**

The Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council (KLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO will be required to assist and support the KLALC Board in implementing the KLALC's community business plan.

The successful applicant will have demonstratable knowledge and an understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of financial management principals and practices. An in-depth knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues, including social housing, 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.

For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer - Dave Feeney, by email: karuahaboriginal@bigpond.com or on (02) 4997 5733 and 0439 248 219.

Applications can be forwarded via email to karuahaboriginal@bigpond.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

CEO Recruitment Panel
Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 30
Karuah NSW 2324

Applications close: Friday 13th June 2014

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



PIUS X ABORIGINAL CORPORATION KIAH PRESCHOOL, MOREE

1x Aboriginal Health Worker

1x Early Childhood Teacher

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation, Kiah Preschool are seeking to recruit a full-time Aboriginal Health Worker and full-time Early Childhood Teacher.

For an information package; including selection criteria and position description please contact Mrs Kim Connors, Administration Officer on (02) 6752 1099 or email admin@piusx.com.au

Written applications including detailed resume, letter of application and names of referees should be marked **"Confidential"** and be addressed to the CEO, Pius X Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 363 MOREE NSW 2400.

Applications will be received by Friday 13th June 2014.

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation promotes EEO principles and provides a smoke free work environment. Relevant Criminal and Working with Children Checks will be conducted prior to appointment.

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About you

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To apply

Visit our website for further information on each role, or submit your CV and details to: careers.nsw@gadens.com with reference number **KM415** in the subject line.
Contact: Bill Panourgias, T +61 2 9035 7458

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION

OFFICE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ABORIGINAL TRAINEESHIP

Catholic Education in Western Australia is the second largest education provider in the state. We cater for more than 73,000 students from Kununurra to Esperance and employ more than 9000 people.

We are currently seeking applications from suitably motivated and enthusiastic individuals interested in completing a traineeship for twelve months. The successful applicant will be employed on a full-time basis for a period of twelve months and will be required to obtain a Certificate III or IV during this time.

This initiative is part of the Catholic Education Office Aboriginal Employment Strategy aimed at increasing the participation of Aboriginal people in Catholic Education in Western Australia. The field of study for the certificate can be in the areas of: Human Resources; Children Services; or Information Technology eg (Helpdesk).

The successful applicant will have:

- Completed Year 12 or equivalent study
- Confirmation of Aboriginality
- Capacity and willingness to study towards (and complete) a Certificate III or IV
- Flexibility and the ability to work effectively with others in a team environment
- Sound computer skills
- Commitment to the objectives and ethos of Catholic Education

All relevant information and documentation can be found on the CEO web-site <http://employment.ceo.wa.edu.au/>.

Enquiries should be directed to Norman Brahim, Aboriginal Scholarships Officer, School Improvement Directorate on **08 6380 5258** or email careers@ceo.wa.edu.au.

Applications close no later than 5pm Wednesday 18 June 2014.



Education & Communities

Senior Leader, Community Engagement – Connected Communities

Boggabilla Central School

Clerk Grade 7/8

Position Number: 171921

Total remuneration package valued up to \$102,792 p.a. (salary \$83,962 to \$92,240 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The position supports the implementation of strategic initiatives and programs in Large Connected Communities schools.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Proven high level knowledge, understanding and connection to the local Aboriginal Community, including its histories, knowledge and contemporary issues.
- Demonstrated strong track record in implementing Aboriginal educational programs and initiatives designed to improve Aboriginal student performance.
- Good knowledge and understanding of, and the capacity to support, the Connected Communities strategy as it relates to parent involvement, community input and key stakeholder participation.
- Demonstrated high quality interpersonal, oral and written communication skills and the capacity to work cooperatively and collaboratively with local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups and school staff in the implementation of the Aboriginal Education Policy and strategies.
- Proven commitment to improving learning outcomes for students, with a clear vision of what it takes to achieve this.
- Knowledge and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes:

This is a temporary full-time appointment up to 30 June 2018. Administrative hours and conditions apply.

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Enquiries and Information Package: Mr Gavin Khan, (07) 4676 2104

Post applications marked 'CONFIDENTIAL' to:

Mr Gavin Khan
Executive Principal
Boggabilla Central School
South Street
Boggabilla NSW 2409

Closing date: Wednesday, 18 June 2014

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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Contracting



Expressions of interest

BGC Contracting Pty Ltd is a national contract mining and civil construction company with operations spanning Western Australia, Queensland, South Australia and Northern Territory.

BGC Contracting is seeking Expressions of Interest for the Provision of Indigenous Australian Cultural Awareness/Diversity Training.

The training will be provided on site at Cliffs Natural Resources Koolyanobbing and Windarling Operations, located near Southern Cross, in Western Australia.

Expressions of Interests should include company profile, capability statement, client references and details of the proposed training program.

Interested businesses should email mbarefoot@bgc.cc for:

- Further information by close of business 13 June 2014.
- The Submission of their Expression of Interest by close of business 27 June 2014.

BGC Contracting implements positive strategies to attract and recruit Indigenous Australian people as provided for under section 51 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984, as measures intended to achieve equality.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

We pride ourselves in maintaining a positive corporate culture through our values; **Teamwork, Enjoyable workplace, Always deliver, Mutual respect and Safety.**

For more information please visit our website.
Phone (08) 9260 2300 Fax (08) 9260 2360

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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program Officer

- Opportunity for professional and career development
- Fixed Term
- Melbourne based

We need your administrative and organisational skills to support Oxfam's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program (ATSIPP) Unit.

You will support the implementation of programs that work with Indigenous Australians through acting as a central communications point and providing high level administrative support. This will include working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities, supporting people to self-determine their own solutions, exercise their rights and to have a strong voice in decisions that affect their lives.

Please visit <https://www.oxfam.org.au/my/jobs> for application details. Only applications submitted on our Application Form will be accepted.

Salary \$56,069 plus super, benefits and access to salary packaging.

Applications close: Thursday 26 June 2014

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply. To be eligible for this position, you must have an appropriate Australian or New Zealand work visa.

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ANROWS

AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION FOR WOMEN'S SAFETY
Dr Robert Kingston, Deputy Director of Policy, Evaluation

Communications and Media Officer

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) aspires to be an innovative research organisation with authoritative leadership and high impact to support the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 (the National Plan).

ANROWS is recruiting for a Communications and Media Officer with the skills required for clear, innovative communication to diverse groups; and enthusiasm for an end to violence against women and their children.

**Applications close:
mid-night Wednesday 18 June, 2014.**

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

An information package for each position is available at www.anrows.org.au

ARTS LAW CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA



ARTISTS IN THE BLACK COORDINATOR

The Arts law Centre of Australia is the national community legal centre for the arts.

Our Artists in the Black service provides Arts Law services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, organisations and communities across Australia.

We are seeking a full-time Indigenous Coordinator for this service.

Knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Indigenous artists is required.

For a complete job description and selection criteria contact (02) 93562566 or www.artslaw.com.au. **Closing June 17, 2014**

This is an Aboriginal identified position.



Family & Community Services
Housing NSW

Senior Client Service Officer Specialist (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 5/6

Illawarra Shoalhaven District, Nowra

Temporary Full-Time

Job Reference No. 00002QPU

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 and non-Indigenous clients, including those with complex needs. Develop and manage relationships, partnerships and networks between the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, the broader communities and the Department. The role will also improve communication on, and access to, services for mainstream and 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. Sound knowledge of the principles underpinning the NSW Housing legislation, Departmental policies and practices in the provision of social housing.
4. High level influencing, negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
5. Demonstrated ability to identify and analyse problems and propose effective and innovative solutions to meet client needs.
6. Willingness to participate in community events and internal reference groups.
7. Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time role for a period of up to 6 months 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*.

Enquiries: Jill Turnbull on (02) 4424 5401

Information Packages and to apply on-line: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00002QPU

Closing date: Friday 20 June 2014

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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, Campbelltown

A Catholic Secondary School for Girls Years 7-12 in the Good Samaritan Tradition.

St Patrick's College is an innovative Catholic educational community with high academic standards and a strong co-curricular program. We are dedicated to educating girls for the 21st Century and developing confident, independent women.

TEACHER

Permanent Full Time commencing in Term 3 2014

This is an identified Aboriginal position

Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

The College is seeking applications from a teacher with the ability to teach Indigenous Studies.

The successful candidate will contribute to the strong partnership the College has with community. They need to have a good understanding of issues affecting Indigenous students and families. Those in their final year of a teaching degree are encouraged to apply.

Role description is available from the College website www.saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au

A commitment to the ethos of Catholic Education is essential. A valid Working with Children Check Number is required for this position and must be provided at the time of application.

An application form for this position to be obtained from the College website www.saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au. Completed applications to be submitted to:

The Principal, Mrs Sue Lennox, St Patrick's College
PO Box 943, Campbelltown, NSW, 2560.

Phone: (02) 4629 2999, Fax: (02) 4628 1604 or Email: employment@saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au

Closing date: Monday 16 June 2014 at 4pm



Aboriginal Student Support Officer (2 positions)

These are permanent part time positions for 17.5 hours per week.

Location Negotiable within a campus cluster

Salary Total remuneration package valued to \$37,897 pa, including salary (\$31,293 – \$34,265), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

This is an identified position in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criterion.

NB: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or registrable offence to apply for this position.

Recommended applicants will be required to obtain a Working With Children Check and a National Criminal Records Check.

Applications Close

Monday, 16 June 2014

Information Packages are available on our website. **All applications must be submitted electronically via our website.**

www.rit.tafensw.edu.au/jobsri

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YOUTH LIAISON OFFICER OPPORTUNITY HUB, DUBBO

CentaCare provides a broad range of innovative social services in response to the needs of communities in western NSW. We currently have a full time position available in the Dubbo office for a Youth Liaison Officer to provide advice, referral, aspiration activities and career opportunities to transition Indigenous young people from Years 5-12 into education and employment.

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

Essential Selection Criteria:

1. Respect for Catholic ethos.
2. Experience working with primary or secondary students and staff and an understanding of various learning styles of children.
3. An understanding of pathways for young people into sustainable employment and/or into further education and career trends.
4. Well developed oral and written communication skills.
5. An ability to negotiate and liaise with a diverse range of people in a confidential manner.
6. Ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people and a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture.
7. Ability to work individually as well as in a team environment.
8. Excellent administrative skills and using Microsoft Office applications.
9. Working with Children Check Number or willingness to obtain upon employment.
10. Current driver's licence.

An attractive remuneration package is on offer commensurate with your qualifications and experience. For further information about the position, contact Daniel Ebert on (02) 6883 4600.

For an information package visit www.centacarewf.org.au/about-us/positionsvacant
phone (02) 6850 1788 or
email: careers@centacarewf.org.au

Applications close: 5pm Friday 13 June 2014.



Proudly part of the Catholic Social Services network and the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes.



GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Aboriginal Targeted Position

Penrith Local Area Command, Penrith

Clerk Grade 1/2 – Permanent Full-time

Jobs.NSW Requisition No: 00002X00

Salary Package: \$67,162. **Salary:** \$55,985 – \$60,863. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Penrith Local Area Command, focusing on quality advice and high level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force. The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW Police Force locations, including within the Court Process Office.

Job Notes:

- This position is open to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants **only**, in accordance with *Part 6, Clause 23 of the Government Sector Employment Rules 2014*.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with Flexible Rostering Guidelines.
- The position will generally be rostered to perform work within business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- 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 check) prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Don Tierney, Local Area Manager, on (02) 4721 9463

For the selection criteria, a downloadable position description and information package, please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00002X00.

Closing date: Sunday, 15 June 2014

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Health
Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Liaison Officer (Aboriginal HEO Non-Grad/Grad)

Ref ID: 185404
P/T 24hpw at Canterbury and Concord Hospital
Salary: \$23.63 – \$40.30 ph
Enquiries: Michele Horgan, (02) 9767 6680
Closing date: 13 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:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Aboriginal Identified Bus Driver Get a career that matters.

Our Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Child and Family Centre program is looking for an Aboriginal Identified Bus Driver to join their team based in Mount Druitt. The successful candidate will be responsible for picking up and returning Yenu Allowah children and families, as well as coordinating other transport requirements. This is a temporary part time position (25 hours per week) ending 30 June 2014, with the possibility to extend into mid-2015.

www.getacareerthatmatters.com.au

Apply online by 5pm 10 June 2014
Please refer to the job description for full details.
We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



Ability Linkers: Get a career that matters.

UnitingCare will deliver Ability Links programs across the Metro North and Southern regions of NSW from 1 July 2014. Ability Links is the NSW approach to local area coordination for people with a disability. Linkers will provide a locally based first point of contact designed to improve access and engagement in local community and mainstream services to facilitate social and economic inclusion of people with a disability. Applicants do not require experience working in disability services to be considered for this role. Please refer to our website for more information.

getacareerthatmatters.com.au

Apply online by 5 pm 9 June 2014

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



LOOKING FOR A SEA CHANGE? BUNJILWARRA - KOORI YOUTH ALCOHOL & DRUG HEALING SERVICE

Bunjilwarra (Koori Youth Alcohol & Drug Healing Service) is a 12 bed youth residential Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD) treatment program located in Hastings on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula that acknowledges the importance of culture and (re)connection to culture/community by ensuring the Aboriginal meaning of healing is the foundation of the program.

Bunjilwarra is a partnership between the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) and the Youth Support + Advocacy Service (YSAS). Bunjilwarra is now looking to employ the following roles:

- Clinical Lead (1.0 FTE)
- Bunjilwarra Aboriginal Cultural Lead (1.0 FTE)
- Residential Alcohol and Drug Workers (5 x 1.0 FTE & 3 x casual)
- Assessment and Transition workers (1 FTE)
- Office Manager (1 FTE)
- Cook (1.0 FTE)
- Property Maintenance (0.4 FTE)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

For a copy of the above Position Descriptions please visit the Bunjilwarra website www.bunjilwarra.org.au

To support your application you must provide us a covering letter addressing the Key Selection Criteria and a current Resume.

Please note: To be a successful candidate you must meet the position requirements as well as undergo a National Victorian Police Check and hold a valid Working With Children Check prior your appointment.

Applications close **18th June 2014** and should be addressed to:
info@bunjilwarra.org.au

For further information please contact Diana Valeuchar at YSAS on 03 9415 8881 or Merindah Brown at VAHS on 03 9419 3000.

Interviews will be held during the week beginning June 23rd.

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COUNSELLOR

- Permanent Part Time role (7.5 hours per week)
- Newcastle Outreach Location - Muswellbrook
- Hourly rate: \$32.72ph (Total salary package \$77,814pa pro-rata)

Interrelate is a not-for-profit community based organisation providing relationship services for individuals, couples & families. We are currently seeking a dedicated & experienced Counsellor to join our Newcastle Relationship Services Team, working from our Newcastle outreach location in Muswellbrook. The Relationship Services Centre offers a variety of services to our clients including counselling for families, couples, individuals and children and group relationship support programs. This position is responsible to conduct counselling sessions with clients. Hours for this role may increase in the future and may also include working from our Newcastle outreach location in Singleton.

Key Criteria:

- Quals in behavioural or social science and/or counselling
- Specific expertise in one or more areas of clinical work (e.g. counselling, dispute resolution, relationship education, children's services, men's programs, family law)
- Experience working with men & counselling couples, families & children; along with a proven knowledge of child development, child protection, mandatory reporting, suicide prevention/ intervention & family violence issues
- Demonstrated skills in working with families experiencing conflict whilst upholding the best interests of the children.

We Offer:

- ✓ Salaries pitched at the top end of the market
- ✓ Training, Mentoring, Supervision and access to Resources
- ✓ High level of diversity in role
- ✓ Excellent working environment

To apply view full details on our website at
www.interrelate.org.au , +*) (' & (% \$ +) # , ! ' ! s Å

Applications close: COB (5pm) Thursday 12 June 2014

Interrelate services are funded by the Australian Government and as such all positions require satisfactory completion of a National Police Check and child related positions require clearance of a NSW Working with Children check also.

www.interrelate.org.au

Yarrabee Community Aged Care Packages

Position Vacant: Administration and Reception

The service is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced person to act as its administration officer/receptionist, reporting to the Community Care Manager.

Although no ethnic or other restrictions will be placed on intending applicants. **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons are encouraged to apply.**

All applications must address the selection criteria in employment package. Employment Application packages are available by contacting the Office at Yarrabee on (02) 6686 9855 or email: supportofficer@jalilalc.com.au

Postal address: PO Box 1677
Position Vacant: Administration and Reception
Employment: 38hours per week
Salary: \$36,000 - \$39,000 plus Super

Applications must be received by close of business 4pm Friday 13 June 2014.

PARTNER ♦ LEAD ♦ DELIVER ♦ MEASURE ♦ RESPOND

Better Corrections - Safer Communities

June Correctional Centre, a dynamic and safe workplace, is currently recruiting:

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

To commence a Pre Service Training Course in August 2014.

For further information, about this role including how to apply, please refer to the following link:

<http://geogroup.applynow.net.au/jobs/GEO112>

**Applications Close:
Wednesday 18th June 2014**

www.geogroup.com.au
GEO is an Equal Opportunity Employer



Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives

An exciting opportunity exists for a suitable candidate within CATSINaM the national peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives. This position is full time and is based in Canberra.

Project Officer

The CATSINaM Project Officer is responsible for promoting CATSINaM, and will coordinate the effective provision of professional support and development offered to our members.

Core responsibilities include partner engagement, member consultation, identifying and sourcing funding, implementing and evaluating projects at both state and national levels.

This position requires experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities and leaders, the ability to liaise with a wide range of key stakeholders, and an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce issues, in particular Nursing and Midwifery.

This position is based in Canberra and may involve regular travel.

Applications close: 20 June 2014

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

For further information, job description and selection criteria contact:

Chrystine Stuart
0427 896 446 or email catsinam@catsinam.org.au

NOWRA LOCAL ABORIGINALLAND COUNCIL



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. 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.



EXCELLENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

SCADA SYSTEMS OFFICER

Your knowledge of advanced motor control circuitry and sensor technology (flow meters, pressure sensors) coupled with your Class C drivers licence will be pivotal in this operational role.

Salary: From \$47,170 to \$54,250 p/a

GANGER MAINTENANCE WATER/SEWER

Your experience with programmable logic controllers and SCADA systems to ensure the smooth running of Council's treatment plants will be highly valued.

Salary: From \$47,174 to \$54,250 p/a

Closing date: 4pm, Friday 13 June 2014

How to apply: Address the selection criteria listed in the position description available on the Positions Vacant page of www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries: Contact Aidan Macqueen, 0439 411 504

ANROWS

AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL RESEARCH
ORGANISATION FOR WOMEN'S SAFETY

Senior Research Officers

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) aspires to be an innovative research organisation with authoritative leadership and high impact to support the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022.

ANROWS is recruiting for the following positions:

1. Senior Research Officer (Research Program)
2. Senior Research Officer (Knowledge Translation and Exchange)
3. Senior Research Officer (Perpetrator Interventions)

ANROWS is seeking applicants who will provide leadership, expertise and enthusiasm in working towards an end to violence against women and their children.

**Applications close:
mid-night Wednesday 18 June, 2014.**

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

An information package for each position is available at
www.anrows.org.au



Dalaigur Pre-School and Children's Services Kempsey

Indigenous Education
"Building a foundation for Education"

Ph: (02) 6562 4758

www.dalaigurpreschool.net

Position Vacant: Director

We are seeking a fulltime qualified professional and dedicated Director for our two 49 place Indigenous preschool services based in Kempsey NSW.

The successful applicant will have experience in Early Childhood Services and business management and a passion for working with children, families, community and the existing team of educators to deliver an exceptional preschool service. A working with children's check applies.

If you are interested in this fulltime position please email dalaigurpreschool@hotmail.com for a full job package.

Written Applications Close:

5pm Friday 17th June 2014.

Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply.



Health

Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available
at this web address or by contacting
the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Registered Midwife / Registered Nurse

Muswellbrook District Hospital

Enquiries: Janelle Alexander, (02) 6542 2073

Reference ID: 193738

Closing date: 15 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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COORDINATOR POSITION



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Legal Aid NEW SOUTH WALES

Aboriginal Targeted Finance Analyst, Clerk Grade 5/6, Finance, Central Sydney Office (Ongoing)

- Ongoing vacancy
- Package up to 90K
- Jobs NSW Reference No. 00002VG1

Enquiries: Clare Hamilton on (02) 9219 5712 or
clare.hamilton@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Applications must be submitted online at
www.jobs.nsw.gov.au to be considered.

Closing date: 9 June 2014



Health

Western Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Chronic Care Registered Nurse – 48 Hour Follow Up

Classification: Registered Nurse

Salary: \$55,465 – \$77,886 pa

Location: Blacktown

Employment Status: Permanent full-time

Enquiries: Jo Medlin, (02) 8887 4449

or email Joanne.Medlin@health.nsw.gov.au

Reference Number: 196251

Closing date: 18 June 2014

Please apply online by visiting:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

N43455



Health

Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available
at this web address or by contacting the
application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Administration Officer

Armidale

Enquiries: Nicola Hamparsum, (02) 6776 9926

Ref ID: 196982

Closing Date: 12 June 2014

Patient Support Officer

Rankin Park Centre New Lambton

Enquiries: Susan Hewitt, (02) 4921 4898

Ref ID: 195830

Closing Date: 15 June 2014

Administrative Officer – Maternity & Gynaecology Outpatient

John Hunter Hospital

Enquiries: Pauline Williamson, (02) 4921 4835

Ref ID: 195387

Closing Date: 15 June 2014

These are targeted Aboriginal Positions. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Part 9A, Section 122J of the *Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

Clinical Nurse Consultant Integrated Chronic Care for Aboriginal People

Armidale, Inverell

Enquiries: Felicity Wardle, (02) 6776 9771

Ref ID: 195008

Closing Date: 15 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*.

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

N43427



Health

South Eastern Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

Community Mental Health, Maroubra

Permanent Full Time

Enquiries: Suzanne Faraj – 0413 777 607

Reference ID: 194782

Closing Date: 15 June 2014

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au
or email application quoting Ref. No. to:
seslhd.recruitment@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
or send application to:
Recruitment Unit,
Ground Floor Admin Building No. 2
Prince of Wales Hospital
Randwick NSW 2031

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

N43430



EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER Nominated Supervisor

*Aboriginality is a genuine requirement for this position
under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act.*

Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre has been established in Gunnedah to be a focal point for Aboriginal and other disadvantaged families and children. We provide a safe, culturally inclusive, accessible place for our children and their families to connect, grow and learn together.

Winanga-Li Early Learning and Care Service values our educators and our families, and we are committed to providing the highest quality early learning and care experience for our children.

We are seeking a full time professional, passionate and dedicated early childhood teacher who:

- is an experienced, dynamic team mentor and leader
- has a sound working knowledge of the National Quality Framework and the EYLF
- able to build partnerships with families and other key stakeholders.

- *Are you professionally motivated and up for a challenge?*
- *Do you have an innovative approach to your work?*
- *Are you an advocate for social justice and best practice in the delivery of care and education to young children?*

If you are interested in working in an integrated service environment, creating a positive sense of community, strengthening our culture, and leading and influencing the quality of our service delivery, then we would like to hear from you.

For an information package call or email the Winanga-Li ACFC Centre Manager on (02) 6743 0999 or email: WayneG@winanga-li.org.au

**Applications close: 5.00pm Wednesday
June 11, 2014.**



Police & Justice

Mentor



**Do you enjoy working with community
and young people?**

Do have strong organisational skills?

Juvenile Justice, Department of Police and Justice is NOW recruiting Mentors in the Tamworth, Armidale, Glen Innes and Tenterfield areas.

Casual Mentors work in the community providing young people the opportunity to form positive relationships with adults who can provide individual assistance, guidance and support to reduce offending and successfully integrate into the community.

You will be paid \$40.40 per hour (inclusive of leave loading), weekend rates also apply. This is a casual role.

Closing Date: Sunday, 15 June 2014

Note! A Working With Children Check is a prerequisite for this position. It is an offence under the *Child Protection (Working With Children) Act 2012* for a barred person to apply for this position. For more information please visit www.kids.nsw.gov.au

For an information package visit www.djj.nsw.gov.au or to apply visit: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au, or for assistance telephone 1800 355 562.

N46406



Police & Justice

Juvenile Justice Officer

Clerk Grade 5/6

Department of Police & Justice

Juvenile Justice

Glen Innes

Job Reference No: 00002UH2

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:

This position is to provide effective, offending focussed intervention through assessment, supervision and case management of juvenile offenders.

Selection Criteria:

- Understanding of the legislation and issues relevant to Juvenile offenders.
- Demonstrated casework experience including demonstrated ability in assessment, report writing and case planning.
- Demonstrated experience in working with adolescents and/or their families.
- Ability to build and maintain relationships with stakeholders to resource services for clients.
- Sound negotiation, oral and written communication skills, including well-developed computer and keyboard skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team and meet tight deadlines.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.
- Knowledge of and respect for Aboriginal culture.

Job Notes: This is an Ongoing Full-Time position and applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package and must address the full selection criteria. It is an offence under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position.

This position will require a Working with Children Check if you are successful, please go to www.kids.nsw.gov.au for details on how to apply. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Enquiries: Bernadette Terry (02) 6752 3415

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00002UH2

Closing Date: 20 June 2014

N46403

Clinicians
(Psychologists/Social Workers)

- Two ongoing positions now available
- Located at the Metropolitan Remand Centre, Ravenhall
- Allied Health 2, Clinician salary range \$65,187 - \$70,137 + super
- Allied Health 3, Clinician salary range \$71,511 - \$81,137 + super

Offending Behaviour Programs provide interventions to prisoners and offenders across Victoria's public prisons and Community Correctional Services system, aiming to reduce an offender's risk of re-offending.

Clinicians use a largely cognitive-behavioural approach, with interventions ranging from intensive therapeutic group programs to shorter psycho-educational programs and individual treatment. You will also provide comprehensive assessment and case consultancy.

You will be a suitably qualified and experienced psychologist or social worker, with training in psychological assessment, short-term individual intervention, group intervention, distress intervention and behavioural management.

For further information on these positions and to submit your application, please visit careers@justice.vic.gov.au.

Applications close on 15 June 2014



Clinical Services Manager
Metropolitan Remand Centre, Ravenhall

- Fantastic leadership opportunity
- \$91,173 - \$99, 833 + superannuation

Offending Behaviour Programs (OBP) staff provide a range of therapeutic interventions to prisoners and offenders across the public prisons and Community Correctional Services system. All interventions aim to reduce an offender's risk of re-offending. Utilising a largely cognitive-behavioural approach, interventions range from intensive therapeutic group programs to shorter psycho-educational programs and individual treatment.

As the Clinical Services Manager, you will be responsible for the management, planning, executive and strategic functions of the prison's OBP service.

As our ideal candidate, you will have experience and expertise in clinical and forensic assessment, intervention, case management, research, program development and evaluation. You will also have a strong background in managing the delivery of a range of clinical programs and services, including contracted services.

If you are resilient, flexible and passionate about delivering interventions that make a difference in people's lives, a role with OBP could be your next challenge.

For further information on this position and to submit your application, please visit careers.vic.gov.

Applications close on 17 June 2014.



Walgett Aboriginal Medical Services Co-Operative Ltd

Chronic Disease Manager

APRHA Registered professionals - Walgett AMS



- Salary package of \$85,000 to \$90,000 (depending on experience), plus superannuation and 17.5% leave loading;
- lead and coordinate a multi-disciplinary team to provide high quality primary health care services, with a focus on chronic disease and child health, to Aboriginal people within Walgett and surrounding communities;
- Relocation assistance & rental accommodation, computer, mobile phone and a fully maintained motor vehicle will be made available for the position.

About the Opportunity

Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service has a fantastic opportunity for an AHPRA Registered Health Professional to join their friendly and dedicated team in Walgett as a Chronic Disease Manager. This position is available for an immediate start.

Reporting to the Deputy CEO, you will be leading and coordinating a multi-disciplinary team in providing high quality primary health care services, with a focus on chronic disease and child health, to Aboriginal people within Walgett and surrounding communities. You'll specifically be focused on the day-to-day management of WAMS.

To be successful in this position, you will be AHPRA Registered with experience providing

high quality health care services to Aboriginal communities in rural/remote settings, and you will ideally have experience dealing specifically with children and people with chronic disease in centre-based and outreach settings. A demonstrated ability to implement, manage and evaluate health programs is also highly desirable.

You will be a natural leader with the ability to effectively lead and motivate a team of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal staff in a multi-disciplinary Primary Health Care Outreach Team. Additionally, you will need excellent computer literacy, report writing skills, and the communication skills to enable you to liaise effectively with a variety of stakeholders.

It would be advantageous to have a demonstrated understanding of remote health issues and the impact of socio-economic factors on Aboriginal people and communities in Western NSW. The flexibility to travel to different sites and a current driver's licence are also essential.

To apply for this role, please contact:

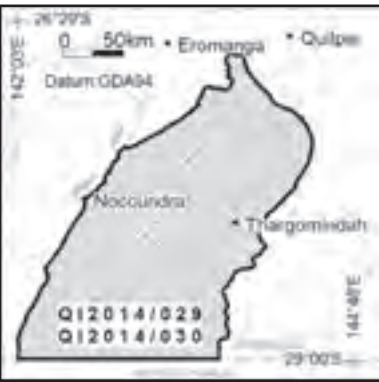
Leigh Leslie, Deputy CEO
33 Wee Waa Street, PO Box 396
Walgett NSW 2832
Ph: 02 6820 3777 or email:
leighl@walgettams.com.au

Notice of applications to register area
agreements on the Register of
Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland
Notification day: 11 June 2014



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2014/029 Kullilli People and Ergon Energy ILUA; and
QI2014/030 Kullilli People and Local Government ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to these agreements covers about 32,185 sq km, located in the vicinity of the Grey Range and Bulloo River, extending north from the New South Wales Border to about 50km south east of Eromanga.

Relevant LGAs: Bulloo, Paroo and Quilpie Shire Councils

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, the Department of Natural Resources & Mines (Qld).

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

QI2014/029

Ergon Energy Corporation Limited
c/- MacDonnells Law
GPO Box 79
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Paola Smith, Peter White, Ronny Watson (also known as Ronald Watson), Stephen Hagan, Judith Conlon, Brenda Fisher, Kayleen Hopkins and Elizabeth McAvoy on behalf of the Kullilli People (QUD80/09)
c/- Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd
PO Box 10832, Adelaide Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

QI2014/030

Bulloo Shire Council and
Quilpie Shire Council
c/- MacDonnells Law
GPO Box 79
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Mr Paola Smith, Ms Maxine Gooda, Mr Peter White, Mr Ronny Watson (also known as Ronald Watson) and Mr Eric Hood as the Applicants for Native Title Determination Application QUD80/09 (Kullilli People)
c/- Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd
PO Box 10832, Adelaide Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

The agreements contain the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

QI2014/029 Kullilli People and Ergon Energy ILUA

5.1 The Parties consent to the doing of any particular future act and any class of future acts specified in this Agreement.

5.2 The Parties consent to Ergon Energy performing any of the following future acts: (a) Minor Works; (b) access to the Agreement Area for the purposes of the activities in clause 5.2(a); (c) use of all land siting electricity infrastructure in existence at the execution date ("relevant Electricity Infrastructure") and of any adjacent land required for operational use and maintenance of relevant Electricity Infrastructure; (d) access to all land referred to in clause 5.2(c) by way of access tracks in existence at the execution date ("relevant access tracks"); (e) any future acts on Aboriginal land subject to the prior written consent of the entity holding the Aboriginal Land having been obtained; and (f) subject to Cultural Heritage Management Processes stipulated in the Agreement, the grant of any easement, licence or permit over relevant Electricity Infrastructure.

5.10 The Parties agree that Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA [Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)] does not apply to any future act, to which the Parties have consented, within this Agreement.

6.1 The Native Title Party consents to the State of Queensland granting Ergon Energy any tenure or other interest over land within the Agreement Area on which Electricity Infrastructure is located without prejudice to any rights which the Native Title Party may have to compensation from the State of Queensland.

8.1 If, before the Execution Date, Ergon Energy had or acquired a right or interest in the Agreement Area under a way-leave agreement, easement, licence, permit, statutory or contractual access arrangement, Act or Regulation; the Parties: (a) consent to the exercise of those rights or interests; (b) agree that those rights or interests are valid; and (c) agree that, to the extent of any inconsistency, those rights or interests prevail over Native Title.

[Schedule 2 defines Minor Works as including tree lopping and tree clearing in certain circumstances, repairing or reinstating any damaged or destroyed Electricity Infrastructure, maintaining and inspecting Electricity Infrastructure, accessing the Agreement Area for the before mentioned purposes and installation of street light poles and service/intermediate poles that are tied into the existing powerline system in urban areas/town precincts.]

QI2014/030 Kullilli People and Local Government ILUA

37.2 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act (which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any Future Acts covered by the Agreement.

42.1 The Parties consent to any Activity which has a Low Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 8). [Schedule 8 contains classes of activities which have a Low Native Title Impact including: maintenance, low impact infrastructure, statutory approvals, low impact tenure grants, invalid past acts, pest control, granting or making contractual interests relating to the management or use of land or waters for a public purpose, low impact local government operational activities, access and site investigation, emergencies, creating contractual interests with third parties and low impact works/infrastructure otherwise agreed at a capital works forum].

42.3 [Subject to certain conditions, the Parties consent to any Activity which has a High Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 9). Schedule 9 contains classes of activities which have a High Native Title Impact including: high impact infrastructure, high impact tenure grants, preventing the exercise of native title and high impact works/infrastructure otherwise agreed at a capital works forum].

44.2 A Future Act which was invalidly done before the Execution Date and which is not an intermediate period act under the Native Title Act, is validated.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

These two applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services Limited, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown in the respective map. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD, 4001 by 11 September 2014.

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

AG82733

Shared country, shared future.

Notice of a compensation application
in relation to an area located in the
State of Western Australia



Notification day: 18 June 2014

This is notice of a compensation application made under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Native Title Act) by Christopher Robert Bodney ‘for the Bodney Family Claim Group, Ballaruk People’s’ (the compensation claim group). The compensation claim group seeks a determination by the Federal Court of Australia that it is entitled to compensation under the Native Title Act for the extinguishment or impairment of its native title rights and interests in the area described below (the compensation claim area). A locality map is also provided below.

The compensation claim group claims that its entitlement to compensation results from ‘Various Gazetted Uses’ by the Government of Western Australia of the compensation claim area.



Application name: Christopher Robert Bodney (for the Bodney Family Group, Ballaruk People’s) v State of Western Australia.
Federal Court File No: WAD6290/1998.
Date made: 29 September 1998.
Location: The compensation claim area covers approximately 4.1 sq km within the area known as Kings Park in the Perth metropolitan area.
Relevant Local Government Area: City of Perth.

Please note the following information:

- To date there has been no determination of native title in relation to the compensation claim area.
- Generally, any compensation for the extinguishment or impairment of native title rights and interests is payable by the Commonwealth or relevant State/Territory government.

Any person who wishes to become a party to this compensation application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court of Australia, GPO Box A30, Perth, Western Australia, 6837 on or before **17 September 2014** and request to become a party. After 17 September 2014, if a person wishes to become a party, the Federal Court’s permission is required.

For assistance and further information about this compensation application, call freecall 1800 640 501 or (08) 9425 1000 and ask to speak to Claire Smith, the Case Manager for the Bodney compensation claims.

Data statement: the boundary to the compensation claim area was compiled by geospatial staff assisting the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate, Western Australia.

AG82714

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Notice of a compensation application
in relation to an area located in the
State of Western Australia



Notification day: 18 June 2014

This is notice of a compensation application made under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Native Title Act) by Christopher Robert Bodney ‘for the Bodney Family Claim Group, Ballaruk People’s’ (the compensation claim group). The compensation claim group seeks a determination by the Federal Court of Australia that it is entitled to compensation under the Native Title Act for the extinguishment or impairment of its native title rights and interests in the area described below (the compensation claim area). A locality map is also provided below.

The compensation claim group claims that its entitlement to compensation results from the enactment of the *Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement Act 1985* (WA).



Application name: Christopher Robert Bodney (for the Bodney Family Group, Ballaruk People’s) v State of Western Australia.
Federal Court File No: WAD6289/1998.
Date made: 13 August 1998.
Location: The compensation application area covers approximately 1.3 sq km within the area known as Burswood in the Perth metropolitan area.
Relevant Local Government Area: Town of Victoria Park.

Please note the following information:

- To date there has been no determination of native title in relation to the compensation claim area.
- Generally, any compensation for the extinguishment or impairment of native title rights and interests is payable by the Commonwealth or relevant State/Territory government.

Any person who wishes to become a party to this compensation application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court of Australia, GPO Box A30, Perth, Western Australia, 6837 on or before **17 September 2014** and request to become a party. After 17 September 2014, if a person wishes to become a party, the Federal Court’s permission is required.

For assistance and further information about this compensation application, call freecall 1800 640 501 or (08) 9425 1000 and ask to speak to Claire Smith, the Case Manager for the Bodney compensation claims.

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AG82716

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Dalaigur Pre-School and Children’s
Services Kempsey

Indigenous Education “Building a foundation for Education”

Ph: (02) 6562 4758 www.dalaigurpreschool.net

Bookkeeper / Financial Officer

Permanent / part time hours negotiable

• MYOB experience

• Payroll preparation and processing advice

• Financial management skills

• General administrative preparation of BAS

Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

For full information package email dalaigur@hotmail.com

Written Applications Close: 5pm Friday 17th June 2014.



We are looking for an energetic and organised person to work with six Councils and Aboriginal peoples across the region. The Forum is advancing reconciliation, community and cultural development, advocacy, engagement and education.

The Coordinator will produce the annual Pauline McLeod Awards for Reconciliation, working with communities and schools. The Coordinator will also be the secretariat for the bimonthly Forum meetings and deliver agreed projects.

The Coordinator will work closely with Leichhardt Council’s Community Development Officer - Aboriginal Programs, who is a D’harawal elder.

COORDINATOR

Eastern Regional Local Government Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Forum -
Temporary up to 2 Years
Reference No: SPV24/14

(This position has been re-advertised; previous applicants need not apply)

Salary: \$27.34 per hour + super, approximately 10-15 hrs p/wk with increased hours around major events.

Enjoy our benefits: Easy public transport or bicycle to work; health incentives.

Requirements include:

- Aboriginality - This position is designated as a specifically an Aboriginal position under section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977
- Higher School Certificate qualification or similar.
- Administrative experience with demonstrated attention to detail and accuracy.
- Strong communication skills and the ability to engage with diverse people.
- Strong organisational skills, including meetings and event organisation.
- Skills in the planning and delivery of community development projects and programs.
- Ability to work in a team capacity as well as work independently.
- Demonstrated initiative and problem solving skills.
- High level of computer skills with MS Word and Outlook.
- An understanding of EEO, WH&S and sustainability principles and their application in the workplace.
- To demonstrate an awareness and maintain a high standard of quality customer service to which Leichhardt Council is committed; providing accurate information in a prompt and courteous manner.

Enquiries: Tara Day-Williams (02) 9367 9184 or Deborah Lennis (02) 9367 9246.

Closing Date: Friday 13 June 2014

APPLY ONLINE: We recommend you visit and read all the available information on How to Apply prior to using the online application form.

In your application please ensure you address the Essential & Desirable requirements of the position as listed in the Position Description listed above.

Council is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes all applicants. Applications should be submitted through our online application process.

PUBLIC NOTICE:



Kauraru Gold Pty Ltd has recently applied to the Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) for a exploration license (EPM 25520) over the old Horn Island goldfield.

The Directors of Kauraru Gold Pty Ltd would now like to extend a warm invitation to members of the Kaurareg Community, the Traditional Owners of the subject land, to attend a community consultation meeting in which the vision of this exciting proposal will be explained in detail.

In addition, an extensive Question and Answer (Q&A) session will be held immediately after the board’s presentation, in which any community member can ask a question of the panel or voice a view or opinion on any key issue.

VENUE: Horn Island Sports Complex, Nawie Street, Horn Island, QLD

DATE: Saturday 12 July 2014

START TIME: 12.00 midday

END TIME: 3.00pm (or later if required)

If you are a member of the Kaurareg Community and you are interested in attending the meeting, please register your interest in one of the following ways:

- Send an email with the subject “**Register for Meeting**” to info@kaurarugold.com.au
- Or Call **1800 003 812** and register your interest in attending the meeting with one of our operators.

If you cannot attend the meeting, for whatever reason, please feel free to register any questions you might have in the same way - by either phone or email (Email: using the subject “**Question**” to the same email address info@kaurarugold.com.au) - and one of our staff will endeavour to answer your query as promptly as possible.

Merritt: more to offer



TRY-scoring record holder Nathan Merritt says he still has plenty to offer in the National Rugby League (NRL), and hasn't ruled out leaving South Sydney if that's what's required to get the most out of his career.

Merritt has confirmed his future at Redfern is uncertain after being dropped by coach Michael Maguire in April.

The 31-year-old believes he still has much to offer the Rabbitohs in their top-eight charge, and remains confident of winning back his position on the wing.

Maguire has said Merritt is still very important to the club, and Souths have reportedly tabled a one-year offer with the promise of a job after football to their leading all-time try-scorer.

However, Merritt has received interest from elsewhere and says he's not ready to think about winding down his career.

"I still feel fresh; my body still feels good," Merritt said.

"Age is just a number – it's about how your body feels and my body is feeling pretty good.

"I'd like to stay but it's up in the air at the moment.

"Whatever comes my way, I'm ready. I'm just going to embrace whatever happens."

Merritt was dropped in April, but came back into first grade to replace Queensland State of Origin star Greg Inglis at fullback in Souths' 18-0 win over Cronulla.

The flyer took confidence from the return, however he wasn't named for the following Monday night clash with St George-Illawarra, with impressive young winger Alex Johnston seemingly locked in for the rest of the year.

That's not to say Merritt isn't a chance to come back in. Maguire might still bring the club's favourite son back on the other flank at the expense of Joel Reddy, who has been in and out of the side.

Merritt accepts the reasons for being dropped, but has promised to give the Rabbitohs a boost if recalled.

"I think I can. I've got a lot of experience behind me and I've got a lot to give to the team and, hopefully, it's still a long year for me in first grade," Merritt said.

"My future will take care of itself if I play good footy." – AAP

PUBLIC NOTICE

**BARADA KABALBARA YETIMARALA PEOPLE
QUD383/2013 NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP**

**BARADA KABALBARA YETIMARALA PEOPLE #2
QUD439/2013 NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP**

NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Barada **Kabalbara Yetimarala People** are the biological descendants of:

- Lizzy/Kitty/Unnamed Barada Woman (mother of Saltbush George Budby, Rosie Barber, Eddie Budby and Albert Brown);
- Ada/Ina Cotherstone, Daisy Wilson and Alick Smith Snr (and his wife Topsy Barron/Barren);
- Polly (wife of Robert Noble) and Laura (wife of Duke/George Barker, Neddy/Teddy Sauney and Adam Bowen);
- Lizzy (wife of Paddy Flynn);
- Polly (late in life wife of Thomas Mitchell);
- Arthur Miles;
- Kitty (aka Kitty Eaglehawk);
- Yatton Boney;
- Maggie (mother of Jack Mack and Gypsy Tyson)

**BARADA KABALBARA YETIMARALA PEOPLE AUTHORISATION MEETING –
28 JUNE 2014**

This Notice INVITES all members of the **Barada Kabalbara Yetimarala People QUD383/2013 and Barada Kabalbara Yetimarala People #2 QUD439/2013 native title claim groups** (as described above) to an authorisation meeting at the date, time and location set out below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday, 28 June 2014

Venue of Meeting: Travelodge Rockhampton Hotel – 86 Victoria Parade, ROCKHAMPTON QLD

Time of Meeting: Registration – 9:00am
Meeting Opens – 10:00am SHARP

The purpose of the Authorisation Meeting on Saturday 28 June 2014 is to:

1. Appoint a new or replacement applicant pursuant to section 251B of the *Native Title Act 1993*; and
2. Authorise the new or replacement applicant to make an application under section 66B of the *Native Title Act 1993* for the replacement of the current Applicant.

All **Barada Kabalbara Yetimarala People** (as described above) are invited to contact our Reception, **Queensland South Native Title Services** on **1800 663 693** 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, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.



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Notice of a compensation application in relation to an area located in the State of Western Australia

Notification day: 18 June 2014



National
Native Title
Tribunal



This is notice of a compensation application made under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the *Native Title Act*) by Christopher Robert Bodney 'for the Bodney Family Claim Group, Ballaruk People's' (the compensation claim group). The compensation claim group seeks a determination by the Federal Court of Australia that it is entitled to compensation under the *Native Title Act* for the extinguishment or impairment of its native title rights and interests in the area described below (the compensation claim area). A locality map is also provided below.

The compensation claim group claims that its entitlement to compensation results from the enactment of the *City of Perth Endowment Lands Act 1920* (No 31 of 1920).



Application name: Christopher Robert Bodney (for the Bodney Family Group, Ballaruk People's) v State of Western Australia.

Federal Court File No: WAD6291/1998.

Date made: 29 September 1998.

Location: The compensation claim area covers approximately 3.4 sq km within the area known as Bold Park in the Perth metropolitan area.

Relevant Local Government Areas: Town of Cambridge and City of Nedlands.

Please note the following information:

- To date there has been no determination of native title in relation to the compensation claim area.
- Generally, any compensation for the extinguishment or impairment of native title rights and interests is payable by the Commonwealth or relevant State/Territory government.

Any person who wishes to become a party to this compensation application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court of Australia, GPO Box A30, Perth, Western Australia, 6837 on or before **17 September 2014** and request to become a party. After 17 September 2014, if a person wishes to become a party, the Federal Court's permission is required.

For assistance and further information about this compensation application, call freecall 1800 640 501 or (08) 9425 1000 and ask to speak to Claire Smith, the Case Manager for the Bodney compensation claims.

Data statement: the boundary to the compensation claim area was compiled by geospatial staff assisting the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate, Western Australia.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS
 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act* 1978:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
59/1070-I	MINJAR GOLD PTY LTD	437335	49.75HA	80km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 116° 50' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
63/1281	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	445299	110.45HA	89km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 6' S Long: 123° 0' E	DUNDAS SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 4 June 2014

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **4 September 2014**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 4 October 2014**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Idris stood down



PENRITH centre Jamal Idris has been stood down by the National Rugby League (NRL) club, reportedly due to an alcohol-related incident.

According to News Corp last Thursday, Idris was involved in an incident on the Gold Coast while the club had a bye last round.

The Panthers issued a statement that noted Idris needed time off to address some personal issues, but they didn't relate to disciplinary matters.

He was unavailable for last Friday night's clash with Parramatta and no time frame was given for his return to the field.

"Jamal Idris will be taking a break from rugby league, effective immediately," read the statement.



Jamal Idris

"The club has been working closely with the NRL to put a support system in place to help Jamal deal with some personal issues.

"The club stresses that this matter has nothing to do with disciplinary action." – *AAP*



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS
 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act* 1978:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2351	MARTIN, David Leslie	1BL	36km E'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 23' S Long: 123° 57' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2089	PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD	18BL	71km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 44' S Long: 115° 49' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2090	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	89BL	115km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 21' S Long: 116° 18' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2092	GEOMINERALS PTY LTD	22BL	140km S'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 26° 18' S Long: 115° 26' E	MURCHISON SHIRE, SHARK BAY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1415	GOLDRICH PTY LTD	54BL	35km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 47' S Long: 120° 51' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/851-I	AUSTRALIA TOURISM NETWORKS PTY LTD	16BL	165km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 15' S Long: 116° 51' E	MUNDARING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2453	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	70BL	116km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 40' S Long: 122° 50' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2456	RAMELIUS RESOURCES LIMITED	24BL	96km SW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 124° 35' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2457	WESTEX RESOURCES PTY LTD	18BL	81km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 122° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	31/1068	NEXUS MINERALS LIMITED	1BL	139km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 51' S Long: 122° 37' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1069	DIAMOND EXPLORATION PTY LTD	48BL	80km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 52' S Long: 121° 50' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2834 & 38/2916	DUKETON MINING LTD	122BL	98km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 33' S Long: 122° 2' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2929	JONES, Simon Neil David	1BL	52km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2930	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	32BL	146km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 124° 7' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2931	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	19BL	69km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 46' S Long: 123° 33' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2934	BREAKER RESOURCES NL	99BL	117km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 123° 47' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2935	MT WELD MINING PTY LIMITED	1BL	32km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 122° 31' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2937	FORTH RESOURCES PTY LTD	26BL	21km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 122° 34' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1755	TURNER, Timothy Paul	10BL	56km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 122° 32' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1794	NIWEST LIMITED	8BL	49km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 121° 47' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1795	NIWEST LIMITED	5BL	60km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 8' S Long: 122° 13' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1800	PILKINGTON, Anthony Gerald	1BL	72km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 122° 15' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4368	FLATROCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	69BL	99km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 54' S Long: 120° 59' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4371	WRASSE RESOURCES PTY LTD	12BL	21km SW'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 38' S Long: 119° 59' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1001	MESA MINERALS LIMITED	141BL	78km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 28' S Long: 120° 32' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2990	BARACUS PTY LTD	121BL	53km NE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 24' S Long: 116° 46' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/3056	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	67km N'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 22° 45' S Long: 119° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/964-I	PELM RESOURCES PTY LTD	10BL	63km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 118° 55' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/965-I	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	33BL	23km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 11' S Long: 119° 14' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2040-I	PENTAMIN PTY LTD	134BL	78km NE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 118° 19' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2052	RAPTOR RESOURCES LIMITED	6BL	79km E'ly of Merkanooka	Lat: 29° 6' S Long: 116° 48' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2054-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	14BL	30km S'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 116° 47' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1701	REED EXPLORATION PTY LTD	56BL	105km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 24' S Long: 120° 41' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	66/88	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	140BL	36km N'ly of Northampton	Lat: 28° 1' S Long: 114° 38' E	NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3263	LODESTAR MINERALS LIMITED	50BL	141km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 23' S Long: 121° 18' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3268	TROPICANA GOLD LIMITED	39BL	234km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 20' S Long: 125° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3271	LODESTAR MINERALS LIMITED	12BL	149km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 15' S Long: 121° 6' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2153	SHERWOOD, Robert Sylvester CLEMENTS, Leonard John	1BL	2km E'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 14' S Long: 119° 20' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2199-I	NEAROLOGY PTY LTD	6BL	99km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 0' S Long: 119° 5' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2200	FLEET STREET HOLDINGS PTY LTD BILDEX HOLDINGS PTY LTD	5BL	56km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 118° 52' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2201-I	MAJEKA MINERALS PTY LTD	5BL	123km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 119° 11' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2202	FITTON, Grant	1BL	89km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 119° 7' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2203	SNAP HOOK (WA) PTY LTD	7BL	129km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 119° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2204	SNAP HOOK (WA) PTY LTD	5BL	133km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 36' S Long: 119° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4856	HORROCKS ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	17BL	16km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 20' S Long: 127° 46' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	09/480	HASTINGS RARE METALS LTD	47.93HA	163km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 53' S Long: 116° 11' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	09/481	HASTINGS RARE METALS LTD	72.32HA	163km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 54' S Long: 116° 13' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	09/482	HASTINGS RARE METALS LTD	73.46HA	166km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 51' S Long: 116° 11' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5893	LYONS, David Charles	118.86HA	12km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5894	LYONS, David Charles	6.11HA	13km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 1' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5896	FRASER, Lance Blincoc TARABINI, Graeme Victor	16.43HA	12km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5898	XIAO, Zhi Qiang	4.80HA	31km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 120° 51' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4807	PHOTIOS, Michael John	149.81HA	70km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 120° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2338-43	LACCOS, Kevin John	723.06HA	6km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 120° 59' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8449	SUDHOLZ, Tabatha	72.84HA	11km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 121° 25' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8465	AUSTOILS PTY LTD	189.83HA	19km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 121° 14' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8466	MARNTA MEDIA PTY LTD	172.20HA	12km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 15' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5475-80	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	506.27HA	32km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 122° 9' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5481	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	0.86HA	31km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 122° 9' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1652	LITTLE, Terrence Harold	156.50HA	55km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 9' S Long: 118° 23' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2019-S	LEYLAND, Michael Terrence LITTLE, Terrence Harold	9.98HA	42km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 116° 52' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1643	PMR QUARRIES PTY LTD	20.24HA	34km SW'ly of Gingin	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 115° 44' E	WANNEROO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	74/356	PASCOE, Dawn Elena	199.51HA	84km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 32° 49' S Long: 119° 58' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 4 June 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 **4 September 2014**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 4 October 2014**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

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* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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Inseparable Cowboys

By ALF WILSON



RAY Thompson and Robert Lui have almost certainly become the first two players of Torres Strait Islander descent to partner each other in the halves in a National Rugby League (NRL) game.



Robert Lui, left, and Ray Thompson.

Thompson, of Saibai descent, played halfback, and Lui, with Mer heritage, lined up at five-eighth when the North Queensland Cowboys lost 42-12 to the Canberra Raiders at GIO Stadium in the nation's capital on May 25. The Cowboys had a depleted side.

Johnathan Thurston, Brent Tate, Matt Scott and James Tamou were in camp for

Queensland State of Origin duties.

Also missing due to injury were Gavin Cooper and Cameron King.

Lui is the son of Wasee and Phillip Lui, who are proud of their son and his good mate Thompson.

"They started playing for Centrals Junior Rugby League club in Townsville as 11-year-olds, they were selected for various school and club competitions and at the ages of 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17, they played halves in junior club level," Wasee Lui said.

"They practically grew up together and they love the game and are always there for each other."

Torres newspaper publisher Mark Bousen is a rugby league follower and has no doubt that Lui and Thompson are the first TSI players to partner each other in an NRL match.

Wasee said when they were 17, they played against each at school level when one played for Ignatius Park College and the other for Kirwan State High School. They were at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and they travelled together overseas.

"It is really deadly they are the first halves playing NRL together. Makes any family proud, I mean it makes any Torres Strait Islander proud," Wasee Lui said.

Thompson is the godfather to Lui's young son Matthias.



Wasee and Phillip Lui, parents of Townsville Cowboy Robert Lui. Wasee speaks fondly of the relationship between Robert and his Cowboys teammate Ray Thompson. Picture by Alf Wilson

Cape Cluster rugby league split into two zones

By ALF WILSON



NORTHERN Peninsula Area (NPA) made its debut and Aurukun returned to rugby league in rounds one and two of the Northern Zone of the Cape Cluster Rugby League competition at Weipa's Andoom Oval on May 23.

The others sides were Weipa Raiders, Goodline Line Breakers, Napranum Twal and Kookathi Natives. Lockhart River forfeited.

NPA players hail from remote communities Bamaga, Umagico, New Mapoon, Injinoo and Seisia.

Queensland Rugby League (QRL)

divisional coordinator David Maiden was one of two referees who travelled to Weipa to officiate and was impressed.

"Northern Cape Cluster started well, with the six teams attending," he said.

"Lockhart River was the only no show as their coach was away at the Community Cabinet meeting in Cooktown and a few other key players were away. NPA Bulls made their debut in the competition and they were very competitive in their first hitout before winning their second game."

Maiden said Aurukun also made a welcome return to the competition and were very competitive in the first half against the newly-formed Goodline Line Breakers who went on to win both

of their games.

"Kookathi Natives, from Napranum, were very good in their second game after a rusty start and the recently formed Napranum Twal were also much improved in their second outing once their timing kicked in," he said.

NPA performed well, beating Kookathi Natives 28-18 and losing narrowly to gun side Goodline Line Breakers 22-18.

In line for selection

Many players put up their hands for selection in the Northern Cape representative side to be picked after the next rounds in Bamaga on June 14.

Last year the Cape Cluster was run as one competition and this year is split into

northern and southern zones.

Games in the first and second rounds of the southern zone are on June 14 in Cooktown.

Six sides – Hope Vale Warriors, Hope Vale Rebels, a combined Wujal/Laura/Cooktown, Coen Colts, Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama – will compete in the southern zone.

The Northern and Southern Cape side will play in the RARL Challenge in Cairns on June 28-29 against teams from Southern Cape, Torres, Bowen and Palm Island.

This carnival will be a selection trial for the Northern United side to face Queensland Outback at Thursday Island's Ken Brown Memorial Oval on July 19.

NPA likely starters in Badu's Island of Origin

By ALF WILSON



TEAMS from seven Torres Strait Islands and the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) look set to compete in the men's section of the 2014 Island of Origin Series on Badu Island from July 3-5.

The carnival will be hosted by Kulpiyam Youth and Sport Corporation.

Jermaine Reuben is on the organising committee and said at least eight men's sides would line up.

"The sides that have shown interest are Argun Warriors (Badu), Kulpiyam (Badu), Dabu Titans (Kubin), Woer (Murray), Darnley, Malu Kiai (Boigu), NPA, Besai and Warraber," he told the *Koori Mail*.

There is also a possibility of a PNG university team participating in the men's section.

Reuben said that two women's teams –

Surkal (Badu/Besai) and Warraber – had indicated they were starters.

"More interest from teams would be good, especially for the ladies' competition," he said.

Last year Argun Warriors defeated another Badu side Koey Buay Wagadagam 36-18 in the men's grand final at the Joe Mairu Memorial Oval before a large crowd.

Players and officials from outer islands often travel in dinghies in rough seas to get to Badu for the carnival.

Others travel by light aircraft.

There will also be a darts competition during the 2014 carnival and players from numerous islands are expected to compete.

Other activities on the agenda are an under 12 match, an under 18 game between Badu and Boigu in respect of the late Father Edmund Blanket, an oldies' Oztag game, a clinic for youth by Northern Pride players and an employment expo.

Nominations close on June 20.



Action at a previous Island of Origin match. Picture by Alf Wilson

Kids get a kick out of three-day carnival



MORE than 100 boys between the ages of 11 and 14 took part in the three-day MacDonnell Regional Council's MacYouth soccer carnival at Amoonguna.

They came from nine remote communities – Kintore, Papunya, Mount Liebig, Ikuntji, Utju, Ntaria, Amoonguna, Titjikala and Santa Teresa – with some communities travelling more than 600km one-way to participate.

The program targets this age group due to current influx of youth diversion referrals and recent statistics that show this age group is more likely to participate in high-risk activities as well as low school attendance.

Recently, the Adelaide United Football Club started a soccer program in central Australian Indigenous communities in an effort to re-engage youth back into school. This has led to more children wanting to play soccer.

The Amoonguna community hosted all the boys in their youth hall and provided meals, activities and local Indigenous role models for the youth to connect with.

Traditional Credit union also supplied a lunch for the participants, while the NT Department of Sport and Recreation provided the venue and referees for the games.



The teams taking part in the MacDonnell Regional Council MacYouth soccer carnival at Amoonguna, 15km south-east of Alice Springs.

Soccer spreads the word



Children at Yuendumu during Adelaide United Football Club's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program in Central Australia.



YUENDUMU and Tangentyere were the latest communities to benefit from Adelaide United Football Club's drive to introduce soccer to Aboriginal children in central Australia.

Adelaide United program manager James Moore and program ambassador Ruth Wallace, Central Australian Development Officer Steve Jones, and Sport and Recreation's Paul Murray were part of the team that visited Yuendumu and Tangentyere.

Project One, which is part of a three-project Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program, focusses on engaging boys and girls in soccer.

School attendance is compulsory to be a part of the program that targets six-to-13-year-olds.

Soccer claims their sport is unique in that it allows females and males to participate with no gender bias involved.

The eight-to-10-week program will culminate in 30 Year 8/9 males and females being selected for the inaugural camp in Alice Springs in conjunction with Adelaide United and Melbourne Heart playing an exhibition game at Anzac Park on August 23.

Nominated by schools

The selected participants will be nominated by their schools, sporting bodies or community groups and will be based on school attendance and good social behaviour.

Adelaide United FC is working with its partners to ensure the program addresses its community responsibilities as well as introducing soccer.

The children of Yuendumu were quick to embrace the game. The session started with only six children, but officials said as it continued, the engagement of the local children was unbelievable.

After the 180-minute session, 50 girls and boys were involved in games on the community's softball oval.

Organisers said the engagement and willingness to learn was overwhelming.

The next day the visiting officials were working with Tangentyere Family and Youth Services, conducting a clinic for all their children after school. They said the session was well received, with Tangentyere looking to incorporate soccer as their Friday sport.

Otis rips at Bells



FREESTYLE surfer Otis Carey (Sydney, NSW) has been crowned Australian

Indigenous surfing champion, taking down former Australian Champion Russell Molony (Central Coast, NSW) in small but clean waves at Bells Beach, Victoria.

The well-known Sydney natural footer wowed the crowds with a display of progressive surfing mixed with powerful carves.

Carey was dominant throughout the event, taking out the top four heat totals over the two days and four of the top five wave scores.

In the final, Carey blasted his way to a 16.80 total, including an event high 9.8, to beat Molony's 10.63.

James Mercy (Currumbin, Qld) and Simon Knox (Sunshine Coast, Qld) finished third and fourth.

"I've always wanted to win this contest so I'm really happy," Carey said.

"Last year I was not riding great boards, but this year my boards are really good and I feel a lot more healthy.

"I really just came down to catch up with everyone and that's



Otis Carey in action.

the attitude I had coming into the event."

"It's hard to explain winning this competition. It's such a special thing for all the Indigenous surfers to get together and that's probably the most special thing about the contest."

Carey now has a wildcard into the open men's division at the Australian Surf Festival along with a all-expenses paid trip to the Surfing Australia Hurley High-Performance Centre.

Molony won his semifinal from

Mercy, Max Tatum and Tim Payer, while in the other semifinal, Carey beat Knox, Rory Togo and Robbie Page.

The open women's final was again taken out by Gold Coast surfer Amber Mercy, who relished the small waves at Bells.

She found a great wave at the start of the final that set her up for the victory over Danielle Page (Coffs Harbour, NSW). Shannon Dabono and Amber Harrison finished third and fourth.

Former Pipe Master and world



From left, Robbie Page, Otis Carey and Amber Mercy after winning their titles at the Australian Indigenous surfing championships at Bells Beach, Victoria. Pictures: Surfing Victoria

tour competitor Robbie Page (Central Coast, NSW) took out the Masters division for the third year running.

Page was dominant in his heats with his trademark style and flair.

"This is such an awesome competition to see all the communities come together in such a special place," he said.

"Just watching the open men's final was an incredible experience."

Page scored a final total of

16.23 to beat Matthew Molony (Central Coast, NSW) on 11.10 points.

Ronnie Thomas (Wreck Bay, NSW) and Steve Parker (Phillip Island, Vic) were third and fourth.

Final: Otis Carey 16.80, Russell Maloney 10.63, James Mercy 9.30, Simon Knox 8.10.

Semifinal 1: Russell Molony 12.74, James Mercy 9.53, Max Tatum 9.50.

Semifinal 2: Otis Carey 13.66, Simon Knox 12.83, Rory Togo 12.33, Robbie Page 9.44.

Where are our Commonwealth Games boxers?



THERE are no Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders in the Australian boxing team for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow this year.

For the first time, three women will make Commonwealth Games history just by being in Glasgow.

They are among the 11 boxers named in the Australian team last Wednesday by the Australian Commonwealth Games Association (ACGA). Women's boxing will be contested for the first time in Games' history in Glasgow.

Women's boxing made its Olympic

debut with Australia sending only one athlete to the London 2012 Olympic Games. Glasgow 2014 will offer women the opportunity to contest medals in three weight categories – 51kg, 60kg and 75kg.

"We welcome the inclusion of women for the first time into a sport with a long tradition at the Commonwealth Games," ACGA chief executive Perry Crosswhite said. Boxing Australia named its team of eight men and three women for Glasgow after its 2014 Australian championships in Perth in April. The winners of each weight division were eligible for nomination.

Limited to nominating 11 boxers from 13 weight categories (10 men, three

women), Boxing Australia faced a tough decision. It decided to nominate competitors in all three women's categories, meaning two of the 10 men's national champions could not be nominated.

After winning six medals (two gold, four bronze) in Melbourne in 2006, Australia failed to take a boxing medal in Delhi.

MEANWHILE, Damien Hooper has lined up an eight-round fight with Joel Casey at Jupiters Hotel, on the Queensland Gold Coast, on July 30.

Light-heavyweight Hooper has won all of his seven professional fights – six

inside the distance. He is ranked No 2 in Australia behind Victorian southpaw Blake Caparello, who has a world ranking of 10.

Hooper has a world ranking of 67.

Casey, a southpaw from Townsville, has an Australian ranking of 11 in the light-heavyweight division.

A former teammate of Hooper in their amateur days – Moree-born Cameron Hammond – is set to fight Alex Ah Song in Narrabri on August 9.

Like Hooper, Hammond, 24, is travelling down the professional path and so far the light-middleweight has won all nine of his pro fights – four inside the distance.



Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council Nominations Now Open

If you are passionate about Rugby League at all levels, interested in provide strategic advice on issues relating to Indigenous Rugby League and committed to making a difference in the community, then we are interested in hearing from you.

The Australian Rugby League Commission is seeking nomination from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to join the Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council.

How to Apply: Please visit nrl.com/onecommunity to download a nomination form.

Completed forms are to be emailed to icouncil@nrl.com.au by Tuesday 17th June 2014. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.



Design the 2015 Indigenous All Stars Jersey! Submissions Now Open

The Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council is currently inviting artists from within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to become a key part of the 2015 Indigenous All Stars celebration by submitting a painting design for consideration to be incorporated within the 2015 Indigenous All Stars merchandise ranges, including the admired Indigenous All Stars player jersey!

The winner will be recognised in the lead-up and during All Stars week.

How to Apply: Please visit nrl.com/onecommunity to download the design brief and terms of submission.

All artwork submissions (including design and relevant background information) must be submitted by 5pm Friday 27th June, 2014 (AEST). Submissions received after this date will not be considered.



Murray Bridge HS girls (left) and Maitland AS girls before their grand final at the Adelaide Oval. They are pictured with the SA Governor Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce.



Port Adelaide Aboriginal programs manager Paul Vandenburg speaking at the Alberton Oval opening ceremony.



The South Australian Governor, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, tosses the coin for the boys' final between Murray Bridge HS and Maitland AS at the Adelaide Oval. The match was won by Maitland AS.



The South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy team at the Alberton Oval carnival.

Power Cup's three big days



A SUNNY Alberton Oval in Adelaide was the venue for 120 nine-a-side Australian football games played over three days as part of the seventh South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy (SAASTA) Power Cup competition.

Grand finals were played at the Adelaide Oval as curtain-raisers to the Port Adelaide-Hawthorn AFL match at a packed Adelaide Oval on Saturday, May 24.

In the girls' grand final, Murray Bridge High School (HS) beat Maitland Area School (AS), while in the boys' final, Maitland AS downed Murray Bridge HS.

The Power Cup is an annual event.

At the Alberton Oval opening ceremony, there was a traditional welcome to country by Kaurna Elder Aunty Josie Agius.

Power player Chad Wingard, who is an ambassador for the Power Cup, spoke about being disappointed that he did not have similar experiences during high school days at Murray Bridge.

The 400 students also participated in a career and lifestyle expo and performed their team war cries and were awarded on their participation at school workshops and the games played at Alberton.

Awards included –

South Australian Government curriculum excellence award: Maitland AS.

Santos staff leadership award: coordinator Melissa-Kate McPharlin and her Maitland AS staff.

University of SA best guernsey design: Windsor Gardens Vocational College.

SAPOL best team war cry: Salisbury High School.

Beach Energy solid team award (behaviour and sportsmanship assessed over three days): Mawson Lakes (girls), Whyalla (boys).

Maxima student leadership awards: Anthony Stengle (Le Fevre High School), Yutika Timothy-Nam (Mawson).



The Port Lincoln girls at Alberton Oval.



Immanuel College girls at Alberton Oval.



Boys and girls from Le Fevre High School. Pictures by Janette Milera

Call to arms

RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

LAST week's State of Origin rugby league match has given long-suffering NSW fans hope that the drought is about to break.

It was a classic battle with both sides producing heroic performances as all players gave their all and put their bodies on the line.

The fallout in injuries for both sides will define what is shaping as one of the most anticipated clashes in the rich tradition of Origin rivalry.

That said, two players who missed the first game may well be the influencing factor for the fortunes of both teams.

Sam Thaiday and Greg Bird will be automatic selections for their respective sides in this critical clash.

They embody the values of their respective sides and bring a leadership factor that can inspire their teammates to even greater heights.

I know both men well and they enjoy the ultimate compliment of being players that their peers want to play with.

Ultimate competitor

Greg Bird is the ultimate competitor.

Bird missed last Wednesday night's Origin opener at Suncorp Stadium, forced to watch from the NSW dugout after being suspended for two weeks following a lifting tackle on South Sydney's Bryson Goodwin.

Had he not transgressed, Bird would've been one of the first players chosen for the game.

Such is his standing, he was chosen by Laurie Daley to hand the jerseys out to his teammates before the match.

That is the level of respect Bird demands within the Blues camp.

Bird said it was one of the most significant moments of his career and Daley's offer to be involved blew him away.

"To be asked to come into camp in the first place, even though I'm not playing, is one

thing," Bird said.

"But when Laurie asked me to hand the jerseys out, it was one of those times in your career that you don't even consider will happen.

"Everyone knows I can get emotional when I have to say a few words in front of people and for sure, there was a lump in the throat."

Bird has spent his time on the sidelines overcoming a planta fascia foot injury he suffered while playing for Australia last month.

He said the time out had been a blessing in disguise.

"Of course I would've rather been out there with the boys, but to be able to get the foot right has been worthwhile," Bird said.

"I can now go into next week's match against the Panthers raring to go for the Titans.

"I think everyone knows how much I want to be a part of Origin II, being with the boys for those two days in camp only increased that desire.

"I'll just have to work hard for the Gold Coast and see what comes from that."

Sam Thaiday is also scheduled to make a return from injury for the Broncos against Manly.

You only have to look at last season's Origin decider to see the type of impact Sam can have on the Maroons.

Fearless

He leads by action and is totally fearless.

Yet where both men can have the biggest impact on both sides is off the field.

I have been in camp with both men with the Indigenous All Stars and they are larger than life characters.

They bring a positive energy and great sense of humour that are important in developing a positive team environment.

But when they talk football, everybody listens.

Their passion is evident, but the respect for them derives from the fact that they back up their words with actions on the field.

There is also little doubt that the Queenslanders will be hurting from the loss.

As severe as the physical toll from the game is, the greatest injury was to the pride of the champion side.

And no players will be hurting more than Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis.

Billy Slater was great for the Maroons, but if his injury keeps him out of Origin II, then the potential move of Inglis to fullback may have a great bearing on the match.

While Jarryd Hayne was putting in a man-of-the-match performance Inglis, was out in the centres waiting for the ball to come his way.

Inglis finished the match with the most hit-ups (18) and most metres (149) for Mal Meninga's side.

He also had a couple of line breaks and a try assist for Darius



Greg Bird



Sam Thaiday



With Billy Slater out of action for Origin II, Greg Inglis looms as the Queensland fullback where he could be more damaging in a game that Queensland must win.

Boyd to round out a more than solid showing.

But his impact was nowhere near that of Hayne's, prompting concerns he is wasted playing out of position for the Maroons.

Even before the extent of incumbent fullback Billy Slater's injury became clear, some observers are suggesting GI should be moved to fullback for Origin II in Sydney on June 18.

"With such a limited preparation for the games, game plans and structures are pretty loose in Origin," former skipper Darren Lockyer said.

"In that sort of environment, talent tends to rise to the top and, typically, the team that can get the ball to their best players in the best position is the one that will come out on top."

Asked to identify the man he would have been constantly looking for had he been running the show for the Maroons, Lockyer had no hesitation.

"GI," he said.

Perhaps fortuitously, Maroons selectors appear likely to be spared three weeks of questions about whether Inglis would be better utilised with the extra

space, time and attacking options available to him at fullback, with news that Slater is set to miss the return game in Sydney after suffering a shoulder injury that is expected to see him out of action for at least a month.

"But that is the only reason Mal would move GI back there," said another of Queensland's former leaders, Gorden Tallis.

"Mate, seriously, it happens every other series. They call it a series for a reason and there is still plenty of football to be played, but Queensland have a lot of improvement in them from what we saw on Wednesday night.

"Given Gillett bombed a certain try and Darius also went over late but was held up — there isn't much they need to change.

"Hayne was great — all credit to him. But there are two games to go and I think guys like GI, Johnathan Thurston, Cameron Smith and Justin Hodges might have a thing or two to offer before it is all said and done."

Sam Thaiday and Greg Bird will also want to have a say.

Parker, Kelly off to Glasgow



INDIGENOUS wrestlers Shane Parker and Stevie Grace Kelly have been confirmed as members of the 2014

Australian team for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

The wrestling team of nine was confirmed by the Commonwealth Games Association last Friday.

Parker will compete in the 57kg freestyle division.

For four years, Parker has been thinking about the Commonwealth Games medal that got away.

He was competing in the knock-out stages of Delhi's Greco-Roman division, up against a Pakistani opponent.

But while Parker was leading on points, a few over-eager moves cost him and the match was lost.

His rival went on to win silver in the Greco-Roman competition and gold in the freestyle.

"The last four years, I've thought about that," Parker said. "I should have had that match won."

Stevie Grace Kelly will compete in the 63kg class.

Kelly is a convert from judo to wrestling.

Williams in A-League Team of the Season



MELBOURNE Heart striker David Williams had been named in the Professional

Footballers Australia (PFA) A-League Team of the Season.

The team was announced at a gala function in Sydney on May 23.

Williams became the first Indigenous player to represent a Melbourne club when he joined Melbourne Heart in June 2011 on a three-year deal.

He has represented the Socceroos on two occasions.

Before that he made more than 30 youth international and Olyroos appearances.

He played with Queensland Roar in 2006, but left in May 2006 and joined Danish team Brøndby IF on a three-year contract.

He later extended his contract. He then spent two years at the now defunct North Queensland Fury in Townsville.

In February 2011, Sydney FC signed Williams on a short-term deal from the Fury, where he played just four games.

Five months later, he signed with Melbourne Heart.

Off to flying start



Power Aboriginal Academy players, clockwise from left, Isaya McKenzie, Trevor Wanganeen, Jacob Nichaloff and Darcy Peckham-Hunter.



● RIGHT: Johnathon Leidig leaps above the pack for the Port Adelaide Power Academy team. He stood out in the Academy's first game.
● BELOW: Graham Hampton contests for possession. He is a cousin of AFL star Curtly Hampton and was judged best on ground in the Academy's big 77-point win over Le Fevre High School.



By PETER ARGENT



THE Port Adelaide Power Aboriginal Academy squad, playing in the South Australian Public Schools Knockout competition's inaugural season, has had emphatic wins over Le Fevre and Unley high schools.

Playing at Alberton Oval – the spiritual home of the club – the Academy displayed an outstanding brand of football, being potent with their ball use and dominating their opening games.

The team is coached by Eugene Warrior, a former Port Adelaide and Norwood league footballer and recent coach of Salisbury North in the SA Amateur League competition.

In the historic opening clash, the Academy disposed of Le Fevre by a handsome 77 points – 15.8 (98) to 3.3 (21).

Graham Hampton, a cousin of GWS star Curtly, was best on ground in this clash, while key forward Johnathon Leidig was a great target and AYP Lands talent Adrian Peel won plenty of the ball.

50-point margin

Against Unley, the victory was slightly smaller but still impressive, winning by 50 points – 12.11 (83) to 5.3 (33).

Kyle Jackson, half back Isaya McKenzie and Austin Miller starred in that game.

"It was a strong start by the lads," coach Warrior said.

"They were prepared to share the ball with their teammates and find someone in a better position.

"For us, it is now about building on this base."

Other players in this squad with a connection to significant AFL players include Trevor Wanganeen, who is related to Gavin; Anthony Stengle, a cousin of Michael and Ricky O'Loughlin.

There's also Denvar Garlett, who has a connection with the Garletts who are on AFL lists.

As a part of the Academy program, the group travelled by bus to Alice Springs, playing the curtain-raiser to the Port Adelaide-Melbourne Indigenous round clash at Traeger Park last weekend.

"We were to play against the North All Stars side, which is a combination of players from the schools around Alice," Paul Vandenberg, the Aboriginal Programs Manager at the Port Adelaide Football Club, said ahead of that match.

"On the way up the boys stopped off at Indulkana on the APY Lands.

"They handed out footy boots and clothing, doing coaching clinics and having fun and games with the locals.

"It was a wonderful day."

The Academy will present a Kaurna Shield to the Melbourne Football Club in appreciation of this opportunity.

The inaugural 2014 Power-SAATAFL Academy Squad: Geoffrey Taylor (Le Fevre HS), Shaun Tyas (Murray Bridge HS), Robert Smith (Rostrevor), Colin Sansbury (Maitland AS), Johnathon Leidig (Rostrevor), Jake Rathman (Gawler & District College), Darcy Peckham-Hunter (Rostrevor), Kenny Karpany (Glossop HS), Tyson Rigney (Para Hills HS), Jayden Wait (Ocean View College), Jacob Nichaloff (Scotch College), Anthony Stengle (Le Fevre HS), Bradley McAdam (Scotch College), Brayden Brusnahan-Hill (Le Fevre HS), Adrian Peel (Wiltja Program), Jason Dare-Ryan (Rostrevor), Thomas Hicks (Seaview HS), Graham Hampton (Immanuel College), Denvar Garlett (Salisbury HS), Ben Rigney (Maitland AS), Brad Walkley (Fremont Elizabeth City HS), Wayne Milera (Salisbury HS), Kyle Jackson (Le Fevre HS), Austin Miller (Le Fevre HS), Trevor Wanganeen (Salisbury HS), Kyle Hammond (St Micheal's College), Isaya McKenzie (Xavier College), Brendon Jackson (Le Fevre HS), Cassius Stuart (Valley View HS), Tommy Wanganeen (Maitland AS).



● LEFT: Port Adelaide Academy coach Eugene Warrior addressing his team.
● BELOW: Port Adelaide Academy players entering Alberton Oval for their first game in the South Australian Public Schools Knockout competition.



First Australian in an Australian first

By ALICJA RUDZ



WITH the Asian dragon boat championships ending in Macau on Monday, Canberra

Indigenous paddler Adrian Andrews will turn his attention to the world championships in Fuzhou, China, from June 10-12.

Andrews was a member of the Australian team at the Asian championships and is in the Australian team for the Fuzhou regatta.

He carried the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags at the opening ceremony in Macau and will do so at the opening ceremony in China.

Dragon boating – where teams of up to 20 paddlers race over distances up to 2km – has set a benchmark for other Australian sports by creating official protocols for a national team to carry the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags alongside the Australian flag.

Australian Dragon Boat Federation president Kel Watt said while all three were national

flags, only the Australian national flag could be flown or carried at official international sporting ceremonies – he wanted to change that.

“For some Aboriginal people the imperial flag is a symbol of oppression and division; symbols really matter to people,” he said.

“People say sport and politics shouldn’t mix, but I disagree. Sport has always had politics in it. Sport is a powerful tool to make a statement about who you are as a sporting body, a people and a nation, and it was important to make this positive statement and support the community.”

The flag will be carried by Canberra-based Andrews, 31 – the first Indigenous person to make the elite World Cup team of 10 paddlers, and the third Indigenous person to make the premier Australian Auroras team of 20 paddlers.

“It’s great to be part of this historic moment, and hopefully win over the hearts and minds of Australians,” said Andrews, who does not feel the imperial flag represents his Aboriginal culture, but proudly competes under it.

“I always wanted to do something special for my people, and I see that this is my contribution to my people and to Australia.

“I wanted to be the first Aboriginal to make the elite team because I wanted to inspire Indigenous youth, and I knew if I failed, then I would have missed out on the opportunity for Aboriginal people.”

Watt said there had been some opposition from other members of the dragon boating community, but the sport’s governing body unanimously approved the flag arrangements to acknowledge their many Indigenous members.

Integration

Harold Thomas, Aboriginal artist and designer of the Aboriginal flag, said the issue was ultimately about encouraging integration and participation.

“It doesn’t matter whether it’s a dugout canoe or a dragon boat, or rugby, AFL, tennis, or golf – flying the flag shows to the wider community that it’s about Aboriginal people enjoying life,” he said.



Adrian Andrews with the flag of his people at the Australian dragon boat championships at Kawana Waters, on the Queensland Sunshine Coast, in April 2014.

“The flag has this joyous look about it. It’s not just politics and land rights, it’s about joy. Cathy Freeman started this great journey and it’s never-ending.

The Asian dragon boat regatta coincided with National Reconciliation Week.

Former politician and activist Phil Cleary believes carrying the flag in sporting events could be a catalyst for reconciliation and cultural change, and challenges other sporting codes and the Australian Olympic Committee to follow dragon boat’s example.

“It’s a profound step forward; it will confront people with the reality that the original inhabitants of this country are not descendants of the British Crown and that they have every right to proclaim that,” he said.

“I’m tired of the AFL celebrating Indigenous footballers, but not really going anywhere with it – it’s got a level of tokenism to it.

“The (Australian) flag we have is a disgrace. The flag question is a political question and it’s a debate we have to have.”

The Australian Dragon Boat Federation is seeking recognition from the Australian Olympic Committee. If they succeed, Watt intends to propose to the AOC that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags be carried in Olympic-recognised events as well.

But given the International Olympic Committee still does not recognise these flags, it may be a tough paddle ahead.

Footy in the blood

By PETER ARGENT



THE Graham clan, originally from Narrunga land at Point Pearce, on the Yorke Peninsula, has a rich heritage that includes four South Australian National Football League (SANFL) players.

One of them – Colin Graham – actually started his career with Melbourne in the days of the Victorian Football League (VFL).

The first was Michael Graham at Sturt from the early 1970s, while his nephews Phil and Brenton played at Central District.

Phil’s older brother Colin debuted with Demons as a 17-year-old and played a season of VFL with the Double Blues in 1985.

Michael ‘Flash’ Graham thrilled a generation of Double Blue fans with his pace, sublime skills and goal-kicking talent during a 282-game 15-year career, kicking 455 goals.

He was a key member of the 1974 and 1976 Double Blues flags under the AFL Hall of Fame coach Jack Oatey and represented his state on 11 occasions, along with finishing second in the 1973 Magarey Medal.

“Jack (Oatey) was like a second father to me,” Michael Graham said.

“There were plenty of characters in that era and once you were off the field, we were all good mates.

Before making his mark with the Double Blues, Graham secured the 1970 Western Border Medal (association best and fairest), after having finished third in the previous two seasons with the Penola Eagles.

The half-forward flanker was nearly a full-time footballer in the 1970s. He travelled to Darwin to play in the Northern Territory Football League with St Marys for a number of seasons.

Success at St Marys

Michael Graham enjoyed success with the St Marys ‘Green Machine’, winning the competition best and fairest (Nicholls Medal) in the winter of 1973-74.

He collected the Chaney Medal as the best on ground in the 1978-79 season decider, being a part of three ‘Green Machine’ titles.

He still looks upon his two premierships with Sturt as his most precious memories.

“Every premiership is a good one, but the two premierships at Unley were special,” he said.

Seven-time Sturt premiership player Phil ‘Sandy’ Nelson couldn’t believe an individual could be so quick until ‘The Flash’ arrived.

“His lightning reflexes and electrifying pace was astounding,” Nelson said.

“He was a player who could turn the game.”



Michael Graham



Phil Graham in action.

At Elizabeth, Michael’s nephew Phil Graham had 12 seasons of SANFL football, debuting as a 17-year-old in 1978.

Mainly a wingman/half forward, he clocked up 196 senior games and kicked 167 goals.

Sturt premiership player and Central District coach Daryl Hicks had a connection with three of the clan – Michael, Phil and Brenton.

“I played a couple of games with Michael and when I retired, he look over my wing,” Hicks, now a preacher, said.

“Phil played his first League game for me in his teens and was a quality footballer.

“Michael and Phillip had plenty of talent and flair.

“Actually, I would play Phil at centre half forward on Port and Collingwood great defender Greg Phillips.

“He would towel him up every time, with his pace and run.

“Brenton (Graham) won a Tomkins Medal (SANFL under 19s fairest and best – 1978), but had knee problems and only played 10 senior games in the early 1980s.”

Phil Graham recalled that football was

always a big part of family life from the days at the Aboriginal mission at Point Pearce.

“My pop Cecil was a dead-eye full forward and he actually played A grade football at the mission with his older sons Uncle ‘Curra’ (Rex) and Uncle Tonga (Fred).

“My dad, Bradley Graham, won a Mail Medal in the mid-north as well.”

Phil said he crossed paths on his uncle Michael in SANFL football on a number of occasions.

“In one game, when many of the family came down to watch us play, I grabbed a screamer over uncle Michael, only to be told off by Grandma Doris after the game.”

Played with Demons

Colin Graham joined Melbourne from Kyabram, playing 35 games and kicking 32 goals with the Demons between 1975 and 1978.

“Colin decided to come back to SA due to homesickness,” Phillip Graham said.

“He had a car accident, and had 12 months rehabilitation and had to play with a helmet.

Colin Graham had a season with Sturt in 1985, playing 15 SANFL games.

Phil Graham retired from SANFL football at 28 due to a lack of finals success and played in a premiership with a cousin, Wilbur Wilson (who also had a strong heritage at Port Pearce) at Gawler Central in 1991 in the Barossa, Light and Gawler Football Association.

The following two seasons as playing coach, he led Braham Lodge to their inaugural two flags in the Central Districts Football Association.

Brenton Graham’s sister Debra is the mother of former AFL premiership players Troy and Shane Bond.

Outstanding on two fronts

Magic's Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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I AM not a big believer in coincidence.

Therefore the outstanding performance of the Swans driven by key contributions from the Indigenous trio of Adam Goodes, Lance Franklin and Lewis Jetta in the opening match of the Australian Football League (AFL) Indigenous Round as Geelong came as no surprise to me.

The whole team was in superb form as they gave the Cats a drubbing and some are saying the Swans may well have their best team ever given the magnitude of the performance.

That is a debate for another time, but there is little doubt that Goodes and Franklin wanted to perform on the field given they were front and centre in the AFL's support of the Recognise campaign, which focusses on the push to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia's Constitution and to ensure there's no place for racial discrimination in it.

Outstanding

They were outstanding.

As is the game's commitment to providing focus on key issues impacting on Indigenous Australians.

However, as much as the Indigenous Round does a brilliant job of celebrating the connection Australian Football has to its first people, I have to agree with Adelaide legend Andrew McLeod who says it's time to discuss week-to-week recognition.

McLeod designed Adelaide's jumper, which includes a map of the South Australian communities linked with the club and its Indigenous programs.

McLeod said recognising the country's Indigenous culture in the national game each round would

make sense. After all, the programs connected with the AFL run all year round.

Goodes continues to walk the talk every day.

He believes that the on-field pressure of being an AFL footballer has equipped him for the off-field battle of fighting racism.

Adam opened up about the hurt of being racially abused twice in the past year.

"Being a professional athlete and having to be judged every week, every training session, definitely puts me in good stead to take on criticism – negative and positive," Goodes said after helping to launch the AFL's Indigenous Round in Sydney.

"These issues that I'm talking about, they're not stuff that people like to talk about.

"There are going to be uncomfortable conversations. There are going to be people who disagree and there are people who are going to be angry towards my comments and my way of thinking.

"Is that going to change my behaviour? Definitely not. There is a lot more positive support out there for what we're trying to do than the negative.

"It doesn't mean it doesn't hurt any less, but I think what I've been able to do over the past 10 years is to attach myself to the positiveness of it all.

"If I focussed too much on the negative, then it would definitely get too much and you wouldn't want to keep going with the cause."

May get worse

Goodes fears that racism may "get worse before things gets better" as the fight against discrimination continues to grow.

He was racially abused by a young Collingwood fan last season and again during the Swans' recent match against Essendon.

"Ever since the Essendon game, the amount of phone calls I'm getting from people in junior football leagues asking for support on how to deal with this issue at local football clubs, this is what happened on the weekend," he said.

"That to me means that more people are standing up and saying 'this is unacceptable', which is what we want to start to do.

"That's how we're going to make change.

"For me, that's why I see it is going to get worse because people are going to call out more people, which I think needs to happen.

"But we also need the right support behind that, so we're helping those junior football leagues and helping those junior clubs so they can better manage the education side of it."

Franklin was also racially abused in 2011 playing for Hawthorn against West Coast in Tasmania.

"That day in Tasmania was very upsetting, not just for me but for my people," Franklin said.

"I stood up to it and spoke to the AFL and they were a massive part of us improving as a football code and in everyday living.

"Racism is not on and the more we can educate people that it's not on... it's a good step forward we're taking at the moment.

"Growing up, there was a lot of racism around, but you need to have that support around and helping to educate young kids coming through so we can stamp it out."

Being a public face to such issues takes a lot of internal courage and invites additional scrutiny of on-field performance.

Both players responded with quality performances against the Cats.

In an outstanding all-round performance, Franklin kicked four goals, Goodes three and Lewis Jetta launched a long-range bomb on the siren as the match closed with the biggest margin in the history of the two clubs.

I said before the game that Franklin was the hardest-working forward in the business and the big man is indeed that.

Worked tirelessly

Working up the ground to allow Tippet an armchair spot in front of the goals, he chased, tackled, ran, competed and careened his way around the SCG.

This game could shape the rest of the season for Franklin and the Swans.

On a personal note, I was proud to join Adam in promoting the partnership of our Foundation with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation during this week of celebration.

We intend to build on the AIEF's program of providing scholarships to attend boarding schools for Indigenous students from remote areas of Australia.

The new program will allow Indigenous students from Sydney to attend the elite schools.

Adam and I hope the program will go nationwide.

"This is just the start," Adam said. "We see this partnership growing and we see what we're trying to do with kids, giving them the option to board or not to board, being a really successful thing.

"This is our first real big project on education so we're totally committed to getting as many boys and girls as we possibly can to get a better education, because we know that the (AIEF) program works fantastically well."

This is the year-long commitment we need to have to all programs we celebrate during the Indigenous Round.

Until Next Time.... Keep Dreaming!

Tiah makes her mark

By CHRIS PIKE



WEST Australian women's footballer Tiah Haynes turned 21 the same week she became the second ever No 1 Australian Football League (AFL) draft pick and now she can't wait to run out on to Etihad Stadium for the second ever annual showcase event between Melbourne and the Western Bulldogs.

Haynes was the first player selected by the Bulldogs in the women's draft ahead of the clash against Melbourne on June 29.

It is the second year the match has taken place and it is believed to be the AFL's first steps in creating a national women's competition.

Haynes is related to the legendary Graham 'Polly' Farmer, former Collingwood captain and Port Adelaide premiership coach Mark Williams and the daughter of former WAFL star Jonathon Haynes, but the now 21-year-old is making a name for herself.

In her second season with the Coastal Titans in the WA Women's Football League after beginning her career with East Fremantle, Haynes has settled on spending her sporting life as a footballer, having tried her hand previously at netball and basketball.

It is turning out to be a bright decision, with Haynes already having represented Western Australia and being one of the best players in Australia as evidenced by being taken as the No 1 pick.

She loves kicking goals and is versatile enough to play across half-forward, on the wing or off half-back where her running ability, skills and ability to set up play are on display.

Despite coming from a famous football family, Haynes is now carving out her own mark in women's football. However, she was surprised she ended up being the No 1 draft pick.



Tiah Haynes

Haynes played football at a young age, but became disenchanted with the game. However, she soon returned to football after giving basketball and netball a go, and now isn't about to look back anytime soon.

"It all actually started for me when I was at Brentwood Junior Football Club when I was about six," she said.

"I went from there and actually stopped playing footy for a while because I felt I couldn't get anywhere, so I went to basketball and netball. I couldn't help myself and went back to play some school footy and managed to get picked up in 2009 for the State 16s from a couple of schoolgirls games.

"We went to Maroochydore (Queensland) and from there I joined up with the East Fremantle Women's Football Club and stayed until last year before joining the Coastal Titans. I played a couple of state games and now I have managed to get picked up in the draft."

Supported by her dad

Of her famous relatives, Haynes' dad Jonathon, who starred with Perth in the 1990s in the WAFL, has been her biggest supporter.

She might try to block him out while playing when he offers advice, but when he ends up being so right that he helps her win games for her team, it's hard to ignore him.

"Dad has been very supportive. He is like that little voice in the back of my head that tells me all the little things that help me," Haynes said.

Haynes wasn't the only Indigenous player drafted for the game, with the Northern Territory's Sissy Dunn drafted by Melbourne, having shown terrific form in the Northern Territory Football League's women's competition with St Marys.

Meanwhile, WA's State 18s girls were recently crowned the National Youth Girls Champions for 2014 with a breakthrough 25-point win over Victoria Metro in the grand final. The result saw WA turn around losing last year's grand final to Vic Metro by 15 points.

Bring back Sam!

Depleted Maroons look for answers



QUEENSLAND rugby league selectors are set to contemplate a significant reshuffle for State of Origin II while giving their battered stars until the last minute to prove their fitness for the Sydney clash.

With their quest for nine straight State of Origin titles shaky, Maroons selectors boss Des Morris admitted the injury news in the wake of last Wednesday night's 12-8 opening-game loss to NSW meant the Queensland camp faced a nervous wait over the next week.

Famous for their loyalty amid an unprecedented dynasty, selectors will be sweating on the injury assessments of skipper Cameron Smith, Billy Slater and Cooper Cronk ahead of the June 18 rematch.

Morris said the line-up could remain a mystery as Smith faced one to two weeks out with a low-grade right ankle sprain and fullback Slater three weeks with a grade-two AC joint sprain to his right shoulder.

"We just have to see who is going to be available. We may have to wait a couple of weeks," Morris said.

With stocks looking depleted, selectors are sure to rush backrower Sam Thaiday into the team.

Thaiday missed Origin I through a calf injury.

Bird to return

Meanwhile, NSW coach Laurie Daley says experienced hardman Greg Bird will definitely come back into the Blues team for State of Origin II.

Bird had won two Origin man-of-the-match awards playing at No 6 for the Blues, even though he's most accustomed to playing in the forwards.

Pre-Origin series, Daley said he wouldn't use Bird in the halves.

Daley did confirm that Bird would come into the 17 somewhere.

"Yeah he'll be back," Daley told AAP at Sydney airport after the NSW team's return from Brisbane last Thursday.

The Canterbury centre Josh Morris said Bird would add plenty to a wounded but confident Blues side.

"Yeah, Birdy's an inspirational



Queensland player Johnathan Thurston passes the ball during game one of the 2014 State of Origin rugby league series at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, last Wednesday night. Picture: AAP

figure in our team and I'm sure he'll slot back into our side and won't let anyone down just like in every Origin he plays," Morris said.

Andrew Fifita could also make an earlier than expected return from injury.

Moon boot

Fifita was in a moon boot and getting around on a custom-made scooter just over a week ago after suffering a high ankle sprain in round nine.

Sharks coach Peter Sharp said Fifita was set to make a miraculous return against St George-Illawarra in round 13 - which would give him one chance to push for selection in Origin II.

"He's been remarkable with his healing and he is a chance," Sharp said.

It could be a major boost for Daley's Blues and also the battling Sharks, given Fifita was meant to miss at least six weeks and be unavailable for the return

clash against the Maroons in Sydney on June 18.

Fifita's return to the Origin frame coincides with bruising lock Bird coming back from suspension.

Bird and Fifita would have been automatic selections for game one had they not suffered their last-minute mishaps, and NSW coach Daley is expected to closely consider bringing them back even after the Blues came away from Brisbane with an upset victory. — With AAP

Matildas take on world's best



INTERIM Matildas football coach Alen Stajcic has hailed the improvement in his side but admitted more was

needed at next year's women's soccer World Cup after steering Australia to second spot in the women's Asian Cup in Vietnam.

Stajcic offered no clues as to whether he wanted to stay on after defending champions Australia suffered an unlucky 1-0 loss to world champions Japan in the final in Ho Chi Minh City late last month.

They created more chances, but lacked the finishing touch that delivered nine goals in their four earlier games.

Japan had lost each of their four previous Asian Cup finals.

Sydney FC W-League coach Stajcic only took over the Matildas' post from Hesterine de Reus in mid-April.

By reaching the semifinals, Australia qualified for next year's World Cup in Canada.

"I'm extremely proud of the players," Stajcic said.

The team included Indigenous goalkeeper Lydia Williams, who plays with Western New York Flash in the National women's Soccer League (NWSL).

She holds dual Australian-US citizenship.

"The amount they have improved in the last three or four weeks has been outstanding to the point where they are pushing the world champions right to the end," the coach said.

Youthful side

"We do have to improve a little bit if we want to beat them in the World Cup next year.

"Six out of the 11 in our starting line-up were 21 or under. We've got a youthful team and they will get a lot of knowledge and a lot of experience from a match like that."

Stajcic wasn't immediately interested in lobbying for a permanent appointment in the aftermath of the final.

"I'm not really thinking about that at the moment. That's a discussion for another day," Stajcic said.

He lamented missed chances including three before Japan's first meaningful attempt.

Megumi Takasae had two attempts saved by Matildas goalkeeper Lydia Williams.

"Just a little bit of luck evaded us and that little bit of execution," Stajcic said.

"Unfortunately you don't get a goal or a point for chances created, but we certainly looked dangerous and threatened throughout the game.

"They left nothing in the tank and ran themselves into the ground.

"Japan had their two or three chances and put one away.

"I just thought they controlled the ball a little bit better at crucial times." — AAP

Barty's early exit from French Open



ASHLEIGH Barty's appearance in the 2014 French tennis Open was brief – ousted 6-2 6-1 in the first round at Paris' Roland Garros clay stadium by French 20th seed Alize Cornet.

But the Ipswich (Queensland) wildcard 18-year-old vowed to push on in singles.

She tweeted after her loss to Cornet: "Tough match today. You live and learn. Time to switch focus to dubs (doubles)."

It was Barty's second appearance in the French Open and she now has played centre court in all four Grand Slam tournaments – Wimbledon, Australian, US and French.

Her singles performances are not as impressive as her record in doubles, where she partners another Australian – Casey Dellaqua. They have a world ranking of 15.

Singles ranking slipping

Her singles ranking has slipped to 172 after peaking at 129 last September, but her entourage is not concerned.

They say they will not rush her.

"For me, it's a slow process. (I'm) taking a little bit of a different route to a lot of the other girls," she told the *Melbourne Age*.

"I've played a lot of qualies this year just to get matches and get that accumulation of time on court. So that's been really good for me, especially the last three, four weeks.

"For me, I think it's just about slowly taking my time. Results will come eventually. Just got to keep working hard and doing the right things... It takes just one or two matches and I'll get on that roll. I'm pretty close, but, yeah, get

there eventually."

Clay is not her preferred surface.

Last year Barty beat Czech Lucie Hradecka in the first round of the French Open.

After her early exit from this year's French Open, she had a win-loss record this year of 18-7, while before playing her first doubles match in Paris, her doubles record was 12-4.

Her career prizemoney is approaching \$750,000.

Footnote: Seventh-seeded Barty and Dellaqua advanced to the second round of the French Open women's doubles with a 6-2 6-3 first-round win over Polona Hercog (Slovakia) and Paula Omaechea (Argentina). They were to face Jana Cepelova (Slovakia) and Stefanie Voegele (Switzerland) in the second round.



Ashleigh Barty returns to Alize Cornet, of France, during their first round of the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros, Paris, on May 26. Picture: EPA

Stellar line-up for Queensland sports awards



ANOTHER impressive list of Queensland sportsmen and women is being considered by judges for the 2014

Indigenous Sport Queensland (ISQ) awards to be announced in Brisbane on Friday, June 20.

The awards are being revived this year after a four-year absence.

Some of the biggest names in Australian sport are in line for the Eddie Gilbert Medal, to be presented to the sportsman or woman considered to be the most outstanding.

Who's who of sport

They come from a variety of sports, including rugby league, rugby union, Australian football, soccer, athletics, tennis, softball and basketball.

Some of the candidates are based overseas.

The other two award recipients to be named on June 20 are for the Cathy Freeman Junior Award and the Leigh-Anne Goodwin Encouragement Award.

The awards night will be held at the Crushers Leagues Club in the Brisbane suburb of Grange.

Tickets are \$80 or \$700 for a table of 10. The price includes a three-course meal, drinks and entertainment.

ISQ spokesman Wayne Coolwell said some tables had



Lloyd McDermott will be a guest at the Indigenous Sport Queensland Eddie Gilbert Medal awards night in Brisbane on June 20.

been booked by the Queensland Reds (rugby union) and AFL Queensland, but he was still accepting individual or group bookings on 0458 000 743.

Wednesday, June 11, is the deadline for RSVPs.

The guest list will include two Aboriginal sporting legends – Lloyd McDermott (rugby union) and Darby McCarthy (jockey).

Major sponsors of the awards are the Centre for Aboriginal Independence and Enterprise, Brisbane City Council and ISQ.

Fainga'a twins keen to lift Red mist



BLOOD remains thicker than water for the Fainga'a twins, who remain desperate to stay together and help

dig the Queensland Reds out of their Super Rugby mire.

Despite interest from interstate and overseas while Reds bosses assess their roster, hooker Saia and centre Anthony look set to remain at Ballymore.

The pair have been crowd favourites at Suncorp Stadium since 2010 and Saia said they were keen to help resurrect Queensland's fortunes after plummeting from three straight finals finishes to last place on the ladder.

The 29-Test hooker confirmed he had offers in Europe, but was more interested in keeping his World Cup hopes alive by staying in Australia.

He also said it was imperative he continued to play beside his brother.

The 27-year-olds have always come as a package deal, moving to the Reds for the 2009 Super Rugby season after the Brumbies weren't interested in keeping both.



Anthony, left, and Saia Fainga'a in their Indigenous round jumpers ahead of last Friday night's Indigenous round game against the Highlanders at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane. The jumper was designed by Indigenous artist Stephen Hogarth. Saia is holding Red Dog, the Queensland Reds' junior mascot.

"That's what we have built ourselves on - staying together," Saia told AAP. "We're very happy being here with our family."

"But in saying that, I'm not happy with the way the team's going and, if I did leave, I would

want to leave on a good note.

"I want to stay and that's my biggest thing."

Saia had received interest from the Melbourne Rebels earlier this season in a move that could see him reunite with younger brother

Colby, 23, who left the Brumbies last year.

Hooker has been a problem position for the Rebels since Ged Robinson returned to New Zealand, with Irish recruit Tom Sexton's season ruined before it

began with a knee reconstruction.

But the Rebels signed the improved Pat Leafa last week and are looking at keeping Japanese rake Shota Horie at the club in an indication the Fainga'a twins have decided to stay in Brisbane.

A Wallabies Test player last November, Saia was one of several Reds who paid the price for their six-match losing streak by being dumped last month from Ewen McKenzie's 32-man squad.

Both twins adamantly denied rumours there was division in the Reds' camp.

"Behind closed doors, we're humming," Anthony said. "We just have to transfer that on to the field."

Defence has been the biggest problem for Queensland, leaking 19 tries in their past four defeats.

When the Reds finished fifth last season, they conceded just 23 in 16 home-and-away matches, and it was hailed as a sign of their tight-knit culture and attitude.

"We're banging our head on a brick wall at the moment – we're overthinking and overworking everything," Anthony said. – AAP

Hodgson back as Wallaby

By CHRIS PIKE



MATT Hodgson and Kurtley Beale are having outstanding Super Rugby

seasons and look set to take part in finals action for the Western Force and NSW Waratahs respectively, but also are named for the Wallabies and appear on track to be a big part of the national set-up.

Hodgson's Force and Beale's Waratahs are well positioned to play in the Super Rugby finals series of 2014 and as a result, the pair are also in the Wallabies squad ahead of an international campaign this year that begins with three matches this month against France.

The series begins on Saturday at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, before matches the following two Saturday nights at Melbourne's Etihad Stadium and then Sydney's Allianz Stadium.

The Wallabies' three games against France bring about a month-long break in the Super Rugby season, with the Force and Waratahs well positioned to play finals before resuming their campaigns, with the Force playing the Blues in Perth on June 28 and the Waratahs taking on the Brumbies in Sydney the same night.

Beale and Hodgson already are major reasons why their teams are on track to play finals.

Both appear likely to have key roles for the Wallabies against France and then will resume trying to win a Super Rugby championship.

Beale has had a tremendous season with the Waratahs in his first year back with NSW after an up-and-down period with the Melbourne Rebels.

Based on his form, he could comfortably play in the No 10, 12 or 15 jumper with the Wallabies against France and do a tremendous job.

Hodgson, meanwhile, had every reason to think that his international career with the Wallabies was over, having played the last of his six Tests for his country in 2011.

Best season yet

However, he has led the way for the Western Force in 2014 as the Perth-based franchise has already recorded their best ever Super Rugby season to now be a genuine finals contender for the first time.

And as captain, Hodgson has been a major part of the Force's success. Proving to be an outstanding leader and perhaps the competition's best player at the breakdown, Hodgson must come into calculations for a Wallabies spot by coach Ewen McKenzie.

For much of his career with the Force, Hodgson has been behind the likes of David Pocock, Richard Brown and even more recently Ben

McCalman as players in the backrow considered for higher honours, but the 32-year-old has forged himself as a dominant force in 2014.

He is excited to get another opportunity with the Wallabies after a three-year wait.

"You always want to play for your country and it's a great opportunity. It has been a while since I put on the colours, but I am enjoying my football this year and it's good to be rewarded," Hodgson said.

"You always think that it's over once you play your last game, but I have just been enjoying my time here at the Force and in every game you step out there's that hope that there could be another chance with the Wallabies somewhere down the line."

Hodgson also has no doubt that the Force's vastly improved form as a team this season has helped his case to play for the Wallabies. "With the Force's form and playing well with them is at the forefront of my mind. I knew if we played good football here that we would get a few guys in, and that's what has happened," he said.

"I'm really enjoying the role leading the boys out there at the Force. That's another string to my bow having that leadership. It has rejuvenated me and I'm really enjoying my rugby, and the position I'm in. I am just enjoying my football and I think everyone at the Force is."

Jesse stands out in the White House



Jesse Williams with the Super Bowl trophy after the Seattle Seahawks' win. *Picture contributed*



JESSE Williams weighs 147kg and stands 191cm tall, so is used to standing out in the crowd,

but the Australian known as 'Tha Monstar' made a big impression while visiting US President Barack Obama at the White House.

As is customary for each year's Super Bowl champions, Williams and his Seattle Seahawks teammates were welcomed by the President at a ceremony on Wednesday, May 21.

Williams, a defensive tackle known for his tattoos and fashion flair, rocked a purple floral suit created by Brisbane designer Will Valor for the big occasion.

The suit set off a storm on Twitter.

"Thanks to @wilvalor for the custom suit, decided to break it out today!" Williams, responding to the avalanche of tweets, wrote.

Visiting President Obama at the White House has almost become an annual event for the Thursday Island-born 23-year-old, as his US college team, the University of Alabama, made two trips after winning national championships in 2011 and 2012. Williams was drafted into the NFL by the Seahawks last year and while he picked up a Super Bowl ring, Williams sat out the season because of a knee injury.

He is due back in Brisbane soon for a short stay ahead of the 2014 NFL season. — AAP

Long road back for journeyman



Matt Hodgson pushes forward during a Super 14 match against the Chiefs in Perth in 2010. *Picture: Getty*



HOW does a 32-year-old earn a recall to the Wallabies after three years in the wilderness?

For Matt Hodgson, it took one hell of a battering.

Hodgson's irresistible form at the breakdown this season and his Super Rugby-leading 179 tackles forced coach Ewen McKenzie to name him in his 32-man Wallabies squad for the three-Test series against France.

And the Western Force captain was joined in the squad by four teammates as McKenzie recognised players behind their team's

impressive rise in 2014.

Hodgson gained the last of his six Test caps in 2011 and he admitted there were times he thought his international career might be over.

But after putting his body on the line all season – and frequently sporting the wounds to prove it – Hodgson is now a chance to don the Wallaby gold again during the three-Test series against France.

"You always think it's over once you play your last game," Hodgson said.

"But every game I step out for the Force, there's always a little bit of hope and you never say never."

"If I keep getting selected,

it's a bonus.

"You always want to play for your country."

Off the rugby field, Hodgson is a qualified real estate agent and is embarking on a Masters degree in Sports Law to support his involvement in sports management.

His wife Jo and their son Hunter live in Perth.

He moved west to join the Western Force in their foundation year in 2006. He won the Force's Player of the Year award in 2009 and won again in 2010.

He became the Force's captain in 2012 and last year he won the club's Man of the Year award for the fourth time. — With AAP



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The Voice of Indigenous Australia



Richmond's only Indigenous player, Shane Edwards, tackles Essendon's Jake Melksham in last Saturday night's Dreamtime at the 'G game. AAP image



Essendon players receive gum leaves as part of Indigenous round celebrations in the Dreamtime at the 'G game in Melbourne. AAP image

Dreamtime nightmare for Tigers



THE Dreamtime at the 'G AFL blockbuster last Saturday night turned

into a nightmare for Richmond. Essendon belted the hapless Tigers by 50 points in front of almost 75,000 fans at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in the main game of the code's Indigenous round.

The AFL puts on a host of events during National Reconciliation Week, and was hoping for a spectacle to round out its Indigenous-focussed program.

But Richmond failed to come to the party, going down 15.14 (104) to 7.12 (54) and looking like losers at the end of the first quarter.

Richmond have now lost four of their last five games and are in dire straits at 3-7.

Essendon – no world-beaters themselves – are just outside the top eight with a 5-5 record.

The Bombers' Brendon

Goddard was best afield, while Ben Howlett kicked five goals and key forward Joe Daniher contributed three.

Heath Hocking did a crucial tagging job on Richmond playmaker Brett Deledio, although the Bombers midfielder will come under video scrutiny for high contact with Ben Lennon in the last term.

After Jack Riewoldt started with 11 goals in the previous week, Cale Hooker was solid on him and the Bombers defence restricted the key Tigers forward to three goals.

Essendon kicked four goals in the opening 13 minutes to pile the early pressure on Richmond.

The Tigers rallied in the second term, but the Bombers kicked three goals late in the half for a commanding 39-point lead.

When Daniher's shot on half time went through, Richmond were shot.

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