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Quandamooka Elders Bob Anderson and Evelyn Parkin with the High Court writ challenging the Newman Government's legislation to extend sandmining on North Stradbroke Island. Picture by Naomi Moran

Legal minefield



AFTER an Elders' blessing and a traditional ceremony, the Quandamooka people, the traditional owners of North Stradbroke Island, lodged a writ with the High Court of Australia, challenging the Queensland Government's controversial legislation that extends sandmining on their country.

Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Cameron Costello said they had been forced to defend their rights after the Newman Government had passed legislation that is in conflict with the Native Title Act.

"We felt we had to do it not only for the benefit of the Quandamooka people but also for all native title holders across Australia," he said.

"At this stage the Government needs to repeal the legislation that they put in place and come over to the island, apologise to our Elders and work towards implementing our ILUA (Indigenous Land Use Agreement) in good faith."

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FOUR generations of my beautiful family live here on our much-loved Palm Island and we wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

I was born and bred here as was my mother Anne Walsh, who is now aged 68. She is a real inspiration to us all and has lots of stories to tell.

We love spending time together as a family and we were sitting in the town square near the council office and retail store when your photographer saw us.

You can tell by the smile on my face just how happy I am when with close family and it was a great experience having our picture taken for the *Koori Mail*.

Also with us was my sister Bella Walsh, son Gerald Wotton Jnr, mum Anne Walsh.

That's me holding a grandson Phoenix James, another grandson Dylan Wotton, Allyra Stone, and Gerald's wife Yvonne Wotton holding my little nephew Benjamin Cooper-Walsh.

The day our picture was taken, more than 200 tourists from Townsville were here and some were taken on guided tours.

There is a big mob of the Walsh family on Palm so I have many relatives on our

island paradise.

We try and get together as a family at my place a few times a week and talk about things that are important to us.

Mum Anne is a respected Elder and was invited to a luncheon when a Chinese delegation visited in late April.

It was at the Coolgaree Sports Bar and Grill Restaurant, which is right beside the sea and there are great views from the garden section.

As a family, we think it is so important to respect our Elders and they have many stories to tell the younger ones.

I am also very proud of my son Gerald, who started his own business here and it is doing well.

Unemployment is a big problem for many adults here and I am so happy Gerald has his own income.

We consider it so good that we have four generations here and maybe a fifth will come along in the future.

I think my mum would be delighted if that happened.

There is no more beautiful place on earth than Palm Island and we are proud people with family being so important.

Back, from left, Bella Walsh, Gerald Wotton; front, Anne Walsh, Candice Walsh holding grandson Phoenix James, Dylan Wotton, Allyra Stone and Yvonne Wotton holding little brother Benjamin Cooper-Walsh.

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OUR CHILDREN



The Yugambeh Mobo youth choir at the Yugambeh Mobo event held at Somerset College, Gold Coast, this month. The choir was led by didge master William Barton.

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Focus on women artists in Japan



THE works of 12 Aboriginal female photographers have been on display at a major Japanese

art show this month.

The photographs were in the 'Sights from Sirens' display at the 19th JAALA International Art Exhibition at the Kawasaki Art Museum in Japan.

JAALA (Japan, Asian, African and Latin American Artists Association) has been expanded this year to include a focus on Aboriginal Australia.

The overarching title for the Aboriginal Australian exhibition at JAALA is *Midden*, curated by Murri artist Jenny Fraser.

As part of that exhibition, the works of the 12 photographers has been front and centre.

"This is particularly significant as a large group exhibition of women photographers is a first," Ms Fraser said.

The photographers are Cairns-based Gertrude Davis, Sharon Karami, Nickeema Williams and Ms Fraser; Barbara McGrady, Michelle Blakeney, and r e a from NSW, Tasmania's Vicki West, Charmaine Green (WA), Colleen Raven (SA), and Sandy O'Sullivan, Jo-Anne Driessens and writer Tahlee Walsh, all from Queensland.



Kayarah by Sharon Karami, one of the photographs on display for the JAALA International Art Exhibition in Japan.

Recognise us: Farrer



KIMBERLEY Labor MP Josie Farrer introduced a Bill to the West Australian Parliament last week seeking

recognition of Aboriginal people in the state's Constitution after first addressing the House in her native Gidja language.

"Make no mistake: This is important," she said.

"Recognition, acknowledgement and acceptance are necessary steps to true and lasting reconciliation, and this Bill is just one of those steps.

"In a way it is more than a step; it is a confident stride forward."

WA and Tasmania are the only remaining states that do not recognise Aboriginal people in their Constitutions.

Victoria recognised Aboriginal people in its Constitution in 2004, followed by Queensland in 2009, NSW in 2010 and South Australia last year.

Ms Farrer told the Parliament that recognition of



Kimberley MP Josie Farrer

Aboriginal people as the first people of WA through the Constitution was vital in addressing the ethical issues that face all Australians.

"The task of government is to show leadership and advocate unity. Acknowledgement is not a distraction," she said.

"This is the opportunity for

us to stride into the future, not shuffle forward with eyes closed from the truths of the past. This is the chance to come together as a Parliament and as a community in a sincere, mature and heartfelt spirit of reconciliation."

The Kimberley MP said she believed people understood the need for the recognition, acknowledgement and respect of ancestral lands.

"Like all of you who reminisce your connections to Australia and your ancestral links overseas, wherever that may be, there is an opportunity before us for all parliamentarians to do something remarkable," she said.

"Assist me with passing this Bill and let us make history, acknowledging Aboriginal people as being the first peoples of Australia.

"I invite you again, members – be magnificent and support this Bill.

"The fact of the matter is: Black people were here first. Let us recognise this in a meaningful and united way."



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Rally calls for support

By YATU WIDDERS HUNT



A RALLY was held at Redfern's Tent Embassy at The Block last weekend in a bid to raise further public opposition to development plans, which opponents say prioritise commercial interests over affordable Aboriginal housing.

Attended by around 100 people, the rally was opened with a performance from musician Kutcha Edwards, who travelled from Victoria for the event.

He was followed by speakers Kaye Belleair, Jenny Munro and Lyall Munro, who all talked about the need to continue to put pressure on the Aboriginal Housing Company (AHC), which owns the land, to respond to the needs of the community.

Local residents and entertainers were then invited to take to the stage and share their views.

Ms Munro said that opposition to the plans was building and that it was more important than ever to keep visibility of the issue in the media and broader community.

"We have watched how such a beautiful vision and dream for our people has been reduced to this," she said.

"We are here still fighting for black homes to be built on black land and we are inviting all Australians to come out and support us. We should be billionaires on our



From left, Koori Pete, Mik Smith, Raymond Munro and Alana Murray at the rally at The Block in Redfern last weekend. Picture by James Widders Hunt

land, not beggars."

Protesters also promised local residents that they would do their best to put a stop to commercial development, which they believe is due to begin within weeks.

"We will do whatever it takes to make sure that the only soil that gets turned on this land is for Aboriginal housing," Ms Munro said.

In his address, Mr Munro said he was

heartened by the fact that the issue was receiving widespread interest, with the tent embassy recently enjoying visits from activist Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, arts identity Rhoda Roberts and journalist Jeff McMullen, as well as members of the wider Sydney community.

Important issue

St Clair resident Shanae Day and her mother Keren, who heard about the rally on social media, travelled from western Sydney to show their support. It was the first time Ms Day had attended a rally and said it showed just how important this issue was to her and other young people.

"I think our rights are extremely important and I just want to do what I can to support the issue," she said.

"Out of respect to my great grandmother, who was removed from her family, I maintain a strong interest in justice and in doing what's right."

Organisers say the tent embassy – which has more than tripled in size since it was established on Sorry Day in May – could maintain its presence for as long as three years until the AHC's development application for the land expires, however, they hope a resolution is reached before then.

Representatives of the AHC have consistently maintained the development includes sufficient affordable housing.

Wilderness fight taken to Qatar

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIAN Aborigines are in the Middle East lobbying against the Australian Government's bid to delist 74,000 hectares of Tasmania's World Heritage Area.

"It's a shame job in the face of the international community that the Government wants to reinvigorate the forest industry at any cost," Tasmanian Aborigine Rocky Sainty told the *Koori Mail*.

"We totally oppose the delisting because of the cultural landscape and natural values that have coincided together for 40,000 years.

"Approval would mean the destruction of ancient Aboriginal heritage and loss of outstanding universal values."

Mr Sainty has worked in environment and Aboriginal heritage for 30 years and has joined Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre state secretary Ruth Langford and representatives from environmental groups in Qatar, where the World Heritage Committee (WHC) will consider the drawback proposal at their 38th meeting this week.

They will be lobbying WHC members and the international media.

"We are considered as stakeholders and not traditional owners by the state and Commonwealth governments," Mr Sainty said.

"Approval would mean the destruction of ancient Aboriginal heritage and loss of outstanding universal values."

Last year the Labor Federal Government added 170,000 hectares to Tasmania's World Heritage Area (WHA) for "superlative national phenomena



Aboriginal community representatives Ruth Langford and Rocky Sainty in Tasmania before they headed to Qatar.

or exceptional national beauty and aesthetic importance" as part of a forestry peace deal aimed at ending decades of conflict between the logging industry and environmentalists.

In listing the extension, the WHC acknowledged it contained Aboriginal heritage, and requested further study take place and consultation with the Aboriginal community.

However, after the election, the Abbott Government said that much of the extension area was seriously degraded and logged and excising 74,000 hectares would enhance the credibility of the World Heritage Listing.

WHA advisory bodies, ICOMOS and IUCN disagree and have not recommended the proposal be approved.

The Wilderness Society says internal Federal Government

ministerial advice obtained through Freedom of Information highlights "the fraudulent nature of the proposal".

The windback will open up the area for resource exploitation.

Under the Gillard Government a \$500,000 fund was announced for the study requested by the WHC.

Review under way

The Tasmanian Government is currently reviewing a management plan for the entire Tasmanian WHA, which covers approximately 20% of the state.

Ms Langford fears that the brief overview, derived from a desktop study of Aboriginal heritage contained in this plan, will be what the Australian Government will be reporting to the WHC next year. She says it is clearly insufficient.

"We need to get out on the ground and go off the local knowledge we have; a desktop survey is not going to do it," Mr Sainty said.

Ms Langford said: "We absolutely implore the World Heritage Committee and the Australian Government that the boundaries are kept and they provide funding for full and proper assessment, not only on the boundaries but on those areas neighbouring."

"They've placed the boundaries excluding [important Aboriginal] heritage sites."

"We have not been involved in determining these boundaries and until we get resources to undertake that research and discussion in the community, the World Heritage Committee and the governments cannot make informed decisions about the boundaries."

"Ignoring the very people whose culture has been relied on for past world heritage listing is morally wrong."

"The government should just remove the submission."

The Australian Government has told the WHC they will report the progress on identification of cultural values for the property in the next State of Conservation report to be submitted by February 1 next year.

A Department of the Environment spokesperson confirmed Ms Langford's fears, telling the *Koori Mail* it is "likely the current review by the Tasmanian Government of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan 1999 will inform the State of Conservation Report". They would not answer questions about the \$500,000 funding package.

'Don't poison our land'



EIGHT years after the battle over the proposed Muckaty nuclear waste dump began, the Federal Court this week took evidence from locals in what many hope will be a long-awaited resolution to a situation that has split Aboriginal communities and the town.

In 2006, a small patch of land on Muckaty Station, 120km north of Tennant Creek, was put forward by the Northern Land Council (NLC) to the Commonwealth Government to become Australia's national radioactive waste storage facility.

The council had the permission of the Lauder family of the Ngapa clan, which it determined were the rightful owners of that spot.

However, seven clans lay claim to land within the 221,000ha station, and all have dreamings and songlines that overlap and intersect, meaning the court will have to untangle what it can to determine which group can claim the roughly two square kilometres that would house the facility if it goes ahead.

The case is arguably the biggest of its kind since the Jabiruka mine blockades of the 1990s.

Last week, numerous members of the Milwayi group told the court the NLC failed to consult all groups properly over the proposal, and their people were the appropriate traditional owners.

Over and over, they told the court they didn't want the dump, that it would kill their bush tucker and poison their land.

"It will affect our lifestyle and how we live," Ronald Brown testified.



Milwayi Elder and traditional owner Bunny Nabarula, right, flanked by Jill Foster at the special on-country sitting of the Federal Court at Muckaty. Picture: AAP Image/Neda Vanovac.

"Probably every four, five years we get a good rain. Water down here is hard to find. The only water we have is the artesian basin. That's all we need to keep our water safe from this bad thing."

The site would hold low-level and long-lived intermediate-level waste, but Pamela Brown said she was scared by stories of the British nuclear weapons tests in Maralinga in South Australia in the 1950s, and the ongoing health problems faced by Aboriginal communities there.

"The spirit is alive" at Muckaty, she said, and the spirit people

didn't want poison on their land.

Witnesses gave evidence that the NLC hadn't properly informed them of what was planned; one Elder thought the community would be getting a rubbish dump, while traditional owner (TO) Dianne Stokes said she thought she had been taken out for a site visit for a new mine.

A financial package of \$12 million was agreed upon, with \$9 million to be held in a charitable trust – to pay for initiatives benefiting all indigenous groups on Muckaty Station – plus \$2 million for a road and \$1 million for

educational scholarships. The Lauder family received \$200,000 at the time of the nomination.

"There shouldn't be a back-door deal," Mr Brown told the court, something the NLC refutes.

"We know it's dirty money," Elder Bunny Nabarula said.

Numerous witnesses denied any knowledge of a charitable trust.

The NLC has declined to comment on the matter during the litigation, but its legal position is becoming clearer as witnesses are cross-examined. It suggests that Milwayi TOs agreed that trucks

transporting the waste to the facility could use a haulage road on their land, and says the Milwayi did not declare themselves rightful owners of the site, despite having the opportunity at several meetings during the nomination process in 2007.

They changed their minds after the fact, the defence counsel put to numerous witnesses, under the influence of the Beyond Nuclear Initiative campaigners.

But suggesting people were so easily swayed was a "put-down", Marlene Bennett told the court.

"People know their own minds. They're entitled to change their minds," she said.

Defence lawyers asked a number of witnesses why they didn't speak up at community meetings, but Ms Bennett said they were too intimidated.

"Quite often Indigenous people don't feel they have the right to stand up and say things because they see non-Indigenous people, educated, in suits and that; they feel disempowered and avoid speaking up," she said.

But in the end, whether they speak up or not may not matter.

The *Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act (2005)* states that even if an Aboriginal community or group that might be affected by the proposed nomination has not been consulted and does not consent, the nomination can go ahead.

And even if Justice Anthony North rules that the NLC behaved improperly, the facility might still be built at Muckaty.

Hearings will resume in Darwin on June 23, when members of the Lauder family and the NLC will give evidence. – AAP

Honours given to our people



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people featured prominently in the Queen's Birthday honours list, announced on the June long weekend.

Lowitja Institute chair Pat Anderson, an Alyawarre woman, was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO), as were Yorta Yorta opera singer Deborah Cheetham, Kaurna Elder Lewis Yerloburka O'Brien, Ngarrindjeri Elder Marjorie Tripp and Professor Ian Wronski for his service to Indigenous, rural and remote health.

Ms Anderson, co-author of the *Little Children are Sacred* report, was recognised for her work in enhancing the rights of Indigenous Australians and increasing awareness of issues of injustice and inequality in Australia.

"I am humbled to receive this award for something that has not just been a career, but my life's work," she said.

"I have dedicated my life to creating and nurturing understanding, compassion and honesty between people – both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal – and there is much still to be done."

Other people recognised for their service to Indigenous people included: David Campbell, Vincent Warrior Copley, Caroline De Costa, Ernest Hoolihan and school principal and former Sapphire Lois Peeler (all Members of the Order of Australia, AM) and Peter Blundell, Philip Donnelly, Selwyn Eggmolesse, James Hignett, Ahmed Latif and Velma



Pat Anderson, AO. Picture by Fiona Hamilton

Mulcahy (Medal of the Order of Australia, OAM).

NSW Governor Marie Bashir became a Dame and told *The Sydney Morning Herald* that, despite the honorific, she was still the same girl.

"I'll still be Marie, there will be no titles when I go up to my friends at the Aboriginal Medical Service in Redfern ... I'll still be the same girl tomorrow and next year and I'll never cease to be grateful for working in the field that I have done, particularly in medicine and teaching students and doctors," she said.

The real cause for celebration, Dr Bashir said, is seeing Indigenous and young people benefit from the "great bounty of opportunities in our country".

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY INDIGENOUS HONOUR ROLL

OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (AO)

Patricia Anderson

For distinguished service to the Indigenous community as a social justice advocate, particularly through promoting improved health, educational and protection outcomes for children.

Deborah Cheetham

For distinguished service to the performing arts as an opera singer, composer and artistic director, to the development of Indigenous artists, and to innovation in performance.

Lewis O'Brien

For distinguished service to the Indigenous community of South Australia as an Elder and educator, and to the promotion and protection of Indigenous culture and heritage.

Marjorie Tripp

For distinguished service to the Indigenous community through the promotion of improved aged care and health outcomes and recognition of Indigenous Australians in the armed forces.

Ian Wronski

For distinguished service to tertiary education, particularly through leadership and research roles in Indigenous, rural and remote health, and to medicine in the field of tropical health.

MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (AM)

David Campbell

For significant service to rural and remote medicine and education, as a supporter of Indigenous health professionals, and to general practice

Vincent Warrior Copley

For significant service to the Indigenous

community as an advocate for the improvement of social, legal and economic rights and cultural identity.

Caroline De Costa

For significant service to medicine, particularly to Indigenous and migrant women's reproductive health.

Ernest Hoolihan

For significant service to the community as an advocate for Indigenous culture in northern Queensland.

Lois Peeler

For significant service to the Indigenous community as an educator, advocate and role model.

MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (OAM)

Peter Blundell

For service to the community, particularly through support for Indigenous students and Rotary International.

Philip Donnelly

For service to the Indigenous community through sporting and charitable initiatives.

Selwyn Eggmolesse

For service to the Indigenous community through a range of roles.

James Hignett

For service to Indigenous communities of South Australia.

Ahmed Latif

For service to medicine in rural and remote communities, and to Indigenous health.

Velma Mulcahy

For service to the Indigenous community of the Wingecarribee Shire.

Kids having a ball in Brazil



EIGHT Aboriginal teenagers are enjoying the trip of a lifetime,

as they enjoy the Football World Cup in Brazil.

John Moriarty Football took the eight players, from Borroloola in the NT, to South America, where they have enjoyed kicking a ball with the Socceroos, with local teams and on Brazilian beaches.

Jayika Thompson, 12, told ABC Radio that she was really excited about the trip.

She said she aims to "keep playing football, get better at it and play for the Matildas".

● The John Moriarty Football squad with their translator in Brazil.



Mining writ lodged

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE Quandamooka people, the traditional owners of North Stradbroke Island, have launched High Court action challenging the

Newman Government's legislation that extends sandmining on their country.

And, the *Koori Mail* understands, the Quandamooka people are calling on Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney to refer the matter to the Crime and Misconduct Commission.

The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) claims in a High Court writ that the 2013 *North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Act* contravenes the *Commonwealth Native Title Act, 1993*.

Where a state law is in conflict with a Commonwealth law, the Commonwealth law prevails.

The case will have implications for all native title holders across the country.

When the Bligh Government passed the *North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability Act* in 2011, the Quandamooka people



Part of the traditional ceremony held when the Quandamooka people delivered their High Court writ. Picture by Naomi Moran

were overjoyed that sandmining would be phased out by 2019, ending nearly six decades of community division for which the traditional owners had received no compensation.

That same year Quandamooka Elders signed an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the Queensland Government that included compensation and the transition to joint management of Naree Budjong Djara National Park.

Soon after, the Quandamooka

people had their native title rights to North Stradbroke Island recognised by the Federal Court and then the ILUA registered with the National Native Title Tribunal.

However, Sibelco, the privately owned Belgian mining company that owned sandmining licences on North Stradbroke Island, began lobbying aggressively for the extension of sandmining, hiring PR company Rowland to run an expensive campaign.

In the 2012 election Sibelco spent close to \$100,000 in

Campbell Newman's electorate of Ashgrove.

While Premier Newman denied in an email to the *Koori Mail* that Sibelco had received special treatment, a hand-signed document to Mines Minister Andrew Cripps appears to contradict that statement.

In October last year Mr Cripps wrote a briefing note to Mr Newman outlining why Sibelco needed the legislation passed quickly and asking that the Premier relax the requirement to wait 20 days between preparing and introducing the Bill.

Hand-written notes on the letter say "Premier approved" and "Yes!"

QYAC chief executive Cameron Costello and Quandamooka Elders have repeatedly invited Mr Newman to come to the island and walk with them on their country – but he has refused.

"It was unfortunate that the Quandamooka people had to deliver the writ. We have extended the hand of friendship to the Queensland Government, but we have been forced into having to defend our rights," Mr Costello said.

"It was a powerful moment when we lodged the writ, after an Elders' blessing and traditional ceremony, quite powerful and dignified, but it was a course of action that we did

not undertake lightly.

"We felt we had to do it not only for the benefit of the Quandamooka people but also for all native title holders across Australia."

Mr Costello said it was "totally unacceptable" for the Queensland Government to go back on a deal with Aboriginal people.

"It's been gut-wrenching for our Elders. It's extremely disappointing and draining," he said.

"Instead of enjoying the fruits of the ILUA – which really is compensation for what has happened to our people – instead of setting up the foundations for a non-mining economy, all this time and energy is being used dealing with the state trying to get them to honour a deal that was already done.

"We've won awards for tourism, accommodation, land care, caring for country, and we've won an award from the Australian Institute of Planners for our land use. The Quandamooka people are forging ahead, and the State Government needs to support us, not keep trying to bring us down.

"At this stage the Government needs to repeal the legislation that they put in place and come over to the island, apologise to our Elders and work towards implementing our ILUA in good faith."



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Call for national day

TSI THE Torres Strait Regional Authority wants a national day of recognition and public holiday to acknowledge the landmark Mabo decision of the High Court.

TSRA chairman Joseph Elu said June 3 – Mabo Day – was an important day for all Australians, not just the people of Mer and the Torres Strait, as it signified the true spirit of reconciliation.

“Twenty two years ago on June 3 a great global myth was shattered when the High Court handed down the historic decision recognising that Australia was not an empty land when it was colonised,” Mr Elu said.

“Mabo Day serves as a reminder of why and how the First People of Australia have had to struggle to gain recognition of their rights in their own country, and has been an inspiration for Indigenous peoples worldwide.

“I am writing to the Prime Minister to express our call for the national day and I would like to encourage other leaders in the community to join with me in lobbying for it as well.”

The TSRA held its 90th board meeting on Mer to help celebrate Mabo Day, the first meeting to be held on an outer island community.

Gail Mabo, daughter of the late Eddie Koiko Mabo and who attended the celebrations, said acknowledging her father for starting the fight to help the Meriam people of Mer gain recognition of prior ownership of their land was of historical significance.

“Connection to land without boundaries is what makes Indigenous Australians who we are – white law only looks at the physical sense of boundaries,” Ms Mabo said.

“However, my father’s fight was not only for the Meriam people, but for all Australians, and the outcome has changed the way all Australians view land ownership.

“He started the fight by himself and for many years did it alone – he tried, he got angry and he got sick, but he was eventually joined and helped by others and in the end he triumphed and his name, his love, and most importantly his legacy has lived on.

“The most important thing is to remember he did it for everyone, and the outcomes of the High Court decision should be recognised as part of our history.”

● Mabo Day celebrated in Townsville and Tasmania, see page 34.



People pay their respects at Eddie Koiko Mabo's memorial.



Gail Mabo speaking at the Mabo Day celebrations.



The Mer Island residents celebrate.



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Kids removed from kin care



AUSTRALIA risks another stolen generation with an avalanche of Aboriginal children being

removed from care arrangements with kin.

At the same time, impoverished grandparents are being forced into increasingly desperate measures just to be able to care for their grandchildren, including selling the family home.

Both alarming claims were presented last week at a Senate inquiry into grandparent carers.

The number of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care is now greater than at any time during the stolen generation, Paula Hayden, co-founder of Aboriginal advocacy group Winangay Resources, told the hearing in Sydney.

“We’re facing an avalanche of children being disconnected

– removed from family and kin – like we’ve never seen before,” she said.

Ms Hayden said another stolen generation could occur unless new approaches were adopted in the child protection system.

“That’s an absolute disaster for the Aboriginal community. That’s not acceptable,” she said.

Referring to data from the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC), Ms Hayden said an inflexible system was taking children away from their grandparents and placing them with non-Aboriginal parents, leaving them alienated and traumatised.

There was also a need to recognise the underestimated number of Aboriginal grandparents in informal arrangements looking after their grandkids.

Many were taking up carers’ roles in virtual poverty, and in real need of government financial support.

The inquiry heard of one set of grandparents forced to sell their house to pay the legal cost of getting their grandchild back.

Australian Human Rights Commission president Gillian Triggs said some grandparent carers were falling through the cracks. She called for a national survey to find out how many there were because the lack of data impeded them getting adequate support.

She also said more research was needed into ensuring continuity of culture and language among Aboriginal communities.

The inquiry, which began in December, will report back in September. —AAP

● Changes to budget-based funding program puts our kids at risk, says SNAICC – page 24.

Funding is the key



Ngambri Elder Matilda House with the youngest (and cutest) conference delegate, 4-month-old Marandu, at the National Native Title Conference at Coffs Harbour.

Picture by John Paul Janke, courtesy AIATSIS

Native title cornerstone, says keynote speaker



CONTINUED support and funding of the native title process is fundamental to the future of Indigenous communities and key to achieving economic independence, delegates at the 2014 annual National Native Title Conference were told.

This year's conference, held on the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr people in Coffs Harbour, from June 2-4, carried the theme of 'Living with Native Title, from the Bush to the Sea'.

It was convened by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and NSW native title service provider NTSCORP Ltd.

Keynote speaker Brian Wyatt said native title was a cornerstone of all policies related to Indigenous affairs.

"Through negotiating agreements, we continue to take advantage of many opportunities; economic development, employment, education scholarships, land management, housing. Through investing in our communities, we are investing in our regions," Mr Wyatt said.

"The next step for negotiation opportunities is greater access and benefit sharing. We must continue to think outside the box

about how we achieve this.

"It is imperative that sectors and governments work with us as native title becomes a significant driver in our economies while at the same time we continue to build our own cultural and social capital."

Conference delegates explored topics as diverse as carbon farming policies, partnerships for managing country, legal developments, self-determination, and Indigenous land and sea management.

AIATSIS chair Professor Mick Dodson said one key issue to emerge from the conference was the funding of Prescribed Body Corporates (PBCs) and Native Title Representative Bodies, which get very little support to carry out their statutory requirements.

"People are frustrated that the process isn't funded properly," he said.

"Everybody has trouble with the legislation, but some people are reluctant to expose the legislation in fear that government gets hold of it and it gets worse for Aboriginal people."

Cross-section

Prof Dodson said the conference attracted 500-plus delegates working in all areas around native title, including claimants, applicants, judges, lawyers, historians, anthropologists and others.

He said it was an opportunity for them to come together and discuss issues around native title, exchange ideas and stories about developments, how they were running their organisations, how they were getting on with looking after country and confronting problems of resources and funding.

Tasmanian activist Michael Mansell put forward a proposal for an Aboriginal seventh state of Australia, saying it had advantages over Constitutional reform and a treaty.

"It does not need a referendum – it relies on existing Constitutional provisions which were designed for the purpose," he said.

He suggested that much of the 31% of Australia's land mass now covered by native title could be recognised as an Aboriginal state, with its own legal system (including customary law), policing, health and education systems.

"A new Aboriginal state is a political step towards self-determination and is necessarily a political compromise," Mr Mansell said.

He said Aboriginal people with traditional lands outside the state would not miss out on being part of it, as they could vote for and be elected to the Aboriginal Assembly.

Prof Dodson said living with native title remained a struggle for many Aboriginal communities.

"At forums such as this conference, people come together and are open and frank in their discussions on a range of issues, including legal requirements, agreement making and corporate governance in native title," he said.

"But at the end of the day, people are also really supportive of one another; they share common ground: to support community aspirations to be part of sustainable enterprise and economic development that native title affords us while maintaining our cultural obligations to our country."

● **Native Title conference pictures – pages 32-33**

Healing garden opened



SOUTH Australian Stolen Generations survivors and advocates Christine Doolan and Chrissy Evans were smiling on National Sorry Day.

The two women's dream for a Stolen Generations Healing Garden and Memorial in Adelaide was

officially opened.

Ms Doolan, the SA delegate for the National Stolen Generation Alliance, and Ms Evans, a Kokatha woman from Ceduna, on the west coast of SA, said they had imagined a safe place where Stolen Generations survivors and supporters could go to contemplate.

● Full report and photos, see page 60



South Australian Stolen Generations Healing Garden and Memorial organisers Christine Doolan and Chrissy Evans. Picture by Colleen Strangways, Nharla photography



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Uranium mine reopens



THE Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC), which acts on behalf of the Mirarr

traditional owners, said it accepts the restart of the Ranger uranium mine in Kakadu National Park – for the time being.

Uranium processing has been halted since December after a leach tank collapsed, spilling about one million cubic litres of radioactive and acidic slurry at the site.

"We're comfortable with this start-up, but in order for us to not all be back here in several years' time, we need a major culture shift at the mine," GAC chief

executive Justin O'Brien said. This month, both the Federal and Northern Territory governments approved the resumption of ore processing at the site by operators Energy Resources of Australia (ERA).

A progressive restart of processing will begin the same day.

Mr O'Brien said he was confident both levels of government would review the regulation of the mine to simplify it and bring it into line with broader industry practice on process safety codes.

"This is as much a failure on the part of the regulatory system as it is on the part of the mining company," Mr O'Brien said.



The collapsed storage tank at Ranger uranium mine. Picture courtesy of Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation.

However environmental groups want to know how the Ranger mine could be permitted to resume operations when the government report into the

major industrial failure that led to the suspension of operations has not yet been made public.

Nuclear-free NT campaigner Lauren Mellor

and Australian Conservation Foundation's spokesman Dave Sweeney said the approval was premature.

"If the government is confident in their process, then put the whole thing in the public domain and stop this approach of piecemeal assessment that happens behind closed doors," Mr Sweeney said.

ERA chief executive Andrea Sutton said the "serious" incident had damaged community confidence in their operations.

"The measures we have undertaken are designed to prevent anything similar happening in the future and to reassure our stakeholders and the broader community of the integrity of our

operation," she said.

NT Minister for Mines and Energy Willem Westra van Holst claimed Ranger was the most regulated site in the world.

"It's constantly under scrutiny, and rightly so. The investigation makes sure Ranger operates more safely now than it did six months ago," he said.

He said there has been "absolutely no impact on Kakadu" as a result of the spill.

ERA expects the processing plant to return to normal production levels during the third quarter of this year, with the company's 2014 production of uranium oxide expected to be between 1100 tonnes and 1500 tonnes. – AAP



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KEEPING CULTURE STRONG

Film explores gay themes



Clan producer Sophie Wiesner, James Saunders and writer/director Larissa Behrendt.

By YATU WIDDERS HUNT



THEMES of self-acceptance and resilience underpin new documentary film

Clan, which enjoyed a special cast and crew screening at Sydney's University of Technology (UTS) this month.

More than 40 people gathered at the university's Aerial Function Centre to view the short film, written and directed by academic and writer Larissa Behrendt.

Clan tells the personal story of communications professional James Saunders, who explores his experiences from growing up with his mother and siblings in Queensland, to the impact of being told he was "not clever enough" to go to university after high school.

At the core of the film,

however, is the journey Mr Saunders took in rebuilding a life for himself through joining The Convicts, Australia's first gay rugby union club.

During a short opening address, Mr Saunders reflected on being asked to star in the film.

"I never really thought it mattered that I was a gay Aboriginal man," he said. "It shouldn't matter, but I think we do still have a long way to go on the road to equality."

Although the film itself is under 10 minutes in length, Mr Saunders hopes some of its strong messages will resonate with others.

"I'm really pleased and happy with how the film turned out and I want more people to see it," he said.

"If it can help any of our young people who may be going through a difficult time, then that

would be great. That's what I really hope comes out of it."

The film's writer and director Ms Behrendt – who has just completed a graduate diploma of documentary at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) – said she was particularly proud of the film, as it touches on some important themes, which she hopes will help challenge homophobic attitudes.

"I really want this film to get the message out to our community that we are actually disadvantaging ourselves by not being accepting," she said.

At the end of the event, it was announced that following successful screenings in Sydney and New Zealand, *Clan* had been accepted to compete in the world's largest LGBTI film festival, Frameline, in San Francisco later this month.

Marngrook hits its 200th

By RUDI MAXWELL



IN the late 1990s Grant Hansen was feeling "a bit peeved" about the lack of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AFL commentators. So the former player, musician and avid Footscray fan started his own radio show, the *Marngrook Footy Show*.

Marngrook has gone from strength to strength and will celebrate 200 television episodes tomorrow, June 18, on NITV.

"Considering the contribution Indigenous players have always made to the game, we were massively under-represented on TV, radio and footy shows," Hansen said.

"For the first years on TV, we were probably considered a bit of a cult show. Now we're crossing over into the mainstream, and one of the most popular AFL shows. Our audience just keeps growing.

"I think there are a couple of key factors – we're family friendly, we're a football show that talks football, we're at the forefront of having women hosts, we have live music. When you take all those ingredients, add in our friendly style with genuine warmth and what-you-see is what-you-get, it all puts the show in good stead."

Hansen said he's proud that the show is performing so well in the ratings and that many of the Indigenous people who have worked on it have gone on to work in mainstream broadcasting, both on and off screen.

"We've had some great guests, the late great Jimmy Stynes, Rex Hunt, Nicky Winmar, Michael Long, Adam Goodes, Derrick Kickett, and we've had some brilliant music acts that we've exposed to a wider audience," he said. "There are lots of good things about the show but I'm most proud that it's a positive show, with a lot of role models who present Aboriginal people in a positive light."

For their 200th show the *Marngrook* team has a whole array of guests, including Gunditjmara musician Andy Alberts.



The *Marngrook Footy Show* team, with creator Grant Hansen, back, third from right. The show is broadcasting its 200th television episode tomorrow, Thursday, June 18, on NITV.

Budget of basics



THE head of the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) has welcomed a 'bare bones' Budget handed down in State Parliament by Treasurer Tim Nicholls this month.

The Queensland Government is aiming to raise \$33.6 billion through the sale of government-owned assets, as well as long-term leasing of ports corporations and the Mount Isa Rail line. \$25 billion will be used for state debt reduction, and the remaining \$8.6 billion will be tucked away in the State Government coffers to be used for infrastructure and community building.

QAIHC chief executive Selwyn Button said he supported the Government's commitment to reducing debt, but cautioned it cannot come at the expense of Indigenous health.

"This is a 'bare bones' Budget and it's fair to say that sectors across the board will be affected," Mr Button said.

"However, QAIHC will see this as an opportunity to utilise new and existing investments, and to continue to work together in getting better outcomes for our communities, such as implementing some of the recommendations handed down from the Carmody Inquiry into the Child Protection system."

Mr Button said the health and community services sector represented the largest employer of

Indigenous people in Queensland.

He said aligning new and existing investments into the area will go a long way towards improving the overall wellbeing of communities and create greater economic independence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"With the focus for Indigenous affairs on economic development and sustainable employment, this should represent a shift in current policy thinking for the government," Mr Button said.

"However there are still challenges for community-controlled services to shift the thinking of policy makers."

He said though investments such as the \$10.5 million for the Southern Queensland Centre of Excellence in Inala and \$4 million for the Deadly Ears project are necessary and worthwhile services, they do not build economic opportunities and sustainable employment for Indigenous people.

"They are government-run services, not community organisations that are owned and managed by Indigenous community people."

Mr Button said that QAIHC has recently completed consultation on economic modelling for up to 25 Indigenous community-controlled health clinics, and for a modest investment of around \$2 million, these clinics could provide comprehensive healthcare services to a patient population of 1000 people per clinic.

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Hope grows in Tas garden

By JILLIAN MUNDY



KARADI Aboriginal Corporation has celebrated the creation of their new community garden in a Hobart suburb with a grand opening.

"From little things big things grow. Start small but think big," announced Karadi Aboriginal health worker Emma Robertson at the opening, which took place between showers on a chilly Hobart morning a couple of weeks ago.

Ms Robertson said it was her dream to have a garden that could bring community together and highlight the importance of nutrition.

She referred to the garden, built mainly by volunteers, as the organisation's "little piece of reconciliation".

Karadi is an Aboriginal organisation and neighbourhood house, offering a range of services to the Aboriginal community and also mainstream services.

She said that although the organisation had been situated in the centre of Goodwood, in suburban Hobart, for many years, neighbors often had no idea about them or the services offered.

"Since the garden has been set up, our usually quiet back oval is a hive of activity," she said, "whether it is someone watering or children

laughing, playing or planting.

"We have our friendly neighbours popping over with their cuppa and a few seedlings or to offer to help and even bringing over tools that will make the job easier.

"Since the building of the garden our circle has come together and barriers have been broken.

"We are achieving a greater sense of community and our community has great pride and ownership over our garden."

Ms Robertson said there are plans to run cooking classes with the organic produce grown in the garden, teach people about sustainable living, raise free range chickens and build a firepit.

She said a garden represented hope – for new beginnings, peace, sustainability, the environment and belief in the future.

"You wouldn't plant a garden if you didn't believe in the future; you don't get instant results. You've got to feed it and nurture it and watch it grow," she said.

She sees the community garden as a setting to build friendships, a tranquil refuge, a classroom and a place of inspiration for the artist within and for families to start small but think big.

The project was funded through a grant from Medibank, with support from the Glenorchy City Council, local nursery Stonemans and the hard work of volunteers and Karadi staff.



Jack and Donna Picken with their granddaughter Lacey Picken. The couple said working on the garden had been tiring but well worth it.

IAC defends Budget cuts



THE chair of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council (IAC) Warren Mundine has

given a spirited defence of the recent Federal Budget cuts to Indigenous programs.

"I've also been attacked further for suggesting we could achieve more savings by reducing waste and delivering services more efficiently and then reallocate the money saved to more frontline services," he said.

"If you believe some sectors of the media and social media you'd think I am calling for the destruction of Indigenous people. What nonsense."

Mr Mundine said while billions has been spent on Indigenous housing, remote Indigenous housing is amongst the worst in Australia.

"Some areas are nothing short of slums," he said.

"This isn't the fault of the people who live in them, nor the Indigenous councils who have day-to-day responsibility for housing in some areas. The problem is a systemic failure of social housing delivery and management over decades."

He said the Rudd Government's 2008 National

Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing, which committed \$5.5bn over 10 years, was supposed to reduce severe overcrowding, increase new housing supply, improve existing housing conditions and ensure proper maintenance.

"So far the program has spent \$2.5bn," he said.

"You wouldn't know it. The new housing was overly expensive, poorly constructed and with a short lifespan of 12 years or less.

"The value of the housing is deteriorating too quickly and maintenance programs are poorly designed and executed. Severe overcrowding continues. I've visited communities that were beneficiaries of the program where I wouldn't have guessed the government had recently spent any money on housing."

Mr Mundine said too much was spent on bureaucratic administration, systems and processes and wasted in delays, re-work, poor project management and inefficiencies in tendering and building and that most of the \$2.5 billion was paid to non-Indigenous people.

"Imagine instead an Indigenous housing program run efficiently and effectively, like a private developer would run it,"

he said.

"If we could deliver the program for – say – \$2 billion instead of \$2.5 billion that would be a \$500-million saving.

"Government then has two options. It could cut the Indigenous housing budget by \$500 million because that money isn't required.

"Or it could keep the budget intact but instead allocate \$500 million to more housing, community infrastructure or services. That's the approach I've advocated recently, for which I've been accused of turning on my people.

"In both scenarios Indigenous communities are better off because the housing is of good quality, well managed and longer lasting. In the second scenario they're even better off.

"If government announced a \$500 million spending reduction on Indigenous housing there would be an outcry on Twitter and the ABC. Some commentators and media pounce on any decision to spend less money and blindly assume it will harm Indigenous people. Before long it's an internet meme so it must be true.

"Shame on the lot of you. Where was your outrage when government wasted \$2.5 billion on substandard homes?"



Keiko Fordimail enjoys the circus workshops at Barunga Festival.

Barunga pulls in big crowd



THOUSANDS of people turned out for the 29th Barunga Festival, held this month near Katherine in the Northern Territory. They enjoyed a packed three-day program

including music, art, sport and traditional activities.

The ARIA-nominated Saltwater Band headlined the main stage, featuring solo performances by band member Gurumul Yunupingu. Lead singer Manuel Dhurrkay also premiered his song *Breathe*, which is about the benefits of not smoking.

Darwin's Ali Mills joined Nicky Bomba's Bustamento on stage for a version of Tina Turner's *What You Get Is What You See*, followed by *Johnny B. Goode* with guest vocals by Gurumul.

Bush lads Lonely Boys from Ngukkur, Tjuntu Desert Band from Alice Springs, B2M from Tiwi Islands, and Nabarlek from Manmoyi were among the crowd favourites.

Teams travelled from across Australia to compete in AFL, softball and basketball competitions.

"The culture program was an outstanding success, with the spear throwing attracting a huge audience," festival director Mark Grose, of Skinnyfish Music, said.

"One of many great moments in the music program was seeing rock and reggae legends of Tjuntu Desert Band and Lonely Boys being stripped back to an amazing acoustic performance.

"Next year is the 30th anniversary and we hope to present just as successful an event."

Preschool in danger

By LAURELLE PACEY



THE future of the Little Yuin Pre-school at Wallaga Lake Koori Village on NSW's south coast is again under threat.

This time it is struggling to have enough enrolments to attract sufficient government funding to keep its doors open.

"Our core problem is that the funding we get does not cover operational costs, that is wages, costs associated with keeping the doors open, and resources," Little Yuin director Lea Sutherland said.

"The NSW Government's recent removal of two-year-old funding added to the problem.

"The only way we can survive longer term is to attract more children by drawing from a wider area and we're getting strong support to do that."

Little Yuin would have closed on June 30 but \$10,000 'stop-gap' funding from Eurobodalla Shire Council has enabled the preschool to keep going.

Government funding for preschools is determined by how many children are at a centre at a particular 'census' time.

Thirteen children are currently enrolled, aged two to five. Ten are Koori, and only one is from Wallaga.

Few young families now live at Wallaga, so most children are bussed in from Dalmeny, Kianga and Narooma.



Little Yuin director Lea Sutherland says the preschool at Wallaga Lake is struggling to attract sufficient government funding to stay open. Picture by Laurelle Pacey.

Many come from families on social benefits; Little Yuin fees to families are low compared with other centres, although few pay.

There is strong community support for Little Yuin continuing and recognition for the work it does, particularly in providing

culturally appropriate education.

It was recently assessed under National Quality Standards for early childhood centres as exceeding national quality standards, and it has been selected as an Early Start Engagement Centre in association

with the University of Wollongong.

"The children attend three days a week giving them 18 hours of preschool, which is more than the 15 hours recommended," Ms Sutherland said.

"Some of our children receive three years in a supportive

learning environment and that helps make them more capable and confident when they go to school."

Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services chief executive Jon Rogers said Little Yuin must stay open.

"We want to help all kids, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to access preschool," he said. "It's so important and Little Yuin does such a wonderful job.

"We will help broaden their catchment by using our bus to pick up kids from Bodalla to Narooma and take them to Wallaga, so their bus can pick up kids from the Cobargo-Bermagui area."

Eurobodalla Shire Council has been managing a federally-funded project at Wallaga over the past two years to support the social and economic development of that community. It regards Little Yuin as an important part of Wallaga's social development.

NSW Government funding built a \$380,000 family centre adjacent to the preschool in 2009 as a place for parenting groups, early childhood medical screenings, as a homework centre, for training and meetings, and for family fun days. Operational funding has since ended.

Ms Sutherland said that Centre is now underutilised and functions now mainly as a homework centre, with administration falling to the preschool.



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Inquiry into the adequacy of the provision of services to Victorian children and young people who have been subjected to sexual abuse or sexual exploitation whilst residing in residential care.

The Victorian Commission for Children and Young People announced in March 2014 the commencement of an Inquiry into the provision of residential care services to all children and young people in Victoria who are at risk of, or who have experienced, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation whilst residing in residential care.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people are today significantly and increasingly over represented in the Victorian out of home care and residential care services.

The Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People, Andrew Jackomos, is particularly keen to hear from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people who have experienced residential care. Submissions from children and young people may take the form of a letter, email, video, drawing,

artwork or making a time to meet with Commission staff by emailing: submissions@ccyp.vic.gov.au

The Commission is also seeking submissions from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations and in particular, from any person who has had direct experience of how the service systems in Victoria respond to children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse or sexual exploitation whilst living in residential care.

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who participate in the Inquiry will be provided with culturally appropriate support from the Commission and referral for counselling as required.

For details on how to make a submission, please visit the Commission's website at www.ccyp.vic.gov.au or for any further enquiries, please contact Ms Fiona Fyffe, Project Manager for the Inquiry on telephone: (03) 8601 5884 or email at Fiona.fyffe@ccyp.vic.gov.au

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Aspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in Old Parliament House, where, for two days, they held a Youth Parliament.

Young leaders get a taste of political debate

By MEZ FISHER



FIFTY aspiring young politicians have just completed a

week-long leadership program in Canberra, including the two-day Indigenous Youth Parliament at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, Canberra.

The participants came from throughout Australia, from Umagico, at the northern tip of Queensland, the islands of the Torres Strait, Nhulunbuy, in the Territory, Broome (WA), Tasmania's Huon Valley, Alice Springs, and many points in between.

"Amazing"

Adelaide law student Arrin Hazelbane, 21, said there were a lot of amazing things that took place at the event.

"I guess the main thing highlighted by attending the event was that I had the privilege of sharing that opportunity with other brave, passionate and confident Indigenous youth," he said.

"We had the ability to listen to each other and witness everyone talk about legislation and how it affected them, and show their strength and resilience in regards to past injustices."

The young parliamentarians debated four Bills and spoke on Constitutional recognition – and they proved that politics isn't always about slinging insults across the floor of Parliament.

"We had the opportunity to go to Question Time and I must say although we differed on certain subjects, we didn't



Arrin Hazelbane speaking on the floor of the House.

act in the manner that is generally accepted in today's Parliament," Mr Hazelbane said.

He said the Youth Parliament wasn't so much about people debating topics along party lines.

"We were also there as advocates of electoral commission. We, as people, wanted to promote and encourage our mob to enrol to vote and exercise their democratic rights as a way to address past injustices," he said.

Mr Hazelbane grew up in Darwin and has a dad from the Warai mob, from the Finnis River region of the NT, while his mum is a Kokatha woman from Port Lincoln, in South Australia.

He is the first of his immediate family to attend university and plans to pursue a legal career and then

eventually enter politics.

"I'm privileged by that fact that education was stressed (in my family) and I guess I would like to reiterate that and tell the youth of tomorrow that education is vital," he said.

"Although life isn't easy and it takes hard work and determination – dream big."

He's inspired by the connections he made with the other young Indigenous people in Canberra.

"Something that really everyone at Youth Parliament was strongly aware of was that we have opportunities that our Elders didn't have – and we owe them the respect to make the most of those opportunities," he said.

"Youth Parliament reassured me that there are other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth like me that genuinely hold an interest in politics."



Korin Gamadji Institute director Belinda Duarte.



Stalls at the Dreamtime Career Expo.



Rio Tinto Footy Means Business Boys in Indigenous AFL wacry.



Australia's first female Indigenous optometrist Shannon Peckham.

Expo offers job advice



A CROWD of more than 1200 poured into Korin Gamadji Institute at the Richmond Football Club in Melbourne recently for the third Dreamtime Career Expo.

The expo formed part of Reconciliation Week and the Indigenous Round of the AFL. It wrapped up with a Dreamtime VFL match, Richmond vs Essendon, at the ME Bank Centre.

The three-hour expo played host to 35 stalls advertising career pathways and information for Indigenous job seekers either starting in the workforce or looking for a new direction.

"The Dreamtime Careers Expo is an excellent opportunity for young people to talk about employment, careers and higher education with a diverse range of organisations relevant to young people taking that next crucial step in their lives," said stallholder Loretta O'Neill from the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service.

"It also gives the Koorie community a chance to engage with Aboriginal organisations such as ours, to find out more about the services we offer. It was a well organised and informative event and everyone truly enjoyed themselves."

A Welcome to Country by Auntie Di Kerr told visitors to "share in each other's wisdom" and "talk to someone you don't know".

Roving MC and funny man Kutcha Edwards provided entertainment as well as a Q&A with guest speakers, including



Rachael Hocking and Tony Ryder from Kalinya Communications.

Australia's first female Indigenous optometrist Shannon Peckham and Sgt John Angel-Hands from the Australian Army.

Stalls representing universities provided valuable information on courses and scholarships, while stalls like Crown Casino and Ikea said they offered "something you don't always think about".

Travelling from Ballarat with 14 Koories in an Indigenous youth group was Sissy, 20, who said the expo was informative and provided materials and information.

Her favourite stall was the Country Fire Authority's, because it "sounds so interesting" and made volunteer firefighting seem "like a really good option".

Many visitors and stallholders headed to the Dreamtime at the 'G match that night, after receiving free tickets by completing an interactive Dreamtime Career Expo challenge.

The 2014 event has grown from a strong collaboration between the Korin Gamadji Institute and Kalinya Communications.



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The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Program team is available for one on one meetings with Indigenous organisations and artists to discuss projects and programs over the week of 30 June to 4 July, 2014. If you would like to book in a meeting or come along to a funding session please contact Sigrid Langker (contacts below).

The sessions will focus on sharing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts funding information and demystifying the funding process. If you are an Indigenous artist and/ or arts-worker who are interested in knowing more about the processes in writing a competitive grant application then we would encourage you to attend an information session or book a meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information please call or email:

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KEEPING CULTURE STRONG

Art offers new view



INTERNATIONALLY-renowned Aboriginal artist Michael Cook has

created an audacious and thought-provoking series of photographic works portraying Indigenous faces in seats of power.

His *Through My Eyes* exhibition at the Museum of Australian Democracy (MOAD) at Old Parliament House layers Indigenous faces over portraits of former Australian prime ministers, inviting viewers to rethink the way they engage with the nation's history.

In the exhibition Cook boldly asks: what if? What would life for Indigenous Australians be like now if Australia's political leaders had been able to view Aboriginal culture through Aboriginal eyes?

The Bidjara (south-west Queensland) artist transposed faces of 19 Aboriginal models from Queensland over the faces of 27 former Australian prime ministers, utilising official prime ministerial portraits held by the National Library of Australia to create the works.

The images are constructed in multiple layers, rather like a painting.

"When I produce art I feel a stronger connection with my ancestry," Cook said.

"This helps me to understand Australian history and, in particular, my history."

For Cook, art provides a way of knowing about the past without dwelling on it. He wants his audience to understand Indigenous cultures, and he sees both white and Aboriginal cultures as equal.

MOAD has also acquired and is exhibiting two of Cook's works created for this year's Sydney Biennale.



Majority Rule (Senate) by Michael Cook, 2014. Inset: *Through My Eyes* (Julia Gillard) by Michael Cook, 2010. Pictures courtesy of Michael Cook and Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane.

The striking large-scale black-and-white *Majority Rule* images depict duplications of a besuited Indigenous male figure populating the interior and steps of Old Parliament House.

Like his other works, *Majority Rule* asks the viewer to ponder

the impact and effects still suffered by Australian Indigenous people, and what it may have been like in Australia had there been a friendlier, more humble and understanding approach from the invaders who colonised this nation.

● **Michael Cook: *Through My Eyes* runs until August 3 at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, 18 King Edward Terrace, Parkes, Canberra.**



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Young leaders on the rise



FIFTY young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from across Australia gathered in Sydney recently to put their ideas for change into action at the National Indigenous Youth Leadership Academy (NIYLA).

It's the second national gathering of the program that kicked off in 2013 with the aim of developing the next generation of change makers.

NIYLA brings together Indigenous teens aged 15-18 to spend a week working on separate campaigns tackling issues affecting Indigenous communities. This year they explored the high incarceration rates of Indigenous youth, healthy lifestyle choices, mental health issues,

education, and discrimination of gender diverse young people.

NIYLA director Benson Saulo said the event helps mobilise young Indigenous leaders by connecting networks of like-minded souls, developing their skills and empowering community voices.

"It's really great to see communities are getting out there and supporting youth-led initiatives that are engaging young leaders," he said.

"Fifty per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are under 25, so when we are talking about the leaders for tomorrow we really need to engage young people."

He said the NIYLA program

helped the young people move from the point of having an idea they are really passionate about, to acting on their ideas for change.

During the week the young participants worked in groups on a topic of their choice, identifying the key issues, exploring what approaches to take, then building a practical campaign to create change.

"The amazing thing we were able to achieve is that we brought together 50 passionate young people who are all curious about something," Mr Saulo said.

"And the thing I love about curiosity is it's about how they view themselves, the questions they ask, the things they like to tinker with, and the things they can work to change."



NIYLA's 'Step Up, It's Your Responsibility' campaign creators. Front: Chei-lani Bialobrodski, Caitlin Duroux, Jamira Kelly, Roxanne Levy. Back: Zheran Lane, Bayley Misfud, Rachquel Bin Saad, Lillian Arnold-Rendell and Craig Ryan.

Teens step up to create change



For 17-year-old Lismore High School student Caitlin Duroux, the National Indigenous Youth Leadership Academy (NIYLA) was a great experience that will have lasting effects.

At the event Ms Duroux joined a team of other teens to develop a campaign around juvenile justice – a topic close to her heart.

"It's been a personal experience of myself – I haven't been to juvenile justice but most of my family have been in and out of jail and I want to break that cycle," Ms Duroux said.

"There were eight people on the juvenile justice campaign and we pretty much all had family members who had been in jail, so we were all passionate about the issue."

Ms Duroux, who lives with her older sister in Casino on the NSW far north coast, said the best thing about the event was meeting people and connecting to work together on a cause.

"I've never been so close to anybody," she said. "We got so close we were all crying because we had to leave. It was really emotional."

"We were all passionate and wanted to make a change but didn't know how to, so when NIYLA put us together we all just knew what to do."

Another participant, 17-year-old Wiradjuri (central NSW) lad Matthew Maskiell, worked with 11 other "amazing people" to create a campaign for the early prevention of mental illnesses.

Like the other NIYLA groups, they created a video campaign and have launched a Facebook page to help spread the message.

They are asking people around the country to like and share their Facebook posts to reach as many people in the community as possible.

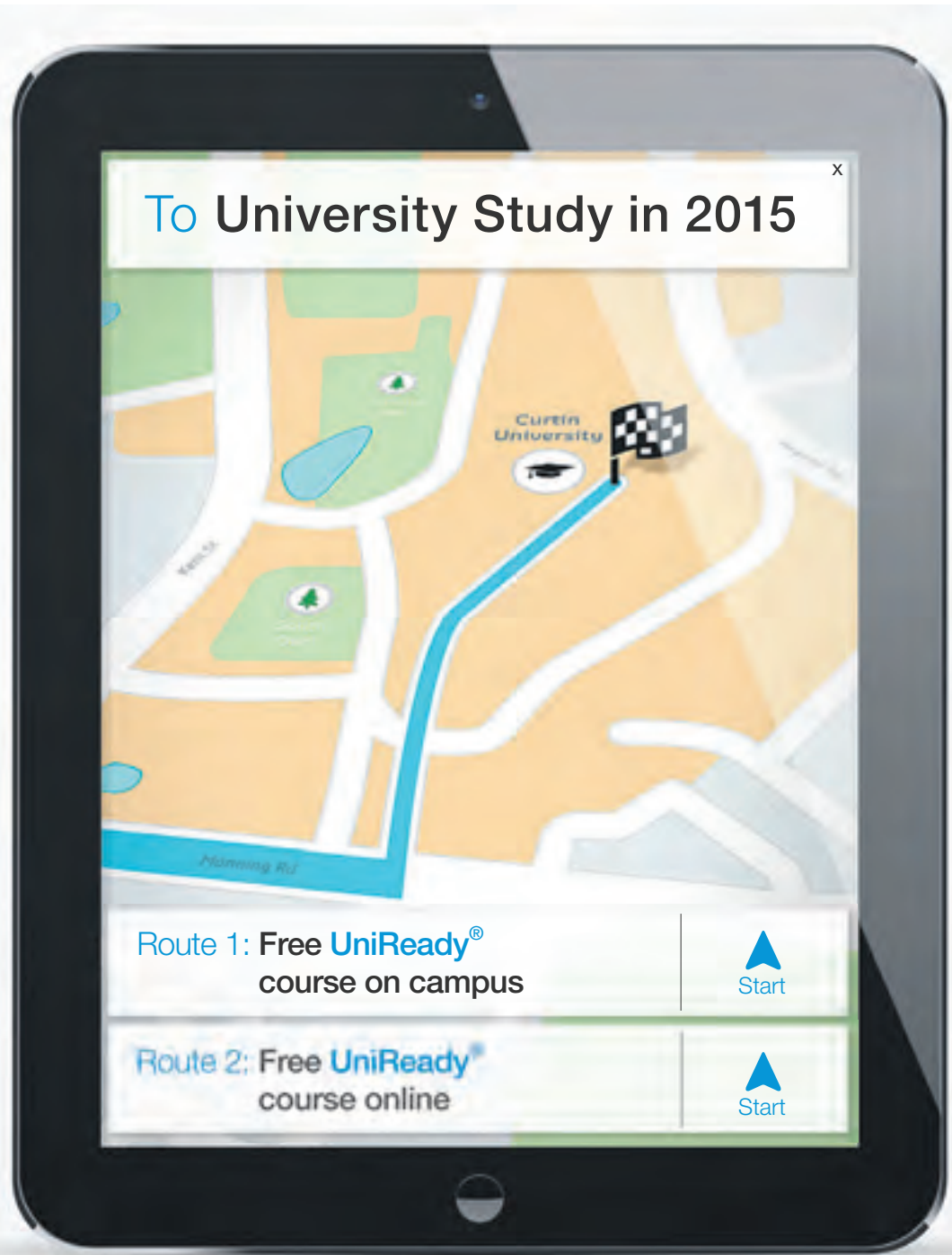
"Help us make our message national and maybe even global, as mental health affects nearly every person and we would love to make a change to our Indigenous people and Australians," Mr Maskiell said.

For Ms Duroux, the experience at NIYLA and meeting the other participants will have lasting effects.

"It was a great experience – hearing what they went through and knowing that they are there to support me," she said.

And it's given her the optimism and courage to believe that Indigenous people can work together to create positive change for future generations.

"We want young people and even Elders stepping up," she said.



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'Bre' student aims high



GAINING a good education is the key to reaching your goals in life, according to 18-year-old University of Western Sydney student Jasmin Gordon, who is in her second year of studying a Bachelor of Natural Science (Environment and Health).

Ms Gordon is a high-achieving student who is in the running for the prestigious New Colombo Plan Scholarship for undergraduates.

Her main aspirations in life are to improve Indigenous health and inspire Indigenous children to further their education by attending university.

Ms Gordon is a Ngemba woman, from the small remote Aboriginal community of Brewarrina in north-west NSW.

"Growing up in Brewarrina, I saw the traditional environmental factors that were affecting my people's health, including inadequately maintained housing and poor operating of basic infrastructure in homes," she said.

"These traditional environmental factors have the potential to cause serious risk to my people's health, by resulting



Ngemba woman Jasmin Gordon, from Brewarrina, is studying at the University of Western Sydney.

in disease and accidents. This is why I chose to study a Bachelor of Natural Science (Environment and Health).

"Once I have completed this degree, I wish to work in remote Indigenous communities to provide safe environments for my people to live safe and healthy lives."

The New Colombo Plan Scholarship was developed by the Department of Foreign Affairs

and the Department of Education and is designed to lift knowledge of the Indo-Pacific and encourage a two-way flow of students within the region.

There are 40 scholarships, which each offer up to \$67,000 to study and gain work experience in Japan, Indonesia, Singapore or Hong Kong.

"I am interested in studying at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

because it is one of the highest-ranking science universities in Asia and offers a Bachelor of Environmental Science degree," Ms Gordon said.

The merit-based scholarships are awarded to Australia's best and brightest students who show a commitment to their community and potential as a future leader.

"I wish to become an Indigenous role model, to show Indigenous children that they can

reach their dreams, if they work hard and are determined to gain success," Ms Gordon said.

The scholarship winners will be announced on June 26. But for her proud grandmother Grace Gordon, the young student is already a success.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail* from her home town of Brewarrina, the elder Ms Gordon said she was extremely proud of her granddaughter's achievements.

"She was a premature baby who could fit in our hands, so to get where she has is a miracle," she said.

Her grandmother comes from a family of 10 that grew up on the riverbank of Brewarrina.

"I've always told them you can be whatever you want to be if you're committed and I think it's our sound and safe home environment that has supported her to get to where she is," she said.

It's a sentiment that's clearly had an impact on her granddaughter and inspired her in her studies.

Ms Gordon's main message to Indigenous children is:

"Indigenous people are capable of becoming anything they dream to be. If you can dream it, you can achieve it."



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The draft plan describes the research, management and other actions to reduce the impacts of chytrid fungus on native species.

The draft threat abatement plan and instructions to complete a submission are available at: www.environment.gov.au/topics/biodiversity/threatened-species-ecological-communities/threat-abatement-plans/drafts-open

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Science students off to Singapore

By MEZ FISHER



A LOVE of science has helped Tyler Jones and Delaney Ishiguchi win Charles Darwin University (CDU)

Indigenous scholarships to attend the annual Asian Science Camp in Singapore this August.

Mr Jones attends St Mary MacKillop College in Canberra and Ms Ishiguchi is in Year 12 at St John's Catholic College in Darwin.

There's no doubt that Mr Jones, 17, has a passion for science – he is the only Year 12 student in the ACT studying four science subjects. He applied for the Asian Science Camp scholarship at the recommendation of his science teacher.

The science camp is hosted by a different country each year to promote international networks among the best young science students in Asia, Australia and Oceania.

During the six-day program, the students participate in lectures, master classes and discussions with some of the world's greatest scientific minds, including Nobel Laureates and celebrated researchers.

"The thing I love about science is there are always new discoveries to be made," Tyler said.

"It's a very productive field and since new discoveries are coming out every day, it's very exciting."

Tyler is studying physics, chemistry, earth science and astronomy, which he does through an after-school program at an observatory.

"I'm doing four science subjects to keep my choices open for going



Tyler Jones has won a scholarship to the Asian Science Camp in Singapore.
Picture by Kerstin Styche

to university, so I've got a variety of options," he said.

He said his favourite subject was physics, which he loved because of the challenge.

When he flies out on August 24 with six other Australian students, he will be looking forward to sharing some cultural conversations between Asians and Indigenous Australians.

"The science is a side factor of it," he said.

"It also gives Indigenous students a chance to explore that region of Asia."

As for a future career, he said he might like to become a professor, or he'll work in various science laboratories – anything, as long as it involves science.

Artist connects with farmers

By MEZ FISHER



GAMILAROI artist Troy Troutman has been exploring a different kind of connection to the land with long-time

farming families in the Lockyer Valley, in south-east Queensland.

Mr Troutman is one of four artists involved in an innovative project connecting artists with local farmers affected by natural disasters.

He's just completed a two-week residency creating art with a farming family in the valley, which was devastated by floods in 2011.

Mr Troutman stayed with Forest Hill vegetable farmer Linton Brimblecombe, his wife Melinda and their two children Katie and Mitch.

The family has farmed in the region since their forebear George came to the area with draught horses in the 1890s, and Mr Troutman said he became fascinated with the history.

He said he saw similarities between how farmers and blackfellas connected to country.



"Like the blackfella, when their time is up and they're not fit enough, they're happy to give it on to the next generation," he said.

He said the family loved their land and were learning from the old practices of their ancestors to improve their care of the country. For example, using draught horses did not compact the soil as much as modern machinery.

He said the old ploughs and other equipment like steel-wheel tractors were still on the farm, which gave him the opportunity to record the journey of the family's connection to their land.

"Through the research, all this stuff made me think you need to start at the beginning," he said.

The artist spent his days helping out on the farm, riding

tractors, planting and picking spring onions, corn, cabbages and other vegetables.

At the same time, he took photographs of the old equipment and everyday farm items, to challenge the family to see them in a different way.

He also made sound recordings of machinery like tractors and welders, and wrote an

instrumental piece, which the Brimblecombes wrote words to.

Mr Troutman, who has lived in the valley for about 10 years but is a Gamilaroi man from Mungindi, in northern NSW, said the emotional triggers for the project helped bring the community together through art.

"Out of the devastation came an opportunity to create," he said.



● **ABOVE:** Musician and artist Troy Troutman has been exploring new perspectives with farmers in the Lockyer Valley.

● **LEFT:** One of Troy Troutman's photographs from Moira Farm.

Sydney project seeking views

By YATU WIDDERS HUNT



ONLINE polling, 'pop up' consultations and public meetings are just some of the ways the Eora

Journey Prosperity Talk project is seeking the views of Sydney's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents.

Prosperity Talk is an independent consultancy on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economic development and is being delivered by Fivegrants Consulting on behalf of the City of Sydney. The project is seeking views of the city's Indigenous community on what would create more prosperity and how that can be best supported.

The information gathered through the process will be used to inform the city's Eora Journey Economic Development Plan, which will include initiatives aimed at supporting Indigenous people to achieve equity of representation as students, employees and business owners.

City of Sydney economic strategy adviser Ross Manford says the development of the economic plan is a particularly significant one.

"Even though we already do a lot of work with our social and grant programs in supporting Indigenous economic development, the plan will be the first time the city will have a single statement specifically focussed on this issue," he said.

With more than 400 people visiting the Prosperity Talk website in its first week, Mr Manford says he is already

excited by some of the early results of the consultation and is proud of the fact that the plan is being developed in partnership with the community.

Leading the process is Fivegrants founder Jocelyn Grant, who says that the success of community involvement so far is due to the fact that the project is not running a 'traditional' consultation process.

"Traditional consultation expects people to come out and tell us what they want, but not everyone is comfortable speaking up at meetings or having to travel to share their views, so we have online engagement as well," she said. "We are also holding community conversations around themes like building an economic hub, career pathways and job readiness."

In addition, Fivegrants is popping up at events around the city, including a recent Supply Nation Connect event, to ask people to share their views. Ms Grant says she hopes more people will get involved in the process over the coming weeks.

"I think what I'd say to encourage people to participate, is that our future and where we go, is up to us," she said. "The tide is changing with regard to supporting Indigenous people to participate more in the economy. We have just got to think about how we can make a real difference for our kids, because it's about much more than just us."

The consultation has recently been extended to include NAIDOC Week, with a view to being finalised in mid-July.

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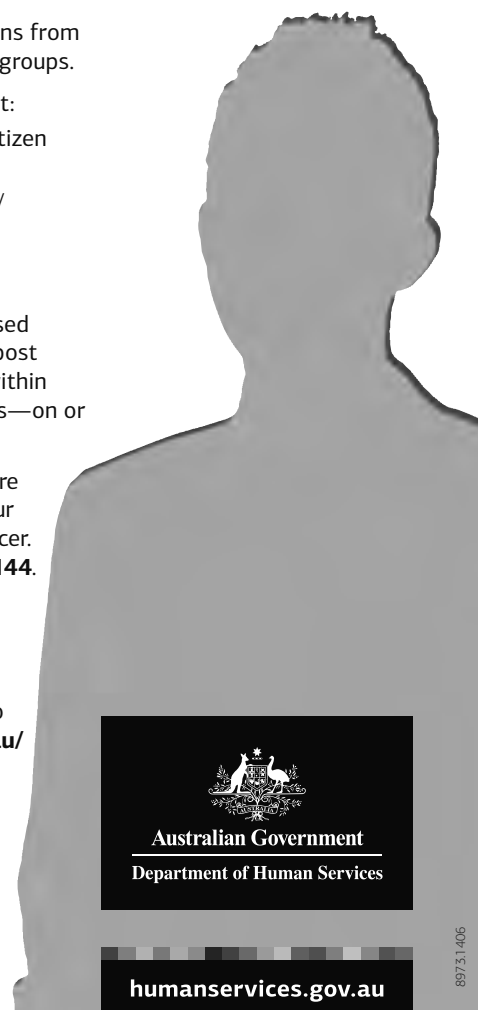
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Favourite other food?
Seafood.

Favourite drink?
Lemon, lime and bitters.

Favourite music?
The Eagles. Music like that.

Favourite sport?
Believe it or not, cricket. It's a game I can watch all day.

Favourite read?
Robert Ludlum novels.

Favourite holiday destination?
Hat Head, on the NSW north coast.

What are you watching?
On TV, the ABC series *Rake*. Great viewing.

What do you like in life?
Family.

What do you dislike?
I'm pleased to say I don't have too many dislikes.

What Indigenous person would you most like to meet?
I would have liked to meet the late Charlie Perkins.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Rugby league greats Artie Beetson and Jack Gibson, and my late Dad Norm.

If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous Australians.
I'd ensure that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services were appropriately funded.

Quote



"The people of Australia believe in me and that's what drives me, my countrymen. I want to show them they have a great champion."

Former world boxing champion Daniel Geale who has another world title tilt

● See page 81

Unquote

Standing up to defend rights

GOOD on the Quandamooka people for standing up to the bully-boy tactics of the Queensland Newman Government. Having had a signed and registered agreement to phase out sandmining on North Stradbroke Island, the Quandamooka people have been forced into the High Court to defend their rights.

No wonder their Elders are devastated.

A deal is a deal – and a decent government would have the integrity to honour an agreement even if it didn't like it.

While the Premier told the *Koori Mail* in an email that the mining company did not receive special treatment, documents would appear to make a liar of the man.

His Mines Minister – after outlining the commercial reasons that the mining company wanted the legislation passed quick smart – asked Mr Newman to "relax the requirement" for a 20-day waiting period between preparing and introducing legislation.

And the Premier signed off on it.

"Relaxing" a requirement sure looks like special treatment.

Especially to a company that spent tens of thousands of dollars campaigning in Mr Newman's electorate.

All native title holders will be watching developments with interest – if a state government can ride roughshod over a registered Indigenous Land Use Agreement, then what is the point of having them?



OUR SAY

As Quandamooka Yoolooburabee Aboriginal Corporation chief executive officer Cameron Costello said, it is "totally unacceptable" for the Queensland Government to go back on a deal with Aboriginal people.

"It's been gut-wrenching for our Elders. It's extremely disappointing and draining," he said. "Instead of enjoying the fruits of the ILUA – which really is compensation for what has happened to our people – instead of setting up the foundations for a non-mining economy, all this time and energy is being used dealing with the state trying to get them to honour a deal that was already done."

Best of luck to the Quandamooka people defending their rights.

And best of luck, too, to the NSW Police Integrity Commission and others involved in prosecuting the police officers involved in a brutal assault on a young Aboriginal man in 2011 in Ballina, northern NSW.

Too many times we have seen police brutality covered up and officers get away with assaulting Aboriginal men and women.

Hopefully this time justice will actually be done.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

By RUDI MAXWELL

NYUNGAR man Ted Wilkes has dedicated his life to making things better for his people.

Associate Professor Wilkes has been involved with the National Drug Research Institute Faculty of Health Sciences at Curtin University, where he has researched and published extensively on drug and alcohol issues for Aboriginal people.

He is chair of the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee.

And last year Assoc Prof Wilkes released an album *No More Yonga* (Kangaroos).

"My mum and dad were singers. When they were bringing us up as children one of the ways we socialised, particularly on nights on weekends when the old man got paid, was that Nyungar people down south would get together round the bushfire, tell yarns and sing songs," he said.

"We had only a few instruments. We banged spoons, someone would play the mouth organ, sometimes a guitar, my father played the accordion, which inevitably would break down. He had a booming voice, my mother a sweet voice, and they complemented each other.

"It was natural for us children, including me as the older son, to develop musical knowledge and a good feel for music.

"We would sing about issues that were important to us, and inevitably started to make up our own songs, and music."

Assoc Prof Wilkes said the Aboriginal tradition of making music with your family and people is important.

"I think Aboriginal people in particular need release from pressure of the stress of everyday living, intolerance, bias, prejudice – some might call it racism. We need to find safe places where we can enjoy one another's company," he said.

"Amongst our many talents is music, which has an incredible link to Aboriginal culture of this country, and allows us to find new rhythms and beats. Didge has taken off, clap sticks, stamping, guttural sounds are all uniquely Aboriginal Australian."

The 10 songs on the album cover many topics. At the heart of the CD is Assoc Prof Wilkes' emotional songwriting, his strong family values and heritage.

"Of the songs I've composed, they tell what's happened to my parents and family; they're personal life stories, a songline of the Wilkes family," he said.

"Telling stories"

"Telling stories is important to pass down to the younger generations.

"There's obviously an attempt to educate whitefellas, too, about history."

The title track *No More Yonga* tells how his family would light fires and make noise to scare the yonga (kangaroos) to hop in the direction of the hunters.

In the song *200 Years*, he sings about Australia's colonial past.

"This really is Mum's song," he said. "She made it up one night at a singalong. She walked with us to the mouth of Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan River) very early in the morning to protest

a re-enactment of the tall ships arriving in 1988.

"I've written extensively about Nyungar history and culture.

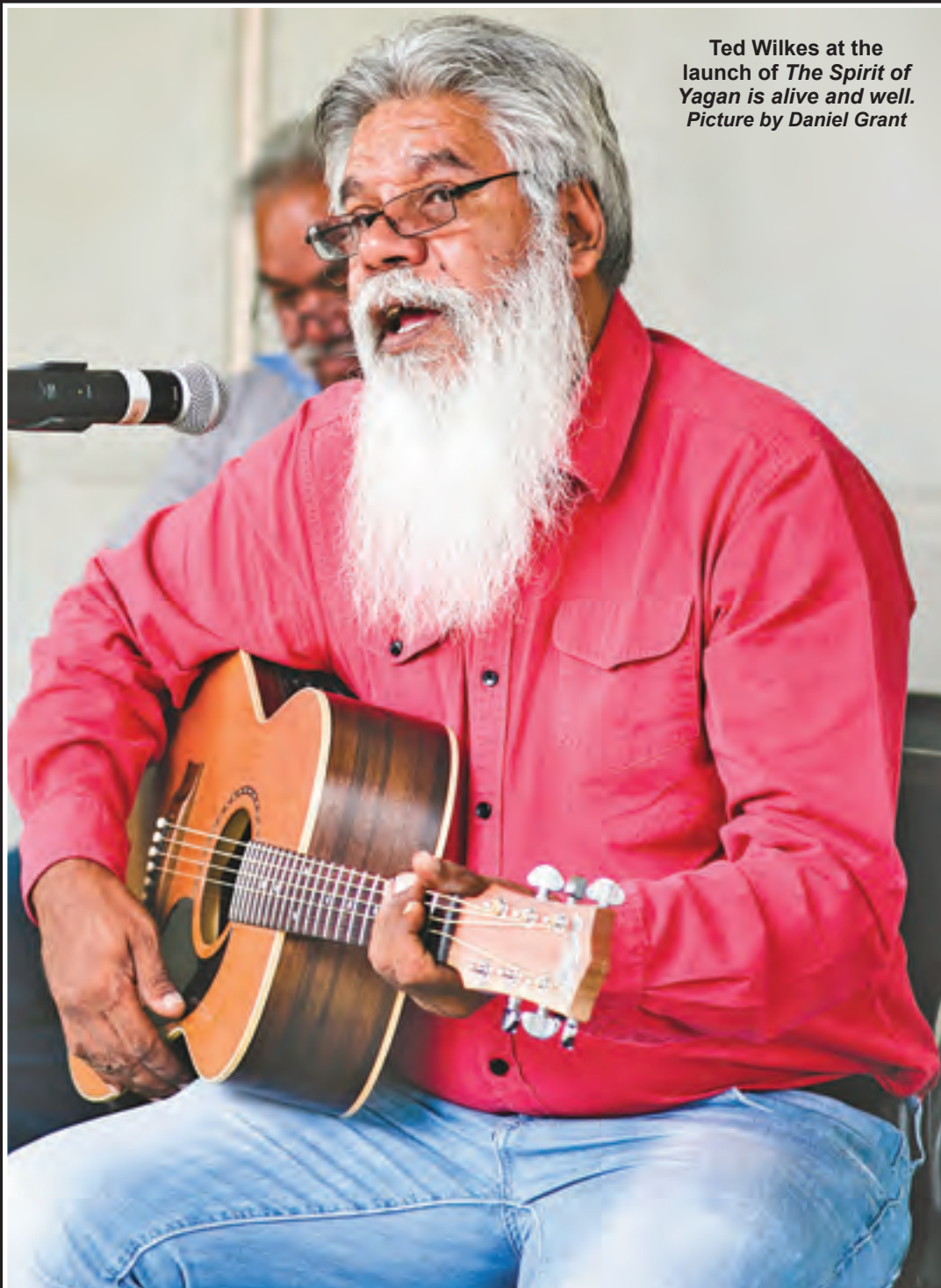
"One of the first encounters of

Europeans for Nyungar people was back in 1829 with the settlement of the Swan River colony.

"Prior to colonisation, the

South West region was home to many Aboriginal tribes who had a common language of Nyungar.

"There was unofficial apartheid as the government



Ted Wilkes at the launch of *The Spirit of Yagan is alive and well*. Picture by Daniel Grant

Making things better

sought to assimilate Aboriginal people into white society. Many children were removed from communities all over WA."

Assoc Prof Wilkes' family was involved with the recording, with his son Ian playing keyboards, and brother Nigel and Denice Kickett singing back-up vocals.

Research

Assoc Prof Wilkes has spent much of his career researching issues about alcohol and other drugs for Indigenous people.

"Alcohol and drugs are the cause and effect for many other things," he said.

"Our lifestyle of ongoing colonisation of Indigenous people in Australia creates stress, and one of the ways human beings deal with stress is to find ways to minimise it, so people consume alcohol and other drugs.

"Sometimes people believe it softens the impacts of that sort of stress. Some people get hooked, some do it safely.

"If you are going to do alcohol, there are safe ways to do it, and you should know if you are addicted, finding it hard to find a substantial life, institutions and organisations might be able to help. But many of our people shy away from mainstream institutions.

"What I've been trying to do is to say to governments that Aboriginal people need to control pathways out of problems. If you are serious about alcohol and drug rehabilitation it has to be controlled by Aboriginal people.

"We might need help, need specialised non-Aboriginal experts in partnership, but we should have control.

"If you own something you are more likely to look after it, nurture it and make sure it works, so Aboriginal Australians need to be in control."

Assoc Prof Wilkes subscribes to a harm-minimisation strategy where alcohol and drug misuse are treated as health rather than criminal issues.

"That doesn't mean to say there aren't different ways to approach these things. ne size doesn't fit all," he said.

"What works in some Aboriginal communities won't necessarily work in others. If there is local Aboriginal control, that's the way it should be. In some communities people are more inclined to look at abstinence as the way out, and that's their prerogative.

"Some people become quite aggressive and violent under the influence of alcohol and drugs, and communities need to take that into account.

"There are different ways for our mob who want to tackle legal drugs like alcohol and cigarettes, and drugs that are not legal, like heroin and marijuana.

"If you know you're going to be doing it, do it at your own risk but as safely as possible. Don't share bongs or needles, make sure you know when you've had enough, do it in safe company.

"Don't do it at all is probably the best advice, but I know that's not reality.

"Keep the angels safe – our children. Don't be smoking or doing drugs around children.

"Everyone needs to be more aware of the responsibilities underpinning the safe passage of our children into adult life."



Glen Thomas, Phil Walford, Casey Natty, Gzack Bero, Glory Tuohy-Daniell, Soleil White and Rika Hamaguchi.

ARABANA and THE OLD GHAN RAILWAY

Michael Duke wants to talk to Arabana people about their own and family memories of the Old Ghan. The information from these talks will form part of a thesis and a book about this neglected and important part of Australian history.

Railway enthusiasts, Aboriginal and Australian historians, labour historians, schoolchildren learning about the real Australia, all travelling the Old Ghan Heritage Trail and many more will find the finished product of great interest.

Michael Duke will return from an overseas trip on 1st July and be in Adelaide and then Port Augusta from 24th to 30th July 2014. At other times, if these dates are not convenient, he would be able to talk to you by returning a telephone call.

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Opening night for Bangarra

Pictures by TAMARA SAUNDERS



BANGARRA Dance Theatre's new work *Patyegarang* has opened at the Sydney Opera House. Choreographed by artistic director Stephen Page, *Patyegarang* commemorates the story of a young Eora woman who shared her culture and language with one of the first settlers, Lieutenant William Dawes, in the place we now call Sydney.

Earlier this month Bangarra hosted a community night performance of *Patyegarang* for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Next week on Wednesday, June 25, there will be a Koori kids day at the Sydney Opera House, with heavily discounted tickets for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary school students, thanks to BHP Billiton.

After the performance, students will have an opportunity to engage with artistic director Stephen Page and other *Patyegarang* creative team members during a Q&A session. The students will then have the chance to meet members of Bangarra in the foyer.

The show is on at the Opera House until July 5 and will then tour Canberra, Perth, Brisbane and Melbourne.



Michael McDaniel and Raymond Blanco.



Composer David Page and Aku Kadogo.



Sylvia Blanco and Frances Rings.



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At Bangarra's *Patyegarang* community night are Calita Murray, April Allende, Joyce Timbery, Carolyn Hammer and Lurline Chester.



Budget pain's long history

'Budget pain we just don't need' (*Koori Mail* editorial, May 20) has a long history.

The First Fleet in 1788 was surely a cost-cutting measure by the British Crown and government back then.

The best thing current generations of Aboriginal people can do for their parents and previous generations who resisted – even died – defending the freedoms of Aboriginal Australians is to make them proud of all that Aboriginal Australia is today,

individually and corporately.

Representative democracy and the rule of law is a reform yet to be fully embraced or offered to Aboriginal Australia, who are in the Parliament and on the federal payroll (National Congress of Australia's First Peoples)* yet conspicuously absent from the 1901 Constitution.

The Australians for Indigenous Statehood group unequivocally supports Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

people in this nation's foundational document, amen.

**Darren Siems, Quirindi
Carol A. Morgan, Tamworth,
Kamilaroi country, NSW**

**Editor's note: The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples was initially set up with federal funding, but no longer receives any government financial assistance.*

POETRY

Our time

We are the First Nations people since the beginning of time
We have our created beings giving us our family lines
We respect the land for hunters and gatherers are we
We are family people with gatherings for song and corroboree.

We paint on bark, stone and cave walls to show stories of our past
And the stories and dance are with us all the time to make them all last
We traded with the people from Europe and Asia in the 16th century
And lived in harmony with all who visited our country.

Then came 1788 and TERRA NULLIUS was spoken
And TERRA NULLIUS became DECIMATION, RELOCATION and ASSIMILATION AND INCARCERATION
King George sent his mob and gave us INFLUENZA, TB, MEASLES, LEPROSY AND SMALL POX
And by 1933 there were only 20 per cent of us left for the docs.

Speaking languages were considered evil
And the missionaries belted us for speaking at will
So our society of family, kinship and ceremonies took a back stage
And Christianity was forced on 70 per cent of our people which seemed to be a plague.

As we connected with others our mobs began to grow
The invaders introduced sport to our people in the 1880s
First there was the first cricket team to England
Then the AFL, RUGBY and RUGBY LEAGUE and don't forget our BOXERS and TRACK and FIELD.

Don't forget the Tent Embassy, WIK and MABO, also the Wave Hill Stockmen in 1966 and the Freedom Riders in 1965
This has made our people strong and today we are in the political arena and with doctors, lawyers, judges and the Order of Australia.

In 1991-2001 the decade of Reconciliation which has carried on for 20 years
And now we seek constitutional rights
And we stand strong
And one day we will all as one.

**Michael Connolly
Brisbane, Qld**

Guess Who's In My Corner

Some People Like Me
And Some People Don't
Some People Help Me
But Some People Won't
Whatever Is The Case
In Your Human Life
I Think You Should Accept
Without Even Thinking Twice
We All Have Our Problems
And Those That Hate Our Names
They Treat Us Like A Joke
As They Play Their Games
But We Know Who We Are
And What We're All About
Although We Have These Battles
In This Boxing Bout
We've Been Knocked Down Many Times
But We Get Back On Our Feet
We Stay Inside The Ring
And Won't Suffer A Defeat

**Abi DRabi
Sydney, NSW**

Art fair should have our art

HAVING just come back from Art Basel in Hong Kong (a major international art show for modern and contemporary works), I was stunned by the lack of Indigenous art on sale.

This is the largest art fair in Asia. It is an offshoot of the traditional Basel Art Fair held in Berne (Switzerland) and Miami (United States).

Apparently, it exceeded all expectations.

With increasing wealth in Asia, an Indigenous presence at next year's fair should be on the Indigenous Business Council's radar.

I also noticed a ferry in Hong Kong harbour painted in traditional Chinese colours.

We have a Qantas jet, so what about a Sydney ferry or two, painted in Aboriginal colours?

**WARREN CROSS
Wagstaffe, NSW**

A true shame



A scene from John Pilger's film *Utopia*.

JOHN Pilger's documentary film *Utopia* (SBS, May 31) reminds me so much of Michael Harrington's powerful little book *The Other America*.

They both essentially capture the same phenomenon of the poverty and squalor of the poor (predominantly blacks) in America and the Aboriginal people in Australia in the midst of plenty.

America and Australia are among the wealthiest countries in the world and yet their poor live in

conditions that are appallingly Third World.

Both the American blacks and the Australian Aboriginal people have suffered dispossession, marginalisation and subjugation at the hands of a dominant white society. They were and often still are victims of institutionalised white racism, police brutality and a justice system that often fails to give them the justice they deserve.

That this situation should

prevail in countries that are advanced First World democracies based on equality, respect for human rights and human dignity, justice and the rule of law is, or should be, a source of profound shame to all men and women of conscience.

It's just not right. That is what *Utopia* seeks to show today, just as *The Other America* did half a century ago.

**RAJEND NAIDU
Glenfield, Sydney**

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Beware the changes

PROPOSED changes to the Federal Government's Budget Based Funded Programme will have negative impact on our children and families.

The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) is extremely concerned that recommendations in the review of the Budget Based Funded (BBF) Programme have the potential to drastically change the program's focus and have a detrimental impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

The BBF Programme funds 270 Aboriginal early childhood services that provide an array of services beyond childcare, including nutrition, transport, family support, health and early intervention programs.

SNAICC identifies particular concerns across the following areas of the BBF review:

Service sustainability and the transition to Child Care Benefit

SNAICC is highly concerned about the emphasis placed on BBF services eventually becoming self-sustaining.

While SNAICC believes BBF services should be supported to seek additional funding, this recommendation ignores the reality that many of these services operate in disadvantaged communities where a mainstream, self-sustaining childcare model that relies on the community paying is not feasible.

The review appears to contradict its own recommendation when it identifies that these services are usually located in communities where the market is unable to support the viable operation of the service.

Linked to this, SNAICC is extremely concerned with the recommendation that



By Geraldine Atkinson, a Bangarung/Wiradjuri woman, who is SNAICC deputy chairperson (Early Childhood) and president of the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc.

some BBF services be transitioned to Child Care Benefit (CCB) funding.

While there are limitations in the current BBF model, simply shifting services to the mainstream childcare funding model is clearly not the answer.

Many services and sector experts have reinforced to SNAICC compelling reasons why the model would be incompatible for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander early childhood services. Likely impacts include:

- decline in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children participation due to raised costs and heightened administrative requirements;
- limited support for children with additional needs; and
- increased need for services to admit high, fee-paying enrolments, rather than

focussing on children most in need.

Requirement to charge fees

Key to BBF services' ability to deliver culturally centred care to some of Australia's most vulnerable communities is that they generally charge little or no fee, recognising that this is critical to enable access for their families.

However, among the review's eight recommendations are that a service fee requirement be introduced.

SNAICC is highly concerned that charging fees will limit participation of the most disadvantaged families and children. Many BBF services do currently charge fees.

Those that don't, do this for a reason — namely that they understand that charging a fee would limit participation in vital early childhood and family support programs.

SNAICC does, however, support the recommendation that where services do choose to charge fees, the amount be set by the service based on the profile of the community and the families who attend the service.

Refocussing of program objectives

SNAICC is concerned that the review does not include a focus on urban centres in addition to regional and remote services. Evidence clearly indicates that there are still disadvantaged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations within urban centres.

We maintain that there is a strong need for culturally appropriate, integrated and affordable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander early years services within urban, regional and remote areas.

We are also highly concerned that the review recommends a shift of the program objective to be limited to child care and

early learning services — this change ignores the need for multifunctional and integrated early years and family support services such as the Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Services (MACS) model.

We also dispute the assumption that the existence of the National Quality Framework (NQF) negates the need for culturally competent services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

This need still exists, regardless of the existence of the NQF. The review has ignored the unique strengths of community-controlled services in family and community engagement, passing on culture, and supporting positive cultural identity for young children.

It has also ignored the contribution of these services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community development and employment.

SNAICC does however support the emphasis on embedding quality and continuous improvement practices within BBF services, and agrees that measures need to be taken to "reduce administrative burden and improve the effectiveness of administrative obligations to benefit services and departmental management".

In conclusion, SNAICC strongly believes that any reform of the BBF Programme must respond to and seek to address the persistently low educational, health and wellbeing outcomes experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Any changes to the current non-mainstream early childhood education and care model must ensure that they advance rather than undermine these outcomes.

A man who stood up for his people

Obituary Kwementyaye (Les) Nayda

EASTERN Arrernte Elder and activist Kwementyaye (Les) Nayda, aged 70, passed away in Alice Springs last month.

Mr Nayda was a self-confessed 'unconventional' public servant and held a number of senior positions across government agencies, including chief adviser on Aboriginal Affairs to the South Australian Government.

His brother, William Tilmouth, described Mr Nayda as a firebrand.

"Fiercely independent"

"He had incredible energy, was strong, assertive, and fiercely independent," Mr Tilmouth said.

"He was driven by a passion to really get things done that would make a difference, and he had the tenacity to fight hard for what he believed in."

The eldest of eight children, Mr Nayda grew up at the old Gap Cottages in Alice Springs.

At the age of 10, he was taken away to St Francis House, a boys' home, in Adelaide.

"Throughout his life, the

experience of being taken from his family shaped everything he did. He would later say on many occasions, 'I missed my mother's kiss goodnight.' To a small boy that's the whole world," Mr Tilmouth said.

"At the home in Adelaide, Les and the other boys formed their own family, becoming brothers and supporting each other with strong relationships that would last the rest of his life.

"He believed in empowering people, giving people support, choice and opportunity to make decisions for themselves, in total contrast to the forced assimilation policies where decisions were prescribed by people who knew nothing about us."

SA commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Khatija Thomas said when Mr Nayda retired after 30 years, he was acknowledged as the longest serving Aboriginal public servant in Australia.

"Kwementyaye (Les) was admired by many for his work in housing, education, employment and land rights and the fact that he took direct action to address the suffering of Aboriginal people," she said.

"He was a key negotiator in establishing the Pitjantjatjara Land Rights Act of 1981 and took a lead role in creating the innovative Family Wellbeing program.



'I'm a little bit unconventional. But we can follow better philosophies that help the people in need, work with the needy people, and stop sitting down around meetings talking crap like most of the people do. I'm sorry if I'm criticising those people, but now there's a time for people to start working and stop talking and planning.'

— Kwementyaye (Les) Nayda

"He was also the first Aboriginal person to serve on the South Australian Parole Board and also served as chair on the Aboriginal Housing Board, the Aboriginal Advancement Committee and the Special Community and Aboriginal Projects Board."

Mr Nayda was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1995.

Former Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Klynton Wanganeen said Mr Nayda was a tough boss who often tested his employees.

"He wanted them to fight because he knew that when you became complacent, you were at risk of losing what you fought hard for," Mr Wanganeen said.

"A testament to Kwementyaye (Les) is that all who worked for him went on to bigger and better things."

"Tiger"

Brian Butler said Mr Nayda was a tiger when it came to standing up to bureaucracies and the atrocities that Aboriginal people had faced.

"He would never let people

forget; he believed there was still a need for more apology from government," Mr Butler said.

Mr Nayda was also an accomplished artist.

A memorial service for Kwementyaye (Les) Nayda will be held on July 4 at 10.30am at the Glanville Hall Function Centre (formerly St Francis Boys home), 8 Park Avenue, Semaphore South, Adelaide.

Mr Nayda had two children with his wife Ann, Shane and Sharon. He is survived by his partner Annie and grandchildren Elliot and Christopher.

TSRA board meets on outer island for first time



TSRA board members at their meeting on Mer Island.



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has tackled logistical challenges to hold its board meeting on an outer island for the first time in the organisation's 20-year history.

The group held its 90th board meeting on Eddie Mabo's home island of Mer to coincide with Mabo Day celebrations.

TSRA chairman Joseph Elu said holding meetings in communities such as Mer was an important part of understanding local needs and guiding the decision-making process for important infrastructure and funding issues.

"While recognised as a region, the Torres Strait is a diverse group of islands and communities who all have differing needs and aspirations," Mr Elu said.

"We have a representative board comprised of members from each community throughout

the region who have direct input into the TSRA decision-making process, but nothing can compare with being on the ground and seeing first-hand what is happening in a community.

"It also provides an opportunity for community groups and businesses to benefit financially from our visit as there are requirements such as transport, accommodation and catering, all of which can be supplied locally."

Mer (also known as Murray Island) is the most easterly island in the Torres Strait.

Mr Elu said while holding the meetings on outer islands was a challenge, the benefits far outweighed the work required to facilitate them.

"We will be looking at other opportunities where we can hold TSRA board meetings on other outer islands so we can be sure our representation and planning meets our community's needs," he said.

Remote island bosses taken to court



THE Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven has started civil penalty proceedings in the Federal Court in Brisbane against two former executives of the Lagulalya Aboriginal Corporation, alleging financial mismanagement.

Paul Pini was the general manager and Katrina Lucas the business manager of Lagulalya from April 2012 to February 2014.

The corporation is located in the remote Aboriginal community of Milyakburra, on Bickerton Island, in eastern Arnhem Land, in the Northern Territory. It owns and operates a community store and a business centre, with the store being the only food outlet for residents on the island.

Seeking disqualification

Mr Beven has applied to the Federal Court for an order disqualifying Mr Pini and Ms Lucas from managing registered corporations.

He alleges that Mr Pini and Ms Lucas mismanaged Lagulalya, resulting in a trading loss of \$146,560 for 2012-13 and insufficient funds for the corporation to pay its current liabilities.

It is alleged that they did not have the skills or experience required for their senior positions in Lagulalya.

The Registrar is seeking a disqualification order against Mr Pini and Ms Lucas, but no other penalties, and no criminal charges have been laid.

"Serious obligations"

"Taking on a senior role in a corporation brings with it serious obligations," Mr Beven said.

"Senior managers must exercise a high standard of care, particularly in a corporation delivering essential community services. If they do not have the required skills, they should not take on the role."

Lagulalya was placed under special administration on December 16, 2013, after concerns about the governance and financial position of the corporation.

A directions hearing will be held in the Federal Court in Brisbane on June 26.

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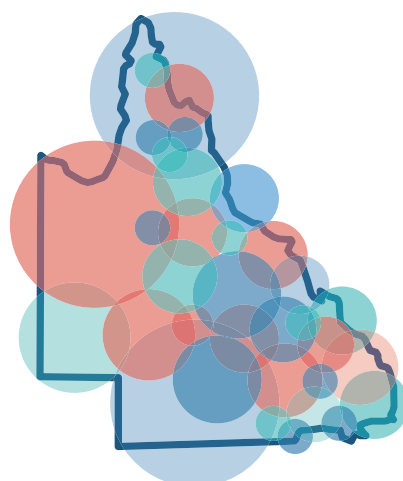
The government has already addressed waste and inefficiency and implemented a plan to run government services more effectively. As a consequence, reducing services has been ruled out. With so many Queensland families feeling increased cost of living pressures, raising taxes to reduce debt has also been ruled out.

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3on3 spreads health message



MORE than 75 teams of students enjoyed a day full of activities this month at Alice Springs National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge. Event producer Mayrah Sonter said students participated in 3on3 basketball, rapping and break-dancing lessons, art workshops, a dance competition and a health expo.

"CAAMA Radio broadcasted live from the event and local dance crew DusTcrU performed alongside the Drum Atweme group from Yipirinya school, who both put on a fantastic show," she said.

Rapper Naomi Wenitong from The Last Kinection attended the event at the Alice Springs Basketball centre.

"She talked about her experiences, both challenging and rewarding in the 'Chat with a Champion' activity where kids are learning to build resilience against tough times," Ms Sonter said.

Dancers Shari Togo and Ryka Satrick from *Move It Mob Style* hosted dance workshops, and rapper Jimblah shared his skills with the kids.

An interactive health expo gave local service providers the chance to introduce themselves to the kids. Services included alcohol and drug information, driving education, anti-smoking and health careers.



Drum Atweme group from Yipirinya school at the Alice Springs Vibe 3on3 basketball and hip hop event.

On the run for his mum

By MEZ FISHER



CENTRAL Coast man Wayne Mcgrath is sweating it out on the dirt tracks of the Pilbara, WA, as he gets ready to run the 42km Sydney Marathon in September.

Mr Mcgrath has never run a marathon before, but decided to enter the event in honour of his mum Cheryl Pierce, who passed away three years ago from breast cancer. He is hoping to raise funds for cancer research and has launched a fundraising page to support the cause.

Mr Mcgrath works as a fly-in, fly-out operator of a 125-tonne digger in the Pilbara mines.

He has been hitting the red dirt since starting the job last October, and reckons he is on schedule to make the 42km mark by September.

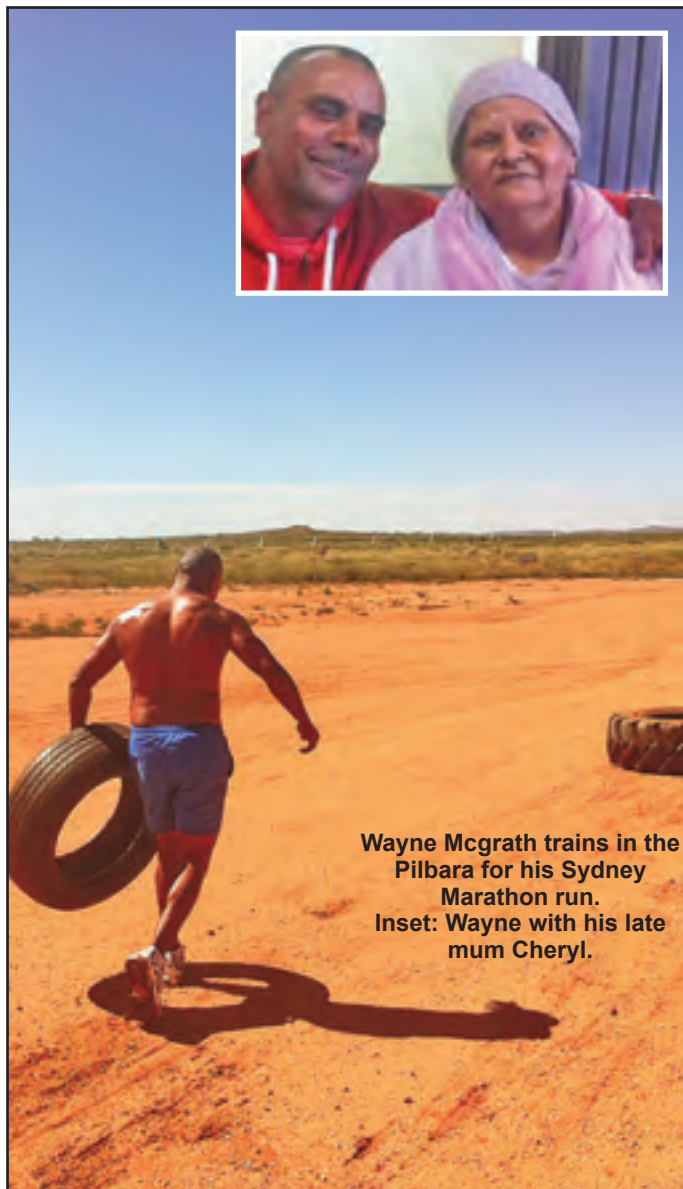
"I couldn't put 2km together when I first started, but now I'm up to about 30km," he said.

Mr Mcgrath takes off down the Marble Bar Road to run for a couple of hours after knocking off from work. He said he is now running up to 15km every second day, and doing 25-30km on his rostered day off.

"But 20km out here is equivalent to about 35 in Sydney because of heat," Mr Mcgrath said.

When he next flies out of the Pilbara for his scheduled week off (he works four weeks at a time) he plans to do a practice run of the Sydney marathon course.

He turns 42 next month and said he has always been fairly fit, having played rugby league most of his life.



Wayne Mcgrath trains in the Pilbara for his Sydney Marathon run. Inset: Wayne with his late mum Cheryl.

"But long-distance running is something completely different," he said.

He's covering 30km in about three-and-a-half hours.

"The marathon cut-off is six hours (to finish), so I'm safe," he said.

Mr Mcgrath said he does most of his running solo, because his workmates think

he's crazy. And with Marble Bar regularly one of the hottest towns in Australia, perhaps they're right.

● To support Wayne Mcgrath's marathon run and help him raise money for breast cancer research visit www.gofundraise.com.au and search wayne mcgrath.



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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

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Book charts success



A NEW book charting the 30-year history of an Alice Springs-based organisation set up to address technological challenges in remote

Aboriginal communities also provides some remarkable insights into the challenges of navigating government policy. *Alternative Interventions – Aboriginal Homelands, Outback Australia and the Centre for Appropriate Technology* is written by University of South Australia Social History Professor Alan Mayne.

The book documents the development of the Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT) from its humble beginnings in 1980 to becoming a national organisation with an annual turnover of \$25 million and more than 130 staff.

By 2010, CAT was providing technical services to 500 remote Aboriginal communities and outstations across northern Australia, operating with a core philosophy of building relationships with the people and their needs to create sustainable livelihoods.

Prof Mayne's book reveals how "not all interventions in Aboriginal Australia are inspired by external agents, politics or ideology".

Bottom-up tactic

Instead, CAT sought to enhance Aboriginal wellbeing by using bottom-up work with small communities to develop appropriate technology, rather than employing the top-down approaches of government agencies.

Over the years, the organisation developed practical technologies for outback settlements such as hand pumps, 'VIP' latrines, hot water chipheaters, drum ovens and solar power. It is now involved in housing infrastructure, water, renewable energy, telecommunications, training and corporate partnerships.

CEO and founder Bruce Walker told



Former Centre for Appropriate Technology chair James Bray and board member Noel Hayes at the book launch.

ABC radio that the real message in the book was that it was possible to do anything if you built a relationship with people.

"If you don't just treat people as service items at the end of the line – if you actually invest your time in Aboriginal people and in your relationship with communities, it's possible to overcome all of the issues and people are really keen to work with you," he said.

CAT board member and former regional chairman for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Noel Hayes, a Kaytej man from Barrow Creek, NT, spoke at the book launch held at CAT

headquarters in Alice Springs last month.

"I think CAT has achieved longevity because the organisation as a whole has been driven to involve Aboriginal people and promoted their direct participation, whether this is through planning or project managing development in their own communities," he said.

Fickle funding

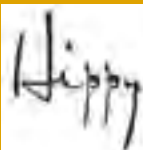
But as Prof Mayne points out in his book, CAT has often been constrained by government Aboriginal affairs policies and fickle funding resources.

Chairman Jim Bray stood down in 2010, exhausted, and is quoted in the

book saying: "CAT's long fight – against both the stereotypes and the unhelpful policy mindsets – poses an uncomfortable question to all Australians: Is it Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island society that is in deep crisis, or government policy and general community 'buy in' on Aboriginal affairs?"

Prof Mayne writes that there are important and positive lessons that can be drawn from CAT's experiences.

"There are good reasons for cautious optimism towards CAT's continuing effectiveness and the possibility of broader advances in Aboriginal wellbeing," he says.



GIVE YOUR KIDS A GREAT START TO SCHOOL

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, Mililingimbi & 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** - Mooroopna & 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.

Bush tucker trees to sprout everywhere



THERE soon will be more bush tucker for people across a huge section of the Top End.

That's because the first trees have been planted as part of a new project which is establishing bush tucker trees in Roper Gulf Regional Council town parks.

All towns in the huge area are being supplied with young trees and shrubs grown by Greening Australia in Katherine with funding from a Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority grant.

The trees are being grown as a source of bush tucker and traditional medicine and will also provide shade and help reduce some of the woody weeds choking much of the region.

Roper Gulf Regional Council Mayor Tony Jack praised the project.

"As well as providing a free source of indigenous fruit, berries and traditional medicine



One of the trees being planted as part of a new bush tucker project in Roper Gulf Regional Council town parks.

that people can use to supplement daily food or as a treat, it is a also a great way of teaching people about local plant foods," he said.

"This will strengthen our cultural knowledge of food and medicine sources as the old people did.

"We will be sharing the knowledge with the schools that have been involved in planting and letting people know when plants are flowering and fruiting using local radio and the

Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Service.

"Those city mob pay plenty for organic native bush tucker. We will have it for the picking."

Secondary school students and local workers planted the first grove recently in the Arnhem Land community of Bulman.

Mayor Jack has invited residents to volunteer to help in the planting and watering of the plants by contacting their local council office.

Art transforms lives



YOUNG Koories in the Dandenong region of Victoria, 30km south-east of Melbourne, are

harnessing the power of art to transform their lives, embrace their culture and become inspiring community leaders.

The Dandenong Koorie Youth Group meets for weekly art therapy sessions on a Monday night at a local hall known as The Castle.

The group has grown from strength to strength since it started about five years ago with just five students, to about 40 participants now.

Art therapist Kerryn 'Kez' Knight said it has been inspiring to see how art has helped transform the kids' lives.

"It's more than just art. It's about them stepping up to the plate and having that leadership ability, with the kids becoming inspired and showing initiative," she said.

Mrs Knight said quite a few leaders had emerged from the art group, including two young sisters who earlier this year saved an elderly man's life.

Jessica and Breanna Hosking, 17 and 16 respectively, resuscitated a 68-year-old grandfather after he was allegedly king hit by a young man following an altercation on a bus.

Another success story to emerge from the art group is 19-

year-old Aiden Van Beek, who Mrs Knight said started at the group as a shy young teen who liked listening to his iPod.

Gradually he became more involved in the art classes and last year his artwork won the NAIDOC Week Community Choice Award. It has now been purchased by the Monash Medical Centre in Clayton for its collection.

The group also recently helped create a new artwork for the Monash Medical Centre's entrance, designing and creating 24 canvas panels around the theme of health and wellbeing.

Mrs Knight said the weekly art sessions have become like a family occasion, with local Elder Daisy Wanganeen serving up a feed for the kids every Monday night.

She is particularly impressed by how the older kids are encouraging and inspiring the younger ones.

"Most importantly I have watched the change in the young people involved in the art therapy and community art projects as they gain pride in their culture, learn more about their culture, develop leadership skills, encourage each other and work so well together as a team," she said.

The group is preparing for their third NAIDOC Week exhibition, with the theme 'My Story, Our Future' helping them spread the word to the wider community about their culture, their stories and the young leaders of tomorrow.



Dandenong art group members (from left) Jessica Hosking, Breanna Hosking, Charisma Harrison Wanganeen, Nyoka Harrison Wanganeen, Daisy Wanganeen, Kez Knight, Brodie Sinclair and Peter Hosking, with a Lionel Rose collage that featured in the group's 2013 NAIDOC Week exhibition.

● **Inset: This award-winning artwork by Aiden Van Beek has been purchased by Monash Medical Centre.**



Kids get cubbies



PRE-SCHOOLS in the NSW city of Wagga Wagga have benefited from the skills of

local Aboriginal construction students.

The students, from TAFE NSW Riverina Institute, have given cubby houses they made as part of their course to the preschools.

The construction students are part of Riverina Institute's Indigenous Pre-employment Construction Program.

Riverina Institute worked with Wagga Wagga Base Hospital and commercial building company Hansen Yuncken to train the Aboriginal students as part of preparation for work in the construction industry.

The students completed a four-week program, spending one day a week on site at the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital redevelopment being undertaken by Hansen Yuncken.

In addition to their on-site work at the hospital, the students built a series of cubby houses in their TAFE workshop.

Ration Shed wins award



Cherbourg's Sandra Morgan and Ada Simpson with the MAGNA award for the Ration Shed.



THE Cherbourg Ration Shed has taken out a national award for museums. The former ration shed in the south-east Queensland community has been turned into a museum to show what life was like and to highlight Cherbourg's successes.

The Ration Shed was a winner at the annual Museums Australia MAGNA Awards, taking first prize in the Indigenous Project or Keeping

Place section for its educational materials.

These range from the timeline display in the Ration Shed to the Memory archive website, videos, workbooks and other publications which are made available to schools and visitors who come to the Cherbourg Historical Precinct.

The award commendation reads: "A wonderfully rich project reviewing important Indigenous history and changing perceptions and awareness in Cherbourg."

TVGUIDE

18TH JUNE TO 1ST JULY



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WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE

12:00 NITV News (News)
12:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
1:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
2:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
3:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
4:00 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Entertainment)
5:00 Chocolate Martini 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 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 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 By The Rapids PG (Comedy)
1:00 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
1:30 RHEF 2013 PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
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4:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Awaken Best Of NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
8:30 Once A Queen G (Documentary)
9:30 Kanyirrimpa Ngurrara G (Documentary)
10:00 Colour Theory PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 24TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Raven Tales 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 The National Apology: 5 Years On PG (Documentary)
2:00 Rock Art And Yingana 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 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary)
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)

THURSDAY 26TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Raven Tales 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 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken Best Of NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
12:00 Beyond The Dreamtime G (Documentary)
1:00 Colour Theory PG (Series)
1:30 Dark Science 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 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
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 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Documentary Series)
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)

THURSDAY 19TH 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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9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
10:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken Best Of NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
12:00 Once A Queen G (Documentary)
1:00 Blackfellas, Bulls And Bucking G (Documentary)
2:00 Colour Theory PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
4:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora 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 (Documentary 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 20TH 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 NC (Sport)
5:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Tales Of Tatonka G (Kids)
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
7:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
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9:00 Bizou G (Kids)
9:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
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 The Dream And The Dreaming PG (Documentary)
1:30 Australian Biography G (Documentary Series)
2:00 By The Rapids PG (Comedy)
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 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 Noongar Dandjoo G (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE

12:00 Timber Cup 2014 NC (Sport)
2:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
3:00 Koori Knockout 2011 Documentary G (Documentary)
4:00 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
6:00 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 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
3:00 Noongar Dandjoo G (Documentary Series)
3:30 Southern Cross PG (Documentary)
5:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Doc Series)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Maori TV's Native Affairs NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Rose Against The Odds PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 2014 FIFA World Cup Match Of The Day NC (Sport)
9:30 Toomelah MA (Movie)
11:00 Lonely Boy Richard M (Documentary)

SUNDAY 22ND JUNE

12:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
1:00 Volumz G (Entertainment)
5:00 NITV On The Road: Laura Festival G (Entertainment)
6:00 Volumz G (Entertainment)
10:00 OFC Nations Cup NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Yarning Up PG (Documentary)
1:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Ent)
2:00 Timber Cup 2014 NC (Sport)
4:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
4:30 Boomalli - Five Koori Artists G (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 The Black Olive G (Lifestyle)
8:30 We Still Live Here G (Documentary)
9:30 Boy M (Movie)
11:00 Yellow Fella PG (Documentary)
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 23RD JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Raven Tales 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 PG (Kids)
10:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Traps On NITV PG (Entertainment)
11:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)
11:30 Awaken Best Of NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
12:30 We Still Live Here G (Documentary)
1:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
2:00 The Black Olive G (Lifestyle)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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4:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (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 NC (Sport)
9:30 Love Patrol (Series 4) M (Drama)
10:00 Blackstone Series 3 M (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

WEDNESDAY 25TH JUNE

12:00 NITV News (News)
12:30 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
2:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
3:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
4:00 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Entertainment)
5:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
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10:00 Kai Ora G (Kids)
10:30 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary)
12:00 By The Rapids PG (Comedy)
1:00 Characters Of Broome G (Documentary Series)
1:30 RHEF 2013 PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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5:30 NITV News (News)
6:00 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Awaken Best Of NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Fusion Feasts G (Lifestyle)
8:30 Beyond The Dreamtime G (Documentary)
9:30 Dark Science PG (Documentary)
10:30 Colour Theory PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 1ST JULY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Raven Tales 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 National Indigenous Music Awards 2012 PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Postcards From Indigenous Taiwan G (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 Raven Tales 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 2014 Footy Means Business (Sport)

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SATURDAY 28TH JUNE

12:00 Timber Cup 2014 NC (Sport)
2:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 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 Torres To The Thames PG (Documentary)
4:30 Back To Munda G (Documentary)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review (News)
6:00 Maori TV's Native Affairs NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Rose Against The Odds PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 2014 FIFA World Cup Match Of The Day NC (Sport)
9:30 The Strength Of Water M (Movie)
11:00 The Road To St Andrews G (Documentary)
11:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
9:00 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Ent)
10:00 OFC Nations Cup NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review (News)
12:30 Pomurraw Art PG (Documentary)
1:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Ent)
2:00 Timber Cup 2014 (Sport)
4:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
4:30 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)
5:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review (News)
6:00 Awaken 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 Nin's Brother PG (Documentary)
8:30 Awaken Special NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 Standing In The Shadows Of Motown PG (Movie)
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

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12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Raven Tales 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 Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Traps On NITV PG (Entertainment)
11:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)
11:30 Nin's Brother PG (Documentary)
12:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Awaken Special NC (Current Affairs)
1:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
2:00 Pomurraw Art 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 Raven Tales 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 NC (Sport)
9:30 Love Patrol (Series 4) M (Drama)
10:00 Blackstone Series 3 MAV (Drama)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

Recognise kicks goals



MORE than 17,000 people have signed up to the Recognise movement in just seven days, spurred on by high-profile promotion during the AFL's Indigenous Round and hundreds of National Reconciliation Week events across the country.

The groundswell has lifted the supporter base to 202,000 Australians – a leap of almost 10% in the course of a single week.

Recognise is the movement to recognise the first Australians in the Constitution and to ensure there's no place for racial discrimination in it either. The movement has multi-party support.

Recognise spokesperson Tanya Hosch said it was a huge credit to the work of countless

people across the nation who had brought their leadership to the movement for Constitutional recognition.

"From hardworking local leadership figures in tiny communities to well-known sporting greats, all of us can play a role in continuing to build on this momentum," she said.

The AFL announced its partnership with Recognise last month, becoming the first national sporting code to sign on as supporters.

In partnership with Telstra, it invited 5 million footy fans to learn more about the campaign to recognise the first Australians in our Constitution.

Many AFL Indigenous greats have backed the Recognise campaign, including Michael Long, Adam Goodes, Michael O'Loughlin, Gavin Wanganeen, Andrew McLeod and David

Wirrpanda. Several AFL clubs are also now official Recognise supporters, including Port Adelaide, Adelaide, St Kilda and Richmond.

In recent weeks, AFL legend Nicky Winmar recreated his famous gesture of Indigenous pride in the face of racial abuse as he urged Australians to join the movement to remove racial discrimination from the Constitution and recognise the first Australians.

On May 27, Indigenous rights campaigner Professor Patrick Dodson delivered the 2014 Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration on the Recognise movement, bringing its message to a national television audience.

Former test cricketer Adam Gilchrist has also declared his support for the growing movement.



AFL legend Nicky Winmar supports the Recognise campaign.



AIATSIS Library staff.

Concerns for home buyers



PUBLIC housing should be a pathway to home ownership, the Northern Territory's chief minister says as he encourages

Aboriginal people living in remote communities to buy their own homes.

There are five communities with long-term township leases in the NT, where residents are eligible to buy their homes and receive grants of up to \$20,000 to maintain their properties.

But residents of Milikapiti, on Melville Island in the Tiwi Islands, about 100km north of Darwin, are wary of taking up the offer after seeing their fellow Tiwis in neighbouring community Wurrumiyanga struggle with the unexpected costs of home ownership.

At a recent town meeting Chief Minister Adam Giles outlined the grants program of \$4.5 million over the next three years. Most public housing stock would be worth between \$80,000 and \$150,000, and the government hopes those buying will pay as much off their mortgages, if not less, than they currently pay in rent.

But home ownership wouldn't suit everybody, Mr Giles said.

"It's a big change... not a lot of people are ready for that," he said.

Merle Henry lives in one of the 92 houses in Milikapiti so dilapidated that it will be replaced, and she challenged the government to repair homes before selling them to residents.

"Everything's falling apart here, and now they want us to buy our own house?" she said.

"My house has been eaten by white ants. Now I've got a snake coming out of the wall; I've got a big hole – my grandkids can lean on it and nearly fell out."

Another woman said home maintenance bills were a shock for those in Wurrumiyanga who bought their houses, something the government is trying to address with the new grants.

"I don't want to see my people here suffering the way people in Wurrumiyanga are suffering; you're going to be left with big bills," she said.

To be eligible for the scheme, tenants must have a good rent payment record and a good property condition history for at least two years, and will have to undertake a financial training course and have a loan approved by a lending institution.

"We've learnt the lessons,

and what didn't go so well was that education and awareness of what it means to be a home owner, that you are then responsible for payment of any maintenance and repairs that occur," said Anne Bradford, CEO of the NT Department of Housing.

"This is the government (allowing) Indigenous people to the same rights and entitlements that white people have in other locations."

And other community members were tentatively embracing the program, such as traditional owner Gibson Farmer Illortaminni, chairman of the Tiwi Land Council.

He said his house was cyclone-coded and good enough to buy as-is.

"Me and my wife, we'd like to own our own home, but if something goes wrong with the house, how are we going to fix it? It's a good idea but we need more information," he said.

Gerald Kerinauia said the \$20,000 grant would be more than enough to fix the lights in his home and get his digital TV connected.

"It's a good thing to buy... I wouldn't mind owning my own house and passing it on to my family," he said. – AAP

Library in the good books



THE Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) has been named as Australia's favourite government library.

The Canberra-based organisation took out the honour as part of last month's Library and Information Week 2014 celebrations.

The Australia's Favourite Library campaign, which has awards in 15 sections, is run by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA).

AIATSIS principal Russell Taylor said the win was fitting as AIATSIS celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

"I am pleased to see the innovative

work of our library staff acknowledged in this way in what is a special year for us," he said.

"Over the last 50 years our library has collected an extensive range of material, a good deal of which is held nowhere else in the world.

"We hold information on almost every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander group and language in Australia, with more than 130,000 print research collection items, over 3000 rare books and 12,000 manuscript titles all pertaining to Australia's first peoples.

"We are a world-renowned premier research, collecting and publishing organisation. This award is a clear indication that the Australian public places great value on our library and its services."

National Native Title Conference 2014



AIATSIS chair Professor Mick Dodson with keynote speaker Dr Wen-Chi Kung. Dr Wen-Chi Kung delivered the annual Mabo Lecture entitled Lacking the 'Mabo Wonder' but Still Striving for it: Hard Struggle for Indigenous Self-Government and Land Rights in Taiwan.



Di O'Rork, Gemma Sanford, Kaylene Malthouse and Melissa Lake from the North Queensland Land Council enjoying a break.



Brian Wyatt speaks.



Joshua Hayes, Yanduwandha Yawarrawarrka Traditional Land Owners, WA, with Brett Leavy from the National Indigenous Radio Service.
Picture by Jasmine Bolt



Jeremy Clark from Western Marr Aboriginal Corp, Victoria, and Deb Malseed from Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation, Victoria.
Picture by Jasmine Bolt



Christina Stone and Charles Tucker from Karlkanyiyaparli Aboriginal Corp, Pilbara WA, with Chloe Nulgitt from Kimberley Land Council.
Picture by Jasmine Bolt



Alf Priestley, Leroy Connors and Anthony Munro, Gomeroi applicants from Moree, NSW. *Picture by Jasmine Bolt*



Kimberley Land Council's Fiona Gregory, Lynette Shaw, Frank Davey, Bernadette Angus and Rosanna Angus with Gordon Cole (South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council).



Representatives from WA. Picture by Jasmine Bolt

Connecting for country



MORE than 600 delegates were welcomed to Coffs Harbour by traditional owners, the Gumbaynggirr people, for the National Native Title Conference this month, convened by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and NTSCORP Limited.

AIATSIS chair Professor Mick Dodson said the conference is a unique opportunity for a diverse range of stakeholders from across the country to come together to review native title practice, policy and law.

Conference keynote speaker Dr Wen-Chi Kung, a member of the Tayal tribe of Taiwan and an elected member of the Legislative Yuan, the National Parliament of Taiwan, has been advocating for recognition of the rights of indigenous Taiwanese for many years.

Dr Wen-Chi Kung gave a brief introduction to Taiwan's indigenous people and the conflicts between indigenous claims for native title and the government's insistence on owning public land.

The conference welcome featured the Gumbaynggirr Elders choir singing songs in language, dances from Wajad Ngaarl, Orara High School, and rock band Terra Firma.

The conference celebrated Mabo Day, with Eddie Koiki Mabo's grandson Ezra Mabo saying it was inspirational to be with people from across the country united by a cause.

"Mabo Day means a lot to me – it's about the man and the journey," he said.

"Because our family has already won native title, today is about sharing how important it is for the wider community to learn what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have contributed to this country pre and post European contact."



The Wagga Torres Strait Islander Dance Company prepare to perform before the Mabo Lecture.



Darren Cabat and Mali Turner from Aurora Project and Maori Land Court Judge CT Coxhead. Picture by Jasmine Bolt



Robyn Weatherall (Brisbane), Gilbert Laurie (Widjabal/Wai-bal and Yaegl delegate), Bob Weatherall (Gomerioi delegate), Reg King (Widjabal/Wai-bal delegate), Cathy Jackson (Gunggari, south-west Queensland) and Sam Backo (Queensland). Picture by Jasmine Bolt



Michelle Tuahine (National Indigenous Radio Service) with Central Land Council chair Maurie Japarta Ryan and Patrick Malone.

Island people connect

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TORRES Strait Islanders studying at the Australian Maritime College celebrated Mabo Day with a flag raising, speeches, morning tea and traditional song and dance in Launceston, Tasmania – albeit a day early, because the 12 students were setting out on June 3 on the chilly southern waters aboard a commercial fishing vessel.

The TSI mob, who all work in the seafood and fishing industry, have been in Tasmania for the past three weeks undertaking formal seafaring, business and seafood-handling training, in a partnership between the Australian Maritime College and the Torres Strait Maritime Pathways Project.

At the event, spokesman for the group TSI Regional Councillor Rocky Stephen said the training “puts our people in a position to move up”.

“I have learnt more than I have expected,” said Cr Stephen, who also runs a seafood freezer facility.

“I am taking it back to my people. I would recommend this course to any of our people if it would ever come up again.”

“If Torres Strait was ever going

to be an autonomous country, fisheries is our backbone. We don’t have mining like on the mainland.

“Now we own our waters [again], we are pushing for 100% fisheries in our areas.”

Last year a group of Torres Strait Islander people won a High Court battle to have commercial fishing rights recognised under native title.

Cr Stephen said the issue was raised with state and federal ministers in an April meeting.

He said TSI people did not want to exclude non-Indigenous operators from their waters but wanted them to give something back.

“So we can use it to help our people do these kind of studies, send our young people to uni to gain more experience and bring it back to our region,” he said.

“It’s working together and better manage it for all of us.”

“This [training] is all good timing. We won our sea rights in August last year. It’s all coming out from the Mabo decision of ‘92.”

Right: Rocky Stephen speaks with Aunty Phylliss Pitchford.

Far right: The TSI maritime students in Launceston.

Jaylen Newie from Moa and Tui Namoa from Badu performed a traditional dance at the Mabo Day celebration.



Billy Thaiday of Yam descent (father of Brisbane Broncos star Sam Thaiday) and Jenny Wyles.



Komet dancers Aigaris Day, 12, Addie-May Day, 8, and Emily Day, 10.

Hero honoured

Story and pictures by ALF WILSON



MORE than 500 people attended Mabo Day celebrations in Central Park, Townsville, on June 3, the anniversary of the historic native title High Court win by Edward ‘Koiki’ Mabo in 1992.

Eddie Koiki Mabo was born on Mer Island in the Torres Strait on June 29, 1936, and died in Brisbane on January 21, 1992.

On June 3, 1992, Mr Mabo and a group of Mer Islanders were deemed the rightful owners of their land.

Bonita Mabo, the widow of the late Eddie Mabo, was ill and could not attend the Townsville event and her daughter Gail was at celebrations on Mer.

Speakers included Townsville City Council representative Shane Alley, Mayor Jenny Hill, Daniel Whaleboat, Pastor David Gela and

Professor Gracelyn Smallwood.

“This is a day of commemoration and of the victory by Eddie Mabo. He fought a David and Goliath battle and won against all odds,” Pastor Gela said.

The Mer Komet dancers performed.

There is a monument to Eddie Mabo in Central Park.

“I really feel the loss of my cousin being here at his monument but also a sense of jubilation for what he achieved,” Mr Whaleboat said.

Prof Smallwood said while the Mabo decision was a great day, conditions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were not good.

“Native Title is not Land Rights and our people need to pull together and there are 12,000 living around here,” she said.

“Our people are losing jobs and the youth suicide rate is high because our young have lost self esteem. I am calling for unity.”



Alma Pilot (Darnley), Anemah Ghee and Dulcie Whaleboat (Mer).



Sam Savage and Alfred Smallwood.



The Budget's impact on Aboriginal Health

By CATHERINE WRIGHT

NACCHO stands firmly with the Australian public in opposition to Prime Minister Tony Abbott's alarming Budget proposal last month. Our inboxes are brimming and the phones are hot as we endeavour to stay abreast of the ever-changing political and social implications from the Budget fallout. Indeed, by the time you read our statement here, more will have evolved, so please do visit our website for current position statements.

Commenting on one of the more serious offenders in the Budget, NACCHO Chairman Justin Mohamed said: "There is great risk that the introduction of a \$7 co-payment for doctor's visits will create new barriers to healthcare for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, including additional red tape for Community Controlled Health Organisations."

Budget Summary

Positive

- Establishment of National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health – \$32.1 million to Mental Health initiatives;
- Investment into E-health – \$140.6 million;
- Investment into Indigenous teenage sexual and reproductive health and young parent support – \$25.9 million;
- PIP doubled – \$238.4 million over the next five years;
- \$9 million savings from the Health and Hospitals Fund to fund the Medical Research Future Fund (find priority clinical areas for patients).

Of Concern

- The MBS and PBS co-payment regimes are detrimental and of most concern to us;
- Partners in Recovery reduced funding of \$25.3 million;
- Dental Health – cut by \$4.6 million;
- Hospitals – Commonwealth pulling \$217.3 million in the 2014-15 financial year;
- Investment in National bowel cancer screening injection of \$3.8 million taken from the National Partnership Agreement on Preventative Health slashed by \$53.5 million;
- World Health Organisation – \$2.3 million slashed;
- Three Health Agencies listed for abolition – the National



Pictured above: NACCHO has fears for the health implications for Indigenous people like these as a result of Commonwealth Government's Budget, released last month.

Health Preventative Agency, Health Workforce Australia and General Practice Education Training. These agencies will be closed and some functions rolled into the Department, including their staff;

- Consolidation and streamlining of Indigenous Health in the next 12 months (hence KPIs for Funding Agreements) rationalisation is listed on the balance sheet of \$40.7 million cut (this is the programs transferred over to the PM&C);
- Primary Health Networks will replace Medicare Locals to commence July 1, 2015 and Medicare Local Alliances cut by 30 June 2014 (bill already prepared for Parliament).

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The Numbers

Ind. Health Budget	Estimated	Actual	Difference
2014 – 15	\$826 million	\$730 million	-\$96 million
2015 – 16	\$854 million	\$749 million	-\$105 million

Department of Health cuts to Indigenous health expenditure, estimated versus actual budgets

Summary of federal Indigenous expenditure across the Department of Health for the 2014-15 financial year:

Outcome	Area	Expenditure \$	Difference	%
Outcome 1	Population Health	10,831,000	+21,000	+1
Outcome 2	Access to Pharmaceutical services	48,620,000	+2,009,000	+1.04
Outcome 3	Access to Medical and Dental services	51,712,000	+8,091,000	+1.18
Outcome 4	Acute Care	0	0	0
Outcome 5	Primary Health Care	780,075,000	-72,841,000	-10.93
Outcome 6	Private Health	0	0	0
Outcome 7	Health Infrastructure, Regulation Safety & Quality	748,000	-277,000	-37
Outcome 8	Health Workforce Capacity	31,682,000	16,828,000	+21.3
Outcome 9	Bio security and Emergency Response	0	0	0
Outcome 10	Sport and Recreation	0	0	0



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Impact of the Budget

From previous page

While there were many bewildering proposals in the budget, NACCHO's major concern is around the Medicare co-payment.

Data from the University of Sydney's Family Medicine Research Centre show that Aboriginal clients and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services will be hit hardest by the Medicare co-payment.

These changes affect our services disproportionately on many fronts, especially because our Aboriginal clients are much more likely to have a concession card (67.4% v 44.2%) and are less healthy, for example pathology tests are administered to 55.9% of Aboriginal patient encounters versus 47.1% of general patient encounters.

Further, HCC holders are least able to afford the co-payment, meaning health services will incur an \$11-\$14 loss in Medicare revenue per visit if they choose to absorb the surcharge on behalf of their patients.

If Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services absorb the co-payment in order to maintain access to universal health care for their clients, the organisation will be down \$80,000 a year (based on 2012-13 workforce data Online Services Report). If they also try to absorb the cost of necessary pathology tests and imaging, this could \$40,000 a year. The total cost to the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector will be \$16 million, in addition to other cuts to primary health care services announced in the budget.

One of the major barriers to closing the gap is accessing primary health care services.

The latest available data shows that Aboriginal clients accessed primary health care services at 70-75% of the level of non-Indigenous Australians, despite having at least twice the need. The introduction of a co-payment will hit Aboriginal patients hardest and discourage access to vital services such as antenatal care and childhood vaccination.

"Most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians are low income earners and suffer the highest level of chronic disease, requiring regular GP visits," Mr Mohamed noted.

"States and Territories have also been given the green light to charge for hospital emergency visits, creating a dangerous situation where people may not present for serious medical treatment for fear of the cost."

NACCHO predictions around Medicare Co-payment

This is quite uncertain as the legislation is not enacted. There is a window of opportunity given the sitting dates of the Senate and the out-of-pocket report findings is due to be tabled on July 17 to the Senate. The following is how we think it will work if passed through the Senate:

- a) it will be introduced July 2015;
- b) it will apply to A1, A2, A11, A22, and A23 items (general consultation and out of patient);
- c) it won't apply to chronic disease management items, health assessments and mental health items;
- d) it will not be mandatory for GPs to charge the co-payment;

e) the MBS rebate for the relevant GP items will be cut by \$5. For GPs that currently bulk bill patients and decide to charge the \$7 co-payment, this would see a small net fee increase of \$2 for general patients compared to current arrangements;

f) privately billed GP patients will have their rebate cut by \$5 in relation to the above items and face an increased out of pocket cost;

g) for concession card holders and children under 16, the co-payment will be limited to 10 visits per year (only those visits where the \$7 co-payment is applied count toward this threshold. The 10 visit threshold includes pathology and imaging visits.

NACCHO is in the process of preparing a public correspondence that opposes the introduction of Medicare co-payment measures, for co-signing by the Australian Medical Association, the Royal Australian College of Practitioners and the Public Health Association of Australia. NACCHO urges the Government to recognise how the co-payment will hurt all Australians, particularly those vulnerable sections of the Australian society, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

A lateral approach

Currently, clinics receive \$35 from Medicare for each patient, plus whatever they choose to add. Services that bulk-bill, like all ACCHOs, receive the \$35 only.

Tony Abbot's Government proposes to hold on to \$5 of that \$35, returning only \$30 to the service, putting the onus on the service to ask the patient for a \$7 'co-payment'. Of this, \$2 will go to administering the new process and \$5 to the service.

NACCHO supports the proposition that ACCHOs seek Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status from the ATO, under the *Charities Act 2013* as providing a public benefit – according to the Act:

Some categories of deductible gift recipient are only available to registered charities. These categories may include organisations such as public hospitals, research authorities, public universities, animal welfare charities, charitable services institutions, public benevolent institutions (PBIs) and health promotion charities (HPCs).

The *Charities Act* clarifies that to be a recognised as a charity, an organisation must:

- 1. Be not-for-profit;
- 2. Have only charitable purposes that are for the public benefit;
- 3. Not have a disqualifying purpose;
- 4. Not be an individual, a political party or a government agency.

The benefit of obtaining DGR status is that payments (read 'donations') made to your organisation may be tax deductible... meaning patients would then be able to deduct their 'donation' to the health service from their taxable income when they lodge their tax return.

While this would inevitably create an administrative headache for Medicare and the Australian Taxation Office, it does reimburse the patient's out-of-pocket co-payment surcharge.

NACCHO will write to the ATO to clarify the information and seek further legal advice to provide assurances around the tax status of organisations. This may be the early foundation for a solid argument to exempt Aboriginal health services from the Medicare co-payment proposal.

Mr Mohamed concluded: "We will get the most benefit from policy that encourages Aboriginal people to seek medical attention and seek it early, not make it even harder for them to get the care they need."

● Please forward your comments to media@naccho.org.au for consideration in our campaign and our next edition of *NACCHO Health News*.

Health 'a priority'

THE Australian Government recently reaffirmed its commitment to improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health as a priority.

Acknowledging Reconciliation Week, Assistant Minister for Health Fiona Nash announced that an implementation plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan would be developed by the end of the year.

"The Government has reinforced its commitment to close the gap and achieve

health equality between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," Minister Nash said.

The Health Plan is a 10-year evidence-based framework developed with significant input from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health leaders and service providers.

The Health Plan is designed to guide policy and program development to improve Indigenous health and achieve health equality by 2031.

Telehealth Incentive Program to cease

THE Telehealth Financial Incentive Program was implemented to encourage and support the uptake of Telehealth. These financial incentives will cease at midnight on June 30 this year. The Medicare telehealth financial incentives after this date will not be eligible for the following:

- Telehealth On-Board Incentives (practitioner)
- Telehealth Service Incentives (practitioner)
- Telehealth Bulk Billing Incentives (practitioner)
- Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACF) On-Board Incentives
- Telehealth Hosting Service Incentives (RACF)

To ensure your service receives its Telehealth Incentives payments, all MBS telehealth services provided prior to midnight on June 30 must be submitted to the Commonwealth Department of Human Services (DHS) by midnight on December 31, 2014. Claims submitted after this time will not be eligible for the telehealth incentive payments.

For further information the amounts for these Telehealth Incentives please visit NACCHO website on the below link: <http://www.naccho.org.au/telehealthinfo/files/2013/02/NACCHO-TELH-4-MBS-Telehealth-payments.pdf>

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From the CEO

THE current political environment is changing on a daily basis. Since the arrival of the new Federal Government, we have had streamlining of Commonwealth departments, Commission of Audit recommendations and the recent Federal Budget announcements for Aboriginal Affairs proposing \$534 million Budget cuts, \$7 Medicare Co-payments, new Aboriginal infrastructure and the amalgamation of 150 grants to five.

These initiatives have caused grave concern and outcry by Aboriginal leaders and the Australian public as well as National and State NGOs.

Despite all of this uncertainty, NACCHO remains committed and focused, providing leadership and direction to overcome some of our immediate challenges.

NACCHO will continue to work towards the long-term targeted needs of our members, the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS), to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people receive the same level of health care as other Australians.

Our primary focus has been working with Commonwealth Ministers and departments to ensure funding is secured beyond 2014.

Health Minister Peter Dutton recently announced his commitment to ACCHS by providing \$333 million funding for another 12 months. This provides NACCHO further opportunity to work with government on long-term funding agreements in order to consolidate a sense of stability and surety for ACCHS in their efforts to improve the health of our people.

The Honourable Senator Fiona Nash, Assistant Minister for Health, recently announced her commitment to developing a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health implementation plan by the end of 2014. NACCHO welcomes this announcement, as it provides structure and focus in the absence of any National Partnership or

Bilateral Agreements in place, fostering good policy development over reactionary policy decisions.

NACCHO reaffirms that ACCHS are the preferred providers of comprehensive primary health care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This is further supported by NACCHO's 2013 Healthy Lifestyle Report Card.

In April 2014, NACCHO released a report highlighting the key economic and social benefits of the ACCHS model of frontline service delivery: "Investing in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Makes Economic Sense".

Key messages from the report include:

- Demand for Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services is growing at 6% annually without additional funding;

- \$263 million additional funding is required by the Commonwealth for Aboriginal health to remain stable over the next three years;

- Investing in ACCHS has a proven track record of performance that delivers on health gains, however is relatively minimally funded;
- ACCHS are the largest industry employer for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia.

Rather than justifying Budget cuts by immediate savings, NACCHO calls on leadership within government to consider current investment opportunities that hold significant, long-term health and financial returns.

The signing of the Close the Gap Statement of Intent (2008) was a watershed moment that provided bipartisan leadership at the highest levels, demonstrating genuine commitment to undo the wrongs of the past and commence a better future.

Now is not the time to lose momentum or sight of what is required, nor to sink in the ever-changing economic quicksand.

Collectively we can do better and we owe it to our people.

**Yours in solidarity,
Lisa Briggs
CEO NACCHO**



NACCHO CEO Lisa Briggs

General health indicators up, but obesity and unemployment still a concern

INVESTING in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services will help address the increasing gap in employment outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people as revealed in the new report released by the COAG Reform Council.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chairperson Justin Mohamed said the COAG Reform Council report showed encouraging gains were being made in areas such as life expectancy, child mortality and immunisation, but unemployment and obesity rates needed greater attention.

"This is yet another report to add to the many before it which demonstrate that massive inequalities still exist between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people," Mr Mohamed said.

"The take-home message is that we can't shift focus or we risk reversing the gains we have made. There is still a long way to go before Aboriginal people can expect the same levels of health, employment and education as other Australians.

"It's pleasing to see Aboriginal child mortality rates are decreasing, but Aboriginal kids are still twice as likely to die before they are five than non-Aboriginal children. As adults we still have a life expectancy more than 10 years less than non-Aboriginal people.

"That's why we need to keep up the investment in programs and services that are making a difference.

"Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services are making huge contributions towards closing the gap across a range of indicators, and demand for our services is growing.

"In addition to these significant health gains, our 150 health services employ more than 3200 Aboriginal people – one of the largest employers of Aboriginal people in the country.

"Governments at all levels need to look to supporting and expanding the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector if they are committed



NACCHO chairperson Justin Mohamed

to improving the health and employment outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Mr Mohamed said NACCHO had concerns that we still do not have any concrete commitment of the future of the Close the Gap 'National Partnership Agreement' or an alternative structure. This concern is further heightened by

benefits, could potentially push the closing the gap targets even further from reach.

"Yet at the state and territory level we also see apparent indifference to the challenges at hand.

"It's now been more than 12 months since the National Partnership Agreement has lapsed and we still don't have

any clear advice how states, territories and the Commonwealth plan to coordinate addressing the closing the gap targets. The nation needs a long-term agreement that has full support and buy in from all levels of Government.

"NACCHO also questions what replacement reporting mechanisms will be put in place to continue this specific, detailed state and territory reporting given the abolishment of the COAG Reform Council next month. These reports provide a level of accountability to the actions of the different levels of government which needs to be retained."

"We are extremely concerned that the millions of dollars being cut from across Aboriginal affairs at the Federal level, plus the introduction of new arrangements in accessing primary health care and changes to unemployment benefits, could potentially push the closing the gap targets even further from reach."

the fact that the COAG Reform Council will be abolished come June 30.

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COAG Indigenous Reform: Five-year performance report

The following has been taken from the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council *Indigenous reform targets: progress over five years report*

ALL Australian governments signed the National Indigenous Reform Agreement in 2009. This COAG agreement sets six outcome-based reform targets to address Indigenous disadvantage and close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Governments recommitted to the agreement in 2011, and reviewed and agreed a more streamlined structure.

We assess and report publicly on national and State and Territory results against the indicators and targets in the agreement. We assess progress over time, identify trends and report on whether governments are on track to close the gap. This year we look back over five years to assess what progress governments have made.

Key findings

Since 2008, there has been good progress on three of the six Indigenous reform targets. There has been little progress on two targets and a decline on one target. COAG set six reform targets to address Indigenous disadvantage and close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. We report annually on progress toward these targets.

This year we look back over five years to assess what progress governments have made.

Indicators	First year	Latest year	Assessment
Life expectancy			
Estimated life expectancy at birth for men (2005–07 to 2010–12)	67.5	69.1	~
Estimated life expectancy at birth for women (2005–07 to 2010–12)	73.1	73.7	~
Rates of current daily smokers (2008 to 2011–13)	44.8%	41.2% ¹	✓
Levels of risky alcohol consumption (lifetime risk) (2004–05 to 2011–13)	20.3%	19.2% ^{1,2}	~
Prevalence of overweight and obesity (2011–13)	-	71.4% ^{1,3}	~
Child mortality			
Child death rate per 100 000 children (2008 to 2012)	212.5	164.7	✓
Proportion of babies born of low birth weight (2007 to 2011)	11.2%	11.2%	~
Tobacco smoking during pregnancy (2007 to 2011)	51.7%	48.7% ^{1,2}	~
Attendance at an antenatal visit in the first trimester (2007 to 2011)	59.5%	58.6% ^{1,2}	~
Early childhood education			
Indigenous children in remote communities enrolled in preschool in the year before school (2011 to 2012)	91%	88% ⁴	~

Indicators	First year	Latest year	Assessment
Literacy and numeracy			
Year 3 students at or above the national minimum standard in reading (2008 to 2013)	69.3%	81.5%	✓
Year 3 students at or above the national minimum standard in writing (2011 to 2013)	79.9%	78.9% ²	~
Year 3 students at or above the national minimum standard in numeracy (2008 to 2013)	78.6%	81.6%	✓
Year 12 or equivalent attainment			
Attainment of Year 12 or equivalent or Certificate II or above (20–24 year olds) (2008 to 2012–13)	45.4%	59.1%	✓
Employment outcomes			
Employment rate (15–64 year olds) (2008 to 2012–13)	53.8%	47.8% ⁵	✗
Unemployment rate (15–64 year olds) (2008 to 2012–13)	16.6%	21.6%	✗
Labour force participation rate (15–64 year olds) (2008 to 2012–13)	64.5%	60.9%	✗
Post school qualifications rate (2008 to 2012–13)	33.1%	42.3%	✓
Key			
✓ Progress	~ Little to no progress	✗ Decline	

Reference for tables: COAG Reform Council, 'Indigenous Reform 2012-13: Five years of performance, Report to the Council of Australian Governments', 22 May 2014, <http://www.coagreformcouncil.gov.au/reports/indigenous-reform/indigenous-reform-2012-13-five-years-performance>

Areas of concern

In examining the data for this report, the council identified three areas of particular national concern. While it is not the council's role to give advice on how

these issues should be addressed, we believe they warrant close attention from COAG.

Employment

Employment is a key area in which the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous outcomes has increased over the duration of the National Indigenous Reform Agreement. Between 2008 and 2012-13 the non-Indigenous employment rate was stable, while the Indigenous employment rate fell, widening the gap from 21.2 to 27.8 percentage points.

This is a serious concern given the effects of lower employment on outcomes across the other areas of the reform framework and COAG's agreement that 'individuals and communities should have the opportunity to benefit from the mainstream economy – real jobs, business opportunities, economic independence and wealth creation' (COAG 2012, p. 7).

Obesity

Australia's high obesity rates suggest a likely increase in the incidence of type 2 diabetes in the future, given the 'well-established link' between the two (WHO IDF 2004). Indigenous Australians are at particular risk, with 41.7% obese compared with 27.2% of non-Indigenous Australians.

We recommend in our report that COAG review indicators for closing the gap in life expectancy—including giving consideration to indicators on access to health services—so that we can report on whether assistance in managing conditions arising from health risks such as obesity is a factor in lower Indigenous life expectancy.

School attendance

From 2008 to 2012, in South Australia, the ACT and the Northern Territory school attendance by Indigenous students fell in most school year levels and the gap increased. Regular school attendance in every year of school is critical to ensure students develop core literacy and numeracy skills and complete Year 12.

Recommendation 1: The COAG Reform Council recommends that COAG note three areas of concern that require further attention from governments:

- the widening employment gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, and the lack of overall progress in this area over the life of the National Indigenous Reform Agreement (NIRA);
- higher rates of obesity among Indigenous Australians, and the risks it poses of chronic diseases affecting Indigenous life expectancy; and
- lower and falling school attendance among Indigenous students.

Recommendation 2: To strengthen COAG's performance reporting and accountability framework for Indigenous reform, the COAG Reform Council recommends that COAG agree:

- to request the NIRA Performance Information Management Group to develop a supporting measure for the target to close the gap in life expectancy that can illuminate the relationship between health services and Indigenous life expectancy;
- to recalculate the non-Indigenous child deaths projection from 2008 to 2018 and Indigenous child deaths trajectory to take into account the most recent years of data indicating a faster rate of decrease in non-Indigenous deaths;
- to develop a new trajectory for halving the gap in writing achievement that is comparable to NAPLAN persuasive writing test results; and
- to investigate whether data improvements can be made to the National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection (NECECC) to allow us to report State and Territory results on rates of preschool enrolment in future years.

See the full report at www.coagreformcouncil.gov.au

Budget review

Indigenous Programmes Primary Health Care MBS Co-payment

As expected, the Budget announced the introduction of an MBS Co-payment.

For GP visits, this is set at the price of \$7 per visit for general patients and \$5 per visit for concession cardholders and children. The proceeds from this rebate will contribute towards the newly announced Medical Health Research Future Fund.

Introduction of a low gap incentive for GPs who provide more than 10 services per annum to patients will be provided as a safety net in order for services above this threshold to be provided for free. This measure will not start until July 1, 2015, once legislation is passed and progressed through the Senate.

Funding Model Methodology

To be developed during 2014-2015 year for implementation in 2015-2016 financial year post review of overall Indigenous expenditure.

Programme Expenses

Reduction in overall Federal Government expenditure on Indigenous Health from around \$760 million in 2013-14 to \$681 million in 2014-15. Extension of current CTG and Healthy Lifestyle initiatives for a further 12 months to coincide with the expenditure review.

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Funding will be provided to support access and quality of primary health care service delivery in remote areas and facilitate delivery of specialist and allied health services for high disease burden conditions such as oral health and hearing health.

Reduction in size of Bureaucracy

Consolidation of the following agencies back into the Department of Health:

- Australian Organ and Tissue Donation Transplantation Authority, and National Blood Authority
- National Preventative Health Agency
- GPET
- Health Workforce Australia
- Private Health Insurance Ombudsman
- Private Health Insurance Council

This merge of large existing government statutory agencies will see a consolidation of roles and functions across all entities to identify and determine rationalisation of staff and resources required to

reduce administrative debt for government. Additionally, further reduction in staff numbers will be achieved through the creation of a new merged entity called the Health Productivity and Performance Commission:

- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare
- Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
- National Health Funding Body
- National Health Funding Pool.

Medicare Local review implementation

The introduction of new Primary Health Networks will commence from July 1, 2015 to replace Medicare Locals across the country with a view to reducing in size and scope of services.

One of the main recommendations out the of review process was to abolish the Australian Medicare Local Alliance (AMLA), their National peak body, and ensure that Medicare Locals are service provider of absolute last resort in future only when there is severe market failure. This indicates opportunities for AICCHS and RAICCHOs to capitalise on regionally based programs targeting CtG initiatives.

New PHC models of care

The Government will also explore innovative models of primary health care funding and coordinated delivery, including partnerships with private insurers, as part of its commitment to rebuild primary care.

Indigenous Affairs Programmes

Indigenous Affairs within PM&C will be administered through 5 programme areas:

1. Jobs, Land and Economy
2. Children and Schooling
3. Safety and Wellbeing
4. Culture and Capability
5. Remote Australia Strategies

All previous programmes administered by the Department of Health under Social Emotional and Wellbeing, Mental Health, Bringing Them Home, Drug and Alcohol Services will come under Programme Area 3 – Safety and Wellbeing.

These programmes will be extended for a further 12 months in alignment with Department of Health programmes with a view to review all Indigenous Expenditure during this period to align with new funding methodology for implementation in the 2015-2016 financial year.



Mixed bag for reconciliation

This item is from the website
www.reconciliation.org.au

THIS year's Federal Budget poses some serious challenges for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and for the process of national reconciliation.

We acknowledge Australia's tight fiscal environment and the need to establish sustainable spending programs. But the need for reconciliation and closing the gap has not lessened, and the risk is that the extensive cuts to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and programs in this Budget will threaten the momentum towards these national priorities and result in greater need and spending in the future.

While the Budget provides an investment of \$4.8 billion to Indigenous programs, we strongly believe that the \$543 million in savings arising from the consolidation of programs must be reinvested in addressing the needs of the most vulnerable First Australians as highlighted in the recent Commission of Audit report.

While we agree that consolidation can deliver greater efficiency and effectiveness, any consolidation must be informed by evidence and a proper evaluation of existing programs.

We join many in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in acknowledging that

'Programs which are designed and controlled by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have proven to be effective and we repeat the advice given to successive Australian Governments that the voices of First Peoples must be central in decision making and they must be empowered to develop their own solutions, in collaboration with the Government.'

some programs are not delivering the results we all strive for, and believe that vigorous and transparent program logics and evaluation frameworks are essential to break this cycle.

The time for evidence-based decision making and policy development is long overdue.

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must be empowered to develop their own solutions, in collaboration with the Government.

In early April, Reconciliation Australia wrote to the Prime Minister nominating health, employment, education and criminal justice as critical to reconciliation, and urged the Government to maintain investment in these areas.

We are deeply concerned at the \$165 million cut from the Indigenous health budget and wonder what programs will need to be cut to make these savings. What current services to Australia's most disadvantaged people will end? How will the confidence, goodwill and participation in health systems that has been developing over the past few years be maintained and encouraged to flourish when program funding is cut?

We maintain our consistent support for a strong voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples – a role currently filled by the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. To build partnerships between non-Indigenous and Indigenous Australians, ongoing Government support is necessary until a representative body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is well established and self-sustainable.

Cutting funds to long-standing Indigenous peak bodies in a range of sectors, including the

Torres Strait Regional Authority, will only diminish the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, further disempowering communities.

Coming on top of recent cuts to the peak national Indigenous legal body, we note that there appears to be no mention of programs aimed at reducing incarceration rates which continue to remain very high.

In addition, while a focus on employment and education are key drivers to building a strong and prosperous

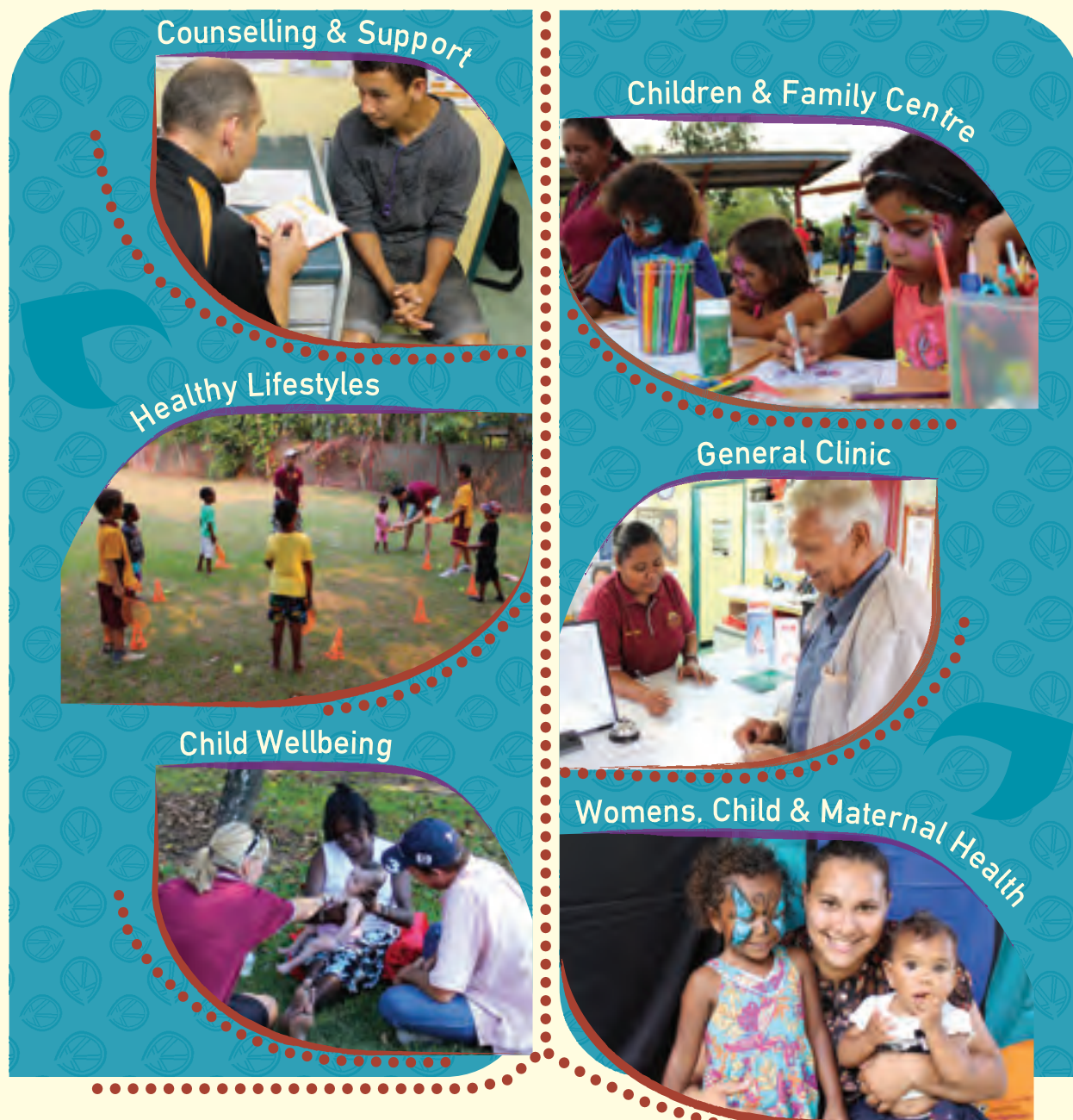
economy, we will seek more details of the Government's plans in addressing the serious challenges facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Details of actual program cuts and consolidations are unclear, and as these details become more apparent we look forward to speaking to the Government about the policy objectives and evidence for the Budget decisions.

It is our intention to continue to work constructively with Australian Governments to ensure the best possible outcomes for

reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Government has consistently argued this is a Budget to secure the future, however, we question whether the cuts to Indigenous Australia are likely to simply pass on the legacy of entrenched Indigenous disadvantage to future generations of Australians and deny Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people their rightful place in a reconciled, just and equitable Australia.



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By ANNA LEDITSCHKE

INDIGENOUS Allied Health Australia (IAHA), the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health peak body, hopes that the minimal mention of allied health in recent Australian government Budget announcements does not reflect the importance the Government places on allied health in meeting the holistic health and wellbeing needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"IAHA supports the Government's commitment to building a sustainable health workforce that is well distributed and equipped to meet the diverse needs of all Australians, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and those living in rural and remote communities," IAHA Chairperson Faye McMillan said.

"However, the health workforce comprises more than doctors."

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing outcomes are strongly influenced by complex and interrelated factors including social, historical, political and cultural determinants," IAHA CEO Donna Murray said.

"Allied health professionals are ideally placed to impact on these determinants as they operate

Allied Health flying under Budget radar



IAHA CEO Donna Murray



IAHA Chairperson Faye McMillan with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda.

within widely diverse settings across health, education, justice and community sectors. It will be essential

the Government recognises the potential negative health impact of cuts across these sectors as it reviews all

Indigenous programs." "IAHA welcomes an increased investment of a further \$13.4 million

over the next three years in the nursing and allied health workforce," Ms McMillan said.

"Another 500 scholarships, administered effectively, have the potential to significantly increase the support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health students and graduates.

"We have concerns that the proposed introduction of a co-payment to visit a GP risks a negative effect upon access to allied health services in the primary health care context, given that access is largely dependent on GP referral.

"Allied health professionals are critical players in a responsive and equitable health system that is able to accommodate the widely varying needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, many with chronic and complex conditions. Equitable access to this workforce is essential."

"IAHA will continue to advocate for improved cultural responsiveness of the health workforce and the development and implementation of strategies to build and strengthen a sustainable allied health sector that values Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," Ms Murray said.

"We commit to continuing to work with the Government and our partners to achieve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health equity within a generation."



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VACCHO campaign to stop \$7 co-payment

THE Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO), the peak body for Aboriginal health in Victoria, is petitioning the Senate to stop the implementation of the \$7 Medicare co-payment. This is a result of an emergency Budget brief meeting with VACCHO member CEOs from across the state.

VACCHO and its members believe that imposing a \$7 Medicare co-payment on visits to the GP and medical tests (for example blood tests, ultrasounds and x-rays) will be bad for the health of all Australians, but more so disproportionately impact Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities and other groups already experiencing disadvantage. Discouraging people

from visiting their GP will interfere with the early detection of illnesses and preventive action such as immunisation.

A co-payment will increase health care and administration costs for both Government and health-care providers. This

especially those in low-income households or with chronic illness.

Implementing co-payments will not close the gap in health outcomes; it will widen the gap between Aboriginal people and the rest of the community. VACCHO

strongly believe that this is bad public health policy and want it stopped.

VACCHO and the community support the need for a cost-effective, efficient and sustainable healthcare system

for all Australians, so we are asking that the Senate oppose the implementation of the \$7 Medicare co-payment.

Join this campaign by visiting 'Latest News' on the VACCHO website www.vaccho.org.au and sign the online petition.



will leave less money to provide the community with the care they need because more will be spent on administration.

This will hurt the sickest and poorest people in our community. \$7 means a lot more to the most disadvantaged among us,

GP training in Indigenous communities

DOCTORS working in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) are eligible to undertake vocational training towards fellowship of the RACGP and ACRRM via the Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS). Ten doctors started their training in 2014 and a further 10 training positions are available nationally for start in February 2015. Applications close on July 13 and can be submitted online at www.rvts.org.au.

Preference will be given to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors, and will target locations where there is limited access to onsite supervision.

The RVTS extension is an Australian Government initiative designed to deliver structured distance education and supervision to doctors already providing medical services within ACCHSs, and is supported by NACCHO.

The extension delivers support to ACCHS doctors so they don't have to move to another community to access mainstream general practice training.

"The community gets to keep their

doctor and the doctor receives the support they need to achieve fellowship," RVTS CEO Dr Pat Giddings said. "The community is the real winner".

Doctors receive training over a three-to-four-year period, while they continue to work in their health service. Training is delivered by distance education and remote supervision and is specifically tailored to doctors working in Indigenous communities. Training includes weekly webinars, face-to-face workshops, on-site teaching visits, innovative online resources, remote supervision and support, target exam preparation and cultural mentoring.

Dr May El-Khoury, former RVTS Registrar at Condobolin Aboriginal Health Service, NSW, said: "RVTS gave me the support to stay in the community, not to get moved around. They had a doctor, I had a study program. The community had a benefit and I had a benefit at the same time... the community had a doctor for a long time, which was really good."

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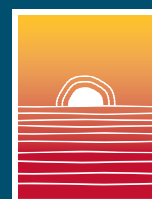
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NACCHO at UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

By NGIARE BROWN

THE National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has a long history of participation in the United Nations system, including attendance at meetings of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in Geneva and contributions to international instruments such as the WHO Declaration of Alma Ata (1978) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) was established in response to demands by Indigenous Peoples for a high-level permanent body at the UN. The Permanent Forum is an advisory body to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) with a mandate to explore Indigenous issues related to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights.

As the national peak body for

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, NACCHO is an important member of the Australian Indigenous Peoples' Organisation (IPO) delegation to the UNPFII, and also the Pacific Caucus. NACCHO representatives contribute significant expertise relevant to Indigenous health and social justice through the development and delivery of written and verbal reports; contributions to written interventions; presentations at side events; and engagement with international agencies (such as UNICEF, UNDP, the UN interagency support group).

The special theme for 2014 was 'Principles of good governance consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: articles 3 to 6 and 46'. NACCHO was well placed to provide best practice exemplars on good governance pertaining to the community controlled sector, and our representatives provided written interventions and recommendations on good



Dr Ngiaire Brown

governance, as well as addressing standing items on the health and wellbeing of Indigenous children and youth.

Recommendations

1. That the UNPFII and our network of Indigenous agencies, institutions and experts work closely with the UN system to ensure the post-2015 development agenda is comprehensive, inclusive and relevant to Indigenous peoples – including indicators and measures for Indigenous populations in developed as well as less developed and developing countries;

2. That any data collection, sharing and/or linkage, whether intra or inter country, must respect principles of Indigenous data sovereignty pertaining to the ownership and custodianship of Indigenous collective information; and

i) that the UNPFII work with Indigenous peoples and UN agencies to explore and report on guidelines for Indigenous data collection, analysis, reporting and custodianship;

3. Acknowledging the ongoing health disparities for Indigenous Peoples, and recognising that Indigenous Peoples cannot be educated or employed, participate fully in the life of their communities or achieve their full potential if they are not healthy, we propose that:

i) the UNPFII (re) establish a sub-committee or working party to address the health of Indigenous Peoples and the Right to Health of Indigenous Peoples; and

ii) that the UNPFII and ECOSOC recommend to the General Assembly and World Health Assembly that the World Health Organisation (WHO) establish a distinct unit dedicated to the health of Indigenous Peoples; and

4. That the UNPFII support the proposal by WHO that the development of a universal health platform model/s be a priority issue for the post-2015 development agenda.

The Lowitja Institute continues to evolve and play a critical role in the health and well being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Mr Romlie Mokak has recently been appointed CEO of the Lowitja Institute. Romlie has extensive experience working at community, state and Commonwealth levels in a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy areas including disability, ageing, population health, financing and substance use. Romlie has been the CEO of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) for nine years. He will commence in the position on 21 July 2014.

The Lowitja Institute works closely with its stakeholder sectors—community, researchers and policy makers—and our relationship with the community controlled health sector is a vital linkage in our partnership strategy. We are fortunate at present to have NACCHO chair, Mr Justin Mohamed, and QAIHC CEO, Mr Selwyn Button as Board members. Recently, our constitution was amended so that the incumbent NACCHO Chair to have a permanent position on the Board.

In March 2014, the Lowitja Institute conducted two highly successful conferences: the 2nd National Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care conference and Congress Lowitja 2014. The week concluded with a comedy night called "Is Racism the New Black?" featuring local Melbourne identities Richard Frankland, Charlie Pickering, Libbi Gore and Meshel Laurie.

Also in March, the Institute launched two important reports. The Shape of Things to Come – Visions for the future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research summarises a national consultation designed to get ahead of the game and anticipate needs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health by 2030; the resounding comments from these consultations reflected the need for a better system of research. The National Appraisal of Continuous Quality Improvement Initiatives in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care provides a national appraisal of CQI initiatives in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care.



The Lowitja Institute is also conducting a project to encourage a conversation about constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, with a public statement of support from a health perspective by leading national health and medical organisations. The Lowitja Institute is working closely with the Recognise campaign on this project.

Finally, readers are reminded of Lit.search – an online search tool designed to provide easy access to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health literature on PubMed.

Please visit our website for more information and copies of reports:

www.lowitja.org.au



Safer future for all our children

INDIGENOUS communities are a key focus of a national public awareness campaign recently launched by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The Royal Commission is investigating how institutions like schools, churches, foster care, missions and government organisations have responded to allegations and instances of child sexual abuse.

In its first 16 months of operation, the Royal Commission has travelled to every state and territory including many regional areas, to hear from more than 1500 people in private sessions. The Royal Commission has received over 12,000 phone calls from the public, received more than 5000 emails and letters, and held 11 public hearings.

Around 7 per cent of people who've shared their story with the Royal Commission were identified as Indigenous, but there are many more people who are yet to make contact.

Staff from the Royal Commission have made regular visits to Aboriginal communities across the country to hold

private sessions, meet with service providers and community groups, and host information forums.

The Royal Commission has been working to build trusted relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and, in addition to all capital cities, will visit a number of regions including:

- Kimberley and Geraldton in Western Australia;
- Northern and central regions of the Northern Territory;
- Far North Queensland;
- Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait; and
- Central West region of NSW

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Roadshow tackles smokes

By GEOFFREY DU TOIT

THE Tackling Smoking & Healthy Lifestyle Roadshow (TS&HL) is the brainchild of Darren Ah See, CEO of Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health (WACHS). The Roadshow's main focus is to promote awareness of the harmful effects of smoking and to assist members of the local Aboriginal community to reduce or make a quit attempt.

The events were held within 12 communities across the Central West, Far West and New England areas of NSW. The Roadshow was developed and promoted by WACHS/Tackling Smoking & Healthy Lifestyles and hosted by Aboriginal Medical Services at the following locations:

- Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service;
- Orange Aboriginal Medical Service;
- Yoorana Gunya Medical Service, Forbes;
- Peak Hill Aboriginal Medical Service;
- Bourke Aboriginal Health Service;
- Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service;
- Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service;
- Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service;



Tackling Smoking & Healthy Lifestyles team members and supporters photographed at the Brewarrina Fish Traps in far western New South Wales.

- Pius X Aboriginal Corporation (Moree);
- Armajun Aboriginal Health Service (Inverell); and
- Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service.

The stakeholders and supporters who travelled and

presented at the Roadshows included: Medicare Local, AH&MRC, Quitline, Western NSW LHD, Mission Australia, Centacare, Cancer Council, Carers NSW, Aboriginal Employment Strategy, Uniting Care Burnside, TAFE, Western NSW Community Legal

Centre, Country Rugby League, Interrelate Group, Catholic Community Services (Dementia unit), WACHS Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program, WACHS Eye Health, Dubbo Aboriginal Community Working Party, WACHS Children's Therapy

Team, WACHS SWEB Team, Heart Foundation, and Richmond Family Care.

The roadshow was officially launched on April 22 at Wellington Civic Hall by Dr Tom Calma, national coordinator and chief ambassador. He was joined by sports ambassadors Timana Tahu, Anthony Mundine, James Buhrer, Jorge Taufua, Street Warriors, Luke Carroll, and other NRL players.

The Roadshow travelled to Orange, Forbes and Peak Hill in its first week with sports activities for the children and Aboriginal entertainers, then on to Bourke, Brewarrina, Walgett, Coonamble and Dubbo. In the third week the mob landed in Moree, then Inverell and closing at Tamworth.

The Roadshow proved a big success with stakeholders, supporters and the communities. Many expressed interest in being more involved in the next event, which will hopefully be in the coming financial year.

The Roadshow engages with communities, bringing people face to face with health professionals to produce a best-case scenario for each community member as well as referrals to the local Aboriginal Medical Service in each location.

Please direct all enquiries to Darren Ah see (CEO WACHS) Email: darrena@wachs.net.au

smoke-free

NACCHO Intensive Smoke Free Leadership workshop

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Who should register for this workshop?

The Intensive Smoke Free Leadership workshop is designed for Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service's, Chief Executive Officers and Board members who wish to further build their Leadership capacity in the area of Smoke Free policies.

Workshops

Workshops are for NACCHO member services and are free of charge; funded component for NACCHO member services includes accommodation (up to two nights depending on location of participating organisation), morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch will be provided by NACCHO.

About the workshop

Purpose The Intensive Smoke Free Leadership Workshop's purpose is to strengthen the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector's leadership in promoting smoke free environments among its Membership.

The workshop The workshop is designed to include a diverse range of activities to engage participants with leadership roles in the ACCH Sector to reflect on the importance of and your capacity for promoting smoke free environments in ACCHS. This includes reflecting on your existing experience in moving towards a smoke free work environment to date, assessing the degree of change you have achieved and honing your plans for making further progress.

There are six main types of activities:

Team-building: Pair, small group or large group activities to strengthen connections and collaborative effort both within and beyond the workshop.

Presentations with question and answer or discussion sessions: Speakers from within and beyond the ACCH Sector with relevant knowledge followed by questions and/or discussion among the participants.

Small and large group workshop sessions: Activities with a specific purpose to produce an outcome that forms the foundation of a subsequent activity within or after the workshop at an individual, organisational, small group or large group level.

Champions' stories: Personal stories shared by people with experience in becoming smoke-free at an individual and/or organisational level.

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A quality community

By NACCHO National Quality and Accreditation Officer TRISH JEAN

DURING last month and this, NACCHO's Affiliates have been bringing quality ACCHOs together to celebrate successes and progress their quality journey as individual services and as a collective sector.

The workshops have been funded by the Department of Health under the Establishing Quality Health Standards Continuation (EQHS-C) Budget measure.

On May 5 and 6, the first workshop was attended by services from Western Australia. Talking about accreditation processes, engaging your organisation, overcoming challenges, and strategies that make sense helped services focus on making connections and drawing on the strengths in the sector.

Participants gained practical insight into risk management, and shared progress on clinical governance as a feature of their quality service.

Jane Cooper, from the Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service (OVAHS), East Kimberley region, said: "I think the real value in the workshop was in finding out about the various resources and getting support from other services... the ACHWA conference was very valuable to our service in adding to our support sources."

Hip hop video

Jane says that following the workshop, OVAHS is applying risk management to a recent collaboration experience to create a hip hop video with their community (have a look, it's really great – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCVyWK4klY>).

That makes for highly applicable learning and outcomes from the workshop and, as a bonus, OVAHS have teamed with the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical



Graeme Fletcher, of VACCHO, presents on building a quality culture in ACCHOs.

Services Council to share risk management resources.

Virginia Healy, from South Australia's Nunkuwarrin Yunti, got a lot out of the ACCHO's Quality Forum in Melbourne on May 14 and 15. A collaborative venture between the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre and the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia, Ginny appreciated the presentations on clinical governance and risk management. "Having different perspectives and approaches from different presenters was helpful in continuing to develop a more rounded picture of application on the ground," she said.

Also on May 14 and 15, AMSANT held their Quality and Accreditation workshop in Darwin.

Change management concepts were the topic for day

one, as engaging in accreditation and CQI entails ongoing change. Key messages included that people respond differently to change, communication is crucial, and you need to understand workplace cultures and history and the effect on change implementation.

Day two was facilitated by the wonderful Eileen Deemal-Hall, a former Queensland Aboriginal Health Worker. Topics included Information Management, RACGP computer security updates, Work, Health and Safety and an overview of the one21seventy clinical CQI program, which has been running in the NT for the last five years.

Positive feedback

Feedback from participants was positive.

In addition to the networking and sharing of ideas, the workshops are also an avenue for resource sharing and allow us to grow the ACCHOs quality community. We run our services in a sector rich with commitment, knowledge, preparedness to have a go and to continuously improve.

This has certainly been the experience of the National Aboriginal Accreditation Officers Network. Made up of the accreditation officers in each Affiliate, the Network is listening to what ACCHOs say they need and tapping into what quality ACCHOs can share in order to bring the sector greater access to resources and grow the profile of quality.

Celebrating quality ACCHOs is also a prominent theme across the country this year, and VACCHO have been using social media to spread the word. The Twitter hash tag #QualityACCHOs was flying around cyberspace during the Melbourne workshop and effectively harnessing the interest and support of sector colleagues and stakeholders.

I congratulate the Affiliates on the success of their workshops and acknowledge the hard work that they have put in to provide the sector with ongoing opportunities to get on board and come together as a quality community.

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In our role, we are committed to effectively engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers so that we may better represent them by raising awareness of the needs and issues they face, ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers have the same rights, choices and opportunities as other Australians.

A total of 12.4% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population are carers. However, it is known to be an under-reported statistic amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples due to a lack of carer self-identification and cultural beliefs. Presently, 10.5% of the non-Indigenous Australian population identify with a caring role.

In 2012, Carers Australia launched its inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) as part of its 20th anniversary celebrations. In the RAP, the organisation committed to a range of initiatives that seek to actively demonstrate respect, recognition and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their cultures and communities.

One of those initiatives was the formation

of an Expert Reference Group, whose members will meet to advise Carers Australia on how best to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities, enabling effective and sustainable engagement.

Carers Australia runs a range of nationwide programs for all carers, including:

- the Carer Advisory Service;
- the National Carer Counselling Program; and
- Mental Health Carer Counselling.

These programs offer support to carers who find they need help in performing or sustaining their caring role. The Carer Advisory Service is able to put carers directly in touch with localised supports and services.

Carers Australia also coordinates the registration service for the Better Start for Children with Disability Initiative – an early intervention program which provides funding for children who have a an eligible diagnosis.

Eligible children can access up to \$12,000, at a maximum of \$6000 per year, to pay for early intervention services, including physiotherapy, psychology and speech pathology, in addition to government services

For more information on the supports available to carers, contact your local Carers Association via the free phone number 1800 242 636, or visit the website at www.carersaustralia.com.au

Partnership in Central Australia

NORTHERN Territory General Practice Education (NTGPE) will begin a partnership with Central Australia Remote Health Development Services (CARHDS) in an effort to sustain communities by training Aboriginal Health Workers (AHW) and Aboriginal Health Practitioners (AHP).

NTGPE has been providing quality general practice training and actively collaborating in general medical and cultural education across the NT since being established in 2002.

CARHDS is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO 70018) based in Central Australia that has been developing the capacity of Aboriginal people and health professionals in NT remote communities since 1997.

At a launch in Alice Springs on April 29, the Boards of both organisations met and formally signed off their MOU. Working together will help develop and grow the number of Aboriginal Health Workers and Practitioners improving their status and significance. The partnership will continue to ensure the services provided are appropriate to the community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to receive health care that is respectful to their cultural protocols and values.



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Ambassadors back HPV shots

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AWARD-WINNING country music singer Troy Cassar-Daley and *Yamba's Playtime* host Jacinta Price are lending their support to the Australian Government's National Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Programme.

Both parents of teenage children, Queensland-based Troy and Alice Springs-based Jacinta are promoting the free HPV vaccinations being rolled out in schools across Australia.

HPV is a common virus that affects men and women. It can cause the development of HPV-related cancers and disease in males and females. The HPV vaccine can help protect young people from developing these cancers and disease.

"My grandmother had a saying that if you didn't have your health, you don't



Troy Cassar-Daley



Jacinta Price

have much at all," Troy said. "If we can prevent cancers and disease, we should take the medicine. We should use medicine as an advantage. We have a chance to make sure our kids are covered."

Young people aged

between 12 and 13 are eligible to take part in the national, free school-based vaccination program. There is also a catch-up program for young males aged 14-15 until the end of 2014. Three doses of the HPV vaccine are required for full

protection against HPV-related cancers and disease.

For Jacinta Price, her sons, aged 13 and 15, were always going to be participating in the vaccination program.

"We sat down and

discussed it as a family and I filled in the consent forms," she said.

"It's important for young Indigenous people to get the full three doses of the vaccine for the best protection against HPV-related

cancers and disease."

If young Indigenous people have missed the first dose of the HPV vaccination, they can still catch up, and parents are advised to talk to the school, their GP or health clinic.

Continued funding is good, but...

By JUSTIN MOHAMMED

THE National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has welcomed continued funding for the 150 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services around Australia detailed in the 2014 Budget.

The Aboriginal population is growing and demand for services is increasing at more than 6% a year.

The 2014 Budget funding means we can continue to provide high quality, culturally appropriate health care to our people for another year.

However, we also need long-term planning and budget resources to build on recent health gains and create lasting improvements to the health of Aboriginal people.

There is great risk that the introduction of a \$7 co-payment for doctor's visits will create new barriers to healthcare for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, including additional red tape for Community Controlled Health Organisations.

Most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians are low income earners and suffer the highest level of chronic disease, requiring regular GP visits. State and territories have also been given the

green light to charge for hospital emergency visits, creating a dangerous situation where people may not present for serious medical treatment for fear of the cost.

We will get the most benefit from policy that encourages Aboriginal people to seek medical attention and seek it early, not make it even harder for them to get the care they need.

It is also vital that the Federal Government guarantees that the \$80-90 million cut across Aboriginal Health does not affect on-ground services and Aboriginal health outcomes. Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations have a proven track record in providing a range of quality employment and education opportunities for Aboriginal people and boosting local economies.

Given cuts to Aboriginal health and employment budgets they are even more valuable – providing employment and training opportunities to our people which in turn boost local economies and tackle some of the huge barriers to Aboriginal people achieving economic independence and quality of life.

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Governor-General visits Apunipima

By JULIANA DOUPE



At the Apunipima meeting, from left, Business Strategy Advisor Health Reform Paula Arrol, CEO Cleveland Fagan, Executive Manager: Primary Health Paul Stephenson and His Excellency the Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove.

THE Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove and Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove visited Apunipima Cape York Health Council and Mossman Gorge Primary Health Care Centre last month.

Their Excellencies spent an hour at Apunipima, meeting senior staff and hearing about the ground-breaking work Apunipima is doing in Cape York including the award-winning Pepi-pod program, the Baby One Program (a comprehensive home visiting program for mums – from pregnancy until their baby is 1000 days old) and the story-badging project which helps identify healthy food choices in remote stores.

Their Excellencies visited Mossman Gorge Primary Health Care Centre and met with Centre Manager Sharyll Ellington, Health Action Team Chair Donna Henning and Acting BBN (Mossman Gorge governing body) Chair Matthew Gibson. They toured the Centre before having a look at the community and attending a luncheon at the Gateway Visitors Centre.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council CEO Cleveland Fagan said the Governor-General expressed a high level of interest and enthusiasm for Apunipima's work.

"Their Excellencies were highly interested in the way Apunipima is making a difference to health outcomes on Cape York," he said.

"Hearing from staff on the ground and seeing Mossman Gorge Primary Health Care Centre gave him and Lady Cosgrove hands-on experience of community controlled primary health care in action."

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Spotlight on cancer

By KERRI LUCAS

ABORIGINAL health professionals and community members from around NSW came together in Sydney during March to talk about cancer and the changes needed to reduce the excessive impact that it has on Aboriginal communities.

With the cancer mortality rate for Aboriginal people 1.5 times higher than the general population, on average more than one Indigenous person in Australia dies from cancer every day.

The 2014 NSW Statewide Aboriginal Cancer Forum was developed in partnership by the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC), Cancer Council NSW, Cancer Institute NSW and an Aboriginal Advisory Committee. It brought together 36 Aboriginal health professionals, community members and service providers who have a passion for cancer and are working on cancer initiatives in their communities. Participants included representatives from ACCHS, Medicare Locals, Local Health Districts, cancer services, and community members.

There was a huge response and excitement about attending the Forum, which showcased many innovative projects happening at local levels across the state to improve awareness and support for Aboriginal people. These include cancer support groups, site exchange programs, community resources, and palliative care programs, led in many instances by community members who see a gap and need in their own community.

The Forum provided a valuable

opportunity for people to support and learn from each other, and to share ideas and success stories. It was clear throughout the discussion that more and more communities around NSW are identifying cancer as a priority health issue, and are actively developing programs and resources to address barriers for Aboriginal clients. A strong theme emerged from the discussion that there is an increasing need for more networking opportunities around cancer – for better communication and organisations across the state to help workers and services act more collaboratively.

Strong theme

Another strong theme was that to see real changes in cancer outcomes, Aboriginal health services and mainstream services need to work together to develop pathways for Aboriginal people with cancer. Several guest presenters shared stories of effective partnership development, mutual mentoring, and skills exchange programs. We heard that although change is slow, a number of interagency regional networks are starting to form at regional levels, with a goal to work on joint strategies to see positive changes to cancer experiences and outcomes.

AH&MRC and Cancer Council NSW are committed to providing ongoing support to these interagency regional networks. The current work of the AH&MRC Cancer Team is focused on organising community cancer awareness workshops across NSW.

For further information on the Forum, contact AH&MRC Cancer Care coordinator Catherine Wood at Cwood@ahmrc.org.au or phone (02) 9212 4777.



Dentists on the move!

AS a Primary Health Care service in the Marthakal Homelands region (East Arnhem Land, NT), Marthakal Homelands Health Service uses a mobile delivery model for providing primary health care and to improve hearing, eye and oral health for clients who live in very remote communities.

Based on Elcho Island, the Marthakal Health team make

regular visits to the near and far homelands on Elcho Island and mainland Australia.

Organising service delivery is always a challenge involving complex coordination of people, transport (by light aircraft, and four-wheel-drive vehicles) and equipment.

A lack of household communication technology in the communities means a heavy reliance on community phones and word of mouth. Thankfully, close

relationships amongst the Yolngu communities ensures news travels fast!

Recently, Marthakal received a boost with a Commonwealth-funded project to build a mobile dental clinic, on a four-wheel-drive truck. The vehicle, based in Galiwin'ku, will visit the remote homelands as weather, tides and season permit.

Fully kitted with a dentist chair, x-ray equipment, lights and the latest dental equipment, the mobile dental clinic becomes fully operational today, and will be used to see homeland clients who are in town, and for visits to the communities.

Providing mobile health services in the remote homelands is made easier when improvements are supported by funders who understand the challenges faced by communities in accessing health care, and for the health professionals who are working alongside their clients to do so.



One the road to better teeth: The Marthakal Homelands Health Service mobile dental clinic.



The mobile dental clinic's first client, Djilirri Garrawirtja (Senior Aboriginal Health Worker with Marthakal Health) who is pictured with colleagues, from left, Michelle Heke (Registered Nurse), Linda Feniger (Dentist) and Graham James (Aboriginal Health Worker). Pictured at right is the Marthakal Homelands Health Service logo.



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WML well placed for transition

By ANNA BARNES

SIGNIFICANT changes to primary health services and organising bodies will result from the Federal Budget. These include replacing the existing bodies, Medicare Locals, with new bodies called Primary Health Networks, though an open tender process later this year.

The Western NSW Medicare Local (WML) welcomes the recognition of the importance of investment in Primary Care Organisations, who are tasked with keeping people well and out of hospital.

In relation to these new announcements and changes, WML believes it is in a good position to make this transition to becoming a Primary Health Network by July 1, 2015.

Currently WML is the biggest organisation in Western NSW responsible for primary health care needs for our local communities.

WML delivers a range of services essential to our community in Mental Health, Allied Health, Aboriginal Health, Chronic Disease and Care Coordination. The services are open access and often targeted at



Good position for change: Western NSW Medicare Local workers, from left, Steve Wilson, Kate Foran, Jackie Caton, Maree Atkinson and Andrew Townsend.

vulnerable populations.

In the last nine months, WML has delivered through its programs more than 55,000 occasions of service.

The WML will be building on its relationships with communities, general practice, expertise in change management and, importantly, a very strong

relationship with the Western NSW Local Health District, to take part in the establishment of the new entities.

Our primary responsibility in



the next year is to maintain the continuity of service provision to the communities and health providers of our region.

The Government has also reaffirmed its support for the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR) system with \$140.60 million for 12 months. The WML eHealth team will continue to support and work with health professionals and communities across the region.

The Government is also committing additional funding to expand the successful headspace networks, with new headspace sites to open in the coming years.

Before the Budget announcements, the Medicare Local Review was published by Professor John Horvath and a number of recommendations from that review have been delivered through the Budget. WML anticipated a number of these changes and is ready to fulfil the objectives recommended.



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Scholarship for Wayne

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Each year since 1995, the AMA has offered at least one scholarship to eligible Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students who have entered an Australian university to study medicine.

At the AMA National Conference held in Canberra on May 23-25, outgoing AMA President, Dr Steve Hambleton awarded Wayne Ah-Sam the AMA Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship, valued at \$9000 for each year of study.

Dr Hambleton said the Scholarship was designed to encourage and support Indigenous students who are preparing for careers in medicine, particularly those intending to work in Indigenous communities.

"The AMA understand and supports the unique contribution Indigenous health professionals and Aboriginal-controlled health services can make to close the gap and improve the health of

Indigenous people," Dr Hambleton said.

For almost 20 years Mr Ah-Sam, a proud Kalkadoon/Gungahdji man and father of four, did what he could as an Aboriginal health worker to improve health and relieve suffering in far-flung communities across Australia's Top End.

But two years ago Mr Ah-Sam realised a new approach was needed:

"I had seen a lot of health issues and inequality which have greatly impacted on our people's health," he said.

"Do more"

"I felt that, as a health worker, I was only scratching the surface of a deep-rooted problem. I felt that I could do more to help my people's plight, which forced me to make a decision – stay a health worker, or maybe study medicine."

Now in his second year of a Bachelor of Medicine degree at the University of Newcastle, Mr Ah-Sam believes that, as a doctor, he will be able to achieve much more to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

Mr Ah-Sam said he intended to "return home" once he finished his degree.

The AMA recognise that a range of skills and qualities contribute to someone becoming successful as a doctor and academic ability is one of them. The AMA also realises that cultural understanding and commitment to one's community are also very significant factors in providing best-practice health and medical care to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders.

A number of past winners have gone on to become prominent leaders in health and medicine after completing their medical degrees, including Professor Kelvin Kong, Australia's first Aboriginal surgeon, and Professor Alex Brown, Senior Research Fellow at the Baker IDI in Central Australia. Others also have taken up worthwhile careers in medical practice.

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Wayne Ah-Sam receives his scholarship from outgoing AMA President Dr Steve Hambleton.



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Unit provides support

THE SEWB Workforce Support Unit at the AH&MRC provides services for the NSW SEWB workforce. This includes Bringing them Home workers, Link Up staff, mental health / SEWB workers and substance use workers.

Guided by an Aboriginal Clinical Governance Advisory Committee, the WSU at the AH&MRC combines State and Commonwealth funding to provide comprehensive support to the SEWB and AOD workforce across NSW, with a focus on training and professional development. There are around 200 workers, and over 80% of the workforce is Aboriginal.

Services offered include: facilitating access to training to achieve mandatory minimum qualifications; organising and delivering professional development workshops; supporting local, regional and State networks and forums; developing resources to assist workers access and get the most from supervision and



The happy group at the NSW Aboriginal Mental Health and Wellbeing Forum, held in Coffs Harbour on March 4.

mentoring (including cultural, clinical and peer); and sending a monthly e-newsletter to the workforce

The WSU works closely with the Aboriginal Health College to facilitate and deliver training. This involves asking workers to complete an annual Training Needs Analysis, which informs the development of a training plan. The Aboriginal Health College offers a range of VET courses, including the mandatory minimum Cert IV qualifications, and the WSU offers short, specific professional development workshops, such as

Narrative Therapy, Peer Supervision, Marumali and IRIS.

Many workers and managers have expressed confusion over the role of SEWB workers, so the WSU has developed an orientation package to assist the workforce and their employers to better understand their roles and responsibilities. The package includes a Resource for Workers, Notes for Managers and Supervisors and a USB with electronic copies and a powerpoint presentation. WSU staff can deliver the

package at their service.

Local and regional forums are critical in the development of support networks, facilitating effective case management and referral pathways, and sharing best practice.

Unique network

The Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Network has been established for over 10 years and is a unique network uniting Aboriginal AOD workers from ACCHS, LHDs and non-Government agencies. The ADAN Leadership Group meets quarterly, as does

NARHDAN, the newly established NSW Aboriginal Residential Rehabilitation Healing Drug and Alcohol Network. In addition, Forums are being established in the Central West, Riverina, Central Tablelands, North Coast and Sydney Metro regions.

The WSU also organises annually a State SEWB Forum (in partnership with NSW Ministry of Health), the ADAN Symposium and a Bringing Them Home / Stolen Generations Forum.

To promote mutual learning and understanding across cultural and clinical

work between services, the WSU has developed a SEWB Site Exchange program, and funds travel and accommodation costs for workers to spend two days at another service.

Priority work for the WSU in 2014 is to support and facilitate access to supervision. Supervision is a critically important part of a SEWB workers role and can assist in the retention and professional development of workers, helping them cope with challenging and stressful work.

The WSU is currently working to develop a range of resources that will be available by the end of June:

- Clinical Supervision Strategy and Guidelines
- Pool of culturally endorsed supervisors
- A supervision diary
- A supervision DVD aimed at Managers and CEOs

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Markeeta Douglas, who was named the 2013 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year, studied with OTEN.

"The Certificate IV in Audiometric Assessment provided me with the skills, education and confidence to further my career."

Markeeta was able to complete her course with OTEN whilst working as an Aboriginal hearing health worker.

"I have worked on and off at Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Cooperative for a number of years. It has played a huge role in the person I am today. Working with and for your own people is amazing, being called the 'Ear Aunty' is the next best thing to being called 'Mum'."



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NACCHO Profile – Mark Saunders

In our first NACCHO Profile, we talk to Mark Saunders, the Aboriginal Male Health & Research Excellence in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health (REACCH) Project Officer.

Passions/Interests?

Fishing and NRL (I back the the North Queensland Cowboys and Queensland).

How long have you been working at NACCHO?

I started work with NACCHO a week or so before Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's Apology to the Stolen Generation, in February 2008.

How did you first get involved with NACCHO?

In 2006 I was working at LaTrobe University in Aboriginal Social Research in Sexual Health when I first became involved with NACCHO after being invited to co-chair the NACCHO Forum on Sexual Health, Blood Borne Viruses and HIV which was held in Perth. I then moved from Melbourne to Canberra in early 2008 to start work at NACCHO to develop further NACCHO's sexual health program.

What does your role with NACCHO involve?

My role currently involves supporting the REACCH program as well as to continue to further develop NACCHO's important work in Aboriginal male health. Since 2009 I have been heavily involved in organising and facilitating male-only

sessions at the NACCHO AGM/Members Meeting. These sessions give us fellas the opportunity to get together to collectively yarn about and address Aboriginal Male Health issues that are relevant to NACCHO's member organisations – the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. Upon reflection, there has been some important work that has been written up that can be related directly back to information gathered at these sessions.

Having worked in Aboriginal Health for a while, what changes would you like to see that benefit Aboriginal people?

As anyone who knows me would have heard me talk about the need to improve the health of Aboriginal Males around the country, this question is a no-brainer! I would like to see the State, Territory and Federal governments pick up on NACCHO's Position Paper on Aboriginal Male Health (2010). In addition to that document, there is also the recently developed NACCHO Aboriginal Male Healthy Futures Blueprint 2013-2030, which has been written specifically for the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector. If elements of both these documents were addressed and appropriately funded, we would see a vast improvement in Male Health outcomes. One item in particular that you will find in the Blueprint I believe needs addressing is the need for more evidence-based research in Aboriginal male health. Such research both qualitative and

quantitative that employs the proper methodology would provide the community controlled health sector with the evidence that we currently know to be anecdotal. This therefore would not only lead to further improvements in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males accessing medical services across Australia, but also in the way that services are delivered.

What's your favourite part about working for NACCHO?

My role gives me the opportunity to meet like-minded people from right around the country who, like me, are also passionate about improving health outcomes for Aboriginal people. My work here at NACCHO also allows me to visit Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. This is very rewarding as it is great to see that the work we do at NACCHO has a direct/indirect approach to the ground level delivery of the work done at these services.

Anything else?

Yes, three things.

One, please support the NACCHO Ochre Day.

Two, I'd encourage people not familiar with NACCHO to visit our website (www.naccho.org.au) and look at the important work we do that contributes to improving Aboriginal health outcomes.

Three, I invite anyone visiting Canberra to pop into NACCHO for a cuppa and a yarn as our doors are always open.



NACCHO Aboriginal Male Health & Research Excellence in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health (REACCH) Project Officer Mark Saunders.



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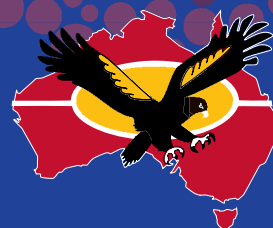
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School Health Partnership working on Martu country

ARE partnerships a solution to the difficult problem of how to develop productive working relationships with Aboriginal communities?

The School Health Partnership set up by Martu people in the Wiluna area, after one year of operation, is already demonstrating that a better quality of service can be

achieved, as well as reductions in duplication between services, and greater efficiency.

The partnership is between the Wiluna Remote Community School Council (about 50% of the Councillors are Aboriginal) and the Ngangganawili Health Service Board (NAHS), consisting mainly of Aboriginal

people drawn from all the families in the area.

The list of early wins achieved in 12 months make it easy to classify as a Partnership that Works.

Here is a list of ten things that were done in Wiluna that the authors (see below) believe are enabling this cross-cultural partnership to make a difference for Aboriginal people:

- Community-initiated – the community makes decisions about the idea of forming a partnership. This may mean finding common ground between families, and negotiating with other stakeholders.

- Purpose – the community needs to be clear about the purpose of the partnership from its point of view. The purpose for prospective partners may be different, and that needs to be negotiated with them.

- Two-way – before attempting to negotiate the purpose (or anything else) the prospective partners need to engage in a two-way dialogue to understand each other's beliefs and values, decision-making processes, and any other cultural information that may be relevant.

- Negotiate the 'culture' of the partnership. All human groups function by defining 'the way we do things around here' – that is the 'culture' of that group. A partnership is a type of group. People will stay with the partnership and work towards its goals if its culture embraces their beliefs and aspirations. If not, there will be conflict, and they will walk away. In

cross-cultural partnerships, it is a mistake to assume things will be done the way white, educated middle-class city dwellers want, or according to the organisational culture of a hierarchical government bureaucracy. Local people have a culture, and they have a right for it to be treated with respect.

- Negotiate a mutually acceptable decision-making process. An important issue is whether one side of the partnership will have more power than

the other, or whether power will be shared equally.

- Develop a common language that everybody understands, regardless of whose language the words or ideas are taken from.

- Use a 'learning by doing' approach for all participants to better understand concepts drawn from different cultures.

- Negotiate the common processes that will be used by the participants in the partnership.

- Negotiate common goals, where a goal is a 'what, by when'. Different cultures have different meanings for the word 'goal'.

- Work out exit strategies, a conflict-resolution process, a support structure, and a process for the partnership to communicate with all stakeholders.

“The School Health Partnership set up by Martu people in the Wiluna area, after one year of operation, is already demonstrating that a better quality of service can be achieved, as well as reductions in duplication between services, and greater efficiency.”

The authors are Nick Norris and Dr Dave Goddard, intercultural facilitators for the Wiluna School Health Partnership. The authors acknowledge the privilege of working with Martu people on their land, and the practical advantages of combining Western and Aboriginal knowledge and wisdom.

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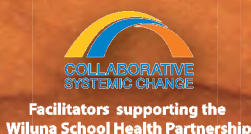
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DVD gives insight into workers' role

THE South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation has released a DVD to educate new Alcohol and Other Drug Workers (AODWs) about their role, providing an insight into the level of support required when working with Aboriginal clients who are dealing with substance use.

Featured on the DVD are two films which provide new workers with knowledge and awareness about the types of practices that should be considered when working

with clients and community. The film also provides opportunity to hear advice from experienced AODWs.

The two films have been created to help new AODWs understand their role. The films feature important pointers on how to work with clients and ways to provide the best quality of care to the community. They also provide a key focus on self-care to help new workers start off on the right foot.

"Alcohol and other drugs directly affect our communities, families and



Alcohol and Other Drug Workers have a vital role.

individuals. Working with clients is rewarding but can be challenging for a new worker," South Coast

Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation CEO Craig Ardler said.

"We hope that these films

will provide support to our workforce and assist in getting better results for communities."

The film follows the journey of a client from his first approach to an AOD worker through to his experience at a detoxification facility and Oolong House, an Aboriginal rehabilitation service. It shows AODWs, clients and communities what can happen when a client is helped to get healthy and stay off alcohol and other drugs.

The South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation held the DVD launch on May 1 at the Nowra University of Wollongong campus. The films are now available and can be downloaded from the website at www.southcoastams.org.au or purchased by contacting the Greater Southern NSW and ACT, SEWB Workforce Support Unit on (02) 4448 0200.

For more information, call Carol Thomas on 0466 882 675.

Fighting fit after cataract surgery

IT takes a lot to keep a good man down, particularly if the man in question is used to leading a busy, productive life. But it happened to Alexander Dennis who was still in his 40s when his sight began to fail.

The singer, guitarist and former Australian boxing champion was eventually diagnosed with blinding cataracts.

"I couldn't drive. I couldn't cook which is terrible 'cos I like cooking and, well, everything general in life – it changed my life, very hard."

The resident of Walgett, in north-western NSW, found his world severely constrained. He became dependent on his wife and sons to get around each day and had to hang up his gloves and stop performing on stage.

"When I lost my bit of sight it affected my boxing training with me mates and me friends and it affected my music. I couldn't focus or set up anything," he said.

"I've played in the Survival concerts three or four times and really enjoyed it. I went to Brisbane and Melbourne and Dubbo, Moree, Bourke, Brewarrina and way out near Lightning Ridge."

In late February, the now 53-year-old was among 30 patients to receive cataract surgery at Bourke District Hospital. The operations were carried out by the Outback Eye Service (OES) with the support of The Fred Hollows Foundation and the Federal and NSW governments.

"In the city you have specialists around the corner, but here it's hundreds of kilometres from the nearest specialist," said OES ophthalmologist Dr Gavin Stringfellow.

"The Aboriginal community has a high rate of cataract – 12 times the rest of the country. To have surgery normally involves a trip to the city, so it's great to

be able to bring the surgery here."

The full surgery list included residents from Walgett (seven), Brewarrina (eight), Lightning Ridge (three), Bourke (six) and one each in Cobar, Canbelego, Enngonia and Coonamble.

They were the final part of a pilot program to deliver cataract surgery to people in remote Indigenous communities in a bid to reduce delays. On average, Indigenous patients wait 130 days for cataract surgery compared with 90 days for other Australians.

With his second cataract removed, Mr Dennis has recovered his depth of perception which allows him to drive, judge distances, walk comfortably and do something as simple as pouring a cup of tea.

"So relieved"

"I can see my beautiful wife again. I can see the green grass. It's going to restore my independence," he said. "I'm so relieved."

Wife Daphne Dennis is just as thrilled.

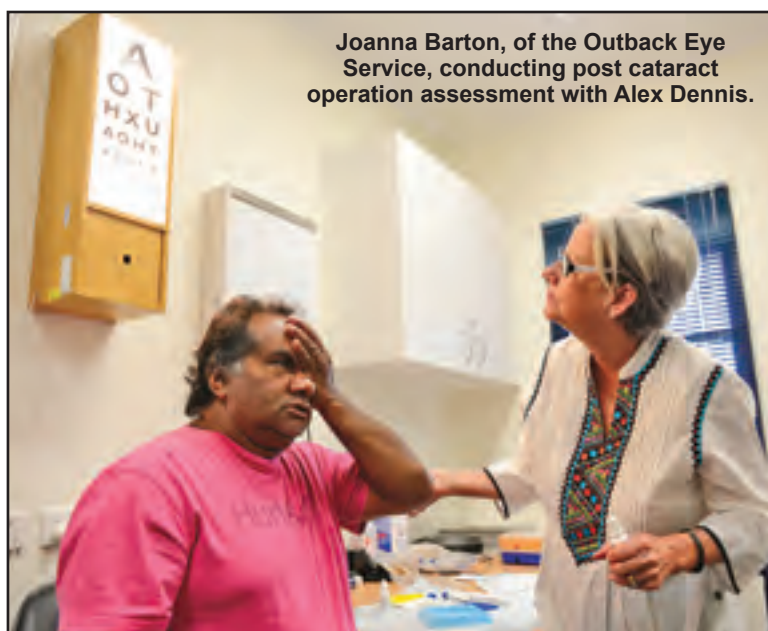
"When he was blind I had to do all the cooking, driving, taking him to the shops and filling out his forms – all the things you take for granted when you can see," she said.

"But since his sight has been restored he doesn't need to depend on me any more. He can take on responsibilities for himself. It's just unbelievable."

The day after he was released from hospital, Mr Dennis was at home enjoying sport on television and preparing to return to work.

"If you believe in small miracles or big miracles, Fred Hollows has done it for Indigenous and non-Indigenous all around the country," he said.

Professor Hollows is buried in the Bourke Cemetery – his grave surrounded by native trees.



Joanna Barton, of the Outback Eye Service, conducting post cataract operation assessment with Alex Dennis.



Alex Dennis and his wife Daphne. "It's just unbelievable," Mrs Dennis said of the success of her husband's cataract surgery.

Speak up to help your kids

If you're at your doctor's surgery waiting for your children to be seen, here's one very important way you can help your child: When you go in, ask "Can I get my children's ears checked?"

National hearing health guidelines say that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's ears should be checked every time they go to the health centre, even if no one is worried about them. This is because children can have ear infections without anyone knowing. It's so important that the guidelines also say that parents and carers should be encouraged to ask for ear checks.

Health staff can do two quick things: first, look in children's ears to check that their eardrums are normal colour and shape. Second, use a tympanometer to check for air behind their ear drums. It can be difficult to read ear drums, so tympanometers give really useful extra information to help health staff work out whether the child has glue ear. Many Health Workers know how to use a tympanometer.

Safe and secure

Looking in ears and doing tympanometry doesn't usually hurt, but children don't always like it. Holding them safe and secure while they have their ears looked in is how you can help. A good way is for your child to sit sideways on your lap with their head resting on your chest. One hand gently keeps their head still, while the other arm wraps around their body to steady any wriggling.

When children have ear problems they can't hear well. Good hearing means little babies can begin to talk and learn. As they get older, it means they can learn our languages and find out about our world.

Sometimes, it's hard to tell if children have good hearing. At other times people notice their kids are slow to get talking, or they say "What?" or "Huh?" all the time, or they are they tuning out at school. If so, tell the health staff and ask about a hearing check.

This is why you should always ask to get their ears checked.



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan

VISION

The Australian health system is free of racism and inequality and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have access to health services that are effective, high quality, appropriate and affordable. Together with strategies to address social inequalities and determinants of health, this provides the necessary platform to realise health equality by 2031

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AND A HUMAN RIGHTS
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a healthy, safe and
empowered life with a
healthy strong
connection to culture
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In 2008, Australian Governments committed to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on an incredibly important task – to achieve equality in health status and life expectancy between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous Australians by the year 2031.

The commitment – in the form of the Close the Gap Statement of Intent – creates the platform for this National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan, which has been developed in

partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their representatives.

This Health Plan provides a long-term, evidence-based policy framework as part of the overarching Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) approach to Closing the Gap in Indigenous disadvantage, which has been set out in the National Indigenous Reform Agreement (NIRA) signed in 2008.

The NIRA has established a framework of national

targets and policy building blocks. Two of the Closing the Gap targets, to halve the gap in child mortality by 2018 and close the life expectancy gap by 2031, go directly to health outcomes, while others address social determinants of health such as education and employment.

See the full report at http://www.naccho.org.au/download/aboriginal_health_plan-natsihp_consultation/NATSIHP%20Aboriginal%20Health%20Plan%202013.pdf

Yugambbeh celebration



THE Yugambbeh Museum held an event at Somerset College on the Gold Coast recently celebrating culture, music, food and community.

Yugambbeh Mobo – meaning Yugambbeh tomorrow – was designed to showcase the traditional owners of the south-east Queensland region.

The event included dancing, workshops, masterclasses, stalls, cultural activities, performances by didgeridoo expert William Barton with the Yugambbeh Reconciliation

Orchestra and the Yugambbeh Youth Choir, and plenty of bush tucker, including an Australian native gala dinner, with a bush tucker degustation menu.

Yugambbeh Mobo patron Jackie Huggins with Yugambbeh Mobo ambassador William Barton.



Gold Coast Aboriginal artist Narelle Urquhart facilitates an art workshop with Elanora girls Kimberly Dlugosz, left, and Stephanie Dlugosz.



Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts students who performed at the festival.



Yugambbeh Dancers at the welcome to Yugambbeh Mobo.



Laurie Naden, from Logan, at rear, with Jason Sandy, from Dreamworld Corroboree, at front left, and Charlie Fay, from the Bugalwena Men's Group.



Enjoying the day, back from left, Hezekiah Cora, Jakeem Thompson, Elijah Appo and Naomi Appo and, front from left, Kadesia Cora, Tia Thompson, Jahquon Cora and Ivanka Cora.



Twins Jaelyn and Lahni Biunaiwai, musicians with the Yugambbeh Reconciliation Orchestra.



At the festival, from left, Louise Pennant, Aunty Pat Levy, Jahron Pennant, Cocoum Wharton, Annie Woodcock and Magenta McNeill, all from the Gold Coast.



Jason Passfield, from Varsity Lakes, and Lance Duncan, from the Gold Coast, part of the Yugambbeh Mobo journey.

Bowls program rolled out in WA



A LUNCHTIME program aimed at getting Aboriginal people into playing bowls in Perth has been drawing interest. WA Sport and Recreation Minister Terry Waldron said the Aboriginal Bowls Program had started strongly and would be expanded to other locations across the city.

Mr Waldron said the first Aboriginal Bowls Program at the Hilton Bowling Club had been a great success with another this month at the Cockburn Bowling Club.

He said Aboriginal people had lower rates of participation in organised and other sport – something the WA Government was keen to address.

For more information, or to take part in the program, contact Denise McMillan from Bowls WA on 0449 619 841 or denise@bowlswa.com.au

Nominations open for Justice Awards



NOMINATIONS are being sought for the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW's annual Justice Awards.

The awards, designed to highlight the efforts of individuals and organisations who are improving access to justice for disadvantaged people, include the Aboriginal Justice Award – for outstanding commitment by an Aboriginal individual or group of individuals.

Nominations close at 5pm on June 30. They can be submitted online at www.lawfoundation.net.au/justice_awards.

Winners will be named on October 29 at Parliament House in Sydney.

Grants give boost to legal services



ABORIGINAL legal services in WA that have suffered from recent federal government cutbacks will benefit from a state funding boost.

The WA Government has allocated an additional \$2.3million over the next four years to Legal Aid WA.

Attorney General Michael Mischin said the recent federal Budget decision to cut \$1.49 million from Legal Aid WA would put further pressure on the organisation.

In other measures, the Mental Health Court Diversion pilot program will be extended for a further year in the Perth Magistrates Court and the Children's Court, with funding of \$800,000 to the Department of Attorney General for a magistrate and support staff and to Legal Aid for a duty lawyer.

New gongs for resources sector



THE contribution of Indigenous people and initiatives in the Queensland resources sector has been recognised in new awards presented by the state's peak resources sector body.

Queensland Resources Council CEO Michael Roche said the awards promoted and celebrated the achievements of individuals and company initiatives in Indigenous education, training, employment and business development.

The winners were:

- QGC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Training and Business Development Strategy for the Indigenous Initiative Award (for companies which have put in place strategies that enhance the attraction and retention of Indigenous employees within the resources sector);

- Colin Saltmere, managing director, The Myuma Group, for the Indigenous Champion Award (for Indigenous or other individuals who have demonstrated outstanding effort to encourage, promote and advocate for the attraction, selection, promotion and retention of Indigenous employees within the resources sector); and

- Raymond Ahmat, for the Indigenous Overall Award (recognising exceptional achievement by an Indigenous person working in the Queensland resources sector, in any occupation or profession).



Front: MC Pascoe Braun, Christine Doolan, Chrissy Evans and Kurna Elder Aunty Josie Agius. Rear: City of Playford Mayor Glenn Docherty, Aunty May Turner, Jared Thompson and SA Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Khatitja Thomas. Picture by Colleen Strangways, Nharla Photography

Garden plants healing seeds

By PASCOE BRAUN



CHRISTINE Doolan and Chrissy Evans saw their dream of the first South Australian Stolen Generations garden come to life on National Sorry Day, after six years of planning.

Both women had envisaged a healing garden and memorial where Stolen Generations survivors and their supporters could come to reflect and remember how government and church actions had such devastating impacts on so many Aboriginal families.

Ms Doolan, a leader on Stolen Generation issues in SA, was a key speaker at the fifth anniversary of the Apology, in 2013, when former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd listened to her impassioned plea for Stolen Generations people to be fully recognised and heard. She is the SA delegate for the National Stolen Generation Alliance.

Ms Evans is a Kokatha woman from Ceduna, on the west coast of SA. Her mother Nora was from the tiny railway town of Ooldea Soak.

"My mother and grandmother, Angelina, were taken to Ceduna after the Maralinga bombing tests," she said.

"Mother was placed in the Koonibba Children's Home and then a few years later she had me.

"I was snatched when I was one year old because the doctors at the Adelaide Children's Hospital had made up their mind that I was physically and mentally retarded, which was not true. It was just a case of say anything to separate us from our mothers."

Ms Evans said the garden would enable people to have a safe place to grieve.

"The healing garden is somewhere I can go other than behind closed doors, alone, to grieve the loss of family, culture, land and more," she said. "Somewhere I don't have to grieve alone, as I did as a child, where my foster family couldn't see my tears."

Taken

Ms Doolan's mother Sally was from Apatula community (Finke) in the Northern Territory and had five children taken away from her but she was the only one who was 'officially' adopted. She was supposed to go to her extended grandparents in Port Augusta, but the 'Welfare' had her mother in their sights and removed her shortly after her birth.

"My mother was the main inspiration for me for this garden," Ms Doolan said.

"She never had a voice to express her grief at losing her children. She didn't know what she was signing me over for as they never even explained it. They would've just bullied her into it."

She wants the garden to be a catalyst for change.

"I believe it's now up to the next generations, for them to take up the fight for compensation and recognition for what we have been through but we are still here and not going away, thanks in part to our Elders like Nanna Kayleen Brown Jackson and Aunty Dawn Trevorrow," she said.

Ms Doolan has retained a close bond with her non-Aboriginal adoptive family, the Jacques, many of whom were there to support her for the opening of stage one of the garden.

"It's about a peaceful place far from the madding crowds where one can sit and simply take in the quiet atmosphere either on the grassy knoll or among the many trees, and think about all the natural mothers and fathers who lost out," she said.

"Although the memorial is a testament to loss and grief it is ultimately about the victory of a generation of people who may have been stolen and displaced, but in the end are nothing but remarkable survivors.

"I am not a victim, I'm a survivor.

"This memorial is a statement to Stolen Generation survivors, that we have an inner strength and to never give up the fight. This garden is literally a reflection of us... strong and proud who despite all the setbacks have survived and will continue to grow."



Lorraine Saunders with her children Anne-Marie and Shaun. Picture by Colleen Strangways, Nharla Photography



At the Memorial Garden opening Aunty Dawn Trevorrow surrounded by Zane and Digger Weetra, with Sheree Rolfe and Brad Hart from Link-Up SA. Picture by Colleen Strangways, Nharla Photography



Keen to make a difference



AS Queensland's only recipient of the Lambert McBride Perpetual Education Bursary this year, CQUniversity

psychology student Abby Louis plans to make a difference for her people.

Ms Louis has been announced as the 2014 winner of the \$5000 Lambert McBride bursary, established by the Queensland Government to recognise the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Constitutional referendum.

The bursary, open to Indigenous students in their second or third year at any Queensland tertiary institution, is named in honour of the late Lambert McBride, an advocate and lobbyist for Queensland Indigenous rights.

"Through my studies I am developing a complex understanding of the issues which need to be overcome in order to remove the disparity

between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, from both individual and societal levels," CQUniversity Rockhampton campus-based Ms Louis says.

"Choosing to do several electives, in sociology and Indigenous issues, has helped me to gain a broader understanding, rather than the individual-focussed nature of psychology alone.

"Overcome obstacles"

"I firmly support the notion of Indigenous self-determination, and plan on basing my career in humanistic psychology around the concept of self-actualisation, helping people to overcome the obstacles that prevent them from reaching their full potential as individuals."

Ms Louis says she is completing a degree that will enable her to begin a professional career helping and inspiring others.

"Although it's hard at times, I'm so glad I took the leap from

full-time employment to student. The whole experience has been so rewarding," she said.

CQUniversity pro vice-chancellor (Indigenous engagement) Professor Bronwyn Fredericks says Ms Louis has shown a "tremendous commitment towards her study and her career goals and is a role model for others who are thinking about undertaking study".

After finishing a Certificate III in Community Services and completing university preparation courses, Ms Louis made the decision to undertake a Bachelor of Psychology.

She is also a mother of young children, works part-time as a support worker at Gumbi Gumbi Alcohol Rehabilitation Service, Rockhampton, and is completing a cadetship with the ABC.

"There's no doubt Abby is a hard-working and dedicated student and well and truly worthy of the bursary," Prof Fredericks said.

CQUniversity psychology student Abby Louis: "Although it's hard at times, I'm so glad I took the leap from full-time employment to student. The whole experience has been so rewarding."

New look at science



A NEW project developed by Edith Cowan University (ECU) aims to encourage Indigenous students in Western Australian high schools to study science at a tertiary level.

Old Ways New Ways brings together Western and Indigenous knowledge perspectives to science. It has been developed by Dr Magdalena Wajrak from the School of Natural Sciences and ECU cultural awareness officer Jason Barrow.

Dr Wajrak designed the workshops to encourage Indigenous students to explore science, in particular chemistry, through a range of hands-on activities which show students how chemistry is used in the forensics area.

Students are trained up to be demonstrators and provide technical and theoretical expertise when running these activities with younger students.

Dr Wajrak's workshops are complemented by Mr Barrow's workshops on traditional Aboriginal tool-making, giving the students the opportunity to learn ancient techniques for bushland survival.

Mr Barrow said the program was focussed on finding ways to inspire Indigenous Australian young people to reach their potential and improve their educational outcomes.

"Dr Wajrak teaches the students about contemporary science points of view and investigation.

"My part is to showcase traditional aspects of science from our Elders, reinforcing that you don't have to give up those old ways of working. You can take those same principles and use them in a contemporary fashion," he said.

"We are hoping to motivate those students to choose to study science at high school, and hopefully and importantly



Students learn Old Ways New Ways science at a Karratha Workshop.

through into tertiary education as well."

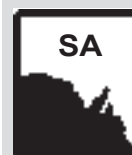
Mr Barrow said some students found science boring, unattainable and didn't make sense of it.

"Perhaps they are turned off by thinking they have to give up the old ways, but we

aim to show them that Indigenous people have been scientists for thousands of years," he said.

"It's about changing the science language and engaging with these students in a way that makes sense."

Boost to pharmacy training



TWELVE Indigenous jobseekers will get employment opportunities through a new pharmacy training project in South Australia.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said Trainway Pty Ltd would receive \$182,480 for the project through the Australian Government's Indigenous Employment Program (IEP).

He said Trainway Pty Ltd would place 12 Indigenous jobseekers into employment in pharmacies allied with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia as dispensary assistants.

"Pre-employment training has been developed in partnership with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and Service Skills SA," Senator Scullion said.

"The training will provide these job seekers with the skills and knowledge to assist in the selection, processing and labeling of prescription medicines.

"Employment is guaranteed through a number of pharmacies within the Adelaide metropolitan region.

"Fourteen Indigenous jobseekers have commenced the pre-employment component of the project, of whom 12 will enter into a 52-week pharmaceutical traineeship.

"In addition to providing employment opportunities for Indigenous people, this project will foster a stronger relationship between pharmacies and Aboriginal Health Services to facilitate more effective interaction within Aboriginal communities."

Students secure ACU scholarships



Ruby Warber



ABORIGINAL students are among more than 30 to receive scholarships to the Australian Catholic University (ACU) Sydney's North Sydney and Strathfield campuses.

Among them is Kristy Hay, from Taree in NSW, who is in her third year of an Associate Degree in Indigenous Education/Bachelor of Education (Primary) (Indigenous Education). The 35-year-old received the St Vincent de Paul Broken Bay Central Council Indigenous Scholarship.

Ms Hay says she wants to improve the education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Ruby Warber, 25, from Collie in Western Australia, won the Wexford Senate Bursary scholarship for her Masters of Psychology (Clinical).

She hopes to work with Aboriginal health services and start a social and emotional wellbeing support group for young women.

Ms Warber also wants to help educate non-Indigenous healthcare workers about culturally appropriate care.

Another scholarship recipient was Linda Eggert, of Bushland Beach in Queensland, who's in the second year of a Bachelor of Midwifery (Indigenous) degree.

From the Boorabarongal clan of

the Darug people and the Bundalong group, she is studying as part of ACU's Away From Base residential program.

"I am an older Indigenous woman who has returned to study after 35 years in the workforce," Ms Eggert said. "I never had a clear idea of what I wanted to do or be in life until a couple of years ago. I am determined to complete my midwifery degree, despite my home challenges."

"I love the flexibility of being able to arrange my studies to co-exist with my family responsibilities, which can be huge given that I have two boys with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) still at home."



Linda Eggert



Shaun Henderson with oyster beds in South Australia: "I'm very keen to continue working in the aquaculture industry here, and to develop the huge potential of our state's waters."

For Shaun, the oyster's very much his world



IF you're enjoying a quality South Australian oyster a few years from now, you might want to spare a thought for Shaun Henderson.

The young Aboriginal aquaculture honours student at Flinders University in SA is something of an expert when it comes to the clean waters essential for growing the tasty molluscs.

His skill and commitment have been recognised with his selection for the inaugural SARDI Science Bursary for Aboriginal Students at Flinders University.

The bursary will support research into water quality in Pacific oyster growing areas on SA's Eyre and Yorke peninsulas.

Mr Henderson's honours year research project, titled 'Size and growth-rate dependent heavy metal accumulation in Pacific oysters, *Crassostrea gigas*', involves testing

for zinc, copper and cadmium in the environment and oysters – with both laboratory and hands-on sampling in the field.

"The project aims to increase knowledge of micro-nutrients in SA waters and also help improve Pacific oyster growing methods," the 22-year-old University of Adelaide marine biology graduate.

"Huge potential"

"I'm very keen to continue working in the aquaculture industry here, and to develop the huge potential of our state's waters."

South Australian oyster production has doubled in the past decade to more than 7200 tonnes, worth \$40 million, in 2012-13.

SARDI executive director Professor Pauline Mooney said she was pleased to announce the inaugural bursary for an Aboriginal student during National Reconciliation Week.



A HOT air balloon pilot, an art gallery director, a police officer

and a surf instructor have shared their career journeys with Indigenous teens during an Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) event at Southern Cross University's Lismore campus.

They were taking part in 'Windows to the Future', a new activity in the AIME curriculum that encourages Northern Rivers Year 11 and 12 Indigenous students to turn their passions into a career path they may never have imagined possible.

The guests who shared their stories were:

- Thomas Dattler, a champion hot air balloon pilot and owner of Byron Bay Ballooning;

- Brett Adlington, director of Lismore Regional Gallery;

- Struan Presgrave, a graduate of the Indigenous police program IPROWD (Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivered);

- Chelsi Rolton, an Indigenous police officer based at Byron Bay;

- Taylor Claire Miller, Byron Bay surfing instructor and University of Sydney graduate with an honours thesis in surfing culture; and

- John Bancroft, fundraising coordinator at the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Service.

Mr Adlington said he was excited to be part of AIME.

"In my field, there was not really a clear direction about



Students, back from left, Kaleesha Rhodes and Jamie Saunderson, both 17 of Kadina High School, and Jamira Kelly, 17, of Alstonville High, with front, Bawoo Cockatoo, 18, of Steiner Shearwater, police officer Chelsi Rolton and AIME's Tom Wensley.

how to develop a career when I left university," he said. "I've had great opportunities present themselves to me, but for many young people navigating a future path for themselves can be a daunting thing."

"Programs such as this are hugely beneficial in not only helping young people develop career paths, but also to close the gap for future generations."

"Privileged Australia often forgets the obstacles facing many young people. Programs such as this dramatically help Indigenous young people have improved education outcomes, which benefit all of society."

AIME has been running at

SCU since 2009, starting at the Coffs Harbour campus.

Deputy vice chancellor (education) Professor Andrew McAuley said AIME changed participants' lives.

"Generations of kids get inspired by seeing others succeed," he said.

Nationally, the program has given Indigenous students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to finish school at the same rate as their non-Indigenous peers. In 2013, about 76 per cent of Year 9 Torres Strait Islander participants progressed through to Year 12 (2013 AIME Annual Report). This exceeds the national Indigenous average of 41 per cent.

Wondai welcomes Jarmarmia



JARMMARMIA Hooper has been kept busy in her new role as Indigenous support worker at Wondai School in Queensland's South Burnett region.

Ms Hooper was employed after parents of Aboriginal students asked Wondai principal Ruth Miller to fill such a position.

"I was trying to be a principal and a parent liaison officer and it wasn't working that well," Ms Miller said.

"Jarmarmia arrived and we had a parent the other day say 'we're so lucky to have her'.

Ms Hooper, whose mob is from nearby Cherbourg, starts the day by looking at the roll to see which students are absent. She then contacts parents to see if there's an issue.

"Nine out of 10 times there's a reason why the children aren't here," Ms Hooper said.

"Trust"

"We don't want parents to feel pressured and feel we're always chasing them. Having an Indigenous person builds trust."

Ms Hooper, who has a Diploma in Indigenous Community Services, believes strongly in the need for children to attend school every day.

"I love working with the children: the positive feedback, the progress of the students," she said. "It's nice to see parents with a smile on their face and to have them know we're glad they're a part of our school."

"I work to make them feel comfortable about the school and work out any issues."

"It makes a difference to them and their families when their children are positively engaged in learning. It's good for everybody's future."



Jarmarmia Hooper reads with Wondai Year 4 students Jenarl Davidson, Kiana Williams and Phillip West.

Conference part of celebrations for NT institute



BATCHELOR Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (with its forerunner, Batchelor College) is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

As part of the celebrations, the Northern Territory-based institute will host the 'Finding the Common Ground with Indigenous and Western Knowledge Systems' conference on August 7-8.

The conference is designed to highlight the institute's 'both ways' philosophy, bringing together Indigenous Australian traditions of knowledge and Western academic disciplinary positions and cultural contexts.

"For the past 40 years, our institute has built a strong reputation as a tertiary education provider that allows students to engage with diverse Indigenous knowledge systems as well as non-Indigenous knowledge systems," Batchelor head of higher education and research Dr Peter Stephenson said. "This approach is central to the theme of our conference."

Among those taking part will be Robyn Ober, a Mamu/Djirri-bal woman from Innisfail in Queensland, who has had a



Robyn Ober

30-year association with the institute, as a student in 1983 in the Associate Diploma in Education program, and later as one of the first Diploma of Education graduates, along with Dr Yunupingu and Mrs N Joshua.

Today, Ms Ober is a lead researcher at Batchelor, with expertise in 'both ways' philosophy and education, research ethics and cross-cultural communication.

For more information on the conference, visit www.batchelor.edu.au/research

AILC arrives in Territory



AUSTRALIA'S only national provider of accredited leadership and governance courses for Indigenous people is setting up a new permanent presence in the Northern Territory.

The Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AILC) says the move will transform its ability to help all Territorians.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who complete our leadership courses earn an additional \$14,000 on average after graduating and 80% take on positions of greater responsibility soon after completing a course," AILC chair Tom Calma said.

"We have delivered programs in the Territory for years, but putting down roots there is an important new step and a positive sign for the future."

AILC CEO Rachelle Towart says the centre already has partnerships with the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Education as well as also with Westpac in Darwin, and is looking to develop more partnerships with NT businesses.

Established in 2001, AILC is a



Rachelle Towart

not-for-profit Registered Training Organisation (RTO) owned and operated by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and offers programs nationwide.

"We have a vision of delivering world-first leadership programs in prisons and schools in the Territory, taking our courses to places where we know we can have a huge impact – but we need business, government and community

support to make that happen," Ms Towart said.

"We have proven the effectiveness of our programs, but we need to deliver our courses to a much larger number of people if we are to build up a sustainable group of Indigenous leaders able to support each other and make a significant change across the community."

"We need to be training 1000 people a year by 2020 in order to have a shot at building a critical mass of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who can deliver the sorts of changes that are required to help close the gap."

"If we don't achieve those targets, the gap is going to remain a chasm that can't be breached, so we are here in the Territory to stay. We are hoping that our Darwin office will be the first of a chain of offices around the country, so that we can deliver programs that are locally relevant where people can easily access them."

"When we help an Aboriginal person to realise and then give them skills, knowledge and networks to support them towards fulfilling their true potential, they contribute more – and all Territorians stand to benefit."

Study will research birthing on country



A STUDY led by a Murdoch University researcher aims to influence the way maternity services support Aboriginal women in Western Australia during pregnancy and birthing.

Funded by a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grant and contributions from 13 stakeholders including the Telethon Kids Institute and Murdoch University, the four-year project will investigate current cultural provisions for Aboriginal women and assess how they can be improved.

"Understanding how best urban maternity services and staff can support the culturally important philosophy of 'birthing on country', which ensures a spiritual connection to the land for an Aboriginal mother and her baby, is central to the project," said lead researcher Rhonda Marriott, professor of Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing at Murdoch University.

"Birthing on country means an Aboriginal mother giving birth to her child on the lands of their ancestors. So in Perth, Nyungar women using metropolitan services can be considered to be birthing on country.

"Many Aboriginal women residing in other parts of WA, particularly remote areas, are required to transfer to a metropolitan hospital for the birth of their baby because of a possible medical risk, such as gestational diabetes. This results in them birthing off country and many Aboriginal people believe this breaks the child's spiritual place in the community raising emotional, social and spiritual issues for both mother and child.

"Needs"

"This study will investigate the cultural and other needs of women who are required to birth off country and recommend how their needs can be met."

Research from 2009 by two investigators in Prof Marriott's study team found that only nine of 51 maternity services in WA were culturally responsive to the needs of Aboriginal women, and just 200 of 1800 women had access to culturally responsive services.

An audit of graduate and post-graduate midwifery education at that time confirmed few courses included comprehensive cultural awareness training.

Prof Marriott said initiatives implemented since that research, such as the Moort Boodjari Mia maternity care service in north metropolitan Perth, had been designed to provide a culturally secure antenatal service to Aboriginal women and families and anecdotal evidence suggested it was having some success. But there is, as yet, no published research showing the experience for Aboriginal women has changed for the better.

"This is what we hope to change with this research," Prof Marriott said. "The findings of this study will clarify how models should best be embedded in education, policy and practice as the research team and partners in this study are in a position to initiate and influence policy changes at senior state and national administrative and organisational levels."

The study started this month with researchers recruiting Aboriginal nurses, midwives, clinical and management staff from public and private maternity services, midwifery educators and female Aboriginal Elders to provide data.



At Congress Lowitja 2014, from left, Warren Mundine, Lowitja O'Donoghue, Deanne Sibley, Pat Anderson and James Saul Matthew.



DEANNE Sibley is moving closer to a career in health as a fitness

instructor. The 17-year-old Aboriginal student, who is completing a Certificate II in Fitness at Shalom Christian College in Townsville, mentors year 11 and 12 health students in fitness and hopes to become a fitness instructor after she graduates.

Her dreams of working in the health sector moved a step closer earlier this year when she and a fellow student, James Saul Matthew, 18, a Torres Strait Islander from Cairns, won scholarships to attend Congress Lowitja 2014 earlier this year in Melbourne.

The scholarships, offered by Australia's national institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research, the Lowitja Institute, enabled the students to

Congress was a good fit for young student

travel to Victoria to attend the two-day event.

The biennial Congress Lowitja 2014 attracts hundreds of Aboriginal community representatives, government departments, policy makers and researchers and informs research strategies, programs and projects to contribute to healthier families and children.

"Attending Congress Lowitja enabled these students to meet national

Indigenous health leaders and also other youth in the area," Professor Roianne West said. As Professor of Indigenous Health at Griffith University and the Townsville Hospital and Health Service, Prof West provides expert advice and strategic leadership on issues of Indigenous health and Indigenous health workforce.

She helped select the two students, who have both completed a Certificate II in Indigenous Health at Shalom

Christian College through Connect 'n' Grow, a federally funded program that aims to develop a pathway from school into careers in Indigenous health. "This experience has given Deanne and James exposure to role models and leadership, exposure to the opportunities that can come with working in the area and exposure to the importance of research in improving Indigenous health," Prof West said.

Both students relished their experience.

"I enjoyed meeting everyone at the congress and getting to know what their roles are within the health industry," Deanne said.

"It was a great experience meeting Lowitja O'Donoghue because she is a great role model and a very proud Indigenous woman."

Three months on, both hope they can use their experience to deliver benefits in their communities.

Tool to improve sexual health



THE development of a pioneering sexual health clinical audit tool is set to improve the quality of sexual health services for Indigenous people.

That's according to One21seventy*, the National Centre for Quality Improvement in Indigenous Primary Health Care.

The centre says Indigenous people continue to suffer disproportionately from sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and blood-borne viruses (BBVs) compared with other Australians. Chlamydia, gonorrhoea and syphilis are more than three times, 20 times and four times respectively more likely to be notified among Indigenous people. Rates of hepatitis B and C are also higher among Indigenous Australians.

Chief investigator Associate Professor Barbara Nattabi said that with most STIs and BBVs being diagnosed and managed within the primary health care system, it was essential that the quality of care remains high in order to reduce the rates of transmission and prevent complications.

"This continuous quality improvement

(CQI) tool enables primary health care services and specialist clinics to systematically assess the quality and delivery of care provided to their ATSI clients," she said.

"The rates of STIs and BBVs among ATSI Australians continue to surpass those of the non-Indigenous population.

"Lack of quality treatment can lead to various complications including long-term impacts on reproductive and neonatal health and some STIs facilitate the transmission of HIV infection."

Development

The development of the sexual health audit tool was led by Assoc Prof Nattabi, from the Western Australian Centre for Rural Health, in partnership with the Lowitja Institute.

Developed over two years, the tool is based on national and state/territory sexual health guidelines, key policy, research papers and on consultation with stakeholders across Australia.

One21seventy manager Dr Frances Cunningham said the sexual health

clinical audit tool was yet another example of the centre translating evidence into practice.

"The tool, protocol and report are the latest addition to the suite of quality improvement resources that support best practice primary health care," she said.

"Earlier this year, One21seventy launched a youth health clinical audit tool targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged between 12 and 25 designed to assess the health care provided to Indigenous youth and provide an indication of whether clients are 'falling through gaps'."

The sexual health clinical audit tool is available nationally and is locally applicable, recognising regional variation in best practice care.

For more information on the sexual health clinical audit tool visit www.one21seventy.org.au

*The One21seventy name reflects the aspiration to increase life expectancy for Indigenous people beyond One in infancy, beyond 21 in children and young adults and beyond seventy in the lifespan.

Games spread no-tobacco message



TRADITIONAL Aboriginal games were played in Western Australian schools as part of World No Tobacco Day celebrations. The games, including Garumba, Goori, Kutturi, Kungirruna, spear throwing and memory challenges, were organised by WA Aboriginal tobacco control workers at schools in Broome, Fitzroy Crossing, Bunbury, Collie, Harvey, Wyndham, Kununurra, Geraldton, Albany and Kalgoorlie and remote community areas. Corporate, community and school teams competed to spread the no-tobacco message.

Dr Juli Coffin, from the Aboriginal research coordination centre at Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Services and a spokesperson for the Aboriginal tobacco control strategic leadership team, said smoking in Aboriginal communities had fallen by 10% in the past 10 years, but was still much higher than in the wider population.

Cause of death

"Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in Australia, causing many of the cancers, cardiovascular disease, pulmonary diseases and other conditions that significantly contribute to the

life-expectancy gap for Aboriginal people," she said. "The games were a fun, healthy, culturally significant, tobacco-free opportunity to draw attention to the dangers of smoking and the benefits of quitting, with lots of community participation. "This was a great example of a positive, healthy activity we can all take part in, with something for everyone to enjoy on the day. It is easy to be active with our friends and family while having fun. "The games brought together WA communities to celebrate Aboriginal culture and provide an impetus to quit, cut back, or smoke away from non-smokers, including children."



The two World No Tobacco Day winning teams at Harvey Primary School, near Bunbury. Front from left, Tarlesha Winnard, Gianna Bacich, Lily Anzellino, Jaxon Micallef and Nathan Colbung and, back from left, Hayden Jeffery, Vincent Ugle, Dacinta Ugle and Samantha Jeffery.



Cardiologist Dr Rajesh Puranik

People take heart from mobile clinic



A SYDNEY-based mobile cardiac clinic for Aboriginal people has led to a huge improvement in care for those with heart conditions.

The clinic resulted from a conversation in Sydney during 2009 between Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPA) consultant cardiologist Dr Rajesh Puranik and Aboriginal Elder Chicka Madden.

A concerned Dr Puranik asked him why the attendance at follow-up cardiac appointments was so low among Indigenous people

"Uncle Chicka told me that Aboriginal people were uncomfortable attending appointments at hospitals and specialist clinics, and that they often felt alienated in such an environment," Dr Puranik said.

"So we took the cardiac clinic to them, at the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service."

The dedicated mobile cardiac clinic has resulted in attendance figures at follow-up appointments soaring from 10% to 90%.

The clinic, consisting of an echo machine provided by the University of Sydney's Poche Centre for Indigenous Health, and RPA clinical staff, is held at the Redfern service once a fortnight. Staff see about a dozen patients and perform five or six ultrasounds each time, providing care to almost 500 patients since its inception.

Dr Puranik says the convenient location has been a key factor in the clinic's success. Its presence in the community has led to more diagnoses and resulted in improved patient care, because it takes place in a familiar environment.

The clinic also attends to patients from rural and regional areas, who use the service when visiting Sydney.



THE new Australian Indigenous Alcohol and Other Drugs Knowledge Centre (Knowledge Centre) has been officially launched.

National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) chair Associate Professor Ted Wilkes said the centre web resource aimed to provide the evidence base to reduce harmful substance use among Indigenous people.

"It provides quick and free online access to a comprehensive collection of relevant, evidence-based, current and culturally appropriate alcohol and other drug (AOD) knowledge support and decision-support materials and information that can be used in the prevention, identification and

management of alcohol and other drug use in the Indigenous population," he said.

"The contract to develop the Australian Indigenous Alcohol and Other Drugs Knowledge Centre was awarded to Edith Cowan University's Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet by the Department of Health."

Approaches

HealthInfoNet director Professor Neil Drew says better information and knowledge are required to improve approaches to harmful substance use among Indigenous peoples.

"Health professionals require access to a wide range of up-to-date and culturally appropriate materials and governments require evidenced-based

policy-support materials," he said.

"The Knowledge Centre will enable us to provide the collation and provision of advice to governments and health practitioners on Indigenous substance issues, with special focus on how current research can best inform future policy and planning and provision of strong and practical support for the Indigenous AOD workforce."

The work of the Knowledge Centre is supported by a partnership with the National Drug Research Institute, the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction, and the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre. Guidance is provided by a National Reference Group comprising of specialists in the area of alcohol and other drugs.



At the launch, from left, the Department of Health's Leigh Westcott, HealthInfoNet director Neil Drew, NIDAC chair Professor Ted Wilkes, Knowledge Centre project manager Michelle Catto and research officer Avinna Trzesinski.



● Above: Members of the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative (BDAC), PAG and HACC Youth Group at the exhibition.

● Right: A view of some of the artwork at the Nara Dreaming exhibition.



Bendigo show hailed as best



THIS year's Nara Dreaming exhibition near the

Victorian city of Bendigo has been hailed as the best yet.

Started five years ago, Nara Dreaming is held during Reconciliation Week at 'Bill's Shed' in Lockwood, central Victoria.

The exhibition raises money for New Horizons Welfare Services, run by the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo, through door donations and raffle and artist commissions.

One of the founders of Nara Dreaming, Aboriginal Elder and artist Aunty Robyn Davis, was recently ordained as an Anglican priest.

This year, 10 artists exhibited sculptures, paintings, Australian, Aboriginal craft, jewellery, photography and more.

A children's art reconciliation workshop and poetry were also on the program.

Federal funds for Artists in the Black



THE Artists in the Black program has secured

federal funding of \$240,000 for the coming year.

The program provides free, culturally appropriate and specialised legal resources and assistance to Indigenous artists, art organisations and communities to protect artistic and creative practices, intellectual property and cultural heritage.

Federal Attorney-General George Brandis said the funding would ensure important legal services would remain available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and their communities.

NSW Parliament prize now open



ABORIGINAL artists born in or living as residents of NSW are invited to enter the rich

Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize.

The acquisitive prize of \$40,000 goes to the winner, with in-kind scholarships for professional and academic mentorship, laptops, exhibition development and travel costs to attend conferences, exhibition and events also offered through the University of NSW College of Fine Arts.

Entries will remain open until August 1.

Finalists will be included in an exhibition at Parliament House throughout October, which will then go to regional NSW galleries in 2015.

To be eligible artists must be 18 or over, and must have been born

\$40,000 as well as scholarships being offered

in NSW, or be living in the state as a resident.

The Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize has been made possible by a partnership between the Parliament, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Arts NSW, the College of Fine Arts and Coal & Allied.

Past winners include Roy

Kennedy, Esme Timbery, Danny Eastwood, the Euraba Artists and Papermakers, Leanne Tobin and last year's winner Karla Dickens.

Residency

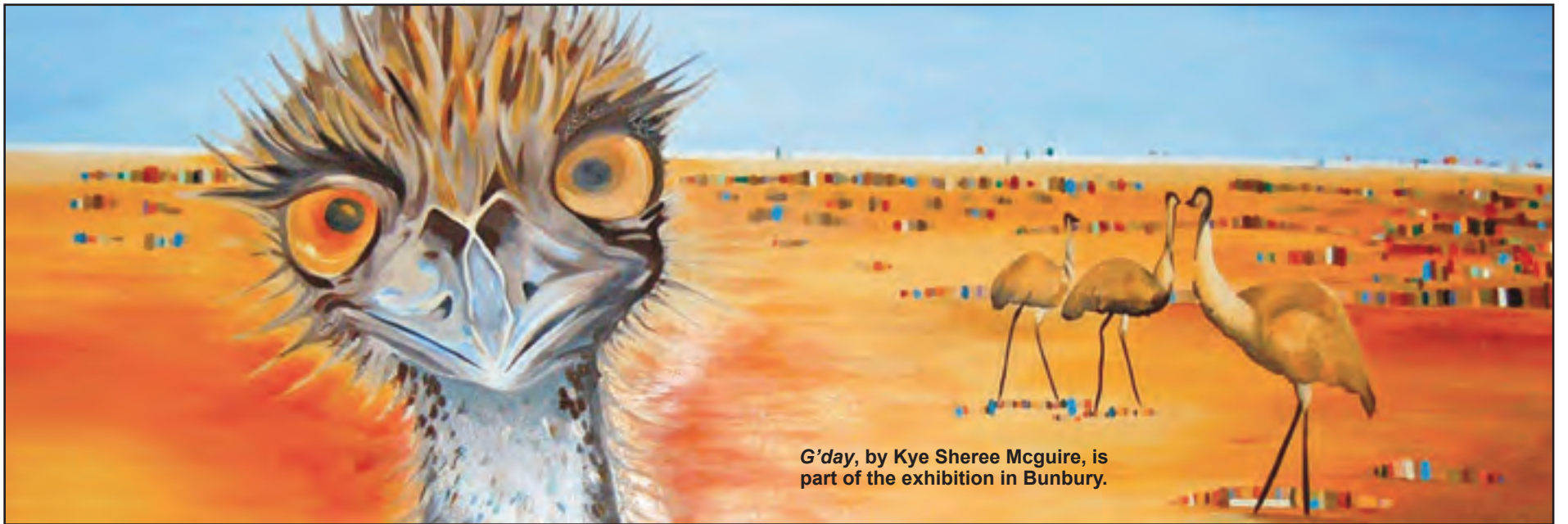
In addition to the main prize, entrants can also choose to be considered for the College of Fine Arts Aboriginal Arts Residency – a

residency at the College with access to arts staff and materials, and the opportunity to stage a solo exhibition at COFA in 2014.

The 2013 winner was Warwick Keen, who is currently learning more about photography and digital manipulation, and has submitted an exhibition proposal.

For more information on eligibility criteria and for full terms and conditions of entry, visit www.campbelltownartscentre.com.au or contact Campbelltown Arts Centre on 02 4645 4100 or by email to megan.monte@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au

The 2013 Prize is currently on a tour of regional New South Wales, which includes a showing at the Muswellbrook Regional Gallery (July 19-August 16) and Lismore Regional Gallery (September 13-October 26).



G'day, by Kye Sheree Mcguire, is part of the exhibition in Bunbury.

Bunbury hosts Noongar exhibition



BUNBURY Regional Art Galleries' premier Indigenous visual arts exhibition, *Noongar Country 2014 – Koorliny Mia, Coming Home*, opens on June 27.

This exhibition features new work

by Indigenous artists and people living in Noongar country including the WA South West, Peel, Wheat Belt and Great Southern regions.

The theme for this year's exhibition, 'Koorliny Mia, Coming

Home', was chosen by the galleries as a theme with many dimensions and meanings for Indigenous artists and community, including ideas of family, country, history and traditions.

Successful artists, including the winner of the BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina Acquisition Prize, will be announced at the opening on June 27.

The free exhibition continues until August 17.

Tribute to the Stolen Gens



INDIGENOUS artist Robyne Latham brings recognition to the Stolen

Generations in a new art exhibition at Melbourne Museum's Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

Ms Latham says her *The Empty Coolamons* exhibition is a tribute to the Stolen Generations.

"The work stands in witness to the grief and loss of the Stolen Generation, and to the courage and endurance of the families who searched for their children and brought them home," she said.

Traditionally, the coolamon is a carved wooden vessel used to

cradle newborn babies, and to carry fruit, nuts, and grain. Ms Latham, who describes herself as "a social artist engaged in aesthetic action", has suspended a number of intricately designed empty copper wire coolamons "to represent the pain of loss suffered by families of the Stolen Generations".

The walk-in installation also has a soundscape by Anna Liebrezeit "evoking the co-presence of time, past and present, and a lighting design shadowing the passing of time from dawn to dusk".

"The purpose of the work is to enable fellow Australians, as a mother, a father, a grandparent, a sister, a brother, or a family member, without guilt, blame,



● Melbourne-based artist Robyne Latham, pictured middle above and also at right, at the hanging of her new exhibition *The Empty Coolamons*, a tribute to the Stolen Generations, which is on display at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum, until October 5.

or shame, to acknowledge the grief of loss suffered by Indigenous Australians," Ms Latham says.

"To ask the question: 'What if I witnessed my children taken away, and despite trying, I could not save them?'"

The Empty Coolamons is part of *First Peoples*, the award-winning exhibition that tells the stories of Victoria's First Peoples

from the time of creation to today through multimedia, Aboriginal language, artefacts and contemporary artworks. *First Peoples* was co-curated by staff from the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre and members of the Koorie community.

The Empty Coolamons: A Memoriam to the Stolen Generations exhibition closes on October 5.



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



From left, Cairns Indigenous Art Fair marketing and communications manager Regina White speaks with Yarrabah artist Michelle Yeatman and Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct manager Vanessa Gillen.

Yarrabah artists set for Cairns fair



YARRABAH Arts and Cultural Precinct workers are planning a larger presence at next month's Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF).

Since CIAF 2012, Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Centre members have been exploring media including printing, etching, textiles and ceramics with a number of artists and mentors. The result of their new focus is a collection of works which will be ready for CIAF.

Over the past two years, the Yarrabah artists have also received recognition through exhibitions and awards in Cairns and interstate. This includes success as finalists in the 2013 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art

Awards for two of the artists; six member artists making the finals in the 2013 Silk Cut awards; Edna Ambrym as a finalist in the 2014 Shepparton Art Museum Ceramic Art Award; and Michelle Yeatman as a finalist in the 2014 OneSight Rayban Indigenous Design Award.

Arts Precinct manager Vanessa Gillen said CIAF 2014 would play an important role in helping to consolidate Yarrabah artists and promoting the community.

"We have a wonderful collective of emerging and award-winning, experienced artists such as Philomena Yeatman, Michelle Yeatman, Edna Ambrym and Valmai Pollard," she said.

"CIAF is an opportunity on home soil to showcase our talent to both locals and visitors alike."

Yarrabah Arts Centre will also be featured in *Freshwater Saltwater – Existence* at UMI Arts and CIAF's own exhibition of Queensland Contemporary Indigenous Sculpture, *SOLID!*

Meanwhile, organisers say the fifth annual CIAF will "deliver another landmark event celebrating Queensland's rich and diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and culture".

It will be held at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal from July 24-27.

This year, CIAF will transition from Arts Queensland control to a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. The Queensland Government has provided \$1.458 million to CIAF 2014-2015.

For further information visit www.ciaf.com.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 28: *Heart of Amata Country* exhibition. 2014 paintings from the heart of Amata country. 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

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, 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 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 25: Bangarra community night and Koori kids day.

Featuring performances of the play *Patyegarang* 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 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.

June 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

July 4-6: NAIDOC Week at Sydney Opera House. Held over three days, includes a variety of cabaret, music, film and talk.

Details: Performance times and prices on (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneyperehouse.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 include 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 Cummeragunga 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. It showcases and explores Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and cultures through exhibitions, installations and spaces.

Held 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



We know what you eat, acrylic on PVC foamboard, which is part of the New Era: 2nd Time Lucky exhibition at the Koorie Heritage Trust.

Collective's work at Heritage Trust



AN exhibition from Ballarat is on show at the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne until June 30.

New Era: 2nd Time Lucky, a collection of more than 20 works, has been produced by the Aboriginal art collective 'pitcha makin fellaz'.

Collective members describe themselves as "a deadly mob of handsome, easy going and passionate men who come together on a regular basis to write and paint".

The 'fellaz' are Ted Laxton, Myles Walsh, Adrian Rigney, Peter-Shane Rotumah, William Blackall, Thomas Marks and Joe Lee, assisted by artist Peter Widmer.

The group met in June 2013 at a Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative shed in Delacombe, near Ballarat.

The men had gathered to talk about different ways to tell the stories they knew about their country and community.

One of the Fellaz summed it up when he said that he was "keen but couldn't draw and didn't have an artistic bone in my body".

On that day the floor and tables were covered in plastic, paint tins opened and the yarnning circle became a painting circle as the members began to make a painting using brushes and stamps.

Koorie Heritage Trust CEO Tom Mosby praised the collective.

Until June 27: Musgrave Park Family Fun Day stallholder applications now open. The event includes three performance stages, food fair, 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: *Yirrkala Drawings* exhibition. Features more than 80 crayon drawings by senior leaders of the Yirrkala community in 1947. Details: (07) 3842 9844 or visit www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/yirrkala

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 Menmyny 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 Elders' 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 Aunty Joyce Johnson Gallery, Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King St, Melbourne, Mon-Fri, 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), young men who paint and write together. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King St, Melbourne, 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 5: *The Empty Coolamons: A Memorial to the Stolen Generations* exhibition. Indigenous artist Robyne Latham brings recognition to the Stolen Generations. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum, Nicholson St, Carlton. Cost Adults, \$10, children and concessions, Free. Details: (03) 8341 7141.

Western Australia

Until June 20: Registrations open for the Indigenous Australians in the Resources Sector Forum. A NAIDOC event, the forum is open to any Indigenous people working in the resources sector.

More details, contact Christine Ross on (08) 9373 5672 or email cross@laingorourke.com.au

June 28-August 17: *Noongar Country 2014 - Koorliny Mia, Coming Home* exhibition. This show features new work by Indigenous artists and community members living on Noongar country. Held at the Bunbury Regional Art Galleries, 64 Wittlenoon St, Bunbury, daily from 10am-4pm Free entry. Details: (08) 9721 6390.

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

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 20-28: Original Recipe Music Festival. Thirty-five venues, 60 gigs and 200 artists make up the program of events happening across the Territory, making it the largest music festival in the NT.

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Employment

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Project offers job opportunities for 10



TEN Indigenous people will be provided with employment opportunities through a new traineeship and apprenticeship project in Sydney and parts of regional NSW.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said Sydney Training and Employment (STE) would receive \$71,400 for the project through the

Australian Government's Indigenous Employment Program (IEP).

"The Australian Government is committed to ensuring as many Indigenous people as possible are working in real jobs," he said.

"The IEP supports a broad range of activities that meet the needs of employers, Indigenous Australians and their communities."

Senator Scullion said STE would place 10 Indigenous people into employment with host employers across Sydney and regional NSW.

"Participants will be placed into traineeships and apprenticeships in metal trades, business, horticulture and financial sectors," he said. "All participants will undertake a Certificate III or above in their relevant field."

"STE is an established Group Training Company and will utilise its experience, existing networks and field staff to support and mentor participants through their employment and training."

Participants will be supported by STE and host employers to ensure retention in the workplace and a culturally appropriate working environment.

11 step up at Coles



ELEVEN Aboriginal people are now working at Coles supermarkets in the Clarence Valley of northern NSW thanks to a successful program.

All secured permanent part-time positions as part of the First Steps program, run between Coles Supermarkets, Aboriginal Learning Circle – North Coast TAFE and Yulang Unit – Sydney TAFE.

Yulang Unit head teacher Lyn Wilson managed the project, which seeks to unite Aboriginal communities across NSW with education, training and employment pathways.

"Lismore was the only other region this program has run on the North Coast so far, with Trenayr TAFE (in the Clarence) being the seventh location in NSW since March 2012," she said.

"There has been a tremendous amount of support, advice and guidance from the North Coast TAFE Aboriginal Learning Circle, Coles and the local Aboriginal community and we can see that in the success of our 11 amazing graduates."

Relieving director of Aboriginal Engagement for North Coast TAFE Sharon Taylor praised the collaboration between TAFE and Coles, and made special mention of local Aboriginal Elder Uncle Roger Duroux.

"Of all the other programs



The 11 Trenayr TAFE and Coles First Step students, now new Coles employees, celebrate at their recent graduation ceremony.

we've run, this is the first time we've had a local Aboriginal Elder from the community come out on-site and offer such strong support for the program," she said.

"His support of the program and engagement with the students has made it so much

easier for them to achieve such high results."

Coles Supermarkets Indigenous coordinator NSW/ACT Robyn Straub said the graduation, during Reconciliation Week, was the perfect time to celebrate.

"This is another milestone in

Coles' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment strategy, with First Step employment programs completed in Trenayr and Shepparton, Victoria," she said.

"The programs are a way for us to work with communities and give them a better

understanding about the opportunities that Coles can offer through long-term employment."

The 11 students – Nathan Bowman, Gabrielle Close-Roberts, Braden Cutmore, Lionel Griffiths, Owen Griffiths, Daniel Maher, Shane Morris, Miranda Pholi, Alyce Pitt, Jordan Skinner and Rebecca Skinner – were selected from a pool of 30 through an application process.

Owen Griffiths, one of the First Steps graduates, said she was afraid when first starting out, but has overcome that now and is looking forward.

"I was really afraid when I started, and was scared of working the checkouts. I even started talking to the checkout machines to let me do my job."

"On the second day I just said 'It's on!' and since then I've learnt a lot and had a lot of fun doing it."

Another First Steps graduate, Braden Cutmore, also spoke of his experience and appreciation for the program.

"Doing this has given me more confidence, a lot of experience, and a life-changing opportunity to take a new direction, launch a career, and to set up my future," he said.

At the graduation, all 11 students were presented with Coles uniforms and permanent part-time contracts to work in the South Grafton, Grafton and Yamba Coles supermarkets.

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All applicants must address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Human Resources Coordinator, Diane Lee by email: diane.lee@alc.org.au or (02) 9689 4499 and forward completed applications to the above email or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator
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Closing Date: 4th July, 2014

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In this role, you will monitor and supervise complex and high profile Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders who have been sentenced to serve community based orders or have been released from prison on parole.

Our ideal candidate will have:

- Experience in managing complex or high profile case loads
- Proven assessment and intervention skills
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- A thorough understanding of the Koori community and the ability to communicate effectively with its members

For further information on these positions and to submit your application please visit careers.vic.gov.au.

Applications close on Sunday 6 July 2014.

This is an Aboriginal Identified Position. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Aboriginal Targeted Position
PoliceLink, TUGGERAH
Permanent Full-time/Clerk Grade 1/2

Salary Package: \$67,162. Salary: \$55,985 - \$60,863. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Providing customer service by answering emergency Triple Zero (000) and non-emergency (131 444, Crime Stoppers, Customer Assistance Special Operation) calls and providing accurate, timely information to police, as well as providing information and advice on a range of police issues.

Job Notes:

- Applicants **must** obtain an information package via the following link: www.randstad.com.au/jobseekers/resource-centre/policelink-information-package
- Applicants **must** then undertake an initial call centre simulation test.
- Suitable applicants will then undertake a telephone screen.
- Short listed applicants will be required to attend an Assessment Centre.
- If you have any further enquiries after reading the information package, please contact the Enquiries Officer on (02) 4032 7354.
- Successful applicants will need to be committed to perform rotational shiftwork to cover 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- For your application to be considered, you **must**:
 - Give written responses addressing each of the selection criterion using the text boxes provided in the online application; or
 - Attach a document addressing each of the selection criterion to your application.
 - Attach an up-to-date resume to your application.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Belinda McBrearty on (02) 4032 7354 or email nswpolice@randstad.com.au

For the selection criteria, downloadable position description and information package, please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00002V0P.

Closing date: Sunday, 29 June 2014

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AARON DAVEY, ex AFL Player
AFL SportsReady Project Officer - Indigenous Programs



Family & Community Services Community Services

CASEWORKER

NSW Family and Community Services aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children by recruiting and developing outstanding individuals to be leaders in Child Protection practice.

We are looking for people with a strong commitment to children, families and community capacity building, people who possess a high level of resilience to become part of a team of skilled and dedicated professionals.

Do you have a social work or other related degree and experience working with children and families?

Join us now and benefit from professional support and training, flexible working conditions, great career opportunities and a competitive salary.

People from Indigenous and Culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Aboriginal applicants do not need a degree qualification as their experience with Aboriginal communities is highly valued.

For more information visit www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers or phone 1800 203 966.

N46346



Police & Justice

Youth Justice Conference Convenor



Are you looking for the following in a job?

- A sense of achievement;
- A challenge;
- Flexible working arrangements; and
- A casual role.

Juvenile Justice, Department of Police and Justice is NOW recruiting Youth Justice Conference Convenors in the Wollongong/Nowra area.

Conference Convenors will be contracted for each conference and paid at an hourly rate of \$43.41.

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 stakeholders. This helps young people to take responsibility for their offending behaviour. The role offers a great sense of achievement and offers flexible working arrangements. Juvenile Justice provides full training prior to your first conference.

Closing Date: Sunday, 29 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.

N46439



Gippsport (Regional Sports Assembly) is a leading agency in the Gippsland Region aiming to encourage and foster participation in sport and physical activity.

Gippsport has two new full time positions to develop and implement a Sport and Health Social Marketing Strategy across the Gippsland Region with the Aboriginal community.

DIGITAL JOURNALIST AND PROGRAM MANAGER

This is a position for a highly motivated digital journalist to manage and implement a Sport and Health Social Marketing Strategy across the Gippsland Region with the Aboriginal community. The person required will have the capacity to develop and implement health promoting social marketing campaigns specifically using digital communication methods.

The successful applicant will be required to develop partnerships with Aboriginal sporting and health organizations, and create a social marketing strategy focused on lifestyle modification in areas such as healthy eating and smoking. An understanding of the principles of health promotion, social marketing, community development and inclusive practices is essential. The digital journalist will be expected to develop and nurture excellent relationships across program units, and with key stakeholders, including Aboriginal community controlled organizations, government departments and mainstream agencies.

Applicants should have an appropriate tertiary qualification in Communications, Marketing, Public Relations or substantial relevant experience. Alternatively applicants may come from a health promotion background but must have highly developed skills in digital journalism and social marketing.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people may only apply for the Project Officer's position. This position has been designated in this way as a special measure under Section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.

Considerable travel and evening and weekend work will definitely be required. A motor vehicle will be made available.

It is intended that the successful applicants will commence in July 2014 and initially be based at Latrobe Leisure Moe/ Newborough. A two year contract with a three-month probationary period will be offered.

Applicants must address the Key Selection Criteria outlined in the position description which is available for download at www.gippsport.com.au or by calling Barry Switzer (Executive Officer) on 03 5135 8335.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT 4:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2014

PROJECT OFFICER

The person required will have the capacity to support the development and implementation of health promoting social marketing campaigns specifically using digital communication methods.

The successful applicant, in collaboration with a Digital Journalist and Program Manager, will be required to assist with the development of partnerships with Aboriginal sporting and health organizations, and support the creation of a social marketing strategy focused on lifestyle modification in areas such as healthy eating and smoking. An understanding of the principles of health promotion, social marketing, community development and inclusive practices is preferred.

Applicants should have knowledge and skills in encouraging healthy lifestyles and be highly motivated towards this objective. Applicants will need to demonstrate capacity and experience in community engagement, preferably in the Gippsland Aboriginal community. Skills and experience in the use of digital communication methods including social media (such as facebook) and creation of digital video clips (ie: suitable for youtube) and health promotion social marketing are highly desirable. A tertiary qualification appropriate to the role will be highly regarded.



Health Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District

Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Aboriginal Health Education Officer Non-Grad

Lithgow Community Health Centre

Permanent Full Time

Salary: \$46,856 – \$69,016

Enquiries: Helen Hodges (02) 6350 2750

Closing Date: 23 June 2014

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW)*.

Apply online at:
<https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=191289>

N43444

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Aboriginal Children and Family Justice Program (ACFJP)

COORDINATOR

Full time position

Salary range: \$65K+ plus salary packaging

Jesuit Social Services in partnership with The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) and The Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS) is seeking a full-time Coordinator for a new and exciting project to work with Aboriginal children and their families.

The three year program funded by The Department Prime Minister and Cabinet aims to provide an integrated, intensive support service to Aboriginal children, 10-14 years of age who have current involvement with police. The service approaches the work through both a justice and a family lens, recognising the importance of an approach that engages with all members of the family including siblings, parents, carers and elders.

The successful applicant will have a strong understanding of culturally appropriate service delivery in relation to Aboriginal children, their families and communities and a demonstrated capacity and experience in program management.

Reporting to the Manager Adult Justice Programs, Jesuit Social Services, the position will provide line management and support to two Aboriginal Intensive Support case-workers and will initially be based at The Brosnan Centre in Brunswick.

Tertiary qualifications in Social Work, Social Sciences and/or experience in a similar role are essential.

For further details please contact Daniel Clements on (03) 9387 1233.

Applications must respond to each of the Key Selection Criteria and include names and contact details of two (2) referees. Position description is available on our website www.jss.org.au. Please send your application, in confidence, to hr@jss.org.au.

Jesuit Social Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to providing a family friendly working environment that embraces and values diversity and inclusion.

Members of the Aboriginal Community are strongly encouraged to apply

Applications close 5.00pm on 2nd July, 2014



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.

Physiotherapist Assistant

Manning Rural Referral Hospital

Enquiries: Phillip Blenkin, (02) 6592 9245

Reference ID: 197718

Telephonist/Receptionist

Muswellbrook District Hospital

Enquiries: Dianne Prangley, (02) 6542 2042

Reference ID: 196824

Closing Date: 29 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*.

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

N43474



Health Sydney Local Health District

Dental Assistant (Grade 1)

– Aboriginal Oral Health Clinic

Ref ID: 188768

Temp F/T up to 06/04/2015 at Sydney Dental Hospital

Salary: \$950.50 – \$1,019.20 pw

Enquiries: Yolima Ramirez, (02) 9293 3345

Closing date: 27 June 2014

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Female Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer (Aboriginal HEO Non-Grad/Grad)

Ref ID: 197319

F/T at Population Health, Camperdown

Salary: \$46,856 – \$79,916 pa

Enquiries: Karen Bedford, (02) 9515 9073

Closing date: 4 July 2014

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander and being female are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under section 14(d) and 31(2h) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Please apply online by visiting:
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NSW Health Service: employer of choice

N43469F

Help us make a difference.

National Trainer, Respected

Applicants must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. This is a special measure and a position which involves providing services to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our communities.

Deliver specific training adapted from the Respected program, developed by Canadian Red Cross, to staff members across Australian Red Cross with an aim of creating safer, healthier environments for children, families and communities. This is a 6 month maximum-term opportunity preferably based in Adelaide, Melbourne, Brisbane or Sydney (location negotiable) with access to attractive salary packaging options.

Reference number 495752

Applications close Monday 30 June 2014

For enquiries, contact Melissa Gibson on 0417 405 863.

Service Delivery Manager - Property and Disaster Recovery

- Full-time, ongoing role
- Melbourne location

Applicants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. This is a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (Vic).

Be responsible for the management of provisioning IT services for our properties. Provide your valuable IT perspective to ensure that disaster recovery plans are completed, updated and tested.

You will have demonstrated IT management experience enabling you to implement and maintain disaster recovery plans that align to our business continuity plans.

Providing strategic and solutions-focused leadership, you will efficiently gain an understanding of overall business requirements which will allow you to work within a complex environment.

Reference number 495567

Applications close Monday 30 June 2014

For enquiries, contact Michelle Webb on (02) 8265 3055.

For further information and to apply online, visit our careers page and search for the relevant reference number.

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Regional Content Manager Local Radio Broome

The ABC strives for equity and diversity in the workplace and to promote a culture of opportunity. Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

We're looking for a dynamic leader and broadcaster to lead our award winning team of broadcasters in the Kimberley.

For details visit abc.net.au/careers

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NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP MANAGER

Part-Time - Three days per week
Three year contract \$120,000 TRP pa. (pro rata)
Commencing August 2014

The National Australia Day Council (NADC) is looking for an exceptional Partnership Manager to target new sponsorship opportunities to successfully increase our current sponsorship portfolio.

About the NADC

The National Australia Day Council (NADC) presents the Australian of the Year Awards and Australia Day activities to inspire national pride and spirit to enrich the life of all Australians. The NADC is an Australian Government owned not-for-profit company based in Canberra and operating in a dynamic business environment.

About the team

Our small, energetic and enthusiastic team works in partnership with the eight state and territory Australia Day organisations to deliver the Awards and events to celebrate Australia Day. Our work is overseen by a Board of Directors which is appointed by Cabinet.

About the role

You will be a highly motivated, experienced and results-driven professional who will have responsibility for our sponsorship strategies and represent the NADC in negotiating, managing and leveraging new sponsorship and philanthropic opportunities. For a copy of the position description and selection criteria please contact Suzanne Rochester on 02 6120 0603 or Suzanne.Rochester@australiaday.org.au

Applications close midnight Sunday 22 June. In addition to your CV, applications should specifically address the selection criteria and be submitted to Suzanne Rochester at the above email address.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



Health
Western NSW
Local Health District

Aboriginal Trainee Environmental Health Officer

Classification: Environmental Health Officers/
Environmental Health Officer Trainee
Salary: \$846.70 – \$940.60 pw
Location: Negotiable
Employment Status: Temporary full-time
(up to 30/06/2020)
Enquiries: Ingo Steppat, (02) 6841 2204 or
email ingo.steppat@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference Number: 193900
Closing date: 18 July 2014

Please apply online by visiting:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

N43466

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Careers with Queensland Health

Manager (Cherbourg Community Health Service)

Cherbourg Community Health Service, Cherbourg, Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service. Remuneration value up to \$96 549 p.a., comprising salary between \$77 749 - \$84 621 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A05) (Applications will remain current for 12 months.) **Duties / Abilities:** This position will manage Cherbourg Community Health Service multidisciplinary service, promote and review appropriate reporting systems, policies, procedures and systems to facilitate effective budgetary, activity and financial management as well as provide professional and expert advice and assistance to the Health Service Manager - Cherbourg, DON Cherbourg Hospital, Medical Superintendent, COM South Burnett, key stakeholders, and other service providers across Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Tarita Fisher (07) 4169 8800.

Job Ad Reference: DD05123373

Application Kit: www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 30 June 2014.

**You can apply online at
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus**

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job.
A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

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ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Lake Illawarra Local Area Command, Oak Flats
Clerk Grade 3/4
Permanent Full-time
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00002YOC

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

Job Description:

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

Job Notes:

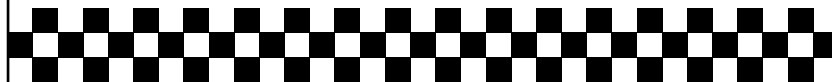
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by *Part 2, Division 2, Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.*
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- Applicants **must** include/attach date and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

Enquiries: Detective Inspector Glen Broadhead, Crime Manager, on (02) 4232 5030

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00002YOC.

Closing date: Sunday, 29 June 2014

N42590



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE

Caring for the Community

VACANCY NOTICE

PSYCHIATRIC NURSE

(Full Time)

The VAHS Family Counselling Programs currently has a vacancy within their Adult Social Emotional Well Being Unit (ASEWB).

As part of the Adult Social and Emotional Wellbeing Team at VAHS Family Counselling to Psychiatric Nurse will provide client care, education and support to members of the Aboriginal Community who have acute and chronic Mental illness and their family/careers.

The successful applicant will possess:

- Qualification and current registration as Division 1 Psychiatric Nurse in the State of Victoria.
- Credentialed status with the Australian College of Mental health Nurses is highly desirable
- Clinical experience and community mental health experience with a minimum of 3 years' experience in a range of community mental health settings.
- Good verbal and written communication skills and the ability to communicate effectively with patients, their carer's and the Aboriginal Community

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.

Great salary packaging benefits (grossed up value \$30,000).

For a copy of the position description and key selection criteria contact Merindah Brown in HR on (03) 9403 3300. If you wish to find out more about the position please contact John Egan on (03) 9403 3300.

Closing Date: Friday 4th July, 2014

Applicants should address the key selection criteria and state full details of qualifications and experience including referees to:

Mr Jason B King, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, 186 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy 3065
or email employment@vahs.org.au

DRUG AND ALCOHOL OUTREACH WORKER

(Full Time)

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service currently has a vacancy in their Adult Social and Emotional Wellbeing Team at Family Counselling and is looking to employ a full-time Drug and Alcohol Outreach Worker.

The role is a dual role providing direct outreach support to clients and their families in their own homes as well as providing Drug and Alcohol activities targeted to the local Aboriginal Community

The successful applicant will possess the following:

- Qualifications as an Aboriginal Health Worker or Drug and Alcohol Worker or equivalent or ability to undertake training
- Previous work experience in the field of drug and alcohol counselling, education, advocacy and support
- A current full Victorian Driver's Licence.
- An understanding and commitment to the Aboriginal community.
- Ability to work reliably with minimal supervision.
- Must be of Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander descent (As per s12 of The Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 2010)**

Salary Packaging is available.

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.

For a copy of the Position Description and Key Selection Criteria, please contact Merindah Brown on (03) 9403 3300 and if you wish to find out more about the position please contact John Egan on (03) 9403 3300.

Closing Date: 4th July, 2014

Applicants should address the key selection criteria and state full details of qualifications and experience including referees to:

Mr Jason B King, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, 186 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy 3065
or email employment@vahs.org.au

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CREATE CHANGE

Aboriginal Targeted Position

The NSW Fair Trading division within NSW Office of Finance and Services currently has a targeted Aboriginal Position to fill within the area of customer service.

Change is something we know a lot about at the Office of Finance and Services (OFS). With over 6,000 people working at OFS, our employees have an impact on some of the biggest decisions made in New South Wales. If you've got the drive and capability, then there are a huge range of opportunities waiting. And it all starts right here.

SENIOR CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

**CLERK GRADE 5/6 (SALARY RANGE \$73,882 – \$81,520),
PENRITH, NSW FAIR TRADING**

The main focus of this role is to provide quality services, information and assistance relating to Residential Tenancy to the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community, clients and businesses. You will be required to assist customers with their tenancy complaints, enquiries and resolution of issues, including those requiring complex analysis and highly specialised tenancy knowledge. To be successful you will need excellent customer service skills and the ability to effectively work in a team within a high volume customer focussed environment. **Job Reference 00002W3R.**

This position will be advertised through JobsNSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) which will detail application requirements and timeframes.

Interested applicants who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander are encouraged to contact the Aboriginal Workforce Strategy Team. For further information please contact AboriginalPrograms@finance.nsw.gov.au

NSW Department of Finance and Services is a central agency of the New South Wales Government. For general information refer to the website www.finance.nsw.gov.au

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N45568

Senior Lecturer, Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art

Queensland College of Art

Salary range: \$103,179 - \$118,974 per annum plus 17% superannuation

South Bank campus

This is an identified position and the occupant **must be** of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent under section 25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*.

Closes: 2 July 2014

Reference: 499095



When applying:

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The Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation advances the aspirations of the Gunaikurnai Traditional Owners and native title holders by implementing the Gunaikurnai Settlement Agreements and continuously improving the capacity, integrity and independence of the Gunaikurnai people.

The Corporation's business includes cultural heritage protection, natural resource management, joint management of national parks, member services and economic development. Across each of these areas, the Corporation seeks to create opportunities for Indigenous employment and empowerment.

The Corporation is seeking applications from qualified and experienced professionals in the new role of **General Manager**. The General Manager will work closely with the Chief Executive Officer to implement the Corporation's objectives and will manage the Corporation's operations across all business units on a day-to-day basis.

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated track record in managing and inspiring staff to exceed expectations. Senior management experience in both community and commercial sectors will be highly regarded.

A well-remunerated executive contract will be negotiated with the successful candidate. All applications must be in writing and address the selection criteria, which can be obtained from the Corporation. For a confidential discussion about this exciting new role please contact Barry Kenny, Chief Executive Officer.

Applications close 5.00pm Monday 23 June 2014

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (ICN 4768)
PO Box 1699 Bairnsdale Victoria 3875
Telephone 03 5152 5100 | Facsimile 03 5152 1666 | Email admin@glawac.com.au

NOTICE TO INTIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 – Section 63M

TAKE NOTICE that **MALDORKY IRON PTY LTD** (ACN 145 676 857) of 31 Flemington Street Glenside SA 5065 (and its successors and assigns) is the registered holder of Mineral Claim 4364 and has made application for a Mining Lease/s in respect of the land covered by the Mineral Claim and upon grant of any Mining Lease/s, proposes to carry out mining operations on the said Mining Lease/s which will incorporate the land (Land) as described below.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

Mineral Claim 4364 is located approximately 35 km south east of Olary and is bound as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of easting 464654 mE and northing 6414571 mN, thence north east to easting 465957 mE and northing 6415026 mN, thence south east to easting 467070 mE and northing 6413617 mN, thence north west to easting 465500 mE and northing 6414278 mN, thence north west to the point of commencement.

Total Area: 112.24 hectares

All the within reference points are expressed in AGD 66 Zone 54

In this notice a reference to a tenement includes that tenement as substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding a tenement includes successors and assigns of that party's interest in the tenement.

THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS THAT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Development of an open pit mine that progressively advances along the iron formation to extract iron ore, which will then be ground and processed on site to produce a direct shipping, high iron ore concentrate. The mine will include all ordinary associated infrastructure including but not limited to waste rock stockpiles, tailing storage facility, run-of mine ore pad and processing and loading facility.

MALDORKY IRON PTY LTD SEEKS TO NEGOTIATE A NATIVE TITLE MINING AGREEMENT UNDER PART 9B OF THE MINING ACT 1971 (SA).

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relations to the Land to which this notice relates MALDORKY IRON PTY LTD may apply *ex parte* to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to Section 63N of the Mining Act 1971 authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

TAKE NOTICE that if within six (6) months from the initiation of negotiations, MALDORKY IRON PTY LTD and any native title party/ies have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister, may apply to the Environmental Resources and Development Court pursuant to Section 63S of the *Mining Act* 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land. Any person who holds, or may hold, native title in the Land is invited to contact MALDORKY IRON PTY LTD through its legal advisers as set out below:

C/- McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers
11-13 Gilbert Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8161 5088
Facsimile: (08) 8410 266
Contact Person: Kate Bickford



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 Kurareg 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.

Public Notice

Notice initiating negotiations with native title parties at Six Mile Hill under exploration licence EL4494

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of section 63M of the Mining Act 1971 for the purposes of negotiating a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971. The party giving notice is WesternX Pty Ltd, 25-27 Jewell Pde, North Fremantle, WA 6159.

Description of lands affected

An area of 296 square kilometres, 40km west of Port Augusta. EL 4494 is bounded as follows: commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°22'8" and longitude 137°15'E thence east to longitude 137°24'E, south to latitude 32°30'S, west to longitude 137°18'E, south to latitude 32°31'S, west to longitude 137°15'E, north to latitude 32°29'S, west to longitude 137°06'E, north to latitude 32°26'S, east to longitude 137°15'E, and north to the point of commencement.



Description of activities

WesternX Pty Ltd seeks to conduct exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and the presence of economic mineralisation which may include (without limitation) such activities as: geological mapping and gridding; ground and airborne geophysical surveys (for example: magnetic, gravity, radiometric, electromagnetic, seismic); geochemical soil, calcrete and rock chip sampling; shallow trenching; drilling (auger, rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation, diamond core); minor clearing for drill rig access; and construction of temporary camp sites. The first phase of this activity will utilize (All Terrain Vehicles) similar to quad bikes on a station spacing of 200m by 400m.

Contact for further information

Simon Savage
Email: simon.savage@lupine.com.au
Ph: 0416 388 702

BIRIPI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL CENTRE TAREE NSW



Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre has been in operation for over 30 years; we are proud to offer unsurpassed health services to the local and surrounding Aboriginal community, from a grass roots level. Biripi provides culturally respectful, holistic primary health care from numerous locations and across the age spectrum.

If you like your work to be challenging yet rewarding, we are currently seeking applications from appropriately experienced persons for the following positions:

Primary Health Care Services

Bringing Them Home Worker

Full time Permanent 38hr/week

This position provides support and advocacy services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who have been directly or indirectly affected by issues related to the Stolen Generation.

Aboriginal Health Worker

Sexual Health - Full time Permanent 38hr/week

This position facilitates the implementation of programs and clinics addressing Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses. This position will also facilitate the Needle Syringe Program

Trainee Aboriginal Health Worker

Women's Social and Emotional Well-being (Identified Female Aboriginal position) Full time Permanent 38hr/week

This position will support clients engaged with the primary health services including:

Clinical Services, Social Emotional Well-being services and Maternal and Child Health services

This position will be supported to obtain a Certificate III in Aboriginal Primary Health Care within 12 months

Medical Receptionist/Administration

Full time Permanent 38hrs/week

This position has elements of reception, administration and data entry. Duties include; booking appointments within Biripi and external, recalling/referring, telephone answering/redirecting, scanning, Medicare processing, coordination of visiting specialist, patient travel and accommodation and general clinical administration.

All applications need to provide a current resume with 2 references and address key selection criteria.

To obtain key selection criteria or for further information please contact either Shannon Robertson or Kylie Hunter on 6591 2442 or 6591 2436

Applications close Wednesday 25th June at 5pm

Ferguson's new life at the Roosters



BLAKE Ferguson has taken a significant stride forward on his long road back to the National Rugby League on his first day at work with the Sydney Roosters.

Dressed in an official club polo shirt with his foot in a moonboot following ankle surgery, Ferguson passed into the Roosters' offices at Moore Park to begin his job as a community and football development officer.

The role is the first stage of his involvement with the premiers that is likely to see him in the tricolours' jersey in 2015.

The move comes almost a year after he was dumped from the NSW State of Origin side, found guilty of indecent assault, a conviction he is appealing, and exiled from rugby league.

Ferguson has said he has struggled in his time away from rugby league and was said to be all

smiles as he began a new chapter in his life.

Roosters prop Sam Moa said Ferguson had been welcomed to the club by the playing group.

"It is a good step forward for him," Moa said.

"We wish him the best and it will be a good spot for him at the Roosters. He will certainly get some help here.

"Playing alongside a player of his talents is something to look forward to.

"But we are not looking too far ahead. We have to find some form and confidence this year, but we will definitely be waiting to see if that happens next year."

A Roosters spokesman said: "Blake will work with the PCYC, the junior leagues club and in our community department.

"It is a community-based role with a number of Indigenous programs."

It is understood he will not be allowed to play first grade until next season at the earliest. – AAP

Nathan's habit returns



Veteran Nathan Merritt made the most of being recalled to South Sydney for their National Rugby League (NRL) game against Wests Tigers at Olympic Park, Sydney, on Friday night. He is pictured here scoring one of Souths' five tries in their brutal 32-10 win before 20,721 fans. Winger Alex Johnston and stand-in centre Kyle Turner each scored try doubles. The Rabbitohs led 12-0 at half-time on the back of their forward dominance.

Picture by Colin Whelan, nrlphotos.com

Kangaroos play again in Indigenous strip



SO impressed were North Melbourne officials with their specially-designed Indigenous round jumpers that players wore the jumpers in their following Australian Football League (AFL) match.

All 18 teams wore uniquely-designed jumpers to celebrate the May 29-31 Indigenous round, with the Kangaroos beating West Coast in Perth.

But North wanted to play in the strip designed by Aboriginal artist Sarrita King in front of a home crowd, and the league approved North player Lindsay

Thomas' request.

The Kangaroos did not disappoint – they thumped Richmond 17.14 (116) to 13.10 (88). The Kangaroos trailed by 35 points at half-time, but turned the game on its head when they piled on eight goals in 19 minutes in the third term. "The boys were really keen to wear it again and pay homage to our fantastic Indigenous heritage," Kangaroos coach Brad Scott said.

North Melbourne have won four times since an upset 43-point triumph over Sydney at the SCG in round four, and their win over Richmond was the first time this season Scott's charges had won consecutive matches. – With 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
Mining Lease	77/1273	WA SALT KOOLYANOBING PTY LTD	3732.72HA	18km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 119° 24' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 18 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 **18 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. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 18 October 2014**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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NOTICE 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
15/934	LA MANCHA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	447680	26.64 HA.	17km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 17' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 18 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 **18 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. 18 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 3518.

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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Northern Territory

Notification day: 25 June 2014



National
Native Title
Tribunal



DI2014/001 Lots 112(A), 113(A) and 114(A) Town of Hart Range

Description of the agreement area:

Agreement area includes proposed Lots 112(A), 113(A) and 114(A) within the Town of Hart Range.

Relevant LGA: Central Desert Shire

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, the NT Department of Lands Planning & the Environment and Department of Mines and Energy.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Northern Territory of Australia
c/-Solicitor for the Northern Territory
GPO Box 1722
Darwin NT 0801

Central Land Council
PO Box 3321
Alice Springs NT 0871

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

2.1.3 Subdivision P, Part 2 of Division 3 of the NTA is not intended to apply to any Future Act described in clause 3.

3.1 Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement the [Central Land Council], on behalf of the Native Title Party consents to the surrender to the Northern Territory of all native title rights and interests in the Land.

3.2 The Parties agree that the surrender of native title under this Agreement is intended to extinguish all native title rights and interests in the Land.

Land means proposed Lots 112(A), 113(A) and 114(A), located in the Town of Hart Range, as described in the Schedule and shown on the map in the Schedule to this Agreement.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Central Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001 by 25 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 this application, call Maryanne Harvey on 03 9920 3000 or freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Shared country, shared future.

Demetriou presented with cloak



ANDREW Demetriou’s emotional final day as AFL CEO was made even more special when he was presented with a traditional possum-skin cloak by the Gunditjmara people. The weight of the honour – considered the “most prestigious” possible by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people – was not lost on the outgoing chief. “I am speechless as it’s an extraordinary honour to have this presentation of a traditional possum-skin cloak,” Demetriou said. “I am hugely appreciative of the gesture given to me, and I wish to thank the Elders for their generosity and kind words upon my leaving the AFL. “The AFL is a powerful voice of the community within our country, and the AFL stands for inclusion and diversity and a welcome for all people, no matter their background or beliefs. “I can only say thank you for such an

honour and how humbled I am.” AFL head of diversity Jason Mifsud presented the cloak to Demetriou after working with him for the past six years. He was joined by three senior people of the Gunditjmara nation, which hails from western Victoria. Mifsud said he consulted other Aboriginal AFL staff members, players and people of the nation in regards to bestowing the honour on Demetriou. “He’s become a great friend of Indigenous people and through the gifting of the cloak, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will also carry that friendship through for many generations,” Mifsud told AFL.com.au. “In more ways than one, it’s priceless, and we’re rapt that he received it with the gracious nature that he did. “It’s quite significant from a cultural point of view. “Traditional possum-skin cloaks are used for a number of reasons, but ultimately they

signify someone’s superiority – their strength and courage by way of leadership within the Aboriginal community.” Mifsud said the gesture wasn’t only a personal recognition, but a collective one. He also said it was rare for an Aboriginal person to have a cloak bestowed upon them, and “extremely rare” for a non-Aboriginal person to receive it. “We just felt that, given Andrew’s on-going commitment, courage and conviction to ensure that Aboriginal people have been included in the game and the game be a representative for the things that can be socially positively changed within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, it warranted that level of recognition,” he said. “In many ways, it’s the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities knighting Andrew for his contribution through football and his own personal dedication to the advancement of Aboriginal aspiration. “There is probably no greater honour you can have bestowed upon you.” – AFL.com.au



Andrew Demetriou in his possum-skin cloak. The outgoing AFL boss said it was an extraordinary honour to be presented with the cloak. Picture: AFL Media

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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2431	SHAW RIVER MANGANESE LIMITED	112BL	99km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat: 22° 24' S Long: 115° 35' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2602-3	ARTEMIS MUNDONG WELL PTY LIMITED	29BL	130km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 47' S Long: 116° 4' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2084	HASTINGS RARE METALS LTD	4BL	162km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 59' S Long: 116° 18' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2086	HASTINGS RARE METALS LTD	1BL	165km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 53' S Long: 116° 13' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2094	HASTINGS RARE METALS LTD	7BL	158km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 51' S Long: 116° 18' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1416	REED EXPLORATION PTY LTD	43BL	46km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 17' S Long: 120° 52' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2452	DEMPSEY MINERALS LTD	61BL	120km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 32' S Long: 122° 52' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2459	WINDWARD RESOURCES LTD	15BL	128km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 123° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2460	MINEX (AUST) PTY LTD	3BL	69km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 122° 6' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2461	MINEX (AUST) PTY LTD	11BL	66km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 6' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2462	KAMAX RESOURCES LTD	125BL	80km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 124° 23' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2463	NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	1BL	133km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 8' S Long: 123° 3' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2464 & 2466	RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED	340BL	79km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 45' S Long: 123° 42' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2468-1	BLACK RAVEN MINING PTY LTD	13BL	112km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 28' S Long: 122° 48' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/912	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	199BL	32km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 27' S Long: 120° 51' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/913	PIPER PRESTON PTY LTD	24BL	22km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 32' S Long: 121° 10' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1070-1	GOLDENRICH MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	113km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 38' S Long: 122° 24' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2932	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	4BL	82km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 123° 43' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2933	TURNER, Timothy Paul	4BL	45km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 122° 32' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4309	METAL HOLDINGS PTY LTD	56BL	20km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 2' S Long: 119° 52' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4328	METAL HOLDINGS PTY LTD	1BL	27km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 58' S Long: 119° 53' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4330	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	28km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 57' S Long: 119° 53' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1010	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	25km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 41' S Long: 120° 12' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1782	KESLI CHEMICALS PTY LTD	1BL	54km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 51' S Long: 120° 23' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/957	DYNASTY RESOURCES LIMITED	9BL	79km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 19' S Long: 119° 34' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2053	DORMER, Martin	43BL	69km NW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 44' S Long: 117° 14' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2951	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	70BL	121km SW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 33° 26' S Long: 123° 17' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3265	LODESTAR MINERALS LIMITED	145BL	156km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 23' S Long: 121° 40' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3273	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	194BL	246km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 16' S Long: 125° 22' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4588	S2M2 EASTERN COAL PTY LTD	11BL	62km NW'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 33° 43' S Long: 118° 18' E	KENT SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/548	MINERAL AND GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	6BL	13km E'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 37' S Long: 120° 11' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4793 & 4795	LAMBOO RESOURCES NO.1 PTY LTD	219BL	10km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 11' S Long: 127° 45' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4834	PINDAN EXPLORATION COMPANY PTY LTD	15BL	104km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 20' S Long: 127° 59' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4870	THUNDELARRA LIMITED				
Exploration Licence	80/4870	KIMBERLEY MINING PTY LTD	12BL	124km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 49' S Long: 128° 20' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4872	MINCOR ZINC PTY LTD	66BL	125km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 19° 2' S Long: 126° 21' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE, HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4873	GOLDENRICH MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	9BL	91km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 38' S Long: 126° 55' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4874	HORROCKS ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	4BL	21km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 22' S Long: 127° 48' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5892	PETERSONS, George Juris	106.32HA	8km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5897	PEARCE, Daniel Clifford	26.72HA	7km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 121° 38' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5899	MARTENS, Glen				
Prospecting Licence	15/5899	DALE, Victor Churchill	121.38HA	20km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5900	ROBUSTELLINI, Anthony	3.51HA	60km E'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 120° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5901	MACPHERSONS REWARD PTY LTD	199.98HA	11km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5902	MACPHERSONS REWARD PTY LTD	146.12HA	10km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 121° 9' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5903	MATUCHET, Michael Daniel	51.32HA	16km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 12' S Long: 121° 30' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2835	GALEA, Michael	23.45HA	44km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 121° 0' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4809	PHOTIOS, Michael John	119.78HA	42km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 10' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2265	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	70.45HA	18km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 39' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2266	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	121.30HA	25km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 43' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3999	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	194.57HA	19km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 37' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4000-1	STRINDBERG, Glen Daniel	402.59HA	27km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 121° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1270	WARNOCK, Naithan John	43.12HA	114km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 122° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1271	MINEX (AUST) PTY LTD	116.34HA	69km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 122° 7' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/8469	CREW, Ross Frederick	116.52HA	63km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 19' S Long: 121° 8' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5373 & 5376-7	MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey				
Prospecting Licence	39/5482	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	599.51HA	39km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 122° 4' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5482	MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	42.28HA	46km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 121° 45' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5483	MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	185.70HA	44km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 121° 47' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1350	BAULCH, John Leslie	24.96HA	39km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 121° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1351	LAWSON, Persis Lurline Cabot	99.05HA	40km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 14' S Long: 121° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2859-S	BEETON, Robert Bruce	10.00HA	107km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 51' S Long: 119° 11' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2860-S	BEETON, Robert Bruce	10.00HA	106km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 51' S Long: 119° 10' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2861-S	BEETON, Robert Bruce	10.00HA	107km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 51' S Long: 119° 11' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2862-S	SIRR, Robert Alfred	10.00HA	108km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 51' S Long: 119° 11' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2863-S	SIRR, Robert Alfred	10.00HA	107km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 51' S Long: 119° 11' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	77/4239-1	SOUTHERN CROSS GOLDFIELDS LTD	173.70HA	86km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 119° 16' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.						
Notification day: 18 June 2014						
Native title parties: Under section 30 of the <i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)</i> , persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 18 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 <i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)</i> . Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.						
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. 18 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 3518. * - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km ²						

Rugby league to make a pitch for Games entry



RUGBY league will begin its push for inclusion in the Commonwealth Games this month with a nine-a-side exhibition event in Glasgow.

Eight nations will participate in tournament on June 27-28, with the Sydney Roosters' under 18s side and SG Ball premiers to represent Australia.

They will play three pool games against Wales, Scotland and Jamaica, with England, Papua New Guinea, Canada and South Africa to battle it out in the other group.

National Rugby League (NRL) head of football Todd Greenberg said the competition was an opportunity to showcase rugby league on the world stage and capitalise on the success of the 2013 World Cup and this year's inaugural Auckland Nines.

"The international reach of rugby league continues to grow and hosting exhibition events such as this, ahead of the Commonwealth Games, is incredibly important for the game," he said.

"It is also a wonderful way to showcase NRL's development pathways and some of the best young up and coming talent Australia has to offer."

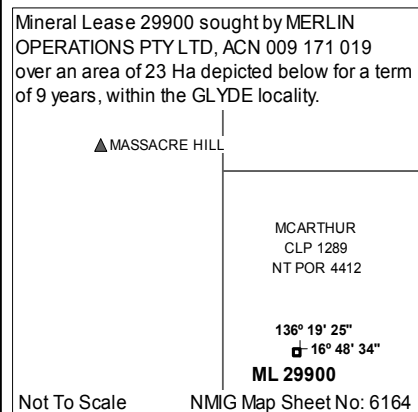
Another exhibition is being planned for before the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, most likely at under 23 level, with a view to make the Nines a category-two sport and eligible for full inclusion on the Games' program thereafter. – AAP

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE APPLICATION

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act namely to grant the following mineral title application.

The application to which this notice applies:



Notification Day: 18 June 2014

Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral lease commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepnt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

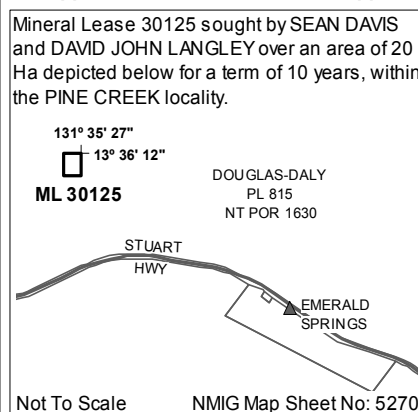
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GUMBAYNGGIRR PEOPLE (GUMMA-WARRELL CREEK) NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP MEETING

Proposed authorisation of amendments to native title determination application, authorisation of changes to the persons who jointly comprise the Applicant, and authorisation of native title consent determination

Date and Time: Friday 4 July 2014 - 9:30am - 4:00pm
Saturday 5 July 2014 - 9:30am - 4:00pm

Place: Macksville Showground, Rodeo Drive, Macksville

NTSCORP Limited ('NTSCORP') funds legal advice and provides assistance to the **Gumbaynggirr People (Gumma-Warrell Creek)** in their native title application (NSD6054 of 1998) and is convening a meeting for all members of the Gumbaynggirr native title claim group.

Who should attend?

Members of the native title claim group as described in the registered application, being all descendants of *Maggie Buchanan, Frank Whaddy and Vina Duncan+, Elsie Taylor+ and Jack Flanders+, Topsy Taylor and Sam Dotti+, Henry Duckett and Emily Walker+, David Ballangarry and Florence Randall, Wabro Kelly+, and Ben Bennelong and Dollie 'Tickie' Kelly*

AND members of the native title claim group as defined by the revised definition which was adopted by the native title claim group in 2009, being Aboriginal people who are: (a) the biological descendants of:

- King Ben Bennelong;
- Maggie Buchanan and Davy Cowling*;
- Biddy, the mother of Lavina Duncan (Bina Whaddy);
- Fanny Purrapine*, the mother of Lily Kelly and Hilda Kelly Robinson;
- Darby Kelly*;
- The father of Maggie Kelly's mother Biddy*;
- William 'Old Bill' Dotti*;
- John 'Jack' Dotti*;
- Lucy Flanders*;
- Dave Ballangarry*;
- Robert Walker and Louise Linwood*;
- John 'Jack' Long*;
- Bridget 'Biddy' Briggs Needam*;
- Mary Briggs* and Fred Briggs*;
- Rose Taylor*;

- Susan*, mother of Charles Jarrett Snr*;
- Charles Layton*;
- Mick McDougall*;
- Clara Skinner*;
- Sylvie Craig*;
- Elizabeth 'Kitty' Campbell/Cameron* (known as Elizabeth Blakeney);
- Emily Sutton*;
- Fred Hookey*;
- Nobby Neville*;
- Mary Jane Ferguson*;
- Billy Lardner Jnr*;
- King Bobby of Oban*;
- The parent of Charlie Whitton and Lucy Larrigo (nee Whitton)*;
- Walter Smith* and Stella Jane Davis*;
- Jane Garde/Maske*;

and (b) persons who have been adopted into the families of those persons (and the biological descendants of any such adopted persons); and (c) persons who have been otherwise incorporated, or who are direct descendants of a person who has been otherwise incorporated, as a member of the Gumbaynggirr People and who identify as and are accepted as a Gumbaynggirr person, in accordance with Gumbaynggirr laws and customs

AND any other persons who assert native title in the claim area.

The AGENDA for the meeting is:

1. To provide an update in relation to the native title application;
2. To confirm the decision making process for the application;
3. To consider and authorise changes to the persons who jointly comprise the Applicant in the application;
4. To consider and authorise changes to the boundaries of the application area - in particular, to remove the Gumma Peninsula and the Gumma Islands from the claim area, for reasons which will be explained at the meeting and to discuss options for a future agreement or claim over those areas;
5. To consider and authorise changes to the claim group description of the application - in particular, to ask the meeting to confirm the claim group's 2009 acceptance of the revised definition (set out above) and authorise amendment to the application to reflect the revised definition. Note that the changes will result in:
 - a. changes to how some ancestors are identified by reference to a higher generation in the revised description. This applies to those marked with an (+) above;
 - b. the removal of the names of five ancestors: (i) Frank Whaddy; (ii) Topsy Taylor; (iii) Henry Duckett; (iv) Florence Randall; and (v)

6. To consider and authorise other amendments to the native title application;
7. To provide an update on progress to establish the prescribed body corporate that will hold Gumbaynggirr People's native title rights and interests;
8. To consider and make decisions about authorising an application to the Federal Court to make orders recognising Gumbaynggirr People's native title rights and interests;
9. To discuss the important logistical arrangements for what will happen at the Consent Determination hearing, currently scheduled for 15th August 2014; and
10. To discuss the continuing negotiation of Indigenous Land Use Agreements.

Location of the claim:

The lands and waters claimed are located near Nambucca Heads on the mid north coast of NSW. The claim area includes the Gumma Peninsula (known as 'Gumma'), three small islands to the west and north of Gumma Peninsula, and the land east of Warrell Creek, known as South Beach or Forster (Forrester's) Beach, south of Nambucca Heads (now Gaagal Wanggaan (South Beach) National Park).

The claim area is identified by the grey shading on the map below.



Please contact NTSCORP to confirm your attendance by **Tuesday 1 July 2014**.

Limited assistance for travel & accommodation may be available but you will need to complete a registration & mileage form and return it to NTSCORP by **1 July 2014**.

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NATALIE ROTUMAH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ON TOLLFREE PHONE 1800 111 844 OR (02) 9310 3188 OR FAX (02) 9310 4177.

Netball team contests challenge

PUBLIC NOTICE

WANGAN AND JAGALINGOU NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETINGS

Members of the Wangan and Jagalingou People native title claim group are invited to attend the following meetings to be held at Carseldine.

- **Information Meeting** to be held on **Saturday 28 June 2014.**
- **Authorisation Meeting** to be held on **Sunday 29 June 2014.**

THE WANGAN AND JAGALINGOU NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP is currently described as the descendants of the following apical ancestors:

• Maggie Tarpot of Clermont	• George McEvoy
• Charlie McAvoy of Logan Downs	• Polly of Clermont
• Frank Fisher (Snr) of Clermont	• Momitja
• Liz McEvoy of Logan Downs	• Bob Tarpot of Alpha

The Meeting will be asked to consider amending this description as follows:

• Charlie McAvoy of Logan Downs	• Annie Flourbag
• Frank Fisher (Snr) of Clermont	• Liz McAvoy of Logan Downs
• Billy and Lucy (parents of Jimmy Tarpot, Mary Ann Albro, Mary Ellen)	• Momitja
• Daisy Collins	• Katy of Clermont
• Nellie Digaby	• The mother of Jack Malone (Snr) and Jim Malone;
• Mary of Clermont (also known as Mary Johnson)	• Maggie of Clermont (also known as Maggie Miller)
• Jimmy Flourbag	• Dan Dunrobin (also known as Dunrobin, Christopher Dunrobin and Dan Robin)

WANGAN AND JAGALINGOU INFORMATION MEETING - SATURDAY - 28/06/2014

This notice INVITES all members of the Wangan and Jagalingou People (in accordance with both descriptions above) to an Information Meeting at the time and date below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday 28 June 2014

Venue of Meeting: Tavernetta Function Centre, 144 Dorville Road, CARSELDINE QLD

Time of Meeting: Registration - 8:30am – Meeting Opens - 9:30am SHARP

The purposes of Information Meeting are for the current native title claim group:

1. To receive a presentation by Ray Wood, anthropologist, about the outcomes of his further research.
2. To receive a presentation by Dr Kevin Mayo, genealogist, about the outcomes of his research.
3. To consider possible amendment of the native title claim group description by:
 - (a) Deleting the following apicals:
 - Maggie Tarpot of Clermont
 - Bob Tarpot of Alpha (to be replaced with his grandparents Billy and Lucy as an apical ancestor)
 - George McAvoy (son of Charlie McAvoy)
 - Polly of Clermont
 - (b) Adding the following people as apical ancestors:

• Billy and Lucy (parents of Jimmy Tarpot, Mary Ann Albro, Mary Ellen)	• Katy of Clermont
• Daisy Collins	• The mother of Jack Malone (Snr) and Jim Malone;
• Nellie Digaby	• Maggie of Clermont (also known as Maggie Miller)
• Mary of Clermont (also known as Mary Johnson)	• Dan Dunrobin (also known as Dunrobin, Christopher Dunrobin and Dan Robin)
• Jimmy Flourbag	
• Annie Flourbag	

AUTHORISATION MEETING – SUNDAY - 29/06/2014

This notice INVITES all members of the native title claim group an Authorisation Meeting at the time and date below:

Date of Meeting: Sunday 29 June 2014

Venue of Meeting: Tavernetta Function Centre, 144 Dorville Road, CARSELDINE QLD

Time of Meeting: Registration - 8.30pm – Meeting Opens - 9:30am

The purposes of the Authorisation Meeting will be for the native title claim group:

1. To consider amendments to the native title claim group description.
2. To consider the authorisation of a further native title claim over the lands and waters within the area shown on the accompanying map as “Proposed Claim Area.”
3. To consider the terms and conditions for appointment of an Applicant.
4. To authorise and appoint an Applicant to bring the claims on behalf of the native title claim group.

The map left is a depiction of the current claim area (over which the **Wangan and Jagalingou** native title claim group asserts native title rights and interests) and the Proposed Claim Area (which is hatched).

All members of the **Wangan and Jagalingou** native title claim group who intend to attend the meeting are requested to contact the Queensland South Native Titles Services Client Relations Unit on 1800 663 693 to register their intention to be present at the meeting.

Queensland South Native Title Services regrets to advise that it is unable to assist attendees with travel or accommodation assistance, however morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meetings.

THE Indigenous School Sports Australia (ISSA) open schoolgirls' netball team has returned from the International Schoolgirls Challenge in Adelaide in May.

The tournament was held at the Etsa Stadium, home of the Adelaide Thunderbirds.

Next year, the Trans-Tasman tournament will be held in New Zealand.

The challenge, hosted in Australia every two years, consists of School Sports Australia, New Zealand Secondary Schools, Aotearoa Maori, Pasifika, Pacific Rim, Malaysia, Fiji FANZ, Samoa and Tonga Auckland.

The ISSA team was selected at the Australian Indigenous Netball Carnival held in January this year on the Gold Coast and organised by Budgies Australian Netball Indigenous Corporation.

The Budgies carnival was played in three divisions – under 14, under 16 and under 18 (open schoolgirls).

Teams came Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Northern Territory. There were more than 250 young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander netballers participating in the carnival.

The Budgies Development Pathways program teams (under 12, under 14 and under 14 development, under 15 and under 15 development, under 16 and under 16 development and under 18) will play in the a Gold Coast netball tournament in July.

Budgies accepted

Meanwhile, Schools Sports Australia has announced that it will accept a national Indigenous team (Budgies) at their national 12 years girls' titles on the Gold Coast in September.

The girls will come up against teams from all Australian states and territories.

Budgies netballers are the representatives of the best Indigenous players throughout Australia.

Each January, every state and territory is invited to bring their Indigenous players to the national carnival where they play over five days.

From there, Budgies teams are selected for 14, 15, 16 and 18 years and a top team is chosen to compete against other countries in the International Schoolgirls Challenge.

Girls must be at school to be part of this program.

Bennell re-signs with GC Suns

THE lure of future success has convinced Gold Coast Suns rising star Harley Bennell to re-sign with the Australian Football League (AFL) club for another three years.

Bennell, 22, gave the Suns a shot in the arm ahead of last Saturday's Perth clash with West Coast by extending his contract until the end of 2017.

Bennell said he was so encouraged by the Suns' progress this year that he did not think twice about putting pen to paper.

"We are a really tight group, we have been through the hard times together, our journey has been unique and we are as determined as ever to share that success that every player wants," he said.

"We think we have made up significant ground over the last couple of years, but we know that if we are to achieve the success that we all want in the future, that the hard work has only just begun."

Bennell joins fellow West Australian Brandon Matera in re-signing with the club.

Bennell has played 55 games for the Suns since making his debut as an 18-year-old in the club's inaugural match against Carlton in 2011.

It is believed Bennell's three-year deal is worth more than \$1.5 million. – AAP

Roughead runs hot for Hawks



A CAREER-best eight-goal haul from Jarryd Roughead helped Hawthorn

outclass West Coast in the Australian Football League (AFL) round 12 match at Launceston.

The Hawks were tested early but responded as AFL premiers should, running out 19.9 (123) to 12.7 (79) winners on June 7.

It was Roughead who led the way, with four second-quarter goals putting the Hawks in control.

The Eagles could not contain Roughead, who grabbed eight marks and 24 touches to go with his big bag of majors.

The pick of the bunch was a 55-metre bomb from the pocket that had the 15,503 crowd roaring.

As opposed to the previous week's nervy win over the Giants, the Hawks showed their best in patches, with trademark fast movement and sharp kicking.

It was two spells that signalled death for the Eagles – five goals straight at the end of both the second and third terms.

Interim coach Brendon Bolton revealed the motivation for the 44-point win came from the Hawks' lacklustre showing against the Giants six days earlier.

"(Roughead) is a very proud person and wasn't happy with how he performed last week," he said.

"What's really pleasing is our three leaders on the ground – (Luke) Hodge, (Jordan) Lewis and Roughead – stood up, won



Jarryd Roughead

contested footy and they showed the way for the others.

"Good leadership, it really helps."

The cheery young coach had reason to smile, with the win keeping Hawthorn on the pace of league leaders Port Adelaide.

West Coast coach Adam Simpson, who sat in the Hawthorn coaching box for four years as Alastair Clarkson's assistant, said the Hawks were ruthless.

"When the game was in the balance in the second quarter, you clearly see they went to another level and we couldn't match it," he said.

"When they smell blood, they can really strike."

"Roughy touched us up today," a disappointed Simpson said. – AAP

Origin rugby league to return to MCG



THE National Rugby League (NRL) will stage State of Origin matches at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in 2015 and 2018.

NRL boss Dave Smith said Origin matches were among the biggest events on the Australian sporting calendar.

He said that in line with the NRL's policy of playing one game outside Sydney and Brisbane every three years, the second Origin match of 2015 would be staged at the MCG.

It will be the first time Origin has been played at the MCG in 18

years. An Origin match will also be played there in 2018.

Mr Smith said the NRL's partnership with the Victorian Government would provide a massive boost for rugby league in Melbourne.

"I think anyone who saw last week's Origin game in Brisbane will realise that Melbourne has secured the best sporting event in Australia," he said.

"There is nothing which can match the passion, desperation, skill and excitement of Origin at its best."

Victorian Premier Dennis Napthine said Origin coming to Melbourne was terrific news.



PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit application/s applied for under section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0109	NEW STANDARD ONSHORE PTY LTD	2741.1km ²	EAST PILBARA SHIRE 26.5% AND HALLS CREEK SHIRE 73.5%

LOCALITY

The application is situated in the Canning Basin and occupies a total of 34 5'x5' blocks over four different 1 million mapsheets: 8 blocks over Broome (SE51), 1 block over Oakover River (SF51), 19 blocks over Halls Creek (SE52) and 6 blocks over Lake Mackay (SF52). The application is about 78 km wide and 55 km wide. Its northern boundary partly lies across the Ngarantjadu claypan. The south-east corner of the application is located approximately 15 kilometres directly west of Mount Ernest on the Canning Stock Route.

The application commences at a point 125°55'4.58"E; 19°39'54.97"S, thence east along a parallel to a point 126°25'4.53"E; 19°39'54.95"S, thence south along a meridian to a point 126°25'4.55"E; 19°54'54.96"S, thence west along a parallel to a point 126°20'4.56"E; 19°54'54.96"S, thence south along a meridian to a point 126°20'4.56"E; 20°4'54.96"S, thence east along a parallel to a point 126°25'4.55"E; 20°4'54.96"S, thence south along a meridian to a point 126°25'4.56"E; 20°9'54.96"S, thence west along a parallel to a point 126°10'4.58"E; 20°9'54.96"S, thence north along a meridian to a point 126°10'4.58"E; 20°4'54.96"S, thence west along a parallel to a point 126°5'4.58"E; 20°4'54.96"S, thence north along a meridian to a point 126°5'4.58"E; 19°59'54.96"S, thence west along a parallel to a point 125°50'4.61"E; 19°59'54.97"S, thence south along a meridian to a point 125°50'4.61"E; 20°4'54.97"S, thence west along a parallel to a point 125°45'4.61"E; 20°4'54.97"S, thence north along a meridian to a point 125°45'4.61"E; 19°59'54.97"S, thence west along a parallel to a point 125°40'4.62"E; 19°59'54.97"S, thence north along a meridian to a point 125°40'4.62"E; 19°54'54.97"S, thence east along a parallel to a point 125°50'4.60"E; 19°54'54.97"S, thence north along a meridian to a point 125°50'4.60"E; 19°49'54.97"S, thence east along a parallel to a point 125°55'4.59"E; 19°49'54.97"S and finally north along a meridian to the starting point 125°55'4.58"E; 19°39'54.97"S.

All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of petroleum exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further two 5 year terms.

Notification Day: 18 June 2014.

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons and those who are a body corporate have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **18 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*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for either native title determination or prescribed body corporate to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day **18 October 2014**, there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 25 June 2014



National Native Title Tribunal



Q12014/031 Gudjala People Local Government ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 20,170 sq km, located northwest of Charters Towers.

Relevant LGAs: Charters Towers Regional Council and Flinders Shire Council.

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, the Department of Natural Resources & Mines (Qld).

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Charters Towers Regional Council and Flinders Shire Council
C/- Gilkerson Legal
GPO Box 12543
Brisbane QLD 4003

Gloria Santo, Andrew (Smokey) Anderson, Elizabeth Dodd, Christine Hero and Priscilla Michelle Huen on their own behalf and on behalf of the Gudjala People and Ngrragoonda Aboriginal Corporation
C/- North Queensland Land Council
GPO Box 5296
Townsville QLD 4810

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

38.2 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act (which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any Future Acts covered by the Agreement.

43.2 When Determination Orders have been made in relation to the Native Title Claim [these are orders of the Federal Court of Australia in relation to the native title claims contained in the Gudjala People QUID80/2005 and Gudjala People #2 QUID147/2006 native title determination applications], where an Activity falls within the ILUA Area but is not specified in the Determination Orders as being the subject of a Successful Determination, the Parties agree that for Native Title purposes either:- (a) [where an activity only relates to freehold land and other extinguishment areas, any native title in that area will have been extinguished and no native title compliance measures for the activity are required]; or (b) the Parties unconditionally consent to the Activity.

44.1 The parties consent to any Activity which has a Low Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 7).

44.3 Where the conditions in the immediately following sub-clause* are satisfied, the Parties consent to any Activity which has a High Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 8). [*The conditions are that the Local Government proposing the Activity must give a Notice to the Native Title Party or its representative and to complete Consultation in accordance with clauses 45.1(a) and (b); or alternatively, where the Activity involves a capital work dealt with at a Capital Works Forum (see cl 60), the Local Government gives a list of capital works involving the Activity under cl 60.6(e) and consensus is reached under cl 60.6(f) about the Activity being carried out].

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, PO Box 9973, Cairns, QLD, 4870 by 25 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 this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Shared country, shared future.

AFL considers greater recognition



THE Australian Football League (AFL) is looking into introducing year-round recognition of Australia's Indigenous people, building on football's hugely popular Indigenous Round.

League bosses have discussed various ways in which the game could permanently and tangibly recognise and celebrate Australia's Indigenous culture.

While unwilling to speculate as to what it might look like when implemented, AFL community engagement manager Jason Mifsud told AFL.com.au the launch of the League's Reconciliation Action Plan two weeks ago would help fast track his desire to see Australia's game permanently celebrate its first people.

A key part of the two-year Reconciliation Action Plan will be to further the game's acknowledgement and celebration of Indigenous culture.

"It's fair to say that over the last six to eight months we've really been able to

give some greater consideration to a year-round acknowledgement and representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contribution," Mifsud said.

"I'm really optimistic that over the next period of time, we'll start to see some of those things brought to life over a 12-month period as opposed to a one-week period.

"You've got to balance the symbolism with the substance and we've worked really hard to ensure that the substance has been one that, when tested, stands the rigours of any scrutiny.

"Some of the initiative that we bring to life in the Indigenous Round through symbolism, whether it be the jumpers, whether it be our partnership with Recognise, whether it be the Indigenous footballs... I think all of those are significant and important opportunities for us to take under consideration

"There have been some preliminary discussions internally in relation to what that might actually mean and I guess with the announcement of our inaugural

Reconciliation Action Plan, that'll help accelerate that discussion and eventually bring to life some of our own types of thinking."

Indigenous Round does a brilliant job of recognising the connection Australia's game has to its Indigenous people, but Hall of Fame inductee Andrew McLeod told AFL.com.au the time had come to discuss a longer-lasting celebration.

McLeod said to recognise the country's Indigenous culture in the national game each round would make sense.

"Football's got many names, Mangrook is one of them," McLeod said.

"People talk about Women's Round and how we should be celebrating women in football all the time, I see (Indigenous Round) a bit like that – don't get me wrong – I think it's fantastic what's happened, every club has embraced the round.

"But there's no reason why we can't have a conversation about making something a bit more permanent."

– AFL.com.au



Jason Mifsud

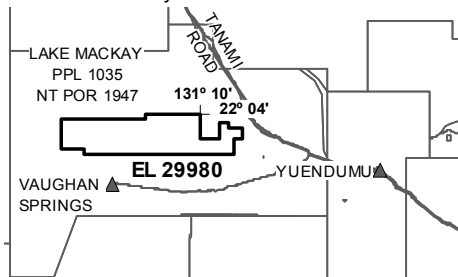
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

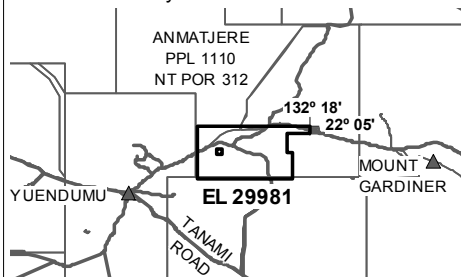
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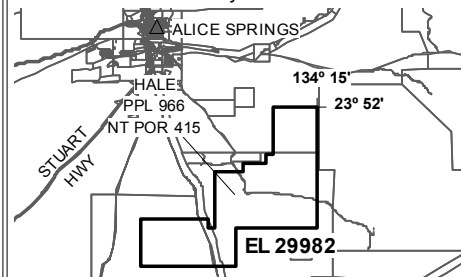
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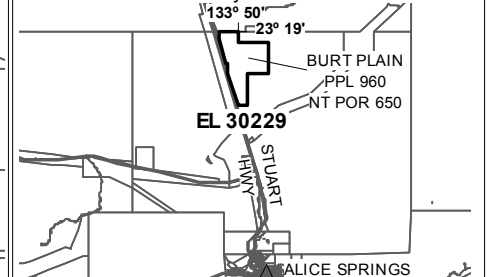
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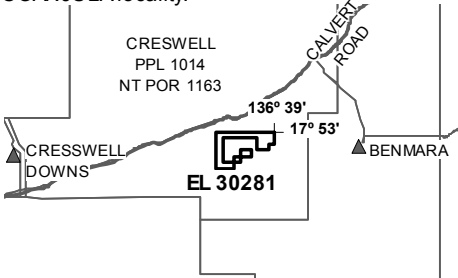
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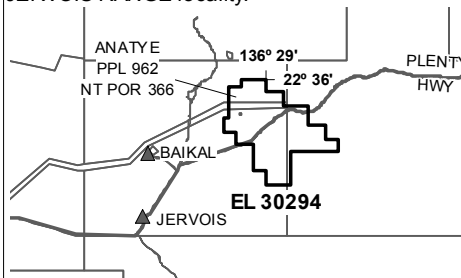
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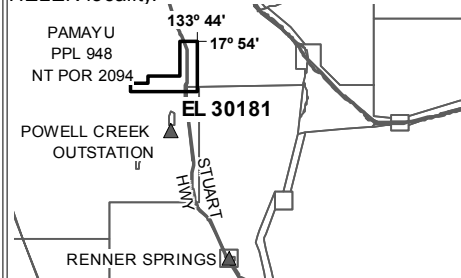
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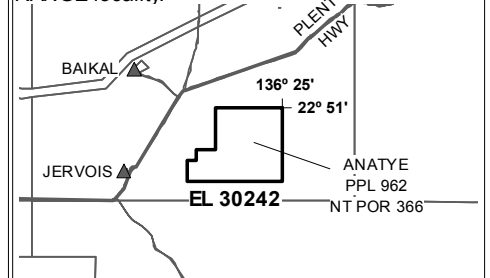
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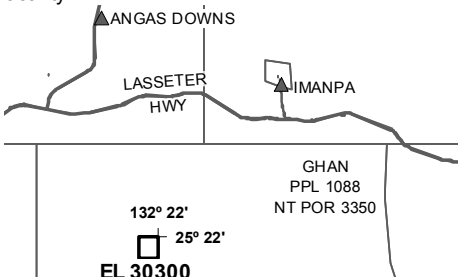
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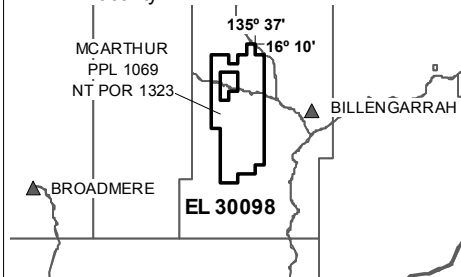
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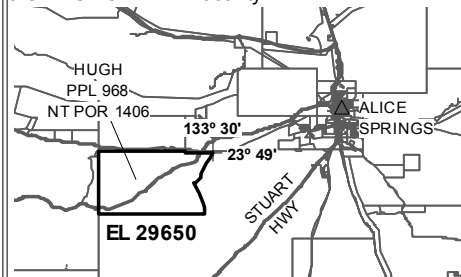
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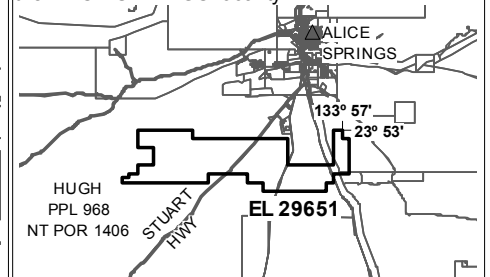
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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepnt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 18 June 2014

Geale's tilt at WBA title



DANIEL Geale wants to prove to Australia that it's got a great champion with a victory over 'invincible' Kazakh hard-hitter Gennady Golovkin.

Geale has secured a title showdown with the undefeated World Boxing Association (WBA) and International Boxing Organisation (IBO) middleweight champion at New York's Madison Square Garden on July 26.

Promoters confirmed the bout in Early June after Golovkin successfully applied for an exemption to bypass mandatory challenger Jarrod Fletcher – another Australian – and battle Geale for his belts.

"I'm pleased to be making my way back to HBO against Gennady Golovkin, a fighter who everyone thinks is invincible," said Geale, a former International Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight champion.

"A victory will get me back to where I want to be.

"The people of Australia believe in me and that's what drives me, my countrymen. I want to show them they have a great champion.

"On July 26th the world will see me back on top."

The German-based Golovkin boasts an impressive 29-0 record with 26 knockouts, the highest ratio among all active champions.

"I will train hard to defend my titles in style by giving the fans an exciting show," he said.

Daniel Geale



"Daniel Geale has a lot of world championship experience, is a big international name and I look forward to this challenge."

Geale has only fought once since losing his IBF title to Englishman Darren Baker last August – taking countryman Garth Wood's WBA Pan African middleweight title in Sydney last February. – AAP

Back to drawing board for boxer



SUPER-featherweight Waylon Law is angling for another crack at the Australian title after

being stopped in the sixth round by the defending champion Kye MacKenzie in his last fight.

Law, from Deception Bay, just north of Brisbane, is set to have his next fight at the Queensland State Equestrian Centre, Caboolture, on July 26. But no opponent has been named at this stage.

His professional record now stands at eight wins (2 KOs) and six losses (2 KOs) from 14 fights. BoxRec.com lists him as having a global super-featherweight rating of 239 and an Australian rating of seven.

Law, who will turn 22 on June 29, turned professional three years ago after a 67-fight amateur career that began at the age of 11 and included 15 losses.

He never won a national amateur title, but held Queensland titles.

His first professional fight was as a light-welterweight in 2008. He also has had fights in the lightweight and featherweight divisions.

He began his professional career impressively, winning his first five fights, but lost the next five before a three-fight winning streak that was

halted by Kye MacKenzie.

MacKenzie, from Sydney, now has a 10(8)-0 pro record.

Law told the *Koori Mail* that he would have to re-establish his credentials before he could have another crack at the Australian title.

Meanwhile, Australian super bantamweight champion Fred Mundraby will challenge Australian bantamweight champion Robert Lerio in a 10-rounder at Punchbowl, Sydney, on Friday, August 8.

It will be the main preliminary to the vacant World Boxing Foundation Asia-Pacific lightweight title fight between Brendan Saunders and Cameron Glass.

Mundraby has a 15(7) 2(1) 1 pro record.

In his last fight, Mundraby was stopped in the fourth round of a scheduled 12-rounder against Englishman Kid Galahad for the vacant Commonwealth super bantamweight title in Sheffield (Yorkshire).

In the fight before that, the Brisbane-based Mundraby beat Emmett Gazzard in Southport (Queensland) for the vacant Australian super bantamweight title.

Mundraby gained a unanimous points decision in the 10-rounder.

Mundraby won the Australian bantamweight title in June 2007 and twice defended it.

WA team makes up the numbers

By ALF WILSON



WEST Australian team Warakurna and a second Docker River side answered an SOS to participate in

round three of a remote Northern Territory softball competition.

Held at Docker River community on May 31 and June 1, normal participants Yulara and Finke were late withdrawals.

That left Docker River number one side, Imanpa and Mutitjulu in the competition, so the inclusion of WA team Warakurna and a second home side was welcomed by organisers.

"There was a lot of excitement as round three kicked off in Docker River. Imanpa sat on top of the table and if they were able to beat Docker River, they would have all but secured first place in the competition and their spot in the NT Championships to be held in Darwin later in the year," competition spokeswoman Rayleen Kunoth said.

Live broadcast

Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) based at Alice Springs despatched a team 700km to do a live radio broadcast from Docker River.

Docker River played first against Mutitjulu and were too strong, winning 21-5.

Christine Bennett starred with the bat, earning six runs batted in (RBI) and two runs. Resleda Temay was also strong with two RBI and three runs.

For Mutitjulu, Alyisha Alyick was impressive, earning two RBI and a run from her only plate appearance.

When Mutitjulu came up against Imanpa, they looked to have it in the bag leading by seven at the bottom of the third.

Imanpa soon found themselves two out and still trailing by five runs.

Under the cool direction of Regina McKay, the Imanpa girls held their nerve and ended up winning 12-11.

The Docker River-Imanpa clash was the main game of the weekend.

"Both teams knew how important this game was – for Imanpa, it would almost guarantee them first position with only one round remaining.

For Docker River, they knew they needed a win to end up level with Imanpa and keep the competition alive into the final round at Finke," Ms Kunoth said.

Christine Bennett led Docker River to a 3-1 win, notching three RBI on two hits.

For Imanpa, Cecily Luckey and Jocelyn Young shone.

Warakurna played Docker River and Imanpa and lost both, but they won against Mutitjulu.

Heading into the final round at Finke on July 4-6, Docker River and Imanpa are tied at the top of the table, followed by Yulara, Mutitjulu and Finke.

Organisers are delighted that the side that wins the competition will travel to Darwin to compete in the NT championships.

The NT Government is a major sponsor.



Christine Bennett pitching for Docker River.



An Imanpa batter on the plate in the game against Docker River.

TSI players dominate Marlins team

By ALF WILSON



NINE players of Torres Strait Islander descent played leading roles for the North Queensland Marlins side that finished second in the Queensland Rugby League (QRL) divisional women's championships.

They were held at Southport's Owen Park from June 6-8 and the other competing sides were South East Queensland and Central Crows.

Stephanie Mooka (Mabuiag), Mona Faid (Poruma and Masig), Frances Whap (Mabuiag), Rothana Baira, Sonja Watson (Badu), Norita Tapau Neliman (Mer and Badu Island), Angela Solomon (St Pauls Village – Moa Island and Darnley Island), Jenni-Sue Hoepper (Saibai Island) and Angie Nadredre (Masig (Yorke) Island) were the players

of TSI descent in the Marlins.

Nadredre is from Weipa, on Cape York.

SEQ, which boasted several members of Australia's Jillaroos women's team that won the 2013 Rugby League World Cup at Headingley, England, won the Southport carnival from the Marlins, with the Crows third.

Mooka, Faid, and Whap scored all of the tries for the Marlins during their two games.

On June 7 the Marlins beat Central Crows 16-14 and Mooka (Mabuiag island descent) scored two tries and Faid one.

In their second match, the Marlins went down 24-4 to South East Queensland and Whap scored the four-pointer.

SEQ won their other match beating Central Crows 30-6 and their star Steph Hancock was named player of the tournament.

Rothana Baira, is of Badu descent and lives in Townsville. She told the *Koori Mail* the games were fast and furious.

The Marlins side was selected after a women's carnival in Cairns on May 31-June 1.

Competing teams were winners Cairns, Townsville, Mackay and Cape York.

After the tournament, a Queensland Women's Interstate Challenge squad was named to meet NSW in Sydney at Leichhardt Oval on July 19 for the Nellie Doherty Cup.

The side, to be coached by Brad Donald, is: Annette Brander, Nicole Richards, Teri Nukunuku, Tarah Westera, Jazmyn Taumafai, Renae Kunst, Deanna Turner, Heather Ballinger, Brittany Breauley, Steph Hancock, Talia Poutini, Ali Brigginsshaw, Kady Tinker, Aleasha Brider, Jenni-Sue Hoepper, Kellye Hodges, Karina Brown and Karyn Murphy.

Meanwhile North Queensland Marlins took out the men's divisional championships at the same venue.

The Marlins defeated SEQ 46-12 and Central Crows 48-12.



Some of the Marlins players, back row, from left, Stephanie Mooka, Melissa Sotheren (trainer), Mona Faid, Jenni-Sue Hoepper, Angie Nadredre, Rothana Baira, Norita Neliman; front, Angela Solomon, Shaniiah Power, Patrina Neller (trainer), Sonja Watson, Frances Whap.

Hey Presto... White shines in England



PRESTON White, one of three Imparja Cup cricketers playing overseas, is making a name for himself in the Ribblesdale League in Lancashire.

The *Lancashire Telegraph* reported on June 9 that Queenslander White, playing for Euxton, shone with the bat and ball in his team's win over Cherry Tree in the only game in the Ribblesdale Shield or Lancashire League competitions that went ahead on a wet weekend.

White top-scored for Euxton at Balshaw Park, where underfoot conditions were borderline.

But White made light work of the conditions as he batted beautifully to score 58 off 53 balls in Euxton's total of 131. They were all out 11 balls short of their allocated 28 overs.

Cherry Tree scored 6-113 in reply and White was again to the fore with match-best figures of 4-43 off 14 unbroken overs.

The *Lancashire Telegraph* said the Cherry Tree batsman could not get a handle on White's left-arm seamers. It said White generated a surprising amount of pace off his short run-up and was bringing the ball into the batsmen, causing all manner of problems.

Other Indigenous cricketers playing overseas are Queensland Imparja Cup captain Worrin Williams (in Canada) and West Australian Imparja Cup captain Michael Bailey (England).



Preston White



Michael Bailey



Worrin Williams

Imparja Cup player top wicket-taker in club cricket nationally



NSW Imparja Cup left-arm orthodox spinner Ben Mitchell has emerged as Australia's leading wicket-taker in club cricket in the 2013-14 season.

Weet-Bix MyCricket captures a lot of statistics on cricket at all levels and is producing a series of season highlights from club cricket around Australia.

These statistics include leading wicket-takers, runs scored... even how many ducks were recorded.

These statistics show that Mitchell, who plays for Shellharbour Cricket Club, captured 77 wickets in club cricket in 2013-14.

Mitchell was also a member of the 2014 NSW Imparja Cup team, where he took nine wickets at 14.11.

The Imparja Cup is the national Indigenous cricket championship held annually in Alice Springs.

Stars shine in SANFL

By PETER ARGENT



THE South Australian National Football League (SANFL) dedicated its round-nine fixtures from June 6-9 to mark the role

Indigenous players have made to the sport.

Starting on Friday night, in the clash between 2012 grand final opponents West Adelaide and the Redlegs at Richmond Oval, Anthony Wilson's clever snap opened the goal scoring for Norwood.

In a game that was defensive, Wilson was one of only two multiple goal-kickers in the reigning premiers 21-point win in a low-scoring contest.

In the two contests in the traditional Saturday afternoon time slot, Adelaide had one of its best wins for the season, defeating Woodville West Torrens at Maughan Thiem Hyundai Oval, Woodville.

One of the few Eagles players to stand up in the eight-goal loss was running defender Byron Sumner.

Across at Envestra Park, Unley, the clash between Sturt and South Adelaide was a classic encounter.

The Double Blues won the game in the final minute when captain Michael Coad kicked his sixth goal, but it was the performance of Richard Tambling that was the catalyst for the victory.

A former Richmond and the Crows AFL footballer, Tambling won a team-high 23 disposals, including an equal game-high



It was back to work for Hall of Fame inductee Andrew McLeod, coach of the Norwood reserves.



Norwood's Anthony Wilson embraces a teammate after a rare goal against West Adelaide.



Byron Sumner looked good in a well-beaten Eagles outfit.

Pictures by Peter Argent



● ABOVE: Luke Barmby provided thrust for the Central District Bulldogs in their loss to the Port Adelaide Magpies.



● LEFT: Richard Tambling won 23 disposals in Sturt's tight win over the South Adelaide Panthers.

eight clearances – a number from the centre in the pivotal final stanza.

"I was lucky enough to lead the team out before the game with my children, Tyson and Leah and toss the coin," Tambling told the *Koori Mail*.

"Also Michael 'Flash' Graham was there before the match and he's a legend at Sturt.

"Playing in the SANFL Indigenous Round, I was certainly keen to perform well.

"It was a good game and I

seemed to be in the right spot in the last term to win the clearances."

At Alberton Oval on Sunday, teenage talent Robbie Young lit up the encounter for the Magpies against Central District at the start of the opening term.

By the fourth-minute mark of the game, Young had the opening two majors in a seven-goal first term.

Returning to SANFL football this year, Nathan Krakouer kicked a brace of goals among his 18

possessions and impressive 13 marks.

The AFL-listed Jake Neade (two goals), Brendan Ah Chee and Karl Amon were solid contributors for the Magpies.

For the Bulldogs, who charged back into the contest after the first break, Luke Barmby gave his team plenty of dash out of defence and was high in their best players.

On Monday at Gliderol Stadium, North Adelaide defeated Glenelg to complete the

weekend.

Fresh from his debut game in the SANFL match the previous week, Jay Shannon won the Dean Higgins Medal for the most courageous player in this contest.

Used in a tagging role on former AFL footballer Sam Loneragan, Joe Anderson was superb, laying an amazing 13 tackles.

Playing his third game back in Roosters colours, Marlon Motlop was high among the best players for a second week.

Kickstart team gets a run

By PETER ARGENT



THE South Australian state Kickstart team was a key feature of the SANFL's Indigenous Round over the June long weekend.

Including the state's best Aboriginal players aged 15 and under, SA's Kickstart team tackled the Woodville-West Torrens side in a curtain-raiser to the SANFL match between the Crows and Eagles at Maughan Thiem Hyundai Oval, Woodville on Saturday, May 9.

The Kickstart team was coached by former Crows, Central and West Adelaide footballer Eddie Hocking and captained by his second son, Tyrell.

Playing against a side that looked more cohesive early, the Kickstart side was slow out of the blocks and well down at half-time.

But they showed plenty of character in the second half to kick four goals against taller and stronger opponents.

The final score was Woodville West Torrens 8.12 (60), Kickstart under 15s 4.3 (27).

Skipper Tyrell Hocking and Xavier Cubillo won plenty of the ball in the midfield, while big man Cameron Croker played with physicality.

Ceduna A-grader Cameron Wild was a good target at centre half and also helped out in the ruck.

Adam Nichaloff gave outside run to the group, while Connor McLeod displayed composure in traffic.

"I was proud of the way the group turned their efforts around after half-time," coach Hocking said.

"Their work rate and ability to will the contested ball was better from this point. They created opportunities to impact on the scoreboard.

"After half-time the game was a close and exciting contest."

This group played in the national carnival in Coffs Harbour last April.



● ABOVE: Tyrell Hocking gets a handball away for the South Australian Kickstart under 15s against Woodville-West Torrens.

● LEFT: Cameron Croker proved a handful. Pictures by Peter Argent

Champion on and off the court

By CHRIS PIKE



SAMANTHA Rioli has achieved tremendous team and individual success as a basketballer in

Melbourne and Darwin, but it is her work helping youngsters achieve their dreams that might very well be her greatest legacy.

The 39-year-old continues to play with the Tracy Village Jets in the Darwin Basketball Association where she has played more than 300 games and scored more than 5000 points.

She is on target to help the team to a fifth straight championship.

By playing more than 300 games and scoring more than 5000 points, she has followed in the footsteps of her sister Dahlia Docherty, who scored 5931 points in the league in 739 matches.

However, what is remarkable about those achievements is the fact that she spent 18 years living and playing basketball in Melbourne, so her achievements in Darwin have come before her 18th birthday and since her 37th.

Milestone

"I lived in Melbourne for 18 years so it was a surprise to reach that milestone. It's not something I thought about. It's nice to join the 5000 points club with my sister Dahlia and Karmi Dunn, who I look up to," Rioli said.

"We are hoping to continue the success, but it won't be easy. We are playing off in another grand final and if we win, it will be our fifth in a row, which is fantastic for our team and club. Jets is where I started when I was nine years old, so the success of our team means a lot to me."

Rioli made her senior women's basketball debut aged 13 and coming through as a youngster was something that came naturally, just like continuing to play on as she nears her 40th birthday does.

"My Auntie Maisie was the coach and the club wanted to develop some of the juniors coming through the ranks. There were a few young talents back then," she said.

"Most of my family are involved in basketball and have



Basketball champion Samantha Rioli (above) and her husband, former AFL star Dean Rioli, have had more than 20 people stay with them over a 10-year period as they advanced themselves in education, careers or sport.

been for many years. My mum, aunty and uncles still play today and continue to play in the Masters game."

Rioli achieved great success playing in the South East Australian Basketball League (SEABL, formerly the SBA) with Eltham and Knox before settling in the highly regarded Big V League.

She always wanted to get the chance to move from Darwin and test herself in a big city of Sydney and Melbourne, and is proud of everything she achieved there.

"Since the age of 15, I wanted to leave Darwin to further my basketball. Once I turned 18, I had an opportunity to move to Sydney with Timmy Duggan and his family," Rioli said.

"It was a big move for all of us, especially Timmy's parents who took me under their wing. I started playing with Manly, then after six months I headed to Melbourne to live with my best mate Toni Gabelish, who had some contacts there."

"Toni and I started playing in the then CBA for Eltham, then went to Knox Raiders where we won the championship. I spent most of my career playing in the Big V State Championship

League, finishing in 2011 when I was 37."

Even though settling in Melbourne for 18 years wasn't easy for Rioli, it gave her the perspective of realising how tough it is for any young person living away from home trying to make it in their chosen field.

She came through the other side successfully and that's why she and her husband (former AFL star Dean Rioli) have been so willing to help others by giving them a place to stay and guidance along the way to help them cope with being away from home, and being successful.

"Leaving home was one of the toughest challenges in my life: moving to a big city where I had no family, didn't know many people and I needed to find a job to support myself. I think anyone who moves away from home for sport or work will know how hard it can get," she said.

Raw talent

"There is so much talent in Darwin and many remote communities around Australia, but to further their training and opportunities, they need to move away to further their sports, but they have limited options unless they get into boarding schools or have family to stay with."

"Dean and I had many young people stay with us in Melbourne who moved to further their education, find work and pursue sporting ambitions."

"We did it because we wanted to give them an opportunity and the right environment and support. We have had over 20 people live with us at some point over a 10-year period. If we were to move back to Melbourne, we would continue to do the same thing."

As well as that, Rioli continues to do tremendous work in Darwin, particularly as a mentor for Indigenous female athletes.

"For the past few years I have been working as a youth mentor working with Indigenous female students at schools," Rioli said.

"I aim to be a positive influence in their lives, whether it be advice or discussions on challenges they may be going through, having a laugh or doing sporting activities. It is all about encouraging our youth to reach their full potential."

Football boots recycled in Qld



HUNDREDS of pairs of discarded football boots have found homes in Aboriginal homes throughout

remote Queensland thanks to a program run by Sportscene and the North Queensland Cowboys.

'Boots for the Bush' involves collection bins at Sportscene stores in Townsville and Rockhampton.

Sportscene offers substantial discounts on new boots if customers bring in their old boots for distribution.

New Queensland Cowboys players also donate their discarded boots and some junior rugby league clubs also contribute.

"Through this program, we have been able to ensure that many communities who do not have access to boots get to play the sport they love and end up with boots," a Cowboys spokesman said.

Communities to have benefited from the program include Palm Island, Mount Isa, Kowanyama, Normanton, Arakun.



This young Normanton State School student is one of hundreds to have benefited from being given recycled footy boots.

Cherbourg is to get some boots next month.

Some boots even make it to Papua New Guinea.

The program has been running for 12 months and a spokesman said that so far, about 2500 pairs of boots had been distributed.

Children take the plunge



PICTURED are some of the Aboriginal children from the eight communities from around Bourke, in north-western NSW, to take part in a water safety and stroke development clinic organised by Swimming NSW and the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation. The clinic brought together more than 100 children. Following its success, Swimming NSW is planning another clinic in term four and is looking at extending the program across NSW.

NRL wild cards

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

WHILE the whole rugby league world has seemingly been focussed on Origin, the National Rugby League (NRL) competition has reached mid-point with the majority of teams still being in contention for a finals position.

Three teams among those impressing at the moment are the Rabbitohs, Penrith and the Broncos.

Each of these will be heavily reliant on their Indigenous stars stepping up to the plate if they are to become real contenders for the title.

Things have been humming along nicely for the Rabbitohs, who, after some early concern, managed to cover for the loss of hooker Issac Luke for eight weeks without too much fuss.

Testing times

But their depth will be sorely tested heading out of the Origin period as fatigue and more injuries bite.

As much as Queensland are sweating on the return of Greg Inglis, it will be the Rabbitohs who will be most anxiously monitoring his recovery.

Their concerns will be tempered by the performance of the side without him in the second half of their 34-18 triumph over the Warriors, when they gutted through a significant injury toll to produce one of their best showings without the Queensland and Kangaroos superstar on the pitch since his joining the club in 2011.

This was a game that gave me the belief that the Rabbitohs can at least make the grand final this year.

There was a maturity and resilience to their game that may have been missing in the past and they will still be hurting from the early exit from

the finals series over the past two years.

And we all know how GI likes to perform on the big stage.

A special mention also goes to the younger brigade led by Apisai Koroisau, Alex Johnston and Dylan Walker, who have impressed many in 2014.

For his age, Walker is an outstanding talent and definitely a star of the future.

Alex Johnston is still finding his feet, but he has also shown glimpses of his potential that suggest he could be the next Aboriginal player to make his mark in the proud history of the Rabbitohs.

However, I suppose the single moment that gave rise to the hope of the Rabbitohs fans was when the GI locomotive switched into hyper-drive against the Broncos on Anzac Day to produce one of the greatest individual tries rugby league has ever seen.

Tornado

Cleaning up a Ben Barba chip kick, Inglis took flight and promptly left a staggered Broncos defence looking like the aftermath of a trailer park tornado.

With a mix of balance, power and sheer pace, Inglis left seven Brisbane defenders in his wake before turning on the afterburners to beat the cover defence and touch down in the corner for the type of breathtaking piece of play people will tell other people's grandchildren about.

It could be the try that ignited the march to a premiership.

Meantime, the Broncos have gradually been building into a force to be reckoned with after a comparatively poor start to the season.

With arguably their worst performance of the year to date coming against the Cowboys in their 27-14 round nine loss in Townsville, the Broncos bounced back to record four straight victories in conjunction with the beginning of the Origin period – a time of the season where they notoriously struggle.

Over the next four weeks the Broncos will receive two byes and play the Warriors (away) and the Sharks at home – two teams who are outside the top eight.

If they can continue their new-found momentum and avoid injury to key personnel over the remainder of the Origin period, a top-four finish is certainly within their grasp.

There's no doubt that the progression of halfback Ben Hunt has been the Broncos' highlight so far.

In addition to Hunt's remarkable rise, the real reason why Brisbane has

exceeded expectations is the strength of their unbreakable spine that consists of Hunt, Ben Barba, Josh Hoffman and Andrew McCullough.

This quartet has played together in every game for the Broncos this year except for when Hoffman missed the 28-26 round eight loss to the Rabbitohs due to injury.

A lot of people also suggest that because Ben Barba has yet to live up to expectation, it is a negative.

I see it differently, with a Barba hitting form the potential difference as we head towards the business end of the season.

If there are some positives to take out of a series of negatives for Barba, it's the 14 try saves he has made this season and the fact that he actually hasn't hit his peak form in the Broncos jersey yet.

Add to this mix a fit and inspirational Sam Thaiday and the Broncos become the real deal.

And then there is the real surprise packet of the season in one of my former clubs – the Penrith Panthers.

And one of the stars has been the player wearing my former number six jersey – Jamie Soward.

You can hardly recognise the player who left the Dragons mid-season when you watch the confidence that Jamie plays with.

His relationship with coach Ivan Cleary must be a special one.

Untouched

Importantly, a healthy Panthers squad will go untouched during the Origin period and if they can negotiate a testing final month that includes dates with perennial heavyweights North Queensland, Melbourne and Manly, a home semifinal could be theirs in September.

Nothing shows more commitment to a coach than a resolute defence, especially one that goes from 12th to third in the space of six months.

Ball-playing forward Tyrone Peachey has also hit his straps with sparkling performances in attack.

He is a representative player of the future.

The other player who must not be forgotten is Jamal Idris.

While all in the game want him to focus on his health, we all want to see him return to the field.

Getting a fit Idris back into the fold – physically and mentally – could be the final piece in Penrith becoming real challengers for the title.

There are plenty of other teams vying for the title, but these three teams catch my eye as we prepare to head into the home straight.



Jamie Soward in NSW Origin colours in 2011. He is thriving at Penrith under coach Ivan Cleary. Picture: AAP



Ben Barba playing at a far north Queensland All Blacks rugby league carnival. Picture by Alf Wilson

Rocherlea continues dominance

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Northern Tasmanian Football Association's reigning premiers, the Rocherlea Tigers, have retained bragging rights in the association's Aboriginal Round with a 24-point victory over the Deloraine Roos.

Rocherlea, who have boasted the largest numbers of Aboriginal players in any NTFA club for years, if not always, have taken out all bar one of the Aboriginal Round matches, which began six years ago to celebrate the contribution of Aboriginal footballers in northern Tasmania.

Playing on their home ground, Rocherlea had the welcome addition of guest player, former AFL star Daniel Motlop, in their forward line.

Motlop and another of the Aboriginal stars of the match, Deloraine coach and past Neil Maynard Medallist Rory Mansell, vied for the position of top goal

kicker, each bagging three for their teams, only to be outdone by five goals from Rocherlea's Josh Holton.

A close game at times, the teams were deadlocked at 37-all at half-time. But Deloraine only managed one goal in the third term and Rocherlea ran away with the match.

In what he said was a tough decision, NTFA legend Neil Maynard awarded the best on ground medallion to Rocherlea player Stuart Oates.

Another NTFA legend, Eddie Thomas, tossed the coin for the match.

Marngrook Footy Show host Gilbert McAdam and world champion Aboriginal softballer Jeff Goolagong spoke at the match day function.

"The atmosphere was electric," said the man behind the Aboriginal Round initiative, Rocherlea vice-president Graeme Gardner.

"The feel of the game, the way the ground was presented, the dances, the guests, Daniel Motlop, really made for an entertaining and memorable day."



A large group of Aborigines travelled from Flinders Island for the match.



Josh Gardner leads dancers on the field before the main match.



It's a goal off the boot of Deloraine coach Rory Mansell.



Brenton Gale, Rory Mansell and Daniel Maynard compete for the ball.



Sammy Banister runs away with the ball for Rocherlea. He was one of the side's five Aboriginal players.



● LEFT: Daniel Motlop proves he has not lost his bounce as he goes for the mark.

● BELOW: David Sainty, from Bronte Park, and Wendal Pitchford, from Launceston, dressed in appropriate colours for the day, were part of the large contingent of Aboriginal people in the crowd.



Deloraine's Dillon Riley watches the ball fly through the goal posts.



● LEFT: *Marngrook Footy Show* host Gilbert McAdam, NTFA Aboriginal legend Eddie Thomas and Rocherlea vice-president Graeme Gardner, with a commemorative jumper designed by Denni Leslie-Proctor.



● LEFT: Neil Maynard medallist, Rocherlea player Stuart Oates with Neil Maynard.



● LEFT: Daniel Motlop with Rocherlea coach and winning bidder Andrew Philpott, holding the guernsey worn by Daniel during the match that was signed and auctioned.



● RIGHT: Australian men's softballer Jeff Goolagong was a guest speaker at the match day function.



Men of principle

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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MICK Malthouse's amazing achievement in reaching 700 games as an Australian Football League (AFL) coach gave me pause to reflect on the contrasting philosophies and approaches of successful coaches.

Whether as a junior player or a senior player in the AFL, the coach cannot only have a major influence on your performance, but also in your life in general.

And whatever qualities or philosophies a coach may bring to the table, there is one thing a coach must have if he is to be successful.

And that is the respect of his players.

Whether you're a Mick Malthouse or a Paul Roos, you

do not last in this game unless you command that respect.

The bristling moustache and withering glare of Mick Malthouse in the coach's box has been a constant feature of every football season, except for one, since 1984.

In 2012, he spent the year in the media, but even then it was clear he was a coach on a sabbatical, not a broadcaster in training.

A player at St Kilda and Richmond, Malthouse has embraced, and in return, been embraced by four more clubs as a coach.

And his influence on the Western Bulldogs, West Coast, Collingwood and now Carlton, has been profound.

700-game coach

Malthouse, a three-time premiership coach, moved into exclusive company on Friday night when he coached his 700th game, joining legendary Collingwood mentor Jock McHale as the only men in the history of the game to reach that mark.

Give Malthouse his due.

When he started coaching, it was a part-time position (he had an office job) and the players were of his generation.

Now, most of the players on the list are younger than his children.

"He's got his basic principles," said Robert Wiley, a teammate of Malthouse's at Richmond, his lieutenant at West Coast and Carlton and also one of his closest friends.

"But to be able to stay in the game, you have to be able to change. You have your basic principles, but at the same time

you change some things around them. And the players know that with Mick, there is always an open door policy."

And communication with your players is one of the key factors in earning and retaining respect.

And I'm certain Mick doesn't leave his players second guessing his meaning when talking to them!

Right now, for Malthouse, all roads lead to Carlton.

He has always been fiercely loyal to the colours he wears.

A documentary he featured in last year showed him teaching his grandchildren to say: "Go Blues."

Where he hangs his shingle once he finally gives up coaching might be a different story.

But you cannot question his single-mindedness and commitment.

Like Malthouse at Carlton, my old coach Paul Roos was called into Melbourne to transform the club's culture.

He may have the same destination as Mick in his sights, but his road map to success is entirely different.

And it is these differences that make our sport so exciting.

He seemingly can do no wrong, 'Roosy'.

The Melbourne Footy Club is alive again.

Opposition teams no longer blow the Demons away.

The members section of the MCG is packed for Melbourne games.

Players who seemed to have little or no future last year are crucial facets of what lies ahead.

Paul Roos' resuscitation of the Demons is a long way from completion, but the revival is genuine.

Even matches in which his team can manage to score only three goals are viewed as positives, given the opposition, Collingwood, kicked only five more.

Melbourne's challenge now is to convince Roos to formally accept his contractual option on the 2016 season and then to entice him to add a couple of seasons beyond that.

Roos appears open to the 2016 part, but has stopped short, publicly at least, of locking it in.

Roos is a rebuild.

Maybe that is all he has set himself to achieve at the Demons.

Maybe he will consider his job to be done by the end of 2015, and that, by that stage, he will have righted the Demons to the point where he will have the confidence in someone else to take the club to the next level.

But the thing about Roos is that he is all about the big picture

Legacy-shaping

Too often a coach's legacy in the AFL is measured only by premierships, and Roos has one of those, and was desperately unlucky not to secure a second.

His work at Melbourne is already legacy-shaping.

Having seen 'succession planning' for coaches work at Sydney, where he helped prepare John Longmire for the senior job, Roos is convinced that grooming his own replacement will help give the Melbourne players a greater sense of where they and the club are heading when his time is up.

In an interview on the Demons' website, he indicated he was open to extending his

two-year contract for a third season and to remaining at the club beyond 2016.

"In some shape or form, I'd like to stay involved in the footy club. I've really enjoyed the footy club. I really enjoy the players and maybe some other, different role will come up. But in terms of pure coaching and senior coaching, the three years will see me out," Roos said.

Certainty

He said that while some thought his openness about coaching the team for only a couple of years had created some uncertainty, the idea was to create more certainty than usually existed in a football club.

"We're still wedded to that whether it's after two years or after three years, but part of what I wanted to do was get in and get a good group of coaches together and really set the path and hand it over to someone who's really well qualified, but also knows what we're trying to do so that the path is consistent," he said.

"I'm really wedded to that because I've seen it work at Sydney and I tend to disagree when some people think 'new coach, new ideas'.

"They'll have some different ideas, but it's a great way for the players to understand 'this is where we're going', and continue that under someone else."

The philosophies of Malthouse and Roos may align but they have a number of things in common.

They both have the respect of their players.

And they are both winners. Until Next Time.... Keep Dreaming!

JT backs stand-alone Origins



STATE of Origin rugby league has become so brutal that it is ridiculous to ask players to back up in the National Rugby League (NRL), Queensland ironman Johnathan Thurston

says.

The Maroons' playmaker has joined the push for stand-alone interstate games after witnessing first hand the carnage caused by the series opener – a game considered one of the most ferocious in Origin history.

"I have never been part of such a brutal game before in Origin," said the 31-year-old Thurston who has played a record 28 straight games for Queensland.

"It was one of the fastest as well.

"And to back up for your club a few days later... it's borderline ridiculous."

Thurston said he prided himself on backing up after Origin for his NRL club North Queensland – but had no idea why he had to do it.

"I know the boys pride themselves on backing up for their club – I do personally," he said.

"It has been passed down by guys like Locky (Darren Lockyer), having pride in your performance after an Origin.

"But I just don't know why we have to do it.

"We have the powerbrokers in the game. Surely we can come up with a better system."

Thurston said the savage game-one exchange, won 12-8 by NSW, might have set a new Origin standard, but believed it would soon become the norm.

"You saw the brutality in game one and I don't see it letting up any time soon," he said.

"The damage will be done when the boys back up. Fatigue is when injuries happen – hopefully we find another solution."

Master coach Wayne Bennett believes he has found one.

Three games in four weeks

He has contacted NRL head of football Todd Greenberg about a proposal to rest Origin players from club duties and play three interstate games in four weeks in June next year.

Under Bennett's plan, 22-man squads would be named for each state for the series.

Queensland great Gordon Tallis told Fox Sports he feared Bennett's plan might also be a gruelling assignment for players and back-to-back Origin games could lower the showcase event's standard.

But Thurston backed Bennett's plan, saying it would not just benefit players.

"I totally agree with it," he said.

Meanwhile, of all the damning statistics that faced Thurston in the wake of Queensland's Origin game one loss, one hurt the most for the Maroons playmaker.

And it wasn't missed tackles.

Much has been made of Thurston's defensive effort – or lack thereof – against the Blues after being successfully targeted by NSW strike weapon Jarryd Hayne.

Sure, Thurston was hurting from six missed tackles – two leading to NSW's only tries – in game one after being left black and blue by a flying Hayne.

However, Thurston was kicking himself after missing two crucial conversion attempts in NSW's 12-8 win.

"That can be the difference between winning and losing," Thurston said.

"I have had a couple of weeks where I have been shocking with the boot but I have been working extremely hard.

"What's disappointing is when you put so much effort into it and there's little reward.

"But I am confident if I keep working hard hopefully I will bang a few more over."

"I just need to make sure my routine is the same and striking the ball where I need to."

– AAP



Johnathan Thurston

Indigenous sporting museum on agenda in Qld



INDIGENOUS Sport Queensland (ISQ) convenor Wayne Coolwell is

hoping the 2014 ISQ Eddie Gilbert Medal awards night in Brisbane on Friday will re-ignite plans to create a Queensland Indigenous sporting museum.

The fourth ISQ Indigenous Sports Awards dinner will be held at the Crushers Leagues Club, in the Brisbane suburb of Grange.

The highlight will be the announcement of the winner of the Eddie Gilbert Medal for the person judged to be Queensland's most outstanding sportsman or woman in the past 12 months.

Other awards will be the Cathy Freeman Junior Award and the Leigh-Anne Goodwin Encouragement Award.

ISQ has refreshed its Hall of Fame website (www.hof.indigenoussportqueensland.com). It features footage of great Indigenous sportsmen and women – cricketer Eddie Gilbert, women cricketers Edna Crouch and Mabel Campbell, rugby league player Arthur Beetson, jockey Darby McCarthy, rugby union player Lloyd McDermott and boxer Randell 'Ron' Richards.

It has long been Coolwell's dream to establish a 'physical' record of the achievements of Queensland Indigenous sportsmen and women and he's hoping the awards night on Friday could mark the beginning of that journey.

Legends Lloyd McDermott and Darby McCarthy will be at the dinner on Friday.

Coolwell was also hopeful that Eddie Gilbert's son, Eddie Barney, may also be present.



Darby McCarthy

Two Thunder stars leave, one stays

Mid-season hiccup for NEAFL club

By CHRIS PIKE



THE Northern Territory Thunder has had quite the tumultuous few weeks with some heavy losses and now the departure of key players Ross Tungatalum and Patrick Heenan, but former Melbourne AFL forward Austin Wonaeamirri has recommitted to the club.

The Thunder plays in the North East Australian Football League (NEAFL) and it has been a rocky season under new coach and former St Kilda AFL star Xavier Clarke.

The Thunder won their opening six matches, five of which were at Darwin's TIO Stadium, but things haven't gone as smoothly since with a 125-point loss to Aspley, 67-point defeat to the Sydney Swans reserves and a 104-point loss to the Upper Western Sydney Giants (Greater Western Sydney's reserves team).

They were interrupted by a 69-point win over the Brisbane Lions reserves, so the Thunder remains on track for a finals appearance.

However, a combination of those heavy losses of late and some players feeling unhappy with their treatment has meant that some have been looking to move on.

Tiwi-based trio Heenan, Tungatalum and Wonaeamirri asked to be released by the Thunder to join the Jason Akermanis-coached North Albury team of the Ovens and Murray Football League in country Victoria.

That competition is regarded as the strongest country football league in Australia and the standard is at least on a par with that of the NEAFL, which had a representative team thrashed by 85 points by a WAFL side in Sydney last month.

Wonaeamirri recommits

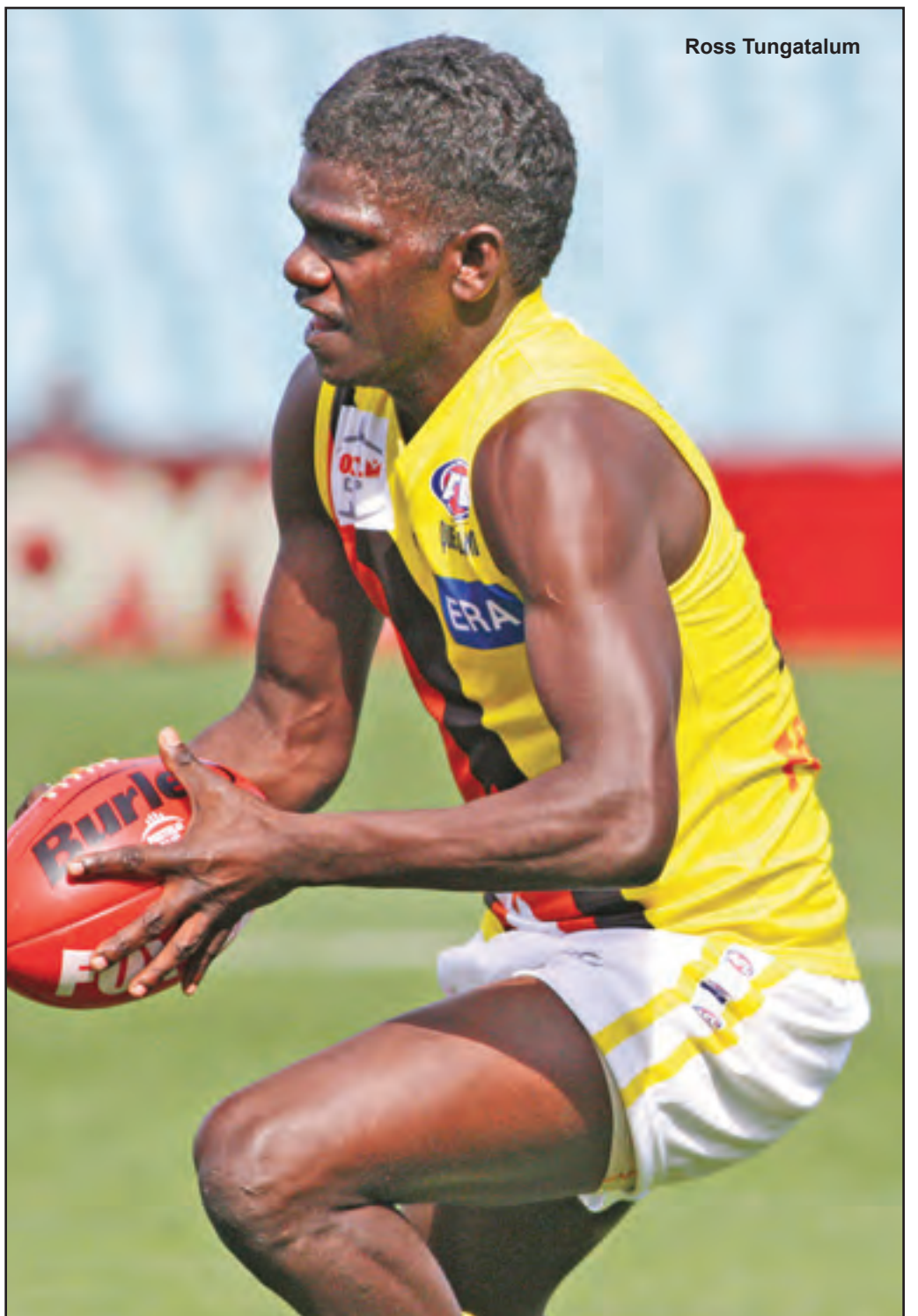
However, the Thunder did play hardball and have been unwilling to release Wonaeamirri, meaning he has recommitted to the club for at least the rest of the 2014 season, while Tungatalum and Heenan have been granted the release to join North Albury effective immediately.

Wonaeamirri has managed just the one senior match with the Thunder this season – back on April 5 – but he remains a great untapped talent.

Possessing a rare blend of speed, power and skill, Wonaeamirri threatened to become an AFL star in his four years in the AFL with Melbourne where he racked up 31 games, kicking 37 goals, but he has been unable to maintain his form and fitness in recent times to push back into the AFL.

However, he has guaranteed the Thunder that he will work hard to get back to tip-top shape and this recent drama could just be the tonic to bring the best out of him again.

"After playing in the Thunder's practice game it was a good chance to re-engage with the club, the coaches and the players,"



Ross Tungatalum

Wonaeamirri said.

"I'm committed to my training and getting back into the senior team as soon as possible. I'm really looking forward to playing the rest of the season with the NT Thunder."

Tungatalum had also only played two games this season, including a five-goal performance in a best-on-ground display in the win on Anzac Day against Redland.

However, that was also his last game of the season as his fascinating career story continues to unfold.

The 24-year-old is a tremendously talented and skilful small forward capable of scoring some stunning goals and going on great runs with his pace, and putting strong pressure on in the forward line.

He was originally picked up by AFL club St Kilda from Northern Territory club St Marys in the 2009 rookie draft, but wasn't able to break through for a debut.

Tungatalum then made the move west to join South Fremantle for the 2010 WAFL season and looked capable of adding plenty to the team that had just won the 2009

premiership, but managed just two senior matches.

He joined the Tiwi Bombers in the Northern Territory Football League and brought up 100 games in the competition late in 2013, but it has been with the Thunder in the NEAFL that he has continued to be talked about as a potential AFL prospect – a second chance.

Just four games

Meanwhile, Heenan played in four matches for the Thunder this season, having rejoined the club in 2012 from the Tiwi Bombers.

He was an original member of the Thunder team in 2009 before playing with his local Bombers and then being lured back to the high level of competition.

He played some impressive football again in 2014 and now will be looking to make the most of his chance to play a different brand of football in Victoria under a coach in Akermanis, who is a triple-premiership player with the Brisbane Lions and a Brownlow Medal winner.

Maoris take on Murris



THE Brisbane bayside suburb of Wynnum is to host rugby league games between Queensland Murri and New Zealand Maori men's and women's teams.

Last year a Queensland Murri team visited New Zealand after the annual Murri rugby league carnival and this year it is the Murris' turn to host the Maoris.

Brisbane Lord Mayor Graham Quirk last week joined with the Arthur Beetson Foundation to announce the game to be played at Kougari Oval on Saturday, October 18.

It will be played a few weeks after the annual Murri rugby league carnival, to be held this year at Redcliffe.

Carnival founder Tony Currie said the decision to play the Maoris at Wynnum came after discussion with the Arthur Beetson Foundation and stakeholders.

The Lord Mayor welcomed the concept and said playing host to the event was a highlight on the Brisbane sporting calendar.

"What better way to recognise the great Arthur Beetson than to host a Murri v Maori rugby league



Brisbane Lord Mayor Graham Quirk, third from right, at Kougari Oval, Wynnum, last week with, from left, Arthur Beetson's son Brad, from the Arthur Beetson Foundation, 2013 Queensland Murri player Benaiah Bowie, Queensland Maori President Kelly Shelford, 2013 Queensland Murri player Teresa Anderson, and Institute of Urban Indigenous Health CEO Adrian Carson.

event here in Wynnum to showcase Queensland's finest Indigenous rugby league players and the future stars of NZ Maoris' game," Cr Quirk said.

"Artie's contribution on and off the field will not be forgotten, and

we are grateful to the Arthur Beetson Foundation for getting behind this event that will bring thousands of visitors to our region."

Institute for Urban Indigenous Health CEO Adrian Carson said

the Murri rugby league contributed significantly to good public and preventative health programs supporting Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

"People from all over the state

travel to participate in this event and all players and officials are required to undertake a health check at their local Aboriginal Medical Service," he said.

The Murri v Maori match will be underpinned by the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health's Deadly Choices campaign where people are encouraged to make healthy lifestyle choices.

"These games honour Queensland rugby league greats – male and female, past and present – and allow the next generation of talent to take to the field," Mr Carson said.

"Events such as this help us to encourage more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders to get involved in physical activity."

The Maoris are expected to field NRL players, including Sam Rapiara, Bodine Thompson, Charlie Gubb, and Kevin Locke.

The Queensland Murri men's will tour Fiji after the game, and the under 15s will tour Papua New Guinea.

The Murri v Maori program will be sponsored by the Brisbane City Council, Deadly Choices, Inala Wangarra and the Arthur Beetson Foundation and supported by QRL.

Timber Cup goes down to the wire



NORTHERN withstood a storming comeback by Southern to

win the 2014 Bundjalung nation rugby league Timber Cup in Lismore on Saturday, June 7.

The Timber Cup is an annual event where the best players in the Bundjalung nation (NSW Northern Rivers) come together.

Northern won this year's match at Oakes Oval 30-26 after leading 24-0 at one stage.

Southern actually hit the front in the second half, but big front-rower Tyson Binge scored for Northern to snatch victory.

Most of the players in the Timber Cup come from clubs participating in the North Rivers Rugby League (NRRL).

"I've never been involved in the Timber Cup before, so it was great to get the win," Northern captain Les Roberts told *The Northern Star*.

"We threw everything at each other and there was plenty of feeling out there."

Northern five-eighth Willie Hammond was named man of the match.

Dubbo rugby league carnival for nearly 800 NSW children



NEARLY 800 young rugby league players from around NSW are training their hearts out for the second PCYC NSW Nations of Origin rugby league 7s tournament in July.

Bringing together 32 teams from 23 NSW Aboriginal nations, the under 16s boys' and girls' round robin will be held at Dubbo on July 9-10.

An initiative of PCYC NSW, each team will include Indigenous and non-Indigenous players to promote reconciliation within communities and engage Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal members in PCYC through rugby league.

The competition will include teams from the Northern Wiradjuri nation based around the

Dubbo region, and local coaching and training sessions are under way.

All teams will represent their community under their traditional Aboriginal nation names, with uniforms adorned with their local totems.

The competition has been sanctioned by the NSW Rugby League, NSW Country Rugby League and the Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council.

Nations of Origin ambassadors are Indigenous women's rugby league All Star Eunice Grimes and former international David Peachey.

Dubbo's Apex Sporting Grounds is the venue for the tournament.

Participating teams: Anaiwan (Armidale), Awabakal (Newcastle/Lake Macquarie), Barkingyi (Wilcannia/Broken Hill), Birapi (Port

Macquarie), Biripi (Taree), Bundjalung (Lismore), Dakingjung (Bateau Bay), Eastern Darug (Blacktown), Western Darug (Mount Druitt), Northern Dharawal (Eastern Suburbs), Southern Dharawal (Lake Illawarra), Dunghutti (Kempsey), Eora (South Sydney), Gamilaraay (Walgett), Gumbaynggir (Coffs Harbour), Western Gundangurra (Blue Mountains), Eastern Gundangurra (Liverpool), Southern Kamilaroi (Tamworth/Gunnedah), Northern Kamilaroi (Moree), Ngambri (ACT), Ngemba (Bourke), Tharawal (Campbelltown), Wailwan (Warren), Western Wiradjuri (Griffith), Southern Wiradjuri (Wagga), Eastern Wiradjuri (Orange), Northern Wiradjuri (Dubbo), Wonarua (Maitland), Worimi (Port Stephens), Southern Yuin (Narooma), Northern Yuin (Shoalhaven).

Gallen: Peachey best forward in making



NSW captain Paul Gallen has predicted the Penrith Panther who put Will Hopoate's State of

Origin position in jeopardy will emerge into the best attacking back-rower in the National Rugby League (NRL).

When Panthers recruit Tyrone Peachey left Hopoate for dead not once, but twice in early June, doubts emerged about the Parramatta centre's ability to successfully contain Queensland superstar Greg Inglis in Origin II.

But Gallen sees the situation very differently.

Rather than question Hopoate's standing as first choice to come in

at centre for the Blues, Gallen says Peachey's electric double was proof that the Panthers have a star in the making in their pack.

Peachey showed flashes of brilliance alongside Gallen at Cronulla last year, but headed to the Panthers for a better opportunity.

Despite his lack of size, Peachey's master class against the Eels highlighted his rare speed and footwork for a forward.

It's not the same loping stride as his famous uncle David Peachey, but the 22-year-old's shuffle will be putting fear into right-side defences in years to come.

Gallen believes the Blues should show faith in Hopoate for his proven ability in big games and

says he won't be the last outside back shown up by a strike-weapon on the rise.

"Tyrone Peachey has the ability to make people do that. He's been a bit quiet at Penrith (until last week) but he has an attacking ability like no other back-rower has in the competition," said Gallen.

"He had one of those games last week where he really shone and, unfortunately, it was against Hoppa who is in the spotlight at the moment.

"Peach has a great ability to make people look silly."

Gallen has endorsed Hopoate for a place on the NSW right edge, with Morris brothers Josh and Brett both ruled out of tonight's Sydney match with injury. – AAP



A 2011 file picture of Tyrone Peachey.

Make or break

Crunch time as depleted Maroons head into Origin II



SUDDENLY the underdog tag does not sit so well with Queensland ahead of tonight's must-win rugby league State of Origin game two clash in Sydney.

And don't call them whingers.

The stage was set for Maroons coach Mal Meninga to play their traditional dark-horse card after injury ensured forwards Corey Parker and Josh Papalii were cut from his extended game two squad.

And he appeared to have every right to blow up after late tackles ensured Billy Slater (shoulder) and Daly Cherry-Evans (knee) were in severe doubt along with fellow strike weapon Greg Inglis (ankle) for the match.

But Meninga cut a bemused figure as he tried to make sense of the post-game one fallout from south of the border.

Asked if they would be embracing

underdog status again, Meninga said: "That's a furphy really.

"Over the years we have had some great Queensland teams and for some reason we have been underdogs. That's NSW (saying that), not us."

Meninga said the side always believed there was a chance of success, and didn't talk about the underdog status.

"We talk about preparation being spot on, a good attitude, being emotionally engaged in a game and playing to our potential," he said.

Meninga could not help but chuckle when reflecting on former NSW rake Ben Elias dubbing Queensland Rugby League "the greatest whingers in Australian sport".

Unimpressed

Elias was clearly unimpressed when loudly booed as a game one guest at Queensland's spiritual home Suncorp Stadium.

He also took exception to the QRL blowing up over NSW pivot Josh Reynolds being cleared of a dangerous throw on Queensland stalwart Brent Tate, who claimed he had "never been so frightened" in light of Newcastle forward Alex McKinnon's broken neck.

"They call us whingers and seriously I haven't made a comment about anything," Meninga laughed.

Told NSW coach Laurie Daley had been complaining about the game one officiating, Meninga said: "Yeah. But I thought both

sides handled poor (refereeing) decisions – if they want to call them that – really well.

"That's what footy is about. It's not about complaining about the decision – it is what you do next when it goes against you."

Recovering Maroons fullback Slater also had his chance to gripe when NSW utility Beau Scott's late game one hit that damaged his shoulder was brought up at their Gold Coast camp.

"I am not going to stand here and whinge about it," he said.

"We cop our fair share but we also give our fair share as well."

What is a more pressing matter for the Maroons is contemplating how to handle NSW fullback Jarryd Hayne.

Rugby league's reigning world No. 1 player Johnathan Thurston doesn't have any answers.

The Queensland pivot admitted Hayne was the difference in the Blues' gutsy 12-8 State of Origin series opening win.

And he should know. Hayne mercilessly targetted Thurston in defence, twice breaking free of the Maroons playmaker in the lead-up to NSW's only tries.

Add to that his seven total misses in defence and two botched conversion attempts and it is fair to say Thurston had an uncharacteristically bad game one.

Thurston knows what is coming in tonight's game two in Sydney – and he admits he doesn't know how to stop it.

"We have to try and nullify Haynesy at the back, which seems impossible at the

moment," Thurston said.

"They certainly came at us down our left edge in game one.

"Their game plan centres around getting the ball to Jarryd Hayne in space and they executed that very well and that was the difference on the night."

Two-time Dally M Medallist and Golden Boot winner Thurston again had no answers when his NRL club Cowboys were downed by a Hayne-inspired Parramatta.

"There is not much you can do about it," Thurston said when asked about stopping Hayne.

Playing best footy

"He is playing the best footy I have ever seen him play.

"I always look forward to the challenge of coming up against him.

"He is NSW's 'go to' man, and why wouldn't they? No doubt we will have our hands full again.

"(But) it's not going to all fall on my shoulders.

"It's backs against the wall for all of us."

Queensland will go into the match with Indigenous players Will Chambers, Justin Hodges, Sam Thaiday, Thurston, Willie Tonga and Greg Inglis, if he is declared fit.

Greg Bird is the lone Indigenous face in the NSW team.

He missed the Origin opener because of suspension, but coach Laurie Daley had no hesitation in bringing him back for Origin II.

– With AAP

Five so far in team bound for Glasgow



THE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander component of the Australian team for the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games

stands at five with the naming of three Indigenous athletes in the Australian track and field team.

Australia will be represented in Glasgow next month by its biggest-ever track and field team for an offshore championships.

The 103-strong squad includes Indigenous discus thrower Benn Harradine, long jumper Robbie Crowther and 100m hurdler Shannon McCann.

They join Indigenous wrestlers Shane Parker and Stevie Grace Kelly in the Commonwealth Games team.

They are likely to be joined by more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes as the Commonwealth Games Association confirms selections from other sports.

Parker and Harradine have been to previous Commonwealth Games, but for Crowther, McCann and Kelly, Glasgow will be a new experience.

Harradine won the gold medal for the discus in New Delhi in 2010, while Parker competed without success in Greco Roman wrestling.

Greco Roman has been wiped from the Games schedule, so Parker this time will be a freestyle wrestler.



Shane Parker



Shannon McCann



Stevie Grace Kelly

Australian team chef de mission and former marathon champion Steve Moneghetti said: "It's fantastic to see such large numbers and that comes first from the sport giving the athletes the opportunity and second from the athletes taking advantage of the opportunity.

"The Commonwealth Games has often been the first multi-sport team experience for young athletes and many of those selected fall into that category."

Australia finished a close second behind Kenya on the athletics medals table at the 2010 Games in Delhi.

But overall, Australia easily won the Games medal tally with a total of 177 medals, made up of 74 gold, 55 silver and 48 bronze.

India was the next best with 101 medals (38 gold, 27 silver, 36 bronze), followed by England with 142 medals (37 gold, 59 silver, 46 bronze).

They were the only three nations to win more than 100 medals.

Christian heroics not enough to save his county



AN incredible knock of 129 off just 57 balls was not enough to save the Middlesex Panthers in their NatWest T20 Blast match against the Kent Spitfires at the Spitfire ground in England.

The Panthers needed a miracle to catch Kent after the hosts posted a daunting 4-208.

But Dan Christian's knack for finding the boundary – he did so 22 times – dragged Middlesex screaming into three figures, and he could not be stopped until David Griffiths made him his first of three victims in the final over to secure a nervous 16-run win.

Middlesex's chase started poorly with the first wicket falling in the first over – bowled by another Aussie – Doug Bollinger.

More wickets fell and Christian did what he could to propel the Panthers towards three figures by scoring 20 in the seventh over.

But Bollinger continued to make inroads into the Middlesex batting.

50 in 25 balls

After 10 overs, Middlesex needed 126 runs to win and Christian kept the flame of hope flickering as he brought up his 50 with a six off only the 25th ball he had faced.

He continued to blaze away, but Middlesex still needed 99 runs from the final 38 balls.

The 15th over saw the relentless Christian wallop four fours and two sixes to close in on his century, which arrived two overs later as he helped himself to another pair of sixes.

Suddenly, with two overs remaining, Middlesex were well within sight of victory. They needed 20 runs off the final seven balls.

Christian's incredible stand ended with the first ball of the last over and the last two batsmen were out for ducks to restrict Middlesex to total of 192.

Christian hit 129 in 58 minutes off 57 deliveries. He hit 12 fours and 10 sixes.

He also took 2-29 for Middlesex off three overs.

McLeod in Hall of Fame



Andrew McLeod after being inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame during the 2014 Australian Football Hall of Fame induction dinner at the Crown Palladium, Melbourne, on June 4. *Picture: AFL Media*



ANDREW McLeod has become the latest Indigenous Australian

Football League (AFL) player to be inducted into the sport's Hall of Fame.

He was joined by Matthew Richardson, Anthony Koutoufides, Warren Tredrea and Brad Johnson to form an impressive group of recently retired players inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame.

Carlton and Perth captain Ern Henfry, who played in the 1930s and 1940s, was the sixth member of this year's induction group.

They were honoured on June 4 at a black tie dinner in Melbourne – also Andrew Demetriou's last official function as AFL chief executive before handing over to Gillon McLachlan.

One of the best

McLeod was among the best players of the 1990s and 2000s.

He ranks at one of the greatest Indigenous players in AFL history.

He won the Norm Smith Medal as best afield in Adelaide's grand finals wins in 1997-98.

McLeod and Tredrea claimed the greatest accolade for their resilience against near-crippling knee injuries.

McLeod is arguably the greatest Crow and many players follow in his wake.

He is the fourth Crow in the

The life and times of Andrew McLeod

- 340 Games for Adelaide, 1995-2010, kicking 275 goals
- Played for Allies, Dream Team and Australia
- 1997, 1998 premierships
- Port Adelaide (SANFL) premiership 1994
- Three-time Adelaide

best and fairest

- Five-times All Australian, including 2007 captain
- Indigenous team of the century (ruck rover)
- SANFL Hall of Fame inductee
- Norm Smith Medallist 1997, 1998 – Source: AAP

Hall, following Brownlow Medallist Mark Ricciuto (2011), premiership captain Mark Bickley (2009) and Darren Jarman (2007). He is the first non-South Australian Crow in the Hall as he maintains his status as a Northern Territorian.

Tredrea is the first all-Power player in the Hall and follows inaugural Power captain Gavin Wanganeen (2010) who started his AFL career at Essendon.

Emotional

McLeod was emotional as he wished he could have shared his induction with his mother, Marie, who died in 2013.

"This has to be one of the greatest achievements — and it is quite humbling," said McLeod, the Norm Smith Medallist as the best-afield in Adelaide's 1997-98 premiership double.

"To be considered worthy of being in the Hall of Fame

is surreal."

An AFL player must wait three years after his retirement to be inducted to the Hall of Fame.

McLeod endured a long-running battle with knee injuries to finish his career with the games record at his club — 340 games.

McLeod had 13 operations after his right knee locked while in a contest for the ball with Richmond opponent Joel Bowden at Football Park in 1998. He recalled being almost in tears in 2002 when Crows club doctor, the late Brian Sando, declared there were no cures for his degenerating knee.

McLeod found the strength to play another 200 AFL games.

Today, he is in need of more surgery and told of how he still wakes up in the middle of the night with pain in the joint.

— AAP and other sources

New York, here comes the 2014 IMP squad



THE 2014 Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) New York Marathon squad members have returned to their homes after a four-day camp in

Canberra.

With their new manager and coach Mick Rees, the athletes split their time in a cool Canberra between training, education, and community engagement.

Arriving at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) late on Friday, May 30, they met each other for the first time.

They were presented with kits of shirts, shorts, tights, drink bottles, beanies, gloves — all the running essentials needed to be part of the IMP family.

Then it was straight into action, starting with community engagement at the local Gungahlin park run on Saturday, May 31.

They took part in a 5km run around the route at 6am before locals gathered for the weekly running ritual.

Each team member was allocated a volunteer duty and engaged with the locals, high-fiving and cheering on runners around the course.

It was an opportunity for the community to meet the IMP team before the inaugural Reconciliation Run on Sunday, June 1, around Lake Burley Griffin.

The squad also undertook a Level 1 Community Coaching course delivered by Athletics Australia.

Canberra turned on a grey, cold, wet and windy day for the Reconciliation Run. IMP coordinator Rob de Castella

reminded squad members that the greater the challenge, the greater the reward, and the testing conditions would create better runners.

They probably weren't feeling that way battling the wind and rain — 10km for the girls and 15km for the boys.

All 12 squad members finished the course — the first time that had happened

since 2010.

Back in the classroom, the team completed their Level 2 Intermediate Recreation Running course, Sports First Aid and CPR, and four units of competency towards their Certificate IV in Leisure and Health.

In between were training sessions. The team took on the hills of the Stromlo

Forest Cross Country Park, AIS trails, and 200m, 400m and 1km time trials at the AIS athletics track.

They also met the first Indigenous Member of the House of Representatives and now Federal Member for Hasluck, Ken Wyatt.

The squad will next gather for the Gold Coast Half Marathon on Sunday, July 6.



The 2014 Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) New York Marathon squad in Canberra for their first camp, back row, from left, head coach Mick Rees, Nathan Riley, Raymond Ingram, Harold Matthew, Adrian Dodson-Shaw, Brendan Peeters; middle row, Sarah Carmody, Elsie Seriat, Ruth Wallace, Toni Daisy, Allirra Braun; front, Corrina Turner and Rachel Baker.



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Could it be mark of the year?



CHAD Wingard took what could be the mark of the year as Port Adelaide continued on their winning way in the Australian Football League.

Against St Kilda, Wingard's second major was the pick of the bunch in the third term after the forward maestro took a spectacular high-rise grab before cheekily snapping through to goal.

Port Adelaide thumped St Kilda by 70 points at Adelaide Oval on June 7 to reaffirm their position at the top of the AFL ladder.

The menacing Robbie Gray, who kicked four goals, and Wingard, who took a memorable mark of the year contender and bagged three majors, were the stars of the evening for the Power as they trounced the Saints 19.15 (129) to 9.5 (59).

The Power raced out to an early lead in the opening term, piling on four goals without reply.

But St Kilda then stunned the home faithful of 42,374 when Terry Milera tied up the match at 29 apiece after a clever finish.

Port hit back instantly and extended their lead to 19 points at the main break.

Port hit full throttle following half-time, thumping through six unanswered goals before the Saints could add to their total to race out to a 53-point lead at three-quarter time.

The Power registered six more majors in the last quarter to put the icing on a huge win. — With AAP

● RIGHT: The four-shot sequence of Wingard's spectacular mark was captured by Koori Mail correspondent Peter Argent.



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