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Briggs' star on the rise



Rapper Briggs, a Yorta Yorta man from Victoria, is rapt after being named New Talent of the Year at this month's National Indigenous Music Awards in Darwin. Other winners included Dan Sultan and Jessica Mauboy. See our full coverage on pages 26 and 27. Picture by Glenn Campbell

School or else

SA

FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has warned Aboriginal parents in remote South Australia to send their kids to school or face a reduction to their Centrelink payment. Senator Scullion announced a pilot for the scheme in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara

Scullion warns Anangu parents

Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands that will operate through the Remote Jobs and Communities Program. "Across the Lands there's some 50% of children who are not currently getting an education," Senator Scullion said.

"Anangu deserve exactly the same as all of our children. Whether you live in Brisbane or Perth or Cairns or Sydney, you expect the best education for your children and Anangu shouldn't expect any less."

While Senator Scullion claimed he had the backing of the Anangu Education Committee, not everyone agreed with the Government's priorities. In Fregon, Anangu Elder Murray George said he believed there

needed to be more focus on "learning both ways" and that the Government was "not looking at the big picture". "The Government can help people – but it can't take control of people's lives," he said. "In the APY Lands, we need to do it for ourselves."

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My FAMILY

KIRSTY AH MATT – Gawler, SA

Basketball runs in our blood. My dad Michael Ah Matt was Australia's first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander to compete at the Olympics – he played basketball at the 1964 Tokyo Games and backed up in Mexico in 1968.

Dad came down to Adelaide from Darwin after leaving Townsville when his mum passed away at an early age. But his family is originally from Badu and Thursday islands in the Torres Strait as well as from the Roper River region in NT.

He was said to be an uncanny passer, with eyes in the back of his head – if his teammates weren't watching they'd cop it square in the face.

My mum played basketball as well, and that's how they met.

My dad passed away when he was 40. I was only 12 – it was four days after my birthday. When I was at primary school I would get teased for being Aboriginal, so I would pretend I wasn't. But when my dad passed away, it was like I'm not being his daughter, so then I became proud of it.

My older sister Michelle, younger brother Shane and I all made South Australian teams for basketball. Shane went to the US in the late 1990s to play for a college team in Denver that was national runner-up one year then champions the next.

Now my son Malachai, 14, plays for Central District under 16s, but he's good at footy as well. Everyone says he looks just like my dad, and plays like him as well.

He's been picked to train in the NITP (National Intensive Training Program) emerging squad, so we're hoping he has a promising career ahead of him.

He's got his arm in a sling in the photo, because he tried to take a hanger (mark) in a footy game – he climbed on someone else's shoulders but landed on his arm and broke his collarbone.

I'm pictured with him and my 16-year-old daughter Shanika at a NAIDOC event at the Tandanya cultural centre in Adelaide.

Shanika's got special needs. She has Kabuki syndrome – named after the Japanese make-up – she has a mild intellectual disability and different facial features.

But she made the Special Olympics Junior Games and went to Newcastle in 2012, where she competed in basketball and swimming.



We live near Gawler, about an hour from Adelaide, and I work as an Aboriginal community education officer at a local primary school.

We just love spending time with family and friends and enjoy going to all the sports, watching my kids play sport and socialising through their sport. You meet heaps of great people that way.

Because I grew up playing basketball as well, we just had our 30-year reunion of our under 14 club championship team.

It's great to be involved with sport because you get to have lifelong friends plus, of course, the health benefits.

I don't play now because of my bung knee, but I still play one-on-one with my son occasionally.

I'd like to play in competitions but I can't because my knee won't hold up.

– As told to Mez Fisher

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OUR CHILDREN



Drummers at Mimili Anangu School in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, from left, Joanne Campbell, Pryranka Fielding and Mairca Ward. The picture was taken during a tour of the Lands, where Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion announced a pilot program aimed at getting kids to school. See our report on pages 8 and 9. Picture by Rudi Maxwell

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Marruk mob faces the judges



THE spotlight was on a group of young performers in Swan Hill, northern Victoria – six of them pictured above – last week as final judging started for the 2014 Indigenous Governance Awards. The dancers are with the Marruk Project, a finalist in the non-incorporated category of the awards program, run by Reconciliation Australia and BHP Billiton. Marruk uses performing arts to strengthen culture and relationships in Swan Hill through local theatre productions. Through acting, puppetry, dance, live music and video, the project raises cross-cultural awareness and develops the skills of participating performers in the retelling of creation stories. Governance awards chair Professor Mick Dodson said Marruk was bringing the whole community together. This year's winners of the Indigenous Governance Awards – held every two years to identify, celebrate and promote strong Indigenous governance – will be announced at a dinner in Melbourne on October 30. *Picture by Wayne Quilliam*

Gunbalanya will sign up



THE township of Gunbalanya in West Arnhem Land will be the latest of a handful of Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory to sign a 99-year township lease.

Last week, community Elders and traditional owners signed an in-principle agreement with Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, indicating that after more than a dozen meetings over 10 months, the key terms of the proposed lease had been worked out.

The term of the lease, the exact area it will cover and the schedule of payments to the community have been settled, with most – but not all – traditional owners signing their agreement.

"I don't expect anyone to sign up to anything they don't understand," Senator Scullion said of the protracted process.

"If land is the only thing you have in your life, it's the most important thing you own in an economic and cultural sense, and I can understand why they are very conservative about this approach."

Traditional owners approached the Government

99-year lease for township

after seeing similar leases signed at three communities on Groot Eyelandt and four communities on the Tiwi Islands.

Senator Scullion said the Gunbalanya lease would feature a community development fund, whereby traditional owners have agreed to set aside a "significant portion" of income from the lease, as well as a housing fund.

"Principal benefit"

"But the principal benefit is normalisation," Senator Scullion said. "For somebody who would wish to be a hairdresser, you get a space, hang out the shingle, and after a while it becomes quite popular. You have something to sell, if you choose to retire or move to another community."

Some people in the Tiwi Islands have struggled under the weight of mortgages for their

previously government-owned homes, ranging in value between \$80,000 and \$150,000, but Senator Scullion said all Australians dealt with such problems.

"The people had an income, had a job, decided they were going to buy a house and have done so," he said.

"A couple of them have some difficulties with that, no doubt about it; we'll find that in the mainstream as well."

Traditional owner Adrian Gumudrul said he was happy the agreement had been signed.

"This is very important for this mob, for this country," he said.

"We want something coming through to keep this country quiet and peaceful."

Gunbalanya is the first community to move forward with negotiations for a township lease under the auspices of the Northern Land Council, which has previously been critical of the leases and the role of the minister in securing them.

Under the *Land Rights Act*, the NLC must be satisfied that the terms and conditions of a lease are reasonable, and that the traditional owners as a group have given their informed consent. – AAP



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Anangu fire up to help warru

By RUDI MAXWELL



NEAR Eagle Bore on South Australia's APY Lands, Anangu people are working with a land management team to protect country and hopefully help bring an endangered wallaby back from the brink of extinction.

The warru, or black-footed rock wallaby, is one of South Australia's most endangered mammals, with fewer than 200 in the wild due to predation by foxes and feral cats as well as habitat loss.

Anangu have built a predator-proof enclosure, where they periodically release warru that have been raised at Monarto Zoo, an open-range centre near Adelaide.

Anangu Elders Tjaria Stanley and Inpiti Winton sing the warru home when they are brought back to country.

"The warru work is important so we have more warru and to keep them strong," Ms Winton said. "A long time ago they took wallabies to Adelaide, as part of the breeding program. This is the home of those adult wallabies that we took to Adelaide, and it's really important that their children return to these places."

Under the Working on Country program, a team of Anangu is helping to protect the warru.

On the plains beneath the rocky hills and mountains where the wild warru live, the introduced species of buffel grass has taken root. Buffel, brought to the Lands for grazing cattle, has adapted extremely well to the environment, overwhelming native grasses and other vegetation. It loves fire, growing back stronger and faster than the indigenous grasses.

With the vast areas of buffel grass



Ethan Dagg burns biomass to reduce the impact of wildfires near warru country on the APY Lands in the north of South Australia. Inset: Working on Country team members, back from left, Shannon Tapaya, Elisha Roesch and Sherada Stanley; front from left, Anangu Elders Inpiti Winton and Tjaria Stanley.

making eradication close to impossible, the Working on Country team is burning patches, replicating the mosaic patterns calculated by their ancestors, in order to reduce biomass, so when wildfires come

through the area, they are not as intense and less likely to reach the hills where the warru live.

The program is a partnership between the communities of Ernabella, Pipalyatjara

and Kalka, APY Land Management, the Australian Government's Working on Country program, and the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

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Many miss vital checks



MANY Indigenous people are missing out on health checks for which they are eligible, even though the number of health checks is rising, according to new data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

The data, released through the AIHW's online Indigenous health check data tool, shows the total number of Indigenous health checks rose from about 71,400 to more than 122,000 between 2010-11 and 2012-13.

The proportion of Indigenous people having the annual check (the usage rate) rose from 10.7% to 17.5% over the same period.

"Although usage rates increased, over 82% of Indigenous Australians (more than 576,000 people) did not have a health check in 2012-13," AIHW spokesperson Dr Fadwa Al-Yaman said.

"All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible for an annual Indigenous-specific health

check designed to address the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people."

The health check, which is rebateable under Medicare, was established because Indigenous Australians have considerably higher rates of illness and death than other people, with earlier and more severe disease progression for many chronic diseases.



The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has found many Indigenous people are missing free health checks.

The checks aim to increase preventative health opportunities, detect chronic disease risk factors, better manage existing chronic disease and reduce inequities in access to primary care for Indigenous people.

The Medicare data on which the tool is based do not cover all clinical services provided to Indigenous people. Health check equivalents may be provided but not recorded in the Medicare system.

Usage rates have increased each financial year for males and females, but are consistently higher for females than males.

Patterns of usage also vary across age groups. Children aged under four and people aged over 25 have higher rates of usage of the checks, with lower rates in the five-14 age group.

The number and usage rate of health checks rose in all states and territories. Usage rates were highest in the Northern Territory and Queensland and lowest in Tasmania.

The AIHW's Indigenous health check data tool is available at www.aihw.gov.au/indigenous-australians/indigenous-health-check-data-tool

The tool will be updated with 2013-14 data when it is fully available.

These women are leading the way



The inaugural Torres Strait Regional Authority's Women's Leadership Program participants, from left, Catharine Enosa, of Warraber Island, Solanima Mareko, of Horn Island, Iris Billy, of Warraber Island, Ella Kris, of Thursday Island, and Lizzie Lui, of Iama Island, with program facilitators Michelle Deshong and Philippa Woodhill on Thursday Island.



FIVE committed women are charting new territory in the Torres Strait in a program aiming to build the region's resilience through a strong group of female leaders.

The inaugural Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Women's Leadership Program started earlier this month with its first intake of participants.

Ella Kris, of Thursday Island, Iris Billy and Catharine Enosa, of Warraber Island, Lizzie Lui, of Iama (Yam) Island, and Solanima Mareko, of Horn Island, are united by their desire to create solid leadership and healthy, prosperous outcomes for people in the Torres Strait.

Ms Enosa said she felt privileged to walk with women who have years of experience and are seeking to improve their own leadership.

"Stepping out of my comfort zone is critical in developing my leadership capability," she said.

The women's leadership program is the result of a collaboration between the TSRA and the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation.

It aims to build stronger

communities through leadership development and is tailored to empower Torres Strait women to take a lead role.

Designed with input from Indigenous experts Michelle Deshong, Napcia Bin Tahal, Waverley Stanley and others, its major objectives include developing each participant's self-awareness and adaptability in their approaches to leadership.

The program is designed to teach the women to engage effectively in governance and politics, develop their confidence to speak and facilitate meetings and convey the needs of those they represent.

TSRA chairperson Joseph Elu congratulated the participants for "embarking on a new journey in their leadership career".

"The TSRA has been looking at developing a program specifically for women from the Torres Strait for the past year to help the gender balance in local leadership and encourage more women to take up or stand for leadership positions," he said.

The women's leadership program will take place over three sessions: two in the Torres Strait and one in the Australian Capital Territory.

Pressure mounts for referendum in 2015



INDIGENOUS leaders have stepped up the momentum in the campaign to recognise Indigenous Australians in the Constitution, calling for a referendum to be held next year rather than be delayed to 2017.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda has called on Federal Parliament to progress the issue of constitutional recognition with "the same spirit and enthusiasm with which it started".

Presenting the Nulungu Reconciliation Lecture at the University of Notre Dame in Broome last Thursday, Mr Gooda said there was growing support in the community for a change to the Constitution, but the campaign risked losing momentum.

"The Journey to Recognition is doing a great job at raising awareness about the need for constitutional recognition, having signed up more than 216,000 Australians and counting," he said. "However, despite the groundswell, I am perplexed when thinking about the timelines for the referendum and get more than a little bit dismayed when I hear it may not happen until 2017."

The reasoning behind delaying a referendum to 2017 is to avoid a clash with the federal election expected in 2016. But Mr Gooda said that, taking into account the work that has already been done since the recognition process started, he believed the end of 2015 offered a more realistic timetable. He said it would avoid the election issue but also allow maximum public support to be gathered.

Adding pressure to the need for a fast-tracked referendum is the fact that the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition Act*, which passed unopposed with multi-party support in February 2013, has a sunset clause that will see it lapse in February next year – "and with that goes



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda called for a fast-tracked referendum in his Nulungu Reconciliation Lecture at the University of Notre Dame in Broome. Picture: Australian Human Rights Commission

the Parliamentary recognition of us".

"We can't afford to have the course for recognition burdened by complacency and administrative processes that eat up time, energy and enthusiasm," Mr Gooda said.

"We must remember the purpose we all started with here, with rightly acknowledging the First Peoples of this country and removing the opportunity to racially

discriminate against anyone.

"But if we are to emulate, in any way, the success of the 1967 referendum, or go any further in improving the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their relationship with non-Indigenous Australians, we need to get this right."

Dr Tom Calma, founding chair of the Close the Gap Campaign and chancellor of

the University of Canberra, has added his voice to the calls for constitutional recognition.

He said "the sooner the better" for the referendum, but cautioned it was important that the actual wording was formulated and agreed on first, to ensure majority support.

"People can't make a decision until the questions are formulated," Dr Calma told the *Koori Mail*.

"Then we can determine whether it is set sooner rather than later. We don't want to go to a referendum until we know we have majority support.

"We've got some of those important considerations in place – we do have multi-party support in general; we do know that people in the community have indicated that they support recognition. But the real test is when people can see what the questions are in the referendum to find whether they want to support it or not."

Dr Calma pressed for joint parliamentary agreement on the wording to happen at the political level. "If they play silly buggers it will just confuse community and undermine what we're trying to do," he said.

In a speech delivered to the National Press Club in Canberra last week, Dr Calma said the absence of Australia's First Peoples from the Constitution "perpetuates a lingering sense of separation, a gulf between black and white Australians and continues to erode our potential and our confidence".

"The choice to keep intact the constitutional silence about our tens of thousands of years of history in this land discounts, diminishes and dismisses our contribution to the making of Australia," he said. "We have another important task before us in relation to Constitutional reform – the job of removing racial discrimination from our highest document, so that future generations do not have to relive the exclusions of history."

Division runs deep in

The Aboriginal Housing Company's proposed redevelopment of The Block in Sydney has sections of the community up in arms. AMY McQUIRE investigates the history of the dispute and why many Aboriginal people have such a strong connection to Redfern



IT was raining the day the *Koori Mail* visited the Redfern Tent Embassy.

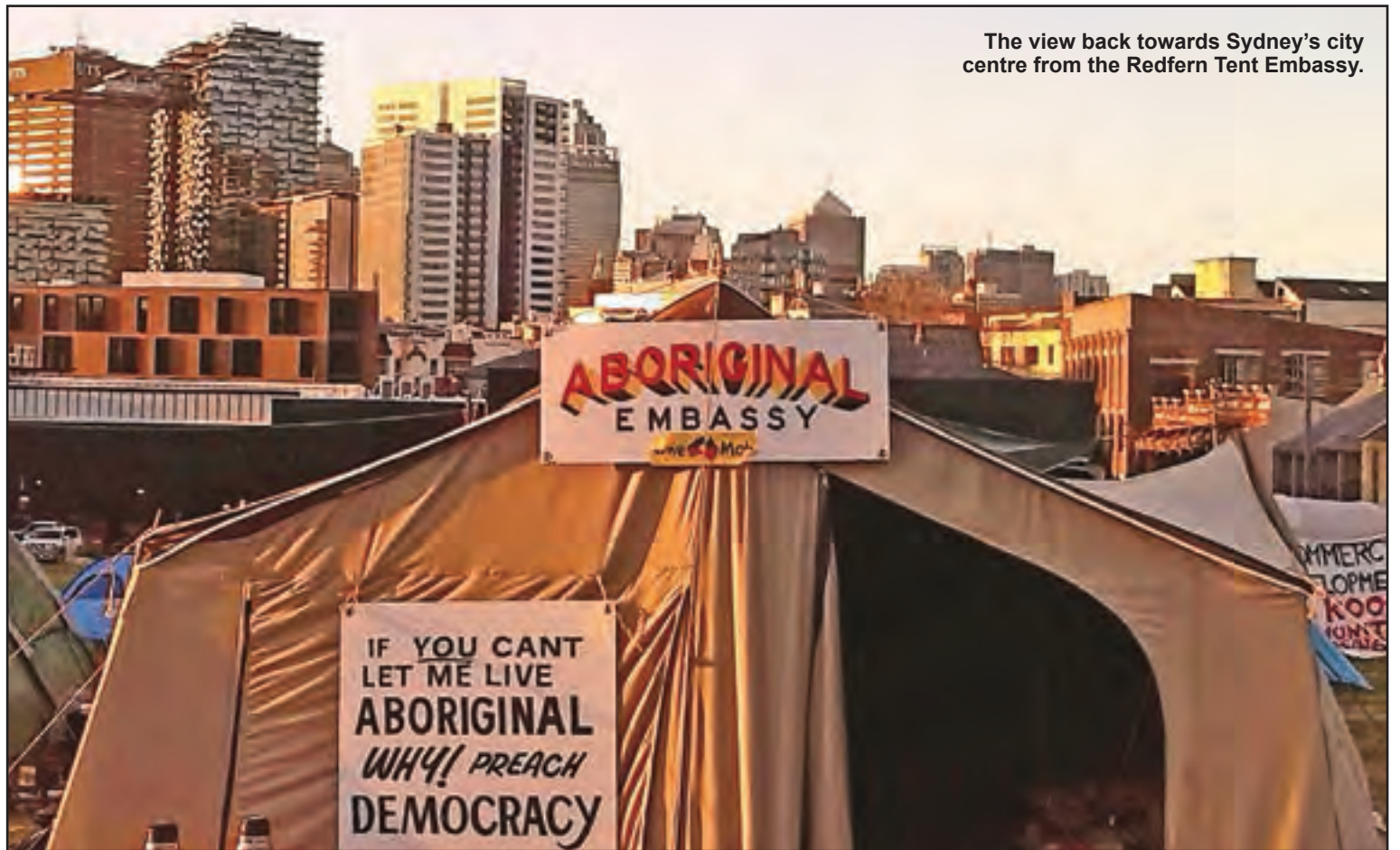
The sacred fire, its embers transported and reignited from the Canberra Tent Embassy, was hidden under a tin sheet. There are only four people manning the site currently, but the tented fortresses that span the grassy space between the iconic Aboriginal flag mural and the Aboriginal Housing Company (AHC), are a visible reminder that this protest still burns, even if its flames flicker in and out.

The embassy was built earlier this year following community concern over the Pemulwuy Project, the Aboriginal Housing Company's plan to redevelop The Block. Named after the legendary freedom fighter, the development is being spearheaded by AHC chief executive Mick Mundine, and is split into stages.

Stage one is the development of a commercial precinct, which includes student accommodation, retail and commercial space and a childcare centre. Stage two will build 62 affordable houses for Aboriginal people as well as a new Tony Mundine gym. At the time of press, the *Koori Mail* was unable to confirm whether the AHC had secured funding. The NSW Government granted approval to the application in 2012.

There have been long-running tensions between the AHC and some members of the Redfern community, but the Pemulwuy Project has heightened the division, with protestors outraged that the organisation is giving commercial development precedence over urgently needed social housing, particularly against the backdrop of a gentrifying Redfern.

Wiradjuri Elder Jenny Munro



The view back towards Sydney's city centre from the Redfern Tent Embassy.

says the AHC's development plans do not honour the organisation's original aims, and especially not the legendary Pemulwuy.

"It's insulting to people like Pemulwuy, and to name it after him is a double insult. He defended country. He didn't sell it out," she tells the *Koori Mail* from the embassy.

The AHC emerged in the midst of a vibrant political arena in the 1970s, when the fights won by Redfern activists spread to other parts of Aboriginal Australia. It was the first Aboriginal housing company set up in the country, and was the first time an Aboriginal organisation bought and owned freehold land – The Block is widely referred to as the first Aboriginal land won back by blackfellas.

Its historical significance and cultural resonance is strong, even sacred.

A profile of the AHC's beginnings is on the organisation's website. Written by founder Bob Bellear, the first Aboriginal judge, it tells of how

the homeless and also for the other Aboriginal people who converged on Redfern, many of them political refugees from Queensland, escaping the harsh conditions imposed under Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen.

Bellear's brother, Sol Bellear, currently the chair of the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service and instrumental in the early days of the AHC, said the company had retreated from the original purpose of its founders.

He's concerned that The Block will be lost to white developers and that the hard-earned fight will have been in vain.

"We keep protesting the theft of Aboriginal land all the time," Mr Bellear says.

"Well, this is what's going to happen here in this situation. This is Aboriginal land that was

very, very hard to get back.

"It wasn't just given to us. We had to protest. I had shots fired at me. When the developers first started in the place, they had security guards coming in there, beating Aboriginal people up, slamming doors in our faces, being chased down the road.

"It was a very hard-won battle for land."

The AHC did not respond to calls from the *Koori Mail*. But Mick Mundine has previously told media the commercial aspect of the project has to come first in order to fund Aboriginal housing.

That's not accepted by Ms Munro. She doesn't believe the AHC has tried hard enough to get funding.

"The original concept was about housing. There was no mention of commercial development or student accommodation. It was about housing," she says.

The AHC has been unable to

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"One of the things I'm scared of is we'll gradually lose The Block to the white man." – Sol Bellear

the AHC began as a way to provide housing to destitute and homeless Aboriginal people caught trespassing in abandoned houses, largely because they had nowhere else to go.

The homeless of the time were forced into the local Archdiocese and were vulnerable to police. The AHC was formed to house

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secure funding for affordable housing from the federal or state governments, and an approach to the NSW Aboriginal Land Council was also rejected over concerns about the ability to repay it.

Mr Mundine has told media it is hard to get anyone, particularly government, to fund social housing.

But the decision to build the commercial arm first has made many in Redfern wary that the 62 houses slated for Aboriginal people will never be built.

And as the gentrification of Redfern continues, and rents skyrocket to \$1200 a week, there are concerns that the AHC's plans will only speed up the process.

"What will happen is you're going to get some white developers or some white businessman who will bankroll the business side, or they'll go to the bank and get a loan and they won't pay it back and then the banks will own The Block," Sol Belleair says.

"Divisive"

"And that's why it's so divisive. One of the things I'm scared of is we'll gradually lose The Block to the white man."

Last month, Mr Mundine told the *Saturday Paper* the developer – DeiCorp – was working for the AHC, not the other way around. The AHC signed a contract with DeiCorp, reported by the *Sydney Morning Herald* as 'the biggest developer in Redfern' in 2011.

"DeiCorp are working for us. They have a contract with us to design and construct – that's all," Mr Mundine



Jenny Munro speaks with Redfern Police commander Superintendent Luke Fruedenstein at the Redfern embassy.

told the *Saturday Paper*.

"They don't get a piece of the cake. When this is built, the Aboriginal Housing Company will own everything 100%. We will pay the builders with money from a bank loan for the commercial development."

But Mr Belleair says the board of the AHC also has to be more transparent with community.

And there's another concern about the changing face of Redfern – that the influx of students into Pemulwuy will disadvantage Aboriginal students who want to enter higher education.

Kyol Blakeney is a Gamilaroi student at the University of Sydney and a key supporter of the Redfern embassy.

He's concerned that it will only disadvantage

The Block gets cash



The *Koori Mail's* coverage of the announcement of funding for the redevelopment of The Block in 2011.

Aboriginal students and discourage them from further study if they can't find affordable

accommodation.

"I believe that an area should be set aside for them, and what better

see the mural, and the big community centre and you can walk to Redfern station and see the paintings on the walls.

"You know there is a strong black presence and that's something that needs to be maintained, and that people need to know about.

"All of Australia is our land, but Redfern is where we had full control over this area, and it's where the government pushed us into, and now we are making something positive out of it, it's being taken away."

Bigger issue

Ms Munro says the fight is about a bigger issue – about the preservation of Aboriginal culture and ideals over the white man's view of success.

"The basic element that assimilationists don't really grasp is that to assimilate into another culture is to commit your own cultural genocide – to turn your back on thousands, if not millions of years of history and heritage.

"I'm too black to acknowledge that sort of rubbish. Our people have a right to be Aboriginal."

It's clear this issue will not go away. It will continue to burn just like the fire of the embassy.

Ms Munro says the development application will take two years to progress. There is still no confirmation on funding.

As the rain falls on The Block, she tells the *Koori Mail* she has a warm bed at home, but that this is about principle, and fighting for Aboriginal people who do not have a roof over their heads.

"We've come through the worst of it now. Now that winter is over, summer will be a breeze," she says with a smile.



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School a must for children on

Parents warned of tough penalties



Students, community members, parents and school attendance officers from Indulkana walk around the community knocking on doors to gather up kids who are late for school. Front, from left, Joella Drover, Serafina Mobila holding Lynelda Brumby and Indulkana Anangu School principal Paula McGuire, far right.



Hamish Kelly and Dudley Robinson on the walk around Indulkana in the APY Lands.



Drummers at Mimili Anangu School on the Lands, from left, Darryl, Silas and Luke.

By RUDI MAXWELL



AT 8am on a Thursday, dance music is blaring from the speakers around the grounds of the Indulkana Anangu school in the remote Aboriginal community on South Australia's APY Lands.

Kids dance and run to the line at the tuckshop for a bowl of nourishing porridge, which also has the added bonus of warming hands in the cold winter wind.

At 8.45am, the siren sounds and students, staff and principal Paula McGuire gather for a quick assembly and briefing. Then everyone files out the school gates to gather the late-comers and sleepers.

Welcome to increasing school attendance Indulkana-style.

As well as students and staff members, those present include school attendance officers (SAOs – local Aboriginal community members funded under the Federal Government's Remote School Attendance Strategy), police, parents, other locals and workers and, on this morning, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion.

As the group walks around the small community, kids run up and knock on doors, dart inside to grab their friends or, on the rare occasion when there isn't a response, to get a teacher.

It's like a sort of reverse-Pied Piper, bringing the children and community back together, with the school as the focal point.

Once back at the school (after less than 15 minutes), rolls are taken, as they are three times a day.

The school itself is a landscaped oasis, with trees, grassed areas, seating and playground equipment, the final product of many weekend community working bees, on top of official works.

On the exterior walls are big murals, some with beautiful artworks done by

community members and some listing English, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara words.

For most Anangu children, English is their second or third language. They only begin to learn it when they start school.

Inside there's a chart with a picture of each student in their corresponding attendance bracket – most of the more than 80 students here are at 80% or more, with only a rare few at 0-10%.

Indulkana has one of the best school attendance rates in South Australia.

But the figures are not uniformly high at other schools in the region, with some recording close to the lowest attendance rates in the country.

Earlier in the week, Senator Scullion announced a pilot program for the

eight schools of the APY Lands that will impose financial penalties on parents whose children do not have a valid reason for not attending school.

The pilot will work through the Remote Jobs and Communities Program, breaching parents whose children miss school and reducing their Centrelink payments.

"Across the Lands there's some 50% of children who are not currently getting an

education," Senator Scullion said.

"This is the process that exists now. It's cost-neutral and we think it's going to be an effective way of getting children to school."

Senator Scullion claimed the plan had the backing of the APY Education Committee (made up of Anangu – local Aboriginal people – community members) – and he took aim at the South Australian Government, which had accused him of making up policy on the run.

"I've observed since I've been on the Lands that there are a couple of endangered species. One's the black-footed rock wallaby, and something that's completely extinct, a South Australian truancy program," he said.

"Anangu deserve exactly the same

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South Australia's APY Lands



From left, APY youngsters Cedric Coulthard, Carnett Brumby, Azaria Pearson, Valeska Pearson and Michael Woodford enjoy porridge at Indulkana Anangu School. Pictures by Rudi Maxwell

'Big stick' is questioned

● From facing page

as all of our children. Whether you live in Brisbane or Perth or Cairns or Sydney, you expect the best education for your children and Anangu shouldn't expect any less."

Senator Scullion said he expected the program would be extended to other jurisdictions at a later date.

He said that since the Remote School Attendance Strategy was rolled out at the start of the school year, all the communities knew they should be getting their kids to school.

The minister said communities had asked what was the next step with "those parents who are not listening" and "who have a greater degree of blockages of getting their kids to school".

"The challenge is actually engaging with those parents to come to a conference," Senator Scullion said.

"We know sometimes the only way to do that is to provide the threat or the reality of a breach to their Centrelink payments, because we know in the vast majority of cases that will spark at least a conference to find out what's happening and why this is the case."

"Hopefully that engagement and conference will enable us to identify what the barriers are and provide services to ensure they can now get their children to school but in those cases where parents are simply not exercising the rights of their children to an education, well, we hope that the daily severance of their Centrelink payment will encourage them to get their kids to school."

But not everyone is convinced the



Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion with APY students Kahsia Dunnett, Alan Wilson, Sharon Dingaman, Malcolm Dingaman and Delquad Dunnett.

big-stick punitive approach is fair or will work. In Fregon, Anangu Elder Murray George said he believes there needs to be more focus on "learning both ways" and that the Government is "not looking at the big picture".

"With my living, my body, nobody has the right to tell me what to do," he said.

"The Government can help people – but it can't take control of people's lives."

"Do it for ourselves"

"In the APY Lands, we need to do it for ourselves."

APY Lands businesswoman Aileen Shannon, who has previously worked as a Koori school engagement officer in

Portland, said she believed there were more effective ways to get children to school.

"You really can't take that hardline punitive approach. You need to work with individual families," she said.

"Education for children is about individual learning so putting everybody in the same category, I don't think is a good measure." (See our Reflections feature on Aileen Shannon on page 21.)

Parent Nupi Lambena, from Mimili, said she was concerned about the effects cutting payments could have on families. "They'll have no money to eat," she said.

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Aboriginal AFL legends Gavin Wanganeen, left, from Port Adelaide Power, and Andrew McLeod, from the Adelaide Crows.

Footy stars get a kick out of kids

FORMER Port Adelaide Power AFL great Gavin Wanganeen loves seeing the smiles on kids' faces when he hands them a football.

Wanganeen and former Adelaide Crows star Andrew McLeod paid a visit to Fregon Anangu School, in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands recently, as part of an initiative aimed at increasing school attendance in the region.

The Federal Government has announced it will provide the clubs with up to \$600,000 for the programs.

"I always enjoy coming out to the Lands, especially seeing the kids and having the opportunity to sit down and talk to them about their health, education and going to school," Wanganeen said.

"There are opportunities out there for Indigenous kids coming through, traineeships, apprenticeships, university."

"Footy is a tool for us to be able to get out there and talk about the important stuff – and then have a kick and a catch."

Certificates

Wanganeen and McLeod joined Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion to hand out certificates to children who had good school attendance rates.

Wanganeen said he welcomed the opportunity to engage with children and he remembered footy stars coming to his school when he was a student.

"I just love seeing the smiles on their faces when you hand them a football," he said.

"We bring up old footy boots and footy tops to give out. The more we come up, the more relationships will develop, with parents and community members as well as students too – it's great."

"People come up and have a talk about my playing days, so it's a real buzz and an opportunity to give something back to community."

Port Adelaide's WillPower program will deliver activities for primary school children, including encouraging students to attend school every day, helping students make positive life choices and working with Foodbank SA and Mai Wiru to ensure students have access to healthy food.

The Adelaide Football Club's Ready, Set, Crow program will focus on high school children, including mentoring and helping students explore future study and job opportunities.

Junior rangers a popular choice



THE Cherbourg Junior Police Rangers are celebrating their recent success in the NRMA

Insurance Australian People's Choice Awards. The ranger program – the first of its kind in Queensland – is an early intervention scheme for Indigenous youth aged nine to 13 aimed at reducing crime by providing practical life experience, developing leadership and teamwork skills, and enhancing cultural awareness.

There are 17 rangers, all of whom take part in after-school activities in the south-east Queensland communities of Cherbourg and Murgon.

Success in the NRMA competition means more funding for the group, which is coordinated by Queensland Police worker Louise Thompson.

She now hopes the win will lead to expansion of the program.

"It really does take a steady commitment from the people who run it, but the ranger program is worth it," Ms Thompson said.

"It builds the children's self-esteem and they appreciate it."



The message says it all: Cherbourg Junior Police Rangers, back from left, Courtney Boney, Lennox Bligh, Pheona Combo, Theo Fewquandie, Yolande Fewquandie and Lachlan Bligh and, sitting, St Joey's and St Mary's student rangers Ron-Keyah Bond, Jaylah Purcell, Cookie Aubrey, Kiera Mickelo, Hayden Boney, Cyril Bligh and Anquon Sandow.

N-dump site hopes



FEDERAL Industry Minister Ian Macfarlane is still hoping traditional owners from northern or central Australia might be willing to volunteer their land for nuclear waste.

In June the Northern Territory's Northern Land Council (NLC) withdrew plans for a nuclear waste dump at Muckaty, north of Tennant Creek, following a seven-year battle with traditional owner groups, which included an action launched in the Federal Court. The NLC settled midway through the case, citing a wish to end disharmony in the community.

Mr Macfarlane travelled to Tennant Creek this month to meet with traditional owners and members of the Muckaty Aboriginal Land Trust.

"The traditional owners invited me to visit to hear their views on a range of issues, including the possibility of volunteering land as a site for a facility," he said.

"The Government is looking for sites voluntarily submitted by landowners in accordance with the *National Radioactive Waste Management Act 2012*.

"Following the request that the original volunteered site at Muckaty Station no

longer be considered, I invited land councils to consider making an alternative site nomination by September 30, ahead of a national tender process for a volunteered site if required.

"The meeting was an opportunity for traditional owners, members of the Muckaty Aboriginal Land Trust and local people to ask questions and express their views.

"Opportunity"

"I appreciate the welcome from the community and the opportunity to talk through issues relating to volunteering a site. The Government is committed to

ensuring Australia has an appropriate facility for the management of radioactive waste created within Australia, largely as a result of nuclear medicine production."

Under the Act, the Minister can declare an intention to open up a nationwide process, where landowners across the country can nominate suitable land as a site for the facility.

The NLC is currently working with traditional owners to decide if it is going to submit another nomination for a site.

The Central Land Council could not be contacted before the *Koori Mail* went to press.

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'Tea, coffee, morphine?'

By JILLIAN MUNDY



IN the skies as one of Australia's first Aboriginal international flight attendants and now in the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) clinic as its only Aboriginal registered nurse, Jason Coombes has made a career of making people feel comfortable.

The Kurnai (Victoria) man says 15 years as an attendant prepared him well to serve his community as a nurse.

"I'm glad I did my nursing second. Flight attendant is a young person's job," he said.

"I've got life experience and a little bit of maturity now. I can come back and give more and be a role model.

"I'm living the dream. Since I was a kid, I either wanted to be a nurse or a flight attendant.

"I think it's people communication, being around people, helping people and looking after people."

Mr Coombes says that while studying to be a registered nurse is "no stroll in the park", it is worth the hard yards, and he encourages others to join him.

"It's hard," he said of the three years of fulltime study for the Bachelor of Nursing degree, which he was awarded in 2012.

"When I was at RMIT (university), out of 350 nursing students training, I was the only Aboriginal nurse in the class.



Jason Coombes, the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service's only Aboriginal registered nurse, in the clinic with patient and Victorian community member Jainey-Lee Thorpe.

"It's a career; you don't just wake up one morning and be a nurse.

"Some days it's not an easy

job: There's guts, there's blood, but there's something inside you that wants you to do it."

Mr Coombes says nursing is

a great career that can take you anywhere, and he wouldn't mind a few more Aboriginal nursing friends. "There's so much

support out there to do it. I think education has changed," he said.

Mr Coombes says the slow but steady increase of qualified Aboriginal health professionals lifts the whole state of Aboriginal health. He sees first-hand that by making his people more comfortable in the health care environment, they are more likely to engage with it and improve their health.

Mr Coombes recalled one of his aunts being admitted to St Vincent's Hospital emergency department while he was there on his graduate placement.

"She was very sick and she was going to discharge herself," he said. "And just by me going and sitting on the bed with her for five minutes and having a yarn and saying, 'Listen Aunt, you're really not well. You need to stay', and she said, 'Well if you reckon I am and you're a nurse too - I know you', and she stayed."

Now Mr Coombes's new dream is to combine his two careers and work for the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

It's a five-year goal, and will require qualifications in midwifery and more experience in intensive care, the emergency department, remote nursing and at VAHS.

"Tea, coffee, morphine?" he asks jokingly, but it's obvious his determination to reach his goals is no joking matter.

"We all have to have a dream and a goal; that's the goal to work towards - that would be my dream come true."

Eight honoured for brave acts



EIGHT Indigenous people have been honoured in the annual Australian Bravery Awards for their courage during two separate flood crises.

Territory man Kennedy Jones, who came from Utopia in the Northern Territory, received the Bravery Medal, sadly posthumously (after death), for his attempt to save his brother from the flooded Sandover River on January 9, 2010.

Mr Jones was only 25 when he disappeared after jumping into the river in an attempt to reach his older brother who had fallen in from an overhanging tree branch.

Mr Jones ran alongside his brother for about 100m before entering the churning water to try to rescue him. His brother was found dead



"The water was coming up pretty quick; there was no time to do anything. I just started helping old people and giving them a hand to get out."

— Warmun community member Christopher Churchill

22km downstream, but Mr Jones' body has never been found.

"The water was going fast, dangerous, bad one," his uncle Fred Jones said.

"(Kennedy) was good man, quiet one. We can't find him now. We don't know where he is."

Fred Jones said the family couldn't perform a

burial ceremony for Kennedy without his body.

Another seven Aboriginal people, from the Warmun community in the central East Kimberley region of Western Australia, have been recognised with a Group Bravery Citation for working with local police to evacuate residents trapped by floodwaters.

On March 13, 2011, several Warmun residents joined Senior Constable Donald Couper and his wife Tanya over several hours to conduct rescues after the community was swamped by floodwater following days of heavy rain. The fast-flowing water contained large amounts of debris and completely destroyed or

made uninhabitable all 65 houses in the community as well as the art centre.

Along with the Coupers, community members Kathleen Susan Burnby, Rodney John Burnby, Christopher James Churchill, Cecil Peter Mosquito, Leon Pinday, Julie Ann Echo and the late Christopher Clare received a group bravery citation for their courageous efforts.

"The water was coming up pretty quick; there was no time to do anything," Christopher Churchill told the *Koori Mail*.

"I just started helping old people and giving them a hand to get out."

At one stage during the emergency, the rescuers had to use a boat to retrieve people and Mr Churchill swam ahead pulling it.

The 2011 disaster devastated families in the East Kimberley, but the community has since rebuilt.

Simon to chair legal service



IVAN Simon has been elected as the new

chairperson of the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) at a meeting this month in Bourke, western NSW.

Mr Simon has served as a member of the legal service board for two years and has held a range of leadership positions throughout his career. He is currently acting chief executive of the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council in western Sydney.

Ms Simon takes over the top job from Iris White, who is finishing a three-year term, while Ted Fernando is also leaving as deputy chair of the service.

Service chief executive Phil Naden welcomed Mr Simon, as well as incoming deputy chair Janelle Clarke.

"Ivan and Janelle bring a lot of corporate and community experience to this organisation," he said.

Black Screen heading bush



A SELECTION of Indigenous films will be screened free during coming days at remote Indigenous communities in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

The screenings are part of the National Film and Sound Archive of Australia's (NFA) Black Screen program.

Backed by ScreenWest and Lotterywest, the tour is designed to support and promote Indigenous films and filmmakers in WA, to encourage and inspire local communities to tell their own stories, and to entertain and bring people together in discussion.

Black Screen also loans contemporary Indigenous films for screening events, festivals and community celebrations.

Films on show in the Pilbara region tour include Tyson Mowarin's *Ngurra Wanggagu* and Dot West's *Muster Up*.

The tour starts tomorrow (August 28) in Newman, with screenings in Nullagine, Marble Bar, Warralong, Roebourne and Yandeyarra, before winding up in South Hedland on September 5.

All screenings are free, and include a sausage sizzle or food stall, as well as live music at each location.

For more information on NFA Black Screen tours to WA, or to borrow a DVD, visit www.nfa.gov.au/blackscreen.

● Pictured: A scene from *Muster Up*, showing Alan 'Doodie' Lawford and Elija Matthews.



Services say no to co-payment



WESTERN Australia's 21 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services say they will

refuse to pass on the cost of the Federal Government's proposed \$7 Medicare co-payment.

The decision was announced by the Aboriginal Health Council of WA (AHCWA), the state's peak body for Aboriginal health.

AHCWA chairperson Marelda Tucker said the decision would cost the Aboriginal health sector millions in foregone revenue, but was essential to ensure Aboriginal people continued to visit the doctor.

"Western Australia's Aboriginal health sector is opposed to the introduction of the Medicare co-payment, because it will discourage low income earners from visiting the doctor," she said.

"If the Federal Government pushes ahead with the co-payment, the only way we will be able to ensure many Aboriginal people continue to visit the doctor is to meet the

AMA plan 'not enough'

EXEMPTING concession cards holders from the GP co-payment as suggested by the Australian Medical Association (AMA) isn't enough to prevent a backward step for Aboriginal health, the peak Aboriginal health organisation says.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chair Justin Mohamed commended the AMA for its efforts to try to protect some of Australia's most vulnerable, but said it wasn't enough to fix what is poor health policy for all Australians.

The AMA is urging the Federal Government to ditch its policy requiring all patients to pay \$7 every time they visit the doctor, by exempting concession card holders and children aged under 16. Instead, the organisation is proposing a minimum \$6.15 co-payment applying to all patients, with the Government footing the bill for the exempt patients.

Mr Mohamed says there are many Aboriginal people who have very low disposable incomes who might not qualify for

a concession card but would find it a stretch to pay any more to see a GP.

"Aboriginal people have complex health needs and should to be encouraged to attend regular check-ups and see their GP as often as needed," he said.

"There still exists a massive and shameful gap in the health of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. They die earlier, they suffer high rates of chronic disease and they have much higher levels of poor mental health.

"A concerted effort over a number of years has meant that in some areas, such as child and maternal health, that gap is closing – we are seeing a move to the generation change needed to secure the health of Aboriginal people.

"So why, at this critical point, would the Federal Government consider adding a barrier to Aboriginal people seeking primary health care?"

"With a GP co-payment, struggling Aboriginal families are likely to delay seeing a doctor or not see one at all."

cost of the co-payment from our own revenues, and not pass the \$7 fee on to patients."

Ms Tucker said AHCWA estimated the refusal to pass

on the co-payment to patients would cost WA's Aboriginal health sector at least \$3 million, which would lead to job losses and service cuts.

"Meeting the cost of

the co-payment ourselves will rip at least \$3 million out of Aboriginal health services around the state, but there will be no alternative," she said.

Rally planned for Brisbane



THE Aboriginal Women for Change group will hold a rally outside Queensland Parliament House, Brisbane, at 11am today (August 27) as a peaceful protest – and members are hoping more people will join

them. Rally organiser Reverend Alex Gater said some of the issues the protest would be drawing attention to included:

- Police harassment of and brutality towards Aboriginal people;
- The closure of Aboriginal agencies;
- Aboriginal

children being removed from their families and placed into non-Aboriginal foster care;

- The over-representation of Aboriginal people in prison;
- The high rates of suicide in Aboriginal communities;
- Homelessness;
- Lack of job opportunities;

● Aboriginal children being forced out of school;

- Ineffective Close the Gap strategies; and
- Self-determination.

"These are just some, amongst the many, of the social justice issues facing Aboriginal people on a day-to-day basis," Rev Gater said. "So much for 'Closing the Gap'."

"Premier Campbell Newman, what are you doing for the Aboriginal people of Queensland? Who are you standing up for?"

Rev Gater invited anyone who wanted to join the rally and support Aboriginal Women for Change.



Rev Alex Gater



Gumbaynggirr claimants with Federal Court judge Justice Jayne Jagot after she ended a 20-year struggle by confirming native title rights on a section of country near Nambucca Heads in northern NSW.

Thaypan people get land



THE Queensland Government says traditional owners in central Cape

York will have more economic opportunities and greater control of their future after the transfer of 38,000ha of land to the Thaypan people.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Glen Elmes said the land transfer, at Mary Valley between Laura and Coen, would give its traditional owners the ability to return to country.

About 8550ha of the land will be declared as Payrrape Nature Refuge, to protect sandstone escarpments providing habitat for threatened species such as ghost bats, Cape York rock wallabies and northern quolls.

Traditional owners and the State Government have entered into a conservation agreement for the protection of Payrrape refuge.

"This land transfer will provide significant opportunities for economic development including grazing, resource use and tourism," Mr Elmes said.

"Mary Valley is a living cultural landscape rich in traditional and contemporary significance for the Thaypan people.

"The Government is working with Aboriginal organisations and local councils to ensure Aboriginal people have a bigger say in their economic future and in managing their lands and environment."

Mr Elmes thanked the land's traditional owners, the Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation and Cape York Land Council for their work towards reaching the deal.

Native title rights to Gumbaynggirr



THE Federal Court has settled one of NSW's longest running native title claims, ending a two-decade-long struggle.

The court finding recognised 'by consent' the Gumbaynggirr people's native title rights to hunt, fish, camp, gather natural resources and protect cultural sites, in accordance with their traditional laws and customs, on a 6 sq km piece of coastal land in the Gaagal Wanggaan National Park, just south of Nambucca Heads on the NSW north coast.

The highly significant piece of coastal land has been used to pass cultural knowledge to younger generations.

Speaking during official proceedings, traditional owner Uncle Gary Williams praised the foresight of the Elders who started the claim in 1996.

"Our Elders had the vision to use whatever laws available to protect this special place," he said.

"When we were young families we would go over to Gaagal Wanggaan. As children we would be walking along the sand, past Gumma. It was a chance for the Elders to point out the track going into the ceremonial grounds, where we knew we weren't supposed to walk.

"In that way they could tell about the importance of the area, the lore and what areas we

needed to protect. We'd walk past the middens, places where generations of Gumbaynggirr people before had come together for ceremony and to celebrate.

"Today our Elders would be very proud to have their land back."

Determination

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) welcomed the Gumbaynggirr native title determination, which includes land owned by local Aboriginal people under the *NSW Land Rights Act*.

"This is the fourth native title determination in NSW and it is the first over land owned by local Aboriginal land councils and we are proud to have been part of

making it happen," NSWALC councillor Peter Smith said.

"This Federal Court decision, and the ... work leading up to it, confirms that native title and land rights can co-exist and work together in NSW."

Macksville-based Unkya Local Aboriginal Land Council chair Michael Donovan said it was "a hugely significant day" for all involved.

"We have collectively proven that by working together we can achieve positive outcomes," he said.

"That we have survived and our Gumbaynggirr native title rights and interests have also survived is testament to Gumbaynggirr people's resilience and resolve."



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Telemovie soon for *Redfern Now* fans



PRODUCTION is now under way on the final instalment of ABC TV's critically acclaimed and multi-award-winning drama *Redfern Now*.

Titled *Promise Me*, the *Redfern Now* telemovie – to be screened soon – will look at the impact of a violent crime on two women and the fight for justice that ensues.

The story has been written by the AACTA award-winner Steven McGregor, and is being directed by Rachel Perkins.

Actors Anthony Hayes, Daniella Farinacci and Genevieve Lemon join established cast members Deborah Mailman, Wayne Blair, Rarriwuy Hick, Lisa Flanagan, Kelton Pell and Kirk Page, who are reprising their roles.

Promise Me is being produced by

Blackfella Films' Darren Dale with ABC TV's Sally Riley and Screen Australia's Erica Glynn the executive producers.

"The ABC is thrilled to have *Redfern Now* back in production," Ms Riley said.

"The story will resonate with the fans of the show and is ripe for our favourite characters to further develop in the telemovie format.

"This will bring to a close the *Redfern Now* franchise, but the ABC's commitment to Indigenous content and the development of the Indigenous screen industry in the future will continue."

Redfern Now, which won Most Outstanding Drama TV Week Logie Awards in 2013 and 2014, is produced by Blackfella Films in association with ABC TV and Screen Australia.



Lisa Flanagan as Allie and Wayne Blair as Aaron in *Starting Over*, an episode of *Redfern Now*, a Blackfella Films production for ABC TV. Picture by Mark Rogers

Anti-protest law move under fire

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINES in Tasmania have joined a growing chorus of opposition to the Tasmanian

Government's proposed anti-protest laws.

The Government, keen to dismantle the state's 2012 forestry peace deal, has introduced the *Workplaces (Protection from Protesters) Bill* in a bid to stop protesters delaying logging operations.

While the Government calls the bill pro-worker legislation, others call it constitutionally invalid, draconian, anti-democratic, anti-environmental, anti-social justice, scandalous and disgraceful.

If it becomes law, protesters will face tough new penalties for 'invading or hindering' a business premises – which is widely defined with few exclusions – including \$2000 on-the-spot fines, or \$5000 if found guilty in court, mandatory convictions and mandatory three-month minimum jail terms for repeat offenders.

Individuals found guilty of inciting others to "hinder a business and for damaging a business premises" face fines of up to \$50,000 and five years' jail, with fines of up to \$250,000 for organisations.

About 800 people rallied against the proposed laws in Hobart last week, among them state secretary of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Ruth Langford, who said the bill was "an attack on the principles of freedom, and promoted greed, elitism and conflict".

"My country is my area of business. When the mining and logging trucks come in to destroy my area of business, where is the legislative protection for me and my people?" she asked the packed city hall.



Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre state secretary Ruth Langford holding the Aboriginal flag at the Hobart rally against planned anti-protest laws. Former Greens leader Bob Brown is at front left.

Australian Lawyers Alliance director Greg Barnes said many politicians, including former Tasmanian premier the late Jim Bacon, and members of the judiciary would have been sentenced to jail and had criminal convictions preventing them from entering their profession if these laws had been in place at the time of the Vietnam War.

He told the gathering it was a charter for police brutality, with the police effectively being handed powers of the courts, allowing them to determine that a person is about to commit a crime.

"Never, ever give the police too much power. You can never, ever, ever trust police officers with

discretionary powers," he warned.

"This is a scandalous piece of legislation which would not pass muster in countries that are committed to human rights legislation."

"Never, ever give the police too much power. You can never, ever, ever trust police officers with discretionary powers."

Mr Barnes predicts judges, magistrates and prosecutors will find ways around the law to prevent handing out first-time convictions to people for protesting.

Former Greens leader Bob

Brown said the laws would have jailed Gandhi and Jesus Christ, among others.

He said they would have wrecked Tasmania's most celebrated nature reserves, and those Tasmanian Aborigines who stood strong for their heritage against the bulldozers would have been locked in Risdon Prison.

"These are laws that would turn the good men and women of our Tasmanian Police, who equally respect this island's beauty, into mercenaries for the most selfish exploiters of Tasmania," he said.

The bill dominated debate in Tasmania's Parliament last week and is expected to be tabled with amendments in the Legislative Council in October.

Boxer is spared jail term



OLYMPIC boxer Damien Hooper says he's "been through hell" but now wants disadvantaged youth to avoid

his mistakes. The 22-year-old, who represented Australia at the 2012 London Olympics, has been spared going to prison for seriously assaulting police.

Hooper had pleaded guilty to spitting in an officer's face while being taken from a nightclub in the southern Queensland town of Dalby in January 2013.

Despite previous run-ins with the law, a Queensland District Court judge is convinced he should be given the chance to continue rehabilitation.

He has been given an 18-month term, with parole set from the sentencing.

Judge Kerry O'Brien told Hooper the sentence is one that will "hang over your head".

He must report to a parole officer and if he reoffends will be taken to prison.

Outside court, Hooper expressed remorse and said he'd learned from his mistake.

"At the time, I lost my brother and I was in a bad way. I was abusing alcohol and I wasn't myself," he said. "I made mistakes and now I'm a man."

Since the crime, Hooper has become an ambassador for the Institute of Urban Indigenous Health.

He pledged to continue speaking with disadvantaged youth who were at risk of going down the same destructive path he was on.

"They really listen to me because I'm not that role model who's just on top, and just good at what I do," he said. – AAP

Qantas backs Recognise campaign



QANTAS is supporting the drive to constitutionally recognise the presence of Indigenous

Australians before European arrival. The national airline this month unveiled a large R logo on the side of a new QantasLink Q400 aircraft to take the Recognise campaign to the skies.

The campaign seeks appropriate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander acknowledgement in the Constitution and the removal of discrimination from the country's founding document.

Qantas ambassador and Aboriginal Australian football champion Adam Goodes encouraged Australians to join the Recognise campaign and sign the petition for a referendum.

"It's so important that every one of us plays our part in campaigning for this referendum and securing a resounding 'yes' vote," Mr Goodes, the current Australian of the Year, said.

"I ask every Australian to sign up to the movement today at recognise.org.au"

Mr Goodes says he's pleased that more than 214,000 Australians have supported the campaign.

Recognise joint campaign director Tanya Hosch welcomed the partnership with Qantas.

"We hope that many Australians will see this huge R on the plane as it travels around the country and be inspired to get involved in this historic opportunity to bring the nation together," she said.

Qantas says smaller versions of the Recognise logo are planned for its entire fleet of 31 Q400 aircraft.

● Pictured left: Adam Goodes in front of the new QantasLink aircraft bearing the Recognise campaign logo.

Death rate is much higher



A NEW report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) confirms what most already know – Indigenous people on average die far earlier than other Australians. The report, 'Mortality

inequalities in Australia: 2009-2011', also highlights the fact that living in very remote areas is also a significant factor influencing death rates.

It shows that there are also significant inequalities when it comes to dying early or from potentially avoidable causes.

"Our report shows many factors affect death rates, with particular population groups more disadvantaged than others," AIHW spokesperson Louise York said.

"We also found that the Australians who had the worst death rates tended to (die) from causes that, in many cases, can be considered to be preventable or treatable. These are often referred to as potentially avoidable deaths."

Males worse off

The report shows that the death rate for males is 1.5 times as high as the rate for females. If males had the same death rate as females, there would have been 71,400 fewer male deaths over the 2009-11 period.

The death rate among Indigenous Australians was nearly twice that of other Australians. This was even more pronounced among Indigenous people aged 35-44, with a death rate five times as high as their non-Indigenous counterparts: 480 deaths per 100,000 Indigenous people aged 35-44 compared with 98 deaths per 100,000 non-Indigenous people aged 35-44.

People living in remote and very remote areas had death rates 1.4 times as high as those for people living in major cities, and higher rates of death due to diabetes (three times as high) and land transport accidents (4.7 times as high).

"For people living in areas of lowest socioeconomic status, the death rate was 1.3 times as high as for those living in areas of the highest socioeconomic status, with death rates from diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease notably higher, at 1.8 times as high and 1.7 times as high, respectively," Ms York said.

"Many of these patterns for 2009-11 were similar to patterns from 10 years earlier, showing that mortality inequalities are long-standing."

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Network has got sisters' backs



HEY Sis, I've got your back. That's the catchcry of the new Aboriginal

Women's Sexual Assault Network formed between Rape & Domestic Violence Services Australia and Mudgin-gal Aboriginal Corporation.

Aboriginal women and children experience sexual assault at much higher rates than any other group of women or children in Australia, Hey Sis network co-creator Dixie Link-Gordon says.

"We need to change this. We must figure out what we need to change in our communities so that women and children can be safe and our men can stop using violence in their relationships," Ms Link-Gordon said.

Co-creator Ashlee Donohue said the start was for women to begin the conversation.

"We need a whole lot of constructive yarning. Of course talking is just the start; there is a lot more to do," she said.

"We need to assist people to get the help they need and we need to stop the violence. But women yarning, women doing their best to lend a hand, is where we need to start."

When working at Mudgin-gal Aboriginal Corporation, Ms Link-Gordon said she would often talk with women working alone in their communities. They would talk about the terrible realities of sexual assault and how they were doing all they could to assist those who had been attacked.

She said the women spoke



Standing strong: Dixie Link-Gordon and Ashlee Donohue.

about their wish to do more and their desire to stop the violence. They also talked about how hard it was to do their work and the toll it took on them.

The Hey Sis network, launched 18 months ago by NSW MP and Deputy Leader of the Opposition Linda Burney, has already held six network meetings, specifically for Aboriginal women working to prevent sexual violence and help those who have been attacked.

"Over time we plan to establish Hey Sis as an educational, mentoring and support network of and for Aboriginal women," Ms Link-

Gordon said.

"We know this will take a while, so we are working on a 30-year plan."

The group wants to establish and train a network of regional Aboriginal sexual assault case managers and plans to build a network of government and other agencies to help Aboriginal assault victims.

Any Aboriginal woman actively working to prevent sexual assault or interested in standing against sexual violence is invited to join the Aboriginal Women's Sexual Assault Network. Email ashleed@rape-dvservice.org.au or dixiel@rape-dvservice.org.au

New fears for future of FVPLS



NEW Commonwealth funding guidelines have sparked fresh concern for the future of the Family Violence Prevention Legal

Services (FVPLS) program nationally.

Under changes released this month, the services are no longer recognised as stand-alone programs or as a core service model that provides frontline legal assistance. Instead, they may apply for funding as one of many potential activities under a broad 'safety and wellbeing program' alongside health, welfare and other service providers.

National FVPLS Forum convenor Antoinette Braybrook says it's not even certain that legal services can apply.

"By abolishing our direct allocation of funding, the Abbott Government is essentially defunding the FVPLS program which has been in existence for 16 years," said Ms Braybrook, who runs the Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria.

"The FVPLS program is already reeling from funding cuts and now vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children are being put at greater risk."

Last December, the Federal Government announced a cut of \$3.6 million over three years to the national FVPLS program which costs \$20

million a year. Ms Braybrook says the economic cost of domestic violence has been estimated at \$14.4 billion a year, or 1.1% of Australia's gross domestic product (total annual production nationally).

Aboriginal Family Law Services WA chief executive Mary Cowley says cuts to services "will inevitably mean fewer victims of family violence will have access to legal and support services to keep them safe".

Indigenous women are 31 times

more likely to be hospitalised as a result of violence and 15 times more likely to seek support from homelessness services to escape family violence. Despite this, those affected have limited access to legal advice and representation.

The FVPLS program provides frontline legal and other support to those affected, in areas including intervention orders, victims

of crime assistance, child protection and family law.

"We were created because Aboriginal victims – mostly women – were falling through the cracks," Ms Braybrook said.

"The reasons we were established have not changed – Aboriginal women are not accessing mainstream services and continue to be conflicted out of Aboriginal legal services."

"Without this program, many women and children escaping violence will have nowhere to go."



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Wills program is paying off for artists, families

By JILLIAN MUNDY



SINCE its inception seven years ago, the 'Artists in the Black Wills Program' has helped about 500

Aboriginal artists make sure disputes over sales proceeds and resale royalties earned after their death are a thing of the past.

The suggestion of a will was a foreign concept to many artists in remote communities, met with caution and suspicion, but with workshops at 40 to 50 different arts centres across the country, and aided by the black grapevine, this is changing.

"Some people were concerned that somehow it was trying to replace or compete with their ceremonies and rituals to do with passing away, so we had to do a lot of thinking around how to explain we weren't trying to do that," said Delwyn Everard, a senior solicitor from the Arts Law Centre of Australia.

"Five years ago, when we'd arrived at an arts centre the first day was taken up introducing the topic, really gently persuading people that it is a good thing.

"Now when we arrive, it's 'we want to do a will. Let's start'."

On one of the first workshops, former arts law lawyer Trish Adjei, who is now with the Copyright Agency/Viscopy, and her team were met with suspicion and accused of bringing death to the community.

"We felt really shocked. We got upset as well. We weren't trying to upset anybody," Ms Adjei recalled.

Once the artists understood the intention, Ms Adjei said they were happy to draw up wills.

Drawing up a will is a confronting subject for most people, regardless of culture.

"It needs to be talked about with enormous sensitivity. It's not something we can do over the phone from Sydney," she said.

"It really does need us to go out there and engage directly,



Advocates for drawing up a will: From left, Delwyn Everard from the Arts Law Centre of Australia, Trish Adjei from the Copyright Agency/Viscopy, emerging Mowanjumb artist Samantha Allies, and Jenny Wright who manages the Mowanjumb Arts Centre in Derby, Western Australia. They are pictured at this month's Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair. See coverage from the fair on pages 36-37

because it is a difficult conversation to have on the telephone. It's a very intimate engagement to have with someone, in a non-threatening environment and with access to interpreters if you need them."

Ms Adjei said the program was also an opportunity to explain that copyright is a legal right that lasts not only for a lifetime, but for 70 years after the creator passes away.

She said the program had been especially empowering for artists looking after large families, to know that their art had the capacity to keep providing even after their death.

"It makes people proud when they understand that this document is meant to reflect their

choice of who will get this benefit."

The wills program began as a pilot with the Mowanjumb Arts Centre in Derby, Western Australia.

At the time, the state intestacy laws, which determine who is entitled to shares in the estate of a deceased persons with no will, automatically assigned intestate estates of Aborigines to the public trustee.

"Estate issue"

"When I arrived at Mowanjumb, I had an issue with a deceased estate," Mowanjumb Arts Centre manager Jenny Wright said.

"An old lady had passed without making a will. At that time the law of WA was extremely racist and treated Aboriginal

people who died without a will very differently from the rest of the world," she said, speaking of Elder and artist Mabel King, who passed leaving 55 paintings worth thousands of dollars.

"That case became part of the ammunition for changing the law of WA. Her passing has in fact done an enormous favour to every Aboriginal person in WA. The law is now not racist, thanks to the Arts Law Centre of Australia and one fantastic old woman.

"And it also highlighted for us that none of our artists had a will. It was fantastic when the Arts Law Centre came and all the Elders attended and they all wrote wills. All the senior artists now have wills. It was a great educative process."

The dispute over Mabel King's estate is unresolved to this day, with proceeds from the sales of her works held by the public trustee while her family is in need.

Amendments to the clearly racist Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority Act came into effect last August, giving Aborigines the same rights to administer the estates of their deceased as any other Western Australian.

But even with improved intestacy laws, without a will, there are problems with current laws recognising traditional Aboriginal family structures.

"Sometime their family trees are very complex, and for many older Aboriginal artists many of their children and grandchildren did not have formal birth certificates, and if you don't have a will then the government is very particular about seeing who the people are and they want to see a birth certificate," Ms Everard said.

"If they don't have a will it's a very complicated bureaucratic process in every state.

"Whether it's a few hundred dollars or tens of thousands, it's still real money. Why should it be tied up somewhere because it's too hard to work out who the family is?"

Ms Everard said that without wills, families were also missing out on royalty streams, as well as recognition of their loved one's art, when institutions and publishers excluded works because it was simply too hard to figure out who held copyright.

The wills program, administered by Arts Law Centre of Australia, has been made possible with support over the years from the Copyright Agency, Myer Foundation, WA Department of Aboriginal Affairs and in-kind support in the form of lawyers from the Australian Government Solicitors, Telstra and private law firms DLA Piper and Gadens, as well as peak Indigenous arts organisations.

Information on the wills program is at www.aitb.com.au



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NT buffalo industry talks start



THE future of the buffalo industry in the Top End and the opportunities it offers to traditional Aboriginal landowners is being nussed out during talks between the Northern Land Council (NLC) and the Northern Territory Government.

Preliminary discussions started this month between NLC senior policy staff and the NT Department of Primary Industries.

The talks centre on ensuring the long-term viability of the industry, including discussions about animal welfare, employment opportunities, sustainable management, environmental protections and herd management.

"The buffalo industry offers significant potential to traditional Aboriginal landowners," NLC chief executive Joe Morrison said. "Having said that, the development of the industry needs to be done properly, rather than quickly."

Negotiations are in the early stages, with the NLC and NT Government working out shared priorities, but it is proposed that the NLC will start discussions with stakeholders regarding industry standards over coming months.

The NLC is hoping to have agreements in place by the end of the calendar year, ready for the mustering season in 2015.

It is estimated that there are at least 140,000 buffalo in Arnhem Land, and it is hoped that the talks will lead to a sustainable and long-term industry that will serve the needs of traditional Aboriginal landowners and industry alike.



Artist Steve Anderson, with Mick Davis, Ron Randall and Ken Moore.
Picture courtesy Kyogle Council

Facelift for Patsy's artwork



ARTWORK by the late Patsy Bundjulahm Nagas in Kyogle, north-east NSW, has had a facelift, thanks to Kyogle Council, local artist Steve Anderson and more than 400 school children.

Gugin Gudduba Local Aboriginal Land Council chair Ron Randall told the *Border Ranges Bulletin* that the project was positive for all involved.

"The looks on the faces of the children as they got to put their handprints on the wall said it all," he said.

"And the fact that the name of each child was written next to their handprint made it even more special."

The project was coordinated by Kyogle Council facilities crew member Mick Davis, who is also chair of Gugin Gudduba LALC.

"Patsy involved school children the first time round and we wanted to repeat what she did," he said.

"We started out with 40 children but we soon realised we would need more and asked the schools if they could send down more children."

The schools involved were Kyogle Public and St Brigid's Primary, and the Kyogle Reconciliation Committee also contributed.



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Islands now in system



THE owners of the Warraberalgahl and Porumalgal Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) in the Torres Strait have celebrated its recognition as part of the National Reserve System, Australia's network of protected areas.

The IPA comprises nine islands, sandbanks and rocks, with a total area of about 63ha, representing a cross-section of the island environments in Torres Strait.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chair Joseph Elu said the IPA was based on Torres Strait Islander approaches to stewardship of lands and waters, and the specific cultural, historical and economic values of the natural resources that make up the recognised area.

"The people of Warraber and Poruma islands, owners of the Warraberalgahl and Porumalgal IPA, are interrelated and have a shared history, so recognition of the IPA and the development of its management plan is an important step in natural and cultural resource management," Mr Elu said.

The IPA will be managed



"The people of Warraber and Poruma islands, owners of the Warraberalgahl and Porumalgal IPA, are interrelated and have a shared history, so recognition of the IPA and the development of its management plan is an important step..."

— TSRA chair Joseph Elu

through a plan that sets out the cultural and natural values of the area. Traditional owners, together with scientists and natural resource managers, have identified the management and conservation projects that are necessary to help look after islands, which include Atub, Bara, Bini, Babui, Guiya, Maza Guiya, Miggi Maituin, Ugain and Ulu.

"Process"

"The research and consultation process for the management plan has been supported throughout by the Land and Sea Management Unit of the TSRA which administers and implements the IPA project in Torres Strait with the traditional owners," Mr Elu said.

Vegetation in the Warraberalgahl and Porumalgal IPA ranges from forest on some of the larger islands, to simple grass and herb growth on the smaller sand cays.

The National Reserve System conserves examples of natural landscapes and native plants and animals for future generations. It is based on a scientific framework and is the nation's natural safety net against environmental challenges.

The reserve system includes more than 10,000 protected areas covering 16.52% of the country — more than 127 million hectares. It is made up of Commonwealth, state and territory reserves, Indigenous lands and protected areas, and farmers' properties.

Crompton takes \$30,000 Vic art prize



Victorian Jenny Crompton with one of her artworks.



BELLBRAE artist Jenny Crompton has won Victoria's richest Indigenous art prize. Ms

Crompton, who takes much of her artistic inspiration from Victoria's surf coast, won the \$30,000 Deadly Art Award at this year's Victorian Indigenous Art Awards.

Gathering at Godocut (Seaweed and Binder), her installation of found objects collected seasonally near her seaside home, got the judges' nod.

The 35 finalist works featured traditional and contemporary art practices, ranging from traditional basket weaving techniques to works on wood, as well as photography, painting, video and sculpture.

More than \$50,000 in prizes were presented at the awards ceremony, with Wonthaggi artist Patrice Mahoney receiving the

\$5000 Federation University Australia Acquisitive Award, and Deanne Gilson of Brown Hill, Ballarat, receiving the Australian Catholic University Acquisitive Award, also with a \$5000 prize.

Other award winners included Footscray artist Paola Balla and Glennys Briggs, a Victorian-born artist now based in Queensland, who took out the Copyright Agency Ltd Award for three dimensional works and works on paper, respectively.

Presentation

Following the presentation event at the Art Gallery of Ballarat, Arts Minister Heidi Victoria said the Victorian Indigenous Art Awards aimed to build the profile of south-east Australian Aboriginal art and Victoria's Indigenous artists.

"The Victorian Indigenous Art Awards provide an incomparable glimpse into the power and quality

of Indigenous art, and into the artists who live, work and take inspiration from this part of Australia," she said.

Ms Victoria said that it is now the public's turn to be the judge for the 2014 Arts Victoria People's Choice Award, worth \$2500.

"This year's finalist works feature in a stunning exhibition at Art Gallery of Ballarat. I strongly encourage everyone to visit, or to visit online via the Arts Victoria website, to cast a vote for a favourite work," she said.

View the online gallery and vote for the Arts Victoria People's Choice Award at www.arts.vic.gov.au/peopleschoice Voting closes Monday, September 29, at 5pm.

The awards exhibition continues at the Art Gallery of Ballarat until October 5. For more information, visit indigenousartawards.com.au

Cairns art fair wins praise



LAST month's fifth Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) proved a huge success, organisers say.

CIAF chair Cameron Costello said he was delighted with how the three-day fair played out, drawing large groups to each event, activity and exhibition opening.

"The community at large really engaged with CIAF's program, proving its sustainability when planning for future events," Mr Costello said.

"The attendance figures underpin this confidence, with a total of 18,304 visitors this year, exceeding the previous event in 2012 by almost 2500.

"Added to this were pleasing art sales of close to \$550,000 from works sold at the fair and Cairns galleries."

Queensland Arts Minister Ian Walker praised CIAF on the "vigour and diversity of this year's fair".

"This event grows in terms of the number of people who attend and as a sophisticated showcase for Queensland's Indigenous and Torres Strait artists," he said.

"CIAF 2014 certainly met the high standards set by previous fairs and showed that it has outgrown the constraints inherent in being totally dependent on state funding.

"A successful CIAF is good economic news for all Queenslanders, not just Indigenous artists, and the quality of work shown in this year's fair points to a long and



Visual artist Gail Mabo in front of artworks at this year's Cairns Indigenous Art Fair.

prosperous future ahead."

CIAF co-patron Henrietta Marrie said that this year's achievements prove the event's viability as "a supportive platform for Queensland's emerging and established Indigenous artists".

"There were many high points over the weekend that

all combined to celebrate the diverse talent and rich culture of Queensland's Indigenous communities," she said.

"The artists and performers were the true stars that shone all weekend, talking to visitors, proudly sharing their stories and bringing smiles to the faces of everyone."

This year's CIAF was particularly significant in facilitating the acquisition of works by major institutions.

The fashion performance UFLA YUMPLA, which attracted an audience of about 400, was also one of the highlights.

CIAF next year will be from July 30-August 2.

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Favourite drink?
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Anything by Paul Jennings. I love his books.

Favourite holiday destination?
In my dreams ... Hawaii.

What are you watching?
I don't watch much TV, because here on The Lands not very many people have a television set.

What sporting team do you follow?
AFL club Collingwood – around here everybody hates them. I don't know why.

What three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My father, my aunty and my mother.

If you could, what would you change to help Indigenous people?
I'd help to get them on their feet, help them do whatever it is they're supposed to be doing instead of nothing. If we can show the younger generation our ways of living and why our Elders did what they did in the first place, that would help.

Quote



“The Government can help people – but it can't take control of people's lives. In the APY Lands, we need to do it for ourselves.”

– Anangu Elder Murray George on new government rules for schooling on APY Lands.

● See pages 8-9

Unquote

Schooling plan has its dangers

NO-one can argue with the idea that getting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids to school is a good idea.

Education is key to unlocking potential and being able to lead a healthy and happy life. Our kids are smart and resilient and deserve the opportunity to follow whatever path they desire in life.

But Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion's pilot program for South Australia's APY Lands where parents will face financial penalties if their children don't attend school seems too harsh and is quite possibly counter-productive.

Lasting and effective change comes from within – not by forcing people to do something.

That's just one of the many reasons why self-determination is so important.

Trying to force people to fit into a system that was never designed with them in mind seems like a recurring nightmare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Talking with – and actually listening to – community members about what they actually need and want is a much better approach than wielding a big stick.

Restricting families' Centrelink payments has the very real risk of hurting those the aim is supposedly to benefit: children.

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necessary items for children.

Working with individual families whose children aren't going to school might be tricky to implement but, ultimately, has to provide better outcomes than a one-size-fits-all punitive approach.

The best leaders take people with them, rather than attempt to use fear or punishment to bend people to their will.

What a great celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music it was at this year's National Indigenous Music Awards in Darwin.

From superstars Dan Sultan and Jessica Mauboy to emerging artists like Briggs, East Journey and Desert Sevenz and, of course, NT School Band of the Year Rockstar Band and all performers in the hip-hop showcase, the depth of Indigenous talent simply shone through.

Congratulations to all finalists, winners and performers and thanks for sharing your music with the rest of us.

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Aileen's building a solid future in the APY Lands



Aileen Shannon: "There were community employment programs on the APY Lands with no job outcomes – so the training was being provided but with no jobs here ... My husband and I built Wiltja Constructions so we could become that work outcome."

By RUDI MAXWELL

AILEEN Shannon looks back on the period of her childhood she spent in Mimili, on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands of remote South Australia, with great fondness.

"About 30 years ago, I was here. My father (a Yankunytjatjara man) was managing the cattle station, Everard Park. I was about nine or 10, here on The Lands," she said. "There was a small school, in a building on the back of a truck, and it operated in the afternoon and I did correspondence schooling in the morning with my mum."

"I didn't want to do school of the air 'cause I knew I'd be stuck on a radio all day – and there were times when something like mustering was much more fun."

When she was a little older, Ms Shannon and her mother, an Adnyamathanha woman, moved to Quorn, in the Flinders Rangers, then Clare so she could further her education.

After finishing school, Ms Shannon gained a traineeship with South Australia's Agriculture Department. Over more than a decade in the public service she worked her way up to a job with the

Agriculture Minister and Deputy Premier.

"I then developed a taste for the political life," she said.

Two years ago, Ms Shannon and her husband Tony Rodgers started Wiltja Constructions, a building company based at Fregon, in the APY Lands.

They tender for government and other contracts, including social housing, repairs and maintenance.

"We employ skilled and semi-skilled labour," Ms Shannon said.

"Literacy and numeracy is welcome, but we show on-the-job will teach on-the-job."

"We set this business up to employ Aboriginal people. There were community employment programs on the APY Lands with no job outcomes – so the training was being provided but with no jobs here. So my husband and I built Wiltja Constructions so we could become that work outcome."

Wiltja Constructions has 88 casual Aboriginal employees, mainly Anangu people, across five communities.

"We're bringing the work to them. This is home," Ms Shannon said.

"This is their home."

"There is a lot of infrastructure on the APY Lands and there is existing structure so Anangu (Aboriginal people from the region) could become the next

"Walking in two worlds, it can happen. I'm doing it – I can go from mainstream into cultural and back again and be quite comfortable."

repairs and maintenance team for the APY Lands.

"If they would like to go and work off the APY Lands and further their skills, that's great too, but the people who have already done training and have skills need to retain them, so if they can come and work with us, that'd be fine."

Wiltja Constructions also operates Mimili Maku Accommodation Centre, a 14-bed facility with kitchen, fireplace and office facilities that has been operating for 12 months and is used regularly by about 35 government and other agencies.

"The accommodation centre has been a roaring success," Ms Shannon said.

"The success has come from the need for visitors' accommodation on the APY Lands."

"Any visitors are certainly being directed this way for accommodation."

The building is owned by the Mimili Community Council and leased to Wiltja Constructions.

"The council can do whatever they like with that money, whatever community

projects they want to get up, and when the council comes together they're showing responsibility for spending finances that comes into the community. It's good governance and it's moving towards self-determination as well," Ms Shannon said.

"So for Wiltja Constructions

and the community to work together to provide this needed service for the service providers it's a win-win."

Ms Shannon is a big believer in working with people to create better ways.

"Walking in two worlds, it can happen. I'm doing it – I can go from mainstream into cultural and back again and be quite comfortable," she said.

"I think if government embraced that and looked at the people who do it, there's a better understanding of what people can bring in."

"Here, there are people who are living very culturally in their own traditions and I'm quite comfortable with that, going and sitting with them, and they're quite comfortable coming and sitting with me and asking me for advice. So I do that, and that's where cultural exchanges happen."

"The Aboriginal people here are pretty open to mainstream coming in – 'cause they need that help."

"Change is a slow thing, but it will be for the better."

● Rudi Maxwell went to the APY Lands with a group travelling with Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion. She was a guest at Mimili Maku Accommodation Centre.

Doctors' college backs Recognise



THE Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) has backed the national Recognise campaign seeking constitutional recognition of Australia's Indigenous people. Reconciliation Australia's

'Recognise' campaign is a people's movement that aims to eliminate discrimination from the Constitution, officially recognise Australia's first people and preserve the Government's ability to pass laws that benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The RACGP has urged the removal of section 25 of the Constitution which supports states' right to ban people from voting based on race, and section 51 which allows for laws to be passed that discriminate against people based on their race.

RACGP president Dr Liz Marles said the campaign's goal was crucial if Australia was to achieve true reconciliation and eliminate discrimination once and for all.

"By supporting this campaign, the RACGP further commits to addressing the social and economic determinants of health and wellbeing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and to improving stewardship and governance of Indigenous health," she said.

"We know that racial discrimination has a severely detrimental impact on individuals' mental health, and yet the highest legal document in Australia supports discriminative treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians."

Westpac, NAB lift job commitments



TWO of Australia's biggest banks have increased their commitments to invest in Indigenous employment. Westpac Group has promised to employ an additional 500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by

2017 as part of its 2015-17 Reconciliation Action Plan. Westpac also boosted its existing Indigenous employment programs, with a new 10-year commitment to place 40 Indigenous interns annually and increase the number of Indigenous trainees hired each year.

National Australia Bank (NAB) welcomed Westpac's move, but says the focus should be on turning traineeships into real jobs and careers to achieve lasting change.

"Traineeships shouldn't lead to a dead end," NAB's head of Indigenous Finance and Development Glen Brennan said.

"They need to ignite careers, not become an exit point for Indigenous Australians who are all trained, but have nowhere to go."

In 2013, the number of Indigenous employees at NAB increased by 13% to 161. Following their traineeship, 74% more Indigenous trainees were offered jobs at NAB.

NT increases jail time for pursuits



A CORONER'S recommendation to increase the maximum jail time for anybody who forces police into a pursuit has been implemented after it passed through the Northern Territory Parliament last week. People who speed or drive recklessly or dangerously when evading police in the NT will now face a maximum jail term of five years, up from two years under the replaced legislation.

The law will also apply when police call off a pursuit due to the safety of the public, themselves, and passengers in the vehicle, and the offender is located and arrested at a later time.

NT Attorney-General John Elferink said the harsher penalties would ensure that offenders faced the full force of the law when they refused to comply with police instruction to stop a vehicle.

The coroner's recommendation was made last year following an incident in Alice Springs where two passengers were killed and two others seriously injured when the driver of a vehicle attempted to flee police.

● The NT has also extended a trial of open speed limits to a new section of the Stuart Highway.

From September 1, the existing open speed limit will include an extra 72km stretch of the highway from Barrow Creek to just south of the Ali Curung Rail Overpass.

Fallen brothers not forgotten



Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove place poppies (pictured below) beside the name of Private Cyril Rigney at Menin Gate in Belgium.



TWO Ngarrindjeri (South Australia) soldiers and brothers killed in battle during World War I

have been recognised in commemorative services, with Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove laying poppies at their Belgium gravesites last month.

Private Rufus Gordon Rigney served with the 48th Australian Infantry Battalion and died of his wounds in October 1917, at the age of 19. His 20-year-old brother Cyril Spurgeon Rigney, of the 43rd Australian Infantry Battalion, had been killed just three months earlier on a battlefield in the same country.

On July 27, at Harelbeke in Belgium, the Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove laid crosses inscribed with messages from Australian children on the graves of Australian soldiers, including that of Private Rufus Rigney.

That evening, at Menin Gate, Belgium, they laid poppies beside the name of Private Cyril Rigney and other Australian soldiers, before attending a Last Post ceremony where Sir Peter recited the Ode and laid a wreath with Lady Cosgrove.

The visit to Belgium was part of a wider series of engagements at which Sir Peter and Lady Cosgrove represented the Australian Government and people at repatriation ceremonies for victims of the Malaysian Airlines Flight 17 air disaster, commemorative services in Belgium and Britain to mark the centenary of the start of World War I, and at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Indigenous businesses get warning on scams



INDIGENOUS small businesses are being warned to be on the lookout for scams, with false billing swindles ripping off Australian business owners more than \$725,000 last year.

The Australian Consumer and Competition Commission (ACCC) received more than 90,000 reports of scams in 2013, according to its 'Targeting Scams' report.

The most common scam is false billing, which can include fake invoices for advertising, directories and domain names. Last year, the ACCC received more than 3600 reports about false billing – an increase of 45% on the previous year.

Regardless of size, age, location or

sector, small businesses continue to be targeted. The scam tricks businesses into paying for unwanted or unauthorised listings or advertisements in magazines, journals, business registers or directories.

Small Business Commissioner David Eaton said common tactics were to send a business a subscription form disguised as an outstanding invoice.

"Another common false billing scam involves sending invoices for domain name renewals," he said.

"Scammers send businesses an invoice to renew their current domain name registration but the name will be slightly different with just a 'dot-com' instead of 'dot-com-au' in the web address.

"Other scams include office supplies, overpayments and investment schemes."

Mr Eaton said busy small business operators could be easy targets for scammers if they didn't have effective systems or processes in place.

"It's important all businesses ensure their staff have the knowledge they need to follow established purchasing and payment processes, and to recognise when something isn't right," he said.

To help small businesses protect themselves, the ACCC has launched a new fact sheet at www.accc.gov.au/publications/small-business-scams.

Small businesses can also access the Department of Commerce's WA ScamNet at www.scamnet.wa.gov.au/scamnet/Home.htm which gives information on the most prevalent scams and how to recognise them.

A look at life in the 'zoo'

AN Aboriginal inmate – a proud young man from the Dughutti tribe (northern NSW) – takes a look at prison life and inmates from an unusual perspective, more so familiar to a corrective service officer.

Emu: He runs around the yard or enclosure, to keep fit and healthy.

Kangaroo: They'll be boxing training, either pad work or hitting the bag, for health and show.

Ants: They're lifting or pushing weights, usually more than their own body weight.

Frilly Neck Lizard: Usually soaking up the sun rays, but when provoked, it will flare up.

The Owl: They're up all night overlooking the past, present and future.

Koala Bear: Most of their time is made up by eating and sleeping.

Snakes: If you have been punched or shived and survived, well you've been bitten by a non-venomous. But if you don't

survive the attack, then you've been bitten by a venomous.

Turtle: They move around the yard like a gronk all slow and dopey. But when in their own surroundings, like the education room and on the computer, they become hard to keep up with.

Crocodile: They'll be scanning the yard, with their eyes and jaws open wide, as all the different species, great and small, enter the prison yard

Kookaburra: You'll find it sitting perched quiet in the background, waiting for its prey. Then out of nowhere it strikes its victim, then goes to its perch and then begins to have the last laugh, laughing even louder, so that all can see and hear.

Zoo Keepers: They try to keep the daily routine as to plan.

Just like many zoo keepers, the officers try to run the mainstream zoo in a manner that is not only beneficial to the inmates,

but also for their own wellbeing.

They also have a huge responsibility to look after the violent inmates, who are put into segregation cells.

And they also look after the sick and wounded in protection cells.

The protected creatures, once they're healed, are put back into the main zoo population area at different locations.

Some may never walk, fly or even swim, but their future within the zoo is heavily reliant on the zoo keepers.

But for our zoo keepers, it's just another day at the office, then it's home to their normal family life. And for some of the keepers, it's just like doing a life sentence within.

Yours in the struggle,

ADRIAN G COHEN Snr
Mid North Coast, NSW

Race still an issue

WITH the election of Barack Obama as America's first black president, many commentators had us believe the United States had finally evolved from its dark racial past – of slavery and segregation – into a truly non-racial democracy.

They, of course, perpetuated a myth about contemporary American society.

The 'racial charged demonstrations' in Ferguson, Missouri, following this month's shooting of an unarmed black teenager by a white policeman, is a stark reminder that race is far from redundant in American society and politics.

It is not sensible to pretend otherwise.

It does American society no good to ignore race and the same is, of course, true for other multiracial societies.

RAJEND NAIDU
Glenfield, NSW

100 vital years for Red Cross

This month, the Australian Red Cross celebrates 100 years.

It's an honour to reflect on our remarkable history, to celebrate our achievements and thank generations of Australians for their support.

This includes the one million Red Cross members, volunteers, donors, staff, blood donors and supporters who make such a positive, lasting difference to the lives of people in need every day – thank you!

The centenary of Red Cross is a great Australian story about the extraordinary generosity and compassion of people helping people.

These are the stories of people like Florence Flower who during World War I reportedly wore out four pairs of shoes walking house to house to collect money to buy a Red Cross field ambulance that was later sent to Egypt; or Vietnam veteran Rod Hagan who recalls watching Neil Armstrong land on

the moon while making one of his 114 blood donations; or Jessica Hazelwood who worked at a hospital in a hostile and dangerous part of Afghanistan to help children and civilians who had been injured from conflict.

These are just a few examples of the countless stories of people who have so generously given their time, energy and resources to help others; we are so fortunate that this culture of giving thrives in our community.

Founded on an enduring spirit of volunteerism and generosity, Red Cross strives to offer assistance without discrimination, and to alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found, regardless of nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions.

We live in an increasingly complex world with difficult humanitarian challenges, and our mission to care for the most vulnerable people in need has never been more relevant.

So this month as we reflect on the last 100 years, we look to the next 100. We pass the baton on to the next generation of Australians to carry on the legacy of the millions of selfless individuals who together demonstrate that the power of humanity can, and does, change people's lives for the better.

There are so many ways you can carry on this legacy – make a regular donation, become a member, volunteer, donate goods to your local Red Cross shop and buy unique items from there too, learn first aid, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter, leave a bequest in your will, or donate blood.

Simply visit redcross.org.au or call 1800 811 700. You too can be a part of the great Australian story of people helping people.

JODY BROWN
Executive director of Red Cross in NSW

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

A BIG thanks to all of our readers for sending letters, poems and other feedback; we love hearing from you.

You can help us by keeping your letters to 400 words or less and poems generally no more than 25 medium-length lines. This will increase your chances of being published.

Even if sent via email, all letters and

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

We will publish 'Looking For' letters as long as they do not breach the privacy of individuals mentioned.

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

– EDITOR

POETRY

Day of the Indigenous

My eyes are as dark as a starless night sky
My hair as bleached as the desert sands
I stand tall, skinny and uncoordinated as any adolescent would
I outrun the rabbit
Chase the wallaby
And bound with the kangaroo
The whole of life is before me
It is the Day of the Indigenous
We can't be ignored
It's our time
The world knows it
So do you
I will be employed in the best organisations in the land
Attend the most prestigious of schools
Lecture at world-renowned universities.

My eyes are as dark as a starless night sky
My hair as bleached as the desert sands
I stand tall, skinny and uncoordinated as any adolescent would
And
I am pregnant
You raped me
Then you left me
Like the wind
You are gone
I stand alone.

BRUCE DOCKER
Logan City, Qld

Conundrum

You have to stand out from the mob
You have to move forward
You have to show the way in whatever you choose to do
Then we recognise you.

You think you're all that
You have to be part of the mob
Who do you belong to?
Who's your mob?
Do you know this fella?

Lost in the mob
Stand out from the mob
Be a leader
Who does he think he is?
Who knows who?

If I were famous
You would know me then
You would recognise
Me then.

You would know my mob
You would recognise
You would claim me
If I were famous.

You would hold me back
If I tried to stand out
From the mob
Because you don't recognise.

You would judge
You would question
Who I am
Who is his mob?
He is not better than us.

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Reconciliation CEO formally thanked



RECONCILIATION Australia co-chairs Dr Tom Calma and Melinda Cilento have formally thanked outgoing chief executive Leah Armstrong for her service. Ms Armstrong will finish up at the end of the year once her successor has been recruited.

"On behalf of the board and staff of Reconciliation Australia we would like to thank Ms Armstrong for her outstanding leadership of the organisation and wish her well in her next endeavours," Dr Calma and Ms Cilento said in a joint statement.

"Since joining the organisation, Ms Armstrong has had an enormous impact in building the reputation and standing of Reconciliation Australia with our stakeholders. She has overseen significant growth and redevelopment in our flagship programs the Reconciliation Action Plans, National Reconciliation Week and schools programs, and the development of the Workplace Ready program.

"Ms Armstrong has re-energised the organisation and the movement. At the start of her tenure she worked closely with the Federal Government's Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Australia's First Peoples and negotiated the set-up of the Recognise campaign.

"Ms Armstrong has brought to the role considerable skills in building and maintaining strong respectful relationships, extending the organisation's networks across many different sectors. The board is grateful for her tremendous contribution and she will be sadly missed."



Leah Armstrong

Hunter Valley will host WUPA festival



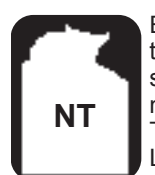
THE sixth WUPA Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Festival in NSW's Hunter Valley will be held from September 6 until October 31. Coordinated by the Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation,

this year's festival has attracted 24 local Aboriginal artists whose works will be displayed at nine major Hunter Valley venues, including Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley Resort and centres in the Pokolbin and Broke areas.

Coordinators say the exhibition provides an insight into the rich and vibrant culture of local Aboriginal people by sharing their stories as depicted in their art.

For more details, go to www.wupaatwanaruah.com.au

Economic literacy on the airwaves



EAST Arnhem Land residents have the chance to build their financial skills thanks to a \$25,000 grant for a new economic literacy radio program. The new Indigenous Economic Literacy Pilot Program is run by Arnhem Resource Development

Services and produced by Why Warriors Pty Ltd.

The program aims to inform Yolngu people about how jobs are created in the economy, where government money comes from and how land and human resources can contribute to wealth creation in remote areas.

The Northern Territory Government's \$25,000 grant for the program will be combined with a \$15,000 contribution from Rio Tinto Alcan.

NT Chief Minister Adam Giles said the program was part of a government push to break the cycle of welfare dependency in remote areas and empower Indigenous people.

"This innovative education program will support the region's Yolngu people, building their confidence as they pursue emerging economic opportunities in their region from tourism to fisheries," he said.

"We want our regional economies in northern Australia to prosper, providing jobs and a sustainable future for local residents. Understanding the financial world is critical to this process."



Woolwonga Elder Maxine Kunde with her husband Brian Kunde and Woolwonga Elder Glen Hopkins, at the Burrundie site where the plaque will be placed commemorating the 1884 massacre.

Woolwonga to be recognised



DESCENDANTS of a 'forgotten' tribe said to have been wiped out in an 1880s massacre will finally achieve

some recognition when Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion unveils a plaque at their 130-year remembrance event at the Old Burrundie Railway site next month.

For Woolwonga Committee chair Lynette Hopkins, it's the culmination of years of research in the fight to get recognition that the Woolwonga people of the Northern Territory still exist.

"Today's authorities were absolutely shocked when we showed up on the doorstep trying to get recognition of the Woolwonga tribe – they put up barriers saying we had no culture drawings, language and so on," Mrs Hopkins said.

For the past eight years, Mrs Hopkins has been the driving force behind digging up information to prove that the 1884 massacre at Burrundie, near Pine Creek in the Northern Territory, did not wipe out the entire Woolwonga tribe.

She spoke to the *Koori Mail* on the day of her 42nd wedding anniversary to her husband Glen, a Woolwonga descendant.

"Lindsay Crawford, the manager of Victoria River Downs Station and Glencoe



Historic Woolwonga photos: Juana Calma (Stew) at left and Priscilla Stew with Martin Calma and Marine Stew.



Woolwonga and Gurindji descendant Glen Hopkins with his wife Lynette on their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Station, had two Indigenous women who were sisters, Jennie Woolwonga and Maggie Woolwonga – hence there are families all around Australia who are living descendants that stem from here," Mrs Hopkins said.

She said the tribe was said to be extinct following

reprisals from the Daly River copper mine murders, when a white police party was sent out to kill local Woolwonga and Muluk Muluk tribes people after four white miners were allegedly killed by Aboriginal people. Up to 30 Woolwonga people were killed at a waterhole near McKinlay River in

the Burrundie region.

In her quest to track down Woolwonga historical records, Mrs Hopkins lucked upon details of Woolwonga cultural drawings, language, ceremonial decor and even measurements in a 1890s edition of the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland*.

She also found details of her husband's great-great-grandmother Jennie Woolwonga in the 1899 census and tracked her lineage from there, discovering that she moved to South Australia with Lindsay Crawford. Mr Crawford is also said to have fathered children with Jennie's sister Maggie.

The 130-year Woolwonga massacre remembrance ceremony will be held on September 27 at the Old Burrundie railway site. It will include a smoking ceremony and dancers painted in colours, as well as the unveiling of a plaque by Senator Scullion.

"The committee group formed about five years ago to look into the Woolwonga history because it was just being ignored, and we've got all the younger ones coming up now and they want to know their cultural history and they've got nothing," Mrs Hopkins said.

"We are now wanting to be recognised that we have proof and can be reunited with land."



Part of the exhibition:
Isabella Kept Her Dignity, 2009.
Courtesy artist Christian
Thompson and Gallery
Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne.

Exhibition will court *Blakness*



STRIKING installations by eight Indigenous artists at the University of Queensland next month are aiming to challenge European-centric ways of thinking.

The exhibition *Courting Blakness*, curated by Adjunct Professor Fiona Foley, a Badjara woman, will use the Great Court at UQ as a platform for public discussions about the relationships between Indigenous people and the university.

"The ambition that currently drives many Aboriginal artists is to challenge notions of who we are as Australians," Prof Foley says.

"Through bringing eight Aboriginal artists into the University of Queensland's Great Court we are reinterpreting this space.

"The artists are reshaping the way we think about Australian identity. Their

artworks will reconfigure how non-Indigenous students interact with the space and think about contemporary society and Aboriginal politics.

"What happens when you subvert constructs of power? I think that the Great Court is a construct of power and by subverting that space you actually create a more interesting space.

"Through *Courting Blakness* we're going to enter into a new dialogue that we've never had before."

The artists featured in *Courting Blakness* are Michael Cook, Christian Thompson, Karla Dickens, Megan Cope, Natalie Harkin, r e a, Ryan Presley and Archie Moore.

There will be a symposium at the university from September 5-6, with the exhibition opening on the first night.

As part of the project, there is a website www.courtingblakness.com and social media presence on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



Emotional Striptease, Lambda Print, 2002, by Christian Thompson, which will be in the exhibition at the University of Queensland.



Torres Strait Regional Authority Coasts and Climate Project manager John Rainbird with an engineer assessing the seawall at lama (Yam Island). Picture: TSRA

New climate strategy for Torres Strait



A NEW four-year climate change strategy has been developed to help Torres Strait Island

communities respond to the challenges of rising sea levels in the region.

The Torres Strait Climate Change Strategy 2014-2018 provides a big-picture approach for responding to the threats of tidal inundation, flooding and erosion.

It was developed by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), Torres Strait Island Regional Council, Torres Shire Council and the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre.

TSRA chair Joseph Elu said an updated edition has a stronger focus on the communities and how they can build adaptive capacity and resilience for the people and the environment.

"Torres Strait Islanders are particularly exposed to climate change impacts because we live in small remote island communities," he said.

"Consequently, we must be at the forefront of developing strategies to adapt to a changing environment."

Mr Elu said substantial progress had been made since the first Climate Change Strategy.



Low-lying Saibai Island is one of the Torres Strait islands identified as high risk for tidal inundation. Picture: TSRA

"Securing state and Commonwealth funding to construct sea walls for most 'at-risk' communities will significantly aid our response to climate change in 2014-18," he said.

"Numerous studies have also been conducted since this initial strategy so we can better understand the specific nature of anticipated impacts to islands and communities.

"Together with our government and research partners, we have undertaken a great deal of background research and established programs to monitor where the real risks lie for us."

Mr Elu said the focus now

was primarily on developing ways to deal with the challenges.

"Our communities want to see action taken immediately on threats such as erosion and flooding, and we're now moving forward with a program of works to address this," he said.

"Part of this strategy also involves thinking ahead to ensure that the decisions we make now are for the most sustainable options for reducing the risks for our children and the generations to follow us."

The Torres Strait Climate Change Strategy 2014-2018 is available on the TSRA website at www.tsra.gov.au

Darwin hosts 2014 National



Traditional dancers on stage at the NIMAs.



A section of the crowd enjoying the NIMA action on a perfect Darwin night.



East Journey guitarist Arian Pearson and Naina Sen collect the award for National Film Clip of the Year. Picture by Glenn Campbell



Members of the Desert Sevenz band from Alyawarr collect their NIMA for Community Clip of the Year, which was shared with the Rockstar Band, from Gapuwiyak. Picture by Glenn Campbell

Triple treat for Dan Sultan



JESSICA Mauboy might have been named Artist of the Year at this year's National Indigenous Music Awards, but it

was Dan Sultan who stole the show.

The Arrernte/Gurindji rocker scooped up three awards at the NIMAs, winning plenty of applause from the crowd at Darwin's George Green Amphitheatre.

Sultan took Song of the Year with *The Same Man* and the Album of the Year and Cover Art of the Year titles for *Blackbird*.

Mauboy – a hometown favourite in Darwin – won the Artist of the Year crown for the second consecutive year, thanking her supporters in an acceptance speech sent via video from Los Angeles, where she is recording her new album.

Rapper Briggs, a Yorta Yorta man from Victoria, was named New Talent of the Year, celebrating his success in an awards hip hop showcase with fellow talents Philly, Jimblah and The Last Kinection. His new album has just been released.

Munkimuk (also known as Mark Munk Ross) – known to some as 'The Grandfather of Indigenous Hip Hop' – was inducted into the NIMA Hall of Fame for his contribution to music.

The National Film Clip of the Year went to Arnhem Land rock/reggae band East Journey for *Bright Lights Big City*. Filmmakers Naina Sen and Susan Sandery collected the award for the widely praised clip.

The Community Clip of the Year went to Alyawarr (NT) mob Desert Sevenz for *Fly Back Home*, and the NT School Band of the Year was the nine-piece Rockstar Band, from Gapuwiyak in Arnhem Land.

The NT Traditional Music Award of the Year was shared by Arnhem Land men Jaydron Nundhirribala, Roland Nundhirribala and Grant Nundhirribala, who were recognised for their work in maintaining traditional performance, and Croker Island's Lindsay Gameraidj, for his song *Nangale*.

There were 249 nominations across all categories for this year's NIMAs, now in its 11th year.

And this year's winners are...

- **National Artist of the Year:** Jessica Mauboy.
- **National Album of the Year:** *Blackbird* by Dan Sultan.
- **National Song of the Year:** *The Same Man* by Dan Sultan.
- **National New Talent of the Year:** Briggs.
- **National Cover Art of the Year:** *Blackbird* by Dan Sultan; artist – Ken Taylor.
- **National Film Clip of the Year:** *Bright Lights Big City* by East Journey; director/filmmaker – Naina Sen, executive producer – Susan Sandery.
- **Community Clip of the Year:** *Fly Back Home* by Desert Sevenz; community – Ampilatwatja, NT; facilitators and mentors of project – Desert Pea Media.
- **NT School Band of the Year:** Rockstar Band (nine-piece outfit from Gapuwiyak, NT).
- **NT Traditional Music Award of the Year:** Jaydron Nundhirribala, Roland Nundhirribala and Grant Nundhirribala plus Lindsay Gameraidj for his song *Nangale*.
- **NIMA Hall of Fame:** Munkimuk aka Mark Munk Ross.

Other performers at the awards, MCed by actor Aaron Pedersen, included Tom E Lewis, Tjintu Desert Band, the Desert Divas, The Mills Sisters and Djuki Mala (Chooky Dancers).

"MusicNT is immensely proud to present the NIMAs. The awards have played an instrumental role in shining a light on the scene and providing a national platform for recognition," MusicNT executive director Mark Smith said.

"One of the highlights is the diversity of this year's line-up, which truly showcases the breadth of talent across the Indigenous music industry, and audiences are recognising this with our highest ticket sales to date."

Indigenous Music Awards



Triple award-winner Dan Sultan doing what he does best at this year's National Indigenous Music Awards in Darwin. All pictures on this page by Glenn Campbell



Jimblah during the hip hop showcase in Darwin.



Members of the Rockstar Band, from Gapuwiyak community in the Top End, accept the NIMA NT School Band of the Year award.



Briggs with his New Talent of the Year award.



Philly belts out some beats at the NIMA hip hop showcase in Darwin.



The Tjintu Desert Band from Haasts Bluff/Ikunjtji, 250km west of Alice Springs, on stage at the NIMAs in Darwin.



Veteran performer Tom E Lewis was among the acts at this year's NIMAs.

Network ready to meet



REGISTRATION is now open for the NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network (LGAN) Conference being held in Narrandera, southern NSW, from September 10-12. The annual three-day conference aims to enhance the profiles of Aboriginal

communities, skills and cultures in local government across the state.

This year's conference will have the theme 'Connecting to Country – old ways, future paths'.

On the first day, delegates will take part in a Narrandera field trip, exploring the region's local Aboriginal culture which is strongly

linked to the Murrumbidgee River and the natural environment. They will visit the Narrandera Fisheries, lunch at Koori Beach on the banks of the Murrumbidgee, and tour the locally owned and run Sandhills Artefacts, where boomerangs, didgeridoos and other items are created.

Narrandera, meaning 'Meeting Place of

the Lizards', is Wiradjuri country and home of the Narrungdera people.

Topics at the LGAN Conference will include Aboriginal art, bush foods, medicine, cultural heritage management, health, education, disability and cultural tourism.

For full details visit the LGAN Conference website: www.lganconference2014.com.au

2014 – Stand Tall - I am Proud National Indigenous Men's Conference

13 – 15 October 2014,
Pullmans International Hotel, Cairns Qld

The conference will discuss men's issues such as, Men's health, Men supporting Men, Family Violence Mentoring, Family Issues Special presentation from Beyond Blue and the "Proppa Deadly" project dealing with the prevention of self-harm by indigenous men in the community.

This conference is both powerful, inspiring, all while empowering indigenous men with the sense of pride. Conference sponsored by Beyond Blue.

For more information or brochures go to www.indigenousconferences.com



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Indigenous Advancement Strategy – guidelines released

The Australian Government has introduced the Indigenous Advancement Strategy with the objective of achieving real results in the key priority areas of getting children to school, adults into work and building safe communities.

Under this strategy, the Government is reorganising more than 150 individual programmes and services with five broad-based programmes:

1. Jobs, Land and Economy
2. Children and Schooling
3. Safety and Wellbeing
4. Cultural and Capability
5. Remote Australia Strategies

Guidelines for these programmes are now available on the Department's website at www.dpmc.gov.au/indigenous_affairs.

Organisations are encouraged to apply for funding under the new programme. Applications will open on 8 September 2014

For more information email iasgrants@dpmc.gov.au.

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Students from St Michael's Catholic School on Palm Island show some of the marine debris they found during a clean-up of the island's Front Beach. They were taking part in the Reef Guardian School Future Leaders Eco Challenge.

Palm students rise to challenge and clean up



PALM Island kids picked up an average of almost 1kg each of rubbish when they took part in a beach clean-up as part of a Great Barrier Reef environmental program.

More than 60 students and teachers from Bwgcolman Community School and St Michael's Catholic School swapped the classroom for the beach in day-long activities as part of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's (GBRMPA) annual Future Leaders Eco Challenge.

The eco challenges teach students about acting locally but thinking globally when it comes to addressing environmental threats to the reef.

The program raises awareness about how activities on the land can affect the marine environment.

GBRMPA acting Reef Guardian School Program manager Carolyn Luder said the students learnt about marine debris by conducting a clean-up at Front Beach and analysing what type of rubbish they found.

"During an hour-long beach clean-up, students found over 960 pieces of rubbish which weighed over 52kg," she said.

"Rubbish"

"The majority of rubbish found on the beach was aluminium cans, plastic, paper and cardboard food packing and plastic drink bottles."

The marine debris collected by the students will contribute data to the Tangaroa Blue Foundation Australian Marine Debris Initiative – a network of communities, schools, industries, government agencies and individuals focussed on reducing the amount of marine debris

washing into oceans.

The initiative aims to involve everyone in helping to identify the sources of rubbish on beaches and in the ocean, and work towards mitigation strategies to reduce marine debris and its potential impact on marine wildlife.

"Students learnt that marine debris can take a long time to break down in the ocean environment – such as a plastic bottle which can take around 450 years to break down," Miss Luder said.

"They also got to devise potential strategies for reducing marine debris on the beach like putting rubbish in the bin, recycling aluminium cans and reusing plastic bags."

GBRMPA's Reef Guardian Schools program includes 308 schools and more than 126,000 Queensland students taking part in reef education and environmental activities in their local area.

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Garden grows awareness



The garden in Canberra is officially opened.



A NEW bush tucker garden in Canberra will help to raise awareness about the traditional uses of local native plants.

Ngunnawal Elder Aunty Ruth Bell welcomed people and school groups to the new Greening Australia Koori Bush Tucker Garden.

ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Shane Rattenbury said the new garden, at the Greening Australia Depot in suburban Aranda, would be a living educational resource.

"The Greening Australia Koori Bush Tucker Garden is an important resource for sharing the continuing cultural knowledge of the Ngunnawal people from one generation to the next," he said.



Flinders University academics Simone Ulalka Tur, left, and Faye Rosas Blanch, who are part of *Bound and Unbound*.

Academics bound to enlighten



ONE-SIDED representations of Aboriginal people in colonial art, literature and history are about to be addressed in a new multi-media collaboration project being planned by four

Flinders University academics.

The artists, from the university's Yunggoorendi First Nations Centre, have received funding for the project with grants from the Australia Council for the Arts' Indigenous Experimental Arts Fund and from Arts SA's ATSI Arts Development Program.

Yunggoorendi director Simone Ulalka Tur and lecturers Ali Gumillya Baker, Faye

Rosas Blanch and Natalie Harkin will work as a collective for the first time for the multi-stage project, *Bound and Unbound: Sovereign Acts – decolonising methodologies of the lived and spoken*.

The multi-site project will develop a series of performances, projections, installations and dramatic pieces to create intergenerational transformations of old and new stories.

Part of the work focusses on critical responses to the one-sided representations and characterisation of Aboriginal people by colonial art, literature and history.

The artists will embark on re-imagining narratives from an Aboriginal perspective.

"This experimental work aims to explore complex ideas of being both bound and free; what we are bound to historically and, as sovereign people, what we choose to bind ourselves to and unbind ourselves from, both now and into the future," Ms Baker said.

She was a contributor to *Historia*, a recent exhibition at the Adelaide Town Hall, where her work *Tall Ships* used a mix of imagery and performance to examine the themes of sovereignty and colonialism, and celebrated the continued resistance to symbols of invasion.

The first stage of *Bound and Unbound* is an exhibition at Fontanelle Gallery in Adelaide, which opened this week.

Texts will give court reminders



A TEXT message service that reminds Indigenous people charged with

offences to attend court will be expanded across NSW following its introduction at 10 courthouses since 2012.

The SMS project, run the Department of Justice, has been operating at court houses in Toronto, Mt Druitt, Dubbo, Condobolin, Walgett, Penrith, Broken Hill, Bourke, the Downing Centre local courts and the Parramatta Children's Court.

NSW Attorney-General Brad Hazzard said the service sent messages to those charged advising them of their court date and reminding them of their bail conditions, helping them avoid having a bench warrant for their arrest if they fail to appear.

"The vast majority of Indigenous people charged with offences fully comply and turn up to court," Mr Hazzard said.

"For those who don't comply, over the 12 months we have seen the number of adults and juveniles failing to appear before court drop by 20% statewide thanks to projects like this."

Mr Hazzard said the service would be expanded to Taree, Kempsey, Moree, Batemans Bay, Nowra and Wagga Wagga before the end of the year.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said that in 2011, before the SMS project, 493 Indigenous people failed to appear in court. In 2013 that had fallen to 408.

Racism tool first for Vic

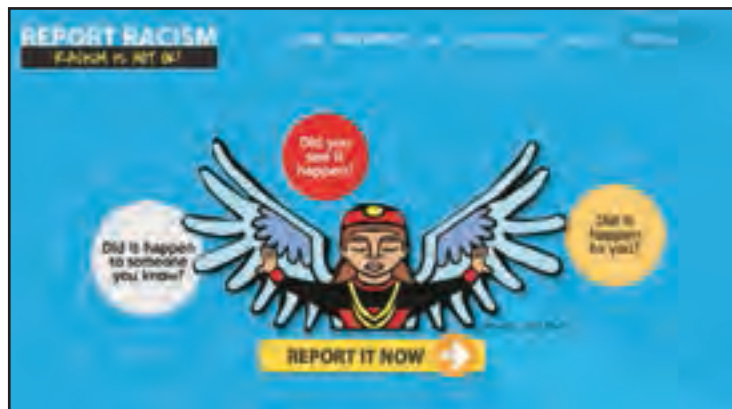


AUSTRALIA'S first third-party racism reporting mechanism for the Aboriginal community has been launched in Victoria. The online tool, called Report Racism, enables individuals, including people outside those directly involved, to report any incident of racism, including racial discrimination, racially motivated crime or racially motivated incidents by anyone, including police.

The launch was held last week by the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission (VEOHRC) together with Victoria Police and the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service.

A trial for the online tool will be held in northern Melbourne (council areas of Yarra, Darebin and Whittlesea) as well as Shepparton in the state's north.

The VEOHRC says research shows racism is a daily experience for many Victorians and that many people do not report what happened to Victoria



A screen shot of the Report Racism home page.

Police or the commission.

"Our research tells us that members of the Aboriginal community too often experience racism, and we also know that this goes unreported," VEOHRC commissioner Kate Jenkins said.

"Report Racism gives people the opportunity to do something about this, as well as giving people who may see it happen but aren't sure who to tell an opportunity to do something."

Reports can be made online at reportracism.com.au or

through a reporting place, such as the Neighbourhood Justice Centre. Reports can be made by a witness, victim or a third party. Once a report is made, the VEOHRC will be responsible for managing the information.

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service chief executive Wayne Muir said the pilot "provided a way for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to act positively against racism and provides support through the process of making a report".

Nathan in running for trainee award



BEING a role model is what Indigenous trainee Nathan Anderson says motivates

him to achieve in the workplace and beyond.

The Hunter Valley Training Company (NSW) warehouse trainee has been recognised officially after being nominated for an Indigenous trainee of the year award.

Mr Anderson, whose training is being hosted by Centennial Coal, has been named one of five finalists for Indigenous Trainee of the Year in the 2014 NSW and ACT Group Training Association (GTA) Awards.

The young father and football fan is delighted with his nomination.

"I'd like to promote a positive image for Indigenous men in my community and inspire other young Koori and Murri men to strive for excellence in the workplace," he said.

"I ... plan to apply my leadership skills at work and in the community through my involvement with local football teams."

HVTC chief executive Sharon Smith congratulated Mr Anderson on his achievements, as well as the six other HVTC apprentices



Hunter Valley Training Company (NSW) warehouse trainee Nathan Anderson: "I'd like to promote a positive image for Indigenous men in my community and inspire other young Koori and Murri men to strive for excellence in the workplace."

and trainees nominated as finalists in the NSW and ACT GTA awards.

"For the second time in succession, HVTC has secured more finalists than any other group training company, showing the dedication of our apprentices and trainees and the skill and mentoring of our expert staff," she said.

Winners will be announced on October 17 in Sydney.

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27TH AUGUST TO 9TH SEPTEMBER



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WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST

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)
7:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
9:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
10:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 The Quest Of Jimmy Pike G (Documentary)
12:30 Sarl All Stars Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
1:00 By The Rapids PG (Comedy)
1:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
2:00 Rock Art And Yingana PG (Documentary)
2:30 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 In The Frame G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Colour Theory G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Protecting Manuwangku G (Documentary)
9:00 Awaken - Uranium: Friend or Foe NC (Current Affair)
10:00 Heritage Fight M (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST

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 Yamba's Playtime G (Kids)
9:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
10:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
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3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Marngrook Footy Show 2014 NC (Sport)
9:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Documentary Series)
10:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
10:30 Characters Of Broome G (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST

12:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
1:30 Not Just Cricket PG (Documentary)
2:00 The 42nd Koori Knockout: The Documentary G (Documentary)
2:30 Murri Carnival: The Documentary G (Documentary)
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Ent)
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 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
9:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
10:00 Fit First PG (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
11:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
12:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
1:30 Goin' Troppo In The Toppo PG (Documentary)
2:00 Characters Of Broome G (Documentary)
2:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Samaqan: Water Stories G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
8:30 Rez Rides G (Series)
9:00 The Quest Of Jimmy Pike G (Documentary)
10:00 The Boondocks MA (Comedy)
10:30 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Samaqan: Water Stories G (Doc Series)

SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST

12:00 Netball Test: New Zealand v Australia (Sport)
2:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
3:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
5:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
2:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
3:00 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
3:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
4:00 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
4:30 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)
5:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Maori TV's Native Affairs NC (Current Affair)
7:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Roots Music M (Entertainment)
8:30 Go Girls M (Series)
9:30 Higher Learning MA (Movie)
11:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Volumz G (Entertainment)
6:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
7:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
8:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
9:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
10:00 FIFA Women's World Cup NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
1:00 The Tipping Points G (Lifestyle)
2:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
4:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
5:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
7:00 Ngurra G (Entertainment)
7:30 Awaken - Uranium: Friend or Foe NC (Documentary Series)
8:30 Frontier PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Poetic Justice MA (Movie)
11:20 Bikkies PG (Documentary)
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

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 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
9:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
10:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)
10:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
12:00 Awaken - Uranium: Friend or Foe NC (Current Affair)
1:00 Frontier PG (Documentary)
2:00 Kids To Coast G (Documentary)
2:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
8:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Corp @ Anam M (Documentary Series)
9:30 Love Patrol (Series 4) M (Drama)
10:00 Arctic Air M (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

12:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan 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)
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9:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
10:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Ken Thaiday Snr G (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
12:30 Big Fella M (Drama)
1:00 Arctic Air M (Drama)
2:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Leading The Way G (Documentary)
8:45 The Pearlers G (Documentary)
9:00 By The Rapids PG (Comedy)
9:30 The Boondocks MA (Comedy)
10:00 Sarl All Stars Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
10:30 Not Just Cricket PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)

WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

12:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Ent)
2:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
3:00 NITV On The Road: Boomerang Festival G (Entertainment)
4:00 Bush Bands Bash 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)
7:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
9:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
10:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Desperate Measures G (Doc Series)
11:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Leading The Way G (Documentary)
12:20 The Pearlers G (Documentary)
12:30 Sarl All Stars Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
1:00 By The Rapids PG (Comedy)
1:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Flying Boomerangs PG (Documentary)
2:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Awaken 2014 NC (Current Affair)
8:00 Colour Theory G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Away From Country PG (Doc Series)
9:30 Nin's Brother PG (Documentary)
10:00 Heritage Fight M (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

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 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
9:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
10:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken 2014 NC (Current Affair)
11:30 Colour Theory G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
1:00 Nin's Brother PG (Documentary)
1:30 Heritage Fight M (Documentary)
2:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
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 Characters Of Broome G (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

12:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
1:30 The 42nd Koori Knockout: The Documentary G (Documentary)
2:00 Murri Carnival: The Documentary G (Documentary)
2:30 Flying Boomerangs PG (Documentary)
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Ent)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
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7:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
8:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
9:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
10:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Around The Campfire G (Doc Series)
11:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
12:30 Best Of NITV Sport G (Documentary)
1:00 Lagau Danalaig - An Island Life G (Doc)
2:00 Characters Of Broome G (Documentary)
2:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Samaqan: Water Stories G (Doc Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
8:30 Rez Rides M (Series)
9:00 Blackstone MA (Drama)
10:00 The Boondocks MA (Comedy)
10:30 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Samaqan: Water Stories G (Doc Series)

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
2:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
3:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
5:00 Chocolate Martini G (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 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
3:00 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
3:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
4:00 Around The Campfire G (Documentary Series)
4:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
5:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Maori TV's Native Affairs NC (Current Affair)
7:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
8:30 Go Girls PG (Series)
9:30 Jesse Owens PG (Movie)
10:30 Torres To The Thames PG (Documentary)
11:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
7:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
8:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
9:00 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
10:00 FIFA Women's World Cup NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
1:00 The Tipping Points G (Documentary Series)
2:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 The 43rd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
4:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
5:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
7:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Awaken 2014 NC (Current Affair)
8:30 Our Story: Six Sisters Of The Stolen Generation PG (Documentary)
9:15 The Pearlers G (Documentary)
9:30 Tyson M (Movie)
11:00 Big Fella M (Documentary)
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

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 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
9:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
10:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)
10:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Around The Traps G (Entertainment)
12:00 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
12:30 Our Story: Six Sisters Of The Stolen Generation PG (Documentary)
13:20 Bush Plum G (Documentary)
2:00 Kids To Coast G (Documentary)
2:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Surviving PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
8:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Corp @ Anam M (Documentary Series)
9:30 Love Patrol (Series 4) M (Drama)
10:00 Arctic Air M (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

12:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:30 Murri Carnival: The Documentary G (Doc)
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 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
9:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
10:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Surviving PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Torres To The Thames PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
12:30 Pomurraw Art PG (Documentary)
1:00 Arctic Air M (Drama)
2:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Doc Series)
2:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
3:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
3:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
4:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
4:30 Raven Tales G (Kids)
5:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Desperate Measures G (Doc Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Rock Art And Yingana PG (Documentary)
8:00 Cool School Antarctica G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Australian Biography G (Documentary Series)
9:00 By The Rapids PG (Comedy)
9:30 The Boondocks MA (Comedy)
10:00 Sarl All Stars Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
10:30 Not Just Cricket PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Desperate Measures G (Doc Series)



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Napranum welcomes new supermarket



NAPRANUM residents have been celebrating the official opening of a new Island & Cape supermarket in the Indigenous community on Cape York peninsula. Jointly funded by the Queensland Government and Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council, the supermarket is the biggest built in a Cape Indigenous community. It is expected to generate about 20 full-time and part-time jobs in Napranum.

Until now, the town's 1000 residents have had to travel to

Weipa to buy groceries and other essentials – a 20-minute road journey that can turn into a very expensive shopping expedition for those who rely on a taxi and face a fare of up to \$100 for the round trip.

The Napranum supermarket is food and products wholesaler and retailer Island & Cape's latest venture.

Island & Cape stores already supply groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, dairy products and other general merchandise to Indigenous communities in Aurukun, Wujal Wujal, Hopevale and Yarrabah, as well as Badu Island, Dauan Island, Horn

Island and Yorke Island in the Torres Strait.

Island & Cape general manager operations Kim Nona said the company had invested about \$400,000 in new equipment to fit out the Napranum supermarket.

"The store has the latest point-of-sale systems, including wireless linked ordering system, with integrated security monitoring throughout the complex," she said.

"We'd like to thank the State Government and local council for their investment in making this dream a reality for the Napranum community."



Shoppers in the new Napranum supermarket on Cape York.

Focus on oral health



THE oral health of indigenous people from around the globe is the focus of a world-first conference being hosted by the University of Adelaide this week.

The inaugural International Indigenous Oral Health Conference has been established by dental researchers at the university and will explore interventions to address oral health inequalities between indigenous and other populations at a global level.

Director of the university's Indigenous Oral Health Unit, Associate Professor Lisa Jamieson, said such a conference was long overdue.

"Oral health has been a major issue for indigenous populations around the world for many years, but until now there has never been a conference focussed solely on addressing these issues," Assoc Prof Jamieson said.

"Indigenous peoples in countries such as Australia, Canada, the United States and New Zealand historically have experienced very similar oral health problems, and we're now at the crossroads in terms of healthcare and cultural support for communities.

"This conference brings together some of the world's experts in this field, including world experts based at the University of Adelaide. By working together and sharing our knowledge, we hope to be able to create some positive outcomes for people worldwide," she said.

Two keynote speakers hail from different North

American Indigenous backgrounds.

Professor Kamilla Venner, from the University of New Mexico and of Alaskan native descent, is an expert on the use of motivational techniques to improve the uptake of dental care among Indigenous communities.

Professor Terry Batliner, from the University of Colorado, is a Cherokee man from Oklahoma and an outspoken supporter of the broadening of oral health approaches in the United States.

Other speakers include Dr Rui Arantes, from the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, who has managed oral health promotion programs among the Xavante people in Brazil, and staff and students from the University of Adelaide's School of Dentistry, which has an international reputation for its work on Indigenous oral health.

"In keeping with our aims of raising awareness of and improving oral healthcare in indigenous communities, we also have an extensive cultural program built into our conference program," Assoc Prof Jamieson said.



Moeisha Caldwell models the outfit made for her by Kylie Caldwell. The fabric was designed by the Wake-Up Time Group from Casino.



Talarra Berry wears an outfit designed by Kylie Caldwell. The weaving and fabric were created by a group of Bundjalung women from Casino.

Casino High School girls make model students



A GROUP of Aboriginal girls from Casino High School on the NSW north coast recently modelled locally-designed silk outfits and hand-woven accessories.

The Casino High School Dubai Group, made up of Aboriginal students from Years 8-10, meets weekly.

Last year, the Dubai Group formed a partnership with Casino Wake-Up Time, a team of Bundjalung women working towards revitalising traditional weaving techniques.

Earlier this year group members were invited to the inaugural Australian Indigenous Fashion Week, for which they used local native plants to create silk fabrics that were turned into outfits by Aboriginal

student liaison officer Kylie Caldwell.

Ms Caldwell then created a new set of outfits for the girls, which they modelled at the school for a fashion show this month.

"I think the girls were absolutely amazing. They really stepped up. They were nervous beforehand, with some thinking about backing out, but having a group kept them together, supporting each other," she said.

"Smiling ear to ear"

"They were shining, glowing, and smiling ear to ear. It was good to see them so happy and confident and proud of themselves."

Year 10 student Moeisha Caldwell said it was the first time she had been in a fashion show. "The dresses are beautiful, comfortable and lovely to wear," she said.

Ms Caldwell said one of the mothers, Tilitia Temu, had looked after make-up and hair for the girls, and Regional Arts NSW provided resources for the women to teach.

"The partnership with the Wake-up group has grown into friendships. The women have developed good relationships with the girls, and the girls feel comfortable working with the women," she said.

"Having a local fashion parade for our community and families was so rewarding. It was great to be able to bring home our creations and showcase them.

"This was such a successful, multi-faceted program, where kids were taught culture from community members and Elders, as well as staying connected to school. It shows the best of both worlds."



VTEC students pictured at the inaugural Indigenous Australians in the Resource Sector Forum in Perth.

Program aimed at securing work



GLOBAL services management company Sodexo is running a new work-ready program to help Indigenous people secure long-term work in Western Australia's hospitality resources sector. With GenerationOne, Polytechnic West and AtWork Australia, Sodexo aims to deliver a series of job-specific training components to prepare participants for working life in remote regions.

The first group of 20 students has

started pre-employment training at Perth's newly established Vocational Training and Employment Centre (VTEC).

Developed as part of a VTEC project to improve the skills of prospective Indigenous employees, successful program participants will graduate with a nationally accredited certificate II qualification and move into permanent Sodexo employment.

Perth's first VTEC, announced by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion in March, will provide guaranteed jobs for up to 200 Indigenous people.

Sodexo has promised to create employment opportunities for 10% of the project's commitment.

Sodexo national Indigenous diversity manager Wendy Dawson says she is "excited about the value the new VTEC program will bring to the resources hospitality sector".

"Sodexo is delighted to be the first host employer for Polytechnic West VTEC, in a collaboration that shares our vision to providing real opportunities and quality learning within a culturally safe environment," she said.

"The VTEC philosophy is aligned with Sodexo's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 10-year journey, and will help us meet our Indigenous employment and retention commitments.

"We are looking forward to welcoming our first VTEC graduates to the Sodexo family."

Sodexo says it has a two-fold global vision: to improve the quality of life of its employees, clients and consumers; and to contribute to the development of the communities and regions where the organisation operates.

Kristal leads way in construction



IT'S normally seen as a career for blokes, but Queensland's Kristal Chapman is leading the way for Indigenous women to pursue careers in construction after winning this year's National Association of Women

in Construction (NAWIC) Award for Achievement by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Woman.

The 35-year-old single mother of 13-year-old Thomas has been working in construction for about three years.

She was named Queensland's leading Indigenous woman in construction at a gala dinner and awards night held this month in Brisbane, recognising her work as an Indigenous relations advisor for the construction firm Laing O'Rourke.

Hailing from the Mitakoodi people whose country is near Cloncurry in north-western Queensland, Ms Chapman's career in construction started as a nurse on mining sites.

From her own experience of prejudice and discrimination, she embarked on a mission to educate those around her about Indigenous culture and its protocols. This personal mission got her noticed by Laing O'Rourke, which quickly placed her in a role as an Indigenous relations officer.

She is now the Indigenous relations officer for the Northern Territory, Queensland and NSW, a role in which she holds Laing O'Rourke management accountable to the firm's Reconciliation Action Plan.

She also mentors and guides Indigenous employees of the organisation, be it on construction sites or in the office.

The NAWIC Qld/ NT Crystal Vision Award recognised Ms Chapman for her "significant and valued contribution to the construction



Kristal Chapman, winner of the National Association of Women in Construction Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander category.

industry and for her ability to encourage the next generation of young women into the sector".

"It feels amazing to be recognised as an Indigenous woman in construction contributing to the advancement of Indigenous people in the industry," Ms Chapman said.

For more information about NAWIC and how to be involved, visit www.nawic.com.au

Focus on organic products



INDIGENOUS people are being trained as organic product inspectors in a bid to strengthen the industry in remote communities.

The National Association for Sustainable Agriculture, Australia (NASAA) has launched free training sessions to allow Indigenous people to oversee the organic certification process in their homelands.

Training participants so far include people representing the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia and Arnhem Land in the Top End, as well as Fiji, the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.

The Adelaide-based not-for-profit NASAA previously had to send its own inspectors to remote communities, which inflated the costs of certification for producers.

NASAA general manager Ben Copeman says the training will give Indigenous people greater autonomy

in developing organic businesses.

"One of the main drivers is to give them some control over the direction their own industry goes in," he said.

"There's also creating employment, and hopefully it'll also encourage more corporations to become certified.

"All the benefits are going to go back into the various lands and islands that they come from."

Organic inspectors are tasked with examining the production, processing and handling practices of businesses seeking organic certification.

There are currently no official organic inspection courses available through TAFE or other government training providers.

Mr Copeman said there had been strong growth in demand for

organic certification, particularly from rural producers keen to sell their goods to new markets.

"There is certainly enough movement afoot in organic inquiries that it will impact on employment and opportunities," he said. — AAP

"All the benefits are going to go back into the various lands ... that they come from."

Ngala welcomes RAP



Mooditj Mob dancers perform at the launch of the Ngala Reconciliation Plan in Perth.



LEADING Western Australian provider of early parenting and childhood services, Ngala, now has a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Called 'Reflect', the plan details the organisation's commitment to building strong,

respectful relationships with Indigenous communities to ensure that services and programs are culturally respectful and relevant. The RAP launch in Perth featured a performance by the

Madjitil Moorna choir and a welcome to country by Simon Forrest and the Mooditj Mob, five young men from Wesley College, while Noongar artist Peter Farmer created a special artwork to mark the day.

RFDS program no longer faces threat



REMOTE communities in the Western Desert region of Central Australia will continue to receive vital mental health support from the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) following the program's reinstatement after it was threatened by funding cuts.

The Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Areas (MHSRRA) program is now set to continue following mutual agreement on funding arrangements between the RFDS, the Australian Government Department of Health and the Northern Territory Medicare Local (NTML).

The MHSRRA program delivers culturally appropriate in-field treatment of mild to moderate diagnosable mental illness to outback communities.

"Our mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in rural and remote communities, so we congratulate the Northern Territory Medicare Local on reaching a solution to enable the RFDS to maintain its quality – and continuity – of care for mental health patients living in south-west Central Australia," RFDS official John Lynch said.

"Outcomes of the MHSRRA program delivered by the RFDS have been significant.

"There has been a reduction of admissions of 'acute' patients from the south-western region of Central Australia to the Mental Health Inpatient Unit at the Alice Springs Hospital."

RFDS mental health professionals work closely with the Central Australian Mental Health Service and other agencies and practitioners.

The multi-disciplinary RFDS MHSRRA team visits communities regularly to deliver effective, evidence-based treatment strategies.

Aboriginal names for water releases



THIS year's Snowy River environmental water releases have been named in recognition of the Aboriginal people of the Snowy Mountains.

NSW Natural Resources Minister Kevin Humphries said the five high-flow releases planned this spring had been given cultural names, with each event having been named by Elders.

The names reflect their respective community's strong connection with the rivers of the Snowy Mountains.

"The regional Indigenous communities – Bidwell-Maap, Wongalu, Southern Monero-Yuin-Bolga, Maneroo-Ngarigo and Wiradjuri – recognise the link between these high flows and the health of the Snowy River," he said.

The cultural releases are named 'Djuran' (running water), 'Waawii' (water spirit), 'Billa Bidgee Kaap' (big water season), 'Wai-Garl' (river black fish) and 'Bundrea Nooruun Bundbaram' (waterhole big lizard).

Mr Humphries said traditional Indigenous knowledge of the Snowy River system had been identified as a means to gain a longer-term insight of the rivers.

This insight, he said, would improve understanding of river conditions before planned river diversions and land development work went ahead.

Vic youth council applications open



APPLICATIONS are now open for membership of Victoria's Koorie Youth Council. Council members provide advocacy, advice and leadership in representing the diversity of views, needs and aspirations of Koorie young people in Victoria.

People on the council must be Indigenous, aged 12-25, living in Victoria and have the ability to provide advice on issues affecting Aboriginal young people in Victoria.

The Victorian council was originally established as an advisory body in 2003.

Young people wanting to apply must complete an expression of interest form at www.viyac.org.au/ and submit it via email to projects@viyac.org.au

Applications close at 5pm on September 5. For more details, telephone Greg Kennedy on (03) 9426 4462.

11 will deliver disability help



The NSW Government has named the 11 Aboriginal organisations and partnerships that will help deliver its new disability program to Aboriginal people throughout the state.

Disability Services Minister John Ajaka said the new Ability Links program set up and funded by the NSW Government would help link people with disabilities to their personal interests locally, including sports groups, education and employment.

"Each of the new partnerships will employ 'Linkers' to assist people with disability into the community, helping them to live life their way, enjoying and achieving the things that interest them," Mr Ajaka said.

"The newly appointed providers will employ 27 Aboriginal 'Linkers' who will offer both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people with disability, their carers and families, the opportunity

to access various services and will create a range of opportunities for everyone to be more included in the wider community."

The new Ability Links Aboriginal organisations and partnerships are:

- Annecto;
- Booroongen Djugun Ltd;
- Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) in a joint working arrangement with Orange LALC, Broken Hill LALC and Intereach;
- Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation;
- Kurranulla Aboriginal Corporation in a joint working arrangement with Wyanga Aboriginal Care and Guriwal Aboriginal Corporation;
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, Community Transport Network in a joint working arrangement with Advanced Community Solutions;
- Ngurralla Aboriginal Corporation;
- South Coast Aboriginal Medical Corporation;

- Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation;
- UnitingCare Children, Young People & Families – Jaanimili Aboriginal Services in a joint working arrangement with Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child & Family Centre, Allira Childrens Services and Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Child & Family centre; and
- Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre Incorporated.

"Linking people is part of the NSW Government's commitment to community inclusion and participation, so that people with disability are able to access and participate in activities that are often available to the general community, but not always available to them," Mr Ajaka said.

"This is great news for people with disability in the Aboriginal community. I encourage anyone who can benefit from the program to get involved and see what opportunities may be available to them, right on their doorstep."

Social media to help beat scams



THE Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is using social media to spread the word to Indigenous people about consumer rights and to warn of possible scams.

The ACCC's new Facebook page – 'Your Rights Mob' – is designed to help inform and empower Indigenous people to stand up for their consumer rights. It follows the pilot 'Your Rights Mob Tiwi Islands' Facebook page, launched on the islands north of Darwin in 2013.

"Facebook has proven to be a very effective tool to speak directly to Indigenous consumers about their rights, spread the warning about scams and provide advice on how to deal with door-to-door sales people and telemarketers," ACCC NT regional director Derek Farrell said.

"The new national page will promote deadly films about consumer rights, information about what some traders have done elsewhere to trick consumers, tips on how to protect your rights, local events in regional areas, news articles of interest to Indigenous consumers and weekly consumer information on scams, refunds and product safety."

The ACCC's Indigenous outreach work has helped the organisation detect consumer law problems in several Indigenous communities involving Startel Communications (selling mobile phone plans), Austar (selling cable television services), Tiny Tots (selling photography services) and Titan (selling first aid kits and water coolers).

The work is supported by the Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN), which provides consumer education, advocacy and financial counselling services to Indigenous consumers.

Visit www.facebook.com/ACCCYourRightsMob

Advisory group to look at Healesville



ABORIGINAL people are being invited to join a working group to advise the Victorian Government on the use of properties owned by the insolvent Galeena Beek business at Healesville, in the Yarra Valley, north-east of Melbourne. The working group will also examine the establishment of a community 'belonging place' to act as a civic centre for the local Aboriginal community.

State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tim Bull announced the establishment of the working group during a meeting with the Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association (HICSA).

He said the Galeena Beek properties were strongly linked to the Healesville Aboriginal community and all efforts should be made to ensure they were used for the benefit of local Aboriginal people.

The working group will be made up of one representative from each of these groups: traditional owners the Wurundjeri people, Wandoon Estate, local Elders, Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association, Worawa College, and Coranderrk Aboriginal Housing.

Mr Bull said organisations would be requested to nominate a representative in coming weeks.

University takes a stand over racism



THE University of Southern Queensland (USQ) has joined a national campaign to help people better understand, and take action against, racism. The Australian Human Rights Commission's 'Racism. It Stops With Me' campaign

is designed to ensure more Australians recognise that racism is unacceptable, provide resources to help take practical action against it, and empower individuals and organisations to respond effectively.

USQ, along with some of Australia's leading businesses, sporting bodies and non-government organisations, has signed up as a formal supporter of the campaign.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Jan Thomas said it was important for the university, as a community leader, to show its strong support for cultural diversity.



Program participants Shona Hanford, Shannon Cowdrey-Fong and Wendy Torres at this month's celebration in Broome.

Foundation aids Kimberley youth



Tanya Mitchell with her daughter Shanice Flemming at the dinner.



● Above: Former student and dinner speaker Lexie-Jane Tang-Wei, Edie Wright and Baamba Albert in Broome.

● Right: St Mary's College Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation program coordinator Paul Woodbridge and former student Brennan Charlie.



BROOME Senior High School and St Mary's College in Broome are on track to provide 100 Kimberley Aboriginal students with extra support to help them achieve their work and study dreams.

That's thanks to the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation Follow the Dream/Partnerships for Success program, known locally as Walarba Bugarri, which started at both schools in 2011.

Currently 93 students from the schools are taking part in the program, which is supported by the Browse Joint Venture participants, the Catholic Education Office and Western Australia's Department of Education. These high school students and their parents joined the department's Jacqueline McGowan-Smith, Polly Farmer Foundation chief executive Neil Jarvis and Woodside representative Michael Roe to celebrate the four years that the Follow the Dream/Partnerships for Success program has been offered at their schools.

Success

Mr Jarvis said the program had already achieved great success in Broome, with 26 Year 12 participants receiving the WA Certificate of Education last year.

"This year there are 59 students from Broome Senior High School and 34 from St Mary's College from Years 8-12 participating in the program. We look forward to seeing more students graduate Year 12 later in the year," he said.

Broome Senior High School principal Saeed Amin believes the Follow the Dream/Partnerships for Success program helps "close the cultural gap" and gets students up to speed with their education.

"The program is particularly good as it is non-interfering and the values of the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation are very powerful for the students," he said.

St Mary's College principal Michael Pepper said half his students were Indigenous, with many coming from desert and remote communities.

"The Follow the Dream/Partnerships for Success program encourages high levels of attendance, builds self-esteem and provides important mentoring and guidance through each of the participating students' education journey," he said.



Murray Island woman Mamam Martin, left, with visitor Ivany Argueta, from Honduras in Central America, and Erub craft stall holder Millianna Davey at the Cultural Fest in Townsville.

Townsville Fest draws a crowd

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS people played a major role in the success of the 20th annual Cultural Fest held this month in Townsville. More than 50,000 people – many of them Indigenous – were at the four-day event. The festival included about 80 performing groups, 30 food stalls, and events on four stages.

Davis Tapim and Sueanna Tapim, of Mer Island descent, said they had a great time.

Arnhem Land youths Jathan Joshua, 13, Jaiseph Riley, 15, and Jase Allen, 14, all from Numbulwar and boarding students at Townsville's Shalom Christian College, were pleased to be there. They were walking through the Global Village and checking out potential careers in the army with Corporal Jo Clarke.

Fest organiser Dr Farvardin Daliri said the event was a great success and he praised the input of Indigenous people.



Davis Tapim and Sueanna Tapim in the Global Village at the Fest.



Shalom Christian College students Jathan Joshua, Jaiseph Riley and Jase Allen with the army's Corporal Jo Clarke.

Maps to help find threatened species



THE Department of the Environment has released more than 1700 new maps and other data that local communities can use to find threatened species in their area.

Threatened Species Commissioner Gregory Andrews said the maps and data were a valuable resource for local groups and natural resource managers, allowing them to target their conservation efforts.

"This information is being made publicly available for the first time," he said.

"For people to care about their local environment, they need to know what's there and understand just how precious it is. That's why tools like this are so important.

"The maps and data focus on native flora and fauna that are listed under national environment law as vulnerable, endangered and critically endangered.

"If we want to protect these plants, mammals, birds, reptiles, frogs and fish from further decline, we need to share our resources with community groups on the ground."

The maps can be downloaded at: www.environment.gov.au/science/erin/

Transport program will assist youth



A NEW transport program for Aboriginal youngsters aged 12-17 is under way in the Tweed Shire on the NSW far north coast.

Funded by Transport for NSW and run by Tweed Byron and Ballina Community Transport, the program organises transport for groups of young people to take them where they want to go.

The Aboriginal Youth Transport service can be used by community, cultural and sporting groups, as well as just a mob of friends. There is a nominal cost and the service is drug and alcohol-free.

To find out more or organise a trip, call Billee on 0423 739 757.

\$500,000 for Right People for Country



THE Victorian Government has allocated \$500,000 for its Right People for Country program, which supports traditional owner groups to reach agreements on traditional country boundaries.

Eligible groups have until September 26 to lodge an expression of interest for support which includes access to independent facilitators, negotiation skills training and help to walk and map country.

The support can also assist groups to apply to be Registered Aboriginal Parties under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* and to negotiate settlements under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010*.

More information and expressions of interest forms at <http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/>

Forbidden City to benefit from funds



A NEW \$25,000 grant for tourism upgrades in the Roper Region of the Northern Territory is designed to make an area known as the Forbidden City more tourist-friendly.

The Yugal Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation has received the grant to develop facilities at Burrunjui, which is known to many as the Forbidden City.

The grant will be used for the construction of a bush ablution block at the camp ground. The upgrade will bring the site up to a national park standard facility.

"The corporation and traditional owners have a clear vision for business opportunities at Burrunjui," Territory Parks and Wildlife Minister Bess Price said.

"This initiative will create jobs which is another step towards breaking the current state of dependency that exists in communities and homelands."

Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair



Margaret Dhorropuy, from Elcho Island, heard the call to join in with the Dhalwunga Dancers, from Gapuwiyak Culture and Arts in East Arnhem Land, (pictured at right) who performed well-received fast-paced traditional dances.



The Dhalwunga Dancers, from Gapuwiyak Culture and Arts in East Arnhem Land, performed a suite of high-energy traditional dances at the art fair. Just how high energy? See the picture at left.



Ceferina Sabatino, from Thursday Island, shows Isabel Thistlethwaite, from England, different techniques at the Erub Erwer Meta weaving workshop.



The Waringarri Dancers, from Kununurra in the East Kimberley, performing at the art fair. Pictured in the yellow are Agnes Armstrong and Peggy Griffiths.



Waralungu Arts from the Gulf of Carpentaria is a regular at the arts fair. Pictured are representatives, back from left, Timothy Ryan, Wesley McDinny, Rhoda Hammer and Conrad Rory and, front, Rachel McDinny, Nancy McDinny and Stewart Hoosan.



Artist Mark Nodda, dancer Chris Griffiths and artists Myria Demouilpied (standing) and Phyllis Thomas in front of their works at the art fair. They are from Warmun in the East Kimberley region.

attracts plenty of interest



Dustin Walker and Graeme Beasley, from the Arlpwe Art Culture Centre in Ali Curung, central NT, with seven-year-old Isabella Blomley at the canvas bookmark painting workshop held during the fair. All pictures by Jillian Mundy

Three days, 58 art centres, 5000 visitors...

By JILLIAN MUNDY



IF numbers are an indication of success, the eighth annual Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair (DAAF) was a roaring one. This month's three-day event attracted 5000 visitors who saw works from 58 art centres. But it's about more than numbers through the door, or even the art, DAAF Foundation chair Franchesca Cubillo says.

"It's sharing and it's building relationships. Art is that lovely entry point; it's an entry point to a relationship," Ms Cubillo told the *Koori Mail* at the Darwin fair.

"This is about people coming together and learning from each other, and respecting and valuing and realising this country has such a rich heritage that originates from its Indigenous people. It's honest. It's down to earth," she said of the event that is a mecca for Aboriginal artists and Aboriginal art lovers alike. "It's the start of a journey for



Tiwi women from the Pirlangimpi Women's Centre and Munupi Arts, back, Sandra Puruntatameri and Pauline 'Jedda' Puruntatameri, and front, Cathy Stassi, Irene Brown, Irene Mungatopi and Fiona Puruntatameri. They said the fair was great for business.

many people, Indigenous and non-Indigenous."

DAAF Foundation board member Russell Smith added: "It's sitting, breathing, living Aboriginal culture, literally.

"We are gaining momentum. We are becoming the premier event for Aboriginal art in this country."

During the past eight years, the DAAF has grown from 16

stalls in one room to two halls of the Darwin Convention Centre this year, and looks like needing the entire venue in 2015.

For many of the artists, from Aboriginal community-owned and operated arts centres across northern and central Australia, it is the most important event on the calendar outside their own

community. Some participants came across seas and deserts to take part.

Showcased and on sale was a huge range of traditional and contemporary art, including paintings, woven mats and baskets, carvings, jewellery and hand-printed textiles.

Each day there was a traditional dance performance, demonstrations by artists and free hands-on workshops.

Ms Cubillo said that like the range of artwork, the demographic of DAAF visitors was diverse.

"That demographic is private collectors from Australia and overseas, commercial gallery owners, mums and dads who come here to buy their Christmas gifts for families, family members of those people who are here, a local contingent, and those who didn't know it was on, saw it in a program and walked through the door and fell in love," she said.

"And they are all engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – that can only be a bonus."



Artist and Waralungku Gallery coordinator Miriam Charlie and Desert Aboriginal art worker program manager Marlene Chisholm, from Alice Springs, at the fair.



Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair Foundation chair Franchesca Cubillo and board member Russell Smith at the close of the event.



Nancy Chandler, from Darwin, welcomed people to the Darwin Art Fair.



Maureen Wanganeen from Darwin, with Vivian Kerinauia and Arnold Tipiloura from Tiwi Design, who printed her a t-shirt, at one of the artist workshops.

Hobart dinner proves popular



Community dinner coordinator Nathan Brown and Leprena project development officer Alison Overeem serving Alison's parents Bev and Stan Smith in Hobart.



Young Eve Plank tucks in with her grandmother Tahana Rimmer and great grandmother Aunty Connie Mansell.



Eileen Everett and Loretia Maynard look forward to the Elders community dinner in Hobart for a laugh, a joke and getting together with others.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



A POPULAR community dinner for Elders, held at the United Aboriginal Islander Christian Congress Hobart ministry centre 'Leprena', is all about sharing, caring and giving back. Started last winter by Aboriginal people and run by volunteers, many of them children, as well as Leprena staff, the monthly dinner is a chance for Elders to get out and socialise on a Friday night. "It's just a beautiful night, caring and sharing around the kitchen table," Leprena project development officer Alison Overeem said.

"People just want to give back. They want to be part of something. People don't come to Leprena to get something; they come to give something."

On the chilly Hobart winter's evening the *Koori Mail* visited,

about 60 people enjoyed a yarn, shared a home-cooked meal, helped out in the kitchen – all in a warm, inviting atmosphere, some having travelled from towns on the outskirts of Hobart.

Ms Overeem said the dinner had become so popular last year that numbers had to be capped because of limited space. "It's not just about connection, but

"People just want to give back. They want to be part of something. People don't come to Leprena to get something; they come to give something."

reconnection. The Elders host the night. It's for people to honour the Elders and their wisdom," she said.

Dinner coordinator Nathan Brown said the dinner offered much more than a good feed. "It teaches all the young ones about important values and

morals, what we get from our Elders and passing that down," he said. "It's about upholding those cultural values that we've maintained all those thousands of years, and re-educating each other about what it is to be part of a community that's lasted so long."



Volunteers Michelle Woolley, and sisters Lana and Emiliya Lester-Thomas who spent their day in the kitchen at Leprena.



Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative CEO, Don MacAskill, Federal MP for Newcastle Sharon Claydon and Labor Indigenous Affairs spokesman Shayne Neumann at the unveiling ceremony.

Improvements at Awabakal



AWABAKAL Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative in NSW has

unveiled refurbishments to its Aboriginal Primary Health Care Centre in suburban Hamilton.

The work, costing \$800,000, was undertaken to meet growing health and medical demands of the local Aboriginal community. The centre now provides primary healthcare services to about 8000 people annually.

Awabakal chief executive Don

MacAskill said patient growth together with the organisation's commitment to planning for the future needs led to a comprehensive review last year.

"The number of Aboriginal people with chronic health disease is growing due to poor diet, smoking and a fear of going to the doctors," he said.

"We are constantly looking at ways to work smarter and make sure that Aboriginal health is viewed as a long-term commitment by the whole community.

"The review identified that services provided through the centre were growing an average rate of 60 new patients per month.

"Challenging"

"This meant that accessing appointments was becoming challenging, information technology was under-utilised and the existing site prevented integration of the health workforce which impacted on patient outcomes and quality care.

"Our new medical facility has been designed to complement this model of care and ensure that we provide truly holistic health care to our community.

"The centre is supported by the new Awabakal Mobile Medical Service truck which is designed and built to enhance our clinical service. Its flexibility allows us to help close the gap beyond the existing site at Hamilton while still operating in a way that maintains the model of care found at the clinic.

"The Awabakal medical

service began at the current site in Samdon Street in 1995, operating just a few days and with a community nurse and a locum. We have come a long way since then."

The refurbishments include additional consulting rooms, improved disabled/wheelchair access and better security.

Labor's Federal Indigenous Affairs spokesman, Shayne Neumann, joined Awabakal to re-open and inspect the renovated centre and the MMS truck.

Living lighter goal



MAKING little changes for big health benefits is at the core of a new healthy lifestyle campaign

launched by the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) in partnership with Cancer Council Victoria and the Heart Foundation. Wotjobaluk man Dylan Clarke delivers the healthy eating message in a radio advertisement encouraging listeners to make small swaps – like having fruit or unsalted nuts instead of lollies – to do a world of good for their body and spirit.

He asks Indigenous listeners why they would ruin their body by eating unhealthy processed snacks, when being in touch with nature and the land is what keeps their families and communities grounded and healthy.

Funded by the Victorian Government as part of the Healthy Together Victoria program, the 'LiveLighter' public education campaign highlights the damage that unhealthy weight, poor diet and physical inactivity can cause to internal organs.

"VACCHO is pleased to be partnering



"VACCHO is pleased to be partnering with the Cancer Council Victoria and the Heart Foundation to deliver healthy eating messages to Victorian Aboriginal community members."

– VACCHO chief executive Jill Gallagher

with the Cancer Council Victoria and the Heart Foundation to deliver healthy eating messages to Victorian Aboriginal community members," VACCHO chief executive Jill Gallagher said.

"This radio ad will deliver relevant, culturally appropriate messages to our community, and builds on VACCHO's long history of promoting the benefits of good nutrition."

Cancer Council Victoria Prevention Division director Craig Sinclair said the

campaign would encourage and support Victorian Indigenous people to make positive lifestyle changes and maintain healthy choices.

"It will act as a powerful reminder that the time to act is now and it's never too late to make small changes for better health," he said.

Luke Sultan, 37, an Eastern Arrernte and Gurindji man from central Australia who now lives in Melbourne, has experienced the benefits of better nutrition. He has lost

more 30kg through healthy eating and increased physical activity.

"I've been training at the gym now for about two years and in that time I've become more interested in nutrition too," Mr Sultan said. "I've cut out unnecessary sugars, started using low-fat milk, eating a lot of fruit and veg, cut out spreads such as butter and margarine and opted for alternatives like avocado.

"To take that next step I have gone to see a dietitian and worked out a daily eating plan. I feel more in touch with my body now and my energy levels have improved.

"It took only two to three weeks each time I made a change in my eating habits to notice a difference. Now I love nutrition."

The 'LiveLighter' campaign is supported by a website providing information, resources and tools, including an online meal and activity planner featuring healthy recipes that are easy to make.

'LiveLighter' was developed in WA by the Heart Foundation in partnership with the Cancer Council and has been implemented in that state since 2012. The campaign is scheduled to run in Victoria until June 2015.

Healthy response to Adelaide fun day



SA MORE than 300 people turned out for a fun day held recently by Northern Adelaide Local Health Network's Watto Parrunna.

The event featured more than 20 health and lifestyle stalls, a traditional welcome and children's entertainment including rides, face painting, a photo booth and animals.

The health stalls were staffed by groups from Watto Parrunna, as well as other health services including Kids Safe SA and SA Dental Services.

Watto Parrunna staff offered health information,

appointments for medical checks, flu vaccinations and children's immunisations.

Watto Parrunna consists of two operational units: Kokotina Tappangga (clinical service) and Purrunna Waiingga (wellbeing service). These units cover three northern sites: Muna Paiendi (Elizabeth Vale), Kanggawodli (Dudley Park) and Maringga Turtpandi (Hillcrest).

The event was jointly funded through the federal Strong Fathers Strong Families program and the Health Promotion in Children's Centres project, which is a Closing the Gap program.



A section of the people who turned out for the recent Watto Parrunna health day in Adelaide.

Report looks at drug use



QLD INDIGENOUS people were significantly overrepresented per capita in treatment by publicly funded alcohol and other drug treatment agencies across Australia in 2012-13, according to a new report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

The report, 'Alcohol and other drug treatment services in Australia: 2012-13', found that despite representing about 3% of the national population, 14% of treatments were for Indigenous people.

The AIHW reported about 108,000 people had more than 162,000 treatments from 714 public clinics in the period.

Alcohol continued to be the most common principal drug of concern, and treatment for amphetamines was rising.

"Alcohol, cannabis, amphetamines and heroin have remained the most common principal drugs of concern since 2003-04," AIHW spokesperson Geoff Neideck said.

"Since 2009-10, the proportion of episodes where alcohol was the principal drug has dropped (from 48% to 41%), while the proportion for amphetamines doubled from 7% to 14%.

"Drug of concern"

"However, the majority of clients have more than one drug of concern, with nicotine (associated with smoking) the most common additional drug along with cannabis."

Counselling continues to be the most common type of treatment received by clients, reported for nearly half (46%) of all episodes. About one in six episodes (17%) were for

assessment and about the same were for withdrawal management (16%).

"The age profile of people using the services suggests that there is an ageing cohort of people in alcohol and other drug treatment," Mr Neideck said.

"This is particularly evident for those in treatment for illicit drug use, especially heroin use."

Over the five years to 2012-13, the proportion of people treated who were aged 20-29 fell from 31% to 27% while the proportion who were aged 40 and over rose from 29% to 32%. The proportions who were aged 10-19 and 30-39 were steady.

Drugs of concern varied considerably with age. People in older age groups were more likely to have sought treatment for alcohol and far less likely to have sought treatment for cannabis than those in younger age groups.

DVD helps with family bonding



QLD A NEW DVD is designed to help Queensland Indigenous children bond with their families. Called *Here's Looking At You - Connecting With Bubs Our Way*, the DVD aims to enhance the health and wellbeing of infants and children by educating families on the importance of bonding with their child during the early stages of development.

Adapted from the 2009 DVD *Getting to Know You*, by Dr Bijou Blick of the NSW Psychiatry Association, the DVD for health workers and clinicians has been tailored for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

It is a joint initiative of Children's Health Queensland's Centre for Children's Health and Wellbeing, the Queensland Centre for Infant and Perinatal Mental Health, The Salvation Army's Communities for Children Logan and the Logan Child Friendly Community Consortium.

Cathy Paxton, of the children's health and wellbeing centre, said the DVD aimed to teach parents the importance of recognising infant communication cues.

"Babies need us to love them to

feel safe and secure. They want to connect with all the important adults in their lives as they can't speak. They communicate by smiling, looking, laughing or crying," Ms Paxton said.

"Eye-to-eye contact, or mutual gaze, is one of the first means of communication between an infant and their parent, contributing to the development of a parent-infant bond and also supports the development of the newborn baby's brain."

Children's Health Qld chief executive Dr Peter Steer said the DVD was an important step towards better health for Indigenous children.

"This project will play an important role in giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children a healthier, safer and brighter start to life," he said.

"Our goal is for Indigenous children to be strong and healthy, to feel proud of their cultural identity and to be equipped with the essential tools to overcome challenges in their lives."

The DVD and booklet will be available to health workers and clinicians throughout Queensland through the Queensland Centre for Perinatal and Infant Mental Health.

Jody ready to use new skills



VIC THE most north-westerly region of Victoria now has its first Aboriginal health practitioner, after Swan Hill woman Jody Croft became registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

Ms Croft was previously an Aboriginal health worker for Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) at Swan Hill, but has spent the past 18 months upgrading her skills and qualifications to the level of Aboriginal health practitioner. She is now one of just eight registered Aboriginal health practitioners in Victoria, and among only



Jody Croft

324 registered Australia-wide.

Ms Croft is a Bamgala woman from South Australia, but has lived at Swan Hill for 13 years. She said she did the practitioner training to be able to provide a better service to the community.

"It means I can do a lot more follow-up care and be more involved in the GP management plans and team care models that we use here at MDAS, particularly in the care of our Elders," she said.

MDAS Swan Hill health manager Judy Lamb said the addition of an Aboriginal health practitioner to the Swan Hill and Kerang health centres was a "fantastic milestone, not only for MDAS, but just as importantly for Ms Croft".

"Qualification as a practitioner will allow Jody to have more autonomy within our practice and to perform more clinical roles beyond the capacity of an Aboriginal health worker," Ms Lamb said.



With the new DVD are Kimberley Schelkis and her two-year-old son Demari, right, and Shontay Coolwell with Yarran Coolwell, 2.

APY man Zibeon looks to nursing



YOUNG
Anangu man Zibeon Fielding, from Mimili in South Australia's

APY Lands, is studying to be a nurse.

He said he chose the career because he saw chronic disease, including diabetes and kidney problems, in his community and he wanted to be a role model for younger people.

Mr Fielding is studying externally through Charles Darwin University, doing pre-nursing, and working at the Nganampa Health clinic in Mimili, undertaking a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care.

"Helping out the nurses here and being in the community and helping an Elder that I grew up with has made me realise that health is really important to be tackled by community members," he said.

"Having a community member who is a health worker makes people more comfortable about talking about their sickness and where their pain is.



Zibeon Fielding, from the APY Lands, is studying to be a nurse.

"A lot of people who come in here come and talk to me. I think it helps get the best for clients, having someone they've developed a

relationship with." Mr Fielding did his final two years of schooling at the well-regarded Mercedes College in Adelaide,

where an anonymous benefactor paid his boarding fees and tuition. He performed very well in South Australia's

Certificate of Education. "I'm very grateful to whoever that anonymous person is who paid my tuition," Mr Fielding said.

"I think it's important for people in the community to see someone come and work towards better health."

Top surgeons share skills



LEADING surgeons were in Darwin last week to share knowledge on how to reduce the impact of injuries in rural and Indigenous

communities. At the heart of the conference was the high road trauma statistics in the Northern Territory, topping more than 17 deaths per 100,000 people.

The Provincial Surgeons of Australia (PSA) and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) Indigenous health and trauma committees held an in-depth review of injuries and their impact on rural and remote patients, including Indigenous patients.

RACS Trauma Committee chair John Crozier said that rather than looking at the obvious statistics, the groups were joining forces to understand the underlying causes,

reflect on management strategies that work and, most importantly, to advocate for change.

Mr Crozier said that central to this was participation by local community and Aboriginal leaders in the discussion.

The three-day event drew on a range of Territory, national and

Committee chair Associate Professor Kelvin Kong said stereotypes disempowered communities.

"This symposium highlights the social context of injury in our Indigenous communities. It promotes a better understanding of these issues crucial in our advocacy approach," he said.

"We are extremely proud of the advocacy role that RACS has provided in helping create a safer community and want to learn from the Darwin experience so that we can advocate strongly for a better community."

Some of Australia's, New Zealand's, Canada's and India's most trusted trauma and regional surgeons, clinicians and researchers were at the event, which coincided with the 50th anniversary conference of the Provincial Surgeons of Australia.

international perspectives on current issues including speed limits, alcohol-related violence, domestic violence and importance of appropriate care for Indigenous people.

RACS Indigenous Health

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Strategy targets rheumatic fever



RHDAustralia has launched 15 new 'clinician e-learning modules' as part of a national strategy to tackle the world's highest recorded rate of acute rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease.

Acute rheumatic fever is a significant cause of disease among Indigenous children, often leading to rheumatic heart disease, a chronic heart condition in which the heart valves are damaged, which can lead to heart failure, stroke and premature death.

RHDAustralia aims to reduce death and disability from acute rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease (RHD) in Indigenous people.

Developed by rheumatic heart disease experts from around Australia, the new modules are designed for clinicians and senior health staff to improve the prevention, control and management of acute rheumatic fever and

rheumatic heart disease.

Australia has among the highest recorded rates of rheumatic heart disease, despite the disease being almost eradicated in developed countries.

RHDAustralia director Professor Bart Currie said the first module built clinicians' basic knowledge, then the content covered 14 specialised areas including rheumatic heart disease in pregnancy, medical management of mitral valve disease, medical management of aortic valve disease and rheumatic heart disease and dental care.

"Clinicians can choose to do as many modules as they need to meet their learning objectives," he said.

RHDAustralia's clinician modules expand its efforts from the health worker modules launched in 2012, to educate the health workforce about best practice approaches to the prevention, diagnosis and management of acute rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease.

Nominations open for WA art awards



NOMINATIONS are now open for next year's Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards. Founded in 2008 to celebrate the breadth, diversity and excellence in art from all corners of Indigenous

Australia, the awards offer large prizemoney, including the WA Indigenous Art Award of \$50,000. Other prizes are the WA Artist Award of \$10,000 (for a WA artist only), and

the People's Choice Award of \$5000, which goes to the artist receiving most votes from the public.

Since they started, the awards have attracted nominations from 877 individual artists and artist groups.

Open to adults

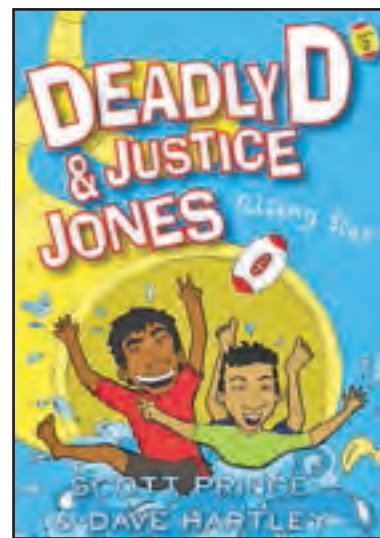
The awards are open to all adult Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists living in Australia, working in any

theme or media, including painting on bark, canvas and paper, prints, sculpture, fibre art, ceramics, glass, photography, and digital media.

Nominations close on November 18.

A nomination package can be downloaded at artgallery.wa.gov.au/exhibitions/awards.asp

For more information, call (08) 9492 6623 or email indigenousartaward@artgallery.wa.gov.au



Deadly duo returns in new book



THE second book in a rugby league-based action adventures series by authors Dave Hartley and former

NRL player Scott Prince will soon be launched.

Called *Deadly D and Justice Jones: Rising Star*, the book follows on from *Deadly D and Justice Jones: Making the team*.

It's about the NRL's hottest superstar, Deadly D (Dylan), and his sidekick Justice Jones. In this book they're on a mission to defeat the evil intentions of a journalist and preserve Dylan's secret football power.

The books, written by Aboriginal teacher David Hartley and rugby league champion Scott Prince, are aimed at younger teens and reluctant readers. They are released by Magabala Books.

The authors are ambassadors for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and, as parents themselves, both say they are on a mission to inspire kids to read.

More details on *Deadly D and Justice Jones: Rising Star* at www.magabala.com



Broome artist Sam Stream with Magabala Books board member Julie Cobb, left, and philanthropy manager Sharon Griffiths.

Indigenous creators win Magabala scholarships



FOUR Indigenous writers and artists from across Australia are a step closer to realising their creative dreams after winning grants from Magabala Books' Indigenous Creators Scholarship Program.

The successful applicants were announced at this month's opening of Broome's 'Corrugated Lines: A Festival of

Words' writers' festival.

Reggie Sultan, from Darwin, will use the funding to attend an illustrator's workshop; Queenslander Tori-Jay Mordey, a young illustrator, will buy multimedia equipment; Maureen Nampijimpa O'Keefe, an author and artist from Alice Springs, will receive mentoring and travel assistance; and Broome-based artist Samuel Stream, originally from Marble Bar, will use his scholarship to attend a workshop in

Perth and buy art materials.

Magabala philanthropy manager Sharon Griffiths said the publishing house received eight applications for its second annual round of scholarships – two from the Northern Territory, three from Queensland, two from Western Australia and one from NSW.

"Interestingly, seven applications came from remote or regional areas, where it is often difficult to get professional development

opportunities as an author or illustrator," she said.

The scholarship program is entirely funded through private donations, and Magabala Books board member Julie Cobb thanked the donors when making the announcement.

"Your support will continue to help our Indigenous creators to realise their dreams," she said.

"It also helps to build the growing body of Indigenous literature and to spread the seeds of our culture."

Didgeridoo masters to play in west



DIDGERIDOO masters William Barton and Mark Atkins will team up with other top musicians for a tour next month in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions of Western

Australia. They will spearhead the Tura New Music organisation's *Resonance* tour, which visits schools and communities for concerts and music workshops.

Atkins and Barton will perform with guitarist Stephen Magnusson, bassist Sam Anning and drummer/percussionist Rajiv Jayaweera, who make up the Pindan Emsemble.

Concerts will be held in Karratha (September 3-5), Roebourne (September 7-9), Broome (September 10), One Arm Point (September 12-13), Djarindjin/Lombadina (September 11), Wyndham (September 14-16) and Kununurra (September 17).

More details at www.tura.com.au



Spotlight on service veterans



IN Memory, a photographic and multimedia exhibition recognising NSW south coast Aboriginal service men's and women's contribution to Australia's defence force, is now on show at the Shoalhaven City Arts Centre.

The exhibition highlights the stories and reflections on military service, war and homecoming of Aboriginal service personnel and their families.

An arts centre spokesperson said consultation with local people had confirmed a strong interest in supporting an

exhibition, especially in its acknowledgement of local people.

In Memory is a joint effort between Shoalhaven City Arts Centre and Regional Gallery and Shoalhaven City Council's community development team.

Research support for the exhibition came from the

Australian War Memorial, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, local museums, historical associations, the Department of Veteran Affairs, and RSL branches.

The exhibition continues until October 11. Details at www.shoalhavenartscentre.com.au



Rosie Nangala Fleming, of the Warlukurlangu Artists Association, working at Yuendumu in 2011 and, below left, fellow Warlukurlangu artist Biddy Napaljarri White at work. Pictures by Vanessa Bertagnole, reproduced with permission.



Warlpiri focus for exhibition



STORIES of resilience, exile and humour feature in a new National Museum of Australia

exhibition in Canberra, in which more than 100 crayon drawings trace a turbulent period of social change for the Warlpiri people of central Australia.

Warlpiri Drawings: Remembering the Future offers insights into the Warlpiri experience across an 80-year period, dating from the 1930s to the present. The exhibition includes drawings of country and early settlement architecture, as well as photographs and

National Museum objects. A book, *Remembering the Future: Warlpiri Life Through the Prism of Drawing*, published by Aboriginal Studies Press, will accompany the exhibition.

The exhibition includes early works by internationally recognised artists including Abe Jangala and Larry Jungarrayi Spencer.

Warlpiri people are the traditional owners of the Tanami Desert, north-west of Alice Springs. From the 1940s they were moved to a series of government settlements, with

more than 100 people being placed in 1952 on Gurindji land at Hooker Creek, in the Northern Territory. The drawings on paper trace the social and cultural

"We hope that these drawings will help people understand what Aboriginal people went through during the early years of first contact." – *Otto Jungarrayi Sims*

dislocation of the Warlpiri people. "We hope that these drawings will help people understand what Aboriginal people went through during the early years of first

contact," Warlukurlangu Artists Aboriginal Corporation chairman Otto Jungarrayi Sims said.

National Museum guest curator Dr Melinda Hinkson said:

"The exhibition and book explore the diverse ways in which the Warlpiri people have viewed this turbulent period of change, reflecting their sense of exile and loss – but also their prevailing optimism, openness and humour."

"Ultimately this is a story of resilience which is both a distinctly Warlpiri tale and also

an experience that resonates deeply across Australia."

The exhibition draws on collections gathered by anthropologist Mervyn Meggitt between 1953 and 1954, and Olive Pink in 1933 and 1934. The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) holds most of the drawings, which are also reproduced in the book.

The exhibition is the result of close collaboration with the Warlpiri people and the Warlukurlangu and Warnayaka art centres.

Warlpiri Drawings runs until May 31 next year.

Batchelor celebrates 40 years



BATCHELOR Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education has marked its 40th anniversary with a major conference. The conference was held at the institute's Batchelor campus, south of Darwin, with a video link to the Desert Peoples Centre campus in Alice Springs. It attracted many students and academic staff from across Australia, as well as key partners from industry, community and government. Arts, history, food and cultural programs were organised.



Charles Darwin University pro vice-chancellor Indigenous leadership, and Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education director Steve Larkin speaking at the conference.

Batchelor Institute director Adrian Mitchell said the institute had built a strong reputation as a tertiary education provider that allowed students to work with diverse Indigenous and Western knowledge systems.

"This approach was central to the theme of our conference, 'Finding the Common Ground with Indigenous and Western Knowledge Systems'," he said.

"The institute looks forward to working more closely with industry, community and government partners

who are so important in both ensuring that our education and training is relevant to the workplace and putting in place those pathways that lead to employment for our students."

Dubbo to host conference



TAFE Western in Dubbo, NSW, will host the inaugural Bangamalanha Conference next month. Bangamalanha is a Wiradjuri word meaning 'to share with each other',

and the conference aims to give Aboriginal and other educators the opportunity to meet people working in post-school Aboriginal education and training. Keynote speakers on the program include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, research fellow in Indigenous education at the Australian Council for Education Research



Research fellow in Indigenous education at the Australian Council for Education Research Gina Milgate.

Gina Milgate, and Anaiwan (NSW) man and assistant professor in information systems at the University of Canberra Peter Radoll.

Conference participants will be given an overview of initiatives related to post-school Aboriginal education and training.

Former rugby league International David Peachey, a Wiradjuri (NSW) man, will be MC.

"A big priority for me is the need to give back. I enjoy helping underprivileged and Indigenous people in rural and remote Australia," Mr Peachey said. "I believe this is the first post-school Aboriginal education and training conference held in a regional area, and having it in Dubbo is crucial as it is a major regional city with great education and training opportunities."

The conference is from September 15-17. More details at www.wit.tafensw.edu.au/bangamalanha-conference

Athletes of the future



THESE children came from across the north-west of Queensland to take part in a program run by Athletics Australia to promote athletics among Indigenous children. They gathered at Normanton, on the Norman River, just south of the Gulf of Carpentaria, where, over three days, they received specialised coaching and competed in a carnival. The children were from Normanton State School, Gulf Christian College, Doomadgee State School, Mornington Island State School, Cloncurry State School, Karumba State School and Mount Isa School of the Air. The carnival was part of Athletics Australia's Athletics for the Outback initiative. See page 61 in our sport section for more details.

Deadly Alumni chapter a first



THE University of South Australia has launched the state's first Indigenous alumni (former students) chapter, called the Deadly Alumni. Dr Tom Calma, a UniSA alumnus and now

chancellor of the University of Canberra, is patron of the Deadly Alumni.

Led by UniSA's dean of Indigenous scholarship, engagement and research Professor Peter Buckskin, the initiative forms part of the university's strategic plan and commitment to becoming the Indigenous university of choice.

"Our goal is that the chapter will serve as a shining example of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander success and achievement and, at the same time, offer a network of support for Indigenous graduates," Prof Buckskin said.

"The chapter will build on UniSA's strong social inclusion agenda by engaging with and supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to



connect with UniSA. We are really proud and pleased to have Dr Calma as our patron because of his ongoing commitment to encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education and his personal connection to UniSA."

Dr Calma, who has been awarded

three honorary doctorates in recognition of his contribution to Indigenous affairs locally and internationally, says the move to form the Deadly Alumni chapter is exciting and timely.

"What the chapter will represent in the community is the strength and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander talent and endeavour and showcase role models for our youth," he said.

"The chapter, through its members, will highlight all the possibilities education can provide and all the benefits of empowerment that education offers for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Success breeds success and the more we can highlight Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander success stories the more we light the way for the next generations."

The new chapter is partnered with Adelaide's Tauondi Aboriginal Community College.

More details on Deadly Alumni at www.unisa.edu.au/Business-community/

Margate's garden grows pride

By JILLIAN MUNDY



MARGATE Primary School, just south of Hobart, has marked the opening of its new Tasmanian Aboriginal Story Garden with a ribbon cutting, music, a smoking

and a symbolic procession of the entire school population.

With the help of school fundraising initiatives, donations and a working bee, the area in the centre of the school has been transformed from a plain space to an Aboriginal-themed area complete with bush tucker and fibre craft plants, a hut, a sandpit, a midden, stepping stones, a boat and a 'river bed'.

It aims to create a better understanding of history, cultural beliefs and values, explore relationships with country and break down barriers.

Local Aboriginal man Brian Mansell, who has grandchildren at the school, was guest of honour, leading the procession and cutting the ribbon.

He said he felt like crying with pride.

Far cry

Mr Mansell said it was a far cry from the racism, discrimination and name calling he suffered growing up and going to school.

"We had nothing to be proud of, and I come here today and see what the school and children have achieved and I almost feel like shedding a tear because I'm just so proud of what's happening," he said.

"What a great opportunity there is for us to share and experience our different understandings and our different cultures.

"Aboriginal cultures are all about sharing."

There are plans to add a mural and interpretive signage to the garden, and use the space for workshops, art installations, storytelling nights and small festivals.

Margate Primary senior teacher Liz Finlayson said the bush tucker plants would be used in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, aimed at promoting healthy eating and fighting obesity.

"We planted with purpose," she said.

Students the *Koori Mail* spoke with described the garden as "awesome".



● Above: Brian Mansell cuts the ribbon to open the Aboriginal story garden with the help of his daughter Luana Towney and a number of Margate Primary's Aboriginal students, some of whom are his grandchildren.

● Left: Students Jake Smith and Lily Hansson were speakers at the launch.

● Right: Former Margate Primary student, singer songwriter Dewayne Everettsmith performed at the garden launch.



Summer scheme students sought



INDIGENOUS high school students from across Australia are being encouraged to apply for the University of Sydney's Wingara Mura-Bunga

Burrabugu Summer Program.

Under the scheme, 200 students will come to Sydney in January for a taste of university life.

Program students will stay at a university residential college and participate in activities including experiments in chemistry laboratories, learning about DNA, creating scale models of buildings, and receiving an introduction to studying allied health sciences such as physiotherapy and speech pathology.

Wingara Mura ('a thinking path') is an all-purpose program introducing Year 9 and 10 students to the disciplines available at university, while Bunga Burrabugu ('to make tomorrow') offers

Year 11 and 12 students the chance to find out more about a discipline of particular interest.

The summer scheme is part of the University of Sydney's drive to increase Indigenous participation in higher education.

The university says figures show Indigenous students make up just 1% of Australia's higher education enrolments. The Federal Government's current policy is to increase this to 2.2%.

"Fear of the unknown"

"One of the biggest barriers to higher education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids is not ability but a fear of the unknown," University of Sydney Social Inclusion Unit director Annette Cairnduff said.

"If no-one in your family has been to university and you live a very long way from a university town, a tertiary

education can feel out of reach.

"We've developed this program for high school kids as young as Year 9 – before they elect to go into vocational streaming – to break down those barriers.

"Our participants leave feeling less daunted about the idea of university education and with a clearer idea of the opportunities it can offer them.

"Regardless of where they live and what their aspirations are, I would encourage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to consider applying for this program."

The university pays the costs of travelling to Sydney and attending the Wingara Mura-Bunga Burrabugu Summer Program.

Applications close on September 19. For more details and to apply, go to <http://sydney.edu.au/indigenous-summer-program/>

New digital book looks at culture



A RECIPE for lemon myrtle barramundi from Bundjalung chef Mark Olive, totem pole artworks from Gamilaroi man Peter Mulcahy, and shared knowledge from Gubbi Gubbi (Qld) people have all helped the students of Siena Catholic College at

Sippy Downs on Queensland's Sunshine Coast produce an interactive iBook aiming at enhancing the understanding of Indigenous culture.

The authors say the digital book, *Inside the World of Indigenous Culture*, offers a new approach to the history textbook. It includes interactive elements such as quizzes, videos, audio, 3D models, galleries and interactive images. The first six chapters on diversity, art, culture, the Dreamtime, language and food will be followed by another 14 chapters on wars, the Stolen Generation, ritual, recreation, music, astronomy, health, education, medicine, poetry and writing, Indigenous medicine, Indigenous in the 21st century and preserving for the future.

'Work-in-progress' chapters will be forwarded to readers through free updates on the iBookstore, where the book is now available as a free download.

The iBook was created by the seven members of school's Indigenous Relations Committee, all non-Indigenous students ranging from Year 8 to Year 12.

To download *Inside the World of Indigenous Culture* go to: <https://itunes.apple.com/au/book/inside-world-indigenous-culture/id896348767?mt=13>

Bands gear up for Bush Bash



FOOT-stomping music and a powerful celebration of Aboriginal language and storytelling is coming to Alice Springs with the Bush Bands Bash at Snow Kenna Park on Saturday, September 6.

The annual Bush Bands Bash features bands from the Central Desert and provides professional business and development opportunities for musicians.

This year's special guests are Running Water from Kintore and Blekbala Mujik (Gulin-Gulin), who are on the national Sand Tracks tour, thanks to Country Arts WA. They will be joined at the Bash by

Barkly Boys (Tennant Creek), Kiwirrkurra Band (Kiwirrkurra), Musgrave (Amata), North Tanami Band (Lajamanu), Rayella (Marlinja) and Yurampi Boiz (Yuendumu).

The gig will open with the Desert Divas showcase, a program for aspiring female Indigenous musicians.

Hear sample tracks from the bands performing at the 2014 Bush Bands Bash at www.soundcloud.com/musicnt/set/s/bush-bands-2014

● **The Bush Bands Bash is on September 6 at Snow Kenna Park, Alice Springs. Entry is \$5; children under 16 are free. Gates open 4pm and it is a drug and alcohol free event.**



Thousands gathered in Alice Springs for the 2013 Bush Bands Bash. Picture by Oliver Eclipse.

We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Please keep them short and to the point, and include a daytime telephone contact number. They can be sent to any of the addresses listed in the panel on page 23.

National

Carer Line is a free telephone information and support service 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

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: National Museum of Australia Go on a Gallery Tour. Explore Indigenous people's history, cultures, spirituality and connections to country on this one-hour guided tour of the permanent collection. Held at the National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton, daily at 3pm. Costs apply. Details: (02) 6208 5000 or visit www.nma.gov.au

Ongoing: TeleYarn, a Red Cross project that provides phone calls to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people living across NSW who would benefit from a regular yarn. Details: Kerrie on 0429 151 112.

Until August 28: *Through Our Eyes*, a Sydney story of contemporary black dance (1972-1979) exhibition. Held at Surry Hills Library, 405 Crown St, Surry Hills from 10am-5.30pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 8374 6230.

Until September 13: *River Country* exhibition. A solo exhibition by Sonia Kurarra, featuring her paintings of the sandy billabong country along the stretch of the Fitzroy River that runs behind her community. Held at Aboriginal and Pacific Art, 2 Danks St, Waterloo from Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9699 2211 or visit www.aboriginalpacificart.com.au

August 29-31 and September 5-7: AUSTWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course. Held at Coffs Harbour (Aug 29-31) and Katoomba (Sept 5-7). Fully funded for Indigenous participants. Details: Melissa Savage on (02) 9894 2077 or email msavage@austswim.com.au or visit www.austswim.com.au

August 30: *River to River* exhibition opening. A celebration of the Lachlan and Nepean rivers, envisioned through contemporary sculpture and weaving by Wiradjuri artist Bev Coe and Sydney-based artist Bronwyn Berman. Held at Penrith regional gallery and The Lewers Bequest, 86 River Rd, Emu Plains from 4-6pm. Please reply if attending. Details: (02) 4735 1100.

September 6- October 31: WUPA @W Wanaruah Aboriginal Art & Culture Event. A spectacular display of Aboriginal artwork that will be showcased across multiple venues in the popular Pokolbin and Broke wine region of the Hunter Valley. Details: (02) 6571 5111 or visit www.wupaatwanaruah.com.au

September 10: MEEKA Youth Expo 2014. A fun-filled information day for youth and students aged between 12 and 25 yrs, includes stallholders, service providers, a motivational speaker as well as other activities. Held at Civic Centre, Queen St, Singleton from 10am-2pm. Please RSVP, limited seats. Details: Clarinda on (02) 6571 5111 or email community@ungooroo.com.au

September 10: 2014 Men and Family Centre Conference: 'Working with men who use violence'. Held at Invercauld House, 161 Invercauld Road, Lismore, from 9.00am-3.30pm. Cost: \$30 per person. Details: David (Mon-Wed) on (02) 6622 6116 or email events@menandfamily.org.au

September 11: An evening with 'Digby' and 'Clayton'. An intimate night where you will hear the fascinating stories of these two men – one a celebrated artist; the other a renowned chef. Held at the Back Alley Gallery on Eggins Lane (off Carrington St), Lismore, from 5.30-7pm. Cost: \$25 per person. Details: Jason on 0417 623 265, to book, email info@samplensw.com

September 13-October 5: 22nd annual Mil-Pra AECG exhibition. The theme for this year's exhibition is 'Frontline Warriors: Celebrating the fighting spirit of our brothers and sisters from Dreamtime to today'. Held at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, 1 Powerhouse Rd, Casula. Details: (02) 9824 1121 or visit www.casulapowerhouse.com

September 15-17: First Bangamalanha conference, aimed at helping change lives and bridge the Indigenous education and employment gap. Former rugby league international David Peachey, a Wiradjuri man, will be the MC. Held in Dubbo. For further details visit www.tafensw.edu.au/bangamalanha-conference

Victoria

Until September 26: *Threaded Journey* exhibition. Focusing on the importance of the string bag, it brings together husband and wife Naup Waup (Papua New Guinean) and

Lisa Waup (Torres Strait Islander). Held at Koori Heritage Trust, 295 King St, Melbourne on Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (03) 8622 2600 or visit www.kooriheritagetrust.com

Until October 5: *The Empty Coolamons: A Memorial to the Stolen Generations* exhibition. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum, Nicholson St, Carlton. Adults, \$10, children and concessions free. Details: (03) 8341 7141.

Until October 5: *Victorian Indigenous Art Awards 2014 Exhibition*. Includes the Deadly Art Award and other award categories. Held at Art Gallery of Ballarat, 40 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat daily from 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (03) 5320 5858 or visit www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au

Until October 15: *The f Word*. Featuring works of contemporary feminist art in Australia, includes official opening on August 30 at 2pm. Held Ararat Regional Gallery, Town Hall, Vincent St, Ararat on Mon-Fri, 10am-4.30pm and Sat-Sun, 12-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (03) 5352 2836 or visit www.ararat.vic.gov.au

September 2-9: *Bunjil Mithidha: nanyuk (Bunjil's cave: myth and legend)*. A solo art installation by Lee Darroch that explores some south-eastern Aboriginal creation stories. Includes an official opening at 6pm on September 5. Held at Steps Gallery, 62 Lygon St, Carlton daily from 11am-4pm. Details: Lee on 0417 160 413 or email leedarroch3@gmail.com

Northern Territory

September 3-6: Desert Divas 2014 program is now open. A unique three-day program of workshops in songwriting and performance for Indigenous women. Indigenous women from Central Australia of any age and experience level are encouraged to apply. Details: (08) 8952 0322 or email divas@musicnt.com.au or visit www.musicnt.com.au/divas

September 5-October 19: *Desert Mob* exhibition. A vibrant celebration of works by emerging and established artists from Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs on Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8951 1120 or visit www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au

September 5: Desert Mob 2014 Symposium. To celebrate 21 years of Desart, with the theme 'Reflection & Projection', exploring and celebrating the past, present and future of Aboriginal art in Central Australia. Held at Araluen Theatre, Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs from 10am-3.30pm. Details: (08) 8951 1120 or to register visit www.desart.com.au

September 6: Desert Mob MarketPlace. An indoor/outdoor market spilling over with affordable Aboriginal art and craft from Desart member art centres. Held at Araluen Art Centre, Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs from 10am-2pm. Details: (08) 8951 1120 or to register visit www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au

Queensland

Until August 31: *North of the Tropic* exhibition, featuring artworks from Indigenous communities north of the Tropic of Capricorn including Cardwell, Hammond Island, Cairns and Bentinck Island. Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library of Queensland, Stanley Pl, South Bank, Brisbane from 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 3842 9836.

Until September 16: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dedicated Memorial Committee Qld is seeking expressions of interest to create a public art memorial commemorating Indigenous servicemen and women. The proposed work should be an artistic expression of our time that symbolises the Australian navy, army and air force and represents Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Details: State Library of Queensland Cultural Precinct on (07) 3840 766.

August 30: Cherbourg Ration Shed tour. Hear from Elders connected to Cherbourg on a visit to the ration shed where they received their weekly rations. Departs Ettamogah Pub at 7.30am, returns 6pm. Cost: \$70 a person. Details: (07) 5459 9150.

September 2-October 4: *Ngaaykulam-Patju Tjamuku Kapiliku Jurkurpa (Our Grandfather and Grandmothers Stories)* exhibition. Featuring Papulankutja artists, a small community at the base of the Blackstone Ranges, WA. Held at Wolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Wolloongabba, from Tues-Sat, 9am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or visit www.wag.com.au

Western Australia

Until August 29: *In the Saddle, On the Wall* exhibition, combining short biographic films with new artworks exploring the relationship between cattle station history and Aboriginal art in the Kimberley. Held at the University of Notre Dame Broome campus, 88 Guy St, Broome, on Mon-Fri, 8.30am-4pm. Details: (08) 9191 5833.

August 30: Aboriginal family gathering event. Promoting culture and community wellbeing, a free forum for all people interested in exploring culture, mental health and alcohol and other drugs. Held at Mandurah Bowling and Recreation Club, 87 Allnutt St, Mandurah, from 8.30am. Details on (08) 9581 4010 or email Sandra Harris, sharris@palmerston.org.au and Kate Lolohea, klolohea@palmerston.org.au

Employment

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Jobs Australia Enterprises unveils plaque



THE Tamworth office of not-for-profit employment agency Jobs Australia Enterprises has paid respects to traditional owners by unveiling a plaque at a recent open day. Cathy Waters-Trindall conducted the ceremony on behalf of her mother Pearl

Trindall, a local Gomeroi Elder. Ms Waters-Trindall also gave the welcome to country to visitors and dignitaries, before a morning tea was served to celebrate the occasion. Jobs Australia Enterprises is a not-for-profit organisation that has been operating for more than 23 years.

The group sponsors the New Careers for Aboriginal People (NCAP) program which assists Aboriginal people into employment and training. It employs Aboriginal employment officers to provide personalised job search services, assist with resumes, job applications and interview preparation. Jobs Australia Enterprises operates

north-western NSW offices in the centres of Tamworth, Armidale, Uralla, Quirindi, Walcha, Guyra, Gunnedah and Inverell and provides free employment services to jobseekers and employers. Registrations for the NCAP program can be made at any of the Jobs Australia Enterprises offices or through Centrelink.



Papunya-based Clayton Dixon shows his skills. He's been employed as a handyman for his own central Australian community as well as Haasts Bluff and Mt Liebig.

Clayton's proving to be quite handy



ABORIGINAL man Clayton Dixon is making a real difference in the central Australian communities of Papunya, Mount Liebig and Haasts Bluff. He's one of 31 people employed under new Northern Territory remote public housing repairs and tenancy contracts. All 31 people – 17 of them Indigenous – have been employed as 'handymen' by Indigenous groups throughout central Australia. They carry out

minor repairs such as fixing doors and painting, which the NT Government says is proving far more cost effective than the fly-in fly-out workers used previously. "The whole aim of these contracts was to provide more employment opportunities for locals like Clayton in remote communities, and I'm pleased to see this is occurring," Territory Housing Minister Matt Conlan said. "Having local handymen like

Clayton on the ground in the communities also provides a familiar face for local people to report their issues to and is

"I feel very happy and proud with myself, and all my family are also proud of me because I am working and have the job of my dreams."

delivering quicker response times as well." Employed by Ingkerreke Commercial, 28-year-old Mr

Dixon said his work was a dream come true. "I feel very happy and proud with myself, and all my family are also proud of me because I am working and have the job of my dreams," the father-of-two said. "I am still training and enjoy it very much. Long-term I would like to get a trade. "I am based at Papunya but I also work in Mt Liebig and Haasts Bluff which is good because I

also have family in those communities and I get to see them while fixing things and I can show off a bit. "People are starting to stop me when I'm driving past and telling me the sink's blocked or the door won't shut and I fix it or arrange for it to get fixed and that makes me feel very good and proud." Mr Conlan said that as well as more jobs for local people, five Indigenous trainees had also been taken on under the new contracts in the central Australian region.

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Health

South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Aboriginal Traineeship – Cleaner

Reference: 205811

Employment Status: Temp F/T at Bankstown Hospital

Enquiries: Helen Orcher, (02) 9828 5933

Closing date: 9 September 2014

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria. Failure to do so may result in your application being culled.

Social Worker (Level 1/2) Aboriginal Liaison

Reference: 204531

Salary: \$56,805 to \$82,299 per annum

Employment Status: Perm F/T at Bankstown Hospital

Enquiries: Caroline Penn, (02) 9722 8000

Closing date: 23 September 2014

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Please apply online by visiting:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Corporation for Health Services

Chief Executive Officer

Established in 1974, The Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health Services, trading as TAIHS is incorporated under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006. The organisation aims to promote and advance the health, wellbeing and quality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. TAIHS has around 170 staff employed to provide a suite of Health and Community services. TAIHS receives funding from multiple funding bodies and has an annual turnover of around \$13m.

TAIHS is seeking to recruit a person of outstanding ability with senior level management and financial skills and extensive experience in health and/or community administration for this position. The successful candidate will have outstanding leadership; financial, strategic people management skills; high levels of energy, drive and initiative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-determination; and a proven record of achievement in managing change in a complex environment.

The base salary is from \$125,000 per annum plus benefits/entitlements with starting salary to be negotiated on skills and experience.

Candidate information, the full position description and application details are available online at www.taihs.net.au

Enquiries should be directed to the Company Secretary at ceorecruitment@taihs.net.au

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

Applications should be submitted by email by close of business **Friday 5th September 2014**.

Aboriginal Support Advisor

Moruya, NSW



UnitingCare Ageing is the largest provider of aged care in NSW and ACT with demonstrated commitment to delivering consistent high quality community care. Our focus is to enable consumer's greater choice and control of their health and wellbeing, and seek ways to improve independence and community engagement.

Our Community Care Service in Kuranya/Moruya is growing and we are seeking an experienced Aboriginal Support Advisor to deliver person-centred care that enhances client self-determination, capacity and resilience as well as improves social engagement and quality of life for the individual.

As a Support Advisor, you will be responsible for supporting consumers to make decisions, and design care plans that support them to live at home safely and happily. With undergraduate qualifications in a related field, you will ensure that our service is provided in a cost effective, evidence based manner that delivers demonstrated positive outcomes to a client's quality of life.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Demonstrated understanding of contemporary issues for Aboriginal people, including the ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people and experience in working with
- Aboriginal communities and organisations
- Proficient application of case management principles
- Supervisory and team leadership experience
- Excellent written documentation and assessment skills
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and problem solving skills
- Well-developed understanding of care delivery in community care and a commitment to best practice and continuous improvement
- Proficiency using computer applications including; MS Word / Excel/ Outlook and a willingness to learn new programs
- Degree qualifications in Case Management, Allied Health, Nursing or other relevant field
- Current First Aid certificate
- Current Australian driver's license

Desirable:

- Experience in a similar role within the Aged Care, Community Services or Allied Health Industry
- Experience using client/data management systems
- Post Graduate qualifications in relevant field
- Eligible for case management certification

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Applicants must be in a position to demonstrate the values of UnitingCare Ageing, have a high level of personal integrity and a willingness to work within the ethos of the Uniting Church.

Please contact Janni Thompson on 0431 933 818 for further information.

Please visit our careers page www.unitingcarenswwact.org.au/careers to view additional opportunities with UnitingCare NSW.ACT.

Applications close: 5pm on Tuesday, 2nd September 2014

Appointment will be conditional upon a satisfactory Federal Criminal Records check. Salary is in accordance with the UnitingCare Aged Care Residential & Community Services Agreement (NSW) 2011-2013.

www.unitingcareageing.org.au

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Do you want to work more closely with your community?

Northcott is seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants to work across a number of programs in NSW that assist people with a disability to live the life they choose.

Positions include:

- Support Workers
- Managers
- Therapy Services

For more information on current positions please call Mathew Cornwell, Aboriginal Liaison Officer on 02 9890 0502, or visit www.northcott.com.au/careers



Legal Aid


NEW SOUTH WALES

Aboriginal Targeted, Legal Practice Support Clerk, Civil Law Division, Clerk Grade 3/4

- Ongoing and temporary vacancies
- Package up to \$77K
- To view full advert, please go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and use 000034FB as the reference number

Enquiries: Sarah Burke on (02) 9219 5033
Closing date: 3 September 2014

N42740



Court Support Worker (Aboriginal Specialist)

Macquarie Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS)
Part-time 14 hours per week

More Information visit: www.macquarielegal.org.au
Phone: (02) 8833 0922 or samiha_alameddine@clc.net.au
Emailed applications will NOT be accepted.
Closing date: 1 September 2014 at 5pm

Merana Aboriginal Community Association

96 Windsor St, Richmond, NSW

Merana Aboriginal Community Association for the Hawkesbury Inc has received funding through the NSW Department of Community Services under the aims of the Western Sydney Aboriginal Child Youth and Family Strategy to assist Aboriginal families who need extra support with children aged 0-5.

The position will be based at the Merana office, which is located 96 Windsor Street, Richmond.

EARLY INTERVENTION CHILDREN'S WORKER

3-5 days (dependant on successful applicant)
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The successful applicant will initially be offered a 6 month contract, which will be ongoing, subject to successful probation and review period. Salary as per the Social and Community Services (NSW) Award, Grade 4 (Award code 783). Remuneration package includes salary, leave, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

NOTE: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

ENQUIRIES: Wayne Cornish (02) 4588 5144 or email: pmmerana@bigpond.net.au for information package by email or post.

Applications marked 'Confidential' and posted to:
Management
Merana Aboriginal Community Association
96 Windsor Street
RICHMOND, NSW, 2753
Closing Date: Friday 12 Sept. 2014



Health

Western Sydney Local Health District

Aboriginal Trainee Administrative Officer

Classification: Trainee Year 12 Level A
Salary: \$367 to \$568 per week
Employment Status: Temporary full-time (up to two years)
Location: Various locations
Enquiries: Elizabeth Kristensen, (02) 8838 6316 or email elizabeth.kristensen@health.nsw.gov.au
Reference Number: 207576

Aboriginal Public Health Trainee

Classification: Aboriginal Health Education Officer Graduate
Salary: \$1,057.90 to \$1,724.40 per week
Employment Status: Temporary full-time (up to three years)
Location: Cumberland
Enquiries: Stephen Corbett, (02) 9840 3603
Reference Number: 205642
Closing date: 10 September 2014

The definition of an Aboriginal person is a person who is of Aboriginal descent, identifies as an Aboriginal person, and is accepted by the Aboriginal community in which he or she lives.

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW)*.

Please apply online by visiting:
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NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Executive Officer

Fitzroy Crossing, WA

- * Highly attractive salary circa \$85k + salary sacrificing!
- * Accommodation and other benefits provided!

Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation has a rewarding leadership role for an Executive Officer with great relationship management skills to join their dedicated team in Fitzroy Crossing, WA. In this role, you'll be responsible for all elements of operations. You will work to develop, maintain and support a strong board of directors while working on and with the organisation's high-performance senior management team. You will be rewarded with a highly attractive salary of \$85,000 + salary sacrificing up to \$30,000, and benefits including accommodation, generous leave entitlements & more!

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Legal Aid

NEW SOUTH WALES

Aboriginal Targeted, Project Officer, Clerk Grade 5/6, People & Organisational Development, Central Sydney (Ongoing)

- Ongoing vacancy
- Package up to \$92K
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- To view full advert, please go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au Use 000034AP as the reference number

Enquiries: Rose Crothers on (02) 9219 5617
Closing date: 31 August 2014

N42734

Senior Community Development Officer



- Full time position
- Based in APY Lands or Cooper Pedy (location negotiable)

Senior Community Development Officer, APY Lands/Cooper Pedy

Deliver Red Cross community development programs in remote South Australian Aboriginal Communities in Cooper Pedy and the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. The emphasis of the programs includes supporting food security initiatives and delivering life skills training and education information to resident families and communities. This position will also be responsible for maintaining and developing partnerships with the communities and stakeholders.

For further information and to apply online, visit our careers page at www.redcross.org.au and search for reference number 496368 or contact Rachael Schmerl on 0488 156 872.

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.

Applications close Monday 8 September 2014

redcross.org.au



Charity gives, justice changes

Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service is a community service organisation that has been helping people battle poverty and disadvantage since 1976.

As an organisation committed to social justice, Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service, is working towards reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We employ direct services, administrative and management staff in the following areas:

- women and girls
- young people
- families and children
- financial inclusion
- business and finance
- marketing and fundraising
- organisational development
- social policy and research

We advertise all our positions at www.goodshepvc.org.au where you can also register to receive job updates via email for all Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service's vacancies.

Please remember to follow the application process outlined in the position description and address the key selection criteria if you wish your application to be considered.

Employment is subject to a current Working with Children Check (E) & Police Record Check.




ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COUNSELLOR

WAGGA WAGGA

Permanent Part-Time/Full Time Position
Level D (SCHCDS 5)
Salary: \$67,812 - \$72,258 pro rata

Relationships Australia Canberra and Region Inc. has a position for a suitable candidate to provide therapeutic counselling services to individuals, couples and families.

Relevant counselling qualifications are essential and experience in counselling is desirable.

This position will include one evening per week. It may also include group work, service promotion, outreach and case management work.

Applicants need to submit a written application addressing the selection criteria and a current resume.


The position description and selection criteria are available at: www.racr.relationships.org.au/about-us/employment

Applications can be emailed or posted to: rivoffice@racr.relationships.org.au 36-40 Gurwood Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Enquiries to Alexandra Faulkner Ph: 02 6923 9100 or Email: rivoffice@racr.relationships.org.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: COB 12th September 2014

RACR is an equal opportunity employment employer. This is a designated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Position.

The State Library of NSW invites applications from suitably qualified people for its position of

Library Technician Grade 1, Indigenous Services

Indigenous Services Branch

Ongoing Full time

Position Number: 14/038

This role has been identified under the State Library's EEO Management Plan. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

The Library Technician Grade 1 will undertake and assist in coordinating activities required for the operation and maintenance of library and information services and systems to support and facilitate effective client access to and discovery of the Library's collections for the Indigenous community.

New employment legislation applies from 24th February 2014. From this date, all current and new Public Service non-executive employees will be employed at a classification level and assigned to a role rather than appointed to a position. Employees may be re-assigned to other roles at the same classification over time, in line with organisation priorities and/or personal development plans.

Inquiries: Kirsten Thorpe on (02) 9273 1484 or email on Kirsten.Thorpe@sl.nsw.gov.au
Applications/packages: online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 10 September 2014

N42732



Position Vacant

(F/T) Specialist Homelessness Services Caseworker

Overview of Position – the position holder will work as a member of a cooperative team in order to provide practical, supportive and specialist intervention to individuals, children, young people & families who are at risk of homelessness or who are homeless.

This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

NOTE: Applicants **must** obtain an employment pack, complete all relevant paperwork & address the selection criteria. **Male applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Enquires: Belinda Field on (02) 4350 0100 or email: belinda.field@bungreeifbs.com

Closing date: 12th September 2014



Health

Mid North Coast
Local Health District

Aboriginal Population Health Trainee

Port Macquarie

Enquiries: Paul Corben (02) 6588 2750,

Paul.corben@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: 204790

Closing Date: 1 September 2014

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identify as being Aboriginal and be accepted in the community as such. All applicants must supply a letter of Aboriginality signed under the common seal from a recognised incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community organisation such as Land Council or Elders group, Aboriginal Medical Service, etc. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the *Anti-discrimination Act 1977* (NSW).

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Early Childhood Educator (Certificate III) – Indigenous Traineeships

Position Nos: EPS099/BCS099

- Are you interested in a career in children's services?
- Do you have the ability to complete additional studies as well as attending necessary workplace training courses?
- Are you willing to work as a member of a team with a children's services focus?
- Are you eligible for a working with children check clearance?

Bega Valley Shire Council has an exciting traineeship opportunity for two part-time indigenous childhood educators to join their children's services teams.

These positions will give you the opportunity to complete early childhood studies. Ongoing full-time employment will be subject to successful completion of the traineeship, attitude and work ethic together with the availability of a position at the time.

Note: Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a pre-requisite for these positions as described under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Status: One position is located in Eden Preschool (15.2 hpw) and one in Bega at Bandara Children's Services (15.2 hpw).

Salary: From \$247.80 pw.

Enquiries: If you are interested in the positions or need help with the application process please phone Julie Kirk on 0427 570 599.

Applications Close: 5pm Friday, 5 September 2014.

The Shire

The Bega Valley Shire is located in the south-east of New South Wales, approximately half-way between Sydney and Melbourne. The Shire's coastal fringe extends from Wallaga Lake (Bermagui) in the north to Cape Howe and the Victorian border in the south. Collectively, this 106-kilometre section of coastline forms the beautiful Sapphire Coast. Inland, higher peaks of the Great Dividing Range give way to rolling hills, and numerous rivers and streams. Undoubtedly it is the natural environment that attracts residents and visitors to the area. The Shire covers an area of 6,277 square kilometres and has a relatively small population of around 33,000 people.

To download a position description visit our website:
www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au

Out of Home Care Coordinator: Get a career that matters.

- Do you have OOH experience?
 - Are you someone who loves to hit the ground running?
- If you hear yourself saying 'Yes' to all of the above, then we want to hear from you!

UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families is seeking an experienced OOH Coordinator to join our team in Dubbo! You will be responsible for the supervision and support of the day to day functions of our program.

We are ideally seeking Aboriginal applicants, but welcome interest from those with suitable experience and a proven ability to work effectively with Aboriginal people and communities.

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Apply online by 5pm 1 September 2014.

Please view our job description online.

We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



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Youth and Family Caseworker Get a career that matters.

UnitingCare Burnside is seeking an Aboriginal Identified Caseworker to join our new innovative program; Youth Hope in Dubbo.

The program utilises the Wraparound Model of intensive, integrated style management to young people and their families.

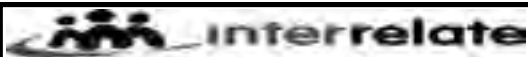
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FAMILY DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRACTITIONERS

- Full Time or Part Time roles available (up to 37.5 hpw)
- Dubbo location
- Hourly rate: \$33.70ph (Total salary package: \$79,889pa pro-rata)

Interrelate is a not-for-profit community based organisation providing relationship services for individuals, couples & families. We are currently seeking dedicated and experienced Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners for our Family Relationship Centre (FRC) in Dubbo. The FRC is an initiative of the Australian Government to provide families (whether together or separated) with access to info about family relationship issues, ranging from building better relationships to dispute resolution. These positions are responsible to conduct family dispute resolution / mediation sessions with clients of the centre. These roles will require fortnightly travel to outreach locations in the Central West and may include some overnight stays.

Key Criteria:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications in behavioural or social science, mediation or family law
- Current or imminent accreditation as a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner with the Attorney General's Dept.
- Minimum 3 yrs experience in therapeutic work with families/ children (e.g. counselling, mediation, family law or welfare)
- Understanding of the impact of family separation & breakdown on children
- Demonstrated skills in managing high parental conflict whilst upholding the best interest of the children

We Offer:

- ✓ Salaries pitched at the top end of the market
- ✓ Training, Mentoring, Supervision and access to Resources
- ✓ High level of diversity in role

To apply visit www.interrelate.org.au & click on "Careers" then "Current Vacancies" & Complete the online application

Applications close: COB (5pm) Wed 2 Sep 2014

Interrelate services are funded by the Australian Government and as such all positions require satisfactory completion of a National Police Check and child related positions require clearance of a NSW Working with Children check also.

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Indigenous Family Support Worker

(34 hours per week)

Tweed Valley Women's Service is a feminist not for profit organisation providing a range of services to women and children at risk of homelessness as a result of domestic and family violence. We provide early intervention and prevention, crisis support and crisis accommodation, community education and awareness and post crisis support. Since 2009 we have developed a range of creative Indigenous support programs that focus on building community safety, access and equity to education/employment services, cultural pride and community participation opportunities.

The Family Support Worker will work across two project areas to work intensively with Indigenous families in our community and will be actively involved in supporting families who attend our Kids Caring for Country playgroup and other associated activities, as well as supporting families who are current or at risk of homelessness as a result of domestic and family violence.

All applications must address each of the selection criteria as stated and include any evidence which has been requested. All applications must have at least 2 referees with current email and phone contact details

Applications close at 4.00pm on 1st September 2014.

Applications will be accepted by fax (02) 66 725 279 by email manager@tswomen.org.au or by mail PO Box 407, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484. No late applications will be accepted. For further information on this role, please contact Tracy Asby, Executive Officer on (02) 66 724 188 or manager@tswomen.org.au



Be a part of primary health care excellence in remote Australia

Opportunities with headspace Mt Isa

Gidgee Healing is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service that is based in Mt Isa. We currently provide GP and primary health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Mt Isa and the surrounding region.

Gidgee Healing is currently expanding its services and as part of this exciting growth period, we have been announced as the lead agent for headspace Mount Isa.

headspace, the National Youth Mental Health Foundation, will be opening a new centre in Mount Isa in 2014. Governed by a consortium of local community organisations the centre will provide free/low cost early intervention services for young people aged 12-25 years across 4 core areas:

• **Primary Health Care** • **Mental Health & Counselling** • **ATODS** • **Vocational/Educational Services**

SERVICE MANAGER (Full Time Position)

As Manager of the headspace Mount Isa Centre, you will have an exciting opportunity to contribute to the coordination and planning process of the new centre including strategic planning, service development, quality and innovation in a culturally diverse setting. This position demands strong leadership and administration skills with a focus on clinical service delivery/supervision and ability to build a strong responsive team to improve access to services for young people in the region.

The successful applicant will bring to the position relevant tertiary qualifications in both clinical and health care administration, with proven skills and experience in primary health multi-disciplinary service management with a record of success in clinical practice and oversight, contract management, financial management and innovation around program outcomes.

CLINICAL TEAM LEADER (Full Time Position)

The purpose of this position is to oversee the clinical operations of the headspace site whilst also providing evidenced based clinical practice and professional supervision. This position requires tertiary qualifications and experience in Health or Behavioural Sciences and current registration with relevant professional body.

CARE COORDINATOR (2 Full Time Positions)

The purpose of this position is to engage, screen, assess, refer and provide a care coordination role for young people accessing the headspace site. This position requires tertiary qualifications in health, behavioural sciences &/or youth work with relevant experience.

PRACTICE MANAGER (Full Time)

The purpose of this position is to provide direct administrative support to enable the effective running of the headspace site. The position requires qualifications and or experience in Practice Management or similar role with a demonstrated understanding of the MBS system and office management.

COMMUNITY YOUTH ENGAGEMENT OFFICER (Full Time or Part Time)

The purpose of this position is to organise and oversee all of the headspace sites external community engagement strategies and youth activities including the operation of the Youth Reference Group. The position requires qualifications & or relevant experience in Health Promotion, Community Engagement, Marketing or Youth Work.

REGISTERED NURSE/CREDENTIALLED MENTAL HEALTH NURSE or ENDORSED ENROLLED NURSE

The purpose of this position is to provide clinical services and support within your scope of practice. This will include collaborating with GPs to provide general health screening and follow up, mental health assessment, care coordination and ongoing support to 12-25 year olds within your scope of practice.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To discuss these positions further or obtain a copy of the Application Information, including the Position Description, please contact Loata Webber via phone on 07 4743 6681 or via email jobs@gidgeehealing.com

Applications are to be received by 5pm on Monday 8 September 2014.



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ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Barrier Local Area Command, Dareton
Clerk Grade 3/4
Permanent Full-time
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 0000312N

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 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 Working with Children Check prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.**

Enquiries: Rick Egan, Local Area Manager, on (08) 8082 7201.

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 0000312N.

Closing date: Sunday, 14 September 2014

N45856



Aboriginal Targeted, Grants Solicitor Operations, Legal Officer I-III, Grants Division, Central Sydney (Haymarket)

(Ongoing and Temporary)

- Package up to \$112K
- To view full advert, please go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and use 000034TV as the reference number

Enquiries: Ann Miller on (02) 9219 5142 or Maree McDonald on (02) 9219 5677

Closing date: 7 September 2014

N42743



Health Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Health Education Officer Malabar

Permanent Full Time – JH No: 209016

Salary: Health Professionals and Medical Salaries (State) Award, AHEO Graduate Yr 1–9: \$55,200–\$81,733 pa.

Enquiries: Gregory Davison on (02) 9700 3050 or greg.davison@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 7 September 2014.

Senior Project Officer – Aboriginal Court Diversion Malabar

Temporary Full Time (up to 30/10/15) – JH No: 209456

Salary: Health Manager (State) Award, Level 3: \$1,926.60–\$2,196.20 pw.

Enquiries: Sharon Jacobs on (02) 9700 3016 or Sharon.Jacobs@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 7 September 2014.

- These are dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander positions. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act JH&FMHN deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or prior to commencement of the position.

To apply for this position please visit <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au> NSW Health Service – Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health Mid North Coast Local Health District

Aboriginal Immunisation Support Officer

Lismore

Enquiries: Marianne Trent, (02) 6620 7514

or email Marianne.Trent@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Reference ID: 209014

Closing date: 8 September 2014

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

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NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Foundation of Rehabilitation with Aboriginal Alcohol Related Difficulties Aboriginal Corporation

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

(2 year Employment Contract)

Salary \$95,000k per annum

(plus – salary packaging, vehicle and mobile phone)

FORWAARD Aboriginal Corporation is a not for profit organisation that provides a Residential Rehabilitation Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with alcohol or other substance use problems.

This position is responsible for the management and leadership of FOWAARD through coordination, strategic planning and the development of the organisation whilst driving growth through a strategic business focus and maintaining full accountability to FORWAARDs Board of Directors.

Applications close: Sunday, 12 September 2014

For a copy of the Position Description or to lodge your application, please email your request and applications to the management.assist@forwaard.com.au or post to: GPO Box 966, Darwin NT 0801.

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply



Dja Dja Wurrung Aboriginal Ranger positions

- Fixed Term positions - 3 years
- Salaries from \$46,901pa plus Super 9.5%
- Manual Drivers Licence is essential
- Three positions available:
 - Dja Dja Wurrung Ranger – Team Leader
 - Dja Dja Wurrung Ranger – designated woman's position
 - Dja Dja Wurrung Ranger

The Recognition and Settlement Agreement (RSA) between the Dja Dja Wurrung Traditional Owner Group and the State of Victoria, under Victoria's *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010*, recognises the Dja Dja Wurrung as the Traditional Owners of approximately 266, 532 hectares of public land. Approximately 47,523 hectares of public land have been transferred to the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DDWCAC) under Aboriginal Title as part of the RSA including the transfer of Hepburn Regional Park, Greater Bendigo National Park, Kooyoorra State Park, Wehla Nature Conservation Reserve, Paddys Ranges State Park and part of the Kara Kara National Park.

The Dja Dja Wurrung Rangers will support joint management of the six parks but also the management of other Parks Victoria parks in the RSA area. This includes all aspects of the delivery of on-ground works to protect the natural and cultural values, visitor facilities, and interpreting the values and features of the park to visitors and other stakeholders. The roles will have a strong emphasis on Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural site protection, working with Dja Dja Wurrung Traditional Owners.

These are designated Dja Dja Wurrung only positions under 'special measures' section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Dja Dja Wurrung people are eligible to apply for these positions. Applicants will be required to provide a completed Aboriginality form, or correspondence endorsed by the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation.

To apply for one of the positions please include:

- A covering letter including all contact details
- A current resume
- A response to the selection criteria of the Position Description, which can be found on our website www.parks.vic.gov.au
- A completed Aboriginality form or letter endorsed by Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation

To apply, please email your application including all information listed above to applications@parks.vic.gov.au or via post to Parks Victoria Applications, Level 10, 535 Bourke Street Melbourne, VIC 3000. All applications will be treated confidentially.

Dja Dja Wurrung applicants are invited to contact PV's Aboriginal People and Culture Officer on **13 1963**, for advice and support with their application.

For further information and to view the Position Descriptions visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

Applications close Monday 8 September 2014.

Parks Victoria is an Equal Opportunity Employer, with a commitment to merit, equity and diversity in the workplace.

More information
Phone 13 1963
www.parks.vic.gov.au



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Job Opportunities with Odyssey House Victoria

Odyssey House Victoria provides high quality residential and non-residential alcohol and drug treatment services to clients and their families. Odyssey promotes opportunities for change and growth by reducing drug use, improving mental health, and reconnecting people to families and the community.

The residential facility located at Lower Plenty offers a recovery focussed program for people who experience severe problems with alcohol and/or drug use, and their associated mental health issues. Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the following full time positions currently available:

Senior AOD Therapist

A senior member of the Clinical Team with extensive experience and strong clinical practice, group facilitation and case management skills to assist in the implementation of programs and standards designed to affect lasting change in individuals of diverse backgrounds and presenting issues.

The role also assists with ensuring the effective operations of client admission to the TC as required, including the supervision of client admissions staff and in ensuring all clinical and administrative tasks pertaining to this process are carried out effectively.

AOD Therapist – 3 positions

The AOD Therapist is an integral part of the treatment process, providing individual and group therapy and case management to residents. The position works across different levels of the program areas and conducts client planning groups, facilitates group discussion, and helps implement a range of relevant treatment outcomes. In addition, the position will assist in the admissions process of clients entering treatment.

Candidates for all positions will have a comprehensive understanding of alcohol and drug substance abuse. They will have excellent case management skills and the ability to work with demanding clients with complex presentations.

Salary for both positions will be commensurate with experience. Salary packaging is available.

For the full position description and details of the Key Selection Criteria, please visit our website at www.odyssey.org.au/jobs

Applications addressing the KSC should be addressed to Reyhan Aksoyoglu, Business Manager, OHV and forwarded to: jobs@odyssey.org.au

Please contact: Jessica Walshe on (03) 9430 1800 for further information regarding these positions.

Applications close Wednesday, 3 September, 2014



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

ASSISTANT PROPERTY & LAND DEALING COORDINATOR

Parramatta Based

FINANCE OFFICER

Gosford Based

Salary Range for both positions:
\$69,434 to \$84,018 per annum

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging roles of Assistant Property & Land Dealing Coordinator based at Parramatta and the Finance Officer position based at Gosford.

Assistant Property & Land Dealing Coordinator - As a part of a committed pro-active team you will be responsible for assisting the Property Coordinator with Administration functions that support the Management of NSWALC owned properties across NSW including vacant land management; reconciliation of rent ledgers; residential tenancy issues; the rationalisation of non-performing assets from the portfolio and a variety of other broad property management functions. The successful applicant will have the capacity to assist in the establishment and ongoing management of the Land Dealing database and other records crucial to the operation of the Unit. Also the applicant will have an understanding of Aboriginal issues and sound knowledge and experience of property administration.

Finance Officer - The position offers an attractive remuneration package and an extensive range of benefits and conditions including access to salary packaging options.

This together with working in a dynamic progressive organisation offering a rewarding challenging career and great potential for development and advancement provides a unique opportunity.

Position responsibilities include the development and maintenance of comprehensive financial systems and procedures; evaluating and monitoring the financial performance of Local Aboriginal Land Councils and the timely preparation of concise and accurate financial reports.

The successful applicant will have appropriate tertiary qualifications and/or experience; the capacity to interpret and implement legislation; effective communication skills and a sound understanding of Aboriginal issues.

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, NSW Aboriginal
Land Council
PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications for both positions close
Friday 12 September 2014

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Careers in Juvenile Justice



Do you have the qualities we're looking for?

- Maturity • Motivation • Personality • Character

CASUAL YOUTH OFFICER

Juvenile Justice, Department of Justice, is NOW recruiting suitable people to train as casual Youth Officers.

Working with children in custody is a challenging role requiring real strength of character. It is both demanding and satisfying to know that you can make a difference in the lives of our clients and our community.

Youth Officers make a difference while earning \$26.76 per hour, plus casual loading, shift allowances and/or penalty rates as applicable.

Closing date: Wednesday, 10 September 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 call 1800 355 562.

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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 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 38/2032 | FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED | 450551 | 495.64HA | 31km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 122° 37' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| 38/2376 | RICHMOND, William Robert | 446282 | 113.57HA | 72km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 122° 15' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| 38/2376 | RICHMOND, William Robert | 446283 | 372.24HA | 71km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 40' S Long: 122° 16' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| 38/2558 | MT WELD MINING PTY LIMITED | 446484 | 7.54HA | 30km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 121° 31' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| 53/1560 | ROSSLYN HILL MINING PTY LTD | 452208 | 46.60HA | 84km W'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 26° 34' S Long: 120° 1' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| 53/644 | ROSSLYN HILL MINING PTY LTD | 452206 | 96.11HA | 94km W'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 26° 34' S Long: 119° 55' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| 53/695 | IVERNIA AUSTRALIA PTY LTD | 452207 | 96.08HA | 84km W'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 26° 35' S Long: 119° 53' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| 58/335 | SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED | 442658 | 16.39HA | 29km S'ly of Cue | Lat: 27° 41' S Long: 117° 49' E | CUE SHIRE, MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE |

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 27 August 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 **27 November 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. 27 December 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 TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

| Tenement Type | No. | Applicant | Area* | Locality | Centroid | Shire |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Exploration Licence | 08/2390 | HANSON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PTY LTD | 3BL | 36km S'ly of Exmouth | Lat: 22° 15' S Long: 114° 4' E | EXMOUTH SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2595 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 1BL | 43km SW'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 21° 47' S Long: 115° 56' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2622 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 14BL | 93km SW'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 22° 22' S Long: 115° 54' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2625 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 4BL | 66km SW'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 22° 8' S Long: 115° 58' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2626 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 16BL | 71km SW'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 22° 13' S Long: 116° 1' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2627 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 12BL | 79km SW'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 22° 17' S Long: 116° 0' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2823 | MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED | 41BL | 72km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 123° 0' E | LAVERTON SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1749 | DYNASTY RESOURCES LIMITED | 1BL | 68km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 13' S Long: 122° 31' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1819 | BAYMOON PTY LTD | 7BL | 86km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 23' S Long: 122° 34' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1820 | ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED | 23BL | 50km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 122° 19' E | LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 40/338 | MORAPOI MINING PTY LTD | 17BL | 46km S'ly of Leonora | Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 121° 23' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/2293 | GEOTECH INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD | 18BL | 105km W'ly of Marble Bar | Lat: 21° 30' S Long: 118° 48' E | PORT HEDLAND TOWN |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4289 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 20BL | 10km E'ly of Marble Bar | Lat: 21° 10' S Long: 119° 50' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4391 | ATLAS IRON LIMITED | 13BL | 35km SE'ly of Marble Bar | Lat: 21° 21' S Long: 120° 1' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4403 | ATLAS IRON LIMITED | 2BL | 68km NE'ly of Nullagine | Lat: 21° 31' S Long: 120° 38' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1637 | MINEX (WEST) PTY LTD | 3BL | 30km S'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 26° 51' S Long: 118° 33' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 51/1638 | ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED | 36BL | 93km NE'ly of Meekatharra | Lat: 25° 55' S Long: 119° 3' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3053-I | TRAKA RESOURCES LIMITED | 42BL | 61km S'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 53' S Long: 119° 35' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3061 | FMG PILBARA PTY LTD | 6BL | 93km E'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 29' S Long: 120° 38' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3065 | MRG METALS (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD | 21BL | 42km SE'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 29' S Long: 117° 56' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3071 | TRAKA RESOURCES LIMITED | 2BL | 41km S'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 43' S Long: 119° 42' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3072 | TRAKA RESOURCES LIMITED | 2BL | 39km S'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 42' S Long: 119° 46' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3073 | TRAKA RESOURCES LIMITED | 4BL | 41km S'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 42' S Long: 119° 51' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3074 | TRAKA RESOURCES LIMITED | 22BL | 45km S'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 45' S Long: 119° 47' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 52/3092 | TRAKA RESOURCES LIMITED | 33BL | 79km SW'ly of Newman | Lat: 23° 55' S Long: 119° 15' E | MEEKATHARRA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 57/978-I | DIVERSITY RESOURCES PTY LTD | 17BL | 94km SW'ly of Sandstone | Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 118° 41' E | SANDSTONE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 57/983 | VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED | 29BL | 104km SW'ly of Sandstone | Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 118° 42' E | SANDSTONE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 63/1699 | ATRIPLEX LTD | 10BL | 71km E'ly of Norseman | Lat: 31° 58' S Long: 122° 28' E | DUNDAS SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 63/1708 | WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED | 3BL | 123km W'ly of Norseman | Lat: 32° 8' S Long: 120° 28' E | DUNDAS SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 63/1709 | WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED | 3BL | 102km NW'ly of Salmon Gums | Lat: 32° 31' S Long: 120° 42' E | DUNDAS SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 63/1710 | MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED | 70BL | 122km SE'ly of Southern Cross | Lat: 31° 58' S Long: 120° 16' E | DUNDAS SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4611 | MATTHEWS, Joseph Beck | 4BL | 57km NW'ly of Gingin | Lat: 31° 5' S Long: 115° 24' E | GINGIN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 74/550 | BORG GEOSCIENCE PTY LTD | 42BL | 35km N'ly of Munglinup | Lat: 33° 23' S Long: 120° 49' E | ESPERANCE SHIRE, RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2225-I | SNAP HOOK (WA) PTY LTD | 50BL | 54km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing | Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 119° 56' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2226-I | FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD | 46BL | 64km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing | Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 119° 53' E | YILGARN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2227 | DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD | 19BL | 48km SE'ly of Southern Cross | Lat: 31° 35' S Long: 119° 36' E | YILGARN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2229-I | SNAP HOOK (WA) PTY LTD | 4BL | 99km N'ly of Koolyanobbing | Lat: 29° 59' S Long: 119° 9' E | YILGARN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2230 | SNAP HOOK (WA) PTY LTD | 13BL | 110km N'ly of Koolyanobbing | Lat: 29° 51' S Long: 119° 16' E | MENZIES SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 77/2231-I | JAYVEE RESOURCES PTY LTD | 18BL | 74km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing | Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 119° 11' E | YILGARN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 80/4877 | THARSIS MINING PTY LTD | 12BL | 132km N'ly of Halls Creek | Lat: 17° 7' S Long: 128° 7' E | HALLS CREEK SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/2837-8, 16/2846 & 16/2849-56 | CASCADE RESOURCES LTD | 1750.5HA | 44km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 121° 5' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/2839 | CASCADE RESOURCES LTD | 159.28HA | 54km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 0' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/2840-1 | CASCADE RESOURCES LTD | 293.18HA | 53km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 27' S Long: 121° 1' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/2843 | CASCADE RESOURCES LTD | 26.46HA | 51km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 1' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 16/2844-5 & 16/2847-8 | CASCADE RESOURCES LTD | 532.77HA | 48km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 29' S Long: 121° 3' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/8479 | HURST, James Andrew | 188.89HA | 13km E'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 121° 27' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/8480 | HERBERT, Barry Leon | 172.57HA | 34km NE'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 121° 38' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/8481 | HALLORAN, Wayne Vincent | 197.87HA | 30km E'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 121° 37' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 38/4130 | RED RIVER RESOURCES LIMITED | 193.75HA | 20km E'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 122° 36' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 38/4140-9-S | FENTON, Michael | 20.19HA | 16km SW'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 122° 14' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 38/4141 | YOUNG, Russell John BABB, Judith Elizabeth | 46.64HA | 23km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 122° 30' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 38/4142-3-S | MORGAN, Jeneen Pearl | 17.56HA | 17km SW'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 122° 14' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 38/4144-6-S | MORGAN, Jeneen Pearl | 26.67HA | 15km SW'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 40' S Long: 122° 15' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/5491-4 | DACIAN GOLD LIMITED | 599.40HA | 31km SW'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 122° 10' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 47/1727 | GARDNER MINING PTY LTD | 86.20HA | 110km S'ly of Port Hedland | Lat: 21° 15' S Long: 118° 16' E | PORT HEDLAND TOWN |
| Prospecting Licence | 47/1728 | GARDNER MINING PTY LTD | 80.44HA | 111km S'ly of Port Hedland | Lat: 21° 15' S Long: 118° 17' E | PORT HEDLAND TOWN |
| Prospecting Licence | 57/1351-S | BENNETT, John | 9.01HA | 84km SE'ly of Sandstone | Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 119° 49' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 63/1977 | AVOCA RESOURCES PTY LTD | 90.17HA | 32km NE'ly of Norseman | Lat: 32° 3' S Long: 122° 4' E | DUNDAS SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 63/1986 | ELLETT, Roger Charles LEAR, Gregory John BOYES, Charles Joseph | 110.32HA | 41km N'ly of Salmon Gums | Lat: 32° 37' S Long: 121° 31' E | ESPERANCE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 77/4264 | MARSH, Leon James | 6.83HA | 30km SE'ly of Southern Cross | Lat: 31° 28' S Long: 119° 28' 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: 27 August 2014

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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. 27 December 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 km²

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Regional team to contest Wollongong KO



THE Northern NSW Dalai Dreamers will contest the Kids in Care Cup, an Aboriginal rugby league knockout carnival at Wollongong on September 20.

Kempsey-based Burrum Dalai spokesman Warren Ahoy said the aim of the carnival was to raise awareness of the need for Aboriginal carers to support Aboriginal children in care to stay within their family and community groups.

Burrum Dalai is an Aboriginal out of home care organisation based in Kempsey, on the NSW Mid-North Coast.

"This year we have pulled together players from across the regions that our organisation covers – Kempsey, Armidale, Tamworth and Taree," Ahoy said.

The knockout is being run by the Illawarra Titans at Sid Parrish Park, Fig Tree, Wollongong. It is one of several Aboriginal carnivals in the run-up to the big NSW Aboriginal Knockout at Raymond Terrace on October 3-6.

Ahoy said Burrum Dalai would not be fielding a team in the NSW Knockout, but that many of its players would be turning out for other teams in the Knockout.

● **Picture:** From left, Dalai Dreamers players and officials, from left, Dane Callaghan (player and out-of-home care caseworker), Warren Ahoy (player and foster carer support worker), Edward Vale (team manager and board member of Burrum Dalai) and Reno French (player and intensive family-based service caseworker).

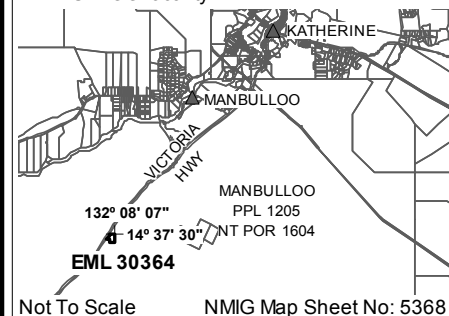
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXTRACTIVE MINERAL LEASE

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(s) namely to grant the following extractive mineral lease application.

The application to which this notice applies:

Extractive Mineral Lease 30364 sought by ROBERT HOLT over an area of 33 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the MANBULLOO locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an extractive mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to extract or remove (whether by quarrying or other means) from, on or below the natural surface of the land, extractive mineral(s) for a term not exceeding 10 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the extractive mineral lease/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550, Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5213.

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.

Notification Day: 27 August 2014

Notice of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

Notification day: 10 September 2014



National Native Title Tribunal



This application is a 'non-claimant' application, an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves but are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 9 December 2014. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over this area on or before **9 December 2014**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 9 December 2014**. After **9 December 2014**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Valesca Heila Gravett and Maxime Fernand Edgar Muyldermans

Federal Court File No: NSD718/2014

Non-native title interest: The applicant is the holder of Licence RI 517291 under section 34A, *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

Order sought by applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist.

Description: Lot 7001 on DP 93511 & Lot 7004 on DP 93497 on the MacDonald River, Central MacDonald.

Relevant LGA: Hawkesbury City Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Public Sector Mapping Agency.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Sylvia Jagtman on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Shared country, shared future.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (AREA AGREEMENT) UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CWTH) AQUIS RESORT AT THE GREAT BARRIER REEF PTY LTD

Aquis Resort at the Great Barrier Reef Pty Ltd ("Aquis") proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement ("ILUA") pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwth) ("NT Act").

The ILUA is proposed to be with all persons who hold or may hold native title in respect of the area ("ILUA Area") to be the subject of Aquis' proposed fully integrated master planned resort and tourist facility to the south of the residential community at Yorkeys Knob, which will include a casino, hotels, a convention and exhibition centre, a golf course, theatres, an interpretive centre, restaurants and retail outlets ("Project").

The ILUA Area includes areas the subject of the registered native title determination application by the Yirrganydji (Irukandji) People (QUD602/2012; QC2012/015), as well as areas that are not the subject of any native title determination application. The ILUA Area includes the lots on plan set out in the table below, the reserve for esplanade adjacent to Lot 100 on NR3818, sections of road reserve contained within the broader project footprint, parts of Richters Creek and offshore areas, and is otherwise represented on the map below:

| LOT AND PLAN | TITLE REFERENCE |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Lot 100 on DP 93511 | 476015044 |
| Lot 105 on DP 93511 | 476015044 |
| Lot 12 on DP 93511 | 476015013 |
| Lot 17 on DP 93511 | 476015013 |
| Lot 1 on DP 93511 | 476015013 |
| Lot 16 on DP 93511 | 476015013 |
| Lot 25 on DP 93511 | 476015013 |



The ILUA is proposed to provide consent for Aquis to undertake the Project as well as to the grant and implementation of all authorisations, authorities, rights, tenures, leases, licences, permits, approvals, certificates, consents, directions, titles, renewals or notices necessary, ancillary, usual or incidental for the carrying out of the Project.

Persons who may hold native title rights and interests in the ILUA Area should respond in writing to Peter Hourn at Aquis Great Barrier Reef Resort, PO Box 7868, Cairns QLD 4870 by 5pm on 4 September 2014 advising Aquis of the basis upon which they claim to hold native title rights and interests in the ILUA area. Respondents will be requested to register to attend a subsequent information session conducted by Aquis both in order to receive a briefing on the Project and to provide input into the development of a formal process for their participation in the negotiation of the ILUA.

Barty misses wildcard entry to US Open



ASHLEIGH Barty has missed out on a wildcard entry into this year's US Tennis Open that started in New York on Monday. Tennis Australia and the United States Tennis Association (USTA) have a reciprocal agreement that grants two Australian players wildcard entries into the US Open each year.

This year, the Australian wildcard entrants are Bernard Tomic and Jarmila Gajdosova.

Gajdosova gave Australia three representatives in the women's singles in New York, along with 2011 champion Samantha Stosur and Casey Dellacqua. Barty is partnering Dellacqua in the women's doubles.

She and Dellacqua reached the final of the doubles at last year's US Open, where they were beaten 6-7 6-1 6-4 by Czechs Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka.

They also reached the final at the Australian Open and at Wimbledon. Barty was a wildcard entrant in the

women's singles at last year's US Open, where she was eliminated in the second round.

She played in the women's singles at the 2012, 2013 and 2014 Australian Opens, where each time she was beaten in the first round.

She also played in the French Open women's singles in the same years, beaten in the first round in 2012 and 2014, and the second round in 2013.

"Catchya Australia. Time for US Open," Barty tweeted on August 14. – *With AAP*

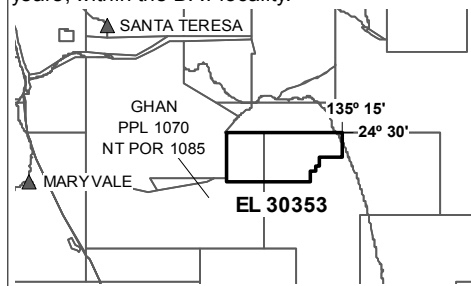
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

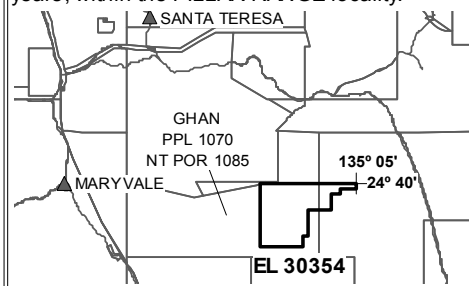
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 30353 sought by AOJIA INVESTMENTS & DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD, ACN 155 945 841 over an area of 230 Blocks (719 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DAY locality.



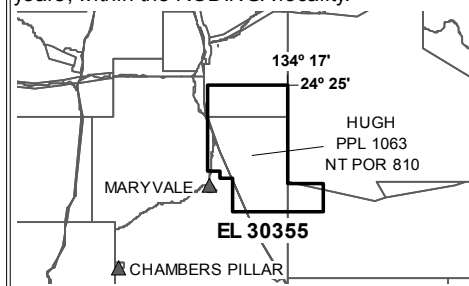
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Exploration Licence 30354 sought by AOJIA INVESTMENTS & DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD, ACN 155 945 841 over an area of 150 Blocks (468 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PILLAR locality.



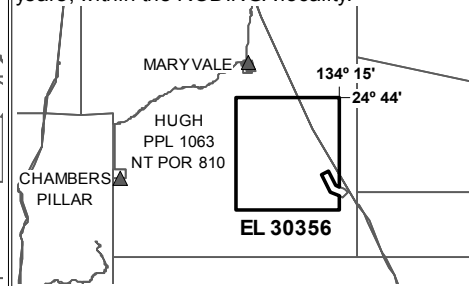
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Exploration Licence 30355 sought by AOJIA INVESTMENTS & DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD, ACN 155 945 841 over an area of 249 Blocks (778 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RODINGA locality.



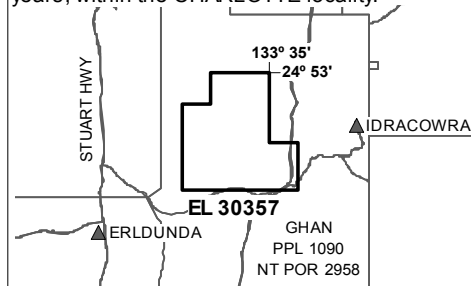
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Exploration Licence 30356 sought by AOJIA INVESTMENTS & DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD, ACN 155 945 841 over an area of 144 Blocks (449 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RODINGA locality.



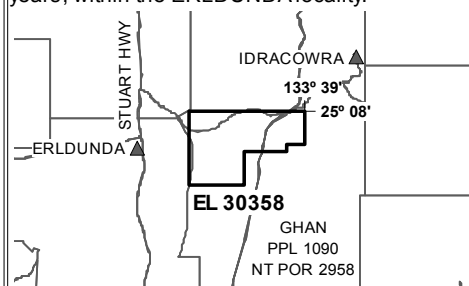
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Exploration Licence 30357 sought by AOJIA INVESTMENTS & DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD, ACN 155 945 841 over an area of 188 Blocks (586 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CHARLOTTE locality.



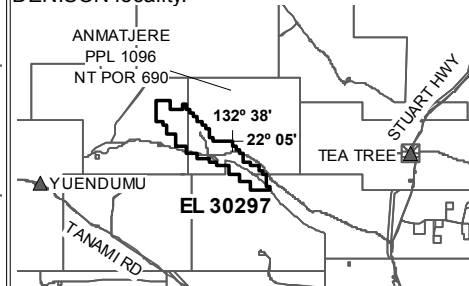
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Exploration Licence 30358 sought by AOJIA INVESTMENTS & DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD, ACN 155 945 841 over an area of 156 Blocks (485 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ERLDUNDA locality.



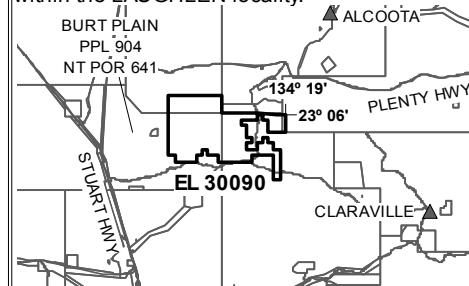
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Exploration Licence 30297 sought by CLANCY EXPLORATION LIMITED, ACN 105 578 756 over an area of 201 Blocks (640 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DENISON locality.



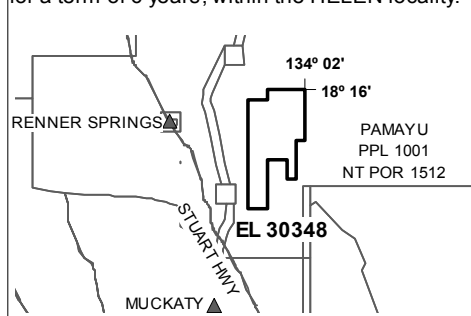
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Exploration Licence 30090 sought by DAVENPORT RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 153 414 852 over an area of 173 Blocks (512 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LAUGHLEN locality.



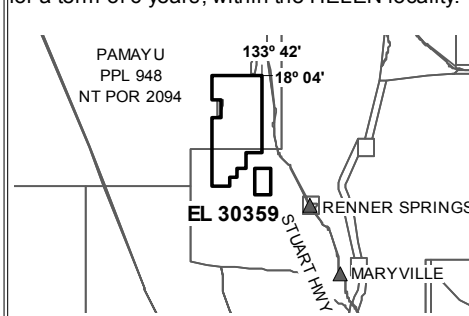
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Exploration Licence 30348 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 50 Blocks (163 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HELEN locality.



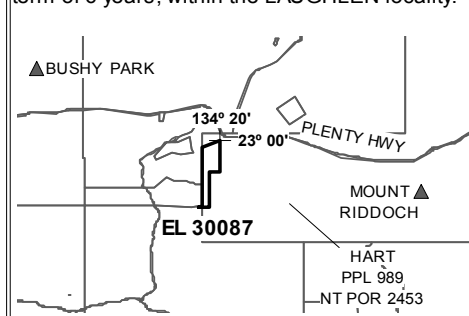
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Exploration Licence 30359 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 71 Blocks (232 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HELEN locality.



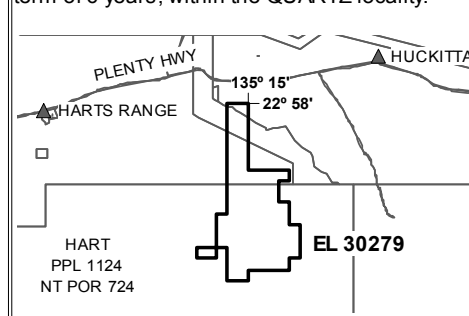
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Exploration Licence 30087 sought by GEMPART (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 9 Blocks (20 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LAUGHLEN locality.



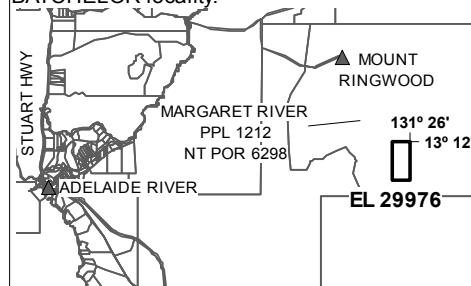
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Exploration Licence 30279 sought by GEMPART (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 081 859 896 over an area of 76 Blocks (235 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the QUARTZ locality.



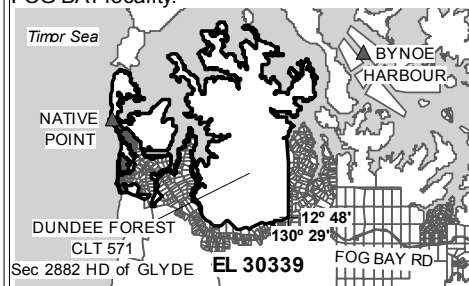
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Exploration Licence 29976 sought by NORTH QUEENSLAND MINING PTY LTD, ACN 152 890 643 over an area of 2 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



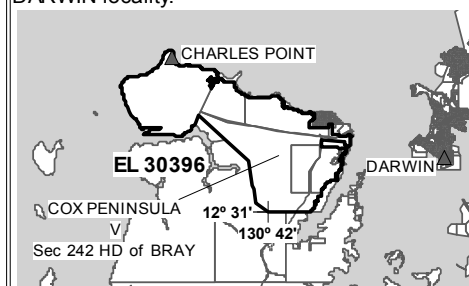
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Exploration Licence 30339 sought by TRACKER GEOSERVICES PTY LTD, ACN 093 390 197 over an area of 91 Blocks (149 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FOG BAY locality.



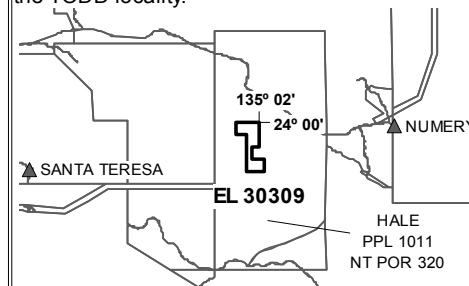
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Exploration Licence 30396 sought by TRACKER GEOSERVICES PTY LTD, ACN 093 390 197 over an area of 61 Blocks (130 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DARWIN locality.



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Exploration Licence 30309 sought by WILLIAMS EXPLORATION CONSULTING PTY LTD, ACN 068 417 470 over an area of 20 Blocks (63 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TODD locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or 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: 27 August 2014

Busy cricket season ahead

THE curtain is about to rise on the Northern Territory Indigenous cricket season, with the Uluru Cup being the first carnival. It will be held on October 5-6 at Yulara, near Uluru. Then follows the Dingo Cup at Timber Creek from October 10-12. The Timber Creek Dingoes will be out to retain their title they won for the first time last year. Timber Creek is on the banks of the Victoria River, about 600km south-west of Darwin. The next carnival will be at Borrooloola, on the McArthur River

50km upstream from the Gulf of Carpentaria, for the Barra Cup from October 24-26. There, the Robinson River Brumbies, after winning many fans at the Imparja Cup in February, will be hoping to go one better this year, having narrowly lost last year's final. The final carnival will be the Nitmiluk Cup at Katherine from November 7-9, when the Tindal Buffs will defend their title. Katherine is on the Stuart Highway 320km south-east of Darwin. These carnivals serve as key

preparation for many sides in the lead-up to the Imparja Cup national Indigenous carnival in Alice Springs. On the Friday before each carnival, local schools will be able to enter T20 Blast School Cups for a chance to go on and represent the Northern Territory at the inaugural National T20 Blast School Cup at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in December. To nominate a team in any of these carnivals, contact NT Cricket on (08) 8944 8900 or visit www.ntcricket.com.au for more information.



The Timber Creek Dingoes, winners of the 2013 Dingo Cup at Timber Creek.

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland
Notification day: 3 September 2014



The area of each agreement is located within the area of the Kullilli People native title claim which is subject to a conditional determination by the Federal Court of Australia on 2 July 2014 (QUD80/2009) (the map shows the external boundary of the determination area in bold outline and, in grey, the individual agreement areas, which are labelled and described in the table).

Agreement area boundaries compiled using data sourced from, and with permission of, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (Qld).

The Kullilli People are party to all of the Pastoral Lease agreements (ILUAs) listed and described in the table. The table also contains the names of the Pastoral Lease(s) to which the agreements relate. For copies of the individual agreement areas, please contact the Tribunal Case Manager on the number below.

The native title party's contact details are:
Paola Smith, Peter White, Ronny Watson, Stephen Hagan, Brenda Fisher, Kayleen Hopkins, Elizabeth McAvoy and Judith Conlon on behalf of the Kullilli People
C/- Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd
PO Box 10832, Adelaide Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

The other parties are listed in the table:
Each of those parties' contact address is as follows:
C/- Thynne & Macartney
GPO Box 245
Brisbane QLD 4001

| ILUA Number | ILUA Name | Description of agreement area | Additional Party to the Agreement |
|-------------|---|--|---|
| QI2014/039 | Kullilli People/Zenoni ILUA | About 64 sq km, approx. 70 km south of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | Gregory Noel Vicary Sherwin |
| QI2014/040 | Kullilli People/Wiralla ILUA | About 365 sq km, approx. 40 km northeast of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo & Paroo Shire Councils. | Louise Ann Battye and Richard John Harries |
| QI2014/041 | Kullilli People/Tickalara ILUA | About 872 sq km, approx. 155 km southwest of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | William John Caldwell and Tickalara Pastoral Company Pty Ltd |
| QI2014/042 | Kullilli People/Thargo ILUA | About 100 sq km, approx. 30 km northeast of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | Margaret Meredith Ecroyd and Timothy George Ecroyd |
| QI2014/043 | Kullilli People/Autumnvale and The Pioneers ILUA | About 411 sq km, approx. 8 km northeast of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | Dabbat Pty Ltd |
| QI2014/044 | Kullilli People/Congie ILUA | About 33 sq km, approx. 75 km southwest of Quilpie LGA: Quilpie Shire Council. | Congie Pastoral Company Ltd |
| QI2014/045 | Kullilli People/Kulki ILUA | About 491 sq km, located northwest of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | ECT Holdings Pty Ltd |
| QI2014/046 | Kullilli People/Narylico ILUA | About 182 sq km, approx. 195 km southwest of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | S Kidman & Co Ltd |
| QI2014/047 | Kullilli People/Clyde (aka Picarilli Downs) and Wongetta ILUA | About 1050 sq km, located southwest of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | Ian Joseph Kemp Glasson and Lynette Joan Glasson |
| QI2014/048 | Kullilli People/Norley, Orient and Pinidary ILUA | About 5365 sq km, approx. 20 km northwest of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | Usher Pastoral Company Pty Ltd |
| QI2014/049 | Kullilli People/Kuging and Orinya ILUA | About 359 sq km, approx. 94 km south of Quilpie LGA: Quilpie Shire Council. | Alan Raebble Schottelius and Elma Beth Schottelius |
| QI2014/050 | Kullilli People/Talgeberry ILUA | About 0.5 sq km, approx. 80 km southwest of Quilpie LGA: Quilpie Shire Council. | Dorothy Joan Walker and Robert Leclere Walker |
| QI2014/051 | Kullilli People/Mirintu ILUA | About 454 sq km, approx. 100 km south of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | Karbill Pty Ltd and Protor Pty Ltd |
| QI2014/052 | Kullilli People/Bellera, Bulloo Downs and Molesworth ILUA | About 10720 sq km, approx. 65 km southwest of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | Gibson Grazing Pty Ltd |
| QI2014/053 | Kullilli People/Dynevor Downs ILUA | About 137 sq km, approx. 20 km east of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | Michael Gibson and Marie Therese Gibson |
| QI2014/055 | Kullilli People/Ardoch ILUA | About 254 sq km, approx. 92 km south of Quilpie LGA: Quilpie Shire Council. | Bernadette Hall and Helena Salmon |
| QI2014/060 | Kullilli People/Mulianna ILUA | About 673 sq km, approx. 80 km southwest of Quilpie LGA: Quilpie Shire Council. | GM & JA Bodkin Pty Ltd |
| QI2014/061 | Kullilli People/Moombidary ILUA | About 631 sq km, approx. 87 km south of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | Weemabah Pty Ltd |
| QI2014/062 | Kullilli People/Kyeene ILUA | About 28 sq km, approx. 62 km northeast of Thargomindah LGA: Paroo Shire Council. | Brian Sidney Betts, Jill Elizabeth Betts and Brian John Betts |
| QI2014/063 | Kullilli People/Nockatunga ILUA | About 3337 sq km, approx. 90 km west of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | Consolidated Pastoral Company Pty Ltd |
| QI2014/064 | Kullilli People/Pyampah (aka Wompa) ILUA | About 158 sq km, approx. 185 km southwest of Thargomindah LGA: Bulloo Shire Council. | Bradley Ross Betts and Ross Hamilton Betts |

The agreements do not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either section 24EB(1) or subsection 24EBA(1) or (4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The purpose of each agreement is "to establish practical and flexible arrangements for access to and use of the Agreement Area by the Kullilli People to exercise the Kullilli People's Native Title rights and interests, during the term of the Lease, in a manner that is compatible with the Lessee's continued use and enjoyment of the Lease Area according to the terms of the lease and to manage any associated risks".

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:
These applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services Limited, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is described above. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD, 4000** by **3 December 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 agreements are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.
For assistance and further information about these applications, call Tracey Jefferies on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.



Hassan Ahmat-Watkins, left, with West Adelaide Aboriginal support officer Andrew White, who undertakes the role on a voluntary basis. Picture: Peter Argent

Record breaker

By PETER ARGENT



TEENAGER Hassan Ahmat-Watkins broke his own Macca's Cup goal-kicking record with an 12.3 haul for West Adelaide against South Panthers in a South Australian National Football League (SANFL) under-age match.

Last year against Central District in round one, Ahmat-Watkins, 19, kicked 11.6 at the Ponderosa, Elizabeth Oval to set the record.

But on August 16, he had a massive 27 disposals for a key forward, took 12 marks and broke his own record, kicking 12.3.

West Adelaide won by a massive 165 points and this result elevated them into finals calculations.

"I actually first played at this level a couple of weeks before my 15th birthday," the laconic Ahmat-Watkins said.

"Football started for me in Darwin with the Buffaloes and I've now been in Adelaide for nine years.

"Before coming out to Westies, I played juniors with the Goodwood Saints.

"My ambition in the short term is to get into shape and play (SANFL) league football with the Bloods.

"I still dream about having a crack at the big time.

"My heroes include Buddy (Franklin) and Cyril (Rioli)."

Ahmat-Watkins said the support he received from Andrew Marks, the football manager at West Adelaide, Aboriginal support officer Andrew White and his mother Mandy had been important in his development.

White, a former reserves footballer at Milner Avenue in the 1980s, became involved in a mentoring role four years ago.

This position is a first in SANFL football, showing the progressive nature of the club.

"We have four lads in the West

Adelaide Macca's Cup squad. Along with Hassan, there is Graham Hampton, Lachie (Lachlan) Dodds-Watson and Reece Hocking," White said.

"There are more lads coming up through the under 16s.

"We discuss a range of issues including football, life skills and the overall development of the player.

"At the start of the year, we had chats with Hassan about his desire to continue in the program and got (senior player) Travis Tuck involved.

"All credit must go to Hassan. He has applied himself and is enjoying the rewards."

Agius leads the way

The 185cm, 91kg Ahmat-Watkins, is second on the Macca's Cup goal-kicking ladder with 43 goals for the season, behind another prodigious Aboriginal talent Kieran Agius, from North Adelaide, who reached his half century with four goals against Woodville West Torrens at Maughan Thiem Hyundai Oval (Woodville) on August 16.

The previous week, in the round 16 clash with Sturt, Agius collected Macca's Cup MVP nomination after he kicked nine goals and secured 27 disposals and took 17 marks.

Ahmat-Watkins won a MVP nomination for his prodigious performance in round one last year against the Bulldogs. Along with the 11 goals that day, Ahmat-Watkins collected 26 disposals, snared 10 marks, five of which were contested.

His older brother, Nathan once trained with AFL club Richmond and also played at the Bloods.

The sporting genes certainly run in the family, as the boys' grandfather is Australia's first Indigenous basketballer, Michael Ahmat.

Inducted into basketball's Hall of Fame, Michael Ahmat played with the Boomers at the Tokyo and Mexico Olympic Games.

Stunning debut season by Lismore netball club



A NEW netball club in Lismore is having a sensational debut season in the local competition. The Bundjalarms club proudly proclaims that it embraces all cultures, but has a strong Aboriginal connection.

Last week, as Lismore prepared for a wet weekend that threatened the final minor round of the competition, the Bundjalarms were looking forward to figuring in the semifinals in every division in which it is represented.

The club had nine teams in their first year in Lismore netball.

The Bundjalarm under 10 Bhibis played non-competitive netball, but the other eight teams were expected to figure in the semifinals.

The Bundjalarms entered teams in the under 11 (Butterflies), under 16 (three

teams) and four senior teams (1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th divisions).

Spokeswoman Juliana Vranic said the Bundjalarms were all-embracing and that was the most pleasing aspect of the club.

She paid tribute to her hard-working committee colleagues Brian Caldwell, Georgina Cohen and Tamara Hamshaw.

She said that as a result of the club forming, many more Aboriginal girls were now playing netball, providing them with a pathway to healthier options and selection opportunities at representative levels.

"We've had a great first season and everything has run so smoothly," she said.

"Next year we expect to have even more teams. I think it will reach a point where we might have to cap our numbers.

"We're open to everyone and we want to embrace all cultures – we're not just Aboriginal.



● TOP: The second division intermediate (under 16) side.

● ABOVE: Some of the open women's players, from left, Leila King, Lala Glue, Corina Smith, Tia Kendell, Jindina King, Mahala Kendell, and Taleah Wilson. Pictures: Fiona Ozols.

● LEFT: Some of the non-competitive Bhibis under 10 players.

Gold to rugby sevens



THE Australian Women's Youth Olympic rugby sevens team reserved its best performance for

the gold medal match as they demolished a brave Canadian outfit 38-10 in Nanjing, China, last Wednesday.

Two Indigenous girls – Amber Pilley, 16, from Tugun (Qld), and Caitlin Moran, 17, from Muswellbrook, in the Hunter Valley – were part of the Australian squad.

The win secured the country's

second gold medal at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

Coach Tim Walsh said: "This is a historic day for women's rugby sevens in Australia and a window into the future of this sport."

"The talent and potential in this country is huge and the performance from these girls is inspiring. The preparation for this tournament shows the character of the program and the dedication from all its members."

Walsh praised his players who ended their first Olympic journey with an incredible seven wins out of seven in Nanjing, scoring more

than 200 points in the process.

"But without a doubt the credit must go to the 12 players here in Nanjing and the shadow players back home in Australia for their talent, desire and commitment to each other, themselves and Australia."

Exciting future

"I am so proud and very excited about the future we are creating in this country."

In pool matches Australia beat Tunisia 33-0, China 15-12, USA 38-0, Spain 41-0 and Canada 21-5.

In the semifinals, Australia beat the USA 33-0 and then Canada 38-10 in the final.

In the final pool match and the semifinal against the US, Moran was the standout player for Australia.

Moran said: "That's a shout out to my brother!"

"Thank you for all the backyard biffs that we had – when I hated you because you pushed me into the fence – it really got my footwork going."

"Going back to when we were kids, he was always on to me about footwork. I'm not the

biggest on the field – clearly, we're not the biggest team, but you've got to be smarter, faster and spread it wide."

"Aussies have got some different sort of talent than everyone else has, so it's really good to analyse it and use it."

A total of 89 Australian athletes are competing in 23 sports at the Nanjing Youth Olympics. The Games end tomorrow (Thursday).

The Youth Olympics Summer Games were first held in Singapore in 2010 and are open to athletes between the ages of 14 and 18.

Palm students take to the air



The Palm Island youngsters who travelled to Townsville Sports Reserve for the Red Track athletics carnival. They had a big day on the track – and in the air!

By ALF WILSON



THE North Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island is renowned for producing quality male rugby league and female netball players.

But many of the island's youngsters excel at athletics.

A large number of them travelled to Townsville on August 12 for the Red Track athletics carnival at the Sports Reserve, where they were pitted against students from mainland schools.

Fifty-two of Palm Island's finest

competed, but this year had to use a different form of transport due to some changes with the ferry and their usual accommodation.

A number of ferry services from Palm to Townsville were cancelled because of rough seas.

Only days before, a big team of Palm boxers were to travel to Rockhampton for a Global Boxing tournament, but couldn't make the trip when the ferry for the first leg of the journey was cancelled.

"All our athletics students and supporters flew over and back on the day, making the experience all the more adventurous," said Palm Island teacher

Rosalie Tennent.

"For some, it was their first time in a plane."

"West Wing Aviation and Palm Island Community Company gave generous support in getting the kids to Townsville – we could not have done it without them."

The strongest performers were Shayron Baira and Dan Namoa in the sprints, Zayhlee Pointer and Levi Baira in the shot put, and Chylesiah James, Mericka Friday and Levi Baira in the 200m and 800m.

"Our 11-years girls relay team of Chylesiah James, Rosie Bramwell, Waisie Miller and Rani Lind broke the record," Ms

Tennent said.

"Levi, Mericka and Chylesiah were named in the Townsville District team to compete at the North Queensland championships in September."

Levi Baira is a champion young amateur boxer and quality rugby league player.

Local boxing trainer Ray Dennis said Levi had the ability to go on to bigger things if he was committed to training.

"Like many, Levi is a natural at sport," Dennis said.

Ms Tennent said all students at the Townsville carnival impressed on and off the track, making it a day to remember.

IMP team tackles city2surf



SYDNEY'S buzzing atmosphere and some inspirational words from Australian marathon legends contributed to outstanding results for the 2014 Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) team's first ever Sydney City2Surf race.

For most of the team, not only was it their first City2Surf, the third IMP camp also marked an inaugural trip to the NSW capital.

The team of 10, which started in the red category just behind the elites, was among 85,000 runners who lined up in one of the world's most iconic running festivals.

Inspired by marathon greats Steve Moneghetti and Michael Shelley, in addition to IMP ambassador and dual City2Surf champion Lara Tamsett, the team excelled.

Remembering marathon legend Rob de Castella's advice to look back at the crowd when they reached the Coca-Cola sign at Kings Cross, Sarah Carmody said it was an unbelievable sight.

"Rob told us the crowd of runners will look like Smarties, in all different colours. And it just looked like everyone was chasing us," she recalled.

Words of encouragement

Buoyed by some words of encouragement from Australian Commonwealth gold medalist Michael Shelley and former world champion Steve Moneghetti, Heartbreak Hill didn't stand a chance against the IMP runners.

"In the back of my mind, I told myself that if I can smash Milman Hill 13 times, Heartbreak Hill is easy for me," said Thursday Islander Harold Matthew, who crossed the line in just under 70 minutes. (Milman Hill peaks at 104 metres above sea level and is Thursday Island's highest point.)

"To see Rob, Michael, Steve, Charlie, and Lara sharing their journeys and giving us tips on how to prepare for bigger events, it definitely inspired me even more to make New York and participate in many more marathons in the future," Matthew said.

Sydney was home to the team's third camp ahead of their fourth and final challenge – a 30km test event in Alice Springs in September.

Runners who complete the 30km run will make the final squad to run in the New York City Marathon in November.

The Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) is a health promotion charity established in 2009 by marathon champion Robert de Castella that has mentored and trained 32 Australian Indigenous runners to finish the New York, Boston and Tokyo marathons.

A full list of IMP City2Surf runners and their results:

Brendan Peeters (Cairns) time 54.49 overall 486, male finisher 461, age category 136.
Nathan Riley (Dubbo) 57.23 938 879 267.
Raymond Ingram (Sydney) 1:04.32 3980 3589 974.
Harold Matthew (Thursday Island) 1:09.55 8366 7144 2829.
Adrian Dodson-Shaw (Broome) 1:12.49 10952 9046 3520.
Allirra Braun (Katherine) 1:13.26 11565 2081 652.
Ruth Wallace (Adelaide) 1:17.15 15351 3431 1112.
Elsie Seriat (Thursday Island) 1:17.16 15365 3436 1116.
Toni Daisy (Townsville) 1:18.32 16793 4007 1325.
Sarah Carmody (Alice Springs) 1:31.09 30362 10608 3639.



Brendan Peeters, from Cairns, was the first IMP runner to complete the City2Surf course.



Charlie Maher was part of the IMP's first ever squad in 2010 and the first Australian Indigenous man to run the New York marathon. The Alice Springs runner is pictured here in the yellow singlet running in the 2014 City2Surf in Sydney.



Elsie Seriat (No 7224) and Ruth Wallace (No 7221) are pictured powering towards the finish line.



Rob de Castella (front) with his IMP City2Surf team and supporters at Bondi Beach.

I'd leave Mundine in tears: Danny Green



FORMER boxing world champion Danny Green

insists he'll be at peace even if a re-match against arch rival Anthony Mundine never eventuates.

But if the grudge match ever does go ahead, Green says it will only end in one way – with Mundine in tears.

Green hasn't fought since beating Kiwi Shane Cameron over 12 rounds in November, 2012.

Speculation of a Green-Mundine rematch intensified last month after Green met up with Mundine's manager Khoder Nasser.

However, the differential in weight between the two fighters remains the biggest stumbling block, and perhaps a hurdle that may never be overcome.

Green weighed in at 87.1kg before his last fight, while Mundine tipped the scales at 69.9kg in his recent shock loss to Joshua Clottey.

During their first bout in 2006, Green was forced to shed significant weight to meet Mundine's preferred super-middleweight level – a process that left Green fatigued and lacking his trademark power.

Mundine was crowned the winner in a unanimous points decision over 12 rounds.

"I was dead on the scales the night before we fought," Green said.

"If he was any sort of a fighter, he would have knocked me out in two rounds given the condition I was in mentally and physically."

Green would love to avenge that loss to Mundine, but he's not sure if Mundine will ever have the guts to go toe-to-toe with him again.

"He knows the result if we do fight again, and the result ends in tears for him," Green said. "I've proven I'm a far superior fighter."

"And he knows it, because he hasn't had the balls to step back in and compete in the biggest fight he's ever going to have, apart from that first one."

"Even if we don't fight, I'll be able to look at myself in the mirror 10 years down the track and I'll know I've handled it as a fighter of substance." – AAP

Punters bid for one-off jumpers



THE Newcastle Knights came up with a nifty fundraiser – auctioning the jumpers worn by their players in the National Rugby League (NRL)

annual Close the Gap round.

The Knights earned a hard fought 28-22 victory over a tough New Zealand Warriors at Hunter Stadium on Sunday, August 17.

All Close the Gap Indigenous match playing jerseys were up for auction with each jersey signed by the individual player.

The Knights said the jerseys were a unique one-off piece of Knights history, which were worn to raise awareness of the Close the Gap campaign.

Online bidding ended last Friday at 5pm.



The Knights' Sione Mata'utia sprints down the sideline to score during the round 23 NRL agame against the New Zealand Warriors at Hunter Stadium, Newcastle, on Sunday, August 17. He is wearing the Knights' one-off Close the Gap round jumper. The jumpers worn by the players were auctioned.

Picture: AAP Image/Action Photographics

He's halfway, but what's more to come?

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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BUDDY Franklin celebrated his milestone 200th AFL game in style against St Kilda.

It again confirmed him as one of the true elite and potentially one of the all-time greats.

The frightening – and at the same time exciting – thing is that he may have just reached the halfway mark of his career.

The most encouraging thing is that he has not only hit peak form at the business end of the season, but appears to be completely settled following his big move from Hawthorn.

Although I am not taking any credit, I did predict he would thrive in the Swans culture and adapt to what is a less-pressured environment for an AFL player in Sydney.

The Swans believe Franklin has turned into a model citizen away from Melbourne's fishbowl existence, thriving like Swans

converts Barry Hall and Tony Lockett before him.

Admittedly, Buddy had a turbulent summer, but many would argue he is approaching the finals series in arguably the form of his career.

And it is not only the Swans who are having a positive influence on Buddy as he is in a steady relationship that can only be good for him.

Those who know Franklin well believe he is thriving with partner Jesinta Campbell and is as content as he has been in many years.

And Jesinta is not immune to the media spotlight in her own right, which can only be of benefit to Buddy.

Media scrutiny

That would have been important in the early days when he was under media scrutiny.

Franklin crashed his car, endured health issues and was stalked by the Sydney media over the summer, but has kicked 52.38 in a side charging towards the grand final.

Swans chief executive Andrew Ireland said the club was thrilled with Franklin's buy-in and demeanour at the club.

"I guess we only know him from the period of time he's been with us, but he seems extremely comfortable with everything going on in his life," he said.

"It's not for me to talk about his personal life, but at the footy he's relaxed and enjoying it and it's not that he didn't love his time at Hawthorn, but he has been able to settle in at the club and enjoy Sydney life.

"He is enjoying it as guys often do when they get up here.

"He is such a commanding figure – he would never go

unnoticed in this market – but you can go to the local coffee place and people aren't as forward in asking for a photo or an autograph.

"It is perhaps a less stressful lifestyle up here for a high-profile player than in a footy-mad state."

Just as importantly, Buddy has gained the respect of the senior players at the club who are the guardians of the Bloods' culture.

Retiring defender Lewis Roberts-Thomson was similarly effusive about Franklin's addition to this culture.

"He has been fantastic, honestly. You can't get a better team man than Bud," he said.

"The way he plays footy speaks for itself, but in the things he does off the field, he gets around the young guys, he works hard on opposition analysis and he is a really loyal character to have around the footy club."

Franklin last week spoke of his absolute love of the game, with Ireland believing that will help him play long into his nine-year contract.

"One of the factors when we did the deal with Lance was to have a person who just inherently loves playing and when you play like him, you enjoy playing the game."

But most importantly, it is Franklin himself who believes that the move to Sydney has made him a better player.

Buddy admits he has been infected by the famous Swans work ethic since a shock defection from Hawthorn during the off-season.

"More work rate around the ball, my second and third efforts have improved a little bit since I've left Hawthorn," Franklin said.

Franklin is now a more complete player, and it is not

just because of an increased work rate.

He has spent hours with former Swans goal sneak and now runner, Nick Davis, improving his unreliable kicking for goal by greatly reducing, if not eliminating, the exaggerated arch in the left footer's run-up.

"I've definitely worked a lot harder this season on my goal kicking technique with Nick Davis and a few others," Franklin said.

"But in big games I've got to be able to kick the goals and against Hawthorn I wasn't able to do that, which I was a little bit disappointed in.

"That's one area I've got to keep working on."

Coleman candidate

Franklin is vying for his third Coleman Medal and first since 2011.

Remarkably, Franklin is only halfway through his career, according to the mega nine-year, \$10 million contract he signed with the Swans at the start of the season.

"I think I'll catch Goodes, won't I?" he joked.

Adam (Goodes) is the current club record holder with 345 matches and is strongly tipped to play on again next season.

"He'll probably still be playing. But I absolutely love playing football. I've loved it since I was little and I love it still," Franklin said.

"That motivation to get up every morning and be out there with your mates and put on a Sydney Swans jumper and play football is something that I absolutely love.

"Until I don't like doing that, that's when I'll give it up, but at this stage I love playing football and love being out there."

What more can you ask? Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Thunder rolls towards finals footy



THE Northern Territory Thunder have secured the right to host a North East Australian Football League (NEAFL) home final in Darwin, with their eighth consecutive victory over the Redland Bombers.

In wet conditions NT Thunder outlasted a determined Redland Bombers outfit, to keep their top two aspirations alive, recording an 11-point victory.

Thunder won 11.7 (73) to 9.8 (62).

Finishing the regular season with 15 wins and three losses, NT Thunder had a bye in

round 21 where results of other matches could determine whether NT Thunder play in the first elimination final on August 30 or secure another week off and play in the preliminary final on September 6.

"Regardless of the round 21 results, NT Thunder will play finals football at TIO Stadium in Darwin this year," Thunder CEO Jarred Ilett said.

Thunder head coach Xavier Clarke said: "There is a strong belief within the group that if we can do the work, stick to our processes and keep each other accountable, we can achieve something special."

Athletics takes to the bush



INDIGENOUS children in remote parts of Australia are beginning to benefit from Athletics for the Outback – an initiative of Athletics Australia.

The Indigenous participation program partnered with the Normanton State School, in Queensland's Gulf region, to conduct the 2014 Gulf Athletics Carnival.

About 120 primary and secondary students from Normanton State School, Gulf Christian College, Doomadgee State School, Mornington Island State School, Cloncurry State School, Karumba State School and Mount Isa School of the Air participated in three days of athletics clinics and competition.

Normanton is a remote town in the Gulf region of north-west Queensland, just south of the Gulf of Carpentaria on the Normanton River.

The town's population is 1100 – 60% of whom are Indigenous.

Athletics Australia's Athletics for the Outback staff have returned to Normanton to help deliver the carnival for more than five years.

"Athletics Australia is the only

national sports organisation that comes to Normanton every year to help deliver a sports carnival such as this," Normanton State School principal Tonia Smerdon said.

"The kids really enjoy the chance to learn from the experts. This is the first year that the students have mingled with children from other schools and it's nice to see some parents here."

The Athletics for the Outback team that visited Normanton in July included AA's Indigenous participation coordinator Bridgid Junot and national coaching manager Jill Taylor, St Patrick's College (Brisbane) head of sport Luke Donatini and athletics coach Kate Colahan, Athletics North Queensland development officer Dayne O'Hara and Australian Sports Commission Active After School Communities regional coordinator Shane Froling.

Junot said the experience was one she will never forget.

"Going to Normanton and working with the Gulf region children has been an experience of a lifetime," she said.

"The kids, teachers and community members were incredibly welcoming and



A Normanton youngster competes in the long jump in the IAAF Nestle Healthy Active Kids' Athletics clinic.

enthusiastic.

"It's great to see a community get behind our great sport and have fun learning new skills.

"We look forward to returning next year and I hope that we can bring even more coaches and, possibly even some Australian Flame team

members with us.

"It's incredible to see how easily these kids can pick up a new sport.

"Their lifestyle is one that permits them to live a free range life, so running, jumping and throwing comes so naturally to them."

During the morning of the first day of the carnival, students participated in four rotations of athletics clinics that gave them the opportunity to get some tips from the experts in throws, jumps and sprinting events.

Participants learned the fundamental skills of running, jumping and throwing using modified equipment and introducing team-based competition.

Regional titles

During the next two days, students competed in the Gulf District Athletics competition.

The first two athletes to cross the line in each event earned the right to be selected to represent their district at the regional athletics meet in Longreach two weeks later.

"Being able to see the kids having a good time, it's good to see them competing against each other and have fun with kids from other schools," said Karumba paramedic and ambulance driver Scott Jones.

"Any competition for the children is a positive thing. With Athletics Australia coming here, it gives the kids an idea of the possibilities that are out there and that anyone can attain."

Tough challenge



Narelle Henry

By CHRIS PIKE



NARELLE Henry now has the biggest job in the West Australian State Basketball League (SBL) after being appointed the women's head coach of the East Perth Eagles for the 2015 season and beyond.

Henry is one of WA's great female basketball products, having had a distinguished playing career in 283 games in the SBL between 1993 and 2012 while in between playing with distinction in college basketball in the United States and in the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL).

She finished her playing career with the Perth Redbacks in the SBL at the end of the 2012 season and that was on the back of having been the playing-coach for the previous five years with the same club.

She took a step back from the SBL in 2013 and 2014, but now is returning to the fold from 2015 and beyond as the head coach of the women's East Perth Eagles team that desperately needs to be rebuilt into a competitive outfit.

Three wins from 44 matches

The Eagles won just two matches in the 2014 SBL season and that was on the back of a one-win season in 2013, so Henry has a big job to build up a team to be competitive, having won just three of their past 44 matches.

Losing 41 of 44 games is a struggling team by anyone's description, but if anyone is capable of building up the Eagles, it's Henry as she now becomes the only non-playing female coach in the SBL competition.

"I am excited to be involved in basketball again at the SBL level and I'm looking forward to the challenge ahead of me at East Perth," Henry said.

"I look forward to also working with Steph Jones on junior development within the girls program so

that the club can provide a pathway for our juniors from the local competition to WABL and hopefully the SBL. It will be an exciting time."

Henry's career began in the SBL as a 15-year-old in 1993 and in between a four-year stint at High Point University in North Carolina between 1999 and 2003, she went on to play 283 matches in the State league in WA until retiring at the end of 2012.

That included a two-year stint with the Eagles before she finished off with the Perth Redbacks upon returning from college and after retiring from her WNBL career with the Perth Lynx, where she played 97 games until retiring following the 2006-07 season.

Between 2007 and 2011, Henry had her first taste of coaching at SBL level while still playing and that included her being named the coach of the year in 2010 and winning the Department of Sport and Recreation Community Coaches Award for basketball in 2011.

Not only has Henry had an outstanding playing career at the national and state levels and in the United States, she has been an outstanding role model and mentor for the Indigenous community by being involved in a wide range of programs.

Henry has worked with the Clontarf Girls Academy as the project manager, as a consultant on Indigenous traineeships with the AFL SportsReady program, a motivation and keynote speaker for the past 13 years, as a role model and mentor in the community and a variety of other projects that only continue to show her passion to pass on her vast experience, knowledge and passion.

There continues to be some outstanding Indigenous players in the women's SBL as well, most notably Monique Kickett at the Perth Redbacks, who previously was coached by Henry, and sisters Jacinta and Talisia Bourne, of the Rockingham Flames, currently attempting to qualify for the grand final.

Beale keeps playmaker's role for second Test



Kurtley Beale kicks a penalty goal for Australia during the opening game of the Bledisloe Cup series against the New Zealand All Blacks at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, on Saturday, August 16. Picture: AAP



KURTLEY Beale retained his place at five-eighth in the Australian rugby union team that took on New Zealand on Saturday in the Bledisloe Cup match at Eden Park, Auckland.

There was talk last week that Wallabies coach Ewen McKenzie might reinstate Bernard Foley as the chief playmaker following an indifferent performance by Beale in the opening game a week earlier in Sydney.

Australia drew that match 12-all to end New Zealand's unbroken run of 17 Test victories.

But McKenzie resisted calls to reinstate Foley.

Beale had an influential game in the

first Test, kicking all of Australia's points and McKenzie backed the mercurial match-winner to continue sparking the Wallabies attack in Auckland.

"We were impressed with the pressure we were able to apply in the opening Test and, despite some errors, were pleased with the intent of the group to continue attacking despite the poor weather conditions," McKenzie said after the Sydney test.

"While we didn't quite get there on Saturday night, I do know that we've made good progress since our first test against New Zealand a year ago."

The Wallabies were aiming to end the All Blacks' run of 14 test wins over Australia at Eden Park.

The last time Australia won at Eden

Park was in 1986 while the All Blacks haven't lost in 20 years and 32 tests at their spiritual home.

Beale produced a mixed bag in the series opener in Sydney.

His four penalty goals from five attempts ultimately earned Australia the 12-12 draw.

But in difficult conditions for the playmakers, he also threw several wayward passes in the steady rain, including an intercept, and conceded a vital penalty for not releasing the ball with the Wallabies deep on attack midway through the first half.

While safe under the high ball, Beale came in for plenty of special attention from New Zealand and he was lucky they didn't score after dispossessing him in a heavy

tackle after he soared to take a bomb in the opening minutes.

Pre-match, All Blacks coach Steve Hansen said he was "dumfounded" that his Wallabies counterpart opted for Beale to start his first Test at five-eighth in almost two years instead of sticking with incumbent Foley.

McKenzie, though, said he wasn't unhappy with Beale's performance.

"I thought he was trying to make things happen, which is what we wanted and he goalkicked at 80%," McKenzie said.

"It wasn't ideal conditions. It doesn't matter who you would have played, it was a difficult game.

"We could have reverted, just played a field-position game I suppose, but that's not what we want to be about." — AAP

Kelly accepts ban



GOLD Coast Titans halfback Albert Kelly has been caught up in the Australian Sports

Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) drugs scandal plaguing the National Rugby League (NRL) and will cop a 12-month ban.

He is one of 10 current NRL players to accept an ASADA deal that resulted in a 12-month bans, backdated to November 2013, for their involvement in a supplements program in 2011.

Cronulla captain Paul Gallen was one of the 10 players.

The players, who were immediately stood down by the NRL, agreed to the deal on Friday morning after receiving

assurances from the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) that the terms would not be appealed by the international body.

Cronulla players Gallen, Nathan Gardner, Wade Graham and Anthony Tupou have accepted the deal, along with Newcastle's Jeremy Smith and Kade Snowden, the Titans' Kelly and prop Luke Douglas, plus North Queensland centre Matthew Wright.

The suspension rules Gallen out of the upcoming Four Nations tournament for Australia, while Smith will be unable to represent New Zealand.

With the exception of Wright, the other players would in effect serve a three-match club-playing ban as they would be ruled out

for the remainder of the season.

Wright will miss the finals with the Cowboys and the Four Nations tournament for Samoa.

Super League-based players Paul Aiton and Ben Pomeroy are understood to have rejected the offer.

It is understood the players made the decision after being told WADA was 'comfortable' with the backdated bans.

Meanwhile, WADA has been urged to overrule the 'light' punishments dished out to past and present Cronulla Sharks players, it has been reported.

Despite lawyers for the players saying they received a guarantee from ASADA that WADA would not interfere in the sanctions process, News Corp

reported that WADA's chief executive was yet to review the evidence from the 17 doping cases.

Former WADA boss John Fahey has said ASADA's 'light' penalties made a joke of anti-doping integrity in Australia and he has strongly urged WADA chief executive David Howman to review and overrule the sanctions.

WADA's Howman has said the matter was far from resolved.

"The matter is not concluded. WADA has not received a brief of evidence and is yet to determine if the sanctions are appropriate based on that evidence and the application of the code," he said in an email to Fahey, News Corp reported on Saturday.

"If they are not satisfied, we will ask to take the matters to the Court of Arbitration of Sport."

Fahey was angry over the backdated penalties.

"Nobody has had their record expunged... they did not hand back their earnings from this year nor did they have their names wiped from the record books as so many convicted athletes are forced to do under the WADA code around the world," he said.

The NRL offered little comment on the bans.

In a statement, the game's governing body said it "was aware that all current NRL players involved in the ASADA investigation have responded to the show-cause notices issued by the Authority". — AAP

Eight quarters all in one day

By CHRIS PIKE



TONY Armstrong knows that every chance he gets with Collingwood must be grabbed with both hands as he tries to cement himself at the Magpies having

previously already played with two AFL clubs, but he hardly had the ideal preparation to play the Brisbane Lions in Round 21.

Armstrong is in his first season with Collingwood, having spent time previously with the Adelaide Crows and Sydney Swans, and he didn't expect to be playing the Brisbane Lions at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in round 21.

He was named as an emergency for Collingwood's AFL side and as a result played in the VFL on that Saturday afternoon for the Magpies, where he had 24 possessions to play a big part in the team's 14-point victory over Geelong at Simonds Stadium.

However, once the game ended was when the drama began as he turned up at the MCG expecting to watch the AFL contest between the Magpies and Lions.

But when Collingwood captain Scott Pendlebury and lively forward Jamie Elliott pulled out late with injuries, Armstrong was called upon to suit up again and played his second full match of the day.

Armstrong acquitted himself well, finishing with 17 possessions and six marks in Collingwood's loss to Brisbane and over the course of his VFL and AFL matches, he ran in excess of 25km on the day.

Sorry Sunday

By Sunday, his body was feeling the effects of having played eight quarters of football in one day.

However, he recovered well and the 24-year-old's body responded well enough where he was able to back up and remain in the Collingwood team to play the GWS Giants.

"On Sunday I was just spent, absolutely spent. I had nothing left. There's no suggestion of a rest after that game though," Armstrong said.

"I got looked after, but playing two games on the weekend took its toll. I had a light week after that to make sure I was ready to go again the next week.

"It was a nice light week for me after that. I did a lot more recovery-based stuff and just tried to get my legs going again. You can't just rest totally, you actually have to do a little bit, otherwise you tighten up and have no chance of backing up."

Tony Armstrong



Armstrong was initially drafted into the AFL by the Adelaide Crows, where he played nine games in 2010 and five in 2011 before being moved on to the Sydney Swans.

There, he played eight matches in 2012, but missed the premiership and then added another seven games in 2013 before finding himself delisted at the end of the season and desperate for one more chance to show that he can make in the AFL.

He received that lifeline from Collingwood, but has been restricted to playing with the Magpies' VFL side until being called up for the last three matches and he looks set now to

finish the season with the senior team.

The hard-running and skilful half-back has been happy with the way he has been able to make the most of his opportunities when offered by Collingwood and hopes to continue to do so.

"My season has been OK," Armstrong said.

"I've been in pretty good form. My last 12 or so weeks have been good and I've been able to use the ball pretty well.

"I've played alright when I've come in and I've defended pretty well so I've just got to keep doing that."

Daley is back as Blues coach



LAURIE Daley says the bond formed between the NSW players and staff that ended Queensland's State of Origin

dominance will never be broken.

Daley became the first Blues coach since Ricky Stuart in 2005 to win an Origin series last month and last week was rewarded with a new two-year contract extension that will keep him in the role until 2017.

The 44-year-old said he still hadn't fully appreciated the enormity of what his side achieved by beating a mighty Maroons side 2-1 despite two matches being played in Brisbane, but is already planning ahead for 2015.

"I haven't had a chance to sit down with all the boys as such and really celebrate and enjoy the moment," Daley said.

"Blokes had to get back to their clubs and back to work so to speak straight after Origin.

Get together

"But when the season's over, we will all get together as a group and it will be very special.

"We haven't had time to reflect on it, but when people stop and talk to you in the street, you start to realise the effect it had and what a wonderful achievement it was.

"Some of the best wins I ever had, whether it be with club, Origin or with Australia, you have a bond with those guys and reminisce about the time it happened. It will be the same for these blokes.

"I am delighted and honoured to be given the chance to lead this team for another two years."

The Blues plotted their Origin victory from their base in Coffs Harbour this year, but as of yet a decision hasn't been taken about whether they will return with a number of other regions expressing interest in housing the Blues.

But Daley said he and his backroom team were already identifying future Blues players to ensure Queensland never exerted such a long dominance again.

"We've already started planning; at the moment it's not as hectic as it can be," Daley said. — AAP

Shannon Walker keen to return to rugby league



AUSTRALIAN rugby sevens star Shannon Walker wants to return to the National Rugby League (NRL), according to *Rugby League Week (RLW)*.

It said he wanted to prove he could cut it at fullback. Walker, 25, signed with the Australian Rugby Union in 2011 as a sevens player, where he has been a revelation.

After shining at fullback for the Tweed Heads Seagulls in the Queensland Cup in 2007, Walker played only four NRL games with the Gold Coast Titans, but wants another crack.

"I have been on the rugby sevens circuit for three years and travelling the world, but I grew up with rugby league and I love everything about it," Walker told *RLW*.

"Now I would like to go back and prove

myself. And if I did get a crack, I'd like a proper run.

"I was a bit disappointed just getting 10 or 15 minutes here and there and getting shafted as soon as I did something wrong.

"But there are a lot of people who have faith in me, and I'd like to give back to them.

"My family was a little bit angry that I left league and went to sevens, but I needed a change.

"I am keen to come back. I am throwing it out there because I am off contract in December and I want to put all offers on the table. I have been playing wing or centre at rugby, but I am keen to go back to fullback in league."

RLW said Walker's timing was perfect, with the Bulldogs, Knights and Raiders in the market for a fullback



Shannon Walker

GI leads the way

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

GREG Inglis has always been a leader in the making.

Working alongside him on the Indigenous Player Group as we realised the dream that became the All Stars event, I saw the drive and determination that has made him one of the true elite players in our game.

I also witnessed his great pride in his Aboriginal heritage and culture and knew that he could be a leader – not only in rugby league – but in causes that are important to our people.

Satisfying

So while it came as no great surprise to me personally, it was still satisfying to see Greg combine his off-field advocacy with his on-field leadership and form that has seen the Rabbitohs firm in the eyes of many as favourites for this year's National Rugby League (NRL) premiership.

For so long, GI was a reluctant skipper, but after taking on the South Sydney captaincy for the first time, he ensured the focus was on a more serious issue where he wants to show leadership.

Leading into the NRL's Close the Gap round, Greg spoke about his passion for Indigenous health.

"By the time I leave this earth, I want to see a big change in Indigenous health and the communities around Australia," he said.

"I am not afraid to voice my

opinions about Indigenous culture and the way it should be looked after.

"It's vitally important to raise awareness and truly understand what Close the Gap is.

"It's closing the gap between Indigenous and the non-Indigenous health and life expectancy."

Inglis hasn't always been comfortable speaking about issues close to his heart, but now the 27-year-old said he was at ease being a figurehead.

And with GI being comfortable, that spells danger for all opponents.

It's not as if Greg has shied away from his responsibilities or been afraid of showing his passion for his community.

It's just that he has preferred to do the majority of this work away from the spotlight of media and public scrutiny.

I know of numerous occasions where Greg has quietly turned up to events or donated his personal gear to

"The value of Inglis to the Rabbitohs as they venture to break the premiership-losing drought at Redfern is immeasurable."

support good causes.

All without even letting his club know what he was doing in case his motives were to be questioned,

I can also recount when along with Johnathan Thurston, Matt Bowen, Dean Widders, Sam Thaiday and myself, he signed a letter to then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to offer our services to help close the gap of Indigenous disadvantage.

I still believe this letter played a critical part in gaining government support for the All Stars.

The personal journey is also part of the reason why Greg Inglis is in great form at the right end of the season.

"It changed when I had an understanding of how I stood in the game and how I stood in the public eye," Inglis said.

"It just came about. I couldn't tell you when. I don't know when I decided to wake up and become this. It's something that just came upon me. It's one of those things that just happened. You don't go looking for it. It just happens."

Inglis didn't go searching for the club's captaincy.

It didn't cross his mind that he would be handed the job when regular South Sydney captain John Sutton was ruled out for six weeks with a knee injury.

"A captain isn't always one who goes out and leads by example. It is someone who has that mutual respect and a very good understanding of the players. I am new to this," he said.

Inglis needed little convincing when told of his appointment by coach Michael Maguire.

"He told me and then two days later he rang me up and said, 'You'll be right'," Inglis said.

"I said, 'Yeah, I'll take it on.' It didn't really hit me until the captain's run.

"I didn't change anything about me. It's a great honour. I'm not one to show my emotions. I will sit down one day and reflect on all this."

Like his teammates, Inglis is finding his best form.

But the value of Inglis to the Rabbitohs as they venture to break the premiership-losing drought at Redfern is immeasurable.

He is a proven big match player who knows what it takes to win grand finals.

He is also now a leader of men.

Statesman

In helping launch the Close the Gap round and rugby league's new Reconciliation Action Plan, he also showed he has become a statesman for the game and First Nations peoples.

In launching the week, he stressed the importance of Indigenous people being given the education and assistance to increase their life expectancy.

"There is no more important issue than giving Indigenous people the same opportunities as all other Australians," he said.

"And that means providing the education, nutrition and resources to ensure Indigenous people can live longer lives."

Greg Inglis is a true leader.

He is a winner.

On and off the field.

Former top player now a top coach

By PETER ARGENT



VANESSA Dempsey (nee Wilson) was known for her netball smarts around the court and is now transferring that to

the next generation of talent at her premier league club in Adelaide – Phoenix.

On Friday, August 8, as the head coach of the Subway Cup reserves team, she engineered a brilliant turnaround to secure the premiership cup.

Underdogs going into the season decider, after losing the second semifinal to the Western Jets by 21 goals, Wilson instilled confidence in her young charges and the turnaround was amazing.

Firstly, her team had to earn a re-match with the Jets.

The preliminary final was a low scoring affair, with the Phoenix getting up by two goals (37-35).

In the grand final, played on the Netball SA Stadium number one court, Phoenix dominated the contest and won by a mammoth 17 goals: 57-40.

Dempsey found the role of senior coach of the side demanding, yet exhilarating.

"I found coaching very time consuming, but loved working with the players to develop their game mentally and physically," Dempsey told the *Koori Mail*.

"This was rewarding when you see them achieve their full potential.

"I enjoyed the tactical and skill development that a coach can bring to the table, but most of all, I see a coach as being a mentor guiding the players.

"My assistant coach Nikki Minge (nee Kreig) gave me great

support and I could not have been successful without her."

Dempsey's leadership and direction from the sidelines was clearly indicated by the feedback received from the players.

"Vanessa is a great educator and has a tremendous understanding of the game," Dempsey's 17-year-old goal attack Lilly Miles said.

"Her direction is clear and concise.

"She seems unruffled and in control and that gives you confidence as a player.

"I believe she will develop into a great Subway Cup league coach very quickly."

Dempsey was assistant coach of the Phoenix Reserves in 2013 before taking over the senior role this year.

Highlights in her playing days included a Netball State League premiership with Oakdale (one of the foundation clubs that now have morphed into Phoenix) in their inaugural 2009 flag.

Elite

Diminutive, creative and ultra clean with her ball use, and with a rare ability to feed her shooters with guile and precision, Dempsey was regarded as one of the very elite wing attacks in the SA League competition.

Her efforts in this breakthrough season for Oakdale also included Team of the Year selection in what is regarded as one of the benchmark state competitions around the nation.

At the 2012 NAIDOC Awards, she shared the Sportsperson of the Year accolade with Joshua Robinson, from Queensland.

Dempsey is also the pioneer behind South Australia's innovative Nunga netball junior development program, which is now in its fifth year.



Vanessa Dempsey with her Subway Cup trophy and medal. She coached the Phoenix reserves to premiership success. Picture by Peter Argent

Tyrell packs a whack



BUNDABERG (Qld) lad Tyrell Priestley, 19, is back home after starring for Australia at the International Softball Federation's junior men's world championships in Whitehorse, Canada.

The Aussie Colts had six wins from nine games and finished fourth behind the three teams that beat them along the way – Argentina, New Zealand and Japan.

New Zealand won the tournament, beating Argentina 9-0 in the final, while Japan beat Australia 12-3 in the play-off for the bronze medal.

Priestley was one of Australia's batting stars.

He scored the sole home run, and the first for Australia at the tournament, in the 5-1 loss to the Kiwis in the opening game.

Then, when Australia's hopes of playing for a medal were on the line, Priestley produced two big hits against the USA to take the Aussies into the bronze medal play-off against Japan. Australia beat the US 8-0.

Tough baptism

The Australians had a tough baptism of fire, losing their first two games – 5-1 to New Zealand on July 11, then 2-1 to Japan.

After four days, their position was precarious as they had won one of four games after beating Singapore 9-2 and losing 3-0 to Argentina.

But then came wins against Canada (5-0), Mexico (5-3), the Czech Republic (4-2) and the USA (8-0).

The four-week trip was Priestley's first overseas and he told the Bundaberg *News Mail* that as good as it was to travel, he thought the results could have



Big-hitting Australian colts softball player Tyrell Priestley.
Picture: Softball Australia

been better.

"It was good. It was a good eye opener," he said.

"We went alright, we came fourth, and we should have probably done better.

"A few things didn't go right and the opposition was pretty good, pretty tough."

His ambition is to join another Indigenous Australian – Jeff Goolagong – in the men's senior team, the Aussie Steelers.

Priestley works as a labourer

with his father Seddy on Curtis Island, near Gladstone, where a huge gas development is taking shape.

Seddy Priestley told the *Koori Mail* Tyrell started playing softball at the age of six.

He attended North Bundaberg State School and High School.

Women in action

Meanwhile, two Indigenous women – Stacey Porter and Vanessa Stokes – were in the

Australian Spirit team that contested the 14th ISF women's world championships in the Netherlands.

Along the way, they had extended stops in Japan and Italy, where they played warm-up games before the world championship.

In Japan, they came up against a number of local professional teams, while in Italy games against the United States and the Italians were scheduled.

The Netherlands tournament in Haarlem ran from August 15-24.

The Aussie Spirit beat Chinese Taipei 2-1 in their opening pool game, then beat Italy 10-0, Great Britain 9-0, The Netherlands 4-0, lost 4-2 to the US, beat Botswana 17-0 and beat the Dominican Republic 7-0.

Porter, from NSW, has been a regular for Australia and captained the team in Holland.

Stokes, from South Australia, was a pitcher.

Cows, snakes... it's all part of the game

By ALF WILSON



FOR the past 25 years, a Hughenden team with a majority of male and female Aboriginal players has been competing at the unique Reedybrook Ashes cricket carnival.

It is played each August on three concrete pitches at the cow fattening section of remote Reedybrook Station, a Brahman stud with a commercial herd, in the upper reaches of the Burdekin River, north-west of Townsville.

Twelve teams battled it out at the 32nd carnival on August 16-17.

Every player gets to bat and bowl and batsman have to retire at 30.

Teams consist of males and females and sometimes teenagers.

Cows often can be seen grazing not far from the cricket and it is not uncommon seeing

players dodging cow pats as they field.

Taipan snakes can be another obstacle.

It is widely regarded as the only cricket carnival held on a cattle station and to get there, players have travel 40km on a dirt road from the highway between Mt Garnet and the Lynd Junction.

All money raised at the carnival goes to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Angel Flights and local charities.

Hughenden team organisers are husband and wife Les and Kelly Carter (nee Anderson), who are Aboriginal.

"We lost our first game to Balfes Creek, but got a win on day two against West Endies," Les Carter said.

Carter said his side included promising young Indigenous cricketers Justin Lauder and Brandon Anderson.

Joan Harriman and her husband George own Reedybrook Station and were glowing in their praise for competing sides and players.



Les and Kelly Carter, of Hughenden, have been part of the Reedybrook Ashes scene for a long time.

"Weipa players travel the greatest distance. Weipa has been coming here for the past 16 carnivals and Hughenden for decades," Mrs Harriman said.

The latest carnival was won by Gumflats XI, from Greenvale Grogolots. Weipa Crocs took out

the best social team award.

Showuzya won the wooden spoon.

Players and supporters camp on the freshwater section of the Burdekin River.

Kids and adults can swim and fish in the Burdekin.

Money is raised from an auction, cane toads races, a greasy pig catch event and other events.

Les and Kelly Carter are also life members of the Mid West Rugby League in recognition of their tireless work over many years.

Meanwhile, eight teams will compete at the Indigenous Rainforest Cup cricket carnival at Tully on October 4-5.

Five teams have entered, with the closing date for nominations being September 12.

Organising committee member Stan Lenoy said that teams would be considerably weaker this year due to several circumstances.

"Past winners, Mandubarra, from Innisfail, and Ingan, from Tully, are not fielding teams this year. Neither is Yarrabah because they are having a rodeo on that weekend," Lenoy said.

Three of the teams already in are from Townsville area.

Tully is one of Australia's wettest towns and often games are interrupted by rain.

Indigenous team off to carnival in Top End



AUSTRALIA'S most talented Indigenous cricketers have been selected in the preliminary 2014-15 National Indigenous Development Squad to contest the Top End

Cricket Carnival in Darwin next month.

Identified by Cricket Australia's national talent manager Greg Chappell and National Indigenous Development Squad head coach Anthony Judd, the team will play a combination of 50-over and Twenty20 matches against sides representing ICC East Asia Pacific, Papua New Guinea and the Northern Territory from September 13-19.

Games will be played at Northline Oval (Palmerston) and Marrara Cricket Ground and the Gardens Oval (Darwin).

Chappell said the players were selected based on their performances at the national all-Indigenous tournament, the Imparja Cup, as well as club cricket and state competitions last summer.

"There is some significant talent within this squad and our aim is to foster that and help take it to the next level," the former Test star said.

"These players have been selected based on their potential to develop into elite cricketers. We hope the experience of playing in this tournament will help expose players to the professionalism associated with high-level competition and what it takes to succeed at the top.

"Opportunities like the Top End Cricket Carnival build on the foundations set by our participation programs that aim to create a pathway for Indigenous Australians to play the game with an ultimate aim of one day earning a baggy green cap."

Plenty of talent

National Indigenous Development Squad captain Ben Abbatangelo (Victoria) said: "The carnival provides another chance to help us develop as cricketers and advance our playing careers. I saw a lot of talent at the Imparja Cup this year and I know it will only continue to grow and improve.

"The Imparja Cup and opportunities to play against international sides are important to this growth and seeing Indigenous Australians play for our country."

The preliminary 2014-15 National Indigenous Development Squad is:

Ben Abbatangelo (c) (Vic), Ayden McGregor-Baptista (SA), Tyrell Sinclair (SA), Brandon King (NT), Damon Egan (Vic), Jonte Pattison (NSW), Zac Chapman (Tas), Luke Lavender (SA), Bradley Smith (Tas), Charlie Holmes (SA), Lain Beckett (NSW), Josh Eaton (Vic), Bevan Bennell (WA), Ryan Lees (Tas), Alistair Bivens (WA), Michael Bailey (WA), Adam McDermott (Qld), Mark Thompson (Qld), Ben Mitchell (NSW), Preston White (Qld), D'arcy Short (WA), Cameron Trask (Qld), Nathan Price (NSW), Josh Lalor (NSW).

Head coach, Anthony Judd; assistant coach, Jeff Cook

Experienced Queenslanders Preston White, Cameron Trask, Adam McDermott and Mark Thompson are in the squad.

Allrounders White (Toombul) and Trask (Wynnum-Manly) and paceman Thompson (Toombul) are regular Premier grade players who have been mainstays of the successful Queensland Imparja Cup team.

White and Trask toured India in 2012 and England in 2010 with the National Indigenous squad, while White has also represented Queensland Academy of Sport in the Futures League 2nd XI.

Leg-spinner McDermott was an Indigenous scholarship holder last year at the National Cricket Centre. He has also played for Victoria and Queensland at the Imparja Cup.

NSW players named in the preliminary squad are Blues fast bowler include Josh Lalor and NSW under 17 spinner Jonte Pattison.

They are joined by fellow New South Welshmen Lain Beckett, Ben Mitchell and Nathan Price, while Jeff Cook, who is the captain of the NSW Imparja Cup team, is the assistant coach.

Limited opportunities

Lalor, a left-arm swing bowler, had limited opportunities in 2013-14.

Highlights were his selection for the CA Invitational X1 against England, and three matches for the Sydney Sixers in the Big Bash League.

Because of the surfeit of fast bowlers at the Blues' disposal, Lalor had to be content with regular appearances for the NSW 2nd X1 and his club side Penrith.

At the higher level, he did a good job, claiming the wickets of Michael Carberry and Jonathon Trott in the Invitational X1 match against England, and Carberry again during the Chairman's X1 match in Alice Springs.

For the Sixers, he filled in when international duties weakened the squad, picking up two wickets in his three matches.

The preliminary Indigenous squad announcement coincides with Australian cricket's annual participation campaign, PlayCricket, an online information resource that is designed to encourage all Australians to get involved, no matter who they are, where they come from or whether they've ever picked up a bat or ball.

At www.playcricket.com.au, people can find out all they need to know about how to get involved with cricket.

The website will put people in touch with clubs and indoor cricket centres that offer the type of cricket they're looking for – relevant to their location.

"Hopefully, PlayCricket will inspire more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys and girls to learn about the game and get involved with their local club or centre," Abbatangelo said.



Indigenous squad skipper Ben Abbatangelo, left, with Tasmanian Ryan Lees.



Michael Bailey



Ayden McGregor-Baptista
Picture: Getty



Alistair Bivens



D'arcy Short



Indigenous team assistant coach Jeff Cook

Carnival grows



TWO sports have been added to the second annual National Indigenous Sports Carnival, to be held this year at Runaway Bay, on Queensland's Gold Coast, from September 19-21.

Basketball was the only sport at last year's inaugural carnival, but this year it will be joined by netball and cricket.

Organisers hope to add other sports in future years.

The carnival is being organised by the National Indigenous Sports Commission and Cherissma Blackman, from the Central Queensland-based Njardoo Training and Development, is the organisation's driving force.

She hurriedly stepped in and organised a makeshift basketball carnival in Hobart a couple of years ago when the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander basketball

championships were called off at the last minute.

Last year she organised the Australian Indigenous Basketball Championships at Runaway Bay, where North Queensland Warriors beat the Red Dust Warriors 61-59 in the men's final, and Victorian Eagles beat MADS 61-46 in the women's final.

Ms Blackman told the *Koori Mail* her focus was for the Runaway Bay carnival to respect and recognise our sporting elite who never made it further due to prejudices and marginalisation against First Nations Peoples.

"This year we introduce cricket and netball at the Runaway Bay venue, with future aspirations to include soccer and AFL," she said.

"It will be like the one-stop shop for First Nations People to gather and compete in national events in their chosen sport."

Ms Blackman said the netball

component would be run by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Netball Association (NATSINA).

Cricket will be run with the assistance of Queensland cricket.

The Cricket memorial shield is to be named after the late Phil 'Tracker' Minniecon, who died earlier this year.

"Phil represented Queensland Country and was a noted left-hand fast bowler and left-hand batsmen," Ms Blackman said.

She would like to have more cricket entries.

As an inducement to enter the cricket competition, Queensland Cricket will conduct a free coaching clinic on Saturday, September 20.

Teams and individuals wishing to take part in the National Indigenous Sports carnival (basketball, netball, cricket) can contact Cherissma Blackman at

nicsportscommission@gmail.com

Entries close on September 5.



North Queensland Warriors (in green) and the Red Dust Warriors before their men's final showdown last year.

League weighs in on closing the gap



INDIGENOUS players' leadership group representatives Greg Inglis and George Rose launched the National Rugby League's (NRL's)

sixth Close the Gap round.

It featured more than 50 activities across three states to celebrate the game's links with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

One of the primary goals of the round was to help tackle the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Indigenous Australians can expect to live 10-17 years less than non-Indigenous Australians.

Aboriginal babies are up to three times more likely to die before the age of one than other babies in Australia and Aboriginal people face much higher risks of heart disease, cancer and kidney failure.

Greg Inglis said it was important that Indigenous people were given the education and assistance to increase their life expectancy.

No important issue

"There is no more important issue than giving Indigenous people the same opportunities as all other Australians," he said.

"And that means providing the education, nutrition and resources to ensure Indigenous people can live longer lives."

Among the players at the Close the Gap launch were Beau Champion, Nathan Merritt, Rhys Wesser, Kirisome Auva'a and Kyle Turner.

Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council chair Linda Burney was there, along with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and Close the Gap Campaign co-chair Mick Gooda.

NRL head of community Adam Check said Indigenous players were a key part of the NRL competition.

"Indigenous players make up 9% of the Holden Cup players' list and 12% of NRL



Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council chair Linda Burney is flanked by NRL players Greg Inglis, left, and George Rose at the launch of the NRL's Close the Gap round. Picture: Action Photographics

players," he said.

"That is a remarkable figure but we want to see that increase even further at all levels of our game.

"The fact is rugby league is a game for all people.

"The positive impact the Indigenous community has on the game is something that we respect and value.

"The NRL will continue to showcase

the importance of the Indigenous community with key events including the All Stars, the Indigenous players' camps and working closely with the ARL Indigenous Council."

As part of the week the NRL launched a new Reconciliation Action Plan prior to the Parramatta Eels v Bulldogs game.

In 2008, rugby league became the

first national sporting code to develop such a plan.

"Rugby league plays an important role in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and our amazing players are huge inspirations and role models," Ms Burney said.

"Events and matches featuring Indigenous players are critical in moving towards reconciliation."



Tyrell back home from world titles
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Black magic!



Greg Inglis crosses for one of his three tries against the Brisbane Broncos at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, on August 14. Picture by Col Whelan, nrlphotos.com



It was a sporting week to remember – Greg Inglis scoring a hat-trick of tries in a one-man

demolition of the Brisbane Broncos in the National Rugby League (NRL), and Lance Franklin celebrating his 200th Australian Football League (AFL) game with a nine-goal haul against St Kilda.

With rugby league fans still talking about Inglis' freakish solo try against the Broncos on Anzac Day when he left seven defenders in his wake in an 89m run, the South Sydney superstar was at it again against the hapless Broncos as the Rabbitohs powered to a 42-16 win at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, on August 14.

That loss pretty much closed the gate on the Broncos' 2014 campaign.

Two days later, the \$10-million-man Franklin repaid some of that outlay by the Swans with his 9.4 haul against the Saints at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Franklin took his goal tally for the year to 61, jumping to the lead in the Coleman Medal ahead of former teammate Jarryd Roughead, who couldn't add to his 55 due to suspension.

Franklin logged a career-best 13 marks and his goal haul was his best in a Swans jersey, eclipsing the six he managed against Carlton. – *Graham Hunt*

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Lance Franklin is carried by his teammates following his 200th Australian Football League (AFL) game after the Sydney Swans' demolition of St Kilda at the Sydney Cricket Ground on August 16. Franklin celebrated the occasion with nine goals. Picture: AAP

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