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Steve Singleton scores for Kulyipam in the final of the Queensland Murri rugby league carnival against Southern Dingoes Blue at Redcliffe last month.



Alex Johnston crosses for South Sydney in the National Rugby League grand final against the Canterbury Bulldogs at Sydney Olympic Stadium last Sunday.



Adam Goodes in action for the Sydney Swans in the AFL grand final. He has announced that he will play next year.

Footy genius



IF you love your football – and that's most of us – then you'll have enjoyed a feast over the past week. Leading the way have been our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stars. Highlights include South Sydney's stunning NRL win on Sunday night and Hawthorn's AFL victory the week before. Johnathan Thurston took out another Dally M as the NRL's best, and Sydney Swan veteran Adam Goodes decided to pull on the boots for another season. Then there's been the huge rugby league carnivals in NSW and Queensland. Pictured here are some of our best, and you'll find full coverage in our bumper sports edition.



Johnathan Thurston with his third National Rugby League Dally M Medal.



Walgett Aboriginal Connection's Willie Wright heads for the line to clinch the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout final from the Newcastle All Blacks.



Cyril Rioli was one of Hawthorn's stars in their AFL grand final win over the Sydney Swans at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on September 27.

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My FAMILY Sugar Copeland – Sydney, NSW



THIS is me and my husband Clifford (Pop) in Redfern Park at a barbecue after church. We've always been part of the Pentecostal fellowship, and we started coming to the Redfern church recently.

To our right is our daughter Teresa, our granddaughters Zavannah and Brooke, and on our left is our granddaughter Thomesa. On my knee is Zacchaues. He's our 12th grandchild and brings a lot of joy to our family. He's beautiful and is very much loved by his mum and dad Laura and Thomas. He's the apple of everyone's eye.

I grew up on Mehi Crescent Mission (Moree) with my six sisters and brother. Clifford is from there too. We've been together for 40-odd years and raised about 12 nieces and nephews as well as our own – being a closeknit family we share our kids.

I am named Sugar after my dad. I'm the oldest of dad's children and my mum's children. I only knew my dad for three years of my life. I spent one Christmas with him before he passed away, and discovered I had three more brothers and a sister –

Kev John, Charlie, Paul and Debbie.

Clifford and I have three children. We raised our kids in Moree, then in Lismore to give them a better education, and ended up in Sydney. There's lots of opportunities here.

These days I live in Sydney and Clifford in Lismore, but we take turns and in the school holidays we travel around. We've always done it. We've got family everywhere – Tamworth, Moree, St George.

Our children and grannies (grandkids) are our lives, our gifts from God. That's what I know about – children. We have 12 grannies. I left my job at Chubb Security to raise them. They come first.

We raise our children and grannies to the best of our ability. We've got to teach them right from wrong, teach them the dos and don'ts in life. They need Jesus in their lives too; they've got to know the word of God.

I have big dreams for my family. I want to see them have the best education, do something good with life, and be happy and honest. – As told to Jillian Mundy

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OUR CHILDREN



These little Mindaribba (Hunter Valley) supporters were all smiles with their fairy floss at last weekend's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. They are, back from left, Munarra Walker, Mulana Walker and Mayillah Walker and, front from left, Djikorra Walker, Mahleika Conlon and Nulla Conlon. Picture: Naomi Moran

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Our man and the President



HERE'S an historic photograph from October 1966. Taken in the Cabinet Room at Old Parliament House, Canberra, it shows then US President Lyndon Baines Johnson and his entourage at the left, meeting with Australian Government Cabinet members including then Prime Minister Harold Holt and PMs-to-be John Gorton and William McMahon at the right. Oh, and there's an Aboriginal man with them as well. That's him (circled) at the right rear of the room. Find out who he was, and why he would be there, in our special report, including more historic photographs, on page 18.

'We want the truth'



THE family of a young Aboriginal woman who died in custody during August in a police cell in the Pilbara town of South Hedland has demanded an independent inquiry.

The call by the family of 22-year-old Miss Dhu came on the 31st anniversary of the death in custody of 16-year-old John Peter Pat in a Roebourne police holding cell.

John Pat's death from massive head injuries in 1983 helped spark Australia's Royal Commission into Aboriginal deaths in custody, which ran from 1987-1991.

Miss Dhu had been held for four days before her death. She had complained of being unwell and was taken to hospital twice, but both times discharged and returned to her cell. On her third visit to the Hedland Health Campus she died.

Calls rejected

But despite pleas for "the truth" from family and demands from Aboriginal leaders, Western Australia's Attorney-General Michael Mischin has rejected calls for a parliamentary inquiry, saying he believed the WA Coroner's Court could run an investigation. He also rejected any suggestions of bias in a WA police internal affairs

investigation into the death.

It is understood Miss Dhu was in custody for unpaid fines totaling about \$1000.

WA Police internal affairs officers are continuing investigations on behalf of the State Coroner, who should receive a report by the end of the month.

Miss Dhu's grandmother Carol Roe told the ABC her family had receive little information from authorities.

"We still haven't got an answer for our baby," she said. "Grow up to be a beautiful little girl. Passed away like that. Happy-go-lucky kid. And we still haven't got any answers. And how long we have to wait?"

Chance for an Academy Award

AUSTRALIAN film *Charlie's Country* is a chance for an Academy Award. The story of an Aboriginal man who takes a stand after the invasion of his Arnhem Land community is Australia's entry for Best Foreign Language Film at the Oscars. Nominations will be

announced on January 15. *Charlie's Country* was developed, written, produced and directed by Rolf de Heer, and co-developed by lead actor David Gulpilil (pictured). When it screened at this year's Cannes Film Festival in France, Gulpilil won critical acclaim.



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Muir's artwork the people's choice



BALLARAT
artist Joshua
Muir has
taken out the
Arts Victoria

People's Choice title at the 2014 Victorian Indigenous Art Awards. Muir's *Heavens Gates* was voted the most popular from a field of 35 works featured in the awards exhibition at Art Gallery of Ballarat. The artwork, a street and pop-art inspired digital print, weaves Greek mythology into Muir's own experiences as a Yorta Yorta and Gunditjmara man.

Announcing the winner of the \$2500 award, Arts Minister Heidi Victoria said *Heavens Gates* demonstrated the diversity of Victoria's Indigenous arts sector.

"Victorian Indigenous artists work across a variety of mediums, upholding traditions that date back thousands of years as well as working with state-of-the-art technology and contemporary mediums," she said.

"Josh's work reflects street art culture as well as his life experiences and proud cultural heritage – it's a vibrant work that showcases his abundant talent.

"Close to 600 people cast their votes both online via the Arts Victoria website and on site in the gallery and Josh is a most deserving winner."



Ballarat artist Joshua Muir with his artwork *Heavens Gate*.



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Strip-search inmates may take action



FEMALE prisoners – many of them Indigenous – at a north Queensland jail could sue the State Government over unlawful strip searches.

The practice, which took place over 10 months to March this year, equated to abuse by the state, says Debbie Kilroy from support group Sisters Inside.

A Queensland Ombudsman's investigation has found the Townsville Women's Correctional Centre conducted unlawful and unreasonable strip searches on inmates who were receiving controlled medications.

Ms Kilroy says the result is not surprising. "We could find pockets of our prison system where the same unlawful practice is happening. This is one area," she said.

"We actually need to expose what's happening on a daily basis across our prison system because this is abuse. This is sexual assault by the state."



The entry to the Townsville Women's Correctional Centre.

At least 18 Townsville inmates were searched both before and after they were given their restricted medication until the practice was dropped because of a complaint.

Ombudsman Phil Clarke has recommended refresher training for staff at the centre and a review of the oversight mechanisms of Queensland Corrective Services, which failed to detect the problem.

Ms Kilroy says the Ombudsman's findings could clear the way for a lawsuit against QCS.

She said the women subjected to the searches were mainly Aboriginal and most could not read or write.

"We need the women to obviously lead that action ... they may not want to take this any further. It's a matter for them," Ms Kilroy said. – AAP



Shanelle hangs in there at Yarrabah



LONG-TIME rodeo fan Bernie Hart (far left), from Hopevale, oversees

his 13-year-old granddaughter Shanelle Mundraby's ride at the first Yarrabah rodeo in many years. Despite losing a boot at the end of the ride, Shanelle said she wasn't sorry she did it – and she'd do it all again! Hundreds of locals and visitors turned out last weekend for the rodeo at the community near Cairns. You'll find coverage and more pictures in our next edition, out on October 22. **Picture:** Christine Howes

UN document hailed as a major success



ALL 194 members states of the United Nations (UN) – including Australia – have adopted an historic 'outcome document' that sets out an action plan to protect the rights

of Indigenous people in a vote taken at the UN's first World Conference on Indigenous Peoples held in New York in late September.

Co-chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Les Malezer, who played an integral role as one of two international Indigenous representatives involved in the document's lengthy drafting process, has hailed the UN resolution as a huge success for Indigenous people on an international level.

Mr Malezer spoke to the *Koori Mail* just days after returning from New York, where had been working for more than two months alongside Nicaragua's Myrna Cunningham as an Indigenous appointee involved in drafting the outcome document.

He said the Indigenous involvement in the process represented a significant historical development – reinforcing the concept of "nothing about us without us" – as UN resolutions were usually drafted solely by the countries themselves.

"The key to all this is that Indigenous people have very visibly demonstrated their ability to be able to participate at the highest level in these processes," Mr Malezer said.

He said a number of member states were nervous about the final vote – which potentially risked watering down the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (adopted by the UN in 2007 but initially rejected by Australia until 2009).

However, the outcome document received a standing ovation after it was adopted by consensus by all nations of the

UN General Assembly on September 23.

In the agreement, governments pledge to consult, cooperate and obtain the consent of Indigenous groups before adopting any laws or projects that could affect them and their lands.

They also commit to empower Indigenous groups, improve access to education, health and socio-economic programs, respect cultural practices and to make a priority the elimination of violence against Indigenous groups, particularly against women.

Significantly, Mr Malezer said the document provides an international

peoples of the world, are assembled ... to reiterate the important and continuing role of the United Nations in promoting and protecting the rights of Indigenous peoples."

"The interesting thing now is that where it says 'we' we can insert word 'Australia' – and our job as Congress will be to make sure those commitments become a reality, by reminding our government that they supported it," Mr Malezer said.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop addressed the world conference, saying the agreement "is a significant step forward for us all".

"But it is not the end of the journey. The

be taken, with the focus still on making people aware of what's in the outcome document.

"But it's not just Australia now – it's the international community now saying that Indigenous people can enjoy those rights – and it amounts to 'oppression by the state' if they're not," he said.

But Mr Malezer said the Government's proposed constitutional reform has nothing to do with implementing any of the rights of Indigenous people, as it will merely recognise their existence.

"The Australian Government has to be more aware of their obligations to the First Peoples of Australia," he said. "Rights that everybody takes for granted have been denied to Aboriginal people."

"The UN is now resolving the disadvantage of Indigenous people. It's doing it progressively – mechanisms or procedures have to be established but it's furthering that structuring to resolve our problems."

Paragraph 28 of the document sets out mechanisms whereby the UN Human Rights Council can have a more prominent role in the domestic level "by assisting Member States to monitor, evaluate and improve the achievement of the ends of the Declaration".

Mr Malezer said the document also strengthens Congress' mandate as a key political advisor, by requiring the Government to engage with Indigenous people via a national representative body.

"It raises the question of who is that national representative body – and the answer is it's Congress," he said.

Indigenous people will report back to the UN on Australia's progress with the outcome document's commitments at the UN's 70th session in two years.



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– National Congress co-chair Les Malezer

framework for the UN to play an important role in making sure the Australian Government follows through on its commitments on the domestic scene.

"The UN has reaffirmed its role and responsibility in ensuring the rights of Indigenous Peoples are recognised and respected, and this means individual states like Australia can expect much more scrutiny of the laws, policies and actions applicable to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," Mr Malezer said.

He pointed to paragraph one of the agreement, which reads: *"We, the heads of state and government, ministers and representatives of member states ... in a spirit of cooperation with the Indigenous*

challenge now will be for each nation to embrace the spirit of this document and take action that makes a real difference to the lives of Indigenous peoples," Ms Bishop said.

Mr Malezer said the Australian Government has been known to change its stance on Indigenous relations several times.

"We now know about the Government that when it comes to Indigenous people, it can have many different faces, depending on what topic you're talking about," he said.

"The state puts on many different faces – at the UN we can see supportive statements but at a domestic level we can't even get in to see the Government on certain issues."

Mr Malezer said it was early days yet in determining what practical measures should

All that remains of an evil place



The site of the number two cottage at the Retta Dixon Home in Darwin last month. The cottage on this land was the scene of horrific abuse of Aboriginal children who lived there during its operation from 1946-1980, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse was told.

Inquiry focus on Bethcar



FORMER residents of Brewarrina's Bethcar Children's Home will have

the opportunity to hear the State's responses to their complaints and litigation when the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse holds a public hearing in Sydney from October 22.

The hearing will inquire into the experiences of former Bethcar residents and responses to their concerns.

Fifteen former residents of Bethcar brought civil proceedings against the State of NSW between 2008 and 2013.

The royal commission will investigate the monitoring of residents and operations at Bethcar Children's Home by the State of NSW, as well as the response of the NSW Police to complaints made by residents.

It will look at applications made by former residents of Bethcar for victims' compensation, plus any other related matters.

Commission told of horrific acts



THE Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse has heard horrific evidence from former Aboriginal residents of the Retta Dixon Home in Darwin.

Sitting in the Northern Territory capital, commissioners heard of violence, rapes, abuse and constant suffering at the home, which from 1946-80 housed so-called 'mixed race' Aboriginal children who had been made wards of the state.

The home was run by the Aborigines Inland Mission (AIM).

Evidence from a number of former residents told of immense cruelty by 'house parents' who oversaw cottages housing up to 12 children at a time.

One witness alleged a girl who failed to properly tidy a kitchen was woken by house mother Judy Fergusson, and stabbed multiple times on her hands with a can opener until she bled. Children up to the age of 12 who wet the bed would be undressed and paraded in nappies in front of the other children, she said.

Former resident Kenneth Stagg said children became overly sexualised because

of abuse by staff and other children.

One witness, whose identity was suppressed, said boys at the home sexually abused her from the age of five. "I thought it was normal behaviour and a part of life," she told the commission.

She was sent to foster care in NSW and said one of her foster parents told her it was because Retta Dixon staff were concerned girls would get pregnant.

"I think this shows the staff probably knew that sexual activity was taking place but they failed to protect the children from it," she said.

Mr Stagg told the commission that house parent Donald Henderson "was well known amongst all the children as a molester".

Beatings for small infractions were common.

None of the witnesses had sought redress; mostly they spoke of

wanting an apology from AIM and government, of erecting a memorial, or of receiving counselling.

"The physical, emotional and sexual abuse I suffered at Retta Dixon took my childhood away and I can't get that back. No amount of money can give that back to me," one witness said.



Royal commissioners Justice Peter McClellan and Professor Helen Milroy, a Palyku (Pilbara region) woman from Western Australia, during the Retta Dixon hearings in Darwin.

Central Aust group praises witnesses



THE Alice Springs-based Central Australian Stolen Generations and Families Aboriginal Corporation (CASGFAC) has praised people for giving their stories to the Royal Commission into

Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The corporation has condemned the brutality visited on innocent children living in institutions across Australia, as highlighted in testimony given to the commission.

"Through these courageous witnesses presenting to the royal commission it has become abundantly clear there were widespread systemic sexual, physical and psychological abuses occurring in various institutions across Australia," Central Australian Stolen Generations group board member Harold Furber said.

"As we are seeing and hearing, it is now obvious that these abuses happened at Retta Dixon in Darwin.

"We have heard of the harrowing nature of abuses and the systemic torture of young innocent Aboriginal children who were often forced from their families under past Commonwealth policies and placed into the Retta Dixon home in Darwin."

CASGFAC says NT Stolen Generations members who grew up in the institutions, as wards of the Commonwealth, have long advocated that their issues and concerns be taken seriously.

"The former children from the Retta Dixon home and other NT institutions deserve to have their voices heard and appropriate action be taken against perpetrators of crimes, including torture and sexual abuses," Mr Furber said.

Youth gather in Pormpuraaw



YOUTH from a wide area of Queensland have met on the Western Cape York

community of Pormpuraaw to talk about their future.

About 70 young people, from as far south as Bundaberg, gathered for the youth summit, hosted by Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation.

After days of talks and input, they formulated 'Piintharm Thananaah' (Strong Spirited/Mixed Family), a document which looks for a pathway which outlines where they want to be in a decade.

It's a vision which includes happy, healthy and strong communities; strong, empowered and proud people; skills, training and jobs; participation, role models and leadership; healing, connected and positive lifestyles; and services, support and activities.

The young people worked and workshoped with National Indigenous Youth Leadership Academy director Benson Saulo and his colleague



Some of the young people at Pormpuraaw.

Nayuka Gorrie as well as several other support workers in fields ranging from dance to sport to produce the document. Mr Saulo said the week was a great success.

"We've been looking at what is the current experience of young people within communities here, positive as well as negative," he said. "Then we moved on to

the kind of future they would like to see, so we stepped 10 years down the track and into 2024." "We reflected on what have been the successes in our communities, how

young people have made a difference, what kind of changes we've seen and what were the challenges that we overcame. "Finally, we looked at the practical steps needed

to achieve these changes. "With all this information and consultation with these young people, we have worked towards developing a declaration and strategy which will support young people to drive a positive change in their communities with the older generations.

"That will go up to (the Department of) Prime Minister and Cabinet as a way to influence decision making around the support young people and their communities need, and support for the visions and aspirations that are already in communities.

"It's not very often you have the opportunity to bring up to 70 young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people together in a remote community to talk about the issues that they care about, that they're passionate about, and the future they really want to drive for themselves.

"So I think it's been a great success to finally hear from young people around the future experiences they want for themselves and their communities."

Dementia action call



DEMENTIA is affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians at a rate three times higher than the general Australian population and policies are needed now to curb a

looming epidemic, Alzheimer's Australia says. Alzheimer's Australia has released its report 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Dementia: A review of the research' outlining the prevalence of dementia and modifiable risk factors in Indigenous communities.

Based on research conducted in Western Australia, Queensland, the Northern Territory and NSW, the report discusses policy and service implications of the growing number of Indigenous people with dementia.

"Action is needed to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living with

dementia and their family members are receiving culturally-appropriate services and supports now and into the future," Alzheimer's Australia national president Graeme Samuel said.

"Incorporating dementia into pre-existing health strategies as well as widely disseminating Alzheimer's Australia's 'Your Story Matters' resources will help raise awareness of the modifiable risk factors of dementia and assist in the timely diagnosis of the condition."

Considerable barriers

The report says the disease is often overlooked by Indigenous communities, health workers and service providers. Geographical constraints, a lack of education and the prevalence of other chronic diseases all pose considerable barriers to the recognition of

dementia as an emerging health issue.

"Training packages targetting dementia awareness, including the use of culturally-appropriate cognitive screening tools, should be promoted to mainstream health professionals and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers to support access to timely diagnosis," Mr Samuel said.

Fred Tanner, chair of Alzheimer's Australia's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, said these simple solutions could help to reduce a looming epidemic affecting Indigenous Australians.

"The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 55 years and over is projected to increase over the next 20 years which means if we don't act now, we will see an increase in the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people diagnosed with dementia," he said.



The newly released Alzheimer's Australia report.

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Tassie artist Canberra-bound

By JILLIAN MUNDY



WESFARMERS Indigenous Arts Leadership Program scholarship recipient Will Stackhouse is off to the National Gallery in Canberra this weekend for a 10-day intensive arts leadership program.

The first Tasmanian Aboriginal artist to receive the scholarship, he is looking forward to building networks to showcase his and his people's art.

"The legacy I'd like to leave is to learn all aspects of the art industry so I can pass that knowledge and those networks onto other aspiring artists," Mr Stackhouse said.

"One of my aims is to create networks, so we can have a collective of Tasmanian Aboriginal art and have a touring exhibition. We have so many good artists."

Mr Stackhouse hopes the experience will also send him down the track to becoming a full-time self-financing artist.

It's not that he lacks business skills. In fact he has a business administration degree, but he's just not that into the business of selling his own talent, and dealings with a private gallery where he was treated "like a dumb blackfella from Tasmania" have left him cautious when dealing with private galleries.

"I've got a lot to learn about the marketing side, like dealing with galleries. I'm not good at bragging," Mr Stackhouse told the *Koori Mail*. "I'm a bit better off than (famous Dutch artist Vincent) Van Gogh as far as being a poor artist; I've sold more works than he has. But I couldn't survive without my part-time job."

In his time, Mr Stackhouse, who will celebrate his 62nd birthday while in Canberra, has been a public servant, owned a few businesses, restored antiques and made furniture, among other



Will Stackhouse among the artworks in one of his workshops.

occupations. But art is where his heart is.

"I'm happiest creating art; in my studio, in my workshop creating art," he said.

Mr Stackhouse has turned his hand to carving with native Tasmanian woods, digital art, painting, drawing and pyrography

(decorating wood with burn marks), but considers himself mainly a sculptor.

His 2011 body of work *Hunters and Gatherers the Trebrakuna Way* made possible by a grant from Arts Tasmania to buy a truckload of huon pine, propelled him

from hobby to semi-professional artist.

His ultimate goals as an artist are an international residency in East Africa, exchanging culture and wood-carving technique, and commissions for large-scale public installations.



Danila Dilba's Olga Havnen.

Action urged on NT youth policy



AMSANT's John Paterson.



Amnesty's Rodney Dillon.



ABORIGINAL community-controlled organisations and other major groups are calling for a new direction in youth justice policy in the Northern Territory.

The call follows the NT Government decision to close the Don Dale Youth Detention Centre in Darwin and move all young people in detention to Darwin Correctional Centre (Berrimah Prison) when adult prisoners are moved to the new Darwin Correctional Precinct (DCP).

The NT has the highest youth detention rate in Australia – six times the national average. Aboriginal people comprise 30% of the Territory's population, yet about 98% of young people in detention.

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) chief executive Priscilla Collins says the NT needs to take urgent steps to reduce the number of Aboriginal young people being exposed to youth detention. "We need more diversionary and non-custodial options for dealing with young offenders," she said.

Govt orders review

THE Northern Territory Government last week announced it would conduct an independent review into the youth justice system to determine areas in need of improvement.

Correctional Services Minister John Elferink said recent incidents at a Territory youth detention centre, including violence, attempted escapes, escapes and damage to property, had highlighted

the need to have a close look at the way the youth justice system operated and identify improvements.

"We are always looking at ways to better our youth justice system and the review will inform future directions and operations," he said.

The review will start this month and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Berrimah Prison was described by the NT Corrections Commissioner in 2011 as so run down that it should be bulldozed.

The Government says it will spend \$800,000 to refurbish the jail, including painting, installation of closed-circuit TV and some additional internal fencing, and removal of grills and bars to 'soften' the buildings.

That's not good enough for Danila Dilba Health Service

chief executive Olga Havnen.

"How can it be considered acceptable to house our most vulnerable young people in a place that was too run down to accommodate adults?" she asked.

Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory (AMSANT) chief executive John Paterson says one of the requirements under the *NT Youth Justice Act* is that a youth who has committed an offence is given

appropriate treatment, punishment and rehabilitation.

"We need to listen to the experts and ensure that young people in detention are housed in a therapeutic environment that can help them on a path to rehabilitation," he said.

"It is also essential that when nine out of 10 young people in detention are Aboriginal, that youth detention is culturally appropriate."

Amnesty International's Rodney Dillon said the NT should follow the lead of Western Australia and NSW and introduce an independent custodial inspector with unfettered access to youth detention centres to ensure national and international standards are being met.

The groups called on the NT Government to commit to build purpose-built youth detention facilities in Darwin and Alice Springs, and give proof that Berrimah Prison will meet national youth detention benchmarks.

"These could be your children – is it really acceptable to put our most vulnerable kids in an adult prison that three years ago was considered fit only for a bulldozer?" Ms Havnen asked.

Outrage at WA Govt heritage proposals



MORE than 200 traditional owners have met on Country at Yule River, south of Port Hedland, to add their voice to growing outrage over the Western Australian Government's proposed amendments to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*. Hosted by the Yamatji Marpa Aboriginal Corporation's (YMAC) Pilbara Regional Committee, the September 26 bush meeting followed a vote the previous day by 400 members of the Kimberley Land Council at its annual meeting in Jarlmandangah, 200km east of Broome, to unanimously reject the reforms, and a rally outside WA Parliament on September 16 by members of Perth's Noongar community.

YMAC co-chair, Njamal Elder Doris Eaton, led the Yule River discussion, along with Banjima Elder Maitland Parker.

Ms Eaton urged those in attendance to unite with one voice.

"These proposed amendments to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* do not respect Aboriginal heritage and culture," she said.

"Traditional owners must be at the centre of decisions that affect their country. We will stand united, and speak with one voice until our heritage is given the same respect as a built heritage."

YMAC chief executive Simon Hawkins said the WA Government must strengthen the act and engage in a more meaningful way with traditional owners.

"The WA legislation, in its current form, is not at a standard expected in the 21st century when it comes to the conservation and management of heritage sites," he said.

"Modern view"

"We want to see this legislation reflect a modern view and it must be consistent with other similar legislation in Australia."

Aboriginal representative bodies from the Pilbara and Members of Parliament, including Greens MLC and Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region Robin Chapple and National

Party Member for Pilbara Brendon Grylls, addressed the meeting.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier declined an invitation to attend.

In a statement to the *Koori Mail*, Mr Collier described the YMAC's comments on the proposed amendments as "misleading".

"The amendments are designed to improve protection, certainty, fairness and consistency," he said.

Mr Collier said having the chief executive of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs make decisions, as proposed in the reforms, is not something that should be feared.

"Statutory committee"

"The intent of the reforms is to encourage early engagement between land users and the relevant Aboriginal people. The CEO would not, as YMAC suggest, have the discretion to destroy sites, but would be required, as is current practice, to refer the application to a statutory committee who would then make a recommendation to me.

"The amendments reflect the agreement-forming approach to Aboriginal heritage that has proven successful in many parts of WA.

"Regulations that will support the amended act are currently being drafted, and will prescribe a voice for Aboriginal people in protecting their heritage. This will be a significant improvement, and ensures an Aboriginal voice is included in decision making, something that was not included in previous legislation.

"Relevant stakeholders should take the time to consider the benefits to Aboriginal people that will result from these reforms, and not be misled by comments from a small group of stakeholders intent on preventing these important reforms from proceeding."

YMAC now plans to send a delegation to Parliament for talks with Premier Colin Barnett, calling on the Legislative Assembly to form a select committee to develop a new framework to reform the act, "this time including a meaningful discussion with traditional owners".

Our fashion on the Melbourne catwalk



INDIGENOUS model Kayla Brown struts the catwalk during Melbourne Spring Fashion Week 2014 in this colourful outfit by designer Colleen Tighe. This year's spring event celebrated global indigenous fashion, including outfits from top Aboriginal, Maori, African and Native American

designers. Leading Australian Indigenous models were among those featured on the runway. Get the full story on page 36. Picture by James Henry

Mohamed new RA CEO



JUSTIN Mohamed (pictured) will be the new chief executive of Reconciliation Australia (RA). A Gooreng Gooreng man from Bundaberg in Queensland, Mr Mohamed has spent more than 20 years working in Shepparton, Victoria, to improve local Aboriginal health, employment and education.

He has been chairperson of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) since 2009. Before that he was the inaugural director of the Academy of Sport, Health and Education (ASHE), a joint initiative with the University of Melbourne aimed at re-engaging young Aboriginal people in education and employment, using a combination of sport, accredited training programs and corporate sector work experience.

Reconciliation Australia co-chair Melinda Cilentio said Mr Mohamed's "considerable skills and experience" in working with community, government and business would serve him well in leading Reconciliation Australia.

Anger as inmate locked in van



The handcuffed prisoner, finally freed, shares his grief with family members.



AN Aboriginal prisoner attending his father's funeral in Perth was left stranded in the back of poorly ventilated prison van after guards accidentally locked the keys in the front cab.

The grieving prisoner was locked in the back of the prison transit van for nearly an hour while funeral-goers tried to break in to the van to retrieve the keys.

The van's air-conditioning had been turned off and the only ventilation was a small opening through which prisoners place their hands to be handcuffed.

"It was outrageous," said the deceased man's former wife, Rosie Yates.

"We asked them (the prison guards) what their protocol was for dealing with the situation, but they just didn't seem to have one.

"We had family members desperately trying to jimmy the doors or windows open to get the keys, while the guards just stood around or looked on."

More than 100 people gathered at St Mary's Church in Guildford for the funeral service of the late Cyril Jones.

Management from prison services organisation Serco, which was responsible for the transport, described the incident as regrettable and issued an apology to the family.

But family members say that's not good enough.

They say the lack of protocol to deal with the situation was unacceptable, because unventilated



The prison van at the site of the funeral in Perth.

prison vans are like ovens in warmer weather.*

"Thank goodness it wasn't a really hot day," Ms Yates said.

After 30 minutes of fruitless attempts to get in to the van, and with the prisoner in the back becoming distressed, family members asked the guards if they could break a window.

Mourners

Mourners were told by Serco officers that if they did, the prison van would have to return to Casuarina Jail and the son would miss his father's funeral.

One of the prisoner's uncles, Ian Jones, eventually managed to open a door with a wire coat hanger.

After his hour-long stranding, the prisoner emerged from the van looking relieved and fell in to the arms of family members who comforted him.

Several funeral-goers praised the patience of mourners, particularly as

they believe the incident was exacerbated by one Serco officer, who refused to answer any questions or provide information so the family could file a complaint. The officer also tried to prevent pictures from being taken of the incident and confronted the photographer.

Serco has said the incident will be fully investigated and the officer responsible for locking the keys in the cab would be stood down pending the results of the investigation.

**In 2008, a Goldfields Elder was effectively cooked to death after spending hours in the back of a prison van in sweltering conditions.*

The man was being transported from Laverton to Kalgoorlie in a van which had no air-conditioning. The victim suffered third-degree burns from heat generated by the metal interior.

A coronial inquest into his death issued damning findings against the guards responsible.

Tutu backs call for truth, justice commission

SOUTH African social rights activist Archbishop Desmond Tutu has supported calls for a truth and justice commission to expose "the horrors of the past" suffered by Aboriginal Australians, in a prayer for the rights of Aboriginal Peoples issued on World Peace Day, September 21.

Archbishop Tutu said he prayed for the rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Australia to determine their own destiny.

"It is a severe indictment on Australia that many of its Indigenous people still feel that their culture and dignity are being eroded, and that they continue to be treated as second-class citizens – 42 years after the country signed the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights," he said.

"Aboriginal Elders say that although the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1976* transferred control of much of the Northern Territory to Aboriginal peoples, the people never had the opportunity to draw true advantage from the land. They were ill-prepared to deal with complex Western bureaucracies, and their efforts have been undermined by under-development and neglect.

"The imposition of legislation generally known as the Northern Territory Intervention in 2007 virtually stripped them of their voice.

"Community councils have been closed down and management of many aspects of the peoples' lives has been transferred to non-Indigenous institutions. The exclusion of local Aboriginal perspectives from decision making is directly eroding customs, laws, languages and land-use aspirations. Nearly 50% of the youth in detention in Australia are Aboriginal, although the Aboriginal population constitutes just 3% of the Australian population.

"I support those who have called for a Truth and Justice Commission for Aboriginal Peoples to lay bare the horrors of the past and, finally, start a national healing process for all Australians."

City homeless suffer for G20

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



CAIRNS welfare groups were left reeling after an attempt to 'clean up' the inner city streets of the mainly Aboriginal homeless groups in the lead up to the recent G20 meeting of world economic leaders.

For what was labelled as 'security preparedness', homeless groups were reportedly shipped out of the 'Cairns declared area' which extended from the city through to the airport.

With not enough bed spaces in the already limited homeless shelters in town, many Cape York people were flown back to their communities as more than 500 extra police officers descended on Queensland's far north in the lead-up to the meeting.

Cairns locals told the *Koori Mail* that as extra security measures ramped up in the city, including on-the-spot bag searches and full body frisks, many people in the inner-city claimed an 'unnecessary heavy-handed approach' was used.

Executive director of transitional and crisis accommodation centre Three Sista's Janet Guthrie said she saw first-hand how the G20 affected her clients.

"The problem with the issues of homelessness is that it doesn't have the gloss of tourism or (upcoming multi-billion-



Janet Guthrie, the executive director of Cairns transitional and crisis accommodation centre Three Sista's.

dollar development) Aquis. It can tap you on the shoulder tomorrow," she said.

"We haven't heard as much about what really happened following the G20 because government-funded welfare agencies have to be quiet.

"I've heard stories where police were searching the bags of itinerant people and

emptying their bags on to the street and when they haven't found anything have just left them there and walked away.

"That's the level of care and concern that was happening in our Cairns community around the G20 meeting.

"These people don't know the feeling of being marginalised. When did it become socially acceptable to treat people this way? Just because we have this glossy G20, when did that give us the right to treat people like this?"

Ms Guthrie said the chronic homelessness problem in Cairns was at epidemic proportions, but a vastly different approach was needed to stop the cycle.

"The Government has got this idea that maintaining the status quo is going to solve the problem," she said.

"We've just seen a 40-bed accommodation facility announced for the region, but with substance-abuse issues so extreme, what are they hoping to achieve?

"You've got to make changes at an individual level and on a primary health-care level, but it's just not a priority for government. If it was a priority, we'd see a much larger investment from government into the homeless sector."

Ms Guthrie said that part of the problem was the systemic way the culture of 'turning a blind eye' enabled societies to function with the realities of homelessness right in front of them.



Wujal Wujal Elders and traditional owners at the new bridge celebration.

Wujal Wujal welcomes new bridge

By CHRISTINE HOWES



AS a huge crocodile watched on, Wujal Wujal and district celebrated the opening of the

Bobby and Jacky Ball Snr Bridge* across the Bloomfield River last Friday.

The opening marked the end of an era of causeways, daily high tide problems and localised flooding affecting the 50 or so Wujal Wujal residents who live on the south side of the far north Queensland Aboriginal community.

The bridge also means improved access for tourists and, importantly, emergency services, to Cape York.

"I'd like to say to Wujal Wujal, Cook and Douglas Shire, on behalf of the traditional owners and people of the area, we all appreciate your joint effort to achieve this outcome," traditional owner Francis Walker said. "We thank you."

Bobby and Jacky Ball were



At the celebration, from left, Elder Ron Harrigan, Bobby Ball, Mayor Clifford Harrigan and Jacky Ball Snr.

happy to be present to help cut the ribbon and celebrate the milestone. "It's good," they agreed.

Wujal Wujal Mayor Clifford Harrigan said it was "a big day. People still can't believe it's here, they're not used to seeing a bridge."

"They're excited, especially the elderly people. They thought they'd never see a bridge in their lifetime."

Traditional owner Kathleen Walker said the causeways had been dangerous places for cars, pedestrians and children.

"We needed this bridge for our children," she said.

"I'm very, very happy to see this bridge built for my family."

*The full name of the bridge is 'Bobby and Jacky Ball Snr (Dirra-Kari) Bloomfield River Bridge'.

Sacred site is being returned



TRADITIONAL owners of Yurrkuru (Brooks Soak) today will welcome the return of a sacred site that sparked the Coniston Massacre after dingo trapper Fred Brooks was killed by Aboriginal men in 1928.

The killing triggered the series of reprisal killings of many innocent Aboriginal people across the region by Constable George Murray.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion will hand back the title to the Yurrkuru Aboriginal Land Trust at a ceremony at Yurrkuru, on one square

mile of Crown land surrounded by the Mt Denison pastoral lease.

The Aboriginal Land Commissioner had recommended the grant of the small block in 1992, but Mt Denison pastoralists bitterly opposed it. It took the traditional owners and the Central Land Council the best part of 20 years to gain the title.

The traditional owners had originally planned to set up an outstation on the block, but changed their minds because the soak is a very small, unreliable source of water that has been fouled by cattle.

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

QUIT for New Life Program Now Available

The Quit for new life program is now available to all pregnant Aboriginal women and non-Aboriginal women having an Aboriginal baby, attending the antenatal clinics at Nepean and Blacktown Hospitals who smoke.

The program supports the pregnant mothers, their partners and household members to quit smoking.

Through Quit for new life, the mother, partner and household members can receive;

- A referral to Quitline for telephone support
- Follow up support and counselling with a Smoking Care Advisor
- Free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (if appropriate) for up to 12 weeks.

The program is also available through the Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Services (Wellengalie and Building Strong Foundations (Mudang Mudjin) which operate in the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health Districts.

To find out more and enrol in the program, speak to your midwife or contact your local Smoking Care Advisor: Nepean Blue Mountains (Nepean Hospital clients) 0437 583 505.

Department of Justice

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For further information on this position and to submit your application please visit careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close Tuesday 14 October 2014



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Education & Communities

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 entry in 2016

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14 October to 17 November 2014.

Parents or carers of Year 5 students will need to apply online if they want their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016.

Application information is available on the internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement Parents without internet access or who cannot use a computer can apply at a public library or can contact the High Performing Students Unit for assistance.

All students wanting to go to a selective high school for Year 7 in 2016 will have to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 12 March 2015.

There are 17 fully selective high schools, 25 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and one virtual selective high school offering selective placement in Year 7 in NSW.

Boarding places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational). Parents can apply for up to three selective high schools. Placement in the virtual selective high school is restricted to students intending to enrol in a government high school in a country area far from a city.

A complete list of selective high schools is available at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php

Enquiries about application procedures should be directed to the High Performing Students Unit, email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone on 1300 880 367. Enquiries relating to individual school matters should be directed to the schools concerned.

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A science career in his future: Indigenous student Matthew Wallis receives help from a University of South Australia science tutor at the Gene Technology Access Centre in Victoria.

New program to help close science gap



CLOSING the gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievement and employment in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) is the aim of a new CSIRO education program, funded by the BHP Billiton Foundation.

Launched last week in Canberra by Industry Minister Ian Macfarlane, the \$28.8 million five-year project aims to deliver education programs, excellence awards, mentoring, summer schools and tailored university degrees, reaching students and schools across Australia.

CSIRO chief executive Megan Clark said the new program would support students from primary school through to tertiary education, opening a way to increase Indigenous representation in STEM-related professions.

"CSIRO has delivered education initiatives across Australia for more than 35 years and in parallel to this, we have a dedicated Indigenous science program that not only aims to get more Indigenous scientists working in CSIRO, but also delivers science projects for Indigenous communities," Dr Clark said.

"Our partnership with BHP Billiton will enhance and expand our education programs to reach Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from across Australia.

"We are really excited about this

opportunity to reach so many new students, and get them excited about science, technology, engineering and mathematics."

BHP Billiton chief executive Andrew Mackenzie said the program would build on the company's 33-year partnership with CSIRO through its support of the Science and Engineering Awards.

"BHP Billiton believes that providing opportunities in STEM education is a powerful way to support the professional aspirations and career opportunities of a generation of young Aboriginal Australians," he said.

"Important contribution"

"We hope the program encourages more Aboriginal students to consider a rewarding career in the STEM disciplines, which will go some way to further closing the gap and recognising the important contribution Aboriginal Australians make to the economy."

CSIRO will manage and implement the program over five years, targeting metropolitan, regional and remote schools across Australia with high Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations. The program includes primary through to secondary school programs, summer school and mentoring for high-achieving Year 10 students, excellence awards and a tailored Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne.

Ex-college principal convicted



AN ex-principal and former Australian of the Year finalist who fraudulently claimed millions of taxpayer dollars for a top Indigenous school will not spend any more time behind bars. In an 11th-hour plea, Jean Illingworth admitted defrauding the state and Commonwealth by inflating student numbers to get \$3.4 million in extra funding for Djarragun College, near Cairns, between 2010 and 2011.

Last Friday, the 67-year-old appeared in the Cairns District Court where she was convicted and sentenced to three years' jail on one charge of obtaining property by deception, and two-and-a-half years' on one charge of fraud.

However, Judge Terry Martin ordered she serve only 351 days in prison for both charges – the exact number of days she has already served in pre-sentence custody.

"I accept you're fundamentally a decent person," Judge Martin said, adding that he acknowledged she had dedicated most of her life to helping Indigenous and disadvantaged children.

He described her convictions as a major stain on an enviable career, but added that she had abandoned honesty and integrity and "committed blatant fraud".

Judge Martin acknowledged her motivation was the improvement of the school and the benefit of the students rather than personal gain.

Illingworth, once described by Noel Pearson as a true social entrepreneur, wept throughout her sentencing.

Prosecutor Michael Cowan said Illingworth claimed funding for hundreds of students who weren't eligible because they hadn't attended school for a minimum period. He read a number of emails to the court that he said proved she knew what she had done.

Mr Cowan said Illingworth had cost taxpayers millions that would never be recovered while receiving a \$283,000 salary until at least July this year.



Convicted former Djarragun College principal Jean Illingworth at Cairns District Court.

Her barrister, Ken Fleming, argued his client shouldn't spend any more time behind bars, pointing to Illingworth's impressive work history in which she'd spent most of her life working with remote, indigenous and disadvantaged children in Australia and Africa.

Illingworth, who worked at the college for about a decade, was named the Queensland Senior Australian of the Year in 2009 for her work in transforming the once dysfunctional college into a much admired model of success.

Djarragun College is a private school that has two campuses – north and south of Cairns – and caters mainly to Indigenous students from Cape York and the Torres Strait. – AAP

NAIDOC committee nominations open



NOMINATIONS are now open for membership on the National NAIDOC Committee. Committee members make key decisions on National NAIDOC activities each year, including the focus city, the theme, the National NAIDOC Poster Competition winner and the National NAIDOC award recipients.

National NAIDOC Committee co-chairs Anne Martin and Benjamin Mitchell are inviting suitable applicants to apply. "Membership on the committee is three years and in that time we get to meet some really inspirational artists, scholars, sportspeople, Elders, community members and so much more. It's time for new members to join in on these celebrations," Ms Martin said.

Mr Mitchell said: "It is such an honour to be part of the National NAIDOC Committee and to highlight the achievements of so many well-deserving individuals each year.

Membership on the National NAIDOC Committee requires willingness to travel to attend committee meetings on weekends.

Membership on the committee is voluntary and no remuneration is provided, but travel and accommodation is covered.

Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. More information and the selection criteria can be found at www.naidoc.org.au or email info@naidoc.org.au

Nominations close on October 30. Successful applicants will start duties in December.

Hobart course realises leadership potential

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THIRTEEN graduates have celebrated completing the Certificate

2 in Indigenous Leadership through the Australian Indigenous Leaderships Centre's (AILC's) latest course, held in Hobart.

The course aims to develop participants' skills in personal, community, organisational, work and family leadership roles; to recognise and capitalising on their leadership skills; and to achieve goals. It is the nation's only accredited Certificate 2 in Indigenous Leadership course.

Youth worker Bec Woolley reluctantly attended the two-week course in Hobart, after she was enrolled by her sister and colleague Emma.

She now has a previously non-existent belief in her own abilities.

"I walked out in the first 10 minutes. I didn't want to put myself out there. I didn't want to stand up in front of people and talk. I was anxious," Ms Woolley said.

Convinced by the course facilitator to stick it out, Ms Woolley was one of the 11 from Tasmania and two from interstate who graduated a couple of weeks ago, celebrating with a formal dinner, presentations and speeches.



Leaders in the making: Kelly Smith, from Launceston, Bec Woolley, from Hobart, Tanya Wells, from Latrobe, Connie Cooper, from Canberra, and Greg Fletcher-Bryant, from Hobart, were among the AILC's latest graduates.

"I didn't see myself as a leader, but the course opened my eyes to all the different styles of leadership and I have since realised I am a leader at home, at work and in my role in youth support," Ms Woolley told the *Koori Mail*.

"I would like to continue working with our youth, hopefully encouraging them to go on to be the deadly leaders I know they can be." Ms Woolley said that with

the encouragement of the course facilitators, she learnt a lot about herself and the value of perseverance.

She is now considering going on to study a Certificate 4 in Indigenous Leadership.

Education

The AILC, a not-for-profit company owned and controlled by Indigenous Australians, has provided Indigenous leadership

education programs to more than 1000 graduates since it started in 2001.

The AILC offers accredited courses in Indigenous leadership, and non-accredited short courses in specific leadership skills and diversity mentoring to Indigenous people, thanks to sponsorship from government departments, companies and not-for-profit organisations.

Bunurong four facing action



FOUR former directors of Melbourne's Bunurong Land Council are facing civil proceedings brought by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations for alleged misuse of the corporation's finances.

Registrar Anthony Beven has begun civil penalty proceedings in the Federal Court against former director Sonia Murray and three other former directors, asking that they be disqualified from managing Indigenous corporations, pay a fine to the Commonwealth and pay compensation to the Bunurong Land Council.

The Bunurong council, based in the suburbs of Melbourne, was established in 2002 to manage the native title and cultural interests of the Bunurong people. The corporation plays an important role in providing cultural heritage clearances to third parties undertaking developments on Bunurong land.

In January, the registrar placed the Bunurong council under special administration after a routine examination of its books revealed a large number of serious concerns, particularly in relation to the corporation's finances and record keeping.

Personal benefit

It is alleged that Ms Murray controlled every aspect of the Bunurong Land Council and ran it for her own personal benefit. She issued invoices for work undertaken by cultural heritage officers of the corporation in her own name or that of her private business, Hawkseye Heritage. Payments received were made to her own bank account.

It is also alleged that Ms Murray charged the Bunurong Land Council a fee for her services that had not been approved by the other directors or the members.

The registrar will put to the court evidence showing that the Bunurong

Land Council did not hold an annual general meeting for 10 years, had held just one directors' meeting in five years, did not pay its tax and failed to keep adequate books and records.

The registrar is seeking declarations from the Federal Court that Ms Murray and three other former directors failed to exercise due care and diligence and failed to take reasonable steps to ensure the corporation kept proper books and records.

A declaration is also being sought that Ms Murray improperly used her position to gain an advantage for herself and causing detriment to the corporation.

"Directors must take an active role in ensuring their corporation is run well and for the benefit of all members," Mr Beven said. "If they are unable or unwilling to take on this important role they should not be directors."

A directions hearing will be held in the Federal Court, Melbourne, on October 21.



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Become an Instructor of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander MHFA Course

Mental health first aid is the help provided to a person developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves.

Mental health first aid strategies are taught in training programs provided by Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Australia.

This course teaches members of the public how to provide culturally appropriate assistance to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who is developing a mental illness or is in a mental health crisis.

Intensive training courses are available to train suitable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to become instructors of this course.

Applications now open for two upcoming 5-day Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid Instructor Courses:

24th – 28th November 2014, Melbourne
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Get in quick – places booking fast!

For more information and to APPLY ONLINE, visit:
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Enquiries please call MHFA on:
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PUBLIC ART OPPORTUNITY



STOLEN GENERATIONS PUBLIC ART PROJECT QCT1773

Darebin City Council, in consultation with the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee (DAAC), resolved to install a permanent public artwork to pay tribute to The Stolen Generations. This artwork will be installed in the gardens adjacent to the Preston Council Offices on High St, Preston.

We are seeking applications for the design and fabrication of a public artwork from Aboriginal Artists from Victoria or artistic teams where the lead artist is an Aboriginal Artist from Victoria.

The Fee for the commission is \$25,000.
(Additional funds available for installation)

The deadline for online and hardcopy applications is 2pm Tuesday the 28th of October, 2014.

Digital Applications:

A digital copy of the Artist Brief and application can be downloaded and submitted through the City of Darebin website: www.darebin.vic.gov.au/tenders

Hardcopy Applications:

If a hard copy is required please contact Rachel Ferretto on 03 8470 8497. Hardcopy submissions are to be dropped off at: City of Darebin Customer Service Centre 274 Gower Street Preston 3072

For further information please call Project Officers
Sarah Poole or Brodie Butler-Robey on
03 8470 8306

Dame Marie leaves as NSW Governor



AFTER more than 13 years in office, Dame Marie Bashir has been farewellled as Governor of NSW.

Dame Marie has handed over the vice-regal mantle to General David Hurley, who was sworn in last Thursday.

Dame Marie, who graduated in medicine and has worked as a doctor, psychiatrist and university professor, was highly regarded by a wide section of the community, including Indigenous people.

She was regular supporter of Indigenous events across the state, and was proud to be part of the Black Diggers Anzac Day service in Sydney.

Warning issued on grant-finding scam



SMALL Aboriginal businesses are being warned not to pay exorbitant fees to companies offering to find government grants on their behalf, as the information is usually available free.

While not illegal, the Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) warns that the information some small businesses pay for is freely available from www.business.gov.au.

Small Business Commissioner David Eaton said the SBDC had received many calls about the practice in the past 12 months. "The websites promoting these services pay to rank highly in Google and other search engines for key words such as 'Australian Government grants'," he said.

To access government grant information for free, go to www.business.gov.au and click the 'grants and assistance' tab.

Bush regeneration team is on the job



AN Aboriginal bush regeneration team has joined up with a group of eight southern Sydney councils to restore bushland across 150ha of the Georges River catchment area.

The regeneration team is starting work as part of the Georges River Combined Councils' Committee (GRCCC) Riverkeeper grant program, supported through funding by the Federal Government to manage the natural and cultural heritage of the Georges River catchment over the next three years.

Four Aboriginal trainees, an Aboriginal project manager and a supervisor have been employed by Eco Logical Australia Pty Ltd to work as a mobile team to improve biodiversity across the catchment. The project will also provide the trainees with the opportunity to gain qualifications in conservation land management over the next 18 months.

Exhibition to help Halls Creek region



BRAMBUK Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Halls Gap, Victoria, will host an exhibition of original works by Mardgany man and Alice Springs artist Tommy Crow this month. Brambuk chairman Jeremy Clark hopes the exhibition will help attract more visitors to the region, which has been hit by natural disasters.

The exhibition will be launched at the celebration this Saturday, October 11.

"The cost for the evening is \$40 a person and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to local fire crews, who have done such a fantastic job for all of us over the past few years," Mr Clark said.

More details and bookings from Judith Russell on 0413 062 068.

Amengernterneah bore



THE remote community of Amengernterneah, north-east of Alice Springs, is to get a new long-term water supply. Northern Territory Community Services Minister Bess Price says a new bore will be drilled this month at the community.

She said there was abundant fresh water in the Dulcie Sandstone aquifer at Amengernterneah, which will be used to supply the new bore.

All works will be paid for by the NT Government.

MDAS Well Women's Team members, from left, Yasmin Birnie and Noore Nipa with Aboriginal health worker Justine Williams.



Clinic goal is well women



A NEW 'women's business' clinic at Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) is aiming to lift cervical cancer screening rates among local Indigenous women.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are four times more likely to die of cervical cancer than other women, and the rate of pap smear screening in the Indigenous community is low.

A pap smear every two years is recommended by Papscreen Victoria as the best way of preventing cervical cancer.

"We know that regular screening can prevent around 90% of cervical cancer cases, and detect cervical cancer early,

which has better health outcomes for women," MDAS practice nurse Yasmin Birnie said.

"But Aboriginal women are much less likely to have regular pap smears, so they're much more likely to get cervical cancer and much more likely to die from the disease."

Lower rate

In 2011-12, Papscreen Victoria reported 60% of eligible women had a Pap test – but among Aboriginal women, the rate was just 32%.

Ms Birnie said providing culturally appropriate options for Koori women to discuss health concerns and access screening were vital in improving testing rates.

"It's just so important for all women who have ever been sexually active to have a pap test every two years, but it's often something they put off because of fear or embarrassment," she said.

"Our female GP Dr Noore Nipa and I are running the clinics because we know having access to a female GP or nurse is a really important thing in providing culturally appropriate health care for Koori women."

The MDAS Well Women's Clinic has 30-minute appointments available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for patients to discuss women's health issues and to have a consultation with a female practitioner. Appointments can be made by contacting MDAS Health Clinic on (03) 5018 4100.

Business signs good: Scullion



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander corporations are generating more income, employing more people and increasing the income they generate from private businesses.

These are the findings from the latest Top 500 report released by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations into the health of the Indigenous corporate sector.

The report, released annually, examines the top 500 highest earning corporations registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act). It is the sixth report of its kind released by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion welcomed the report and said that, overall, the sector is showing signs of strong growth.

"The report highlights the important role that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations play not only in remote communities but in the overall Australian economy," he said.

"Indigenous corporations have



Minister Nigel Scullion

employed almost 1000 more people in the last year and the income of the top 500 corporations has grown by an

impressive average of 10.5% every year for the past nine years.

"The total assets of the top 500 corporations also increased last year from \$1.84 billion in 2011-12 to \$1.98 billion, an increase of 8%.

"The report shows that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations are having real success in creating real jobs and economic development for their members and communities.

"There is still a long way to go, but these are encouraging signs."

Senator Scullion said the new Indigenous Advancement Strategy, started on July 1, sets out how the Government will work with communities to put in place activities that address local issues and the Government's priorities. A grant round for funding under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy closes on Friday, October 17.

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporation's report, The Top 500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations 2012-13, and more information about it is available on the registrar's website at www.oric.gov.au

Elder warns on protocol

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



DJUNGAN (far north Queensland) Elder and senior custodian Ron Archer has issued a stern warning on the proper observance of cultural protocols. It follows what he says is a "grave injustice" when the *Cairns Post* newspaper and the GenerationOne organisation participated in a story in which a sacred Djungan site on Nguddabulgan – Mt Mulligan, near Dimbulah – was photographed and published despite warnings any pictures would cause distress.

Mr Archer, a traditional owner of Nguddabulgan, has given a clear message – Aboriginal land is off-limits, and strict cultural protocols must be followed.

GenerationOne chief executive Jeremy Donovan, a Kuku Yalanji (far north Queensland) man, was interviewed by the *Cairns Post* while in town for the recent I20 forum led by Noel Person's Cape York Institute. Mr Donovan outlined his vision for Indigenous people, and was photographed atop the mountain playing the didgeridoo.

Mr Archer said Aboriginal people's rights had again been trampled in the pursuit of a story.

"I was approached to do the



Djungan senior custodians the Archer brothers, from left, Ron, George and Jim. "It's about a complete disregard for Indigenous values and respect," Ron said.

story and ... the journalist was made aware of the protocols. No non-Djungan people are allowed on

top of the mountain. It's a very sacred site," he said.

"I specifically asked them not

to do the story and they went ahead and did it anyway. It's about a complete disregard for

Indigenous values and respect."

Mr Archer said that while a serious breach of protocols had been made, he acknowledged that some restorations had already been made.

"Jeremy has sat down with my brothers and offered an apology and I've accepted that," he said.

"Jeremy told me that he was sorry and it was very sincere. I believe he was genuine when he told us that he was sorry.

"We've offered an invitation to come back and bring his family back on country. But at the end of the day someone has to say sorry. What we want is an apology to the Djungan people.

"While that remains unsaid, our spirit remains unsettled."

Mr Donovan said he took his cultural responsibilities seriously, especially when on other people's country.

"When I became aware of the hurt the image had caused to the Archer family, my immediate response was to go straight up there and make that apology," he said.

"I'm glad that I went up there to sit with those men. I will pursue when I get the chance to go up there and spend more time with Ron and his brothers."

The *Cairns Post* declined to comment.

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All persons who, according to their traditional laws and customs, hold the common or group rights and interests in the land and waters of Cape York are invited to a series of authorisation meetings to provide information on and authorise a single native title claim for all land and waters of Cape York, as shown on the map below.

All Traditional Owners of Cape York and any person who claims traditional rights and interests in any of the land and waters of Cape York are encouraged to attend one or more of the authorisation meetings. See the attached map for the area of the proposed claim. This claim will not affect those areas that already have native title determined, however you are encouraged to attend even if you already have a native title determination on your country.

Traditional Owners are encouraged to attend any meeting which is convenient and it is not necessary to attend the meeting on your traditional country.

Date	Meeting place	Venue and time
13 October 14	Yarrabah	10am at the Community Hall
15 October 14	Cooktown	10am at the Endeavour Lions Hall, Charles St
23 October 14	Lockhart River	10am at St James Church
24 October 14	Weipa	10am at the CYLC Office, Evens Landing, Weipa
14 November 14	Pormpuraaw	10am at the Sports Centre (PCYC)

Information

Cape York Land Council has sent out information on the claim to all people on our contact list.

If you would like a copy of this information please call Shilo Villafior on free call 1800 623 548 to ensure that we have your current address.

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WA children and young people – time to speak out

The West Australian Commissioner for Children and Young People has released an online survey as part of a consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people from across WA.

Agencies in contact with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in Western Australia are encouraged to support their participation in the survey.

The survey, along with other consultations, will be used to develop a report that outlines their views and ideas, and gives recognition to the positive contributions by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people to family and community life.

The survey is available at ccyp.wa.gov.au or Freecall 1800 072 444 for more information.

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Narrabri Shire Council Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interest are being sought from interested community members of all ages, Indigenous and non-Indigenous backgrounds to be part of the Narrabri Shire Council Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group. In 2006 Reconciliation Australia began the Reconciliation Action Plan Program. Narrabri Shire Council has begun to develop a draft Action Plan and is forming a Working Group to finalise the endorsement of Council's first Reconciliation Action Plan for approval from Reconciliation Australia and implement the Actions throughout Council's operations.

Interested persons should submit a brief (maximum 2 page) written application stating their reasons for wishing to be on the committee and the personal attributes they could bring to it. The application can be submitted by email council@narrabri.nsw.gov.au or post PO Box 261, Narrabri NSW 2390.

Submissions close at 5:00pm on Friday 31st October 2014.

Further details can be obtained by contacting Council's Administration Officer, Mrs Allirra Wingfield on (02) 6799 6832 or email allirraw@narrabri.nsw.gov.au



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LOCATION: Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation - Gongolgon
DATE: 11.11.2014
START TIME: 11.30am

AGENDA

1. Welcome To Country.
2. Confirmation of minutes of previous annual general meeting.
3. Presentation of general report by directors.
4. Presentation of the financial statements and audit report for 2013-14.
5. Election of directors*.
6. Appointment and remuneration of an auditor.
7. Other business.

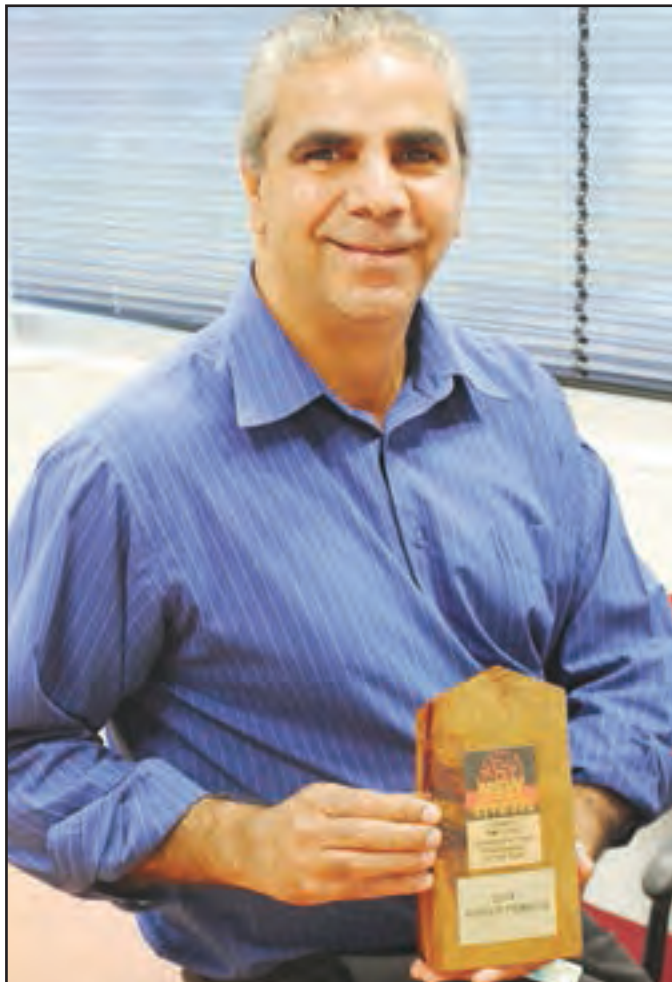
Proxies: Under rule 4.12 of the corporation's rules a member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting by proxy.

***Note** that the corporation's rule book states at rule 5.4 that the board of directors (excluding non member directors appointed under 5.7) of the corporation will be made up as follows:

- no more than two directors who are resident in a single town within the "Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation Membership Zone" may be directors at the same time.
- no more than five directors who are resident in Brewarrina, Walgett and Bourke can serve as directors simultaneously.
- not more than one person of an immediate family can be appointed as a director at the same time (notwithstanding that they may reside in a different town within the Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation Membership Zone").

Immediate family means any living person related in any of the following ways: grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, husband, wife, defacto partner, son, daughter, sister, brother or step-children.

Griffith's Roger named 2014 council employee of the year



Griffith City Council's Roger Penrith with his award for NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Council Employee of the Year.



ABORIGINAL liaison officer Roger Penrith won't be resting on his laurels after winning the NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Council Employee of the Year Award for 2014. The Wiradjuri man says

there is still a lot of work to be done in his role with Griffith City Council in the state's south.

"I plan to keep working closely with senior staff for any job opportunities for Aboriginal people," Mr Penrith said.

He said he was honoured to receive the award and grateful for the acknowledgement of his local government peers. "All this wouldn't be possible without the support and guidance from my team, who nominated me for this award, and the other staff at council, along with senior management, councillors and the mayor, who have supported me in my role," he said.

Mr Penrith was announced as winner of the award at last month's Local Government Aboriginal Network conference, held in Narrandera. The conference brings together people from across the state to raise the profile of Aboriginal communities, skills and culture, and also to discuss and explore emerging issues.

High achievements

Each year, the conference gives an award to a council employee who has demonstrated high achievements in their professional and personal life.

Griffith Mayor John Dal Broi said the council is proud of Mr Penrith's achievement, which reflects the many contributions he has made to the local community since he joined the council in 2010.

"Roger has worked tirelessly in his role over the past four years to strengthen partnerships and develop initiatives for the Griffith Aboriginal community and he is an excellent role model for local government employees," Mr Dal Broi said.

"Roger, a proud Wiradjuri man, has created opportunities through employment and training, researching local Aboriginal history and art, access to early education and mentoring senior students, to name a few of his efforts."

Online survey to give youth a say



WESTERN Australia's Acting Commissioner for Children and Young People Jenni Perkins

has released an online survey as part of a major consultation project with the state's Indigenous children and young people. Ms Perkins said the online survey was created to give all WA Indigenous children the opportunity to have a say.

"I am hoping to hear from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people from across WA about what is important to them, their hopes and dreams for the future, and what they need to help them do well," she said.

"Voice"

"I encourage parents and those who work to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people to support them to complete this survey to give them a voice in this important project."

In addition to the survey, 16 community organisations from across WA have been appointed to run consultations



WA Acting Commissioner for Children and Young People Jenni Perkins (third from right at front) with members of the reference group for the consultation.

with local groups of Indigenous children and young people.

These organisations, stretching from Kununurra to Albany, will organise a variety of fun and innovative consultation activities linked to the interests and backgrounds of the children and young people involved.

This consultation project will run over several months and the information will be used by the commissioner to prepare a report that highlights the views, concerns and ideas of Indigenous children and young people, and recognises the positive contribution they make.

The report will be promoted to agencies with a role in supporting Indigenous children and young people's wellbeing as a resource to assist the development of more effective services and policies.

The survey and more information is available from www.ccyp.wa.gov.au

Victorians told to value heritage



ALL Victorians have been urged to acknowledge, value and be proud of the state's Indigenous heritage. State Aboriginal Heritage Council chair Rodney Carter said mutual respect was needed to achieve better understanding and enjoyment of Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage, and ensure heritage was protected.

He was speaking at the recent launch of the council's five-year strategic plan at Parliament House. More than 70 people representing organisations from across Victoria were on hand for the launch.

State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tim Bull launched the plan and congratulated the council on its progress and accomplishments.

"Over the span of the last strategic plan, the council has been highly productive," he said. "I believe the progress to date under the previous strategic plan provides a strong foundation on which the council can build its efforts and continue its important work in the future."

Mr Carter highlighted the importance of state organisations building ongoing relationships with Victoria's traditional owners, particularly Registered Aboriginal Parties, based on better understanding.

"The discussions needed in managing cultural heritage should not only begin with a regulatory trigger. Early engagement can be the foundation to meaningful partnerships," he said.

Mr Bull praised the council's efforts to see the timely and respectful return of Aboriginal remains to country.



Members of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council with the new strategic plan 2014-19, from left, Bonnie Chew, Nellie Flagg, Tim Chatfield, Rodney Carter, Jill Gallagher and Mick Harding. Council members absent were Jennifer Beer, Jim Berg, Eleanor Bourke and Wally Cooper.

Mr Carter spoke of the horror and pain caused by the treatment of ancestral remains and urged support from all Victorians.

"This should be a concern for all Victorians to return our ancestors home and ensure processes are in place that show the utmost respect to our family

members laid to rest when they are disturbed," he said. "This country is a cultural landscape and our people are part of the land then and now."

"As a council of traditional owners, we are proud to build on the foundation our ancestors have laid down for us, and the heritage which is all around us."

"Our vision is for a Victorian community that respects this heritage as it respects us, for who we are now and for our past, for our journey of survival and our practices of living."

For a copy of the council strategic plan 2014-19, go to <http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/>

NSW court reserves judgment



The NSW Court of Criminal Appeal has reserved its decision on the re-sentencing of an Aboriginal man

after the High Court ruled the original verdict did not give proper weight to his Aboriginal background. William Bugmy, a western NSW Aboriginal man, had his case re-heard last week in the Court of Appeal after winning in the High Court in August 2013.

The 32-year-old has largely been in prison since the age of 12, following a violent and abusive upbringing, poor schooling and mental health issues.

The NSW Court of Criminal Appeal had increased a previous six-year jail term handed down by the NSW District Court to seven-and-a-half years when sentencing him for causing grievous bodily harm with intent after he threw a pool ball at a prison guard and rendered him blind in one eye.

The District Court sentence had taken into account Bugmy's background, following NSW case law

based on a 1992 case that sets out certain principles – known as the Fernando principles – about the sentencing of Aboriginal offenders.

However, the Court of Criminal Appeal determined that the relevance of Bugmy's background of social deprivation must diminish over time, particularly given his lengthy criminal record. But the High Court confirmed

the Fernando principles as applicable to offenders even with long criminal records and sent the case back to the Court of Criminal Appeal to be re-heard.

Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) principal legal officer western region Stephen Lawrence said it was a significant case.

"It's one of the first times the Court of Criminal Appeal has had to apply those provisions," he said.

"Part of the argument was around the question of what does it mean to give proper weight to Aboriginality and a person's background of disadvantage in sentencing."

The decision is expected to be handed down in coming weeks.

"It's one of the first times the Court of Criminal Appeal has had to apply those provisions."

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Alf Stafford in Canberra with Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies' Commonwealth limousine, number plate C*1, a 1941 Cadillac. Photographs courtesy of the Stafford Family

Ming and Alf story safely with AIATSIS



A REMARKABLE story has come to light in historical documents telling the story of an

Aboriginal man who had a close personal relationship with former Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies.

The personal items belonging to Alfred 'Alf' George Stafford, a Gamilaroi and Darug man from NSW, have been gifted to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) by his granddaughter Michelle Flynn.

They bring to light a life filled with distinguished moments, including being the personal driver to 11 Australian prime ministers and friend and confidant of Sir Robert 'Ming' Menzies – Australia's longest-serving PM.

The collection includes personally signed letters and photographs from prime ministers and political figures, material relating to his being made a Member Order of the British Empire (MBE), military service and sporting achievements. It also includes genealogical and family history research painstakingly collected by his granddaughter.

AIATSIS collections director Lyndall Osborne said the material is evidence of an Aboriginal presence in Australia's political history where it was not known to be before.

"What a remarkable Australian story we are discovering. We are really pleased the family chose to deposit the collection with us," Ms Osborne said.

"We will document and preserve this important story for future generations to explore and learn about a man with Aboriginal heritage who was not only a close personal friend of much-loved former Prime Minister of Australia, Sir Robert Menzies, but also lived at The

Stafford family history.

"I was fascinated by the family tree and it started from there," she said.

"Grandpa always told me we had Aboriginal background, but I never really believed him. We've got Gamilaroi on one side and Darug on the other. I've had a lot of fun with the journey."

Ms Flynn said her grandfather developed an especially close relationship with Sir Robert, working as his personal assistant and Cabinet officer.

"They had a close friendship and following the death of Alf's wife Edith, Sir Robert Menzies insisted that he move into the Prime Minister's Lodge where Dame Pattie Menzies (Sir Robert's wife) became a mother figure to my mother and her two brothers," she said.

"My mother Diana Griffiths has fond memories of Dame Pattie hosting birthday parties for her at The Lodge."

After winning a tour of AIATSIS with Canberra's ABC 666 Radio in July, Ms Flynn was inspired to deposit her grandfather's collection with the institute.

"I'm very proud of my grandfather and happy that his story will be preserved and honoured here," she said.

"I always thought it was a great story – now it can be shared with the rest of Australia. Otherwise it was just sitting under my bed."



Driver of PMs: A young Alf Stafford.

Lodge (the PM's Canberra residence)."

Ms Flynn was very close to her grandfather and inherited his personal collection in 1996, when he died at the age of 90. She has spent the past 17 years using the family tree in the collection to trace the



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MINING LEASE APPLICATION 472 (ACT 1992)

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

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease on native title land.

An area of 167 hectares situated approximately 2.5 kilometres north north-west of Cullen Bullen, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Lithgow Coal Company Pty Limited (ACN 073 632 952) is the applicant of **Mining Lease Application 472 (Act 1992)**, for a mining lease which would authorise the mining for coal and be granted for a term of 21 years.

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

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

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Jeff Inman; Titles Program, Trade and Investment NSW on (02) 4931 6578 or facsimile (02) 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **23 October 2014**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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Rangers on the lookout for endangered finch



KIMBERLEY rangers are providing "eyes on the ground" to spot and record a rare and endangered finch species on the Dampier Peninsula, north of

Broome. The Bardi Jawi and Nyul Nyul rangers have been working with Environs Kimberley and World Wildlife Fund Australia, seeking out nests and spotting juvenile Gouldian finches in eucalypt woodlands.

At least three small breeding populations of the rare bird have been located.

The Gouldian finch is known only from a few records in recent years, but the new research is showing there is a small and potentially increasing population of the species.

Senior cultural Bardi Jawi ranger Kevin George suspects the finches were always around, and getting "eyes back on the ground" through the ranger program is helping to confirm this.

"In the 1960s people used to walk around a lot and had more eyes on the ground; most people from this time would say they had seen them around," he said.

The Gouldian finch needs healthy savanna woodland with old gum trees that have hollows and healthy grasslands for year-round grass seed. Both of these are badly affected by frequent bushfires.

"In these places where we have seen the finches there is not much disturbance, but it is also important to communicate with local people living on nearby outstations to understand impacts, in particular the effect of fire," Mr George said.

He believes the traditionally managed natural state of the area was a key reason the birds are still found there.

"There's not much development up here – there is room for them to move," he said.



Bardi Jawi ranger Kevin George using an I-Tracker to spot the rare Gouldian finch (inset).

Dr Steve Reynolds, from Environs Kimberley, said the fact that the finches are breeding on Bardi Jawi country and Nyul Nyul country indicates that good, healthy savanna woodland still exists there.

Dr Alexander Watson, from WWF-Australia, said ongoing management by traditional owners and rangers was vitally important.

"The fantastic savannah fire

management program that both ranger groups have been undertaking is likely to benefit the Gouldian finch as well as other fire-sensitive species on the peninsula," he said.

The Bardi Jawi and Nyul Nyul rangers are facilitated by the Kimberley Land Council and are two of 14 ranger groups working across the Kimberley addressing threats to natural and cultural values.

New office for institute



INDIGENOUS leaders have celebrated the opening of the new Lowitja Institute office in the Melbourne suburb of Carlton. A traditional smoking ceremony welcomed guests, including Victoria's only registered Indigenous architect, Jefa Greenaway, who designed the new office's fit-out.

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Aurukun hails mining deal



THE Aurukun community of far north Queensland has secured a 15% equity interest in bauxite mining operations after signing a co-ownership deal with a mining company.

The landmark agreement between Aurukun Bauxite Developments (ABD) and Ngan Aak Kunch (NAK), representing the Wik and Wik Way native titleholders, is being hailed as a giant wealth-creating step forward for the Aurukun community.

It is the first time in Australia – and only the second time internationally – that a mining company and an Indigenous community have brokered a co-ownership model to jointly own a bauxite mining enterprise.

The Indigenous Land Use Agreement,

signed in Cairns, will ensure a 15% equity interest in any ADB bauxite mining operation on Wik and Wik Way land.

Wik traditional owners say the arrangement represents a line in the sand between the old days of passive acceptance of "crumbs from the miners' tables", and a new era of enterprise, jobs and wealth creation by Indigenous people, for Indigenous people on Indigenous land.

"Waited generations"

"The people of Aurukun have waited generations for this," NAK director Lyle Kawangka said. "Miners have been in and around our area since the 1960s, when large tracts of our land were excised for their benefit, dispossessing our people."

"We've seen no flow-on effect to our

communities of the wealth they generated from our lands – our job and household income situation is amongst the worst in the state.

"This agreement will change all that. The future holds so much more promise for our people now."

ABD chairman Nick Stump, a former chief executive of Comalco and MIM Holdings, said there was an urgent need for such an agreement to end the "corrosive passive welfare way of life too long endured by the Aurukun community".

Wik Way traditional owner Gina Castelain said the agreement represented a break from 50 years of failed operations on Wik lands.

"This will ensure Aurukun people share in wealth, job and enterprise creation," she said.

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) of Australia

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) of Australia is seeking Expressions of Interest for membership of a skills based national Indigenous Working Group (IWG).

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- Cultural heritage legislation and policy,
- Cultural mapping,
- Indigenous focused commercial enterprises and partnerships,
- Use of non-timber forest products,
- Business development; commercial or entrepreneurial,
- Community development and enterprise development, training and employment
- Forestry management, policies and practices
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Selection will ensure that women are represented on the IWG and representation that is nationally balanced is proposed. The IWG will meet in person at least once per year and use teleconference facilities for other relevant meetings. Meeting and travel costs will be met.

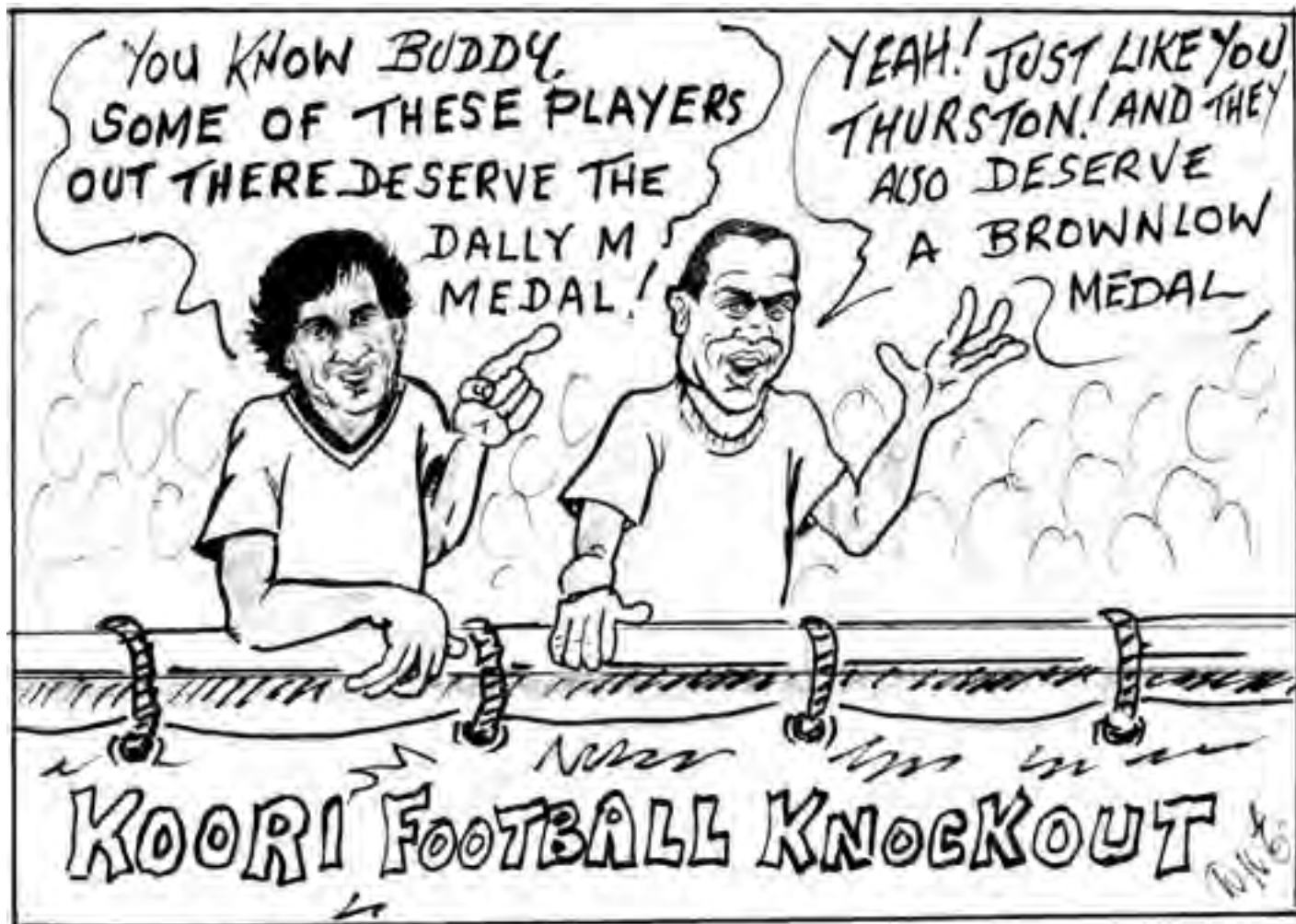
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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Dianna Edwards

Yorta Yorta/Gunditjmara woman from Melbourne; administration officer at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service.

Favourite bush tucker?
Crocodile.

Favourite other food?
Any pasta.

Favourite drink?
Coke.

Favourite music?
Dance music.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Netball. I used to play.

What are you reading?
Last book I read was a stupid romance novel. It was good for a laugh; I was sucked right in.

Favourite holiday destination?
Darwin.

What are you watching on TV?
The Block. I love it.

What do you like in life?
Music.

What don't you like in life?
Bad drivers. There's a lot of them in Melbourne.

Which black person would you most like to meet?
Athlete Cathy Freeman.

Which three people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Performers Eminem, Iggy Azalea and Miley Cyrus

Who/what inspires you?
Rapper Eminem.

What is your ultimate goal?
To get my Diploma in Children's Services. I have my Certificate 3.

Quote



"These people don't know the feeling of being marginalised. When did it become socially acceptable to treat people this way?"

– Cairns crisis accommodation manager Janet Guthrie on G20 security measures in her city

● See page 10

Unquote

An outcome we hope will work

THE newly adopted United Nations 'outcome document' to protect the rights of indigenous peoples around the world is indeed welcome.

What it means is that the UN's 194 member states – including Australia – have agreed to, among other things, "consult, cooperate and obtain the consent of indigenous groups before adopting any laws or projects that could affect them and their lands".

Wouldn't that be a welcome change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people!

Further, Australia, like other signatories, commits to empower indigenous groups, improve access to education, health and socio-economic programs, respect cultural practices and to end violence against indigenous groups, particularly against women.

Indigenous Australia has been ably represented in the drafting of this document by National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Les Malezer, who has hailed its adoption as a huge success.

A veteran of international indigenous politics, Mr Malezer is not blind to the fact that Australian governments have been known to have "many different faces" when it comes to its Indigenous people.

But he points out that international scrutiny of what now happens in Australia will be stronger than ever – and that can't be a bad thing.

And he also points out that indigenous involvement in drafting the document reinforced the concept of



OUR SAY

'nothing about us without us'.

We can only hope that the Australian Government will live up to the fine words in the UN outcome document. That can only be good for our people.

We hear there were one or two sore heads down Redfern way last Monday morning. And why not!

The South Sydney Rabbitohs are well and truly back from a long NRL premiership drought after scoring a comprehensive grand final victory.

There's not too many Indigenous people who don't have a soft spot for the Rabbits, so well done to them. For the rest, well there's always next year.

And finally a word about Dame Marie Bashir, who retired last week after serving as NSW Governor for more than 13 years.

Dame Marie is a true friend to Indigenous people throughout the state.

She was an honoured guest a few years back at the *Koori Mail's* 500th edition celebration, where the depth of affection our people held for her was plain for all to see.

We wish her all the very best in a well-deserved retirement.

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How art saved Kunyi

If you think art can't save a life, think again. Kunyi June-Anne McInerney (pictured) will tell you it saved hers. Art, and the power of forgiveness, have given this Yankunytjatjara (northern South Australia) Stolen Generations survivor the inner strength to overcome a life filled with pain which would have broken many.

She's endured abuse, abandonment, loneliness, heartbreak and ill-health to emerge as a mother, stepmother and carer to many; a strong proud woman, a university graduate – and a leading Aboriginal artist to boot.

Kunyi McInerney – her christian name means 'born with thick black hair' in Yankunytjatjara – was born on her country near Oodnadatta, in the north of South Australia, in 1950.

One of many brothers and sisters, authorities took her and three other siblings when Kunyi was just four. Her mother was giving birth at the time.

Kunyi ended up in the 'care' of the United Aborigines Mission in Oodnadatta and was given the names June Anne before being dispatched, at age eight, to a

family at Grange in Adelaide. Her sister Robyn was later sent to a family in Papua New Guinea.

The pain is obvious when Kunyi talks of her time at Grange.

"The family I was sent to were very religious, but they weren't nice people," she says quietly.

By age 17 she'd had more than enough, leaving for a hostel and starting nursing studies.

"I's wanted to be a nurse," Kunyi told the *Koori Mail*. "I think it was because I could help people; give them something I'd not had."

Kunyi achieved that goal, with the help of an Adelaide social worker by the name of Lois (now Lowitja) O'Donoghue.

She graduated as a registered nurse and later a midwife, moving to Alice Springs and then back to Adelaide. She helped many Aboriginal – and other – people in that role.

Kunyi married in her early 20s, moving to the Kimberley in Western Australia for what she says were three long, hard and

lonely years. The only joy was having a daughter Yaritji and son Ribnga.

Then followed a move to Queensland, where another daughter, Kamara, arrived.

"I did not have a good marriage. Those days were very hard and terribly lonely," she says.

But amid Kunyi's misery there was one bright constant. Art.

"It's my way of confronting what happened and sharing stories that must be told and never forgotten."

"I'd picked up drawing and art as a child in Alice Springs," she said. "It was something I enjoyed. It was my lifesaver."

Struggling in a broken marriage and now living in Brisbane, in 1989 Kunyi applied for – and was surprised to receive – a \$5000 government grant to stage an exhibition of her art.

It was to change her life.

"The late Senator Neville Bonner (the first Aboriginal person

in Parliament) opened my exhibition. I'll never forget his kind words," she said.

Sales from that exhibition meant she and her young children could "come home to Adelaide" – and Kunyi's not looked back.

"It changed everything for me," she said. "I was free. I could do things I never could."

Some of those things included more and varied art, writing and contributing to books through illustrations and completing a degree in Aboriginal studies through the University of South Australia.

Kunyi also went back to Grange, joining a local church.

"I had to confront what happened there, and through the church I found the strength to learn to forgive," she said.

Kunyi caught up with some of her lost family, seeing her mother and some of her siblings. She welcomed many people in need into her home. Over the years she's helped hundreds.

Kunyi welcomed the National Apology to the Stolen

Generations, praising the fact it raised international awareness of Aboriginal poverty.

And there was always her art.

Kunyi has done hundreds of pieces. They tell the stories of her country, her people and the horrors of what she and others suffered.

"It's my way of confronting what happened and sharing stories that must be told and never forgotten," she said.

Kunyi June-Anne McInerney now seems quite content with her life. Her children are grown and doing well – one is on the way to becoming a doctor.

She's caught up with many, but not all, of her stolen family, and there's always plenty happening at her suburban Adelaide home.

Art continues as the rock in her life.

She's just completed an exhibition at Tandanya – National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in Adelaide, and more works are in the wings.

"My life's been hard, but now it's better," Kunyi says.

"The young ones are coming through. It's good."



Nellie Thorne-Dorizzi during her first tandem skydive.
Picture: Skydive Jurien Bay



Madison Cox about to take the leap during her first parachuting experience.
Picture: Skydive Jurien Bay

14,000 feet of pure terror... for Mum!

By MICHELLE WHITE

WHAT idiot would let their 13-year-old daughter jump out of a perfectly good aeroplane? Oh, that's right. Me!

My daughter Madison Cox did her first sky dive last week. It was a tandem jump from the highest height you can go – 14,000 feet (a bit over 4000m).

She jumped out of the plane and fell to earth strapped to the front of a skydiving instructor who looked barely older than her.

The thrill-seeking behaviour wasn't for no apparent reason. She was filling in for someone. Me.

Before you decide if I'm either the world's coolest mum or the worst, let me explain how she came to be my proxy.

My closest friend, Nellie Thorne-Dorizzi, had been saying for the past year that she wanted to mark her upcoming birthday and the end of her 30s by doing something completely spectacular and memorable. She wanted to skydive.

She also wanted me to jump with her. After knowing me for half her life, she somehow had me pegged as the adventurous type. How wrong she was!

Apart from commandeering the occasional shopping trolley after closing hours, I'm not that edgy.

Firstly, I'm scared of heights and sudden movements. I'm the pathetic person you see at showgrounds stumbling off the fast rides to unleash lunch in the nearest bush. And by fast rides, I mean the Ferris wheel.

Secondly, I just can't understand the attraction of freefalling from the edge of space strapped to 'Yo Dude' – a yelling, barely pubescent, adrenaline junkie.

Rather than have her favourite aunty take the leap by herself, Madison Cox, also known as 'Baby Giraffe', bravely and, I must say, happily, put her hand up to do the skydive.

I said yes and then searched the internet for statics on skydiving.

What I found surprised me. Statistically, the most dangerous part of the skydive was likely to be the car trip to do it.

I even asked my dad if he thought I was a bad mum for letting her do it. "Not at all... YOLO (You Only Live Once)," came his reply.

So, I couldn't use her over-protective



Madison Cox and Nellie Thorne-Dorizzi back on solid ground after taking the plunge.

grandparent as an excuse to back out. Baby Giraffe also looked at You Tube videos before the jump. In her words: "I'm just looking at the awesome skydives... and avoiding the ones where people die."

Nervous wreck

On the day of the big jump I was a nervous wreck. I woke before dawn full of nerves and regret.

Baby Giraffe, on the other hand, was cool, calm and collected. Clearly the adventure gene had skipped a generation. We made our way to Jurien Bay, a

gorgeous little coastal fishing town about two-and-a-half hours' drive north of Perth. Skydive Jurien Bay is one of the few locations in Australia where you can do a commercial parachute landing on a pristine white beach.

The pre-jump instructions were supposed to allay any fears jumpers – and nervy mums – might have. They explained how the instructors had two chutes and that if anything went wrong with the main shoot, then the second chute would automatically open and that it was fail-safe.

Up shot my hand. "If the second chute is

fail-safe, why don't they make it the first chute?" I asked. The presenter gave me a look that said "troublemaker".

The world's calmest 13-year-old first-time skydiver was strapped into her harness.

"Are you sure that's tight enough," I asked the 12-year-old-looking skydiving assistant?

"Don't worry," he said. "We haven't had anyone slip out this week."

"But it's Monday!" I exclaim.

Before I had time to change my mind, the Baby Giraffe and her Aunty Nellie were bundled into a van and they were off to the airport.

Myself and a group of family and friends gathered on the beach in the 'drop zone' and waited for the hum of the plane overhead. We could see tiny specks high in the sky.

Madison and Narelle did the highest jump possible for their first tandem – 14,000 feet.

They had a full minute of freefall before the instructors opened their chutes and they floated back to earth... a good five minutes of blissful parachuting. Well, probably not so blissful for the Baby Giraffe's instructor as he was buffeted and whipped by her long thick hair for the freefall!

Both first-time jumpers said the experience was exhilarating and matched only by the incredible view.

The skydive took them over the azure waters of Jurien Bay with a soft landing on a most beautiful white beach.

They landed to cheers and applause from their 15-strong support group and the big hugs of relief from the two mums on the ground. I hugged Madison, and Narelle's mum Aunty Shirley gave her the biggest hug too.

Both jumpers have caught the skydiving bug, and there are now plans afoot for them to jump again... this time for Madison's 14th birthday.

I must admit it has a nice ring to it: "14,000 feet to celebrate a 14th and a 40th!"

Michelle White is manager of Aboriginal programs and media at Community Arts Network Western Australia (CANWA). Skydiving may yet be in her future.



Open letter to PM



Djiniyini Gondarra

I WOULD like to express my sincere gratitude to you Tony Abbott, the Prime Minister of Australia, for your courage in publicly acknowledging the terrible impact on Aboriginal Peoples as a result of early British settlement.

It is of extreme importance to us that we now work together for better outcomes and this can happen when a Prime Minister is prepared, as you

have been, to recognise the pain and suffering that has taken place. This is a beginning point and we thank you for it very sincerely.

You say that we should be recognised as first-class citizens in our own country. We believe this to be true and we also believe that determining our own future is our right.

With your determined support we look forward to

realising this in the not too distant future.

Your support for the recognition of Aboriginal Peoples in the Constitution is greatly welcomed and it is our wish that changes will also include provision of a framework for incorporating treaties as they are negotiated.

Rev Dr DJINIYINI
GONDARRA
Arnhem Land, NT

In search of details about Douglas Grant

I'M writing in the hope that among your readers are some who can help solve a puzzle concerning the life of a man of the Ngadjonji people, from near Cairns, whose interesting life I have been researching as part of my retirement urge to explore and write about aspects of Australian history.

The man's tribal name is not known. He was an orphan when rescued (or kidnapped) in 1887 by a Scottish couple when about 18 months old.

Robert and Elizabeth Grant were in Queensland collecting bird and animal specimens for the Australian Museum in Sydney – they smuggled him on to the boat returning their expedition to Sydney then took him to their home in Lithgow and raised him among their extended Scottish family as one of their own. He grew up with entirely Scottish culture – in all but colour. They named him Douglas Grant.

My early interest in Douglas was confused by the multitude of conflicting and utterly erroneous accounts of the several aspects of his life found in newspaper reports and even in academic writing. The intriguing thing was that there were so many of them. I therefore set about

researching his life from what primary documents still exist.

I explored his upbringing, his schooling in Lithgow and Annandale (NSW), his apprenticeship at Mort's Dock in Balmain, his time on a sheep station near Scone, his enlistment in the 1st AIF in World War I, his brief time as a sergeant, his capture in 1917 at Bullecourt, his time in German prisoner-of-war camps, his work at the government small arms factory in Lithgow, his time as secretary of Lithgow RSL sub-branch, his interstate travels looking for work, his mental disillusionment when life began to crumble, his alcoholism, his years in the military section of Callan Park Hospital, his friendships – and much more, up to his death while living in the Bare Island War Veteran's Home in December 1951.

Good company

Douglas was articulate, witty, friendly and generally good company. He wrote extensively about the appalling conditions suffered by Aboriginal peoples; his writings and articles about aspects of his life were reported in newspapers Australia-wide.

I have many comments about Douglas Grant the man as seen by European

society, but I have nothing at all about how he was regarded by Aboriginal society. As far as I know, he never revisited his tribal homeland and perhaps didn't even have much, if any, contact with Sydney's urban Aborigines.

It's this lack that I hope some of your older readers might be able to fill in for me.

I'm seeking the memories and opinions of people born about 1935 or soon after, or their children and grandchildren to whom they might have passed their opinions.

Was the Aboriginal community even conscious of Douglas Grant and his achievements and his efforts on their behalf?

Douglas Grant's life fills a large story – hence my large outline of it – but I would like to complete it with some idea of his legacy to his people.

Oh, and I'd like to know if he could play the bagpipes. There are rumours that he could.

Please contact me at tgriff@bigpond.com if you can help.

TONY GRIFFITHS
Terrey Hills, NSW

POETRY

The Greatest Nation In The World

Hey you it's a great sensation
You are welcome to our nation
We believe it is our birth right
To educate you and not fight.

We have seen the things that they do
But still we manage to pull through
Because this our great nation
As we enjoy it through celebration.

Our ancestors fought so bravely
But their plight it could not save me
We were taken from home with brute force
Even that couldn't end our true course.

Because our brothers and sisters they fought on
Even though they copped it, they didn't run
It's because of what they have done
That I have a voice and then some.

So here I will say it without frustration
That our country is a great nation
We want to share it all with you
Just to show that we are true.

We never will forgot them, no way
Because their fight for us was so brave
And that's why this great nation
Is wrapped up in our history, what a sensation.

My Heart Is My Country

JERRY MAHER
Mt Tarcoola, WA

Sunrise soliloquy

Grandfather Sun
I stand before you a naked soul.
You clothe me in sand and sea
and song and story.

Thank you for embedding the narrative of this land into my being and giving me the strength to keep carrying the fire...

JONATHAN HILL
Old Erowal Bay, 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.

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Family is important

I RECENTLY read a report detailing profiles on troubled families. The stories have common themes: a history of abuse; teenage pregnancies; violent relationships; long-term unemployment; constantly shifting family units with networks of half- and step-siblings, absent fathers, children in and out of care; grandparents raising children; truancy; drug and alcohol abuse; criminal activities; child behavioural problems; anti-social behaviour.

The problems are intergenerational – children repeating the patterns of their parents. Problems persist despite plenty of services to help them.

These families are not Indigenous. They're not even Australian. They're British families profiled in a 2012 report 'Listening to Troubled Families' by Louise Casey. She heads the country's Troubled Families Program that aims to turn around 120,000 families by 2015, with another 400,000 earmarked.

Casey believes basic family functioning must be restored for these families to turn around.

It's unfashionable in progressive circles to talk about the importance of family. At the other end of the spectrum, conservatives can get too caught up in moral dimensions – whether parents are single, or divorced or gay.

Both miss the mark. It doesn't matter if the family unit resembles the Cleavers, the Waltons, the Brady Bunch, the Huxtables, the

families from *Modern Family* or the Addams Family. A good family is one where parents do their job. All those TV shows depict good families.

Family is the core of safe and sustainable communities. Get families back on track and communities will follow.

For communities to function, parents must perform their minimum responsibilities – ensuring children are fed and have good hygiene; taking them to a doctor or hospital when sick; ensuring they have clothing and shelter and go to bed; sending them to school every day; and keeping them safe – which means knowing where they are and who they're with and ensuring they're safe in the home.

And parents need to seek help if they're struggling to do any of these things. Parents who don't perform their responsibilities are neglecting their children.

This is common sense. But people don't say these things publicly because of the mentality that requiring parents to do their job is blaming and shaming the unfortunate.

What about their unfortunate children?

We've seen what happens when we acquiesce while parents fail. Three shocking examples resulted in the deaths of six-year-old Kiesha Weippeart, two-year-old Dean Shillingworth and seven-year-old 'Ebony', all killed at the hands of parents after a history of abuse.

These families exhibited the



Nyunggai Warren Mundine

same patterns identified in the 'Troubled Families' report. Each was known to family services, who failed to act. A NSW Ombudsman's report documented utter failure of multiple agencies in dealing with Ebony's family over nearly 15 years.

None of these parents performed their minimum parental

responsibilities. There was no indication they ever would. Yet children were left in their care.

Children enter the world totally reliant on their parents. There's no excuse for parents failing their minimum responsibilities. Too often people make excuses for why parents fail, rather than how we can work with them to ensure they succeed.

We often hear poverty causes these problems. Rubbish.

Poverty doesn't make you helpless, addicted, anti-social or a criminal. My parents raised 11 children in poverty and met all their parental responsibilities. Billions of people live in poverty and still do their job as parents.

Troubled families need case-managed intervention and help to turn their lives around. That help starts with getting kids to school and getting parents into a job, using the demonstrated model that focusses on the whole person and addresses all barriers to employment using specialised services.

That help should not be optional.

We must also address long-term welfare dependency. Governments provided Ebony, Kiesha and Dean's parents with welfare, public housing, free schooling and medical and social services; money that was misspent; housing that was the backdrop for abuse and murder; schooling the children didn't attend; services that weren't accessed. Failure to enforce the

law meant the parents were never held accountable, never required to send their kids to school and never required to look for work as a condition of their benefits.

Long-term welfare dependency reinforces helplessness and failure to take responsibility. Welfare was created to help people who've fallen on hard times get back on their feet. Not to keep people in hard times.

We need welfare reform and we need it across the board. Whether people agree with (mining magnate and Indigenous jobs and training report author) Andrew Forrest's cashless welfare proposal or not, it's right to apply reforms to everyone, not single out Indigenous people.

The best welfare reform is to get people into a job. Most politicians know this.

Some won't admit it because it suits them to be partisan. For others it offends long-held ideologies about the welfare state, socialism and causes of poverty.

This is irresponsible and cowardly.

We owe it to the next generation of children to turn troubled families around. We need political leadership on these problems from all politicians.

Nyunggai Warren Mundine is chairman of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council. This article is based on a recent speech delivered to the Australian Institute of Family Studies.

What we all must do to stop domestic violence

THERE has been so much talk about domestic violence in the news of late due to high-profile cases. It's such cases that bring to light the fact that one in three women will be a victim of some form of violence in their lifetime. Aboriginal women are 31% more likely than non-Aboriginal women to be a victim of violence.

One woman a week in Australia is murdered by domestic violence. When this happens people are often rocked to the core that such a crime happened in their community and by people they know, love and respect!

When these tragedies happen we – 'society' – often ask questions like:

What did she do?
Why did she stay?
Why didn't she leave?

These questions are aimed at the victim, which is often the case in such crimes. No-one wants to think that their son, brother, father or mate could commit such a crime, so we make the assumption that the 'victim' must have done something to provoke the attack of violence, to 'deserve' it.

Perpetrators have been known

to say "she made me do it", some people even say "she looked for it", "she must love it, she keeps running back", 'it' being the attack of violence.

When the blame is being put on the victim, usually a woman – 95% of all violent crime is perpetrated by men – it's as if they did something wrong or something is wrong with her.

This is total bull... Domestic violence is an intentional act. And it happens in *all* countries around the world, regardless of nationality, beliefs or how much money you have. It's one of the few things that does *not* discriminate.

Remember, one in three women will be affected!

Blaming the victim serves no one except the perpetrator; victim-blaming takes the responsibility off them, distracting from the real questions, which should be:

Why do men hit women?
Why do men feel they have the right to hit women?

And how do we stop this?
They sound like easy questions, but in fact they aren't.

We live in a world where boys are taught that 'real men don't cry,



Ashlee Donohue

or wear pink'; we teach boys that it's part of being a boy to be tough, rough and hard – 'boys will be boys', as the saying goes.

We also teach girls that the way they dress or look or behave is in

direct proportion to what happens to them. For example: "If she didn't wear that short skirt, she wouldn't have been raped!" – making the victim responsible.

It's these behaviours that send out the wrong message to boys and girls, teaching our boys that it's okay to be rough and tough and that 'boys will be boys' makes it okay for boys to behave badly, taking away accountability.

It's this behaviour that creates the belief that make boys/men feel like they have the right to treat others, especially girls/women, with violent behaviour.

I have worked with thousands of men, and I'm still astonished at the lack of knowledge men have around domestic violence, and the effects it has, not only on the partner, children and immediate family, but also the community.

I also know that this behaviour is due to a man feeling entitled to control his partner, wife or girlfriend. It all boils down to power and control, whether it be physically, sexually, emotionally, spiritually or financially.

How do we work towards preventing domestic violence?

Firstly, we must change behaviours. I believe this behavioural change must start at a young age. Domestic violence education should be a part of our school curriculum; teaching our young people that they have no right to use power and control over another person and that no-one has the right to use power or control over them. Teaching them that love has nothing to do with violence.

We must also teach from a young age that, if you hurt someone, there are consequences, and to not use age-old excuses like 'boys will be boys'.

Last but not least, we must stop blaming the victims and start holding perpetrators accountable and responsible for their actions. Remember, it's an intentional choice to hit someone.

If you or someone you know needs help around any form of violence, call 1800 RESPECT... now! Everyone deserves to live a safe life free from violence.

Ashlee Donohue is a domestic violence educator. See www.missashlee.com



Members of the student delegation at the conference in Melbourne.



The Schrieber Family Dancers were among the entertainers.

Hundreds turn out at AIDA conference



HUNDREDS of health professional were in Melbourne last week for the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association's 2014 conference and annual general meeting. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical practitioners joined students and affiliated professionals for the event, with the theme 'Science and Traditional Knowledge: Foundations for a Strong Future'.

The keynote speaker was Professor Helen Milroy, a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist and Winthrop Professor at the University of Western Australia, who has served on state and national mental health advisory committees and boards with a particular focus on the wellbeing of children. She is serving as a commissioner on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

In her conference address, Prof Milroy, highlighted the fact that Aboriginal cultures have consistently, for thousands of years, been teaching and practising many of the health methods

presented today as 'cutting edge'.

She said social and emotional well being (SEWB), patient/family centred care, and other 'contemporary' concepts of best practice in health care had all been happening as part of Indigenous cultures for countless generations.

She rejected notions that traditional health practices are not based on science.

Prof Milroy, a Palyku woman from Western Australia, said that "to marry the old knowledge with contemporary technology and resources is surely the way forward for Aboriginal health care".

AIDA past president Associate Professor Kelvin Kong refused to be credited as 'the first Aboriginal surgeon', saying Indigenous traditional healers had been performing advanced procedures since far before his graduation. He cited the traditional practice of dropping hot ashes into an infected ear to assist in the perforation of the eardrum, a procedure which modern medicine has only recently perfected.

A feature of the conference was the inclusion of ngangkari (traditional healers) throughout the event.



All the presidents: from left, current AIDA president Dr Tammy Kimpton, with her predecessors Assoc Prof Peter O'Mara, Prof Helen Milroy, Dr Louis Peachey, Adjunct Assoc Prof Mark Wenitong and Dr Tamara Mackean.



AIDA conference delegates join in a dance workshop. Pictures: James Henry



The event included social and cultural activities like this outdoor gathering.

Moves to improve Wallaga cemetery



MERRIMANS Local Aboriginal Land Council has started to gather details for the second stage of its plan to improve Wallaga Lake Aboriginal Cemetery. Under the scheme,

management of the cemetery will be improved and more burial sites identified. The project is being carried out on behalf of the community in a partnership with Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Oral histories about the cemetery have already been gathered, and preliminary marking of unmarked burial sites has also started.

A meeting to set a management plan for the cemetery is planned for October 20, and those interested in taking part should contact Merrimans LALC on (02) 4473 7288.

The project is funded by the Federal Government's Indigenous Heritage Program and will develop a ground penetration radar survey, a plan of management that will include a burial register and a landscape survey plan.

Funding allocated to new culture trail



A LARGE granite rock, known as 'the Elders Rock', etched with a local honour roll will be the focal point at the start of the Bullawah Indigenous Culture Trail being developed near Wangaratta, in north-east Victoria.

The Victorian Government has announced \$120,000 to support the \$180,000 Culture Trail and Elders Rock project, with funds also being contributed by the Rural City of Wangaratta.

The Dirrawa Local Indigenous Network and the Rural City of Wangaratta will work to complete the project, which will provide a cultural and educational precinct for the local community.

The Bullawah trail will be developed along the existing Ovens River walking trail, highlighting a place rich in cultural heritage and a source of pride for the local Aboriginal community.

Online registration renewal now open



ONLINE renewal of registration to practise in Australia is now open for Indigenous health practitioners.

About 340 practitioners due to renew their registration with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia by November 30 can now submit an online application.

All registered health practitioners are responsible for renewing their registration on time each year.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners are urged to renew their registration on time to be able to keep practising and to stay on the national register of practitioners," board chair Peter Pangquee said.

The board announced last month that it had frozen the fee at \$100 for the registration period until November 30 next year. Registration and other details are at www.atsihealthpracticeboard.gov.au/

LALC chief named to advisory group



THE NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust has named Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council chief executive Jo-Anne Kelly to its new community advisory committee.

An initiative of the NSW Government, the committee provides statewide advisory representation and a further link between community interests and the trust board on matters relating to the management and development of the trust's 34 holiday parks and reserves throughout the State.

Trust chair Alan Revell congratulated Ms Kelly on her appointment to the 14-member external committee, saying input from members would help the board determine direction and allocation of funding to public reserves and facilities.

Ms Kelly has been involved in a number of Indigenous committees on a local, state and national level.

Yorta Yorta board strategic plan launch is welcomed



Victorian Environment Minister Ryan Smith at Barmah National Park with the Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board's Robynne Nelson and Lizzy Skinner.



THE launch of the Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board's strategic plan has been hailed as a significant step towards joint management of the Barmah National Park.

The plan, officially launched at Barmah Lakes by State Environment Minister Ryan Smith, has been developed by the board during the past 12 months. It outlines the process to begin planning for joint management of the park during the next three years, with involvement of the Yorta Yorta people who have ancestral connections to the region.

Departing chair Robynne Nelson said the board's first year had looked at the development of governance and leadership policies.

"The plan now provides the board with a strong foundation on which to build, putting them in good stead for the next phase, being stakeholder engagement," she said.

"Expectations"

"This engagement will ensure that all of the values, interests and expectations of the community in relation to Barmah National Park are clearly identified and communicated in the earliest stages of the formal planning process."

Yorta Yorta board acting chair Chris Halpin said the plan has been developed through the involvement of the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Council, Yorta Yorta Elders, and government agencies Parks Victoria and the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI).

"The Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board is only the second board of its kind in Victoria," he said.

"It has been appointed by the minister to begin integrating the Yorta Yorta people's traditional knowledge and culture with a science-based approach, and to introduce a new era in management of one of Victoria's most valuable natural assets.

"Key elements of the plan include the commitment to engage with the Yorta Yorta Nation and the wider community."

Decade up for Purple House



THE Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation (WDNWPT), better known as the Purple House, has celebrated a decade of

providing continuous dialysis services in Alice Springs and Kintore.

The corporation began after Papunya Tula artists raised more than \$1 million at an auction of paintings at the Art Gallery of NSW in 2000.

Since then, it has grown into a community-controlled health service at the forefront of holistic models of care for people with end-stage renal failure.

Since September 2004, WDNWPT has had dialysis machines and nurses in Kintore, 550km west of Alice, and at the Purple House in Alice Springs

"There was lots of skepticism when we started," Purple House chief executive Sarah Brown said.

"Would we be able to do dialysis out in the desert? Would we be able to recruit nurses to live out bush? Could we make it safe and sustainable?"

"I think 10 years shows that we can



A decade of saving lives: the Purple House in Alice Springs.

and that the advantages to individuals, families and communities of people being back on country are huge.

"We now have 16 dialysis machines in eight locations, an array of national awards and plans to launch a trust account next year to further our work across remote Australia."

WDNWPT chair Marlene Spencer thanked people for their support.

"We are proud of what we have done. We have worked really hard for our people and we have helped other communities like Hermannsburg, Yuendumu, Lajamanu, and Warburton to get dialysis," she said.

"We know how important it is for families to be together and old people to look after country and teach their grandchildren."

Media festival popular



COMMUNITY broadcasters, media producers and industry partners from across Australia were at the tip of Cape York late last month for the 16th National Remote Indigenous Media Festival.

This year's event was coordinated by the Indigenous Remote Communications Association (IRCA) in partnership with Queensland Remote Aboriginal Media (QRAM), the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC), Indigenous Community Television (ICTV), and the Torres Strait Islanders Media Association (TSIMA).

Delegates took part in a packed program of skills workshops, industry roundtables, video screenings, live radio broadcasts, music performance and cultural events.

They were also treated to a closing concert featuring five traditional dance troupes representing the five clan groups in the region, followed by two local bands. More than 400 community members joined delegates for the event.

The festival plays a key part in the development of Aboriginal media practitioners and aims to strengthen the media industry in remote communities.

The event also included the 16th National Remote Indigenous Media Awards. The winners are listed below.

Preston Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement: Henry Augustine of Pilbara and Kimberley Aboriginal Media (PAKAM).

NITV Spirit Award: PAW Media (central Australia) for *First Contact* (presented by Pauline Clague, NITV)

Community Broadcasting Foundation Excellence in Community Television Award: Waverley Morta.

Mr McKenzie Memorial Award for Best Contribution to Remote Indigenous Television: Neil Turner, Manager of PAKAM.

Steve McGregor Award: Dennis Jupurrula Charles, PAW Media.

The John Macumba Award for the



Some of the Indigenous Remote Communications Association award winners with their trophies at the festival.

Indigenous Media Operator of the Year: Brian Gordon, Ngaanyatjarra Media

Best Radio Outside Broadcast: PAW Media – 'Yuendumu Sports Weekend 2014' broadcast.

Best Station ID: PAW Media – 'Willowra Re-mix'

Best Radio Interview: PY Media – 'Wati Ngintaka' Interview

Best Radio Documentary: PAW Media – 'When We Walked: Irrititju Tjina Anangi'

Best Technical Innovation: PY Media

Best Training and Professional Development Award: PAW Media and Barkly Regional Arts

Best Innovation in Online Media: Barkly Regional Arts

Best Song: PAW Media – *Pama Yumpiya*

Best Album: PAW Media – *Yapa Beats 2*

Best Digital Photograph: Lacey Remedio.

Remote Media Broadcasting Award winners

Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA): Best Emerging Radio Talent – Kima-Jae Forbes; best RIBS Broadcaster (dual winners) – Jonathon Doolan and Gary Mumu.

Ngaanyatjarra Media (NG Media): Best Emerging Radio Talent – Wingellina Community School; Best RIBS Broadcaster – Brian Gordon.

Pilbara and Kimberley Aboriginal Media: Best Emerging Talent – Debbie Sibosado; Best RIBS Broadcaster – Henry Augustine.

Pintubi, Anmatjerre Warlpiri Media and Communications (PAW Media): Best Emerging Radio Talent Kima – Warwick Dickson; Best RIBS Broadcaster – Dennis Jupurrula Charles.

Queensland Remote Aboriginal Media Association (QRAM): Best Emerging Radio Talent – Sai Matainavara; Best RIBS Broadcaster – Amy McKeown.

Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (TEABBA): Best Emerging Radio Talent – Keith Rogers; Best RIBS Broadcaster – Gilbert Wulkuli.

Torres Strait Islanders Media Association (TSIMA): Best Emerging Radio Talent Kima – Anthony GeaGea; Best RIBS Broadcaster – Walter Lui.

Tiwi council pays tribute to veterans



THE Tiwi Land Council has paid tribute to two longstanding members who have retired after decades of service to the organisation. The council honoured its founding chairman Cyril Kalippa when it met recently at the old Catholic Church in Wurrumiyanga, the location of its first meeting 36 years ago.

Mr Kalippa, who is nearly 80, is retiring after decades on the land council, including three years as founding chairman from 1978. He has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his service.

Also standing down after 28 years' service is the land council's long-serving chief executive, John Hicks, who at 75 is taking leave to do a doctorate on Tiwi economic development in Melbourne, before his official retirement next year.

"Between them, these two men have delivered strong leadership and strong governance to the Tiwi Land Council," chair Gibson Farmer Illortaminni said.

"The vision of the founders of the land council, including Cyril

Kalippa, Walter Kerinauia and Jimmy Tipungwuti, was to break away from dependence on welfare, ensure our children got a good education and use our land to create wealth. There have been some disappointments along the way, but we are delivering on our dreams."

The Tiwi Land Council was established in 1978, after the 1976 *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* was enacted and the Tiwi people

for the Government, leading survey teams across the Top End. He was asked to come back to the Tiwi Islands 10 years later to manage the timber business.

Mr Kalippa has always been passionate about his cricket, football and education. His eight sons, two daughters and many grandchildren have included many of the Tiwi Island's best-known footballers, a politician and community leaders.

He recently established a community garden to grow wild yams and pumpkin at Pirlangimpi and is talking to the NT Government about cultivating oysters at

Pirlangimpi.

Mr Hicks worked in community development in Papua New Guinea for 17 years before returning to Australia to do a law degree.

He then came to Darwin and worked with a company which won the tender to provide management support to the fledgling Tiwi Land Council and its first chief executive Father Tim Brennan. The company closed, but the land council asked Mr Hicks to stay on as chief executive.

"These two men have delivered strong leadership and strong governance to the Tiwi Land Council."

were given statutory control of Bathurst and Melville islands.

"They got no money from the Commonwealth, but passed the hat around and raised \$1458," Mr Hicks said.

"Now they have assets of more than \$200 million, from forestry, mining, tourist lodges and the Tiwi College."

Mr Kalippa was taken from Wurrumiyanga (Nguui) to be educated at a mission school in Pirlangimpi. He worked on pearling luggers and in 1962 took his family to Darwin to work

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Meeting in the Torres Strait, from left, Tim Gartrell (Recognise), TSRA Member for Badu Maluwap Nona, Recognise's Tanya Hosch, TSRA Member for Erub Kenny Bedford and Recognise's Lachlan McDaniel.

TSRA welcomes efforts of Recognise campaign



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has welcomed the work of Recognise, the organisation behind the push for recognition of Indigenous people in the Australian Constitution. Recognise officials met with TSRA board members at their latest meeting, briefing directors on the campaign's Journey to Recognition relay in the region and other matters.

TSRA chairman Joseph Elu said it was important to acknowledge the history, culture and languages of Torres Strait Islander and

Aboriginal people in the national founding document.

"While the Constitution of Australia is the supreme law under which the Commonwealth Government of Australia operates, it was written at a time when Indigenous Australians were not recognised," he said.

"Important"

"Since then many historic events have taken place, including the Mabo decision, which now make it more important than ever to bring the document up to date.

"We are pleased an organisation such as Recognise has been tasked to inform our communities

about how they can play a part in reshaping our national Constitution for the betterment of our peoples and nation."

Joint campaign director Tanya Hosch said Recognise was honoured to have been welcomed to the Torres Strait.

"After meeting with the TSRA board we feel strengthened in our resolve to keep pushing towards referendum day," she said.

While in the Torres Strait, Recognise campaigners also discussed hosting the Journey to Recognition relay as it continues across the nation, holding events and engaging local communities in the movement.

Watarrka 'no' to oil and gas



TRADITIONAL owners of Watarrka (Kings Canyon) National Park do not want oil and gas exploration in one of Australia's top tourist attractions and have asked the Northern Territory Government to exercise its power to refuse licences.

Eighteen traditional owners signed a letter to the NT Government following a meeting of the Watarrka Joint Management Committee with representatives of Palatine Energy Pty Ltd and the departments of Mines and Energy and Parks and Wildlife.

At the meeting, held in the world-class national park south-west of Alice Springs, they unanimously rejected a presentation by Palatine managing director David Falvey.

"We strongly told them again that we do not want oil and gas exploration or mining on Watarrka National Park," their letter to the Government reads.

"As the traditional owners of this country and joint managers of this park we demand that these licences not be granted."

It is the second time in 14 months that they have written to the NT Government, asking it to refuse licences for oil and gas exploration in the park.

They are still waiting for a response from Mines Minister Willem Westra Van Holthe to their letter from July 2013, which said: "Every person from every family said that they do not want oil and gas activity in our park. We want this problem to be stopped before it begins."

Opposition

The traditional owners also met with Parks Minister Bess Price in May this year, again voicing their opposition to mining in the park on cultural, environmental, social and economic grounds.

Aboriginal committee members at last month's meeting expressed their anger

at the absence of both ministers from the meeting.

Park resident and joint management committee member Kunmanara Breaden, a former Central Land Council (CLC) chair, told the company that the traditional owners did not want any mining in the park.

CLC director David Ross said it was time the NT Government came clean to the traditional owners and other voters about what it regards as acceptable in NT national parks.

"We know that Central Australians from all backgrounds are very concerned about the impacts of mining on the high cultural and conservation values of the park, as well as the tourism industry," he said.

"I am calling on the NT Government to respect the unanimous decision of the traditional owners to put cultural, environmental and tourism interests first. These interests are not compatible with mining machinery, trucks and fracking wells."

Traditional canoe back on Sydney waterways



THE last time anyone saw an authentic, traditional nawi canoe on the water in metropolitan Sydney was in the mid-19th century. But a few weeks ago, after more than 100 years, a traditional canoe was seen gliding across Chipping Norton Lake, courtesy of the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM) and students from Lawrence Hargrave School in Warwick Farm.

ANMM manager of education programs Jeff Fletcher said he started working on the canoe with the school after teacher Kevin Cosgrove attended the 2012 Nawi Conference on the subject of Indigenous watercraft and wanted to get his students involved. 'Nawi' is an Aboriginal word for all manner of watercraft.

"Several communities built canoes for the conference, but this particular build is special because it is the first time a full-sized canoe has been built by school



Lawrence Hargrave School students Anthony and Owen with their teacher Kevin Cosgrove and the finished canoe on the museum wharf.

students," Mr Fletcher said.

The September 18 launch was the final phase of the Nawi canoe project, which brought together the school, ANMM, Forestry Corporation of NSW, National Parks and Wildlife and the community to bring back an ancient vessel that disappeared over a century ago.

The build began with sourcing specific bark needed for the canoe from the

Watagan State Forest, near Wyong.

In July, the Lawrence Hargrave students and their ANMM mentors embarked on a four-hour build on the museum wharf, stripping the bark and shaping it into a canoe.

The lads made final touches to the canoe back at school in front of an audience of more than 50, including Elders and Koori students

from the local school community.

On launch day, Aboriginal Elder Graham Davis King performed a smoking ceremony where he encouraged the crowd to use clapping sticks and share their thoughts about the importance of the event.

As part of the ceremony Mr King brushed leaves over and around the students responsible for the build, Owen, Anthony and Tyler. He then watched as Owen climbed into the canoe and paddled it across the water for the first time.

Cheering the boys on from the banks of the lake were students, teachers, Department of Education representatives, parents and carers, Elders from a number of Aboriginal clans and Maritime Museum staff.

"It's great to see it all come together," said Auntie Lola, a Wailwan Elder from central western NSW.

"We have been following the canoe building process from the beginning and now it's finally in the water."

Another award for Yurung Dhaura



THE Canberra-based Yurung Dhaura Aboriginal Land Management Team has taken out the Indigenous Land Management Award at the National Landcare Awards. Murries on Barwon, from northern NSW, was highly commended in the category.

The Yurung Dhaura group won the award for a project funded by the Federal Government which provided extensive training, on-the-job experience and skills to local Indigenous people in environmental regeneration and traditional land management.

Yurung Dhaura has already been recognised with several awards, including the Caring for Country Award at the 2013 ACT NAIDOC Awards, the NAIDOC Trainee/Apprentice of the Year award and 2013 Trainee of the Year award finalists at the ACT Excellence and Training Awards.

New tool will help Vic prison visitors



VICTORIA'S two Koori Independent Prison Visitors (IPVs) now have a new DVD to help them in their role of overseeing the corrections system for Indigenous inmates. State Corrections Minister Edward O'Donohue said the new DVD offered culturally specific information on the role of IPVs in Victoria's prison system, and he believed it would encourage more Indigenous people to get involved in the program.

The IPV scheme, started in 1986, now has 35 members who volunteer their time to monitor and report to the Corrections Minister on prison operations. There are currently two Koori IPVs in Victoria. IPVs attend prisons, talk to inmates, staff and visitors, and refer and report any issues, concerns or initiatives to the minister.

Action urged over asbestos compo



THE Asbestos Diseases Foundation of Australia (ADFA) is calling on NSW Premier Mike Baird to step in and end uncertainty around compensation for victims – many of them Indigenous – of James Hardie asbestos products. Asbestos groups across Australia are outraged by the announcement that the James Hardie asbestos compensation fund will seek to pay victims by instalments following a forecast shortfall of funds within three years.

ADFA president Barry Robson said victims of asbestos disease deserved the full support of the Premier. "Under the terms of the agreement between James Hardie, victims groups, the NSW Government and trade unions, James Hardie must seek the approval of Premier Baird in order to pay compensation to victims of their asbestos products by instalment," he said.

"Asbestos victims don't die in instalments; they don't lose the ability to work or care for themselves in instalments, yet James Hardie wants to see them compensated in that way."

Sista Sounds will visit communities



WOMEN and girls in remote communities across Central Australia will have the chance to learn music and songwriting skills through the second round of Sista Sounds tours.

Sista Sounds is a MusicNT program for Indigenous women providing opportunities to learn skills, gain confidence and share their stories with music.

The program has been running since 2011 and aims to fill a gap in opportunities for remote Aboriginal women to learn and play music.

Sista Sounds will visit Wingellina until October 11; Utopia from October 13-18; Kintore from October 20-24; Mimili from November 3-7; Warakurna from November 10-14; Ntaria from November 17-22; and Titjikala from November 24-28.

To register and for more information, contact MusicNT's Alice Springs office on (08) 8952 0322 or email sistasounds@musicnt.com.au

Program to help health workers



Aboriginal health workers at the launch of the scheme to give them skills with apps and internet-based programs.



A SPECIALISED training program to help Aboriginal and other health professionals better use apps and internet-based programs with Indigenous clients has been launched. The Commonwealth-funded program brings together work done by the University Centre for Rural Health (UCRH), the Menzies School of Health Research and Queensland University of Technology, with additional input from the Black Dog Institute, Macquarie University and the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council

"Recent Australian developments in the use of e-mental health programs include the design of two Aboriginal-specific apps for improving social and emotional wellbeing – the Stay Strong App,

developed by the Menzies School; and the i-Bobbly App, developed by the Black Dog Institute, Sydney," UCRH's Associate Professor James Bennett-Levy said.

"The focus of our component of this national project is to train NSW north coast Aboriginal health professionals to develop awareness, skills and confidence in accessing and using new technologies as an additional tool to assist their clients.

"Many young people use smartphones, but very few young people use mental health services, despite the high incidence of mental health problems.

"Online technologies and apps enable health professionals to meet people in the places where they hang out. This is particularly important for reaching younger members of the community

"Yet there are many challenges, such

as the need to upskill the health professional workforce to better engage with these new approaches and to develop strategies to effectively integrate e-tools into current practice.

"Rather than replacing the role of therapists and health workers, the e-Mental Health program will further enhance their skills and resources."

Project development was guided by consultation with regional Aboriginal organisations and individuals, including advisory groups in Lismore and the Tweed.

The training program will be available to all northern NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals and other health staff who work with Indigenous people. Roll out is set to begin in 2015.

The 44th NSW Aboriginal



Ready for the Knockout: Stan McGrady, Jacob Bulai, Tyran Adams and Kamahl Duncan, from the Toomelah Tigers under 15 side.



Donna Kennedy, Synitta Adams and Vicki Adams came all the way from Broken Hill for the Knockout.



Narwan Eels (Armidale) fans Pam Widders, Tyran Blair, Steven Ford and Vanessa Vale.



Lincoln, Dylan and Rhylee Connolly, all from Campbelltown.



Dennis Sandow, Daniel Cobbo and Kevin Saltner were there.



Nathan Edwards, Baree Mongta, Corey Sherriff and Richard Chan-Hampton, all members of the Redfern All Blacks under 15 side



Raymond Terrace locals Stephen Cooper, Kirran Shearer, Alex Simon, and Mark Cooper show their colours.



Newcastle girls Lacey Simon and Nakita Simon.

Rugby League Knockout



Dylan Andrew, Carol McLeod and Tiffany Trindall, from the NSW south coast.



Walgett supporters from left, Madeline Stewart, Lisa Stewart and Sonia Stewart.

Four days of fine football



THOUSANDS flocked to Raymond Terrace, near Newcastle, last weekend for 44th annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

They enjoyed four days of action-packed football in

men's, women's and junior divisions from more than 90 teams representing clubs across the state.

Along the way there was plenty of entertainment, stalls and activities for the kids.

And some great football action, which has helped to

make the Knockout the largest event of its kind in Australia.

The *Koori Mail's* Naomi Moran, fresh from covering the Queensland Knockout (see pages 34-35), made the trip south to get these pictures from among the crowds at Raymond Terrace.



Matthew Shields and Bridgette Sancho at the UTS Jumbunna stall.



Tim Goodwin, Cass Goodwin and Charlee-Sue Frail from the Recognise campaign to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution.



Josh Ridgeway and Cassie Marshall were at the NSW Aboriginal Land Council stand.

More coverage from the NSW Aboriginal Knockout in our sports section

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WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
2:00 Roots Music M (Entertainment)
3:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
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 PG (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 Tangaroa With Pio PG (Lifestyle)
10:30 Desperate Measures PG (Doc Series)
11:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Australian Biography G (Doc Series)
12:00 Netball Test: New Zealand v Australia NC (Sport)
1:30 Lore Poles G (Documentary)
2:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary 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 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Colour Theory PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 In The Frame G (Documentary Series)
9:00 Innocence Betrayed PG (Documentary)
10:00 Justice 'Just Us' Bowraville PG (Doc)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Around The Campfire PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Netball Test: New Zealand v Australia NC (Sport)
9:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)
10:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
10:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

12:00 Away From Country PG (Doc Series)
1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
2:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 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 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Campfire PG (Doc Series)
11:00 Netball Test: New Zealand v Australia NC (Sport)
12:30 NITV On The Road: Saltwater Freshwater PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Ochre And Ink PG (Documentary)
2:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening 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 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Samaqan: Water Stories G (Doc Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)
8:30 Rez Rides G (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 11TH OCTOBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
2:00 NITV On The Road: Laura Festival G (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 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
1:45 Bikkies PG (Kids)
2:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
2:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
3:00 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
3:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
4:00 Around The Campfire PG (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 Affairs)
7:00 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 Awaken 2014 Forums NC (Current Affairs)
8:30 Go Girls M (Drama)
9:30 Make It Funky! G (Movie)
11:30 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
7:00 NITV On The Road: Laura Festival G (Entertainment)
8:00 FIFA Women's World Cup NC (Sport)
10:00 Hyundai A-League: MELB V V W SYD Live NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 Let's Talk Sovereignty PG (Documentary)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
3:00 Rugby League 2014: 44th Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)
4:30 Double Trouble G (Series)
5:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)
7:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
8:30 Talking Language G (Documentary Series)
9:00 All Our Relations G (Documentary Series)
9:30 Lightning In A Bottle PG (Movie)
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER

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 Lore Poles G (Documentary)
11:30 Talking Language G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
12:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 All Our Relations G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)
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 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
8:00 Rodeo: Life On The Circuit PG (Series)
8:45 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
9:00 Matakau PG (Documentary Series)
10:00 Arctic Air M (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

12:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
4:00 Away From Country G (Documentary Series)
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)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
9:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Matakau PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Dreaming: The Art Of Aboriginal Australia PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Time On The Road G (Lifestyle)
12:30 Ochres PG (Documentary)
1:30 Yarrabah The Musical G (Documentary)
2:00 Matakau M (Documentary 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 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Desperate Measures PG (Doc Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:30 Australian Biography G (Doc Series)
9:00 Hard Rock Medical M (Drama)
9:30 The Boondocks MA (Comedy)
10:00 Netball Test: Australia v New Zealand NC (Sport)
11:30 NITV News NC (News)

WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER

12:00 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
2:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
3:00 Ella 7's NC (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 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Desperate Measures PG (Doc Series)
11:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Australian Biography G (Doc Series)
12:00 Netball Test: Australia v New Zealand NC (Sport)
1:30 Small Island Big Fight PG (Documentary)
2:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary 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 (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Colour Theory PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 In The Frame PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 When The Natives Get Restless M (Documentary)
9:30 I Heart My People PG (Series)
10:00 On Sacred Ground G (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
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)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
9:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Documentary Series)
10:30 Our Footprint PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Awaken NC (Documentary Series)
11:30 Colour Theory PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 In The Frame PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 I Heart My People PG (Series)
1:00 On Sacred Ground G (Documentary)
2:00 When The Natives Get Restless M (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 (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Around The Campfire PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Netball Test: Australia v New Zealand NC (Sport)
9:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)
10:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
10:30 Korriayn G (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Around The Campfire PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER

12:00 Away From Country PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
2:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
3:00 The 42nd Koori Knockout: The Documentary G (Documentary)
3:30 Murri Carnival: The Documentary G (Documentary)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 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 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Around The Campfire PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 Netball Test: Australia v New Zealand NC (Sport)
12:30 Ken Thaiday Snr G (Documentary)
1:30 Lagau Danalaig - An Island Life 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 (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Samaqan: Water Stories G (Doc Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)
8:30 Indians And Aliens G (Documentary Series)
9:00 Blackstone MA (Drama)
10:00 The Boondocks MA (Comedy)
10:30 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Samaqan: Water Stories G (Doc Series)

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER

12:00 Queensland Murri Carnival 2014 NC (Sport)
1:00 Rugby League 2014: 44th Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
2:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan 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 (News)
12:30 Indians And Aliens G (Documentary Series)
1:00 Sugar Slaves PG (Documentary)
2:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
2:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
3:00 Desperate Measures PG (Documentary Series)
3:30 Our Footprint G (Documentary Series)
4:00 Around The Campfire PG (Documentary Series)
4:30 Unearthed PG (Documentary Series)
5:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review (News)
6:00 Maori TV's Native Affairs NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
7:30 My Survival As An Aboriginal PG (Documentary)
8:30 Go Girls PG (Drama)
9:30 Shifting Sands M (Movie)
11:00 Ochre And Ink PG (Documentary)
11:30 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
10:00 Hyundai A-League: ADEL V MELB V Live NC (Sport)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review (News)
12:30 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 Muddy Waters G (Documentary)
2:00 Queensland Murri Carnival 2014 (Sport)
3:00 Rugby League 2014: 44th Annual Koori Knockout (Sport)
4:00 Unearthed G (Documentary Series)
4:30 Double Trouble G (Series)
5:00 Te Kaea 2014 NC (News)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review (News)
6:00 Around The Traps PG (Entertainment)
7:00 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
8:30 Talking Language G (Documentary Series)
9:00 All Our Relations G (Documentary Series)
9:30 Primal MA (Movie)
10:50 Manu Short Film PG (Documentary)
11:00 Dead Creek 1 PG (Documentary)
11:10 Whistle In The Wind G (Documentary)
11:30 Ngurra G (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER

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 Knowledge, Painting And Country PG (Documentary)
11:30 Talking Language G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kriol Kitchen G (Lifestyle)
12:30 All Our Relations G (Documentary Series)
1:00 Primal (Movie)
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 (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Kai Time On The Road PG (Lifestyle)
8:00 Rodeo: Life On The Circuit PG (Series)
8:45 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
9:00 Matakau M (Entertainment)
10:00 Arctic Air M (Drama)
11:00 NITV News (News)
11:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

12:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
4:00 Away From Country G (Documentary Series)
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)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
9:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Kids)
10:30 Surviving G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Cane Toads: Unnatural History PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Time On The Road PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Mabo: Life Of An Island Man PG (Documentary)
2:00 Bobtales G (Kids)
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 (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Desperate Measures G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Living Black NC (Current Affairs)
8:30 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Hard Rock Medical M (Drama)
9:30 The Boondocks MA (Comedy)
10:00 Netball Test: Australia v New Zealand NC (Sport)
11:30 NITV News (News)



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Paul gets teeth into career



PAUL Talbot is one step closer to realising his dream of a career in health after securing a Rotary Aboriginal Oral Health Scholarship.

Provided through a partnership of the Rotary Club of Sydney, the NSW Centre for Oral Health Strategy and the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health, the scholarship means Mr Talbot will get the help he needs to complete a Certificate III in Dental Assisting. Mr Talbot lives in Boggabilla, far northern NSW, but makes the seven-minute trip to Goondiwindi in southern Queensland to work as a dental assistant at the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service Oral Health Clinic.

"I was working at the local school as an administration officer when a position for an Indigenous dental health assistant became available in Goondiwindi," he said.

"I applied for it because my uncle is a healthcare worker and always said the health industry was a good career move. That was one year and four months ago."

In that time, Mr Talbot said he had developed a keen interest in developing his skills and career in health.

"I love my job. There aren't too many male dental assistants around, but the work is interesting," he said.

Mr Talbot hopes to complete his studies over the next 12 months.



Rotary Aboriginal Oral Health Scholarship recipient Paul Talbot.

Production a take on bunyip legend



A MODERN-DAY theatrical reimagining of the bunyip legend will have its world premiere as part of Melbourne Festival from October 14-18 at Footscray Community Arts Centre.

My Lovers' Bones is a new work from Indigenous storytellers Brown Cab Productions. Inspired by the poem *The Bunyip of Bummiera* by Aboriginal writer Cameron Costello, it offers a take on the myth of the hunter of those who would forget the laws of the land.

The production is a fusion of theatre, poetry, physical movement, digital projection and soundscape, bringing together Indigenous artists Margaret Harvey (director), Anna Liebzeit (sound design/musician/composer/performer) and Kirk Page (performer) with non-Indigenous artists Alison Ross (set and costume design) and Lisa Mibus (lighting design).

My Lovers' Bones is on October 14-18, at 7pm, with a 1pm matinee also on Saturday.

Tickets are available from Footscray Community Arts Centre on 03 9362 8888, online at www.melbournefestival.com.au or Ticketmaster 136 100.

NITV News on road trip in the Hunter



NITV News is on the road this week, broadcasting live from centres of the Hunter Valley of NSW. The road trip started as a result of last weekend's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League

Knockout, held at Raymond Terrace.

Broadcasts will also be held from Newcastle, Maitland and Cessnock.

"We want to get out of the studio and go live from different locations around the country – shining the spotlight on local Indigenous issues," news presenter Natalie Ahmat said.

Funding to assist Taungurung Clans



THE Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation has received \$90,000 in Victorian Government funding to deliver its Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) responsibilities for this financial year. State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tim Bull handed over the funding to Taungurung community leaders at an event in Kilmore, north of Melbourne. He said the funding would help to protect Aboriginal heritage and bring about development in the region.

"I have also approved additional funding of \$25,000 for Taungurung, which will contribute to the development and implementation of the organisation's strategic and business plans," the minister said.

Scrymgour to talk about Intervention



THE first Indigenous woman elected to the Northern Territory Parliament will discuss the lessons learned from the 2007 Intervention at a free public lecture tonight at Charles Darwin University.

Dr Marion Scrymgour, pictured, will deliver the 2014 Nugget Coombs Memorial Lecture titled 'Looking Back and Looking Forward After The Intervention'.

Dr Scrymgour is chief executive of the Wurli Wurlinjang Health Service and chair of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT.

As part of the lecture, she will also comment on the national constitutional debate about recognition.

The lecture will be held in the university's Mal Nairn Auditorium, Red Precinct, Building 7 Casuarina campus.



Unlikely pair to build trust



AN unlikely pairing of a mining executive and an Aboriginal man from the Stolen Generation who experienced 15 institutions before he was 15 years old

will tour the nation next month to share a desire to build relationships between the resources sector and traditional owners.

Sirius Resources managing director Mark Bennett and Indigenous Services Australia (ISA) director Tony Shaw will take their 'It Is Not All Black & White' Cultural Diversity Tour to six cities around Australia, beginning in Darwin on November 10.

Mr Bennett is behind the Nova Mining Agreement signed in August with the Ngadju People of the Western Australian Goldfields region, opening the way for the Nova Nickel Project approvals process to begin.

He first met Mr Shaw in 1999 in the north-eastern Goldfields of WA while negotiating a land agreement for the Thunderbox gold mine.

"There were three claimant groups and overlapping claims," Mr Bennett said.

"That was my first lesson in cultural awareness. I continued to learn from Tony as we worked together on several other occasions. Tony was formidable and I have learned a great deal about people



Resources executive Mark Bennett and Indigenous Services Australia director Tony Shaw.

and cultural engagement through those shared experiences."

Mr Shaw has been instrumental in negotiations for a number of native title negotiations and is a leading speaker on

cultural diversity, regularly presenting to corporate Australia, elite sporting organisations, and Australian mining, civil engineering and construction industries.

"Real change doesn't happen in offices, it happens in people," Mr Shaw said.

"By gaining an understanding of the core values of Aboriginal culture, the importance of skin grouping, the connection to the land and the impact of the past on the present you can gain understanding of how these things can impact day-to-day interactions in the workforce and the value of what your Aboriginal employees have to offer," he said.

The workshops will also cover topics including the significance of skin grouping, the challenges of labour force participation and communication with Indigenous people and the need for modern-day core values within the Indigenous community.

The Cultural Diversity Tour will be held in Darwin on November 10; Melbourne on November 12; Sydney on November 14; Adelaide on November 17; Brisbane on November 19; and Perth on November 21.

To book visit www.indigenousservices.com.au or call (08) 9368 6857 or email info@indigenousservices.com.au

Tickets are \$300 a person or \$2800 for tables of 10.

2014 QAIHC Arthur Beetson



Jack Moffat, from Cherbourg, and Brisbane lads Trent Wragge and Barry Harrison left no doubt as to what they thought of the Murri carnival.



Sienna Alexander, from Normanton, with Leilani Lee, from Mansfield, holding baby Daniel Lee, from Brisbane.



Kambu Warriors supporters Sheena Wharton and Jill Whitinui with Central Queensland Dreamers fan Tasha Lamey.



NRL Indigenous player welfare and education programs manager Dean Widders with NT Titans, from left, Shannon Charlie, Aaron Kurnoth, Leslie Maroney, Tey Crowley and Jared Isacc.



Courtney Marima and Gina Gaidan, from Cairns, with Allerviestar Tabuai, from Thornside.



NT Titans players, from left, Trent Kurnoth, from Darwin, Toby Barr, from Hermannsburg, and Adrian Ross, from Katherine.

Murri Rugby League Carnival



Northern Peninsula Area lads, from left, Albert Bowie (Injinoo), Michael Whap (Seisia), Leonard Aniba (Bamaga) and Lawrence Townson (Seisia) with Zachary Oliver, from St George, at the carnival.



Bundaberg youngsters Duran Smith, 9, and Damien Murray, 6.

Large crowd, great football



Local lad Zeiai Gibuma, left, and John Ingui, from Rockhampton, were among the thousands to enjoy this year's carnival.



THOUSANDS of fans turned out for what turned out to be a controversial Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council Arthur Beetson Murri Rugby League Carnival in Brisbane on September 25 and 26.

The carnival, which featured some exciting games, attracted more than 50 teams from across the state, competing in men's, women's and under-15 divisions.

Defending premiers the Southern Dingoes downed Badu Island (Torres Strait) side Kulpiyam 24-16 in the final. But Kulpiyam immediately lodged an appeal, and several days after the game the Dingoes were officially stripped of the title after it was found they fielded an ineligible player. (See our sports section for full details.)

In the women's final, Inala Bears beat Iris Saltner Memorial 28-6, while the under-15 premiers were Tagai Zugubal.

The drug-, alcohol- and sugar-free carnival, arranged by the Arthur Beetson Foundation, was played in suburban Redcliffe, the home of the rugby league great for whom the foundation is named.

The crowd enjoyed a feast of rugby league on both days, as well as stalls and other activities at the grounds.

The *Koori Mail's* Naomi Moran was there to take these pictures.



Jacki Weldon with her daughter Mikaela, from Tara on the Darling Downs.



Nancy Bowie and Michelle Weare, both from Brisbane, enjoyed the action.

Full coverage from the Murri carnival in our sports section

Fashion hits the runway



Mikele Syron models this outfit from Indigenous fashion veteran Robyn Caughlan.



Nathan McGuire models this fashion from designer Jeanine Clarkin.



AN eye-catching collection of global indigenous fashion celebrating top Aboriginal, Maori, African and Native American designers hit the runway for the first time as part of last month's Melbourne Spring Fashion Week 2014.

Vibrant colours, tribal patterns and textiles representing indigenous nations featured during a show at the Spiegel Tent in the Melbourne Arts Centre.

Past *X-Factor* contestant and Aboriginal songstress Shannell Dargan opened the show, which was attended by Indigenous media personalities including NITV presenter Leila Gurruwiwi and ambassador of the Indigenous Runway Project actor Mark Coles Smith.

Global indigenous artists paid tribute to their cultural ties and heritage before the collections hit the runway.

The talent management team behind the event, Global Indigenous Management (GIM), offers indigenous creative talents an "entrepreneurial platform" to enhance the growth of indigenous fashion. GIM also supports an unfunded indigenous initiative, the Indigenous Runway Project, and is the world's first global operator that manages portfolios of indigenous models, talent and events.

The Indigenous Runway Project was established three years ago to help indigenous fashion talent and designers break into the industry.

It was nominated for a 2014 Australian National Reconciliation Award for its efforts to nurture confidence and promote positive self-esteem in Aboriginal and global indigenous young people.

Next year, the Indigenous Fashion Runway will tour Taranaki in New Zealand, and Arizona in the United States, to share the Australian experience.



This eye-catching piece by designer Natasha Dwyer is modelled by Dawn McGuinness. Pictures: James Henry



Stella Gartlett models this outfit from Natasha Dwyer.



Aboriginal model Jessie Weetra wearing fashion by Hard Out Kiwi.

She's best in the west



GERALDTON'S Reggie Richardson has been named the Western Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Student of the Year 2014.

Ms Richardson is working towards becoming a child advocate, crisis counsellor and a trainer in protective behaviours.

She has already completed Certificates III and IV in Community Services Work, as well as a Certificate IV in Youth Work through Durack Institute of Technology.

Her latest award was announced by WA Training and Workforce Development Minister Kim Hames at the WA Training Awards.

"The awards is the premier

event that allows us to acknowledge and celebrate high achievers in the state's vocational education and training sector," Dr Hames said.

"Impressed"

"The award judges were impressed with Reggie's confident nature as well as her strong commitment, focus and motivation to succeed, not only for her own

benefit but also that of her family.

"I congratulate Reggie on her exceptional accomplishment."

Ms Richardson now plans to complete a Diploma of Community Services and a Diploma of Counselling, as well as the Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid Training Course, which is conducted by the Yellow Ribbon Organisation.

Her studies will provide the

foundation for her to complete a university qualification in psychology or social work.

In the meantime, Ms Richardson is gaining work experience in her role as a mentor at the Geraldton Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre.

She will now represent Western Australia at the Australian Training Awards to be held next month in Adelaide.



Charles Darwin University Deputy Vice-Chancellor Sharon Bell with Dr Lawurrpa Maypilama, from Galiwin'ku on Elcho Island.



ELCHO Island's Galiwin'ku community has celebrated one of its most respected residents

receiving an honorary doctorate from Charles Darwin University at a ceremony with 17 other Galiwin'ku residents gaining tertiary qualifications.

Dr Lawurrpa Maypilama received the award for her contribution to research and for fostering relationships between Galiwin'ku residents and non-Indigenous researchers.

Community members held a ceremony to celebrate her

achievement as well as congratulate the other tertiary students receiving qualifications in health, business and education.

University Deputy Vice-Chancellor Sharon Bell

"Lawurrpa has made absolutely outstanding contributions to Balanda's (non-Indigenous people) understanding of Yolngu culture and wellbeing."

represented the university at the ceremony.

"There are almost no words to describe the impact that Lawurrpa has

had," Professor Bell said.

"Lawurrpa has made absolutely outstanding contributions to Balanda's (non-Indigenous people) understanding of Yolngu culture and wellbeing."

Prof Bell said Dr Maypilama encouraged fellow residents to join research projects to provide better outcomes from such research for the community.

"Lawurrpa teaches us how important inclusive research is," Prof Bell said.

"She also reminds us that there are many paths and many opportunities in life, but the path of education is one of the most central and critical."

Benefits seen in traditional games



PLAYING traditional Indigenous games in primary schools could help keep kids get involved in sport and participating in regular physical activity, a University of Southern Queensland (USQ) academic says.

Fraser Coast lecturer Sharon Louth is hoping her research into competitive sport and traditional games will be adopted by the Health and Physical Education Australian Curriculum Board.

"The introduction of traditional Indigenous games to the national curriculum would help solve many of the issues surrounding participation in regular physical activity in primary schools," she said.

"They are non-competitive, cooperative games that promote inclusion and teamwork, rather than being competitive and exclusive.

"Historically, Indigenous societies were cooperative; the tribes worked together to achieve their ultimate goal of survival."

Ms Louth said children could become disheartened towards physical activity as a result of defeat. She recalled games from her own childhood like donkey, where those who dropped the ball were removed from the game.

"Example"

"This is just one example of an exclusive game that results in the weaker players sitting out, giving them little to no chance of improving," Ms Louth said.

"Whereas traditional games teach the stronger players to help out the weaker ones, supporting them and guiding them towards success, increasing their self-worth.

"At the moment, these games are only played once a year or at specific Indigenous celebrations, but all children should get the opportunity to play these games all year round – they're enjoyable and inclusive of all children."

Ms Louth said games such as kolap, puloga, juluhya, tarnambi and kai build children's self-confidence by allowing them to work at their own level but still experience challenge and success.

"The focus of the games is on mastering the tasks within each game, rather than defeating an opponent and creating winners and losers," she said.

Ms Louth said children experienced 'failure' in sport before they reached a stage of development that allowed them to perform skilfully, so they were put off sport entirely.

Ms Louth hopes her doctoral research on the games, which is currently being reviewed, will become an integral part of the curriculum and be introduced into schools throughout Australia.

Her study, targetted at Year 5 students, included trials in several Fraser Coast schools and showed increased participation, skill development, enjoyment and self-worth for children.

Students make uni Connections



At the USQ day: (above) Aldridge State High School (Maryborough) students Eybonnie Maker, Teleah Rainbow and Keysha Baker and (right) Maryborough State High School students Jessica-lee Morrissey, Shanice Ivey and Samantha Pincham.



MAKING traditional feather headdresses helped connect 83 high school students with university life at this year's Indigenous

Connections event at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Fraser Coast.

"It was fun, especially making the headdresses," Maryborough State High School students Jessica-lee Morrissey and Shanice Ivey said. "This really encouraged us to go to university as well."

USQ Fraser Coast Indigenous community engagement officer Linda Wondunna-Foley said the event inspired Indigenous school students to think about attending university.

"It was a day of motivation and inspiration for the young Hervey Bay, Maryborough and Bundaberg Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students," she said.

"Those who attended participated in cultural events and gained an insight into what university life is like. They know now that no

matter what, they can follow their dreams if they just believe in themselves.

"Stepping Black did a fantastic job as MC, Kyleigh Currie's touching welcome to country, and one minute's silence we had in honour of our passing Elders enhanced the event."

The event ended with the students being led by local Indigenous musicians John and Georgia Corowa in a group rendition of motivational song *Brave*, by Sara Bareilles.

"The students left USQ with smiles on their faces and with a sense of belief in themselves," Ms Wondunna-Foley said.

Butchulla Elder Ian Wheeler said the students came out of the day motivated, not only about careers but also culturally.

"I am a big believer in education. I think that when you know a little bit about a lot of different things, it's good. Knowledge is power," he said.

"The students enjoyed it and a lot of them said that it made them think seriously about going to university."

Quitting message at Deadly Sisters Day



Aboriginal health promotion officer Laurel Rogers, MC Sean Choolburra and health promotion research officer Denise Hughes at the Casino Deadly Sisters Day.



ABORIGINAL women with babies, pregnant women and young women in Casino, northern

NSW, have been encouraged to give up the ciggies and create smoke-free homes for their families at a Deadly Sisters day organised jointly by Solid Mob and the Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSW LHD) Quit for New Life Team.

The focus of the education day was on tackling tobacco and smoking cessation as a priority for Indigenous women with babies and pregnant women.

NNSW LHD health promotion manager Jillian Adams said the day was organised to show local programs, activities and resources suitable for Aboriginal women.

It involved representatives from Casino Aboriginal Medical Service, Family Support, Community Health Education Groups, Headspace, Casino Library, Inter-relate and NNSW LHD Oral Health, Health Promotion and Aboriginal Health Staff members.

The statewide Quit for New Life (Q4NL) program started in northern NSW last October. The Q4NL team works with health practitioners who offer antenatal and post-natal care

for pregnant Aboriginal women, women having Aboriginal babies and their household members.

The program operates between Tweed and Grafton and west to Tabulam and Bonalbo and supports participants to quit smoking and create smoke-free environments for mothers, babies and families.

Cessation support officers follow up clients who have consented to the program and provide ongoing smoking cessation care.

Once assessed, household members are also able to receive help, with all involved in the Quit for New Life program entitled to 12 weeks' supply of free nicotine replacement products.

The Q4NL team also provides resources to help explain the benefits of stopping smoking for both adult and baby.

Across the northern NSW district there were more than 85 referrals to the Q4NL program between October 2013 and August 2014. Most referrals have been for pregnant women or women with babies wanting to go smoke-free during their pregnancy, or for when their baby is born.

Deadly Sisters Days will be held throughout the area in different locations over the next few months.

Shalom College students to get a taste of university life



EIGHT Indigenous secondary school pupils from Townsville's Shalom

Christian College will experience a week in the life of a university student.

Jaydene Laurie (Katherine, NT), Katie Anau (Doveton, Victoria), Talena Morgan (Darwin), Rosie Baragud (Thursday Island), Danika Buie (Townsville), James Matthew (Boigu Island, Torres Strait), Patricka Gisu (Townsville of Mer descent) and Cenita Cubillo (Jabiru, NT) will attend the Hands Up Uni Experience Camp at Griffith University's Gold Coast campus from October 19-26. Some are boarding students, while others live locally.

The program is a partnership between Griffith University and education promotion program Connect 'n' Grow.

The week will give participants the chance to discover what it is like to become a nurse, midwife, doctor, pharmacist, dentist or exercise physiologist.



Shalom students with their 'hand up', from left, Jaydene Laurie, Katie Anau, Talena Morgan, Rosie Baragud, Danika Buie and James Matthew. Picture: David Nardoo

There will be hands-on events where they will get a taste of what university life is all about. They will also get to meet the mob from Griffith's Gumurrii Student Support Unit.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from

remote and rural communities to have an experience at one of the country's leading universities," Griffith University Professor of First People's Health Roianne West said.

Participating students have completed nationally accredited training in the

Connect 'n' Grow Remote Health Training Model, based in secondary boarding schools in north Queensland.

Indigenous students were also selected for either completing a school-based traineeship at the Townsville or Cairns hospitals or completing health training in their schools.



Tallisha Harden, right, and another exchange student at Soweto township.

Tallisha in Wallabies Exchange

By ALF WILSON



ARGUN clan woman Tallisha Harden, from Badu Island in the Torres Strait, has been part of the 2014 Classic Wallabies Exchange program to South Africa.

The program offers Indigenous university students who have demonstrated achievement in their chosen sport and university course the opportunity to travel overseas for a university exchange or volunteer community project.

Ms Harden told the *Koori Mail* the program had been life-changing and she recommended it to others. "The scholarship included a five-week group volunteer assignment in a local South African community-based organisation and the one we worked for was called Children's Eco Training," the 22-year-old said.

"Our objective was to build a sustainable eco-village for an underprivileged school in the Limpopo province (about 450km out of Johannesburg). The eco-village was centred on creating a sustainable garden which provided fresh fruit and vegetables to the school as well as environmental education to the children."

Sporting activities

The volunteers also refurbished a classroom and ran sporting activities each afternoon with the children.

Ms Harden (nee Bowie) lives in Brisbane and is studying a Bachelor of Speech Pathology degree at the University of Queensland. The Badu Islander's father is Cairns-based Army recruiting officer Don Bowie and her grandmother is Mary Bowie.

A top sportswoman, Ms Harden is a former Australian indoor volleyball representative, Indigenous Women's All-Stars rugby league representative, and a current member of the Australian women's rugby 7s wider training squad.

The Eidos Institute partners with principal sponsors the Classic Wallabies and Australian Volunteers International to create the Classic Wallabies Exchange.

Six Indigenous young people were selected to undertake the volunteer program this year.

● **Applications for next year's Classic Wallabies Exchange are now open. Go to wexchange.org.au for more information.**



Wallabies Exchange participants with some of the South African school children.

Women master degree course



Aunty Elaine Chapman and Emily Sutton.



TWO women have become the first Indigenous graduates of Macquarie University's Master of Indigenous Education degree program. The graduates, Aunty Elaine Chapman and Emily Sutton, have worked and studied together in the university's Department of Indigenous Studies, Warawara. The 67-year-old and 28-year-old have brought different perspectives to their studies, but say they have enjoyed learning, and now graduating, together.

"Whilst the course is offered externally we always joked about me being on campus all the time with my work," Ms Sutton said.

"I am exceptionally proud to be standing alongside 'Aunty E' as the first Indigenous graduates of the program – she is such an inspiration and mentor to me."

Aunty Elaine, employed as Macquarie's Elder in Residence, said she studied the Master of Indigenous Education because she loves learning about her history and culture. "This degree allowed me to explore and study not only my Aboriginal history, past, present and future, but also to compare this to

other First Nations histories worldwide," she said.

"After retiring in 2000 I was inspired and pushed into entering the educational arena by an Aboriginal teacher at TAFE, Annie Vanderwick. She expected the best from her students and pushed Aunty Anita Selwyn and I to go from Certificates I, II and III in Aboriginal Studies to a Diploma of Aboriginal History then a Bachelor of Community Management.

"Made it"

"Now I have completed my masters ... it has been a long and challenging journey but with the help, encouragement and support of family and Warawara, I have made it."

Macquarie says the Master of Indigenous Education program is the only postgraduate degree of its kind in Australia. It provides an in-depth understanding of the historical, contemporary and global issues faced by Indigenous Australia, to help in developing effective teaching practices and policies for Indigenous and other students.

Ms Sutton and Aunty Elaine aim to continue their work in supporting Indigenous students through their degrees and exploring their culture.

Ochre visit for SHINE girls



PARTICIPANTS in the SHINE girls program are pictured hamming it up during a recent visit to the Ochre Contemporary Dance Company in Perth. SHINE is a Geraldton-based

project targeting Indigenous and 'at-risk' girls aged 13 to 15, helping to develop confidence through a structured program of experimental learning. It is based on the belief that true

generational change starts with the empowerment of young girls.

The Ochre visit was part of a reward scheme encouraging good attendance and attitude from SHINE participants.

The girls watched Ochre dancers in rehearsals for the production *Articulating Landscapes II* before participating in a dance-based workshop with choreographer Simon Stewart.

Fellowship to aid rock art



THE Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) is seeking applications for the 2014-2015 George Chaloupka Fellowship, named in honour of the

gallery's rock art historian and gallery curator emeritus. MAGNT director Pierre Arpin says the \$28,000 fellowship is aimed at supporting published research and conservation of Aboriginal rock art in western Arnhem Land.

"Dr George Chaloupka, a former curator emeritus at the MAGNT and arguably the Territory's best known rock art historian, documented and recorded more than 3000 rock art sites across the NT," Mr Arpin said.

As an initiative of the MAGNT Foundation, which is funded by Energy Resources of Australia Ltd, the fellowship is developed to support individuals to undertake research, documentation or interpretation of rock art in Arnhem Land.

Anyone pursuing the recording/data collection, interpretation or preservation of rock art sites in the Arnhem Land Plateau region is encouraged to apply.

Submissions close on October 24. For more information, contact Mr Arpin on (08) 8999 8220 or email pierre.arpin@nt.gov.au

Course uncovers potential artists



At the graduation, from left, teacher Luke Close, Arlene Bolt, Peter Turner, Rouline Ferguson, Robert Shaw, Karen Tribe, Des Warfe, ACE staff member Lois Kelly and Mark Hampton.



A CULTURAL arts course held by ACE Community Colleges in Lismore, northern NSW, has

identified eight potential leading Bundjalung artists.

The students, referred by local employment agency Tursa, started the Certificate II in Cultural Arts course in March.

Course trainer Luke Close praised the participants.

"On day one of this course, I saw a group of lost people," he said,

"As a teacher of cultural arts I wanted to give them themselves and culture through the medium of art.

"Now I see a group of empowered people whose self-esteem has grown and who now have a strong sense of their Aboriginality, story, place and purpose.

"Potentially, they can progress their work and become well-known local Bundjalung artists."

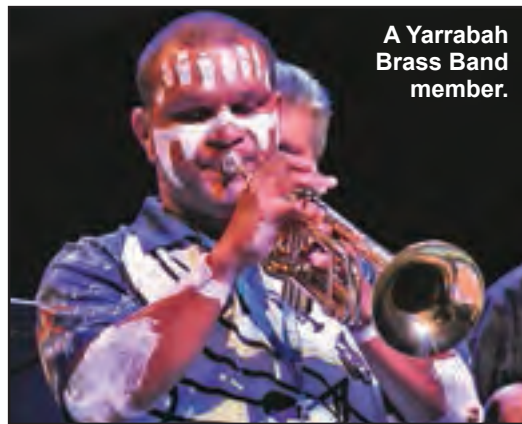
The eight graduated late last month.



Mau Power gave a powerful Tropical Jam closing performance.



The Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy School Band.



A Yarrabah Brass Band member.



Christine Anu performs for the Tropical Jam crowd.

Jamming in the tropics



MORE than 1000 people packed into Fogarty Park, Cairns, recently for the Tropical Jam cultural celebrations. The free event, part of Queensland-wide events leading up to the G20 summit of world leaders in Brisbane later this year, featured a concert with standout performances by Christine Anu, Busby Marou and Mau Power. But it was the Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy (CYAAA) School Band that really wowed the crowd, with students as young as seven playing instruments from the saxophone to guitar.

Jazz star James Morrison and artist-in-residence Jane Hopkinson have been running school-based music programs since 2012 across the CYAAA campuses at Aurukun, Coen and Hope Vale.

Black Image, a five-piece band of brothers from Cooktown and previous winners of the national Indigenous Band of the Year Deadly Award, had the crowd on its feet and rocking to some of their old classics.

And the Yarrabah Brass Band also impressed with a return to the stage after a rich history of instrumental music, with the first brass band being formed in 1901 and touring across Queensland. The band was re-formed last year.



A Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy School Band saxophonist on stage.



Busby Marou entertains the crowd.



The Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy School Band with jazz player James Morrison.



Members of the Yarrabah Brass Band on stage.

Researchers target serious infections



RESEARCHERS at Perth's Telethon Kids Institute have begun a project into vaccines aimed at tackling rheumatic fever, rheumatic heart disease and a range of serious infections caused by the bacterium group A streptococcus.

It's part of a major Trans-Tasman partnership – a collaboration between the University of Western Australia-affiliated Telethon Kids Institute, University of Auckland and the

Murdoch Children's Research Institute in Melbourne – to fast track development of a vaccine and assess the most cost-effective treatments.

Rheumatic fever is caused by infection with group A streptococcus (GAS) and recurrent episodes of GAS infection and rheumatic fever cause chronic damage to the heart valves known as rheumatic heart disease (RHD). The GAS bacterium also causes serious bloodstream infections and flesh-eating disease, kidney disease as

well as sore throats and skin sores. It causes more than 500,000 deaths each year around the world.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and Maori populations have some of the highest rates of RHD and other GAS diseases in the world.

Commitment

The project, called CANVAS (Coalition to Advance New Vaccines Against Group A Streptococcus), is being funded jointly by a 2013 commitment

between the Australian and New Zealand governments.

RHD expert Professor Jonathan Carapetis said the project will support the development of a vaccine against GAS as well as help to choose the best vaccine for the region.

"There are three main components to the project: The first includes developing a panel of the most common GAS strains; the second takes three candidate GAS vaccines and tests them against the strain panel; and the third is conducting an economic

analysis to evaluate if a vaccine approach is feasible," he said.

"Telethon Kids will coordinate the Australian component of the partnership, and lead the economic analysis, which will be the most comprehensive ever conducted."

The analysis will look at the economic viability of a GAS vaccine against other options including treating sore throats caused by GAS, monthly antibiotic treatment for those considered at high risk, or open heart surgery in those affected by RHD.



TAIHS Family Intervention Services workers Lorraine Ross, Vera Prentice and Shakira Quakawoot.



TAIHS chairperson Donald Whaleboat.



Fruit anyone? Renah Tapim with her grand daughter Harriet Tapim.

City service celebrates

By ALF WILSON



THE Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service (TAIHS) has officially celebrated the opening of its new buildings. The expansion to the existing TAIHS Clinic in suburban Garbutt includes a new maternal and child health clinic and Townsville Indigenous Parenting Service (TIPS), as well as five extra consulting rooms.

TAIHS committed its own Medicare income to fund the new buildings, which it says will improve community access to a range of new primary health care services and visiting specialists, as well as allowing for the expansion of social and emotional wellbeing services.

TAIHS chair Donald Whaleboat said he looks forward to the premises being an integral part of the organisation for many years.

"Over the past three years, the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service has doubled in staff numbers to over 180, so it's timely that we expand our base," he said.

"These new premises will significantly increase TAIHS capacity to provide community-controlled health services, supporting our efforts to close the gap in life expectancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Townsville and the surrounding region."

Commitment

Mr Whaleboat said the new buildings and subsequent expansion of health services represented a long-standing commitment to empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to take control of their individual, family and community health.

"Providing access to culturally-appropriate antenatal, postnatal and child health services, TAIHS' Maternal and

Child Health Service has achieved significant outcomes, including excellent child immunisation rates, and a low proportion of clients giving birth to low-birth-weight babies," he said.

"Townsville Indigenous Parenting Services (TIPS) provides a range of in-home and other support services to Indigenous families. TIPS has worked with over 215 clients in the past year, providing transport to and from their health and other appointments, supporting families to access and maintain stable accommodation, and helping parents to develop stronger parenting skills."

"TAIHS is working in partnership with CheckUP, Queensland Aboriginal and Torres the Strait Islander Health Council (QAIHC) and the Townsville Hospital and Health Service to expand the specialist and allied health services that are provided both locally and to surrounding communities."



Some of the 'Lift 'em Foot' runners in Adelaide.

80 lift their feet in Adelaide run



last month's City to Bay fun run as a way to promote active, healthy living.

NORTHERN Adelaide's Watto Purrinna Aboriginal health service arranged for 80 staff and local people to join

The group, registered as 'Lift 'em Foot', also encouraged Indigenous people to undergo an annual health check, with every person who registered having free a health assessment.

The annual Indigenous-specific health check aims to increase preventive health opportunities, detect chronic

disease risk factors, better manage existing chronic disease and reduce inequities in access to primary care.

Assessment

The health check includes an assessment of the patient's physical, psychological and social wellbeing. It also assesses

what preventive health care, education and other help should be offered to improve patients' health and wellbeing.

The Indigenous-specific check was set up because Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have considerably higher illness and death levels than other people,

with earlier onset and more severe disease progression for many chronic diseases.

This was the first year that a team from Watto Purrinna, which provides primary health care and community support services across the central and northern Adelaide regions, registered for the event.

Jimmy Forrest named a Community Champion



AN advocate for suicide prevention and response in western NSW has been named Community Champion at the 2014 Mental Health Matters Awards.

Jimmy Forrest, who chairs the Wambool Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Network (WASPN), was presented with the award at NSW Parliament House by NSW Mental Health Commissioner John Feneley.

The annual awards, which celebrate winners in nine nomination categories, are hosted by the Mental Health Association NSW (MHA) and presented by Minister for Mental Health Jai Rowell.

Each year, the Mental Health Commission partners with MHA to present the Community Champion Award, which recognises 'unsung heroes' – individuals or organisations the commissioner or commission staff have met during community visits, and who have made an outstanding contribution to mental health and wellbeing in their communities.

Mr Forrest is known in his home city of Dubbo in his role as an Aboriginal health worker at Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre and also as chairperson of the local Aboriginal Community Justice Group.

A Wongaibon man from Narromine, Mr Forrest has delivered support packs produced by WASPN to families affected by suicide or attempted suicide. The packs were



Jimmy Forrest, of Dubbo, receives his award from NSW Mental Health Commissioner John Feneley.

developed after a request from local police who had attended suicides or attempted suicides and asked for information and assistance to give to families.

Mr Forrest and the WASPN's reputation in the community, coupled with their relationship with other community-managed organisations and Government services, has increased suicide awareness in the region.

"We are trying to get people to come out and talk about their issues instead of bottling them up, and to prevent more suicides," Mr Forrest said.

"Through the packs, meeting people, talking to people, getting

involved with commemorative events, fundraising barbecues ... all these create conversations and people to open up."

Commissioner Feneley said: "Jimmy Forrest and the WASPN team are an example of the big impact grassroots initiatives can make in a community."

"Contributions like these resources are essential, because they help transform the experience of mental health support for the most vulnerable people, and start to establish person-centred, recovery-oriented thinking as an automatic reflex in entire organisations and systems."

Breast check concern



JUST 38% of Indigenous women aged 50-69 had a screening mammogram through

BreastScreen Australia in 2011 and 2012, according to a report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

That compares with more than half of all other women nationwide.

The report, 'BreastScreen Australia monitoring report 2011-2012', revealed that 55% of women in the target age group (50-69) for the free breast screening program had a mammogram in 2011-2012, a level of participation that has remained steady since 2007-08.

Within this target age group, higher participation was seen in older women, with nearly 60% of women aged 60-64 and 65-69 having a screening mammogram in 2011-2012.

But while participation was similar across socioeconomic groups, there were differences across remoteness areas, with participation highest in outer regional areas (59%) and lowest

in very remote areas (46%).

"BreastScreen Australia aims to reduce illness and deaths from breast cancer through early detection of unsuspected breast cancer, which enables early intervention," AIHW spokesperson Justin Harvey said.

Among women screened for the first time in 2012, 11% were recalled for further investigation, and of women attending subsequent screens, 3% were recalled.

Further tests

For every 1000 women who have a mammogram through BreastScreen, about 45 will be called back for further tests but only five women will be found to have breast cancer.

"Small breast cancers (less than 15mm in diameter) are associated with better treatment options and improved survival," Mr Harvey said.

"A high proportion of breast cancers detected in 2012 were small – around half of the cancers detected through first screens were small, as were around three in five in subsequent screens."

Katherine renal unit welcomed



A NEW \$2.9 million renal dialysis unit now operating in Katherine has doubled the number of renal dialysis chairs in the town. Northern Territory Health Minister Robyn Lambley says the unit

now operates 16 chairs.

"The unit is currently treating 32 patients and will allow at least another nine Katherine patients who have been receiving treatment in Darwin to return home," she said.

"Patients have transferred over from the Katherine Hospital to their new dialysis unit and I am told they are very happy with their new facility.

"Increasing the capacity of the unit was crucial to ensuring we meet demand for dialysis in the Katherine region and provide for more patients to receive care closer to home."

The public health facility is operated through a service agreement between the Top End Health Service and Fresenius Medical Care. The service model is similar to the Gap Road Renal Dialysis Unit in Alice Springs that opened in 2010.

Fresenius Medical Care will provide transport for patients to receive treatment

at the unit, which at this stage operates eight hours a day, six days a week, with the opportunity to add to its operating hours as demand increases.

"This is an impressive new facility for renal dialysis patients in the Katherine region, that will meet demand and importantly allow for more people to receive dialysis treatment without needing to move away from home," Mrs Lambley said.

"Modern facility"

"As well as the 16 renal dialysis chairs, the new unit is a modern facility overlooking landscaped gardens and natural bushland which also features two clinical consultation rooms, office space, a training area for staff and a comfortable tea room waiting area for patients."

The facility has its own water tank for reserve water, a back-up generator, and two buses which offer pick-up and drop-off services to patients.

"The old renal unit at the Katherine Hospital is now being decommissioned and the area is being used as office space for the newly established Katherine Regional Health Services office," Mrs Lambley said.



Broken Hill-based Maari Ma Community Safety Research project officer Claudett Dixon accepts the child protection award from NSW Family and Community Services Minister Gabrielle Upton.

Corporation is playing its part



BROKEN Hill's Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation has won a state award for child protection from the National Association of Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN).

NSW Family and Community Services Minister Gabrielle Upton announced the 'Play Your Part' Award at Westmead Children's Hospital, Sydney, in recognition of 2014 National Child Protection Week.

Ms Upton said the awards were an important way for inspiring prevention initiatives to be acknowledged.

Maari Ma was one of two award winners in NSW. It was recognised for its Early Years Project, helping to improve the wellbeing of Aboriginal children in the far west of the state.

Chief executive officer Bob Davis said he was pleased Maari Ma has been recognised for the work it has been doing with children.

"We very much wanted to improve the development and wellbeing of Aboriginal children in Broken Hill, Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe, and together with government and non-government agencies we developed a

strategic framework four years ago," he said.

"From that developed our Early Years Project and includes our Healthy Start playgroup, Little Kids and Books, an after-school cooking group and the Early Years Discussion Group, which is a group made up of early childhood educators and carers across the region.

"Dedication"

"We have staff who drive these activities with a great deal of enthusiasm and dedication to children and their families – all working together to promote the importance of the early years in a child's life.

"The Early Years Project tackles issues which are not directly health-related and yet are some of the social determinants of health such as safety, early literacy, health literacy and quality early childhood education and care."

Mr Davis also thanked the partners involved in the work – the CAGES Foundation, the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and Broken Hill, Menindee, Wilcannia and Ivanhoe communities.



CANBERRA'S Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service says clients will benefit from a new streamlined process

designed to enhance service delivery, including a new child health clinic.

Announcing the changes, Winnunga chief executive Julie Tongs said the major reason for the restructure was to ensure better triaging (prioritising) of patients while they are waiting to see a doctor.

"We needed a more streamlined and coordinated approach," she said.

"From now on, before people see a doctor, all patients will first be referred to one of our nurses.

"The nurses will ensure that everyone undergoes a basic health check and can ascertain more clearly what exactly the reason is for the patient visiting. They can then ensure the patient is referred to the correct treatment area.

"Given we have doctors with a different range of skills and specialities, patients may be referred to a doctor specialising in mental health matters, antenatal or, for example, drug- and alcohol-related issues."

The health service has also opened a

second clinical waiting area in what used to be the midwives area, to address overcrowding in the waiting room space.

"We believe patients will appreciate that this new system will lead to better levels of care for all patients," Ms Tongs said.

She said the new arrangements had been discussed with Winnunga's nursing and GP teams.

A major part of new arrangements is the opening of a new child health clinic.

"The new Comprehensive Child Health Clinic will now mean we can conduct milestone checks as well as the annual Aboriginal health checks, hearing assessments, age-related pre-immunisation checks and the management and follow-up of the usual range of childhood illnesses.

"We are sure this will deliver a more integrated and comprehensive health service to children

as it will also combine our established Mums and Bubs Group with the new comprehensive child clinic."

Ms Tongs said that while the new arrangements might take a little time to be fully bedded down and understood, she was convinced they were a great step forward. "Doing things better, after all, is what we strive for," she said.



Julie Tongs

NATIONAL CALENDAR



We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Please keep them short and to the point, and include a daytime telephone contact number. They can be sent to any of the addresses listed in the panel on page 23.

National

Ongoing: Lifeline. Saving Lives. Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention. Call 13 11 14.

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. For more information, call the Registration and Information Service on 1800 242 636 or visit www.carersnsw.org.au

Ongoing: TV retuning. Some channels are changing frequency as the final step in the move to digital-only TV. Viewers will need to retune TVs, set-top boxes or digital recorders when these changes happen in their areas. Details: www.media.retune.digitalready.gov.au

Until October 30: National NAIDOC Committee applications now open. Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. Details: Visit www.naidoc.org.au or email info@naidoc.org.au

November 10-21: It is Not All Black & White – 2014 Cultural Diversity Tour workshops. Tony Shaw and Mark Bennett will have a national tour with the aim of sharing stories about doing things differently, the desire to build real relationships and the value of mutual respect and trust. Held at Darwin (10th), Melbourne (12th), Sydney (14th), Adelaide (17th), Brisbane (19th) and Perth (21st). Cost: \$300 a person or \$2800 for tables of 10. Details: (08) 9368 6857 or email info@indigenousservices.com.au or visit www.indigenousservices.com.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.

Ongoing: Indigenous Pre-Recruitment Course (IPRC). In collaboration in TAFENSW preparing people for a career in the armed forces. Must be 18 and above and of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. Details: (02) 9825 7333 or visit www.iprc.aboriginallearningcircle.com

Until October 11: *Harry Tjutjuna* exhibition. A solo exhibition of recent works by the senior Anangu artist and law man. Held at Aboriginal and Pacific Art, 2 Danks Street, Waterloo from Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Free Entry. Details: (02) 9699 2211 or visit www.aboriginalpacificart.com.au

Until October 26: *Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize 2013* exhibition. The exhibition features works by 35 finalists. Held at the Lismore Regional Gallery, 131 Molesworth St, Lismore, Tues-Fri, 10am-4pm; Thurs, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-2pm. Details: (02) 6622 2209 or visit www.lismoregallery.org

Until October 31: WUPA@W Wanaruah Aboriginal art and culture event. A display of

Aboriginal artwork will be held across venues in the Pokolbin and Broke wine region of the Hunter Valley. Details phone (02) 6571 5111 or visit www.wupaatwanaruah.com.au

Until October 31: Lismore City Council Youth Activities Funding. Applications are now invited from community groups to undertake projects and activities for young people aged 12 to 25 in the Lismore local government area. Details: 1300 878 387 or visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au

Until November 15: *I Am Who I Am: A Retrospective*. An exhibition that showcases the fashion, textile design and paintings of Robyn Caughlan, a Dharug and Darkinjung woman. Held at Fairfield City Museum, Smithfield, from Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9609 3993 or visit www.livingmuseum.com.au

Until November 30: *Martu Art from the Far Western Desert* exhibition. A selection of collaborative paintings by 29 Martu artists of their Ngurra (country), a vast area of the Great Sandy, Little Sandy and Gibson deserts in Western Australia. At Museum of Contemporary Art, 140 George St, The Rocks, Sydney daily 10am-5pm and 10am-9pm Thurs. Free entry. Details: (02) 9245 4361 or visit www.mca.com.au

SmartBar event is at Bunjilaka



MELBOURNE Museum is adding culture to an evening out with a SmartBar event at the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, where adults can come to the museum, get a drink, listen to

some music and hear from exhibition experts. The event tomorrow (October 9) will allow visitors to experience the award-winning *First Peoples* exhibition and hear Aboriginal people talk about contemporary Koorie art and the languages of south-eastern Australia.

"For the last SmartBar of 2014, we'll be exploring some of the deadliest aspects of Koorie culture," Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre manager Caroline Martin said.

"Ever wanted to see a water carrier being made from nothing more than a wallaby and a few stone tools? We'll show you."

Told through the voices of Victoria's First Peoples and utilising multimedia, artefacts and contemporary artworks, *First Peoples* tells

the story of Aboriginal Victoria from the time of Creation to today.

The exhibition is co-curated by the Yulendj ('knowledge') group of Elders and community representatives from across Victoria with Museum Victoria staff. They will contribute stories, objects and cultural and historical knowledge to the exhibition.

Entertainment

Musicians Benny Walker and Dave Arden will entertain the audience during the SmartBar event, from 6-9.30pm.

Visitors will also be able to explore the Milarri Garden Trail, which shows how Koorie people used plants and live eels extensively for food, technology, medicine and farming.

Food and drink will be available for purchase during the event.

Tickets are \$18 adults, \$16 concession and can be bought at <http://museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum> or by phoning 13 11 02.

October 11-November 23: *Our Culture, Our Compass* exhibition. Featuring works by the NSW Aboriginal Women's Collective featuring Kim Healey, Bronwyn Bancroft and more. Includes opening on October 11 at 2pm. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-op, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt from Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.com.au

October 17: Wingecarribee Aboriginal Community Services Expo and Family Fun Day. Includes information stalls, singing groups, dancers, kids' activities and more. Held at 15-17 Kirkham Rd, Bowral, from 2-7pm. Free event. Details: (02) 4868 0888 or Janice for free transport on (02) 4872 3722 or email kylee.blackwell@facs.nsw.gov.au

October 18: Redfern Jarjum College Open Day. Experience the work carried out at the school. Food and drinks supplied. Held at Redfern Jarjum College, 117 Redfern St, Redfern from 11am-2pm. Details: (02) 9936 5450 or visit www.rjc.nsw.edu.au

October 18: All Indigenous Showgirl Tour. Dinner and show, featuring Lady Gargles, Racial Tension and more. Held at Wardell Hall, 49 Richmond St, Wardell from 6-11pm. Cost: \$40 a person or \$60 double. Details: Lilly on 0487 359 264 or Debbie Thompson on 0458 225 510.

Until October 19: *Desert Mob* exhibition. A celebration of works by emerging and established artists from the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8951 1120 or visit www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au

Until November 16: *Exotic Lies Sacred Ties* touring exhibition. Featuring a decade of works by Indigenous artist Danie Mellor. Held at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Fannie Bay, Darwin, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm and Sat-Sun, 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8999 8264 or visit www.magnt.nt.gov.au

Queensland

Until November 8: *Young Art From Country* exhibition. Showcasing illustrations from the children of Mornington Island State School. Held at KickArts Contemporary Arts, 96 Abbott St, Cairns from Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 4050 9494 or visit www.kickarts.org.au

Until December 6: *Stockroom Expose* exhibition. Introduces a selection of new works from established artists including Netta Loogatha and Ethel Thomas. Held at KickArts

Contemporary Arts, 96 Abbott St, Cairns from Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (07) 4050 9494 or visit www.kickarts.org.au

Until January 16: Entries open for the 2015 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award, an annual showcase of art and craft produced in the communities of the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area. Details: (07) 4069 0888 or visit www.gabtitui.com.au

October 14: *A night by the fire: Remains and repatriation*. Join conservations about ancestral remains and repatriation as the 40th anniversary of the discovery of Mungo Man is celebrated.

Held at Kuril Dhagun, State Library of Queensland, Cultural Precinct, Stanley Place, South Bank, from 6.30-7.30pm. Free event. Details: Bookings on (07) 3842 9061 or visit www.slq.gov.au

Western Australia

Ongoing: Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company Writers Group meeting for new and emerging playwrights.

Held on the second Monday of the month. Held at Yirra Yaakin, 65 Murray St, Perth, from 6.30-8.30pm. Details: Irma on (08) 9202 1966 or www.yirrayaakin.com.au

Until November 9: *Trace and Architecture Projects Space* exhibitions. Held at Mundaring Arts Centre, 7190 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring Tue-Fri, 10am-5pm and Sat-Sun, 11am-3pm.

Free entry. Details: (08) 9295 3991 or visit www.mundaringartscentre.com.au

October 16-19: Regional Arts Australia Summit: Arts and Edges. The program focus is on advancing accessibility in culture and the arts with Aboriginal people and young leaders. Held at Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Details: 1800 811 883 or visit www.countryartswa.asn.au

Victoria

Until October 15: *The f Word*. Featuring works of contemporary feminist art in Australia. Held at Ararat Regional Gallery, Town Hall, Vincent St, Ararat, Mon-Fri, 10am-4.30pm and Sat-Sun, noon-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (03) 5352 2836 or visit www.ararat.vic.gov.au

Until October 17: *Healing Ways: Art with Intent* exhibition. This seeks to explore contemporary Indigenous arts practice as a site of healing and a resource for emotional wellbeing. Held at The Dax Centre, Kenneth Myer Building, University of Melbourne, Genetics Lane, off Royal Parade on

Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm.

Free entry. Details: (03) 9035 6258 or visit www.daxcentre.org

Until October 24: *Shepparchiballs* touring exhibition, bringing together women from diverse cultural backgrounds who have transformed the Sherrin football. Held at the Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King Street, Melbourne, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (03) 8622 2600 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com

November 2-6: Ninth National Men's Camp. Hosted by Mibbinbah, an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men to meet, learn and engage in topics of concern to them. Held at Halls Gap. Details: 0416 173 975 or 0409 036 713 or visit www.mibbinbah.org

South Australia

October 24-December 7: *Our Mob* 2014 exhibition. An annual exhibition showcasing the talents of South Australian-based Aboriginal artists, it aims to create an outlet for artists to share their stories. Held at Artspace and Festival Foyers, Adelaide Festival Centre, King William St, Adelaide, Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8216 8600 or visit www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

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Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year winner Anna Kepper.

Anna shows how



AN Indigenous employee from Rio Tinto Alcan's Weipa mine has been recognised as one of Queensland's top up-and-coming skilled tradespeople at the 2014 Queensland Training Awards.

Anna Kepper, who works as a fitter and turner at Rio Tinto's bauxite mine in Weipa, took out

the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year award. Ms Kepper completed an apprenticeship with Rio Tinto Alcan and training partner Skill360 Australia before taking up a full-time role with the business in 2013.

"I completed my apprenticeship last year, so I was very surprised and humbled when my name was read out as one of the winners," she said.

"I am very proud to be a female in a non-traditional role. I love working with the big equipment in the workshop and my team at the Weipa mine have been nothing but supportive."

Champions

Ms Kepper beat six other regional champions at the state finals, after qualifying as the far north Queensland regional winner last month.

Rio Tinto Alcan Weipa general manager operations Gareth Manderson said the business was committed to providing employment and development opportunities for people in the region.

"Our site's apprenticeship program is a great way to up-skill and employ local people, and we recognise the important role apprentices play in creating a skilled future," he said.

"Anna ... is a fantastic ambassador for our business, and (her) performance and commitment to safety has helped her secure a full-time role after completing an apprenticeship last year.

"Rio Tinto Alcan is proud to offer development opportunities with training partner Skill360 Australia, helping apprentices gain a nationally recognised trade certificate in their field."

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A Role Description with application details is available to download from www.ciaf.com.au

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New Directions for Aboriginal Affairs

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Aboriginal Affairs is the NSW Government agency that brings together the full range of Aboriginal peoples' social, economic and cultural interests, to achieve improved wellbeing of Aboriginal communities.

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Senior Client Service Officer (ATSI Targeted)

Clerk Grade 5/6
Western NSW District, Bourke
Ongoing Full-time
Job Reference No. 000032YP

Salary range (\$75,559 to \$83,371 pa) PLUS employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Deliver a broad range of client, tenancy and property management services, including resolving maintenance issues, to ensure that products and services are effectively matched and delivered to meet client needs in a timely manner.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Ability to work independently, manage own time and prioritise tasks to significantly and positively contribute to quality outcomes for clients and team performance.
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3. Experience in interviewing, negotiation, conflict resolution and decision making.
4. Willingness to respond to the needs of a variety of people and a range of issues and the capacity to problem solve and show initiative.
5. Understanding and responsiveness to the needs of people with special circumstances, including Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and people with disabilities.
6. Experience in home or building maintenance or construction or relevant qualifications such as Post-Trade Certificate IV.
7. Computer literacy and the capacity to use computer based information systems.
8. Current Driver's licence.

Job Notes: This is an ongoing full-time role available under the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013*. Further information about this role is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

This role is targeted for employment of a Senior Client Service Officer and is authorised by Housing NSW's EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply, please contact Rebecca Wells, A/District Aboriginal Employment Support, if you would like assistance: Call (02) 6841 1529 or email rebecca.wells2@fac.s.nsw.gov.au

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Closing date: 22 October 2014

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Education and Training

Office for Schools
North and Gungahlin Network
Ngunnawal Primary School

Koori Preschool Assistant

School Assistant 2/3

Salary Range: \$41,826 - \$51,005 (PN: 34528)

An exciting opportunity exists for a Koori Preschool Assistant to join the educational team at Ngunnawal Primary School. The successful applicant will be working as a member of a team to provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The successful applicant will work closely with and receive direction from the teacher in assisting with the management and learning of children in Ngunnawal Primary School's Koori Preschool program. As part of a team the assistant will assist with program material preparation, behaviour management, supervision of children on the playground and on excursions and any specialised medical requirements.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position. First Aid qualification, or willingness to undertake appropriate training would be desirable. From the start of 2014 all ACT public school preschool unit assistants will be required to have, or be working towards a minimum qualification requirement of a Certificate III in Children's Services or Certificate IV in Education Support.

Notes: This is a part-time position at 15:37 per week. Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* may be required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable People registration refer to - http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people_wwvp.

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Applications close: 10.00am Friday 17 October 2014

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For the full advertisement and a copy of the Position Description, please visit our website.



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The Driving Change Program aims to reduce the barriers young Aboriginal people face in obtaining and maintaining a driver licence. We are seeking an Aboriginal community member to take on the role of Youth Worker (Aboriginal Driver Licensing).

You will be assisting young Aboriginal people in your region to achieve positive outcomes in regards to their licensing matters as well as coordinating activities in your community that will raise awareness around barriers, solutions and services, and promote safe driving behaviours.

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- Part time – 22.5 hours per week
- Fixed term contract to February 2015 with the possibility of extension depending on securing future funding
- Attractive Salary and 17.5% Annual Leave Loading

For more information please contact Jake Byrne Project Officer, Aboriginal Injury via Telephone (02) 8238 2414 or via Email: jbyrne@georgeinstitute.org.au

Visit our website at www.georgeinstitute.org.au to learn more about our Aboriginal health programs in Australia.

NB: This is an Aboriginal identified position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification in terms of sections 9 and 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Recruitment

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker (Aboriginal identified position)

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification, and is authorized by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1997, as amended

Our client is a well respected Aboriginal community controlled health organisation. They are currently seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Outreach Worker to assist in reducing chronic disease morbidity and mortality in the Aboriginal Community.

This position will provide assistance in preventative social marketing activities, expansion of the Indigenous health sector and building the capacity for health care services to deliver effective services to manage chronic disease for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Outreach Worker will be expected to liaise with key stakeholders who are involved in providing family based services to the local community as well as the Aboriginal community.

The successful applicant will have or be in the processes of completing a Cert IV in Aboriginal Primary Health Care Work and a willingness to undertake relevant vocational education and training.

Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, cultures and health issues is an advantage. As is the ability to communicate sensitively with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Attractive salary and work conditions apply to this interesting and rewarding position.

To apply, please log onto:
www.mppersonnel.com.au
Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285
admin@mppersonnel.com.au
PO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640

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Recruitment

Aboriginal Trainee Dental Assistant

(Aboriginal Identified position)

In this position, an applicants' Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.

Our client operates a very successful Aboriginal Health Service organisation providing professional wellbeing services to their community members. They are currently seeking to appoint a Full Time Aboriginal Trainee Dental Assistant.

Responsibilities of the position include:

- Maintaining the clinical environment in a safe and hygienic manner including sterilizing dental instruments and disinfecting the surgery.
- Assisting with dental administration.
- Assisting with chair side support to the dentist/therapist.
- Liaising with reception and other departments that network within the dental team.

The successful applicant will complete a Certificate III in Dental Assisting, and must possess effective time management skills, the ability to work within a multidisciplinary team and excellent communication skills.

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Parramatta

The leading City in the heart of Sydney

Parramatta is Sydney's second CBD with a vibrant economy, diverse workforce, and a rich mix of cultural and recreational facilities. Council is strongly focused on setting the city's strategic direction as a sustainability leader, while delivering the best possible services to our local community.

Visitor Services Leader

Ref No. 99/14

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic individual to join our passionate and dedicated Visitor Services Team at the Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre in the role of Visitor Services Leader.

This role will focus on developing Parramatta's potential as a leisure destination by managing the daily operations, rostering and training and development of various areas including:

- Overseeing the Hosts and Guides, who deliver customer-focused and engaging visitor experiences by providing visitor information and visitor engagement programs to broaden awareness of Parramatta.
- Overseeing the visitor information services of the Accredited Visitor Information Centre, as well as at other key locations in Parramatta.
- Manage the Interpretation and Cultural Programs Officer. This role is responsible for developing innovative visitor programs and services for the Hosts and Guides to deliver to visitors to the Parramatta region.
- Work closely with the Interpretation and Visitor Services Team as well as other key business units of Council.

You will be expected to actively lead a dynamic and passionate team, ensuring all visitor services and programs are delivered to a high standard, by a highly motivated team, and to coach and mentor staff along the way. You will also have an in-depth understanding of the tourism industry and be able to apply your experience working in interpretation, tourism and informal learning environments, e.g. tour guiding, tourism attraction, visitor or interpretation centre or visitor services operations.

To achieve this you will be working with a number of internal teams such as Visitor Services, Strategic Partnerships, Major Events and Marketing and a broad range of external partners and stakeholders to execute Council's Visitor Strategy priorities. Candidates will be required to complete the selection criteria within the application process. For further information regarding this role please contact Justine Dowd on 8839 3326 and quote position name and reference number.

Salary Range: This is a Grade 10 position with a salary range of \$78,327.87-\$86,237.92 + Super depending on skills, knowledge and experience.

Closing Date: 4pm Sunday, 19 October 2014.

Please note: Parramatta City Council supports a Drug and Alcohol-free working environment and employees may be subject to random testing as a result.

ATSI people are encouraged to apply for this position.

HOW TO APPLY: Candidates MUST apply online at www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/council/employment and answer the position selection criteria.



www.parracity.nsw.gov.au



The Australian Museum is a museum of the 21st century, presenting contemporary issues and popular debate about the cultural and natural worlds. The Museum is soon to open a new Indigenous gallery called Sea Country, build a new Pacific Gallery, participate in the Corroboree Festival, and has an active RAP. The new Cultural Collection Acquisition Policy consists of three priority areas; Contemporary Indigenous, Contemporary Pacific, and Aboriginal NSW. The Museum seeks innovative and committed people to work across collections, programs and audience engagement.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Creative Producer – Cultural Programs

The Creative Producer – Cultural Programs is responsible for the development of innovative programs to deliver audience engagement and participation. These programs provide meaningful contemporary contribution to discourse about First Peoples or science or other Museum priorities. Programs are designed in consultation with the community. As the successful candidate, you will demonstrate experience in a similar role with a strong understanding of contemporary museum programming theory and practice.

Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position.

Project Officer – Cultural Programs

A key role within the programming team you will have experience in developing and implementing operational plans to deliver programs and events. You will have experience working within a diverse team and working on multiple programs with tight deadlines. This role is responsible for the delivery of operational plans that support the departmental outcomes.

Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position.

Indigenous Youth Worker

Join our Cultural Collections team and help trial an innovative program to encourage young Indigenous people to explore their cultural background by connecting them with Museum collections. You will help develop and deliver a program combining music, dance and other creative activities along with access to the Museum's world-class collections of Indigenous material culture, art and archival material. The role has a particular focus on delivering cultural experiences to incarcerated Indigenous youth and at-risk young Indigenous people.

Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position.

Creative Producer – Pacific Collections

We have an opening for an energetic and results-driven people-motivator with an active and proven record in Pacific content creation for exhibitions and strong Pacific community engagement skills, to join the Cultural Collections Unit. You will be a champion of creativity within the Pacific team, leading, inspiring and collaborating to deliver new Pacific content for the Australian Museum.

TO APPLY

To view the full position descriptions and to apply online please visit: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries:

Creative Producer – Cultural Programs: Sophie Masters (02) 9320 6400 or sophie.masters@austmus.gov.au

Project Officer – Cultural Programs: Sophie Masters (02) 9320 6400 or sophie.masters@austmus.gov.au

Indigenous Youth Worker: Thelma Thomas (02) 9320 6425 or thelma.thomas@austmus.gov.au

Creative Producer – Pacific Collections: Dion Pieta (02) 9320 6410 or dion.pieta@austmus.gov.au

Applications close Wednesday, 22nd October 2014



Department of
Environment and
Primary Industries

Executive Officer Land Governance Branch

Part Time - 0.6 FTE

Fixed Term 36 months

Location Negotiable

The Land Management Policy Division is seeking an Executive Officer to provide secretariat support and contribute to the effective functioning of the Dhekunya Dja Land Management Board, and to undertake other administrative tasks in implementing the decisions of the Board.

For a copy of the position description please email customer.service@depi.vic.gov.au

Please contact Ms Dianne Payne on (03) 9637 9720 for further details. Indigenous applicants are invited to contact the Coordinator, Indigenous Employment on (03) 9637 8216, for advice and support with their application.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 20 October 2014.

www.depi.vic.gov.au

Customer Service Centre 136 186



**NGUNYA JARJUM
ABORIGINAL CHILD AND
FAMILY NETWORK INC.**

Ngunya Jarjum is the first Aboriginal, Out of Home Care Service on NSW to be accredited for 5 years by the Office of the Children's Guardian. We are able to offer exciting career opportunities to anyone with the skills and dedication to join our case management team. We are a dynamic service in the process of significantly increasing our capacity to enable us to provide additional care placements for our children, families and communities.

Re-advertised positions

Experienced ATSI Caseworkers

Full time permanent positions

Ngunya Jarjum is seeking to employ an Aboriginal worker for our Foster Care Support team with a minimum of 3 years' experience in casework practice in Human Services, particularly in OOH, social welfare, carer support or working with communities, families and children.

A satisfactory "Working with Children Check" and a medical will be conducted.

Salary: As per award - Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010. A generous remuneration package plus superannuation, leave loading and including a generous salary sacrificing arrangement will be negotiated.

In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination act 1977.

Location: Lismore.

Contact: Lenore Marlowe – CEO, email lenore.marlowe@ngunyajarjum.com

Information Packages: Must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request by contacting the office on (02) 6626 3700.

Send Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 580, Lismore NSW 2480.

Previous applicants need not apply.

Closing Date: 24th October 2014.



Health
Justice Health &
Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Sexual Health Education Officer

Eastgardens

Temporary Full Time (up to 30/06/15) – JH No: 214786

Salary: Health Professional & Medical Salaries (State) Award, Non-Grad, AHENG 01-09: \$47,921-\$70,582 pa.

Enquiries: Jennifer Woodward on 0412 971 562.

Closing Date: 22 October 2014.

• *This is a dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. JH&FMHN deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or prior to commencement of the position.*

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



Screen Australia is the Commonwealth Government's primary agency for supporting Australian screen production. In partnership with content creators, Screen Australia aims to create an Australian industry that is innovative, culturally important and commercially sustainable.

Investment Development Manager, Indigenous

Full-time, 2 years - Sydney

Screen Australia's Indigenous Department is recognised locally and internationally for its achievements. The celebrated team fosters and supports Indigenous talent and distinctive stories, maintaining the strong presence of Indigenous screen stories through development and production funding programs and innovative initiatives for practitioners.

An exciting opportunity now exists to join this team in the role of **Investment Development Manager**. In this role, you will be responsible for:

- Assessing allocated applications for funding across Indigenous Department's programs including development, production, documentary and digital media and preparing funding recommendations.
- Overseeing the development and production of funded projects and managing these through to completion.
- Working with applicants on an individual basis, providing constructive feedback to help them develop their projects and improve their skills.
- Managing workshops and initiatives, including administrative, reporting and record management duties.
- Establishing and maintaining strong, effective and credible relationships with a wide cross section of industry, including other agencies, industry organisations, broadcasters and relevant Indigenous stakeholders.

To be successful in the role, you will require:

- Knowledge of Indigenous Australian film and television culture with recent experience at a creative level in any of the following: feature film, short film, documentary, animation and/or interactive media.
- Good creative judgment with a proven ability to evaluate ideas, scripts and other proposals and make objective decisions to achieve successful and fair results.
- Ability to assess the production and budget implications of scripts and project proposals.
- Well-developed written and oral communication skills, combined with exceptional interpersonal skills.

Please note that this is an Indigenous identified position. Applicants must be of Indigenous Australian descent, identify as an Indigenous Australian and be accepted as such by the community with which he/she is associated. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act.

To view the full job profile and apply for this position, go to our website: <http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/jobs>.

Applications close 22 October 2014.

Catholic Education Office, Sydney

The Executive Director of Catholic Schools invites internal and external applications for the following Leadership position:

Education Officer: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

**CEO Leichhardt
Full Time**

The Education Officer: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education will work collaboratively with the three regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Advisers to promote the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education agenda in Sydney Catholic schools, and to build strong connections between the CEO, its schools and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Selection Criteria:

- Identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Have had successful experience as a teacher
- Have successful experience as a leader in an education or other appropriate setting
- Support the ethos of Catholic education
- Demonstrate ability to work successfully in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and/or partnerships, and be aware of the cultural diversity in these communities
- Be familiar with national and state agendas in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs and education in particular
- An established network within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, ideally within NSW is desirable.

The salary and conditions will be in accordance with the Education and Professional Officer Salary Scale Level 3, Step 1 - 3. The initial contract is for a 3 year appointment period. A comprehensively insured motor vehicle is essential for this position and travel costs are reimbursed according to CEO policy.

Apply now for this truly unique and exciting opportunity. Potential applicants should register their interest by letter outlining their motivation and experience to qualify for the position to hrcasrecruitment@syd.catholic.edu.au with a current resume.

CLOSING DATE: 13 October 2014

CEO SYDNEY WEBSITE

www.ceosyd.catholic.edu.au

Child Protection Legislation applies.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program Manager

• Senior management position • Attractive salary packaging • Melbourne based

Oxfam Australia is one of Australia's largest independent non government organisations focusing on international aid and development which has a strong commitment to the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program plays a central role in planning, managing and delivering programs and developing strong partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities. The Program sits within Oxfam's Public Engagement section which mobilises, fundraises and engages the Australian public, donors, policy makers and opinion formers to support Oxfam Australia's programs, advocacy and campaigning.

Having worked for more than 30 years to support self-determination, Oxfam Australia is seeking a committed leader to lead the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program's team in strategy development, program implementation, awareness raising and to develop and maintain relationships with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.

Please visit www.oxfam.org.au/my/jobs for application details. Please note that only applications submitted on our Application Form will be accepted.

Salary \$97,266 plus super, benefits and access to generous NFP tax concessions (specifically, a salary packaging scheme offering up to \$21,100 of your salary tax free).

Applications close 5pm Thursday 30 October 2014.

Oxfam Australia is working for a just world without poverty





OUR HEALTH, OUR FUTURE

Chief Executive Officer

The Carnarvon Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation (CMSAC) Board of Directors wishes to appoint a Chief Executive Officer. This position provides an exciting and challenging opportunity for a suitably experienced professional, with the ability to communicate effectively with the Aboriginal community.

The Chief Executive Officer will work directly with the Board of Directors and is responsible for the management and delivery of primary and secondary health services of the CMSAC. This position will support the Board of Directors in implementing and maintaining service agreements from government agencies and other funding bodies in accordance with the relevant schedules and in line with our Business Objectives and Business Plan.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close: 12.00pm Friday 24th October 2014

For a copy of the section criteria and an application pack please call or e-mail Andrew Webster (08) 9227 1631 or application@ahcwa.org

Salary and employment conditions, will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and will be negotiated with the successful applicant. It is an essential requirement for this position to undertake a National Police Check.



Aboriginal Services Coordinator

Full-time
Orange or Bathurst NSW

VERTO is offering a fantastic opportunity for a full-time position to coordinate a range of quality training, employment and mentoring services which meet the needs of Aboriginal clients and employers throughout VERTO's footprint. This position will be responsible for the development, coordination and supervision of a range of programs.

This position is a fixed term contract to 31st October 2015 with the possibility of extension subject to ongoing funding.

Our ideal candidate will have:

- A passion and empathy for clients seeking employment;
- Strong interpersonal skills to communicate and build strong relationships with employers;
- An ability to applying themselves to new challenges, meet targets, and manage deadlines;
- Current NSW drivers' license and ability to travel (lease back vehicle option available)

Aboriginal People from all Nations are encouraged to apply.

Please visit 'Careers with us' www.verto.org.au for further information.

Applicants should provide their resume and a cover page addressing the selection criteria.

Further enquiries to Tracey on (02) 6330 0916.

Close date: 9am 21st October 2014

Department of
Justice and Attorney-General

Adventure Intervention Officer

Youth Justice, Youth Detention Operations and
Outlook Services, Southern Outlook

Department of Justice and Attorney-General

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.)

Salary: \$73 185 - \$79 361 per annum

Location: Boonah

REF: QLD/145734/14

Key Duties: Design and deliver Adventure Based Learning (ABL) programs for young offenders and those at risk of offending behaviours.

Skills/Abilities:

- Current instructor level accreditation (minimum 2 activities) within the National Outdoor Leader Registration Scheme.
- Two years experience in youth, small group work leading to behavioural change or case management.

Enquiries: Terry O'Brien on (07) 5460 6900.

To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au.

Closing Date: Monday, 27 October 2014

Great state.
Great opportunity.



NGUNYA JARJUM ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK INC.

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Experienced Foster Care Support Caseworker

Full time position

Ngunya Jarjum is seeking to employ an Aboriginal worker for our out-of-home care program with a minimum of 3-5 years' experience in casework practice in Human Services, particularly in OOH and Child Protection Field.

A satisfactory "Working with Children Check" applies for this position.

Salary: A generous remuneration package plus superannuation, leave loading and including a generous salary sacrificing arrangement will be negotiated.

Location: Lismore.

Contact: Lenore Marlowe – CEO, email lenore.marlowe@ngunyarjarjum.com

Information Packages: Must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request by contacting the office on (02) 6626 3700.

Send Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 580, Lismore NSW 2480.

Closing Date: 24th October 2014.



Principal Project Officer

Clerk Grade 11/12 Major Projects Unit,
Strategic Projects Division

Salary Range: \$113,212 – \$130,929 pa – total remuneration package up to \$145,124 pa (package includes salary, employer superannuation and annual leave loading)

Role: Through effective leadership, the Principal Project Officer delivers major projects, investigations or reviews. The position identifies systemic issues for further project, review or investigative action including activities related to the Ombudsman's monitoring and assessment of designated Aboriginal programs.

Closing Date: Wednesday 15 October 2014

Additional information is available on the Jobs NSW website <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au/>

N45979



Ngaanyatjarra Health Service is an Aboriginal Community controlled health service providing primary health care on the Ngaanyatjarra Lands in the Central Desert region of Western Australia.

Personal Helpers and Mentors Program (PHaMs) Program Team Leader

(Based at Warburton - Ngaanyatjarra Lands WA)

PHaMs seeks to have local people create locally developed solutions to problems influencing the mental health and wellbeing of individuals in the community of Warburton, Western Australia.

The PHaMs Team Leader is the most experienced/qualified member of the PHaMs team. Responsibilities include providing direction and support to the whole PHaMs team and facilitating team connections with the local community and clinical services. In addition the Team Leader will design and adapt the PHaMs program and activities accordingly to the specific needs identified by the Warburton Community.

Applications close: 15th October 2014.

For application information please visit the website www.nghealth.org.au

All applicants must address the Selection Criteria, provide a current C.V. and three professional referees.

Position enquiries to Sue Bray on (08) 8950 1784.

Please forward application, C.V. and responses to the selection criteria to the Human Resources Officer, recruitment@nghealth.org.au



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

MANAGER MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Parramatta Based
Salary Range: \$120,000+

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council has a fantastic opportunity for an experienced professional to join its Media and Communications Unit and participate in a number of exciting media strategies within the Council.

As the Manager of the Unit you will be responsible for leading and managing the Media & Communications Unit by:

- providing high level media and communications advice to the CEO and Council of NSWALC
- managing production and writing of:
 - content for the monthly e-newsletter Our Land Council, Our Mob, Our Future and associated website
 - communications materials for advocacy campaigns & member engagement
 - media releases
 - network messages

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.

The successful applicant will have extensive experience in Media, Journalism, Public Relations or other related field, a passion for creativity and innovation together with a proven ability to lead a team and operate in a collegiate manner and success in maintaining and developing online communities.

If you are interested in applying please contact Sol Belleair on (02) 9689 4519 or email sol.belleair@alc.org.au for further information about the position.

To apply for the position please also obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria by contacting Diane Lee by email: diane.lee@alc.org.au or on (02) 9689 4499.

Applications can be forwarded to diane.lee@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator
NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Applications close Friday 24 October 2014

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Justice
Juvenile Justice

Careers in Juvenile Justice Centre



Do you have the qualities we're looking for?

- Maturity • Motivation • Personality • Character

ABORIGINAL YOUTH OFFICER

Juvenile Justice, Department of Justice, is NOW recruiting suitable people to train as casual Youth Officers at Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre in Kariong.

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 \$27.37 per hour, plus casual loading, shift allowances and/or penalty rates as applicable.

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and authorised in terms of Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing date: Friday, 24 October 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.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/Working-With-Children-Check/apply/-/apply

For an information package, visit www.juvenile.justice.nsw.gov.au/careers.htm or to apply visit: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au, or for assistance call 1800 355 562.

N45982



Family Referral Workers

2x Full-time position (38 hours a week)
BASED IN KEMPSEY

Bring your experience in working with families and young people. You will provide a comprehensive referral service to enable families & young people to access service providers in their local area.

We offer full Salary Packaging which means more in your take home pay. You will also benefit from ongoing professional development, a supportive working environment and great flexibility.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are strongly encouraged to apply.

Closing date: 5pm Wednesday 22 October 2014.

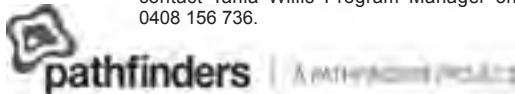
INFORMATION SESSION FOR APPLICANTS

Date: Wednesday 15 October 2014
Lunch: 12:30pm
Time: 1-2pm Information for Applicants
From: 2-3pm Information for Service Providers
Held at: Kempsey-Macleay RSL Club, 1 York Lane, Kempsey, NSW.

ALL WELCOME

If you can't make it to the Information Session please download the job package from our website www.pathfinders-aus.org or contact Jo Hall on hr@pathfinders-aus.org

For any queries regarding the positions please contact Tania Willis Program Manager on 0408 156 736.



Foundations Care
We give but never give up

Aboriginal Case Worker (Ballina)

Foundations Care provides a number of Foster Care and Kinship Programs and Child Safety services in NSW.

Foundations Care is looking for an energetic and enthusiastic Aboriginal Case Worker for our office in Ballina.

As some of the children and families we work with are from an Aboriginal background, it is important for us to have Aboriginal caseworkers so we can provide culturally appropriate services.

Aboriginal caseworkers work with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children, young people and their families.
**Aboriginal caseworkers must identify and be recognised as Aboriginal.*

Please send your resume to jobs@csgroup.org.au or apply online at www.seek.com.au

Foundations Care is an Equal Opportunity Employer
www.foundcarekids.org.au

MINING & ENVIRONMENT OFFICER



The Groote Eylandt archipelago is situated on the western side of the Gulf of Carpentaria and has a unique and pristine ecology.

The archipelago encompasses three Indigenous communities – Angurugu, Umbakumba and Milyakburra (Bickerton Island) and the mining community, Alyangula. The Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) is the principal Aboriginal body representing the interests of the Anindilyakwa people of the Groote Archipelago. The ALC's vision is to protect, maintain and promote Anindilyakwa culture, to invest in the present and build a self-sustaining future.

ALC is seeking a Mining & Environment Officer with a zeal for environmental protection, and be able to work as part of a team or individually. The successful candidate will be self motivated, able to feel comfortable in unfamiliar surroundings and be willing to work in remote.

The successful candidate will have a degree in a relevant science field and be detail orientated. Having field and particularly mining industry experience is an advantage. Knowledge of the NT Land Rights Act and associated legislation; Live and work successfully in a remote location and in a cross cultural and complex social environments involving Indigenous people.

This is an exciting and unique career opportunity for the successful candidate as they will be working in one of the most beautiful and pristine parts of Australia. The position offers a rare opportunity to work with the Anindilyakwa people in an immensely satisfying role.

Reporting to the Mining & Environment Manager, you will be responsible for ensuring that the environmental assets owned by the Anindilyakwa people of the Groote Archipelago are protected to ensure a sustainable future.

Alyangula offers a number of lifestyle facilities such as, a gym, golf course, tennis and squash courts, swimming pool and oval, all well placed within a tropical environment. An attractive Salary package will be offered, including holiday travel assistance, five weeks annual leave, relocation and accommodation.

Applications close: 24 October 2014.

For further information and selection documentation please contact Ross McDonald, Phone: 08 8987 4008 or Email: hr@alcnt.com.au

Chief Executive Officer

Derby, WA

*** Highly attractive base salary circa \$140k - \$160k!**

*** Accommodation, allowances & other benefits provided!**

Derby Aboriginal Health Service is seeking a **Chief Executive Officer** to join their growing team. Reporting to the Executive Managers you will be **responsible for ensuring an ongoing and improved Aboriginal community controlled health service for Aboriginal people in Derby and surrounding areas.** In return for your hard work, you will enjoy an attractive base salary circa \$140k - \$160k, plus a further host of benefits, including a generous **salary sacrificing scheme, housing and vehicle provided, district allowance, electricity subsidy and an annual airfare worth \$1684!** Apply Now!



Apply Online
KAMSC.ApplyNow.com.au

Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Aboriginal Targeted Relief Co-ordinator, Clerk Grade 3/4, Family Law Division (Ongoing)

- Package to \$77K
- Ongoing vacancy
- Central Sydney Office

Applications must be submitted online through jobs.nsw.gov.au to be considered. Please go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number 000037RN.

Closing date: 13 October 2014

Enquiries: Dina Lioumis on (02) 9219 5652

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Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/Default.aspx>
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Clinical Information Officer

John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Paul Gill, (02) 4921 3405
Reference ID: 201831
Closing date: 19 October 2014

This is a targeted Aboriginal position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Lactation Consultant – Registered Nurse or Midwife

Newcastle Community Health Centre
Enquiries: Leanne Morris, (02) 4016 4900
Reference ID: 216729
Closing date: 19 October 2014

This is a targeted Aboriginal position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under S21 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants must be female. This is a genuine qualification under Section 31 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Aboriginal Program Coordinator, Integrated Chronic Care

Primary and Community Networks – various locations
Enquiries: Carolyn Bailey, (02) 4924 6003
Reference ID: 215557
Closing date: 27 October 2014

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Closing date: 5pm Wednesday 22 October 2014.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR APPLICANTS

Date: Tuesday 14 October 2014
Time: 11:30 -12:30pm Information for Applicants
Lunch: 12.30pm
From: 1-2pm Information for Service Providers
Held at: Port Macquarie Library, Grant St, Port Macquarie, NSW.

ALL WELCOME

If you can't make it to the Information Session please download the job package from our website www.pathfinders-aus.org or contact Jo Hall on hr@pathfinders-aus.org

For any queries regarding the positions please contact Tania Willis Program Manager on 0408 156 736.



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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 an act done for the purpose of carrying out a scheme for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under section 65 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (SA)

Applications close Monday 20 October 2014

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BASED IN TAREE



Bring your experience in working with families and young people. You will provide a comprehensive referral service to enable families & young people to access service providers in their local area.

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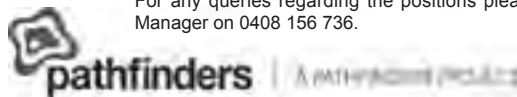
INFORMATION SESSION FOR APPLICANTS

Date: Monday 13 October 2014
Time: 11:30 -12:30pm Information for Applicants
Lunch: 12:30pm
From: 1-2pm Information for Service Providers
Held at: Manning Information Centre, 21 Manning River Drive, Taree, NSW.

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Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Executive Officer

The Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) is Australia's premier Indigenous art fair, attracting more than 86 000 visitors and selling over \$2.9 million of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artwork since the first event in 2009. We are currently seeking applications from focused, motivated and suitably qualified people with strong leadership skills for the position of Executive Officer.

Reporting to the CIAF Board, applicants must have demonstrated business acumen including strong communication and negotiation skills, demonstrated experience and success in securing financial and strategic partnerships, and knowledge and understanding of the Indigenous arts and cultural environment in Australia. The Executive Officer will work closely with the Artistic Director and CIAF Board to lead, shape and drive the development of an authentic, vibrant and diverse artistic and cultural program for CIAF.

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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
Mining Lease	70/1323	PERANGERY PASTORAL COMPANY	133.86HA	47km SE'ly of Morawa	Lat: 29° 24' S Long: 116° 26' E	PERENJORI SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 8 October 2014

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **8 January 2015**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 8 February 2015**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that proponents, **EXCO OPERATIONS (SA) LTD** (ACN 105 161 564) of Level 2, 8 Colin Street West Perth, WA (**EXCO**) and **POLYMETALS (WHITE DAM) PTY LTD** (ACN 130 423 684) of Level 3, 145 Eagle Street, Brisbane, QLD, the registered holders of Exploration Licence 5393 propose to carry out mining operations on the following land (Land):

DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND

EXPLORATION LICENCE 5393: MINGARY AREA
Approximately 42km northeast of Olary, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°05'S and longitude 140°40'E, thence east to longitude 140°50'E, south to latitude 32°09'S, west to longitude 140°49'E, south to latitude 32°10'S, west to longitude 140°47'E, south to latitude 32°11'S, west to longitude 140°46'E, south to latitude 32°12'S, west to longitude 140°45'E, south to latitude 32°15'S, west to longitude 140°44'E, south to latitude 32°17'S, west to longitude 140°39'E, north to latitude 32°15'S, east to longitude 140°40'E, north to latitude 32°14'S, east to longitude 140°42'E, north to latitude 32°10'S, west to longitude 140°40'E, and north to the point of commencement, ***excluding that part of the land that overlaps with the Adnyamathanha No.1 native title claim (SAD 6001/98 SC99/1).***

TOTAL AREA: approximately 229 square kilometres.

All above co-ordinates are within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p.4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS THAT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Exploration operations to determine the geological

structure of the land and presence of economic mineralisation which may include but is not limited to any of the following: magnetic gravity, electrical and seismic surveying, geochemical sampling, shallow trenching, auger, rotary, air blast, core, reverse circulations and diamond core drilling.

THE PROPOSED OPERATIONS ARE OR WILL BE AUTHORISED BY THE FOLLOWING TENEMENTS UNDER THE MINING ACT 1971 (SA):

Exploration Licence 5393. Part of the tenement is subject of a registered native title mining agreement with the Adnyamathanha No1 native title claimants. In this notice a reference to a tenement includes that tenement as substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and assigns of that party's interest in the tenement.

THE PROPONENTS SEEK TO NEGOTIATE A NATIVE TITLE MINING AGREEMENT FOR EXPLORATION UNDER PART 9B OF THE MINING ACT 1971 (SA).

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the land to which this notice relates the Proponents may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to Section 63N of the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)* authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land and the conduct of mining operations on the Land. Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact the Proponents as follows:

C/- McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers
11-13 Gilbert Street, Adelaide, SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8161 5088
Facsimile: (08) 8410 7266
Contact Person: Kate Bickford

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) Section 63M

TAKE NOTICE that KALKAROO COPPER PTY LTD (ACN 111 129 812) of 31 Flemington Street Glenside South Australia (and its successors or assigns) (**KALKAROO**) is the registered holder of Mineral Claims 4368 and 4369 and has made application for a Mining Lease/s in respect of the land covered by the Mineral Claim and upon grant of any Mining Lease/s, proposes to carry out mining operations on the said Mining Lease/s which will incorporate the land (Land) as described below.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

1. Mineral Claim 4368 is located approximately 65 km North-East of Olary and is bound as follows:
Commencing at a point being the intersection of easting 451132 mE and northing 6489991 mN, thence north east to easting 455863 mE and northing 6492242 mN, thence south east to easting 456604 mE and northing 6490651, thence south west to easting 452977 mE and northing 6488954 mN, thence south east to easting 453198 mE and northing 6488492 mN thence south west to easting 452096 mE and northing 6487964 mN thence north west to the point of commencement.

Total Area: 974.90 hectares

2. Mineral Claim 4369 is located approximately 65 km North-East of Olary and is bound as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of easting 453862 mE and northing 6486613 mN, thence north east to easting 454346 mE and northing 6488223 mN, thence north east to easting 457132 mE and northing 6489519 mN, thence south east to easting 457260 mE and northing 6489247 mN, thence south west to easting 454592 mE and northing 6488006 mN, thence south west to easting 454157 mE and northing 6486560 mN thence north west to the point of commencement.

Total Area: 138.00 hectares

All the within reference points are expressed in AGD 66 Zone 54.

In this notice a reference to a tenement or tenement application includes that tenement as subsequently granted, substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and

assigns of that party's interest in the tenement or tenement application.

THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS THAT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

The proposed mining operations are principally for copper and gold extraction but may include other minerals, through construction of an open pit mine. Such operations may include but are not limited to an open pit mine, bunds, waste rock stockpiles, topsoil stockpiles, tailing storage facilities, run of mine ore pad, water dams, ore processing facility and associated infrastructure. Operations may also include mining and stockpiling of extractive minerals from the open pit and use of such minerals for construction activities which facilitate the core mining project.

KALKAROO SEEKS TO NEGOTIATE A NATIVE TITLE MINING AGREEMENT FOR PRODUCTION UNDER PART 9B OF THE MINING ACT 1971 (SA).

TAKE NOTICE: If, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, KALKAROO may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

TAKE NOTICE: If, within six (6) months from the initiation of negotiations, KALKAROO and any native title party/ies have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to S.63S of the Mining Act, 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact KALKAROO through its legal advisers:

McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers
11-13 Gilbert Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8161 5088 Facsimile: (08) 8410 7266
Contact Person: Kate Bickford

Possums win touch footy final



ONE of the Canberra Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service mixed touch football teams has won a grand final.

The Mighty Possums beat Team Steve 10-3 in the season-ending decider.

The health service had two other teams – the Bilbies (mixed) and a men’s team. Unfortunately for the Bilbies, they came up against the Mighty Possums in a

semifinal and that’s where their season ended – beaten 6-4.

The men’s team finished the ACT Touch Football premier division in fifth place.

“By anyone’s standard that’s a great year,” said Winnunga’s healthy lifestyle worker and social health team manager Ian Bateman. “We have gone from strength to strength.

“When Winnunga started sponsoring these touch footy teams four years ago to promote healthy lifestyles, it was a

tremendous struggle to find enough players even for just one team.

“But we continued to promote the program throughout the community and it has worked.

“We now have more than 40 players involved in the program with age groups ranging from 10 to over 50.

“We have novice players to players who have represented at state level in the ACT and NSW. In fact, we now have 10 players who have represented at a state level.”

Winnunga CEO Julie Tongs said Winnunga had a longstanding philosophy of helping sporting teams across a range to sports to promote healthy living.

“It’s an extension of our holistic approach to health care,” she said.

“This underpins the community-controlled Aboriginal health sector all around Australia.”

Bateman said the ACT summer touch football competition would start in late October.



The Winnunga Possums and Bilbies – all good mates – after clashing in an ACT touch football semifinal. The Possums won and went on to win the grand final.



NOTICE TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL AREA INTO MINERAL LEASE 251SA

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 any or all of the following additional areas to be included into existing Mineral Lease 251SA under the Mining Act 1978 (WA) and in accordance with clause 9A(1) of the Iron Ore (Goldsworthy-Nimngarra) Agreement Act 1972:

No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Sec 2	BHP BILLITON MINERALS PTY LTD, MITSUI IRON ORE CORPORATION PTY LTD, ITOCHU MINERALS & ENERGY OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	34275.48HA	96km W'ly of Newman	Lat 23° 04' S Long 118° 50' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE

Nature Of the Acts: Inclusion of an additional area into existing Mineral Lease 251SA which authorises the lessee to mine for minerals for the duration of the current term on the lease, with the right to successive renewals of twenty one (21) years.

Notification Day: 8 October 2014

Native Title Parties: 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 party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **8 January 2015**. 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*. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party 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.

The additional area may be included into Mineral Lease 251SA if, by the end of the period of four (4) months after the notification day (**i.e. 8 February 2015**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining lease.

For further information about the acts (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the additional areas) contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
40/260	RUBIANNA RESOURCES LTD BLUE SPEC MINING PTY LTD	436739	25.12HA	52km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 121° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
45/3660	GRACE PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY LTD	452087	27.74HA	49km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 24' S Long: 119° 18' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
45/3650-I	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	453666	14.89HA	79km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 3' S Long: 118° 34' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
77/2176	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	454490	374.90HA	64km S'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 47' S Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 8 October 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 **8 January 2015**. 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. 8 February 2015**), 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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Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party

APPLICATION MAP

Name of applicant: Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation
Date received: 15 August 2014
Public comments due: 7 November 2014
The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) received an application by Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party on 25 July 2011. The area pertaining to the application has since been expanded and is now the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.

In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area;
- any other relevant matter.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to:
Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat
GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001
Email: vahc@dpc.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9208 3243
Fax: 9208 3292
The applicant will be advised of comments received.

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Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party

APPLICATION MAP

Name of applicant: Wadi Wadi Wemba Wemba Barapa Barapa First Nations Aboriginal Corporation
Date received: 19 August 2014
Public comments due: 7 November 2014
The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Wadi Wadi Wemba Wemba Barapa Barapa First Nations Aboriginal Corporation for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.

In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area;
- any other relevant matter.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to:
Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat
GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001
Email: vahc@dpc.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9208 3243
Fax: 9208 3292
The applicant will be advised of comments received.

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Idris named Country Origin Player of Year



JAMAL Idris has been named the 2014 NSW Country Rugby League (CRL) VB Country Origin Player of the Year.

Idris was in attendance to receive the CRL's top honours at the CRL Player of the Year dinner in Sydney's Hyde Park last Friday night.

More than 350 rugby league officials, volunteers and players were in attendance.

The Penrith Panthers' Idris was not only a dominant force throughout the match against City at Caltex Park, Dubbo, but dedicated himself to community activities throughout the week.

He proved to be one of the most

popular members of the team with Country fans, young and old.

Guests at the awards night included Linda Burney MP, who is head of the Australian Rugby League Commission's (ARLC's) Indigenous Council.

ARLC chairman John Grant also attended, along with NRL CEO Dave Smith and representatives of the NRL.



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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/2358	RICHMOND, William Robert	4BL	102km S'ly of Derby	Lat: 18° 13' S Long: 123° 43' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2634	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	22BL	145km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 55' S Long: 116° 1' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1427	COLEMAN RESOURCES PTY LTD	16BL	30km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 34' S Long: 121° 53' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1436	IRON WEST RESOURCES PTY LTD	32BL	40km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 9' S Long: 120° 48' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1440	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	4BL	23km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 42' S Long: 121° 34' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1441	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	10BL	28km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 45' S Long: 121° 33' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/466	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	57km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 120° 41' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/467	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	54km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 120° 42' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/468	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	5BL	50km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 120° 43' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/859	DIGADIG PTY LTD	70BL	47km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 9' S Long: 117° 31' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	27/528-I	NEAROLOGY PTY LTD	9BL	42km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 121° 36' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/534	GOLDEN LIFE NATURE PRODUCTS (WA) PTY LTD	15BL	70km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 121° 50' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	27/535	RUDD, Alan Paul	20BL	81km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 9' S Long: 121° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2393	FRASER RANGE METALS GROUP LTD	176BL	117km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 124° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2403	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	80BL	89km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 31° 1' S Long: 124° 17' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2428	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	80BL	123km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 123° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2483	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	18BL	58km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 122° 2' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/932	CN MINING SERVICES PTY LTD	53BL	38km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 121° 3' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/936	KALGOORLIE NICKEL PROJECT PTY LTD	9BL	25km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 55' S Long: 121° 4' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/837	BLACK MOUNTAIN GOLD LIMITED	3BL	41km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1202	ENCOUNTER RESOURCES LIMITED	66BL	79km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 121° 30' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2856	CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTHS PTY LTD	5BL	35km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 122° 36' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2938	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	6BL	40km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 122° 36' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2962	ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED	49BL	88km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 13' S Long: 123° 6' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2967-8	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	85BL	141km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 124° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1796	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	10BL	54km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 6' S Long: 122° 29' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1797	FORTH RESOURCES PTY LTD	63BL	81km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 8' S Long: 122° 59' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1799-I	GOLDEN LIFE NATURE PRODUCTS (WA) PTY LTD	21BL	95km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 28' S Long: 122° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/1034	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	24BL	88km NE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 2' S Long: 120° 31' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2740	STONEFORM HOLDINGS PTY LTD	21BL	6km SW'ly of Karratha	Lat: 20° 46' S Long: 116° 49' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3076	MINERAL AND GOLD RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	9BL	52km SW'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 33' S Long: 119° 16' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3085	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	38BL	83km SE'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 47' S Long: 120° 23' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3097	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	8BL	29km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 25' S Long: 119° 27' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3098	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	5BL	44km W'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 27' S Long: 119° 19' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/3099	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	23km SW'ly of Newman	Lat: 23° 28' S Long: 119° 32' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/948	DIGADIG PTY LTD	70BL	76km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 38' S Long: 119° 2' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/466	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	70BL	26km NE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 52' S Long: 118° 0' E	CUE SHIRE, MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2064	MT GIBSON MINING LIMITED	12BL	34km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 117° 27' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2065	MT GIBSON MINING LIMITED	11BL	43km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 117° 25' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2066	MT GIBSON MINING LIMITED	10BL	33km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 117° 23' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2067	MT GIBSON MINING LIMITED	13BL	31km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 4' S Long: 117° 27' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2073	BUSHWIN PTY LTD	15BL	29km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 117° 26' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2081	TRAKA RESOURCES LIMITED	21BL	76km W'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 41' S Long: 117° 10' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1713	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	7BL	32km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 58' S Long: 121° 59' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3272	ZENITH MINERALS LIMITED	68BL	130km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 30' S Long: 120° 20' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2247	SOUTHERN CROSS GOLDFIELDS LTD	5BL	133km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 37' S Long: 119° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2248	SOUTHERN CROSS GOLDFIELDS LTD	7BL	129km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 119° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4879	MCKINTOSH RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	66km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 39' S Long: 127° 50' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4886	KIMBERLEY MINING PTY LTD	200BL	137km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 17° 0' S Long: 128° 43' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE, WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5927	XIAO, Zhi Qiang	9.84HA	14km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 4' S Long: 121° 8' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5928	XIAO, Zhi Qiang	9.54HA	18km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 36' S Long: 121° 26' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5929	XIAO, Zhi Qiang	184.10HA	41km W'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 36' S Long: 121° 10' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5931	STACPOOLE, John Douglas	4.90HA	19km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 6' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5932	GOLDEN EAGLE MINING LTD	143.94HA	23km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5933	LIVINGSTONE, Jason Newton	9.64HA	3km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 31' S Long: 121° 34' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5934	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	119.02HA	26km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 121° 34' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2867-70	LA MANCHA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	690.82HA	34km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 121° 10' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4836	ARCHER, Glenn Douglas	116.44HA	51km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 121° 5' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4838	JOHNSON, Chad Graeme	129.63HA	67km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 120° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4841	LA MANCHA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	170.41HA	32km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 121° 11' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4007	POTTS, Christopher Peter	9.49HA	7km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2197-9	LA MANCHA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	600.97HA	17km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2200	SAUNDERS, Frederick Charles	193.86HA	44km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 121° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	30/1100	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	195.89HA	57km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 120° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	30/1102	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	152.53HA	58km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 3' S Long: 120° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	30/1103	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	189.35HA	58km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 120° 37' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8334	SMITH, Gregory Donald	9.60HA	14km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 121° 26' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5501	MURRIN MURRIN HOLDINGS PTY LTD	19.45HA	47km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 47' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5503	AUSIM MINES PTY LTD	199.15HA	71km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 122° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2885-7	SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL	550.26HA	78km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 53' S Long: 118° 33' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1353	MCCLAREN, Kym Anthony	60.03HA	6km NW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 56' S Long: 119° 15' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2034-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	46.67HA	57km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 117° 10' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2055	WESTERN, John Edward	65.72HA	67km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 117° 3' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4266	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	9.64HA	51km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4267	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	7.81HA	51km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 38' S Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4268	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	153.22HA	55km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 41' S Long: 119° 33' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4269	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	162.13HA	54km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 40' S Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4270-1	TAYLOR, Graeme Francis	280.46HA	60km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 43' S Long: 119° 34' 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 exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 8 October 2014

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 8 January 2015. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 8 February 2015), 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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Elcho fun run sets benchmark



They're off! Children take part in one of the races.



THE Northern Territory's remote community of Galiwinku, on Elcho Island, was home to Australia's largest ever community-driven fun run on Friday, September 19.

More than 1000 Indigenous Australians participated in the inaugural AlpaCoolridge Galiwinku Fun Run, which was initiated by 2014 Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) runner Rachel Baker in partnership with Senior Constable Tim Wethers of the Northern Territory Police.

The event was a day-long celebration of running, community, empowerment and collaboration with people of all ages, from toddlers doing a 100m dash, the elderly running and walking 5km distances, a community 10km run, a 21km relay event and a full individual half-marathon.

The day ended with a concert and dancing well into the night.

Event organiser Rachel Baker said the fun run provided a platform for everyone in the community to come together.

"The fun run was something everyone could participate in and that's where the idea originated," she said.

"IMP encourages inclusion, togetherness and a sense of achievement. This event was my way of giving back and encouraging everyone in the community to share in the joy and fun that running and fitness can bring."

Marathon legend and IMP founder Rob de Castella said he was humbled to see the impact the fun run had in the community.

"It was absolutely amazing. To see toddlers and school children getting involved, through to the older women dressed in skirts and sandals who shuffled through their 5km run; but they were running and it was fantastic to watch," de Castella said.

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 30447 sought by ACH EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 168 946 503 over an area of 74 Blocks (240 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALMORE locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6058	Exploration Licence 30448 sought by ACH EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 168 946 503 over an area of 37 Blocks (120 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALMORE locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6058	Exploration Licence 30449 sought by ACH EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 168 946 503 over an area of 44 Blocks (142 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GOSSE RIVER locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5858	Exploration Licence 30486 sought by CROSSLAND NICKEL PTY LTD, ACN 099 477 915 over an area of 30 Blocks (95 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NARWIETOOMA locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5451
Exploration Licence 30487 sought by CROSSLAND NICKEL PTY LTD, ACN 099 477 915 over an area of 107 Blocks (328 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLEN HELEN locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5351	Exploration Licence 30468 sought by KEVIN DUNNELL AND STEVAN ADDISON over an area of 18 Blocks (58 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the OORADIGEE locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5857	Exploration Licence 30483 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 7 Blocks (23 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HOME OF BULLION locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5754	Exploration Licence 30323 sought by TOM MICHAEL OATES over an area of 168 Blocks (542 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WATERLOO locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 4764
Exploration Licence 30324 sought by TOM MICHAEL OATES over an area of 90 Blocks (296 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KIMON locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 4864	Exploration Licence 30417 sought by RED METAL LIMITED, ACN 103 367 684 over an area of 5 Blocks (11 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GOSSE RIVER locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5858	Exploration Licence 30381 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LTD ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 154 Blocks (480 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CURTIN locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5247	Exploration Licence 30382 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LTD ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 114 Blocks (331 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CURTIN locality. Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5247

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 Centrepont 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: 8 October 2014

Harrison shines for Aussie Schoolboys



OAKHILL College student Harrison Goddard was a member of the Australian Schoolboys rugby union team that ended a three-match tour of New Zealand last Saturday.

The 16-year-old was the only Aboriginal boy in the side.

Harrison's older brother Jordan Goddard works at the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) as the Indigenous participation coordinator.

The Australian Schools side went down to New Zealand Schools 34-24 in Wellington in their final tour match last Saturday despite three tries in ten minutes that brought Australia within striking distance of victory.

New Zealand Schools sealed the result with a late try.

Australian coach Steve Philpotts was impressed with the spirit of his young charges.

"I am very proud of the way we conducted ourselves today in difficult conditions," he said.

"To come within three points of New Zealand Schools when we were 17-0 down at half-time shows the amazing spirit of this side."

Harrison played a big part in the match.

New Zealand's best try scoring opportunity came in the 12th minute with the New Zealanders sending wave after wave of attack at the Australian defence.

The Australian side patiently defended and eventually scrumhalf Harrison pounced on a

loose ball allowing fullback Jordan Fulivai to clear the danger.

The 14-0 half-time scoreline could have been much worse for the Australians had it not been an try-saving tackle from Harrison who bundled winger Malo Tuitama into touch in the shadows of half time.

Harrison also converted three Australian tries and kicked a penalty.

He was a shining light in the Australians' second game against New Zealand Barbarians, won by the Barbarians.

The Australian Schools side included players from NSW, Queensland, Victoria and the ACT.

Oakhill College is an independent Catholic College at Castle Hill, in Sydney's west.

Harrison Goddard



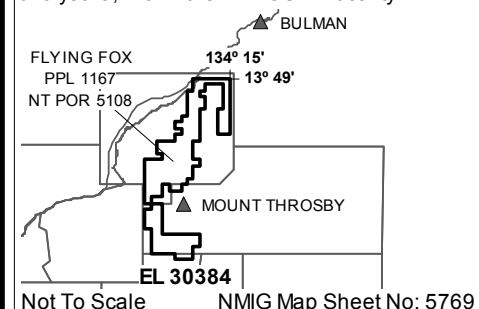
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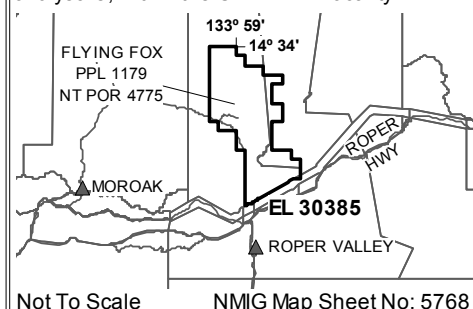
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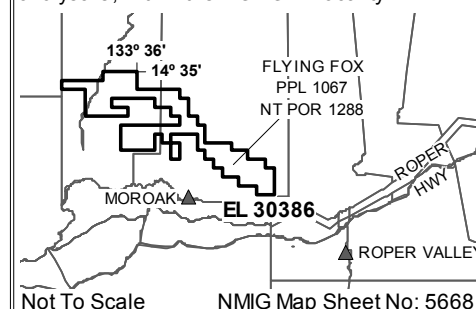
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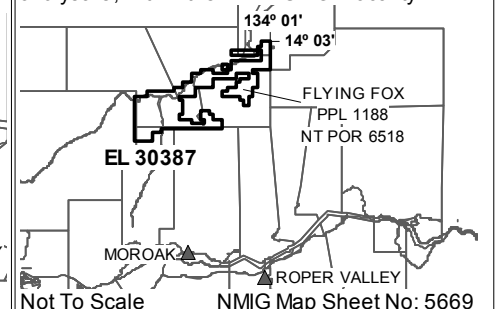
Exploration Licence 30385 sought by AUSTRALIAN ILMENITE RESOURCES PTY LIMITED, ACN 093 419 311 over an area of 94 Blocks (299 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CHAPMAN locality.



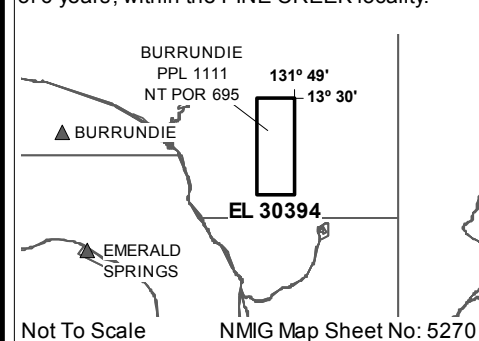
Exploration Licence 30386 sought by AUSTRALIAN ILMENITE RESOURCES PTY LIMITED, ACN 093 419 311 over an area of 89 Blocks (296 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MOROAK locality.



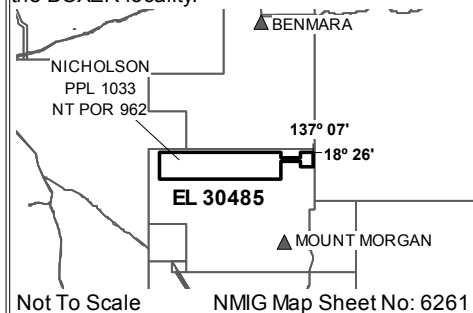
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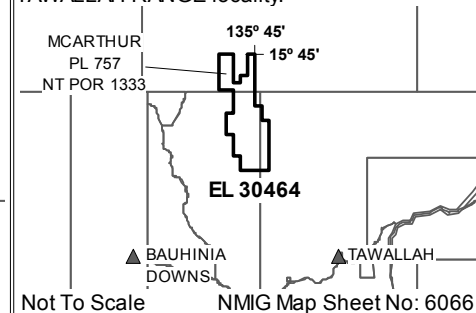
Exploration Licence 30394 sought by CR & E PTY LTD, ACN 163 015 110 over an area of 10 Blocks (34 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



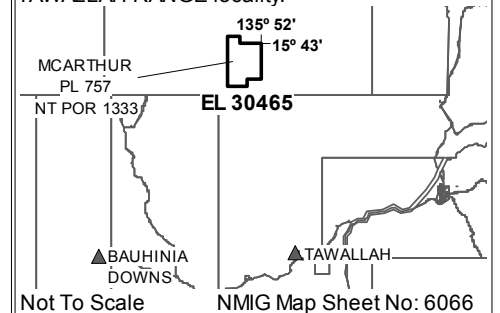
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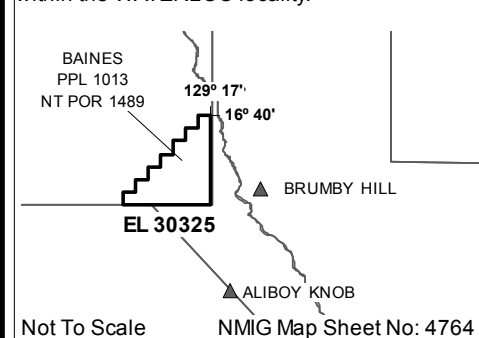
Exploration Licence 30464 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 68 Blocks (225 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TAWALLAH RANGE locality.



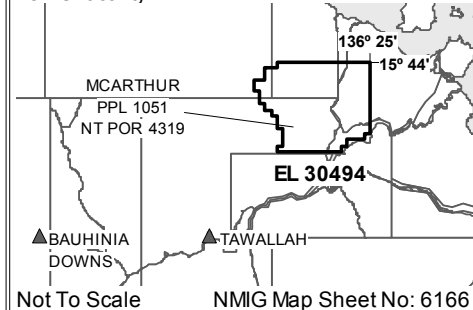
Exploration Licence 30465 sought by MMG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 136 659 over an area of 30 Blocks (100 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TAWALLAH RANGE locality.



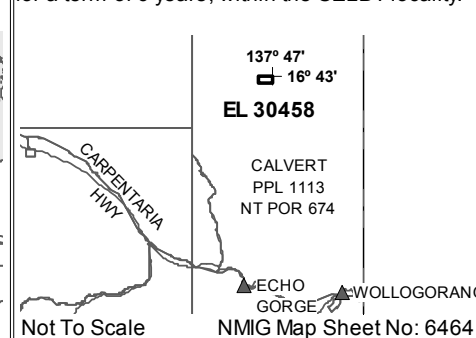
Exploration Licence 30325 sought by TOM MICHAEL OATES, over an area of 28 Blocks (90 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WATERLOO locality.



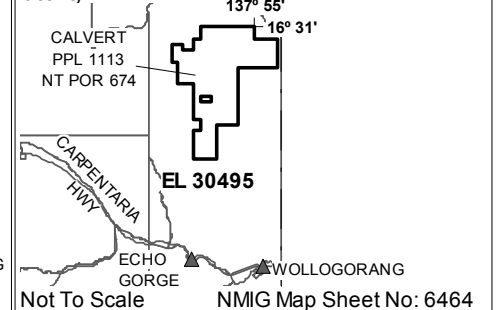
Exploration Licence 30494 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 220 768 over an area of 248 Blocks (820 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BING BONG locality.



Exploration Licence 30458 sought by RR RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 166 770 896 over an area of 2 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SELBY locality.



Exploration Licence 30495 sought by RR RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 166 770 896 over an area of 217 Blocks (714 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SELBY locality.



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The Black Eagles, winners of the under 15 netball competition.

Numbers increase by 200



Melbourne Vixen and Australian Diamond player Madi Robinson inspires our juniors at the VACSAL junior football-netball carnival.



MORE than 700 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from throughout Victoria converged on Melbourne late last month for the annual Victoria Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd (VACSAL) junior football and netball carnival.

The seventh annual carnival was held on September 24-25 at Darebin and attracted 200 more participants than the previous carnival.

Its aim is to provide personal and professional development opportunities and to promote cultural ties, family participation, healthy lifestyle and showcase unique Aboriginal talents.

Winners in the football were: U21, Fitzroy Stars (Melbourne); U17, Gulgurn Manja Geriwerd (Grampians); U14, Bunurong-Fitzroy Stars (Dandenong-Melbourne); U12, Bunurong-Fitzroy Stars (Dandenong-Melbourne).

Netball: 12 and under, Seven Sisters; 15 and under, Black Eagles; 17 and under, Sista Girls; 21 and under: Gina's Dream Team.



Fitzroy Stars and Healesville in action in one of the football matches.

Composite team wins Wollongong rugby league knockout

The victorious Dalai Dreamers from the Kempsey and Armidale regions.



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THE Dalai Dreamers, made up of rugby league players from the

Kempsey and Armidale districts, won the Kids in Care Cup at Wollongong.

Twenty-three Aboriginal rugby league teams contested the carnival at Sid Parrish Park, Figtree on September 20.

The Dalai Dreamers beat the Newcastle All Blacks 12-6 in the statewide knockout final.

The repechage winners were the Baryulgil Descendants, from the Far North Coast.

About 3000 people attended the carnival.

Men's teams from the Hunter region were the Worimi Dolphins and Newcastle All Blacks; the southern region was represented by Illawarra Titans, Yunimyna Warriors, Gadhu Warriors and Aldridge United; Sydney teams were La Perouse Bommers and the United Brothers (Marrickville); Northern NSW teams were the Dalai Dreamers and Baryulgil Descendants.

Three women's teams – Illawarra Titans, Campbelltown Ghosts and the Narooma Sharks – also played.

JT's Dally M treble



NORTH Queensland Cowboys skipper Johnathan Thurston and Parramatta Eels

captain Jarryd Hayne are joint winners of the 2014 Dally M Rugby League Player of the Year Award.

They finished the 26 National Rugby League (NRL) premiership rounds on 32 points – three ahead of third placegetter Sam Burgess, from the South Sydney Rabbitohs.

It is the first time that the Dally M Player of the Year award has had joint winners.

And it was Johnathan Thurston's third Dally M Player of the Year award, cementing his position as one of the greats of the game.

He was also named Five Eighth of the Year and won the Provan Summons People's Choice medal as the best player in the NRL.

In addition, he was the Top Points Scorer of the year with 208 – one ahead of James Maloney, from the Sydney Roosters.

For Hayne, it is his second Dally M Player of the Year award following his win in 2009.

He also won Fullback of the Year and Best Representative Player.

Hayne was also the Top Try Scorer with 20 – one ahead of Semi Radradra from the Parramatta Eels.

Thurston has revealed that his current NRL deal will likely be his last, but he remains adamant he can add a premiership with the Cowboys to his resume before he retires in three years.

Thurston now has an



Johnathan Thurston, right, and Jarryd Hayne after being named joint winners of the 2014 Dally M Medal at Star City on September 29. Picture: Getty

opportunity to push for a fourth Dally M, an achievement which would make his case to join Johns as a future Immortal almost impossible to ignore.

However, the 31-year-old has indicated he only has three seasons left in the game before he hangs up the boots, and played down his chances of taking out the game's highest individual

honour again.

But despite flagging that the end is coming, Thurston has declared he's confident he won't leave Townsville without guiding the Cowboys to that elusive maiden premiership triumph.

"Yeah 100%. Without a shadow of a doubt," Thurston said.

"I'm sure there's every person in the competition that would say

that too and it all starts again for us in November.

"We'll be doing our best to do that and we're no different to the other clubs: We want to win the premiership."

But Thurston was less bullish about a fourth Dally M.

"Look, to win one is such a huge honour and here I am beside an Immortal (Johns)," he said.

"I'm so happy and I've got my teammates to thank for that.

"I've only got three years left so I don't think there's (time for) another one."

Pressed on his retirement plans, Thurston tried to remain coy.

"Oh never say never, but we'll just have to wait and see," he said. – AAP

Barty takes time out from tennis

By CHRIS PIKE



AT just 18 years of age, Australian tennis star Ashleigh Barty has achieved plenty in her career, but has decided to take a break from the sport with no return date in sight.

Despite having only turned 18 last April, the Ipswich youngster has already enjoyed a career that included winning a junior Wimbledon title, winning two WTA Tour doubles titles, reaching the final at three Grand Slam tournaments in doubles and winning another four singles and six doubles titles on the ITF circuit.

That is a list of accomplishments that many might be proud of at the conclusion of their careers, but for the young Queenslander, she was finding the grind of spending her life away from home and usually overseas, and as a professional tennis player, too much to handle.

That is why Barty has decided on an indefinite break from the sport.

Time to return

But there is every chance that having a spell, and in particular watching the Australian tennis summer go on without her, might reignite her spark for the sport and lead her to make a return.

Barty has enjoyed her time working with coach Jason Stoltenberg and is thankful for the support provided by Tennis Australia, but said she simply needed a break to see if she could rediscover the passion to become a professional tennis player as she embarked on her adult life.

"Since returning from the US Open my team and I have decided that right now it is best for me to take a break from professional tennis," Barty said in a statement announcing her decision.

"Obviously, this has been a very difficult decision with the Australian summer coming up but after a lot of thought we feel

this is the right decision.

"I've enjoyed some incredible experiences on the tennis tour and would like to thank my coach Jason and the team at TA for all of its hard work and support throughout my journey so far. I will be following results closely and hope that the Aussies have a great summer and start to 2015."

Barty's tennis journey has been a remarkable one and she burst on to the spotlight by winning the junior Wimbledon championship in 2011.

That kickstarted her foray into professional ranks that began with a notable challenger circuit title win in Sydney in February 2012 where she beat Olivia Rogowska in the final in straight sets.

Two weeks later, she earned another title in Mildura and then her first overseas win at Nottingham in the lead-in to the 2012 Wimbledon.

By now, she was beginning to appear at Grand Slam tournaments, losing in the first round at the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon of 2012 but earning enormous experience just by being there as a teenager.

She then reached the second round of the French and US Opens in 2013 in singles, but it was in doubles that she was beginning to make her real mark alongside compatriot Casey Dellacqua.

The pair had a remarkable run in 2013, making the finals at the Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open.

While they fell short of a doubles Grand Slam championship, it did appear it was only a matter of time, but the closest they came in 2014 was quarter-final appearances at Roland Garros and Wimbledon.

Following their exit from the US Open in September, Barty was beginning to feel the need for a break and that's the decision she has now taken.

But in her favour is that at 18, she has plenty of time to enjoy life away from tennis, and still have a decade-plus of a career to return to if she so decides.



A disappointed Adam Goodes holds his head after losing the AFL grand final to the Hawthorn Hawks at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on September 27. Picture: AAP

Goodes says he'll play on



SYDNEY Swans Australian Football League (AFL) games record-holder Adam Goodes has confirmed he will play on next year, declaring it was a simple decision.

Goodes chose the club's best and fairest dinner in Sydney on Friday evening to publicly announce his intention of playing a 17th season of senior football.

"I love playing football and I have enjoyed 2014 as much as I enjoyed my first year, so in the end it was a pretty simple decision," Goodes said.

"Certainly the view from midyear, and the club has been very supportive, was that if my body could hold up to it, then there was no reason why I wouldn't continue on.

"My body feels as good as it has for some time and the fire is still burning, so I can't wait to get stuck into 2015."

Three-time Swans best and fairest, dual Brownlow Medallist and four-time All Australian representative Goodes has played 351 games, putting him 13th on the AFL all-time appearance list.

He played the last 20 games of the Swans campaign after missing the first five of this season and the last 13 of their 2013 schedule due to knee problems.

Used primarily as a forward, he kicked 30.12, making him Sydney's third highest goalkicker behind Lance Franklin (79) and Kurt Tippett (34).

Goodes has moved up to fifth on the club's all-time goalkicking list, passing club legend Bob Skilton during the season and is 23 behind Tony

Lockett and 28 adrift of Barry Hall.

Coach John Longmire was excited by Goodes' decision to continue next year.

"He is a great of our club but importantly he has been able to contribute really well for us, particularly late in the year," Longmire said.

"He has his pace and he still has his hunger to compete, so we are really pleased with his decision."

Not up to it

Following the grand final loss to Hawthorn, Goodes lamented the fact that his side simply "weren't up to it" when confronted with Hawthorn's fierce pressure.

"I'm trying to get a feel of what really happened today to be honest," he said soon after the game.

"I'll talk to my teammates and find out what happened, because it really hurts to lose grand finals.

"Losing (the way Sydney did in the grand final) hurts a lot more because we know we're better than that.

"To produce that, we let our supporters down and most of all we let ourselves down."

Goodes was playing in his fourth grand final and had the Swans won, he would have become the club's first triple premiership star.

"Hawthorn threw everything at us and we didn't really give a yelp, which is disappointing," Goodes said.

"As a leader of the group, you want to go out there and take the game by the scruff of the neck." - AAP



A file picture of Ashleigh Barty with Australian tennis legend Evonne Goolagong.

String of carnivals in Qld's far north

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander footballers in North Queensland and the Torres Strait have numerous All Blacks rugby league carnivals to look forward to in the next month.

Some teams have already competed at the Arthur Beetson Murri carnival at Redcliffe.

Townsville's Bindal carnival will be held at the local Sports Reserve from October 10-12 and has attracted 16 men's open teams.

They are Cannonballs (winners in 2013), Bowen Stingers, Mt Garnet Eagles, Innisfail Wairu, Walkabouts, Bwgcolman Warriors, Defence Army, Palm Island Barracudas, Woorabinda, Aja Boys, Bwgcolman Hornets, GH United Mackay, Kooracha Warriors, Emma Tamwoy Memorial, Black Brems (Charters Towers) and Juru.

Under 19 sides accepted are Cannonballs, GH United, Bowen Stingers, Bindal Sharks, Walkabouts and Rockhampton.

There will also be an under 16 challenge match between Cannonballs and Bowen Stingers.

Different venue

In recent years the carnival had been held at Townsville's Brothers Leagues Club and the change of venue has forced a slight reduction in the number of men's teams from 20.

"We had to reduce the team numbers due to Sport Reserve having only two fields, we needed to move there to host an alcohol and drug-free carnival," said Bindal CEO Jenny Pryor.

"This is my 28th year of running and hosting carnivals in Townsville."

Thursday Island will host the Zenadth Kes (formerly Torres Cup) at Ken Brown Memorial Oval from October 17-19.

It is expected to be the best yet, with quality men's and women's teams lining up for the QRL-sanctioned carnival.

That will clash with popular Cairns All Blacks carnival at Barlow Park from October 17-19.

The Gordonvale carnival will start on October 24.

The well-supported Dan Ropeyarn Cup will be held at Bamaga on October 30-31 and November 1 and last year's champion team Argun Warriors from Badu Island will be there.

NRL players to have lined up at some of these carnivals in recent years have included Chris Sandow, Ben Barba, Josh Hoffman, Travis Waddell, Maurice Blair and George Rose.



Brisbane Broncos star Ben Barba playing for Mackay side GH United at the 2012 Townsville Bindal carnival.

Epic SANFL grand final

By PETER ARGENT



THE 2014 South Australian National Football League (SANFL) grand final was a heart-stopping encounter, with Norwood holding on for premiership glory despite a heroic last-quarter charge by Port Adelaide.

The final score was Norwood 12.10 (82), Port Adelaide 11.12 (78).

Former Magpie Anthony Wilson put his hands on the Sir Thomas Seymour Hill Cup for the first time, having a telling influence on the contest.

"I was just keen to play my role for the team," Wilson, 22, told the Koori Mail.

"I had been happy with my form going into the grand final and just wanted to use my assets to best suit the team.

"Last year I had a lot of trouble with injury and ended by playing football with Meningie, in the country.

"After a strong pre-season, I found my way into the senior team.

"The last quarter was nerve-wracking and (it was) just sheer exhilaration when the final siren sounded."

In the second quarter, Wilson displayed his lightening speed, producing a blistering run along the grandstand wing, chased all the way by Jarman Impey. It was reminiscent of Lewis Jetta's effort (chased by Cyril Rioli) for Sydney in the 2012 AFL decider.

Norwood first-year coach Ben Warren said Wilson was fast and was capable of changing the outcome of games.

"This is his debut season at SANFL league level and is super exciting to watch and a terrific young bloke as well.

"Anthony had a strong pre-season after spending the bulk of last winter at Meningie.

"He can shut down the opposition and he's a good kick."

Wilson finished with 14 disposals in



Anthony Wilson with his hands on the SANFL premiership cup. Pictures: Peter Argent

his 17th and most important game of SANFL football.

For Port Adelaide, it was a case of 'what if'.

Nathan Krakouer kicked three goals, including a brilliant individual effort at the 17-minute mark of the last quarter from deep in the Adelaide Oval scoreboard pocket.

That brought the Magpies to with a single straight kick of victory.

"It is still hurting," Krakouer said a week after the game.

"To miss out by such a small amount is just so frustrating.

"We had our chances and it does give you motivation to take the next step.

"I still believe I have plenty to give at the top level."

The Magpies had four Aboriginal talents in their side.

Along with Krakouer and Impey, West



Lachlan Dodds-Watson and Hassan Ahmat-Watkins with the SANFL under 18s Macca's Cup.

Australian lad Brendon Ah Chee and another first year AFL lists player Karl Amon where members of Port Adelaide's team.

Melbournian Amon was also awarded Best First Year Player at the Magpies' conceded six of the first seven goals, while the League Coaches' Trophy was awarded to Ah Chee.

In the Macca's Cup under 18 grand final, underdogs West Adelaide conceded six of the first seven goals, then went on to defeat the Eagles by 35 points.

The side included Indigenous players Lachlan Dodds-Watson and Hassan Ahmat-Watkins, from the Northern Territory.

The grand final was played at Gliderol Stadium, Glenelg, on September 19, where the Bloods 13.12 (90) beat Woodville-West Torrens 7.13 (55).



Nathan Krakouer kicked a brilliant goal from the pocket to get the Magpies to within a straight kick of the lead.



Brendon Ah Chee in action for the losing side.



Hassan Ahmat-Watkins celebrates victory in the Macca's Cup grand final.

Nathan's career full of Merritt



RETIRING Rabbitoh Nathan Merritt's South Sydney teammates Greg Inglis and John

Sutton have praised the record-breaking winger as instrumental in creating the culture that has taken them from easybeats to National Rugby League (NRL) stardom.

Ahead of the Rabbitohs third successive preliminary final, against Sydney Roosters on September 19, Souths all-time leading try-scorer Merritt announced his retirement.

Merritt broke Benny Wearing's long-standing Rabbitohs try-scoring record with his 145th first grade try in round six against Penrith, but has only played a handful of games since.

The 31-year-old didn't play against the Roosters nor grand finalists Canterbury, but superstar fullback Greg Inglis, who moved to Redfern from Melbourne ahead of the 2011 season, said Merritt had helped them get there.

"I have known Nathan pretty much since I started and he was one of the drawcards that brought me here," Inglis said at the announcement which was also attended by teammates Sutton, Sam Burgess and Adam Reynolds, coach Michael Maguire and chief executive Shane Richardson.

"He is pretty much South Sydney Rabbitohs. He came from the area. He grew up in the area.

"He is all about the team and he was one of the main reasons I came here."

Career began in 2002

Merritt began his career with Souths in 2002, when they re-entered the competition after two seasons of exclusion.

He moved to Cronulla for 2004, the year Sutton debuted with the Rabbitohs, and 2005 before returning to Redfern in 2006.

"Back then I wasn't the most consistent player and I could throw the ball anywhere and he would be there to catch it," Sutton said.

"He would be on the left and score a try on the right..."

"He is a champion bloke. All the boys love him. His try-scoring record speaks for itself.

"He was important in holding us together (back then). He was the only one who was scoring tries for us.

"Back in 2006 when he got the leading try scorer, we only won three games all year. That is some sort of record there.

Richardson added: "It wasn't just about scoring tries in those days, it was about giving Souths hope.

"Nathan Merritt returning to the club and John Sutton having the character to stay with the club was the beginning of the club turning around to where we are today."

It was a teary Merritt who called time on his 236-game 13 year NRL career.

"It's pretty emotional, the big focus for me is to embrace it and go out and support the boys," he said.

"The decision was easy footy-wise; body-wise, it has taken

its toll. I didn't think I could go through another pre-season.

"It is a great time. I am just here to support the boys. I might not be in the team, but we are all one group.

"It is something I'm happy about and I'm proud of what I have achieved in the game.

"It has been a remarkable ride at the top level... something I thought I would never do."

Merritt (218) has played the second most Rabbitohs games behind Sutton (227).

He said he rated his five tries in the round 22 win over Parramatta in 2011 as his favourite try-scoring feat.

He rated making his Rabbitohs debut in 2002 as a career highlight over his one State of Origin game for NSW last year.

Merritt will soon launch the Nathan Merritt Foundation, aimed at helping Indigenous youth.

Merritt grew up on 'The Block' in Redfern and played his junior football with Alexandria Rovers in the South Sydney junior competition. — AAP

Fun with a frisbee



THE Indigenous Ultimate Association mixed

premier league final will be decided in the Melbourne south-eastern suburb of Ashwood on Sunday, October 12.

Ultimate is a form of frisbee, a non-contact sport combining elements of netball, Australian football, touch football and gridiron.

Indigenous Ultimate Association spokesman Rueben Berg said ultimate frisbee was a fast-paced sport.

He said it was unique in that games were self-refereed. Players were responsible for adhering to the rules.

The mixed premier league bronze medal play-off and grand final will be played at the Harlequin Rugby Union Club, Power Avenue, Ashwood, from 2.15pm on October 12.

Berg said the Indigenous Ultimate Association was planning on entering a team in the Victorian championships on March 7-8, 2015 in Wyndham, near Werribee.

Rookie contract up for grabs



CRICKETERS from eight different cultural backgrounds, including Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander, will get a chance to secure a community rookie spot with the Sydney Thunder, as part of the second edition of the MoneyGram Thunder Nation Cup launched in Sydney.

Started by the Sydney Thunder last season, the competition aims to give cricket players from the eight cultural backgrounds the chance to experience the fun and excitement of T20 cricket while representing their local communities.

This season, Sydney Thunder representatives will be present at each community round, with the standout player from the day to be invited to participate in the Sydney Thunder community rookie trials on November 24 at ANZ Stadium.

From the trials, one Sydney Thunder community rookie contract will be awarded to the player who impresses the most.

The competition will culminate with the two finalists taking to the turf of Spotless Stadium to play in the curtain-raiser to the Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars match on Saturday, January 17.

Communities taking part in this year's tournament are India, Pakistan, Nepal, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and



Long-serving NSW Imparja Cup player Andrew Gordon, far right, has the Aboriginal flag draped over his shoulder. He is pictured with representatives from other cultures taking part in the Thunder Nation Cup. Holding the trophy in the middle of the picture is NSW and Sydney Thunder opening bowler Gurinder Sandhu.

South Africa.

Sydney Thunder general manager Nick Cummins encouraged cricket fans and players to get involved in the Moneygram Thunder Nation Cup.

"After seeing the talent that was on display last year, we have decided that we will reward the

standout player from this year's Moneygram Thunder Nation Cup with a playing contract with the Sydney Thunder as our community rookie," Cummins said.

"This provides an opportunity for those players to fast-track their goal of playing first-class cricket and join our playing roster."

Entry to the Moneygram

Thunder Nation Cup is open to male and females, aged 16 and above. To enter a team of eight players or to find out more information head to www.sydneythunder.com.au/thundernationcup

Registration closes on Tuesday, October 14.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander day will be on October 19 at Jameson Park 2 and 3, Penrith.

Community rookie trials will take place on November 24 at ANZ Stadium nets, Sydney Olympic Park.

Semifinal day: November 30 at Mona Park, Auburn.

Final: January 17, 2015, during curtain-raiser to Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars at Spotless Stadium (Sydney Showground), Sydney Olympic Park.

Pay for buses

Meanwhile, Sydney Thunder has offered to cover the cost of buses to get regional teams to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander day at Penrith on October 19.

Thunder spokesman Hans de Koning said there had been good feedback and response to the Aboriginal day.

"It looks like we have a few teams from regional NSW coming to play," he said.

"Any regional team that wants to come, the Sydney Thunder will cover the costs of their buses to and from Penrith."

The winning team on the Aboriginal day will advance to the semifinals day on the November 30 to take on the winning teams from the seven other cultural groups.

This will be played on turf wickets and require protective equipment as a hard ball will be used.



Man of the match Sam Burgess, left, and Greg Inglis unashamedly shed tears of joy after South Sydney beat the Canterbury Bulldogs in the 2014 National Rugby League grand final at the Sydney Olympic Stadium last Sunday night. *Picture: AAP*

All glory to Inglis

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

GREG Inglis has delivered. Like all true champions, he has delivered on a promise he made when he first walked into Redfern.

As outstanding as his grand final performance was, GI started delivering from the day he joined the mighty Rabbitohs.

Following a difficult period of his life, GI had fallen out of love with the game and we came close to losing him to AFL or rugby union.

He almost signed with the

Broncos where he would have almost been assured of success.

But he was drawn to South Sydney and it was almost as if the hand of God – or at least Russell Crowe – made it destiny that he would be part of the revival of the ‘Pride of the League’.

You’ve just have to understand that GI is a winner.

He arrived with his natural expectation that any side that he played in would not only compete, but would win.

Souths were so used to operating under a culture of survival that just being competitive was considered acceptable.

Not so for Greg.

I have written about how GI has developed into a true leader.

I am not certain that would have happened at the Broncos or any other club in quite the same way.

Accepted challenge

GI saw a challenge and he picked it up and accepted it.

So strong was his commitment and desire that midway through the 2012 season, Inglis spoke about feeling right at home at Redfern, and how he’d pull the pin on his career if the Bunnies were to finally clinch a title.

“I have always said this, if I win a grand final with Souths, I’d retire the next day,” Inglis was quoted as saying at the time.

It was a throw-away line, and one most Bunnies’ fans would have copped had it meant their

club finally hoisted the premiership trophy high on an October long weekend.

Inglis has become such an integral player at the club, you have to wonder what sort of odds Souths would have started last Sunday night had someone else run out in the No 1 jersey.

My good mate Rabbitohs’ chief executive Shane Richardson chuckled when reminded of Inglis’ retirement pledge, and pointed out he still had three years to run on his lucrative contract.

“I’ve got a million reasons why he won’t retire,” quipped Richardson, whose superstar signing would be on a deal worth close to \$1 million a year.

“Greg came to us as a boy, and now he’s a man.

“I remember Wayne Bennett talking about Greg as a once-in-a-lifetime athlete, and that’s what he is, but that also doesn’t make him the man he is.

“He’s married, has become a father, he’s bought a house and settled into the area.

“He’s become the heart and soul and a leader of this club, along with John Sutton.”

Given the fact that Inglis is locked in until the end of 2017 means Richardson won’t have to worry about any talk of retirement from his pin-up player any time soon.

On Sunday night you could not only see his leadership on display, but also how much the game meant to him when he broke down

in tears with Sam Burgess once they realised the game had been won.

But GI was not finished there.

There could only be one way to complete the script that was started by the opening try of his young protege Alex Johnson.

GI may walk tall amongst his peers, but it was with his trademark goanna crawl that the South Sydney superstar moved closer to future status as an NRL immortal.

The final try also put to bed the critics who questioned the legitimacy of GI’s previous premiership triumphs.

Inglis won two grand finals with the Melbourne Storm, but there were conditions that went with those victories in 2007 and 2009.

Part of ‘big four’

As brilliant as he was, Inglis collected those trophies as part of the big four – with Cameron Smith, Billy Slater and Cooper Cronk forming the core of one of history’s strongest teams.

But above all, history proves that team was too good to be true, Melbourne officially robbed of those premierships by the NRL for systematically rorting the salary cap.

As a result, Inglis was forced out of the Storm.

His rise as an all-time champion for Queensland, Australia and of two NRL clubs has Inglis in line for the game’s highest individual

honour – immortality.

Smith, Slater and Cronk won another premiership in 2012.

Now Inglis has one as well. In spectacular fashion, Inglis sprinted away for the 80th-minute try which sent the 83,833 record crowd at Sydney’s Olympic stadium into raptures.

He completed the celebration with his crawl towards the cameras, with tongue wagging.

It was the perfect symbol of the return of the Rabbitohs.

The goanna has come out on almost a weekly basis this year, as Inglis dominated like never before.

He missed out on a second Clive Churchill Medal, but this premiership truly belongs to the man they call GI.

As always, Greg tried to deflect the attention on to the team.

“Words can’t explain any of what I’m feeling now,” he said.

“I’m overjoyed by these fans that have turned out here today... 43 years was a dry spell but to bring that trophy back to Redfern... (I’m) extremely proud.

“It’s been a big year for me and the rest of the boys.

“This is what we’ve wanted to do.

“The last two years hurt us really bad, but our boys just dug deep and really dug in tonight.”

Spoken with the humility of a true champion.

I am so happy and proud of him.

All glory to GI!

Pure Rioli magic

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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THERE are always some great individual stories attached to grand final success and the Hawks' demolition of my beloved Swans was no exception.

I had hoped to be eulogising Adam Goodes in adding another successful chapter to his illustrious story.

Or to be shouting down the knockers who doubted the wisdom of signing the great Buddy Franklin.

At the end of the day, however, it was the inspiring comeback of Cyril Rioli that captured my imagination.

The Rioli story is not only inspirational, but it was his extra flashes of brilliance that helped to further inspire his already fired-up teammates.

It was the combination of his moments of magic and the hardened defence of a relentless Hawks machine that demoralised the Swans.

The less I say about the Swans, the better.

Outclassed

They were simply outplayed and outclassed on the day.

It wasn't as if the effort was lacking.

In fact, at times the Swannies seemed to be trying too hard.

It's just that the Hawks were so dominant that every bounce seemed to go their way.

Then there was Cyril.

There was no way that Rioli was supposed to play, let alone produce the performance that he did.

The medical staff did an amazing job and then Cyril took the unexpected opportunity with both hands.

The premiership win might be Rioli's third, but the star Hawk says the grand final triumph over the Swans is the best of the lot.

A member of Hawthorn's 2008 and 2013 premiership teams, Rioli was overcome with emotion as he was subbed out of Saturday's grand final early in the



Cyril 'Junior' Rioli with his dad Cyril Jnr after Hawthorn's AFL grand final win over the Sydney Swans. Cyril Jnr was a champion footballer in the Northern Territory, where he won 12 premierships with St Marys. Cyril Jnr's brother Maurice won the Norm Smith Medal while playing AFL with Richmond. Picture: Peter Argent

last quarter with his team 63 points in front and headed for back-to-back flags.

As he left the field, he embraced Taylor Duryea, the man who would take off the green vest and take his place, and Brian Lake, who acknowledged the contribution Rioli had made to the win.

It was then, as he took his seat at the back of the interchange bench with the red vest on that the triple premiership Hawk allowed his emotion to spill over.

But it wasn't just tears of joy and gratitude that overcame him as the reality of his comeback and place in another Hawthorn premiership team set in, it was also about redemption.

The quietly spoken Rioli has made no secret of the fact the pain of the 2012 grand final loss to the Swans still hurt and something that still motivated him despite last year's premiership.

"No I can't. It's very hard to believe," Rioli said after the game.

"To think back to 2012 and losing to Sydney, to beat them today, this beats all grand finals.

"The last five minutes were very emotional to think back to

2012."

It was an emotional day and week for Rioli, whose hamstring was the centre of speculation and innuendo in the lead-up.

Ultimately though, as many doubted he could have an impact on grand final day, he was backed by the people that mattered most.

Coach Alastair Clarkson said it was an easy decision to select him and Rioli was backed by the other coaches, fitness staff and his teammates to perform on the biggest stage, in his first game at senior level since round 15.

Hawthorn culture

That belief though is indicative of the way Hawthorn is and the culture and values that its players, coaches and staff live by.

His impact was profound despite the stats sheet saying he had just nine disposals as he had a hand in a number of goals to his teammates – if not setting them up himself.

Rioli, the ultimate team player who prides himself on the selfless part of the game – applying tackles and pressure – is the embodiment of the values of Hawthorn.

It was fitting then, that his first interaction with fans on social media after the game would pledge his commitment to the team, the club with which he is now a triple premiership player.

At 8.26pm on grand final night, Rioli tweeted "brown and gold runs through my veins".

"I'm very happy and grateful to be part of the Hawthorn Football Club," he said with his premiership medal around his neck.

"It was just about playing my role and the thing I'm best at – applying the pressure and the one percenters.

"To have a third premiership under my belt, I'm tremendously grateful."

Rioli's to-the-minute return for the grand final was planned from the start of September when Hawthorn decided it had one 'crack' at him playing in the game.

The Hawks said Rioli, who had not played since suffering a hamstring tendon injury on June 28, risked a recurrence if he played more than one game leading into the big decider.

Hawks fitness coach Andrew Russell said they had to get the timing right with Rioli.

"If you play him too early, guys can re-injure the third and fourth week in when they get fatigue, so we knew we only had one crack at it," Russell said.

"And that crack at it was to play about 60 minutes at Box Hill (in the VFL grand final) to get some game time into him and then have one crack at it in the AFL grand final.

"He could have reinjured it because of cumulative fatigue if he'd played more than two games."

The nod given, Rioli played an important role in Hawthorn's 12th premiership, his nine possessions in three quarters augmented by 15 pressure acts.

The Hawks directed Rioli to shed some weight during his 85-day rehabilitation so he could run without as much load going through his legs.

He carried the load of expectation without any problems.

He delivered on the field and provided an insight into the emotional rewards of overcoming adversity on the biggest stage of all.

Well done, champion! Until Next Time.... Keep Dreaming!

Swans outmuscled



HAWTHORN brutally outmuscled Sydney to win their 12th Australian

Football League (AFL) premiership on September 27 and confirmed they are one of the game's all-time great teams.

Going into the grand final as underdogs and on the back of an unusually-challenging season, the Hawks surprised even themselves with the ease of their 63-point win.

Hawthorn out-Sydneyed the Swans, reducing the minor premiers to a rabble with their ferocious attack on the ball and opponents.

The most telling statistic of the match was the 22-7 tackle count in Hawthorn's favour at quarter-time.

As good as the Hawks were, it was stunning to see Sydney play so badly.

The 21.11 (137) to 11.8 (74) win was the most lopsided grand final since Geelong's record 119-point pummelling of Port Adelaide seven years ago.

Hawthorn won consecutive premierships for the first time in 25 years.

It is the first back-to-back success since Brisbane's 2001-03 three-peat.

Combined with their surprise 2008 flag, Hawthorn join the Lions and Geelong (2007, 2009 and 2011) as the only AFL sides this century to win three premierships.

Coach Alastair Clarkson said the premiership itself was no shock, but admitted they did not expect the grand final win to be so comprehensive.

"The result didn't come as a surprise to us – I don't mean to say that in an arrogant fashion, because we prepared so well,"

Cyril Rioli holds the AFL premiership trophy after the 2014 grand final against the Sydney Swans at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on September 27. Picture: Getty



Clarkson said.

"Not in our wildest dreams did we anticipate it was going to be a 10-goal victory.

"In actual fact, no-one saw it coming in terms of that margin and many didn't see it coming even in that result, because we were the underdogs.

"We probably deserved to be the underdogs, given Sydney's

outstanding season, but we gave ourselves a great chance."

It was also sweet revenge for the Hawks after Sydney's epic 10-point grand final win two years ago.

Consistent quarters

"We had four consistent quarters today and that doesn't happen very often when the two

best sides are playing off on grand final day," Clarkson said.

"It's very, very hard to keep that momentum going for the four quarters, but to win all four quarters in a grand final is a very special effort."

Swans coach John Longmire couldn't seem to get his head around why his side were just so lacklustre.

"We were on the back foot from the first bounce and unfortunately we weren't able to wrest the momentum back at any stage," he said.

"It's just such a disappointing effort."

Two-time Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes was one of Sydney's best in a disappointing match for them. – AAP

Burgoyne simply superb

By **PETER ARGENT**

CONSIDERING the trials and tribulations the Hawthorn Football Club went through during the 2014 campaign, the demolishing of the Sydney Swans ranks with the Hawks' greatest grand final performances in the club's rich history.

The run up to the grand final wasn't smooth sailing for the Hawks – they lost coach Alastair Clarkson to illness for five weeks and there was a raft of injuries to key players.

They went into the season decider as the underdogs because the Swans were on a seemingly unstoppable roll.

The 21.11 (137) to 11.8 (74) Melbourne Cricket Ground scoreboard showed the ruthless efficiency of the Hawks in front of a crowd of 99,454.

Every time Sydney looked like they were about to mount a challenge, the Hawthorn machine sprung into action and snuffed out any challenge.

Key indigenous members of the Hawthorn outfit – Shaun Burgoyne, Bradley Hill and Cyril Rioli – played an

integral role in the victory.

For 31-year-old South Australian Burgoyne, his poise and composure in the opening term was exquisite. He collected 10 of his 24 possessions in the hustle and bustle of the first quarter to set the standard for his side. He capped off a third flag by kicking two goals in the last term.

He has now played in five AFL grand finals, enjoying three triumphs. The initial crown was a decade ago in 2004 in Port Adelaide's inaugural success and now he has enjoyed back-to-back success as a Hawk.

Bradley Hill is in his third season at the top level and the 21-year-old was playing his 51st senior game.

Giving his side plenty of outside run and carry, Hill finished with 23 touches and four inside 50s to go with his goal.

He is now a dual premiership player and still has a long career ahead.

One of the most talked about selections was that of Tiwi Islander Cyril 'Junior Boy' Rioli.

On the back of three quarters in the VFL grand final the previous Sunday, in his first game since round 15 of the AFL, Rioli

started on the ground.

While he didn't collect a lot of disposals, the class of Rioli stood out at pivotal times.

The moment where he intercepted Kurt Tippett's handpass and gave it to Roughead for a goal, and the second when he courageously threw himself on the big man's boot, setting up another forward line entry were elite pieces of football nous.

Now a triple premiership player, he enjoyed a flag in his debut season of 2008 and this pair in 2013-14.

While everything went to plan for the Hawthorn, it was a tough day at the office for the Swans.

Lance Franklin and 351-game veteran Adam Goodes were among the best performers for the vanquished.

In his fourth grand final appearance, Franklin collected his biggest yield, kicking 4.2 and taking five strong contested marks.

Franklin looked dangerous all game and marked strongly.

Dual Brownlow medallist Adam Goodes tried heroically to get his team to lift after it was slaughtered in the first quarter, when moved into the midfield.

He kicked 2.1 and had six inside 50s in a valiant personal performance, to be among Sydney's best.

Starting with the 2005 premiership success, this was also Goodes' fourth day on the AFL grand final stage.

For 2012 Bloods flag winning star from Western Australia, Lewis Jetta, it was a game to forget. He only had one disposal to half time and was concussed in a physical contest in the third term.

Argent's ratings

Peter Argent's ratings in the 2014 AFL grand final:

Shaun Burgoyne – 9 (Stood up when it counted and finished strongly.)

Bradley Hill – 8 (Despite being tagged, still had a telling influence on the game.)

Cyril Rioli – 6 (While goal-less, some of his pressure acts were superb before being subbed out early in the last quarter.)

Lance Franklin – 8 (Only real target the Swans had in attack. Held his head high.)

Adam Goodes – 7 (Worked industriously against the odds.)

Lewis Jetta – 1 (Forgettable grand final.)

Glory, glory Bunnies



GREG Inglis walks tall amongst his peers, but it was with his trademark

goanna crawl that the South Sydney superstar moved closer to future status as a National Rugby League (NRL) immortal.

Inglis won two grand finals with the Melbourne Storm, but there were conditions that went with those victories in 2007 and 2009.

As brilliant as he was, Inglis collected those trophies as part of the big four – with Cameron Smith, Billy Slater and Cooper Cronk forming the core of one of history's strongest teams.

As a club proud of its Indigenous heritage in the heart of Redfern, it was the perfect fit and perhaps the Rabbitohs' greatest-ever signing.

Inglis was given the fullback jersey and over the past four years, the 27-year-old has gone to another level as a footballer.

His rise as an all-time champion for Queensland, Australia and of two NRL clubs has Inglis in line for the game's highest individual honour – immortality.

Plenty left

And Inglis could still have the best part of a decade until he retires.

Last Sunday, Inglis wrote another chapter into his legacy by scoring the final try in South Sydney's 30-6 grand final win over Canterbury which broke a 43-year premiership drought.

Smith, Slater and Cronk won their first legitimate premiership in 2012.

Now Inglis has one as well.

In spectacular fashion, Inglis sprinted away for the 80th-minute try which sent the 83,833 record crowd at ANZ Stadium into raptures.

He completed the celebration with his crawl towards the cameras, tongue wagging.

The goanna has come out on almost a weekly basis this year, as Inglis dominated like never before.

He missed out on a second



The Rabbitohs' Greg Inglis celebrates with supporters after winning the 2014 NRL grand final against Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, last Sunday night. Picture: AAP

Clive Churchill medal, but this premiership truly belongs to the man they call GI.

The most successful club in the NRL – having survived being booted out of the competition and resurrected in part by Hollywood superstar Russell Crowe – has a 21st premiership – the game's longest title drought over at last.

And in Sam Burgess, another entry into rugby league folklore.

"It's one hell of a special moment in time," coach Michael Maguire said.

"The boys have gone down in history now. For a long, long time this club has been spoken about – obviously this year it's been the 43 number, and the boys, they did it."

And they had one man in particular to thank – Sam

Burgess – the man who more than anyone symbolised the new era under ownership of Crowe, playing his last game in the red and green before heading to rugby union.

Broken cheekbone

Burgess played on with a broken cheekbone suffered in the opening tackle of the game to take home the Clive Churchill Medal, another entry into the rugby league annals right alongside John Sattler's broken jaw heroics in the 1970 decider.

Two other South Sydney Indigenous players also were outstanding – boom rookie winger Alex Johnstone continued his remarkable season by scoring in the 20th minute, while Dylan Walker looked dangerous.

– AAP

Fans flock to Redfern Oval to see heroes

THOUSANDS of South Sydney fans crammed into and around Redfern Oval on Monday to continue celebrating the NRL club's long-awaited and record-breaking 21st premiership.

Lines to get into the Rabbitohs' spiritual home snaked half-way around the block after Souths ended their 43-year title drought with a 30-6 win over Canterbury in the grand final on Sunday night.

The streets around Redfern Oval were awash with red and

green and chants of 'South Sydney' were heard from blocks away.

Around 10,000 fans were at the celebrations.

The sole grandstand at the refurbished Redfern Oval, which can hold 3000 fans, was full.

There was significant police presence and all fans who entered the ground had their bags searched.

Outside the oval the line in front of the club's merchandise van was 200m long. – AAP

Beale dropped for Test



KURTLEY Beale is reported to be on the brink of leaving rugby union for rugby league, regardless of the outcome of the

Australian Rugby Union's (ARU's) investigation into his argument with a Wallabies staffer.

Beale has been reported as having told confidantes he was looking at a switch to the National Rugby League (NRL) for 2015 in the wake of the latest drama, which would rule out his chances of playing in the Rugby World Cup.

The Daily Telegraph reported that a mooted stint at French club Toulon in 2016 could also be on the cards, alongside Israel Folau and NSW coach

Michael Cheika

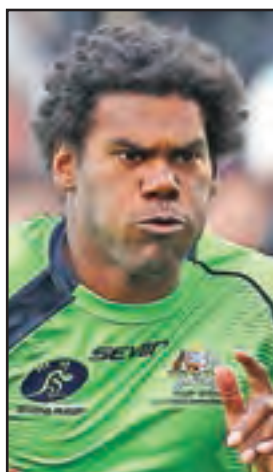
Detail of the Beale's mid-air row with ARU official Di Patston are sketchy, but it is believed Beale was arguing with a second ARU staff member, Mike Doyle, after being told to change shirts when Wallabies coach Ewen McKenzie and business manager Patston intervened.

Beale is said to have made a cutting statement about Patston, who will tell the ARU investigation she felt physically intimidated during the heated encounter.

Beale denied being affected by alcohol, but has conceded he did drink after the Test the night before.

Australia lost that test 21-17 to Argentina in Mendoza last Saturday, allowing the Pumas to claim their first win in the Rugby Championship.

Walker out of sevens



Shannon Walker



FORMER Gold Coast Titans flyer Shannon Walker lost his race against time to be fit for Australia's

Rugby Sevens series opener on the Gold Coast this weekend.

Walker is overcoming a leg complaint and will miss the weekend tournament along with Greg Jeloudev.

The tournament will mark the first step toward 2016 Rio Olympic qualification.

The top four-ranked teams at the end of the Sevens series automatically qualify for the 12-nation Olympic draw in Rio.

Australia finished fifth last year.

"The 2014-15 Sevens World Series is going to be undoubtedly the toughest season to date," said Geraint John ahead of his first tournament as national Sevens coach.

"With qualification for Rio up for grabs, teams will be more professional and better prepared than ever before.

"We are a long way from qualifying for Rio having finished fifth last season and it is crucial we start well at the weekend."

Australia are in Pool C with Portugal, Scotland and Fiji. The top two sides in each group progress to Sunday's Cup quarterfinals.

Highlights from NSW



The Gulgen All Stars bowed out in the quarterfinals. Their team played to raise awareness of Indigenous children with disabilities.



La Perouse were defeated by Moree Boomerangs in an under 12 semifinal.



● LEFT: Griffith United 3 Ways (in red and black) defeated Narwan Old Boys, but were knocked out by Walgett in the quarterfinals.
● ABOVE: Biripi All Stars, who were defeated by Yowies in the second under 12 semifinal.



Griffith United 3 Ways on the attack against Narwan Old Boys.



Walgett AC's NRL star George Rose takes on South Coast in the quarterfinals.

Aboriginal Knockout



Mindaribba defeated Moree Yinar Miriis in a women's semifinal. *Pictures by Naomi Moran*



A Yowies under 12 player is collared by a Biripi All Stars defender in a semifinal.



North West Barbarians put Moree out of contention in the quarterfinals.



Toomelah Tigers on their way to a win over the Narwan Eels, but were eliminated by the Newcastle All Blacks in the quarterfinals.



The Newcastle Yowies' Travis Waddell is set upon by three Mindaribba defenders in an all-Newcastle quarterfinal.



Redfern All Blacks' Travis Robinson on the attack against the Mindarribba Warriors.



Semifinal action between Cabbage Tree Island Descendants and Walgett AC. A Cabbage Tree Island player is surrounded by Walgett defenders.

Murri rugby league



● LEFT: Kulyipam fullback Eddie Daniel scores a try in the final against Southern Dingoes Blue. Luke Dumas is the Southern Dingoes defender.
● ABOVE: Yamba Bowie, the Saguci Tigers fullback, is tackled by Southern Dingoes players in a semifinal. He is also a Cowboys under 20 Holden Cup star.



● ABOVE: Kulpiyam player Aaron Binawel chasing Southern Dingoes' Daniel Kerr.
● LEFT: Kulyipam's Matt Bond comes in for attention from Southern Dingoes defenders.



Kulyipam's Eddie Daniels rises above the pack in the final against Southern Dingoes Blue.



Saguci Tigers, eaten in a semifinal, were eventually declared joint runners-up after the disqualification of Southern Dingoes.



Runners-up in the women's division were Iris Saltner Memorial.



● LEFT: Women's Champions Inala Bears.

● RIGHT: Inala Bears captain Teresa Anderson with the winning women's trophy presented by a representative of the Australian Electoral Commission.

● FAR RIGHT: Player of the Carnival Matt Bond (Kulpiyam) with Brad Beetson, son of the late Arthur Beetson.



carnival action

Results



Player of the Final – Southern Dingoes' Daniel Kerr.



Under 15s Player of the Tournament Damien Burke with Brad Beetson.

Under 15s premier's Tagai Zugubal.
Pictures: Naomi Moran



Men's results: Grand final: Kulpiyam d Southern Dingoes on protest.
Semifinals: Southern Dingoes 34 d Saguci Tigers Torres Strait 12, Kulpiyam 44 d Ngapun Warriors 20.
Quarterfinals: Kulpiyam 38 d Bundjalung Connections 0, Saguci Tigers 16 d Greg and Alec Sandow Memorial 8, Southern Dingoes Blue 30 d Mackay Stallions 12, Ngapun Warriors 16 d Murri Bama 12.
Top 16 elimination finals: Kulpiyam 40 d Inala Bear 4, Greg and Alec Sandow Memorial 40 d Mununjail Eagles 0, Southern Dingoes Blue 26 d Jabirus 4, Murri Bama 12 d Kambu Warriors 6, Saguci Tigers 30 d Murri Balas United 16, Bundjalung Connections 10 d Moreton Bay Murri 10, Mackay Stallions 22 d Toowoomba Warriors 16, Ngapun Warriors 28 d Purga Wagtails 12.
Qualifying games: Southern Dingoes Blue 22 d Murri Balas United 12, Maca United 11 v Mununjail Eagles 11, Moreton Bay Murris 20 d Southern Dingoes Gold 10, Bowen River Broncos 46 d South East Goannas 6, Barry Denduck Snr Memorial 16 d Oakey Red Belly Blacks 16, Kulpiyam Torres Strait 60 d Ipswich Redbacks 0, Saguci Tigers Torres Strait 34 d Inala Bears 4, Toowoomba Warriors 20 d Bundjalung Connections 18, Purga Wagtails 24 d SEQ Budda Boys 6, Kambu Warriors 42 d Sunshine Coast Bunyas 6, Ngapun Warriors 34 d Jaydon Adams Memorial 14, Murri Bama 16 d Mackay Stallions 12, Greg and Alec Sandow Memorial 32 d Jabirus 4, Toowoomba Warriors 8 d Oakey Red Belly Blacks 4, Macca United 6 d Ipswich Redbacks 0, Greg and Alec Sandow Memorial 20 d Kambu Warriors 0, Kulpiyam 24 d Mununjaili Eagles 0, Bundjalung Connections 32 d Barry Denduck Memorial 0, Murri Bama 30 d SEQ Budda Boys 0, Moreton Bay Murri 46 d Jaydon Adams Memorial 6, Jabirus 36 d Sunshine Coast Bunyas 6, Ngapun Warriors 20 d Southern Dingoes Gold 4, Southern Dingoes Blue 86 d South East Goannas 0, Murri Balas United 20 d Bowen River Broncos 10, Inala Bears 16 d Central Mob 12, Murri Bama 16 d Purga Wagtails 6, Jaydon Adams Memorial 16 d Southern Dingoes Gold 12, Mununjaili Eagles 20 d Ipswich Redbacks 0, Southern Dingoes Blue 34 d Bowen River Broncos 0, Greg and Alex Sandow Memorial 40 d Sunshine Coast Bunya 6, Saguci Tigers 44 d Central Mob 6, Kulpiyam 42 d Macca United 0, Ngapun Warriors 6 d Moreton Bay Murri 4, Bundjalung Connections 30 d Oakey Red Belly Blacks 10, Jabirus 16 v Kambu Warriors 16, Toowoomba Warriors 40 d Barry Denduck Snr Memorial 6, Mackay Stallions 36 d SEQ Budda Boys 10, Murri Balas United 42 d South East Goannas 0.
Womens grand final: Inala Bears 28 d Iris Saltner Memorial 6.
Semifinals: Inala Bears 36 d Cherbourg Hornettes 10, Iris Saltner Memorial 20 d Brisbane Natives 0.
Qualifying games: Moreton Bay Murri 12 d LFU Northern Eagle Owls 0, Inala Bears 18 d Jaydon Adams Memorial 0, CQ Dreamers 4 d Cherbourg Hornettes 0, Brisbane Natives 48 d Macca United 0, Iris Saltner Memorial 38 d Ipswich Redbacks 6, CQ Demons 12 d Kambu 0, Cherbourg Hornettes 26 d Moreton Bay Murri 12, Inala Bears 42 d Macca United 0, Jaydon Adams Memorial 12 d Ipswich Redbacks 10, Brisbane Natives 14 d LFU Northern Eagle Owls 6, Inala Bears 48 d LFU Northern Eagle Owls 0, Cherbourg Hornets 20 d Brisbane Natives 8, Ipswich Redbacks 22 d Macca United 16 Kambu 8 d Moreton Bay Murri 6, Iris Saltner Memorial 42 d CQ Dreamers 6.
Under 15 boys: Aiya Bulls 20 d Western River Warriors 18, Sunshine Coast Bunya 20 d Bundaberg Fraser Boomerangs 18, Murri United 8 d Mackay Stallions 4, Cherbourg Hornets 16 d Moreton Bay Murri 10, Toowoomba Warriors 34 d Kambu Warriors 0, Central Mob 14 d Ngapun Warriors 8, Tagai Zugubal 36 d NT Titans 0, Kambu Warriors 14 d Moreton Bay Murri 12, Toowoomba Warriors 14 d Bundaberg Fraser Boomerangs 12, Central Mob 36 d Aiya Bulls 0, Tagai Zugubal 50 d Ngapun Warriors 0, Brisbane Stingers 24 d Sunshine Coast Bunya 20, Cherbourg Hornets 18 d Murri United 14, Mackay Stallions 52 d NT Titans 0, Toowoomba Stingers 6 d Brisbane Stingers 4, Bundaberg Fraser Boomerangs 36 d Moreton Bay Murri 6, Sunshine Coast Bunya 30 d Western River Warriors 10, Kambu Warriors 14 d Murri United 6, Mackay Stallions 52 d Ngapun Warriors 0, Cherbourg Hornets 30 d NT Titans 12, Tagai Zugubal 70 d Aiya Bulls 0.
Ladder: Tagai Zugubal 20p (172) 1, Cherbourg Hornets 18p 2, Mackay Stallions 16p 3, Brisbane Stingers 16p 4, Central Mob 14.5p 5, Toowoomba Warriors 14p 6, Kambu Warriors 13p 7, Bundaberg Fraser Boomerangs 12p 8, Western River Warriors 11p 9, Sunshine Coast Bunya 10p 10, Murri United 6p 11, NT Titans Aiya Bulls 4p 12, Moreton Bay Murri 0.5p 13, Ngapun Warriors 0.5p 14.
Selection game: Possible 34 d Possible 28.

Protest upheld

Murri title taken from Dingoes after beating Kulpiyam

By ALF WILSON



A PROTEST by officials of Badu Island side Kulpiyam after they lost the final of the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) Arthur Beetson Murri Rugby League Carnival in Redcliffe has been upheld.

That gave Kulpiyam the title of champion side at Queensland's biggest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander All Blacks carnival.

Defending champions Southern Dingoes beat Kulpiyam 24-16 in the final at Redcliffe's Dolphin Park on September 28.

Protest lodged

But within 10 minutes of losing the final, Kulpiyam fired in a protest, claiming Southern Dingoes player Andrew Zaro should not have played because he was under suspension.

It took officials three days to sort out the issue, but in the end, they announced that the title and \$50,000 prizemoney had been taken from the Southern Dingoes and given to Kulpiyam.

The two beaten semifinalists – Saguci Tigers (Torres Strait) and Ngapun Warriors were declared joint runners-up and shared the second-place prizemoney of \$10,000.

In their protest, Kulpiyam claimed Zaro had been suspended by the Australian Sports Anti Doping Agency (ASADA) for two years from May 2013.



Try time for Kulyipam in their Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri rugby league carnival final against Southern Dingoes Blue. Half-back Steve Singleton is scoring while teammate Aaron Binawel celebrates. The Dingoes won the match 24-16, but had the title taken from them a few days later when it was established that one of their players was serving a suspension.
Picture: Naomi Moran

He was one of six Queensland Rugby League (QRL) players to receive the two-year suspension.

Arthur Beetson Foundation chairman Steven Johnson announced the decision to take the title off the Southern Dingoes.

He said the central issue was that Zaro had held the belief that his suspension had expired and that he was eligible to play for the Dingoes.

Ineligible

"After consulting with the Queensland Rugby League (QRL), the Foundation established that the player was mistaken, that his suspension was current and that, consequently, he was ineligible to play in the match," Mr Johnson said.

He said because the Southern Dingoes had played an

ineligible player, the protest by Kulpiyam had been upheld.

He said the finding should not mar what was the best carnival to date, showcasing some amazing rugby league before record crowds.

Kulpiyam official Terry Abednego welcomed the decision to uphold the appeal.

"Our protest was upheld, and Southern Dingoes were disqualified and we were winners of that match and winners of the 2014 Murri carnival," he said.

"Andrew Zaro was found to be still suspended until March 2015 and should not have played in the QRL-sanctioned Murri carnival."

The decision was supported by Jenny Pryor, the Townsville organiser of the Bindal carnival.

"Rules are rules – when we all accept to play under QRL rules and their sanctioning the teams and the hosts of carnivals have

to abide. Dingoes had to be disqualified and Kulpiyam declared the winners and paid the prizemoney," she said.

"If it hadn't been handled correctly the TSI sides would have never gone back there."

ASADA advised the media on May 20, 2013 that six QRL players including Andrew Zaro, had received two-year QRL bans.

Torres strength

Torres Strait Islander sides were highly successful at the carnival, with Kulpiyam, Saguci Tigers and Ngapun Warriors snaring three of the top four positions in the men's division.

In the grand final Kulpiyam try scorers were Windsor Bowie, Steve Singleton and Guyai Nona, while Harold Nona booted the goals.

In the semifinals Dingoes beat Saguci Tigers 34-12 and

Kulpiyam defeated Ngapun Warriors 44-20.

Kulpiyam was undefeated after their three qualifying games beating Ipswich Redbacks 60-0, Macca United 42-0 and rolling Mununjaili Eagles 24-0.

The star studded Kulpiyam finished at the top of the ladder with 15 points amazingly not conceding a single point in defence finishing with a for and against differential of 126-0.

Progressing to the top 16 elimination games Kulpiyam beat Inala Bears 40-4 and in their quarterfinal thrashed Bundjalung Connections 38-0.

In the women's final forwards Rothana Baira and Elsjia Mosby led Inala Bears to a 28-6 victory over the Iris Saltner Memorial side.

In the semifinals, Inala Bears beat Cherbourg Hornettes 36-10 and Iris Saltner Memorial beat Brisbane Natives 20-0.

● More pictures from the Murri rugby league carnival – pages 68-69

Rain plays havoc on cricket tour of Sri Lanka



THE Australia under 19 cricket team that included two Indigenous players went down to the Sri Lankan under 19s by 23 runs in their first match of their two-week tour of Sri Lanka.

It was to have been the third one-day of the tour but the first game was abandoned due to rain and the second game was washed out without a ball being bowled.

Sri Lanka batted first and scored 9-240 in Colombo.

Australia replied with 217 all out.

Indigenous players Jonte Pattison and Lain Beckett each took wickets for Australia – Beckett, who opened the bowling, finished with 1-43 and Pattison claimed 2-44.

In Australia's innings, Pattison scored a quickfire 18 and Beckett remained the not out batsman without scoring.

Meanwhile, two other Indigenous cricketers have featured in other matches.

At Manuka Oval, Canberra, the Australian Capital Territory played Afghanistan in a 50-over game on September 28.

Nathan Price scored 32 in the ACT's

total of 9-232.

Afghanistan replied with 5-235 to win with four balls to spare.

Price finished with 0-8 off one over.

Over in Perth, West Australian Imparja Cup player Michael Bailey hit a century for the West Australian District Cricket Council (WADCC) Team of the Year in their pre-season match at Murdoch University against the WA XI.

Gosnells batsman Bailey made an unbeaten 102 from 78 balls, but the WADCC Team of the Year fell 13 runs short after the WA XI had posted 204 on a tricky pitch following the weekend's rain.



Lain Beckett



Jonte Pattison
Picture: Peter Argent



The IMP team for the 2014 New York Marathon, front row, from left, Rachel Baker (Galiwinku), Ruth Wallace (Adelaide), Toni Daisy (Townsville), Adrian Dodson-Shaw (Broome), Raymond Ingram (Sydney); second row, Allirra Braun (Katherine), Sarah Carmody (Alice Springs), Elsie Seriat (Thursday Island); back row, Brendan Peeters (Cairns), Nathan Riley (Dubbo), Harold Matthew (Thursday Island).

Off to New York



FOR the first time in Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) history, Adelaide will be represented at the world's largest marathon when local IMP runner Ruth Wallace takes her place at the start of the New York City Marathon in November.

At a presentation ceremony at Alice Springs on Sunday, September 28, Ruth was named in the 2014 IMP squad to run alongside tens of thousands of elite runners and running enthusiasts in one of the world's biggest marathons.

To qualify for the final squad, Ruth had to complete a 30km test run, demonstrate consistent training throughout the IMP program, and complete her Certificate IV in Leisure in Health.

IMP officials said her selection demonstrated her courage to take on a life-changing challenge, to emerge from having no running experience to taking on the iconic New York Marathon with just six months of training.

"I'm very proud to be the first IMP runner from Adelaide to run in the New York Marathon and I can't wait to pave the way for other South Australian Indigenous runners," she said.

IMP head coach Mick Rees said Ruth's selection was well-deserved and testament to her dedication to

training and studying, and would add to her sporting success after she captained her West Adelaide soccer team to win the 2014 grand final in September.

"Ruth has really improved throughout the year, especially over the past two months of her training. Her ability to balance her training with her work and other personal commitments is a real credit to her," he said.

The team:

The 2014 squad selected to represent the IMP in New York is: Nathan Riley (Dubbo, NSW), Brendan Peeters (Cairns, Qld), Harold Matthew (Thursday Island, Qld), Raymond Ingram (Sydney, NSW), Adrian Dodson-Shaw (Broome, WA), Allirra Braun (Katherine, NT), Elsie Seriat (Thursday Island, Qld), Toni Daisy (Townsville, Qld), Ruth Wallace (Adelaide, SA), Sarah Carmody (Alice Springs, NT).

Fellow 2014 teammate, Rachel Baker, from Galiwinku, on Elcho Island, who had been suffering stress fractures and has been unable to run since August, will run in the Tokyo Marathon in February 2015.

IMP founder Rob de Castella said the 2014 squad was a beacon of inspiration for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"It's been an historic year for IMP runners right from the start," he said.

"We received a record number of applications this year, demonstrating the incredible drive and tenacity our Indigenous Australians have to achieve.

"In atrocious conditions in Canberra, for the first time, the entire team finished their first training run which was the furthest most had run. That was consolidated with every member of the team crossing the line of their first half-marathon on the Gold Coast just one month later.

"To have a number of runners representing their communities for the first time is an outstanding achievement. Each of our runners has had an immeasurable impact in their communities, spreading the positive benefits of leading an active and healthy lifestyle.

"We constantly remind the runners that the harder the struggle, the greater the reward. IMP is about celebrating Indigenous resilience and achievement. This is at the core of what IMP is about and we will continue to drive this philosophy and build on it for the future."

The IMP foundation was established in 2010 by world marathon champion Robert de Castella. Each year the IMP selects 12 Indigenous men and women aged 18 to 30 to train for the New York City Marathon and through their achievements celebrate Indigenous resilience and success.



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Walgett AC players with their NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout trophy. Picture: Naomi Moran ● See pages 66-67 for more pictures

It's Walgett's KO



WALGETT Aboriginal Connection on Monday won their sixth NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival when they beat a gallant Newcastle All Blacks 28-16 in the final in Raymond Terrace.

Walgett AC came from behind, trailing 16-4 early in the second half.

Walgett AC last won the Knockout in 2009 and 2010.

It was a gutsy effort by the Newcastle All Blacks, who were forced to play three matches on the final day of the carnival after surviving a protest a day earlier.

The protest forced the All Blacks quarterfinal match to be decided on Monday morning.

The All Blacks looked to be in command in the early stages of the final and led 10-4 at half-time, increasing that lead to 16-4 early in the second half.

But then winger Jack Lyons scored for Walgett AC and Willie Wright converted.

A few minutes later Willie Wright scored his own try and converted it and the game

was locked at 16-all.

Walgett forged ahead with a Steven Lane try, converted by Willie Wright.

Wright then sealed the game with another try, which he converted.

National Rugby League star George Rose worked tirelessly for Walgett AC and it came as no surprise when he was announced as player of the carnival.

The big prop made some damaging inroads in the final and in their elimination matches.

Earlier, the Newcastle All Blacks and the Newcastle Yowies were involved in a drama-packed semifinal.

The All Blacks won 28-26, snatching victory in the shadows of full-time after earlier surrendering a comfortable lead.

All-in brawl

An all-in brawl midway through the first half resulted in two Yowies players – captain-coach Timana Tahu and Tavis Waddell – and an All Black, Isaac Briggs, being sent off.

Two other players – one from each side –

were also sin-binned for 10 minutes, leaving the Yowies with a 10-man team and the All Blacks with 11 men.

In the second half, All Black Warren Schilling was sent off, evening the teams to 11 players each.

The All Blacks raced to a 18-0 lead and with one man down, things looked grim for the Yowies.

But the defending champions courageously fought their way back.

They trailed 18-6 at half-time, then scored the first try of the second half.

The try was converted.

Another converted try and the Yowies drew level at 18-all.

They took the lead with a penalty.

Then, the All Blacks' Aaron Simon was sent off for a high shot on a Yowies ball carrier.

Each side was down to 11 men.

National Rugby League star Dane Gagai then scored for the Yowies.

Half-back Adrian Davis converted and the Yowies forged ahead 26-18.

With the Yowies appearing to gain the

upper hand, Shane Beale scored for the All Blacks, but the conversion attempt failed.

With time running out, Andrew Sumner scored his second try for the All Blacks off a towering bomb to level the scores at 26-all.

Scott Briggs' conversion gave the All Blacks a dramatic win.

In the other semifinal, Walgett Aboriginal Connections beat Cabbage Tree Island 24-16.

Won in extra time

Extra time was required to find the winner of the women's competition after Redfern All Blacks and Mindaribba finished 18-all at fulltime.

Redfern clinched the match with a try in the opening minutes of extra time.

The under 12 competition was won by Moree, who beat Newcastle Yowies 24-12 in the final.

Kempsey United won the under 15 division with a 22-10 victory over La Perouse in the final.

The Newcastle All Stars beat Bulgarr Ngaru (Grafton) in the under 17 final.

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