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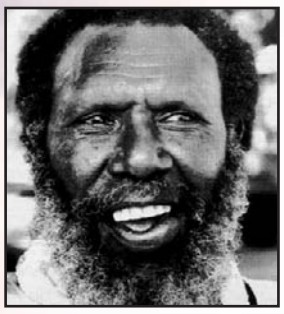
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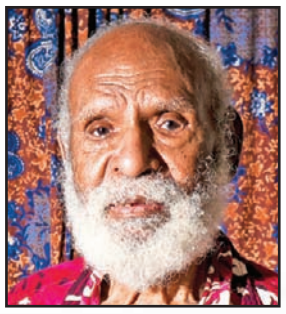
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# MABO

## Twenty years on...










Murray Island, or Mer, in the Torres Strait off Queensland's northern tip.

**THIS Sunday, 3 June 2012, will be the 20th anniversary of arguably the nation's most momentous legal judgment around land – the High Court of Australia's decision in the matter of Mabo v Queensland. In this souvenir wraparound, we celebrate the foresight and courage of Murray Islanders the late Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo and his co-plaintiffs Dave Passi and the late James Rice whose actions set the nation on a new, more just course. And we look at what the future holds for their island home. Words by *Koori Mail* Managing Editor KIRSTIE PARKER, photos by JOSEPH MAYERS and others.**



Gail Mabo outside the former Black Community School in Townsville that her dad Eddie Mabo helped to establish. *Photo by KIRSTIE PARKER*

# A complex character remembered

WHEN Gail Mabo was in her mid-teens, she stopped by her father's room for a chat. As she stood in the doorway, casually chomping on an apple, she saw him in front of the mirror, drawing a self-portrait.

Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo was studying teaching at the time and art was one of the general subjects that he and his Townsville classmates were expected to become proficient in.

"He had drawn what looked like a red cloth across his forehead and his eyes as a kind of golden colour. I said, 'Dad, that's very radical'," recalls Gail, now a dancer and choreographer.

"And he said 'Yes, my girl. It is, isn't it?' Then, in the next breath he said 'But, one day, all of Australia will know my name'.

"At 15, you sort of go 'Yeah, right, whatever', so I walked away. Now I think about it and it's like 'Oh my god, he knew his destiny before it happened'."

And so the father-of-ten and traditional gardener-turned-activist from tiny Murray Island (Mer) in the Torres Strait surely did.

To Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people generally, Eddie Mabo was a hero and a visionary. To those who knew him well, he was a complex character, a bit of a stirrer – someone whose self-assuredness and disinclination to take 'no' for an answer could be confused with arrogance.

But, while Eddie's personal interests were certainly served by the High Court's decision on 3 June 1992, his quest was always about his people – the Meriam of the Murray Islands, and Indigenous Australia more broadly.

His love affair with his home of Mer was life-long, even if his time there was interrupted. Born on the island, he was adopted under traditional custom by his mother's brother, Benny Mabo, and his wife Maiga. Eddie's childhood was idyllic, spent exploring the island with its volcanic soil, lush tropical forest and white sandy beaches.

One of his closest confidantes was his cousin/brother Benny 'Bua' Mabo, with whom he knocked around at school and would later sign up as a trochus shell diver on one of the island's two trawlers.

Eddie was in his teens when what has alternately been referred to as a schoolboy prank and a romantic transgression saw community leaders banish him from the island.

He went diving around the Torres Strait for a year until he found out that his exile had been extended. He moved to Townsville where he worked at cane cutting and on the railways. It was there that he met meet a young South

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# Celebration and challenge

NEARLY two decades after the tumultuous passage of the Federal legislative response to the Mabo decision, Australia's native title regime remains as contentious as ever.

The *Native Title Act 1993* has delivered at least some justice, with the Federal Court of Australia finding native title proved in whole or in part in relation to 140 claims in NSW, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Most of the islands in the Torres Strait are in the post-determination phase, for example, and just last week the court recognised the Arabana people's native title to more than 68,000 square kms in SA's north, including Lake Eyre.

The challenge and joy of a native title victory was underlined just last year in the Quandamooka claim on North Stradbroke Island off Brisbane, when claimant Ian Delaney said: "It's been a long time coming ... We've got our land back and that's the main thing."

The National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT), which is charged with registering and mediating native title claims, has now registered 600 agreements about how native title land can be used.

But, for some Indigenous groups, native title has left their dreams in tatters and/or caused debilitating internal community friction.

With hundreds of other native title applications currently unresolved, the system continues to draw fire from critics; unnecessarily burdensome for Indigenous parties, bogged down and 'a lawyer's picnic' are all common complaints.

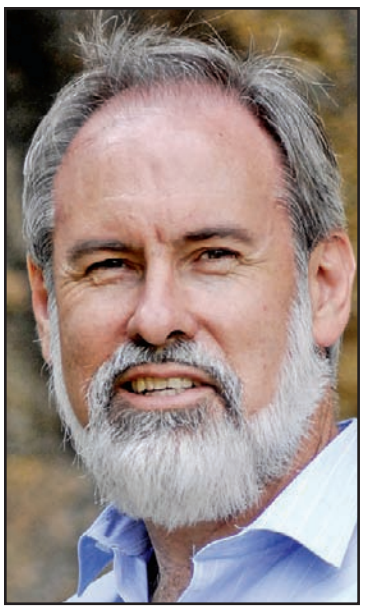
State and Territory governments regularly lob grenades at the Commonwealth over what they say is a broken promise to share the financial burden of native title settlements.

This month, WA Treasurer Christian Porter accused the Commonwealth of backtracking on a long-standing pledge to fund 75 per cent of all native title compensation settlements in his state – a 'low act', in his words.

And Indigenous groups continue to fend off Federal suggestions that native title compensation paid to them by mining companies and the like should be subjected to conditions around what it can be spent on.

NNTT President Graeme Neate says the looming Mabo anniversary presents both an opportunity to celebrate and a challenge.

"We should celebrate the positive and substantial outcomes in native title that have been delivered, concentrate on the challenges ahead (including finding ways to deal with the remaining native title claims, and those that will be lodged in the future, in a timely and effective manner), and co-operate in meeting those challenges so that just and enduring outcomes are achieved," Mr Neate said in a statement to the *Koori Mail* at the weekend.



**National Native Title Tribunal President Graeme Neate.** ***File photo***

"Twenty years of native title have seen many outcomes, amendments to the law and various other events that have contributed to the processes as we know them today.

"Determinations of native title, Indigenous land use agreements and other agreements have been made at the far points of Australia and many places in between. They cover islands of the Torres Strait in far north Queensland, part of the south eastern coastline of Victoria, Burrup Peninsula in WA and Byron Bay in NSW.

"As at mid-May 2012, native title determinations cover about 17 per cent of the country, and more than 600 Indigenous land use agreements have been registered.

"Agreement-making has become the usual way of resolving native title claims and other native title issues. This trend reflects native title parties working with others to achieve beneficial and long-lasting outcomes.

"However, much remains to be done. Besides trying to settle native claims in a timely and effective manner, we need to ensure that whatever agreements are made are fair and enduring.

"Building on the experiences and outcomes to date, we can work together for a shared future."

Mr Neate's pragmatic optimism is shared by Greg McIntyre, SC, the lawyer who issued the original writ in the Mabo case on behalf of Eddie Mabo and others.

Asked what native title had delivered, he highlighted the right of registered native title claimants to negotiate about what happens on their land, as well as a focus on Indigenous people which might not otherwise exist.

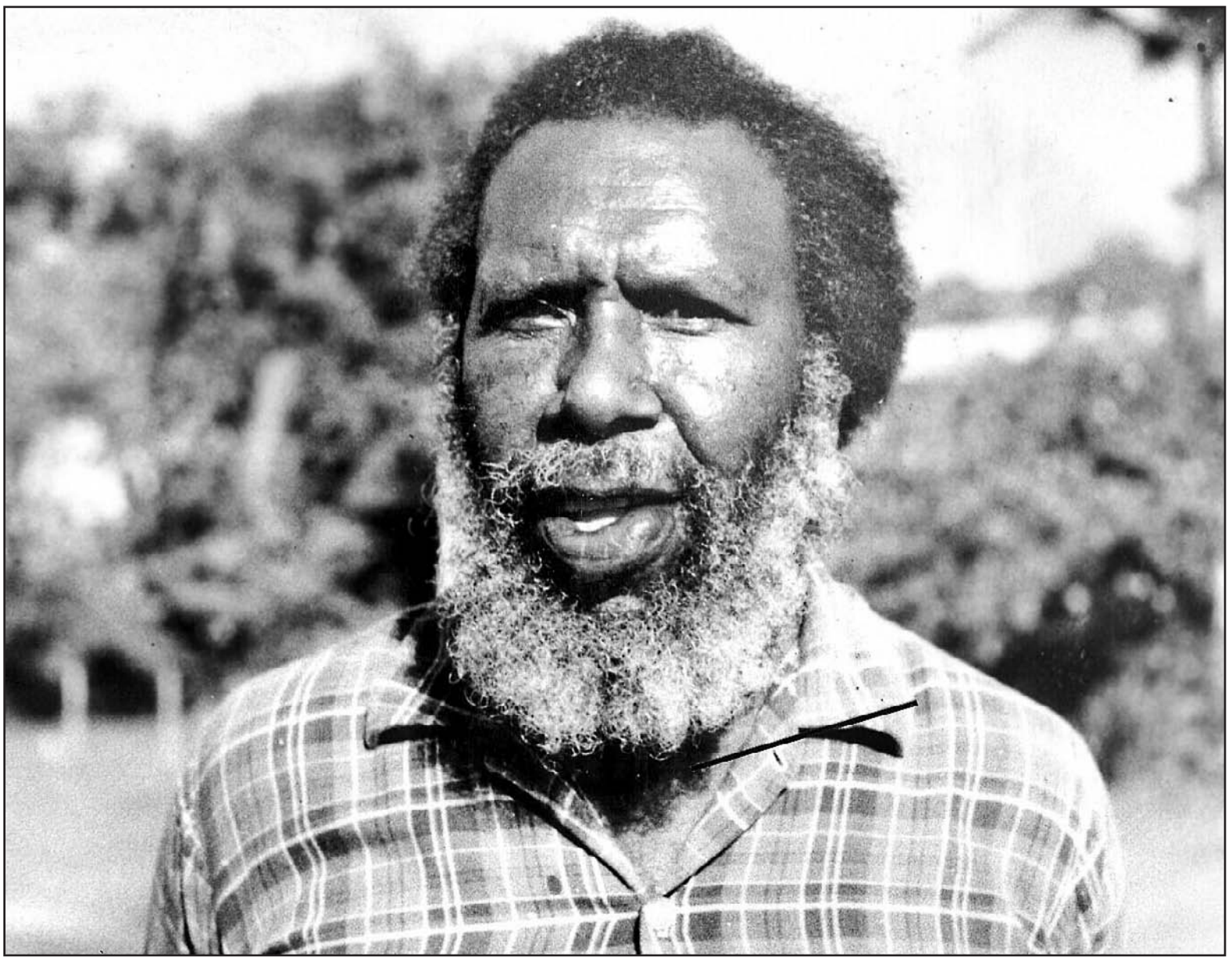
"I guess by now that focus might have happened some other way; perhaps if we hadn't had Mabo we would have had a government set up a national land rights system," Mr McMcIntyre mused.

"But native title has become a focus for Aboriginal people to congregate around and to get some recognition. There's an awful lot of work that has been done on establishing genealogies, histories and law and customs and having them recognised by the broader community.

"Even without a decision that they hold native title, all of those offshoots have contributed to where we are today, including establishing heritage sites and reaffirming traditional laws and customs."

# Two decades later, his legacy lives on

By KIRSTIE PARKER



**Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo, who led the High Court case that eventually smashed the legal fiction that Australia was *terra nullius* at the time of invasion. This historic image is believed to be the last family photo taken of Eddie.** ***Newspix image***

THIS Sunday, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will celebrate the 20th anniversary of arguably Australia's most momentous legal judgment around land, one that carries Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo's name.

The High Court of Australia handed down its decision in Mabo v Queensland on 3 June 1992, effectively overturning the legal fiction that Australia was *terra nullius* at the time of invasion – in then Prime Minister Paul Keating's words 'doing away with the bizarre conceit that this continent had no owners prior to the settlement of Europeans'.

Eddie Mabo from Murray Island, or Mer, shared his fight with four co-plaintiffs originally and, eventually, just two – his cousins Dave Passi and James Rice.

In what is now commonly referred to simply as 'Mabo', the judges determined that based on traditional laws and customs the Meriam people were 'entitled as against the whole world to possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of (most of) the lands of the Murray Islands'.

They found that, subject to the sovereignty of the Crown, what were termed 'native title rights' had survived there and, potentially, in other parts of the Torres Strait and on mainland Australia.

## Ten-year case

The ten-year case is seen as a David and Goliath scenario, where some humble islanders took on the powerful Queensland Government, led at the time by Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen, who was hell-bent on thwarting their efforts.

The islanders won, but tragically, Eddie Mabo never lived to see victory. He died from cancer in January 1992, just four and a half months before the judgment.

But his legacy lives on in the form of Australia's native title regime, underpinned by the hard-fought *Native Title Act 1993*. From rocky beginnings that pitted Indigenous people against government, mining and pastoral interests and others, that regime has produced winners and losers.

The saga set the nation on a new, more just course as it moved into an era of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

It is the stuff of legends as well as songs and films, lectures and orations, festivals, conferences and even a bank holiday in the Torres Strait.

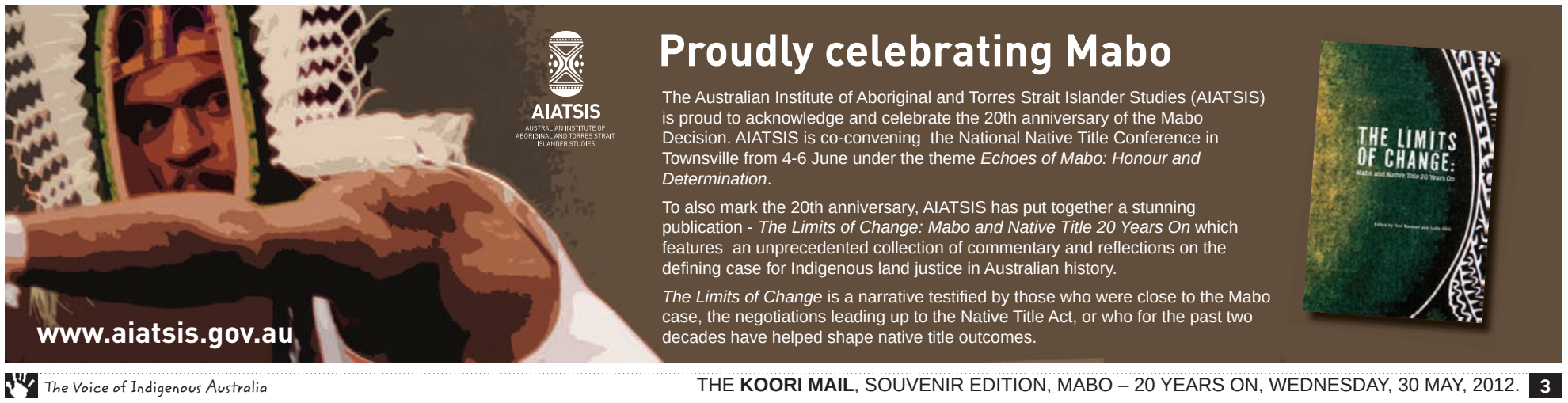
## 'Mabo Day'

These days, 3 June is regarded as 'Mabo Day' and, along with 27 May (the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum that agreed to count Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as Australians) it book-ends the annual National Reconciliation Week (NRW).

At the weekend, thousands of people are expected to turn out in Townsville, where Eddie Mabo spent much of his adult years, for a reconciliation festival marking Mabo Day and the 20th anniversary.

This will be echoed, like the beat of a traditional Torres Strait Islander *warup* (drum), by smaller but no less enthusiastic celebrations on Mer, Thursday Island and elsewhere in the Torres Strait.

And on Monday through to Wednesday (4-6 June), hundreds of delegates and speakers from across Australia will gather at Townsville's Convention Centre for the annual National Native Title Conference.





# MABO – Twenty years on

# Remembering Eddie

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Sea Islander woman with ties to Palm Island, Bonita Neehaw.

Between them, they raised ten children, three of them adopted 'island-style' in much the same way as Eddie himself.

From 1969 to 1971, Eddie worked a gardener at James Cook University (JCU) where he met Professor Henry Reynolds and spent time in the university library reading books.

Around the same time, he began to throw himself into community activism. He became president of the all-black Council for the Rights of Indigenous People, which established a legal aid service, a medical service, and the Black Community School.

It was Henry Reynolds and another JCU academic, Professor Noel Loos, who, during a conversation with Eddie about his ancestral land back on Mer, broke the news to him that under Queensland law the Crown owned that land, not Eddie.

"Koiki was surprised, shocked... I remember him saying 'No way, it's not theirs, it's ours," Prof Loos would recall later.

In 1973, Eddie tried to visit Mer to see his mother and dying father, but was denied entry. By all accounts, the island's leaders had decided he was a troublemaker whose ideas from the outside world would corrupt others on Mer.

"When Eddie wrote a letter to the council, they told him 'You're a communist'," Bua Mabo, now aged 75 and living on Thursday Island, told the *Koori Mail*.

"After two weeks, Eddie was ready to go back to Cairns but he said to me 'I'm knocking on one door but there are plenty of doors where I can knock'."

Eddie returned to Townsville disheartened but not defeated and would continue to be active in Indigenous education, employment, housing and the arts.



**Bua Mabo and his daughter Betty Mabo**



**Widow of the late Eddie Mabo, Bonita Mabo.** ***Newspix image***

Bua Mabo recalls the time a year or two later when Eddie, Bonita and the kids were back on Thursday Island.

"Eddie and I went to the Federal Hotel and had a beer with the skipper of the fishing boat *Explorer*," Bua said. "There was a discussion and Eddie paid the skipper a lot of money to take him and his family to Murray Island.

"So he got there in the end, Eddie saw his mum. After that, he went back to Townsville and, the next time he came back, his father was passed."

Gail Mabo remembers that trip to Mer too, because it helped her make sense of her father's determination to maintain his connections to country.

"I remember Dad saying to us at four o'clock 'Come on, get up, we've got to catch this boat'," she said.

"We all said 'But they said no, we can't go', and Mum and Dad said 'No, we're going fishing' so we went. I remember it took all day. When we set off it was very early morning and by the time we got off the boat, the sun was setting and the island was silhouetted on the horizon. I looked at Dad and said 'Hey, that's that picture you drew for us. Now I see where you get your inspiration'.

"That's when I knew we had come home."

In 1981, Eddie Mabo organised a land rights conference at JCU where he challenged the notion that the land he'd inherited traditionally from 15 generations before him wasn't really his.

## Test case

Greg McIntyre was a young solicitor at the time, just five years into practice, but had been toying with the idea of a test case based on the same principles. By the end of the conference, he had his instructions for the case that was to change the nation.

In court hearings during the High Court case, others despaired as land disputes between Eddie Mabo, his adoptive sister and their neighbours on Murray Island became increasingly apparent.

But Eddie stood his ground and waited. He knew that the disputes would never be settled in a white man's court but he figured – correctly as it turned out – that if the courts could see how passionately and deeply the Meriam argued their traditional boundaries with each other, it would be obvious clear that the Murray Islands had never been *terra nullius* and the people who'd lived there for eons had a system defined by their own laws and customs – known as Malo – to define their boundaries.

"Eddie had several blocks," Greg McIntyre, now a Senior Counsel, recalled of the evidence presented during the case. "Round where he is now buried, he had a collection of blocks that go up the hill. And there were various plots; garden plots all the way up to the airstrip. He asserted those lands through various inheritance lines.

"(Eddie's adoptive sister) Caroline was saying that their father Benny Mabo on his death bed gave all the lands to her. So there was a factual dispute about that."

But Mr McIntyre said such disputes were both unsurprising and uncontroversial.

"If people treat things seriously and have strong views about them, they're likely not to agree about them all the time," he told the *Koori Mail.* "It's a normal part of a democratic society.

"(Bryan Keon-Cohen, the plaintiffs' junior counsel) got very worried about the evidence of the other islanders, but ultimately my view was that that helped our case.

"Eddie proved that the disputes were on traditional law grounds, that people were vehemently following traditional customs and ultimately creating law. (This) was all part of our honey pot."

The rest, as they say, is history.

But the story of Eddie Mabo can't be told without reference to the love of his life, Bonita, who stuck by him during the thick and many 'thin' times experienced by their large family surviving on modest means.

"When things were a bit tough for him, I had to wear it," Bonita told the *Sun Herald* newspaper in 2004. "But I knew it was hard for him, and I couldn't do anything to help. We just hung in there."

Bonita's devotion was reciprocated, with Eddie himself declaring her 'the most important person in my life'.

"To me, my wife has been the most adorable person, a friend closest in my life, a most wonderful lover, and we loved every minute of our lives together," he said.

Daughter Gail Mabo recalls that, ultimately, it was an unswerving determination to leave a legacy of both love and land for his family.

"...At the end of the day, Dad knew exactly where he came from, what he was entitled to and what he could leave his children. What the white man did couldn't change that," she said.

"We know who we are and where we come from. Dad gave us that."


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Mabo Day on June 3rd commemorates the late "*Eddie*" Koiki Mabo (1936–1992), a Torres Strait Islander whose campaign for land rights led to the High Court's1992 landmark decision, which overturned a legal fiction that Australia was *Terra Nullius* (land belonging to no-one).

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**Island life ... a scene from Murray Island (Mer) and, inset, a map of the Torres Strait islands.**

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## Honouring our veterans





Uncle Allen Madden and Aunty Sandra Lee (also in inset at left) look on as students from Ultimo Public School and Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School, Waterloo, float a wreath at the Anzac Memorial in Sydney. They were among hundreds gathered last Friday for the sixth annual service to honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans, held as part of National Reconciliation Week.

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# Tolerance plea

## Activists call for an end to 'overzealous policing'

ABORIGINAL activists are calling for a more tolerant approach from police and governments towards the growing number of Aboriginal tent embassies that have sprung up across the nation.

The United Nations has been informed of raids on the Nyoongar embassy in Western Australia; court action is being considered in Queensland after a raid on Musgrave Park; and a protest was held outside New South Wales Parliament last Friday to condemn the 'overzealous policing' of those pushing for Aboriginal sovereignty, or attempting to protect sites of significance.

The NSW protest, organised by the Indigenous Social Justice Association, called for an end to the 'ongoing attacks on the embassies'.

Meanwhile, the Aboriginal sovereignty movement led by Michael Anderson, the last surviving founder of the Tent Embassy in Canberra, has called on the United Nations to send peacekeepers to protect them against 'increasing aggression by the Australian authorities'.

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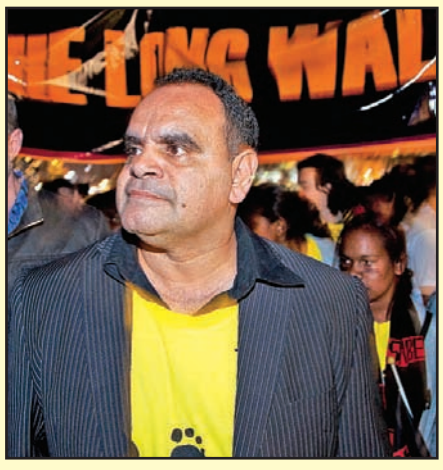
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# MY FAMILY — SHARELLE SPRATT – Coen, Qld

I HAIL from Coen in far north Queensland and my family is so important to me.

As a proud Lama Lama tribal woman, I loved living in Coen which is a small town of about 250 people on the way to Cape York.

Some time back I moved to Townsville to give my children the opportunity to gain the best education they could and then a good job after that.

Townsville is a big town with lots of good schools and other facilities, but I do miss Coen.

We love getting together as a family and when your photographer saw us we had just arrived at a family expo where there were many stalls where careers could be looked at.

It was at the Townsville suburb of the Upper Ross and with me was my son Ray Dale, 15, baby Bernika Yoren, nine months, and sons Tyrone Spratt, 12, Damon Yoren, 5, and Lwayne Yoren, 4.

We live in the suburb of Kirwan which is some distance from here and tried to catch a Sunbus. But one didn't come along so we decided to get a taxi as we didn't want to miss out on the children seeing what jobs were available to them when they finish school.

I was pushing Bernika in her pram with help from the other kids and it was good that we saw so many other Indigenous families here.

Also many of the job stalls had Indigenous people at them to explain things to us.

While Ray plays rugby league football we are also very big basketball fans and support the Townsville Crocodiles, which compete in the National League.

One of the players we admire the most is the tall Crocodiles captain Russell Hinder, who was at the expo.

We had our photo taken with Russell who we see in the local papers and on television all the time.

There were lots of activities for the younger children and they enjoyed them and just being together.

I am so proud of our Aboriginal heritage and culture.

In the not too distant future we will all be trying to get back to Coen to catch up with everybody and in the meantime we can say a big hello through the *Koori Mail.*



**● PICTURED ABOVE: From left are Ray Dale, 15, Sharelle Spratt holding baby Bernika Yoren, nine months, Tyrone Spratt, 12, (in the yellow shirt), Damon Yoren, 5, and Lwayne Yoren, 4.**

## Share your family with our readers

**If you would like to see your family featured in the 'My Family' section of the Koori Mail, email a high-resolution digital photo to myfamily@koorimail.com along with a full caption (always reading from left to right) and between 350 and 400 words about your family. Tell us who is in your family, what you like to do as a family, your traditions and achievements, and what is important to you.**

# OUR CHILDREN



**WHO doesn't love some hot chips down by the water? Malena Prior recently treated her children and nieces at the Palm Island Esplanade. She's with sons Amiaziah, 9, Gelam, 7, Gerard, 5, daughter Latisha, 15 months, and nieces Viola, 7, Debra, 6, and Sheesha, 3. After eating, the group walked down to the beach.** ***Photo: ALF WILSON***


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# Fearless gets festive




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**Performer Sasha Fearless – she played Janet Jackson this year – was one of the crowd favourites at this year's Stylin' Up festival in the Brisbane suburb of Inala last Saturday. Thousands turned out for a feast of dance, music, arts and culture at the festival – the largest Indigenous hip hop, R'n'B music and dance event of its kind in Australia.** ***Photo by Naomi Moran***

# Six serve on repatriation committee

REPATRIATION of Aboriginal remains has taken a step forward with the establishment of a new committee.

Federal Arts Minister Simon Crean said the Advisory Committee for Indigenous Repatriation would provide guidance on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander repatriation from the collections of Australian and overseas cultural institutions.

The committee – which had been promised by the Federal Government – will be co-chaired by Ned David and Lynette Shipway. Other members are Phil Gordon, Professor Henry Atkinson, Neil Carter and Zoe Rimmer.

Mr Crean said all six would provide advice to government to ensure cultural customs were observed and that repatriations were respectfully and appropriately carried out.

"The committee will provide a vital link between the Australian Government, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the Australian and international collecting institutions that hold Indigenous ancestral remains and secret sacred objects in their collections," he said.

**'The committee will provide a vital link between the Australian Government, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the Australian and international collecting institutions that hold Indigenous ancestral remains and secret sacred objects in their collections'**

Co-chair Ned David is deputy chair of the Torres Strait Repatriation Working Group and was directly involved in the recent return of Torres Strait Islander remains from the London Natural History Museum.

Lynette Shipway was involved in the return of ancestral remains from the National Museum of Australia to her community on North Stradbroke Island.

Phil Gordon is an Aboriginal heritage project officer with the Australian Museum, Professor Henry Atkinson has been a custodian for overseas ancestral remains, Neil Carter is a repatriation officer with the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre and Zoe Rimmer is the registration officer managing repatriation with the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

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# The 2012 Red Ochre Award



Dreaming Award winner Nakkiah Lui.



Red Ochre winner Warren H Williams.
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# $50,000 to 'song man'

ABORIGINAL country musician Warren H Williams has won the $50,000 Red Ochre Award, presented by the Australia Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board.

The award was presented on Sunday at the 5th National Indigenous Arts Awards, held at the Sydney Opera House.

Mr Williams is a singer, musician and songwriter from Hermannsburg in Central Australia, who has so far released nine albums.

His latest offering was a move away from country music to a language album *Winanjjara*, or 'song man' in Warumungu language.

It was recorded with the song men of Tennant Creek and sung in two of his maternal ancestors' languages – Warumungu and Western Aranda.

Australia Council ATSIA Board chair Lee-Ann Buckskin described Mr Williams as a quiet achiever who not only mentored young people, but also dedicated his energy to issues of health, Aboriginal rights and the environment.

"Whenever he talks, people listen, and when he plays, whether it's in the laneways of Melbourne, in youth centres in Alice Springs, or live on national television – crowds are mesmerised by his music," Ms Buckskin said.

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Also presented was the inaugural $20,000 Dreaming Award, for a young and emerging Indigenous artist. That gong went to Nakkiah Lui, a playwright from western Sydney.

Ms Lui is a 25-year-old Gamilaroi and Torres Strait Islander woman who grew up in western Sydney.

As a playwright she draws heavily from her own life and community in the Mount Druitt area, which has a large Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

She wrote her first play while studying in Canada as a way to share her culture with an international community.

Ms Lui is currently a resident playwright at Belvoir, Sydney. She plans to use her prize to continue her work at Belvoir with her mentor, director Andrea James.

Two fellowships of $90,000 over two years were also announced, one going to musician Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu and the other to screen-based visual artist Jenny Fraser.

Mr Yunupingu plans to use his fellowship to create a large-scale music and surround multi-screen sensory installation with imagery drawn from his homelands while Ms Fraser plans to use her fellowship to continue her latest storytelling project, called Midden.


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# Youth gather in Canberra

ALMOST 50 members of the first National Indigenous Youth Parliament gathered in Canberra last week to learn first-hand how the parliamentary system operates.

They were selected because of their leadership in their community, and their strong interest in politics.

The Australian Electoral Commission ran the program in partnership with the YMCA.

The Australian Government provided $220,000 to support the event.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin welcomed the young people to Parliament and offered them a bit of advice.

"As representatives, the most popular decisions may not always be the right ones," she said.

"And the loudest voices may not always be the ones you need to listen to.

"You will have the chance, and the privilege, to talk to many people who don't always shout loudly.

"Remember them when you are thinking about what you want to do.

"And while you do this work, you do not have to be alone.

"I know that many of you will have strong mentors, people you can turn to for advice and counsel.





● **TOP: The young parliamentarians from across Australia met Governor-General Quentin Bryce during a function at Government House, Canberra.**

● **ABOVE: Members of the Indigenous Youth Parliament outside Parliament House in Canberra.**

"Don't ever forget them."

During their gathering, participants received training in how laws are made, advocacy, public speaking and speaking with the media.

Towards the end of the week they gathered in Old Parliament House to debate 'legislation' identified as being important by their communities.

The bills they passed have been sent to Government representatives for consideration when developing policies.

Participants also discussed constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians, including the referendum process and work under way to help build public awareness and community support for change.

Moree teenager and Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) community engagement officer Mitchell Dahlstrom was one of the young people taking part in the youth parliament.

Mr Dahlstrom said he was proud to represent Moree and looked forward to sharing his experiences with his community after the event.

Another participant, Letisha Jarden, wrote an article for the ABC's *The Drum* section in which she spoke of what the program meant to her.

"I am a young Mununjali lady and this opportunity has opened up paths and visions in relation to my career options," she wrote.

"This program has also given me a big urge to be a leader, a part of the Australian youth to speak up and be the voice of others."

Other activities included a lunch at Parliament House with parliamentary mentors, a reception at Government House hosted by Governor-General Quentin Bryce, and a day of reconciliation, leadership and constitutional reform workshops.

# Answers please!

## National Congress releases list of 20 questions for the Government

THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples wants the Federal Government to answer some questions. And it's not being shy about asking them.

The national Indigenous representative body has published 20 questions about the Federal Budget to which it's seeking answers. The move, being hailed as a first, comes ahead of this week's Senate Estimates hearings.

The questions relate to Indigenous people and cover areas ranging from evaluation of Government funding programs to administration cost comparisons and queries on specific cuts and priorities.

Congress co-chairs Jody Broun and Les Malezer say public attention of important matters is being distracted by other issues, and it's time to refocus debate on better outcomes for Indigenous – and indeed all – Australians.

**'We hope this approach will deliver considered and meaningful answers to critical questions rather than point-scoring and prevarication' – *Jody Broun***



"We hope this approach will deliver considered and meaningful answers to critical questions rather than point-scoring and prevarication," Ms Broun said.

"Congress was established on principles of honesty, accountability and transparency. Publishing our concerns and specific questions means the Government is on notice to provide detailed answers and is above political alliances."

The questions are grouped into broad categories – Expenditure, Stronger Futures (NT intervention), the Department of Indigenous Affairs, the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations, Health and Ageing, Justice, Education and Native Title.

Here are just two of them. All can be viewed at www.nationalcongress.com.au

● What proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander expenditure is allocated to addressing disadvantage compared to the proportion allocated to prevention?

● Why has the Government decided to abandon expanding the Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program trial – which supports Aboriginal mothers and babies – to the previously planned seven sites?

Mr Malezer said the Congress had sought input from peak Indigenous organisations when compiling the questions.

"Specifically there are questions raised by the Government's own Finance Department's report. Last year it identified the accountability of States and Territories in spending funds earmarked for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as well as the complexity of arrangements from funding applications to grant administration.

"Here is an opportunity to provide the public with some confidence that our parliamentary system is robust and accountable. We want to work with the Government to get answers on how to achieve the best outcomes for our peoples and not make estimates a political ambush."

The Budget estimates hearings relating to Indigenous spending are scheduled for this Friday.

# Sorry Day a busy time

EVENTS were held Australia-wide last Saturday (26 May) to mark the 15th National Sorry Day.

The day commemorates the anniversary of the Bringing Them Home Report being tabled in Federal Parliament on May 26, 1997.

Sorry Day was one of the 54 recommendations of the report, which resulted from the two-year inquiry into government policies that had been used to justify the forcible removal of Indigenous children from their families and communities – the Stolen Generations.

The National Sorry Day Committee, formed in 1998, said commemorations were held around the nation.

Among them were:

● A National Sorry Day Bridge Walk in Canberra across Commonwealth Avenue Bridge, organised by the National Sorry Day Committee, ACT Government Health, Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service, and Reconciliation Australia.

● The release of a new book *Stolen Generations Education: Aboriginal Cultural Strengths and Social and Emotional Well Being*, by Link-Up Queensland in Brisbane.

● A special event at the Australian Museum in Sydney organised by the NSW Reconciliation Council.

● A gathering at the Armidale and Region Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place in northern NSW.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Government recognised that for members of the Stolen Generations, healing was a continuing process that required ongoing support and understanding.

"Through the Stolen Generations Working Partnership, the Government is working with Stolen Generations organisations to help address the immediate and practical needs of the Stolen Generations," she said.

"Together with members of the Stolen Generations and organisations representing these members, we are working to make sure their voices are heard in the design of policies and programs that affect them. The Government recognises the important and selfless work done by Stolen Generations organisations."

New Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Glen Elmes said it was important to acknowledge the wrongs of the past and to commemorate those who endured suffering and hurt as a result of these wrongs.

**● Look for more coverage of events in our next edition, out on 13 June.**

# Commitment reaffirmed in Adelaide

SA

ADELAIDE City Council has reaffirmed its commitment to reconciliation by signing a revised National Sorry Day Acknowledgement in a ceremony in Victoria Square/ Tarndanyangga last Thursday.

Yvonne Agius and Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood, both chairs of the council's Reconciliation Committee, along with Journey of Healing SA chairperson John Browne, signed the acknowledgement.

"Signing this acknowledgement will help to forge relationships with the City Council and the local Aboriginal community, and I give credit to the Council and Lord Mayor for taking this important step," Mr Browne said.

Ms Agius said she was was pleased that the Lord Mayor signed the document and 'we value his continued support of reconciliation and the Aboriginal community'.

The council signed the National Sorry Day Acknowledgement in 1998, which also provided the guiding principles for its Reconciliation Action Plan.

The council said the acknowledgement was revised earlier this year to ensure ongoing relevancy, to further enhance the council's commitment to reconciliation and to respond to the national apology to the Stolen Generation delivered in 2008 by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

Lord Mayor Yarwood said this was another step toward healing the effects of past actions.

"Signing this document is about acknowledging the hurt and harm that was caused by the forced removal of children from their families," he said.

The council says that as part of its commitment to the process of reconciliation, it has an ongoing relationship of consultation in partnership with the Indigenous community.

"This includes projects such as community education through the Kaurna cultural walking tours, Kaurna dual naming of park lands and city squares and maintaining the Reconciliation Committee to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives and aspirations are represented," it said.

"It also involves supporting initiatives through grant funding that improve community services to Aboriginal people in the city such as the Mobile Assistance Patrol."



**Adelaide Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood addresses the audience.**



**South Australian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Paul Caica.**



**Cultural educator Stevie Goldsmith speaking at the Sorry Day event in Adelaide.**




**A done deal ... Adelaide Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood, Reconciliation Committee co-chair Yvonne Agius, and SA Journey of Healing chairperson John Browne after signing the document reaffirming the commitment to reconciliation.** ***Photos courtesy Adelaide City Council***



Lorraine McGee-Sippel, Harold Harrison and Kerrie McKenzie caught up at the website function.

# Testimonies from Stolen Generations on new website

By DARREN COYNE



From left, Rita Wright of Mt Druitt, filmmaker Melanie Hogan and Donna Meehan, of Newcastle.

IT'S not often you see teary eyes in a room full of lawyers. But on Friday night, on level 28 of the Deutsche Bank Building in Sydney, there were more than a few moist eyes as members of the Stolen Generations from around Australia recounted their childhood nightmares.

They told stories of beatings with whips, sexual abuse, being ripped away from loving parents to become institutionalised, damaged and degraded by both sides of white and black Australia.

They had traveled from all over to be part of the launch of a new website, www.stolengenerationstestimonies.com, sponsored by government departments, Rio Tinto, and Sydney law firm Allens Linklaters.

The website presents the first round of testimonies from 31 Stolen Generations survivors from New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia.

More testimonies from the Northern Territory and the Kimberley will be presented later this year.

Filmmaker Melanie Hogan told the gathering she hoped the website would become a national treasure, and a sacred space.

She said it was humbling to have been given such open access from the various members of the Stolen Generations who took part. "Each person had something to teach us, something unique to say," she said.

Stolen Generations' Testimonies Foundation chairman Professor Michael Fraser said the website was a way to heal. "If we want to be proud of our achievements as a nation then we have to acknowledge our mistakes and see them as they are, otherwise there is a hole in the heart of our nation," he said.



Noongar man Paul Parfitt travelled from Perth to share his story.



Sam Dinah with his grandsons Craig Ugle, 13, and Samual Ugle, 12, with former Sydney Swans AFL player Michael O'Loughlin.



Stolen Generations' Testimonies Foundation member Debra Hocking.

# Youth jobs corps goal

THE Federal Government will spend $89 million over five years on a program to help up to 12,000 young people in remote areas transition from school to work.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Julie Collins announced the program during a three-day visit to Western Australia's Pilbara region on 16 May.

Ms Collins said the initiative, to be called the Remote Youth Leadership and Development Corps, would provide young people with a clear pathway to employment.

"Over a nine- to 12-month period, the program will prepare young people aged up to 25 into real jobs through training, support and work experience," she said.

"With a strong focus on personal development, the Corps will create the community leaders of the future."

Federal Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Bill Shorten said the Corps was a five-year Government commitment.



Federal Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Julie Collins.

*Newspix image*

"The program will focus on providing work experience in jobs that are available in or near the young person's community," he said.

"This could include work in mine regeneration, administration, on farms or stations, in building and maintenance and environmental land management.

"Communities, service providers, employers, governments and local organisations will work together to ensure young graduates gain employment once they complete the program, helping the social and economic development of their remote communities."

Mr Shorten said the Corps complemented the Government's Learn or Earn principles for young people and built on the success of the Indigenous Rangers program.

"The Corps is a key element of the $1.5 billion Remote Jobs and Communities Program, which will significantly improve employment services to people living in remote Australia," he said.

"From 1 July 2013 under the Remote Jobs and Communities Program, employment services will be delivered at the coalface in remote communities for the first time, providing personalised support and case management for around 30,000 job seekers in 65 remote regions."

The funding announcement follows the Federal Government's decision to suspend for four years the Indigenous Youth Leadership program, which helped Indigenous students across the nation finish Year 12, saving $22.8 million.

# Reconciliation time

## Australians coming together at events around the nation

AUSTRALIANS have been coming together as National Reconciliation Week 2012 continues. Events started last Sunday, 27 May, and continue until this Saturday, 3 June. The week's start and finish dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the anniversaries of the 1967 referendum and the Mabo decision.

The 1967 referendum saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Federal Government power to make laws for Indigenous people and recognise them in the Census.

And on 3 June 1992, the High Court delivered the Mabo decision, which recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a special relationship with the land, paving the way for native title.

National Reconciliation Week, which this year has the theme 'Let's Talk Recognition', is preceded by National Sorry Day, on 26 May.

Events large and small have already been held around Australia.

Features so far have included:

● A barbecue lunch at Reconciliation Place in Canberra last Sunday to launch the week.

● A reconciliation concert in Melbourne last Sunday.

● The annual Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration, delivered last night in Adelaide by former High Court judge Michael Kirby.

Many more events are planned for the rest of the week. These include:

● A 'Remember Indigenous Service' commemoration today from 10am at the State War Memorial in Perth.

● We Sing for Reconciliation ... A concert tomorrow night at the Royal Melbourne Hotel featuring the Bart Willoughby Band, Yabu Band, Skin Choir and Massive Hip Hop Choir.

● *I'm Not Racist But...* A talk and Q&A session by the NSW Reconciliation Council and All Together Now at the York Theatre, Seymour Centre, University of Sydney, tomorrow night from 7.30pm.

● A Reconciliation Week gathering at the Adelaide Hills Recreation Centre in Mount Barker.

● The Townsville Reconciliation Festival on Saturday at The Strand park in Townsville.

Reconciliation Australia has compiled a register of events nationwide, including full details. It can be found at www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw.

**● See coverage of National Reconciliation Week activities in our next edition, out on 13 June.**



**Students from The King's School tended the flags at the ceremony.**



**Alex Barker of Riverview College, Jackson Whiting of St Josephs, with Captain Chloe Dray, Anthony Baker of St Josephs, and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon.**

# Big dreams at commemoration

**By DARREN COYNE**

NSW

AUSTRALIAN Army officer Captain Chloe Dray had a simple message for the school students who gathered at a commemoration service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans in Sydney last Friday. "Dream big," she said.

She also urged them to pursue their education, be healthy by getting involved in sport, become involved in their communities, and find a decent role model.

Not a bad five-point plan for success, most would agree!

As guest speaker at the service, Capt Dray recounted how family members – her grandfathers, uncle and her father – who had all served in the various branches of the Australian Defence Force, had inspired her to dream big.

"My family, especially Dad, influenced me to join the military," she said, telling how one pop served in the Navy for 11 years, while the other granddad served in the Army during World War II.

Her uncle, Arthur Saunders, who served with the 53rd anti-aircraft regiment in Papua New Guinea fighting the Japanese, was another inspirational character in her life.

"Dad (who spent 13 years in the Royal Australian Air Force) was pretty surprised when I eventually joined the Army," she said. "But when I'm on the land I feel like I am at home."

Now working as an intelligence officer with Norforce in Darwin, after being stationed all around Australia, Capt Dray said there was nothing more satisfying than protecting and patrolling 'our country'.

### Opportunity

She also told her young audience how she had not only pursued a satisfying career, but had been given the opportunity to play rugby in other countries, achieve her goal to be a marathon runner, and travel throughout Australia and overseas with her work.

Her talk was the highlight of the sixth annual gathering at the ANZAC Memorial in Sydney, which is held as part of National Reconciliation Week.

The other highlight was just how many young people – from schools across the state – were there to honour the Indigenous men and women who had fought for their freedom.

Following the welcome to country by Allen Madden, and a smoking ceremony by Steve Williams, accompanied by Leon Burchill, on the didgeridoo, students from Matraville Soldiers Settlement Public School treated the hundreds who gathered to a traditional dance performance.

A little later, after Capt Dray's speech, Uncle Allen and Aunty Sandra Lee floated a wreath – again with the help of a few of the school kids – on the pond of remembrance. Numerous dignitaries then followed, placing wreaths at the foot of a statue honouring Indigenous veterans.

NSW Indigenous Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said some choice words, there was another dance from the Matraville kids, an Army bugler played the *Last Post*, and finally the ADF Band delivered a rousing rendition of *Advance Australia Fair.*



**The official party receives a cleansing via a smoking by Uncle Steve Williams, with Leon Burchill playing the didgeridoo.**




**Wreaths at the foot of a memorial recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans.**

# Nominations open for this year's Deadlys

NOMINATIONS have opened for this year's Deadly Awards, to be presented on 25 September at the Sydney Opera House.

Now in their 18th year, the Deadlys showcase the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the nation in a range of categories.

Executive producer Gavin Jones expects many nominations again this year.

"In the past year there has been outstanding contribution and achievement across sport and music, film and television, visual arts, education and employment, and most importantly, in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health," he said.

Nominations close on 30 June and finalists will be announced on 23 July. This year there are 26 award categories across music, sport, the arts and the community which are open to the public for voting.

There are three categories in the non-voting award categories, the Deadlys Hall of Fame. A new category has been added, the Marcia Langton Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership.

Online nominations are at www.vibe.com.au, or email deadlys@vibe.com.au.

For more information on award criteria, postal and fax nominations go to the website www.vibe.com.au/deadlys.

Nominations are for contributions and achievements occurring from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.




Flashback to last year and Jessica Mauboy celebrating her success at the Deadlys.

# Victoria repeats health promise

THE Victorian Government has reaffirmed a commitment to improve Indigenous health across the State.

Victorian Health Minister David Davis was joined by the CEOs of 20 Victorian hospitals last week in signing the statement of intent to achieve health equality and improve life expectancy for the state's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

That commitment has been welcomed by the Close the Gap campaign.

"Recommitting to the statement of intent sends a strong and clear message to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that Victoria is serious about working together to turn around health outcomes for Indigenous Australians," campaign co-chair Mick Gooda said.

"The fact that more than 20 CEOs of hospitals, health and community health services from virtually every corner of Victoria have also signed the statement will ensure that our efforts to close the gap will reach exactly where we need to be – on the ground and in the waiting rooms of doctors' surgeries and health centres around Victoria."

## Close gap

Federal, state and territory governments, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health organisations and other health bodies have already pledged to close the gap in health outcomes and life expectancy of Indigenous and other Australians.

The statement of intent provides the roadmap for achieving equality of health status and life expectancy between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians by 2030 and ensures the full participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their representative bodies in all aspects of addressing their health needs.

The statement of intent commits to ensuring primary health care services and health infrastructure are in place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples which are capable of bridging the gap in health standards by 2018.

The Close the Gap Campaign is continuing its call for closing the gap health programs to be adequately funded past 2013, when the agreement expires.

"The more we can keep Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health on the national agenda the more likely we are to meet these targets," Mr Gooda said.

"Not only do we need the guaranteed active involvement of Indigenous people, but we're also more likely to achieve our goals when we have the 'buy-in' of those working in the decision-making and policy-setting areas of health services such as the CEOs who signed on in Victoria."

# New hope for fee-free ATMs

MANY remote Indigenous communities across Australia are set to get fee-free automated teller machines (ATMs) by the end of the year.

The Australian banking industry and two major independent ATM companies have committed to provide the free service at 76 ATMs.

The move follows the recommendations from a joint Treasury/Reserve Bank of Australia taskforce that examined issues relating to expenditure on ATM fees and the cost of ATM access in remote Indigenous communities.

The inquiry had found people in remote communities often had no alternative but to pay frequent ATM fees – often $2 a time – because they had no access to other banking services.

Under the initiative, 13 banks – ANZ, Bankwest, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, BOQ, Citibank, Commonwealth Bank, HSBC, ING DIRECT, ME Bank, NAB, St George, Suncorp and Westpac – say they will work to implement fee-free ATM transactions.

The Federal Government, welcoming the move, said it would be a commercial arrangement and subject to regulatory clearance from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). Some changes to rules in the Reserve Bank's ATM Access Regime would also be necessary.

But pending regulatory approvals, it is expected that the arrangement will be operational by December. It will be reviewed after two years.

Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin welcomed the move, thanking the banking industry and the independent ATM companies for their goodwill.

Australian Bankers' Association CEO Steven Münchenberg said the banking industry supported efforts to alleviate financial and social disadvantage for Indigenous people in very remote communities.

But the Australian Greens, while welcoming the move, say it does not go far enough to stop independent operators from overcharging for transactions.

"There are independent operators who are not yet party to the lifting of ATM fees in remote communities," Indigenous Affairs spokeswoman Senator Rachel Siewert said.

"Since the 2009 banking deregulations that made ATM fee collection a revenue stream for both banks and non-bank providers, there has been a proliferation of private ATM operators in remote communities, and the impact of high fees on the people relying on these services has been of serious concern to Greens," she said.

She warned many communities might still have to pay high fees for ATM use. "I will be closely examining the list of locations when it is released to see which communities will continue to be affected," Senator Siewert said.



An automated teller machine in use ... Subject to regulatory approval, fee-free machines will soon be available in remote areas.

# Embassy backers

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL activists are calling for a more tolerant approach from police and governments towards the growing number of Aboriginal tent embassies that have sprung up across the nation.

The United Nations has been informed of raids in Western Australia; court action is being considered in Queensland; and a protest was held outside New South Wales Parliament just last Friday.

The NSW protest, organised by the Indigenous Social Justice Association, called for an end to the over-zealous policing of embassies.

ISJA president Ray Jackson cited recent actions against campaigners at Musgrave Park in Queensland on 16 May, and repeated raids on the Nyoongar Tent Embassy on Heirisson Island in Perth.

As well, more than 150 police were sent to James Price Point near Broome on 21 May to ensure protesters at the Walmadan Tent Embassy were unable to prevent Woodside equipment being moved to the site of a proposed gas hub.

In the lead up to the rally, Mr Jackson issued a statement condemning the actions of police.

"They were peacefully camped on their traditional lands and holding constructive talks about what action would be required to have the relevant state governments to accept their right to locate a permanent sovereign embassy on their own lands, among other rights," he said.

"That right has been accepted and won for the Tent Embassy in the ACT and it is our view that there must be granted by state and territory governments that permanent sovereign embassies be located in each capital city and/or any other designated location as chosen by the traditional owners.

"This is our right on our invaded lands ... our mobs were faced with the same intractable violence from the State and their police forces.

"This extreme and over-zealous reply is, of course, nothing new to our people. These hate campaigns against us have continued for over 224 years and will continue until we are fully recognised as being sovereign peoples and equal to the invader-governments of the stolen lands.

Wayne 'Coco' Wharton, one of more than 30 people arrested at Musgrave Park during the dawn raid on 16 May, told the *Koori Mail* that complaints had been lodged with the Crime and Misconduct Commission about the actions of police.

"We're also meeting with lawyers to work out how we will pursue our defence of protecting our sacred site under the Queensland Cultural Heritage legislation," he said.

"We notified each of those police that they were in breach of cultural heritage laws."

After 200 police had dismantled the Aboriginal embassy, protestors marched on Parliament House.

Indigenous leader Sam Watson, who attended a subsequent meeting with Brisbane Lord Mayor Graham Quirk, told the *Koori Mail* it had been agreed to shift

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**Police escort Woodside equipment near James Price Point, WA.** ***Photos courtesy Damian Kelly***



**Aboriginal opponents of the proposed gas hub Phillip Roe, Richard Hunter and Joseph Roe.** ***Photo courtesy Mike Gray***

# Embassy at Swan Valley Camp

By LIZ MURRAY




NOONGAR people are again living at the Swan Valley Camp, having set up a tent embassy after climbing over a fence.

"We are here to make a point that it is still our land – it always was and it always will be," Herbert Bropho said.

Elder Bella Bropho said that since the camp was closed in 2003, many of the Swan Valley Noongar community had been homeless.

"We need the general community to understand how badly we were and are still being treated... many of our family have died on the streets and our children are suffering," she said.

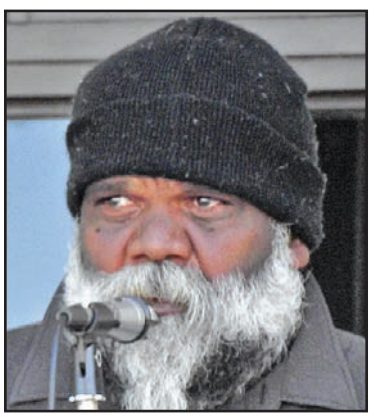
"We need everyone to support us to get our home back."

Ms Bropho, who has waged a lengthy battle to have the camp returned to the former residents, said the community was wrongfully evicted in 2003.

"All the spirits here are thinking 'where are our families'," she said, explaining residents had worked with builders to create the rammed-earth houses at the site, and used earth-friendly wind generators to reduce state-run electricity use.

"We have been here since the beginning of time and under our law, spirit and culture we will be here until the end of time.

"The Swan River 2 Claim is currently in the Federal Court. Under Aboriginal law and culture and white law, we are recognised as the people who have a right to our home here on this culturally sensitive place."



**Herbert Bropho speaking during a protest at Parliament House in Perth earlier this year.**

In 2003 after the camp was closed, then premier Geoff Gallop said it was 'the Government's intention that the management of any future activities on the reserve will be passed to an appropriate Aboriginal organisation'.

But the WA Planning Commission still manages the Swan Valley Noongar Camp, now classed as Crown Land, and can have Tent Embassy protesters removed by police with a simple complaint.

Planning Minister John Day said the Government was still considering what might be an appropriate use of the site, and a draft plan would be released soon.

Though the site was of strong historical significance to the Swan River People, Mr Day said the 'tragic recent history' meant the Government did not support what it was currently being used for.

In February 1999, teenager Susan Taylor committed suicide at the camp after her pleas for intervention and safety were repeatedly ignored by government workers.

In 2001, a Coronial inquest examined the circumstances of her death and the suicides of two other youths at the camp.

The child sexual abuse allegations that arose from the inquest sparked the Gordon Inquiry, which investigated Swan Valley Noongar Camp and several other Aboriginal communities.

Handed over to the Bropho family and Swan Valley community in 1994, the Swan Valley site was closed by June 2003 in response to the allegations of abuse.

Robert Bropho, the Aboriginal activist who led the camp before its closure, was convicted of multiple counts of child abuse and died last year.

# call for tolerance

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the embassy to another section of the park.

A smaller group of protesters continues to camp at the new site.

Mr Watson said negotiations were continuing to establish a permanent cultural centre in Musgrave Park, but in the interim Jagara Hall would be utilised more by the Aboriginal community.

Mr Watson said the Indigenous community was excited at the prospect of formal ownership over the site.

"For the first time our connection, our right to have a say in the way in which this park is used, has finally been acknowledged by the authorities," he said.

Mr Watson said the council had agreed to construct a plaque at the original tent embassy site where an ancient bora ring (a ritual area) was once located.

He said a barrier would also be erected around the site, with a 29 June meeting planned to allow a working group to move forward with the plans.

## Sovereignty

Meanwhile, the Aboriginal sovereignty movement led by Michael Anderson, the last surviving founder of the Tent Embassy in Canberra, called on the United Nations to send peacekeepers to protect them against 'increasing aggression by the Australian authorities'.

"We have already put the UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki Moon, on notice that we are in need of UN peacekeepers as the Australian authorities are increasing their aggression against our sovereignty movement," Mr Anderson said in a statement approved by Aboriginal people resisting the gas hub at James Price Point in Western Australia.

Mr Anderson said all the embassies that had been set up across the country were being harassed by local authorities.

He said the camps were established to 'make a vocal statement about the atrocity of the nature of the proposed Woodside gas hub on the pristine land and sea ecology, and defend the rights of Aboriginal people and locals to have a say in the future of the state of the environment in the Kimberley'.

"Police have been intimidating and harassing local families and their supporters by deregistering cars suspected of having involvement with the Walmandany Embassy, and have been performing additional drug and alcohol testing on them," Mr Anderson said

"The 'protestors' are generally concerned local residents, mothers, fathers and families who believe that the proposed gas hub will have a tragic impact on the Kimberley environment."



**Police and Aboriginal activists negotiate at Musgrave Park in Brisbane after officers moved in on 16 May.**




**ISJA president Ray Jackson addresses a rally outside NSW Parliament House last Friday.**

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# ACTU backs Muckaty ban

THE trade union movement will stand in solidarity with traditional owners fighting a proposed radioactive waste dump at Muckaty in the Northern Territory.

The Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) unanimously passed a motion at its National Congress meeting on 17 May to support the campaign opposed to the dump.

The motion expressed 'disappointment' that the Federal Government continued to pursue the site, and agreed to stand in solidarity with traditional owners and communities resisting the proposal. Other traditional owners, backed by the Northern Land Council (NLC), have supported it.

In its motion, the ACTU Congress said it would reject any legislation that continued to target Muckaty, or any other site in Australia, for a nuclear waste dump that is not based on recognised scientific and international best practices.

The Congress also noted the recent application by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) for reprocessed spent fuel waste to be returned to the Lucas Heights facility in Sydney.

"(The Congress) acknowledges this as an opportunity to review radioactive waste management in Australia by conducting an independent and comprehensive public commission into all aspects of radioactive waste transport, storage and management in Australia," the motion said.

**'We have been saying 'no' for a long time and the Government has not been listening, so we are very happy to hear the unions are supporting us...'**

Traditional owner Kylie Sambo attended the ACTU Congress in Sydney to speak about her community's ongoing fight against the dump.

"We have been saying 'no' for a long time and the Government has not been listening, so we are very happy to hear the unions are supporting us to say 'no' to the waste dump," she said. "We are working hard to look after our country and need lots of support.

"Today they passed this motion in Sydney and next week we are holding a protest in Tennant Creek to mark five years since Muckaty was nominated as the possible waste dump.

"It is time that the Government listened to all the traditional owners because we are not going to stop until they stop."

Beyond Nuclear Initiative co-ordinator Natalie Wasley said the ACTU position highlighted the growing national opposition to the Muckaty plan.

"The proposed radioactive waste dump at Muckaty is opposed by the Northern Territory Government, national health and environment organisations, residents and pastoralists across the Barkly region and the wider NT community," she said.

Ms Wasley said senior traditional owners of the Muckaty Land Trust had also launched a Federal Court action against the site nomination.

"As well as supporting the community's right to say 'no', workers on the frontline of loading and transporting radioactive materials earmarked for Muckaty are at risk," she said.

"It is important, appropriate and appreciated that the ACTU has taken a clear stand on the health and environmental risks of the Muckaty dump plan.

"A secretive, top down decide-announce-defend approach to such an important national issue will continue to be met with resistance.

"Rather than spending another decade attempting to force a waste dump on an unwilling community and jurisdiction, the Government must now hear and heed the call for a comprehensive commission on radioactive waste management in Australia."



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mayors who attended the meeting (Cherbourg's Ken Bone was absent).

# Mayors look to the future

## Grog plans 'have failed'

By CHRISTINE HOWES

QLD

THE future of alcohol management plans (AMPs) in Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities was top of the agenda for mayors, councillors, chief executives and other representatives of the state's Indigenous councils who attended a meeting last week in Cairns.

The Indigenous Leaders Forum (ILF), organised by the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), brought the councils and key government ministers together to discuss the future of the state's Indigenous communities, 19 of them subject to AMPs.

Indigenous representative on the LGAQ Policy Executive, Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, said the forum wanted the Newman Government to ensure the wishes of Indigenous communities were heeded in any review of the system of Alcohol Management Plans.

"As democratically elected leaders of our community, we have had little say in the operation of these plans or whether we want them at all," Cr Lacey said.

"Their operation has had negative and unintended consequences for many of our communities and we want guarantees that we will have a say on their future operation."

Premier Campbell Newman has previously said he would not scrap the bans until new plans have been created to deal with alcohol-related problems in Indigenous communities.

LGAQ chief executive Greg Hallam said the Government should work with the Indigenous Leaders Forum in its review of AMPs. "This is a touchstone issue for these communities as they look to see how the Newman Government goes about implementing its promises to empower them to make decisions that have a positive impact on their economic futures," he said.

### Other issues

Other issues discussed by the leaders' forum included law and order, stolen wages and the future financial sustainability of Indigenous communities.

Mr Lacey said it was an important meeting. "As the current sitting LGA Indigenous member, I'm pleased that the LGAQ have been able to pull a forum like this together to allow Indigenous councils to talk amongst ourselves and put issues on the table without fear with government being in the room," he said.

"That meant we could be open and frank around discussing the many challenges that face our communities."

Queensland Local Government Minister David Crisafulli and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs Minister Glen Elmes also addressed the forum.

The ministers agreed to work with the forum to make progress on a range of issues including:

- Reviewing the Local Government Act to recognise that Indigenous councils have a wider range of responsibilities than mainstream councils;
- Reviewing AMPs to give communities the power to determine how and even whether the system should operate in their communities and ensure that unintended consequences of the system such as increased illicit drug use and social dislocation are addressed;
- Examining, in partnership with the forum and the LGAQ, the opportunities available to introduce alternative, more sustainable and efficient means of delivering services to communities.

Mr Elmes said the meeting had been well worth attending.

ALCOHOL Management Plans have failed and the problems associated with managing alcohol in Queensland Indigenous communities have gotten worse, says Hopevale Mayor Greg McLean.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs Minister Glen Elmes has asked the mayors to come up with suggestions for new localised plans to manage alcohol consumption in their areas.

"It's not going to happen tomorrow, it's not going to happen next week," Mr Elmes said.

"But it will happen when they sit down and come up with a plan to put to us, that we can look at, take advice on, and get the local government and the police and all the rest of them to tick it off.

### Process

"Bearing in mind we don't want the parks any fuller with more parkies than what we currently have, and I don't want to take the parkies from here and put them back in the community – that's not the answer either. It's not going to be a quick process, but clearly we will go through a process, we'll work up the plans and when the plans get the tick off, we'll do it."

Mayor McLean said just how to proceed was a big issue for his community.

"And how we prepare ourselves to attack some of the issues that have been outstanding since 'welfare reform' has started," he said.

"I see today as a big step in changing direction and I think by having this meeting here today, it is giving us a new direction and it will.

"AMPs have been an issue since they started but they have to be something that will work with the community.

"If the community is not involved, it's bound to fail and if it doesn't fail it gets worse.

"I think it's got to the point where it's taken both directions, it's failing and it's getting worse – you can't manage it and you can't police it."

# Poster winner named

AMANDA TRONC'S goal of being a full-time professional artist has taken a major step forward thanks to her success in this year's National NAIDOC Poster Competition.

The Eastern Arrernte woman's entry *Look at us Now*, based on the 2012 NAIDOC theme 'Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on', was judged best of the more than 90 entries.

The 25-year-old's painting will now feature on the 2012 National NADOC Poster, and she'll also receive a 'very handy' $5000.

A delighted Ms Tronc, who lives in the southern Queensland town of Chinchilla, told the *Koori Mail* it was an honour to win the competition.

"I did some research into the Tent Embassy and how life was back in 1972 for our mob," she said.

"I was shocked by what I found and that many people I know had never heard of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

"I wanted to show how it was then, and how far we've come now. And I also wanted to show that our culture is getting stronger the more we succeed and lead the way for future generations."

Ms Tronc says she has been painting 'all my life'.

"I do a bit of everything, and I think this award will really help me become a successful professional artist," she said.




**Amanda Tronc in her studio and, inset, her winning artwork on the poster. *Look at us Now* shows the four founding members of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy standing under the original beach umbrella they planted in front of Old Parliament House in 1972. The foreground displays what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been able to achieve today.**

Ms Tronc's painting won plenty of praise, not least from National NAIDOC Committee co-chairs Anne Martin and Ben Mitchell.

"*Look at us Now* is positive and powerful. It carries the unspoken spirit of the Tent Embassy that can be felt, but not put into words," Mr Mitchell said.

While praising all entries, Ms Martin said the committee had been 'strong and united' on the selection of Ms Tronc's work as winner.

The NAIDOC poster will be distributed throughout Australia. Free copies are available by calling 1800 050 009 or going to www.naidoc.org.au

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# Referendum date timing

INDIGENOUS social justice commissioner Mick Gooda says a referendum on the recognition of Aboriginal people in the Constitution shouldn't be held at the same time as the next Federal election.

An expert panel, of which Mr Gooda was a member, recommended in January that recognition should take place in the body of the Constitution rather than in a new preamble. It urged the Government to hold the referendum as a single question, consult widely about the timing and fund an extensive education program about the issue.

The panel also said the referendum should not be held at the same time as a vote on constitutional recognition of local governments.

Labor has promised to hold a national referendum on or before the next Federal election due in late 2013.

But Mr Gooda said the next Federal poll wasn't the best time to ask people to vote on changing the Constitution.

"It's my view that it probably shouldn't be put (then)," the commissioner told a Senate estimates hearing in Canberra last Wednesday, adding that it was his personal opinion.

Human Rights Commission president Catherine Branson told the hearing it was her inclination to agree with Mr Gooda.

Earlier in May, former expert panel co-chair Mark Leibler suggested the referendum should be delayed until after the next election due to the 'toxic' nature of Federal politics.

The present atmosphere in Canberra was 'not conducive' to holding a successful referendum, he said. ***– AAP***

# ACTU backs recognition

AUSTRALIAN trade unions have thrown their support behind constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Delegates at the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) Congress meeting in Sydney this month voted unanimously for the union movement to take a leading role in lobbying for change and supporting and fostering community involvement.

They resolved to back this support with resources to help raise public awareness among affiliated unions, union members and the wider community.

The vote recognised the need for constitutional recognition to contribute to a 'more unified and reconciled nation' and supported changes to the Constitution that remove discrimination on the grounds of race, colour, ethnic or country of origin.

Speaking after addressing ACTU delegates, Reconciliation Australia (RA) CEO Leah Armstrong welcomed the historic vote. RA has been appointed by the Government to lead a national education and awareness campaign.

Ms Armstrong said the ACTU would be a strong and influential voice in the campaign for change.

"Spreading the constitutional recognition message through the union movement, across tens of thousands of workplaces, reaching millions of Australian working people is vital for our campaign," she said.

"Our challenge is to reach out to all Australians to encourage them to join in a national conversation as a further step towards building a nation based on mutual respect and understanding, and a nation that acknowledges and values the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in its history."

# Stronger Futures draws criticism

**By DARREN COYNE, with AAP**

THE Federal Government's proposed Stronger Futures legislation is under attack both at home and abroad.

A delegation of leading Indigenous groups has told the United Nations that the proposed laws were an attack on the human rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Back home, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples chief executive Lindon Coombes addressed the ACTU Congress, asking for support in the fight against the Stronger Futures legislation.

The ACTU Congress passed a motion in support of opposition to the legislation, vowing to oppose discriminatory aspects of it.

The delegation to the UN included the National Congress, the Secretariat of the National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, the National Native Title Council, and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations.

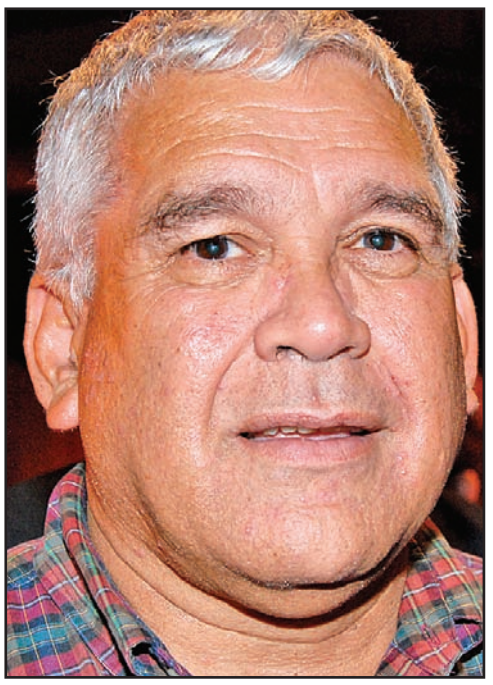
"Australia must stop the continuing 'framework of dominance' over the First Peoples and honour its commitment to comply with its international human rights obligations," a statement issued by the delegation said.

UN's High Commissioner for Human Rights' Pacific representative Matilda Bogner responded, saying the intervention measures such as income management and the withdrawal of welfare if children didn't attend school appeared punitive and could have a disproportionate and discriminatory impact on Indigenous communities.

Ms Bogner also noted the criticism from the Indigenous leaders about the Government's handling of the consultation process.

The UN challenged Labor to refer its Stronger Futures laws to the parliamentary joint committee on human rights.

The legislation, currently before the Senate, was introduced to Parliament before the committee was set up late last year.



**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda.**



**National Congress of Australia's First Peoples chief executive Lindon Coombes.**

But Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said the draft laws should be reviewed as a matter of urgency before they are passed.

"We still think it's open to government to use that scrutiny committee to look at these bills," the commissioner told a recent Senate budget estimates hearing.

## 'Rebuild trust'

Mr Gooda said that if Labor took that course of action it would help 'rebuild trust' between the Commonwealth and Aboriginal people in the NT.

The Greens also said they would ask Attorney-General Nicola Roxon to refer the Stronger Futures legislation to the human rights committee.

"We have a committee set up to protect these rights and there is no good reason they should not have an opportunity to scrutinise this legislation," Indigenous affairs spokeswoman Rachel Siewert said.

"Widespread concerns have been raised about the Intervention and the consultation processes that have been undertaken as part of Stronger Futures.

Senator Siewert said the comments from Mick Gooda and Ms Bogner raised concerns that the Intervention could have 'disproportionate and discriminatory' impacts on Aboriginal people.

"These comments are indicative of the serious questions being raised internationally about the impact of the Intervention on human rights," she said

Meanwhile, the Queensland Greens are trying to stop the roll-out of compulsory income management in Logan and Rockhampton.

They have called on Tracy Davis, the new Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, to refuse to sign a partnership agreement with the Federal Government.

# Australia under fire in Amnesty report

AUSTRALIA has been scolded by an international human rights group for violating the rights of Aboriginal people and trying to send asylum seekers offshore for processing.

"Australia continued to violate rights of Indigenous People," Amnesty International said in its annual report on global human rights in 2011.

The group criticised the Government for limiting funding for housing and services like water and sanitation for Aboriginal people living in traditional homelands in the Northern Territory.

Amnesty national director Claire Mallinson said the organisation had been told some Indigenous people in the Northern Territory were living without toilets, showers, electricity or garbage collection.

**'If this was happening in any other part of Australia ... there would be riots on the streets' *– Amnesty's Claire Mallinson***

"People need to realise the First Peoples of Australia are being treated in an appalling manner," she said at a briefing of the 400-page report in Sydney.

She said that while Amnesty welcomed the Federal and Northern Territory governments' commitment of $21 million over 10 years for basic services to homelands communities, it wasn't enough.

The organisation also attacked the proposed Stronger Futures legislation as 'bad policy' that would stigmatise Indigenous Australians.

The laws, which would continue the NT intervention in remote Indigenous communities, include income management policies, jail terms for alcohol possession, as well as a controversial program that cuts parents' welfare payments if their children do not attend school.

"If this was happening in any other part of Australia, if it was happening in St Kilda, if it was happening in Mosman, there would be riots on the streets," Ms Mallinson said.

The State of the World's Human Rights report examined human rights conditions in 155 countries over the year 2011. ***– AAP***

# Ruling a win for Arabana



**Elder Reg Dodd (holding Jayden Stewart), Justice Paul Finn and Arabana children in front of the old school at Finniss Springs Mission beside Lake Eyre in South Australia last Tuesday. Mr Dodd started the native title claim 14 years ago.** ***Newspix Image***

SA

THE Federal Court has recognised the Arabana people's native title to more than 68,000 square kilometres in South Australia's north, including Lake Eyre.

The determination, declared in front of 300 people under a marquee on the Finniss Springs station last Tuesday, brings to an end a 14-year claim by the traditional owners.

Most of the area is covered by pastoral lease, including Anna Creek Station, the largest cattle property in the world.

It also includes three reserves, Elliot Price Conservation Park, Lake Eyre National Park and Wabma Kadarbu Mound Springs Conservation Park, as well as the towns of Marree and William Creek.

Under the terms of the consent order the Arabana people will have unconditional access to the land for hunting, camping, fishing and traditional ceremonies.

SA Attorney-General John Rau said the court ruling officially recognised that the Arabana people had lived on the land for a very long time and held important rights based on knowledge and customs handed down through generations.

"It brings what has been an arduous 14-year court process to a successful close," Mr Rau said.

"Native title has been a difficult and complex issue for both the state and the claimant groups and I am pleased that in this instance, such complexities have now been worked through in a spirit of co-operation and agreement."

The Arabana Aboriginal Corporation said the decision meant the land and Lake Eyre were being returned to the care of their rightful owners.

But it is expected to anger a group of sailors, members of the Lake Eyre Yacht Club, who have staged a number of events on the lake during times of flood. They sailed in 2010 but were banned by the State Government last year because of native title issues. ***– AAP***

# Native title rights for Kimberley groups

WA

THE Federal Court has recognised native title rights for the Nyangumarta and Karajarri people in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

On Friday, at an on-country hearing at Anna Plains station about 250km south of Broome, Justice Tony North made a consent determination to recognise non-exclusive native title rights and interests over about 2000 square kilometres.

This determination finalises applications made by Nyangumarta and Karajarri Peoples.

The National Native Title Tribunal assisted in mediating between all parties since 2010, and an agreement was reached this month.

Tribunal Member Dan O'Dea said the Nyangumarta and Karajarri peoples had been 'negotiating and engaging in a co-operative manner', which had resulted in the consent determination.

"Through patience and relationships that have been developed through mediation, each of the parties has agreed with each other about terms which settle the co-existence of all interests in the determination area," he said.

"The parties are to be congratulated for their willingness to work together co-operatively to resolve native title by agreement."

The tribunal also mediated two Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) between the recognised native title holders and the two pastoral interests that lie within the determination area. Both ILUAs were signed following the consent determination.



**Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Glen Elmes, Premier Campbell Newman, Victor Lawrence, helped by Buzz Symonds, and traditional owner and Elder Allan Creek at the signing.**

# Cape land returned to people

QLD

AFTER a 38-year battle, Queensland Premier Campbell Newman has given Cape York traditional owners the land one of his predecessors would not let them buy.

In 1974, John Koowarta tried to buy the Archer River cattle station for the benefit of the Wik peoples, but was thwarted by then-premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen, who declared the area a national park.

Mr Koowarta was vindicated by the High Court in 1982, but it was not enough to overturn the original decision, and he died in 1991 without seeing the fruits of his labour.

Mr Newman went to Coen on 22 May to hand over the 75,000-hectare parcel of land, fulfilling former premier Anna Bligh's 2010 promise to do so.

Mr Newman said traditional owners had been wronged.

"Thirty-five years ago a great injustice was done," he said.

"Today we put that right. So again, my apologies to those who have suffered."

Asked whether he was apologising specifically for the Bjelke-Petersen national park declaration, Mr Newman said he did not want to dwell on the past.

"I was apologising to the people here, the traditional land owners for what they've been through, and I'm not going to get into any more detail than that," he said.

Mr Koowarta's widow Martha attended the ceremony, walking proudly alongside her 16-year-old grandson, named John after his famous forebear.

Her relative Doug Arliss paid tribute to the late land rights campaigner's struggle.

"He was somebody special to all of us," Mr Arliss said.

"It took us so long for everyone to stand up and get what was right. We still stand up and we still fight."

Traditional owner Victor Lawrence said he was just 'so happy' and looked forward to enjoying his land.

Cape York Land Council chairman Richie Ahmat said the day of the handover was 'significant' in Australia's native title history. "This is the unanimous struggle of all blackfellas on Cape York," he said.



**MARTHA KOOWARTA**



**Queensland Premier Campbell Newman and traditional owner and Elder Allan Creek.**

In addition to the Archer Bend handover, the State Government created the 381,650 hectare Oyala Thumothang National Park, to be managed by the local Wik Mungkan, Southern Kaanju and Ayapathu people.

Australian Conservation Foundation CEO Don Henry said a shameful wrong had been corrected. "Today's land handover is an excellent example of how Indigenous people, environment groups and governments can work together to deliver strong social justice and environmental outcomes, along with economic opportunities," he said. **– AAP**

# Concerns aired at UN session



STEVEN BROWN



MARK HOLDEN



SHANE DUFFY



BRIAN WYATT

MEMBERS of the Indigenous Peoples Organisation Network of Australia (IPO) have voiced their concerns at the 11th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) in the US city of New York.

Representatives from across Australia raised a number of issues related to the protection of rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, food and food sovereignty, health and the proposed Stronger Futures legislation.

IPO spokesman for children and youth Steven Brown told the forum about the marginalisation of Indigenous children and youth in Australia.

He said this was illustrated by high child mortality and health concerns, alarming levels of child removal from their homes, gross over-representation in juvenile detention and high rates of homelessness, substance abuse and suicide.

"The IPO Network recommends that effective strategies to overcome poverty of Indigenous children and youth must respect self-determination of Indigenous peoples, support meaningful Indigenous community participation, be adequately resourced and informed by the best evidence," he said.

"These strategies must ensure the protection and preservation of the identity of Indigenous children and provide children with a clear pathway out of poverty. Such strategies must also respect their dignity, rights, culture and languages."

IPO Network food sovereignty spokesperson Mark Holden told the gathering that the right to food and food sovereignty were important elements that connected health, environment and cultural identities.

"It is important to acknowledge the impact of colonisation, assimilation and extractive industry on Indigenous peoples' access to traditional foods, and our reliance on mainstream food supplies and diets," he said.

"This is a particularly important issue in remote communities in Australia, where the majority of those who reside are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"Low levels of employment, education and high poverty see greater choice in high-fat, low-nutrient takeaway foods, such as deep-fried chips, with less consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables, primarily as these are too expensive.

"This further contributes to the poor level of health and increased chronic health conditions in these communities, especially in relation to maternal and child health, increasing the rates of mortality.

"It is also important to recognise the impact of current extractive industrial activities on local Indigenous food and medicinal sources including the health and cultural significance of Indigenous peoples losing the right to hunt, fish, gather or grow food on traditional lands."



**Justin Mohamed from the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, at the forum ... He called on the UN forum to urge Australian governments to investigate and promote models of community control for health, social, legal and other sectors and service providers.**

Another representative, Justin Mohamed from the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, called on the UN forum to urge Australian governments to investigate and promote models of community control for health, social, legal and other sectors and service providers.

"Aboriginal community controlled health services not only achieve improvements in our people's health outcomes and reach those in our population who are in most need of health services, but also serve as a place of gathering and pride in our communities," he said.

## Develop

The IPO Network has urged states to also identify senior Indigenous political and bureaucratic positions and develop capacity building pathways into those positions in health and other portfolios if they did not already do so.

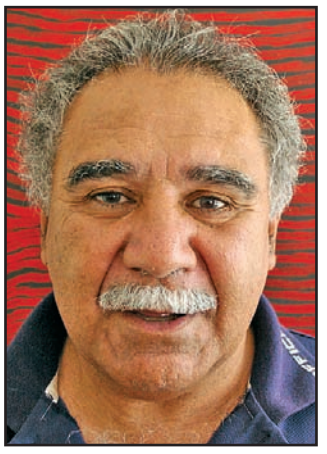
Meanwhile, Shane Duffy, the chief executive of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS), called on the Federal Government to honour its human rights commitments and scrap the proposed Stronger Futures legislation that would extend the Northern Territory intervention.

"Australia is in breach of its international Human Rights obligations, formally agreed commitments and public claims, so while we commend the Australian Government's support for the declaration, we are disappointed they have not established mechanisms to ensure its implementation, evaluation and reporting through a national framework," he said.

IPO co-chair Brian Wyatt called on the UN to support Indigenous water management, saying water was at the heart of Indigenous people's culture.

"They often hold cultural stories or songlines that tell stories of the dreamtime (creation) and more often than not are sites with significant heritage value," he said.

"The IPO Network recommended that the UNPFII urges Australia to effectively engage with Indigenous peoples in water management in the development of priorities and strategies in accordance with Articles 19 and 26 of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)."



MICHAEL ANDERSON

## Sovereign union act formally confirmed

**INDIGENOUS people from across Australia have formally signed an Act of Sovereign Union between First Nations Peoples in Australia.**

**Sovereign Union spokesperson Michael Anderson said representatives at a meeting last week confirmed their intent to form a national unity government.**

**Delegates were also appointed to work on a constitutional framework and continue talks with Aboriginal groups across Australia.**

**Mr Anderson said delegates were ready to take on the 'enormous task' of nation building, at local and regional and well as national level.**

**"The most pleasing aspects of this movement is that nation building has now become organic within our communities throughout Australia," he said.**

**"The grassroots people are using their own personal resources to bring their people together to rebuild their own nations and governance.**

**"It is important to acknowledge this effort because the Sovereign Union is a peoples' movement and they own it.**

**"This is not Australian government inspired nor funded. It was decided that any funds for the further advancement of the Sovereign Union movement is to operate on the basis of good will from the people of Australia through donations and bequests."**

**Meeting delegate Wayne 'Coco' Wharton said the time had come for people to do more than simply say they support the movement.**

**"They must also understand they have obligations to commit themselves to working to fulfill our set objectives in nation building," he said.**

**More details on the movement are available at http://nationalunitygovernment.org/**



People celebrating at Toorale on the weekend gather for a group photo. *Photo by Craig Bender*

# Park deal signed



**Barbara Ebsworth, Bruce Turnbull Jnr, Elsie Hawkins, Gertie Gittens, Gary Currey and Bob Knight remember Toorale traditional owners who have passed.** *Photo by Andrew Hull*

NSW

AN on-country celebration has marked the signing of a joint management agreement for the Toorale National Park between local Aboriginal people and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the joint management of Toorale, in north-western NSW, was signed earlier this month.

More than 100 people attended the signing, which featured cultural music, heritage displays, a guided walking tour, arts and craft activities and story telling.

Aunty Elsie Hawkins and Robyn Gillion gave a welcome to country, followed by performances from the River Boys.

Traditional owners of the Kurnu Paakantji people attended, including the families of Granny Knight and Granny Moysey who helped to make the MOU possible.

NPWS acting deputy chief executive Bob Conroy said the MOU would ensure the ongoing association of the Kurnu Paakantji people to the country.

"Toorale National Park offers opportunities of cultural connection through teaching and experiencing culture, and employment for the Bourke Aboriginal community," he said. "Toorale contains a rich Aboriginal cultural heritage, including plants which can be traced back to many traditional uses for medicines and bush tucker, and significant numbers of burials along both the Warrego and Darling rivers.

## Assessment

"These sites and associations have been documented in a preliminary Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment.

"The signing of the MOU marks a significant milestone – the 25th Aboriginal Joint Management Agreement in NSW.

"Aboriginal people now jointly manage more than 1.6 million hectares of land in NSW with the NPWS, just over one-fifth of all the land in the national parks and reserves."

The NPWS employs three Aboriginal people at Toorale National Park and is now filling a fourth Aboriginal-identified position.

# Greens MP calls Premier a hypocrite

WA

WEST Australian Premier Colin Barnett has been called a hypocrite after welcoming a new ammonium nitrate plant for the Burrup Peninsula.

Greens WA spokesperson for Aboriginal Issues Robin Chapple said Burrup Nitrates Pty Ltd's decision to proceed with the plant threatened rock art and other cultural sites in the Pilbara region.

He said the Premier had, in opposition, called the Burrup 'the most significant heritage and anthropological site in Australia' and urged an end to development there.

Now, he said, Mr Barnett was giving an 'open-armed welcome' to the development.

"This can only be seen as a symbol of the hold of the mining and resources industry on our political representatives," Mr Chapple said.

"This to me smacks of utter hypocrisy.

"Just six short years ago I heard Colin Barnett read into Parliament a heartfelt speech on the value and significance of the rock art on the Burrup Peninsula.

"At the time he called it 'the most significant heritage and anthropological site in Australia'.

## 'Forget other areas'

"He called on the Government to 'forget other areas of the Burrup Peninsula where it proposes to develop new sites'.

"Fast forward six years and we have that same minister welcoming big, damaging, polluting industry into the area, a vulnerable area on which, by Colin Barnett's own admission, as much as '20 to 25 per cent' of the rock art has already been destroyed.

"I consider it a tragic moment when even those who have spoken in the past with great integrity on the value of cultural heritage can be bought off by industry interests and swayed by political pressure. This heralds the death of the conviction politician."

# Ayers Rock Resort's voyage

# Locals happy with growth



Ayers Rock Resort celebrates 125 Indigenous employees.



Traditional owners performing the dance of the seven sisters, believed to be the first-ever public performance of the dance at the resort.

By RUDI MAXWELL

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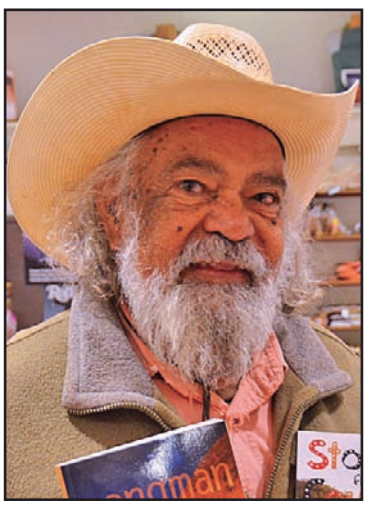
WHEN the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) acquired Ayers Rock Resort – the large tourism centre at Yulara, just a stone's throw from Uluru – in May 2011, just two of its 700 employees were Aboriginal.

Less than a year later, the resort has celebrated the employment of 125 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers.

Following a dance of the seven sisters, Anangu Elder Judy Trigger gave a welcome to country and presented Federal Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Julie Collins with a necklace from the Anangu-owned Maruku Arts.

Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia, the subsidiary company that runs the resort, presented four local Mutitjulu contractors with certificates for doing the landscaping.

Yankunytjatjara Elder Bob Randall said he was just happy someone finally thanked his people. One of his sons, John, was part of the landscaping team and his daughter was one of the dancers.



Yankunytjatjara Elder Bob Randall.

"The acknowledgement of our people, this is the first time it has happened and their contribution to all the work they have made, no-one in the past has recognised that," Mr Randall said.

"Such a minimal, little thing – it changes the attitudes when that happens, a little bit of thank you. This little gesture of this company combined with its shared ownership with our people, already things are right.

"Our people are disadvantaged – you see what's happened here, my community on the other side of Uluru has fourth world conditions of extreme poverty and it's for such a simple reason, it can be fixed with political will...

"This place, it cannot operate without our land, or the generosity of its people. This is a good start."

Mr Randall said he would like to see more of his people in senior positions at the resort.

Voyages managing director Koos Klein paid tribute to all 125 Indigenous employees, including the 56 trainees under the National Indigenous Training Academy, set up at the resort by the ILC. "We have Indigenous artists selling their art and craft to tourists five days of the week and inviting people to dot-painting classes," he said.

"Indigenous dancers are performing daily and we organise bush-tucker tours with Indigenous guides. We have boomerang and spear-throwing demonstrations taking place every day.

"We have come a long way since May last year and we have much, much further to go still."

ILC board member Olga Havnen congratulated the trainees on having the courage to move to a new environment.

"These young people have been prepared to take on a bit of a challenge, a bit of a journey, but you can just see how they're thriving," she said.

"Clearly there's a whole team of people working with the trainees, with the Aboriginal staff, making sure they provide them with the best possible training

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# From the Torres Strait to Uluru



**NATHAN Saylor, 21 (pictured left) packed up his bags and moved from Brisbane to Yulara because he wanted a career, not just a job.**

**"All my life I'd wanted to come to Uluru, since I was a little kid," said Mr Saylor, whose family is from Darnley Island in the Torres Strait and Cherbourg in Queensland.**

**"I never thought that I'd be working here – when I saw the advertisement I applied straight away."**

**Mr Saylor is working as a cleaner at the airport and down the track hopes to become a security guard.**

**"I want to make sure the community is safe. It's real good here," he said.**

**The only thing Mr Saylor is finding difficult is being so far away from his family.**

**"I keep in contact on the phone and I'm trying to get my younger brother to come if there's a job available," he said.**

**"Most of the trainees who haven't got work experience are finding some things hard, but it's easier for me.**

**"I'm the only person in my family who graduated from high school and this is a big achievement for me."**

# to 125 Indigenous employees

● From facing page

and work experience in an introduction to the tourism and hospitality industry that I just don't think they'll get anywhere else ever.

"For Central Australia – particularly Uluru, that has such a really strong Aboriginal cultural presence – for the past 25 years or so I think people have probably gone away disappointed about not having had any engagement or contact with Indigenous Australians.

"While large numbers of trainees may not come from the Territory, they each come with their own particular unique and diverse history, culture and experiences and that diversity in itself is a really valuable experience for travellers, particularly international visitors.

"You've got people from Maruku Arts coming into the space and being engaged here with their painting. That's actually a first.

"It's a pretty challenging experience for Aboriginal people who aren't used to tourists and don't understand why you get asked a million and one questions and who feel pretty exposed in lots of ways.

"...I think there's enormous opportunity here; the prospects of turning this whole precinct into much more of a genuine Aboriginal cultural experience for everyone are fantastic and it will be unique."

Minister Collins said the Federal Government was proud to be involved with the ILC training academy.

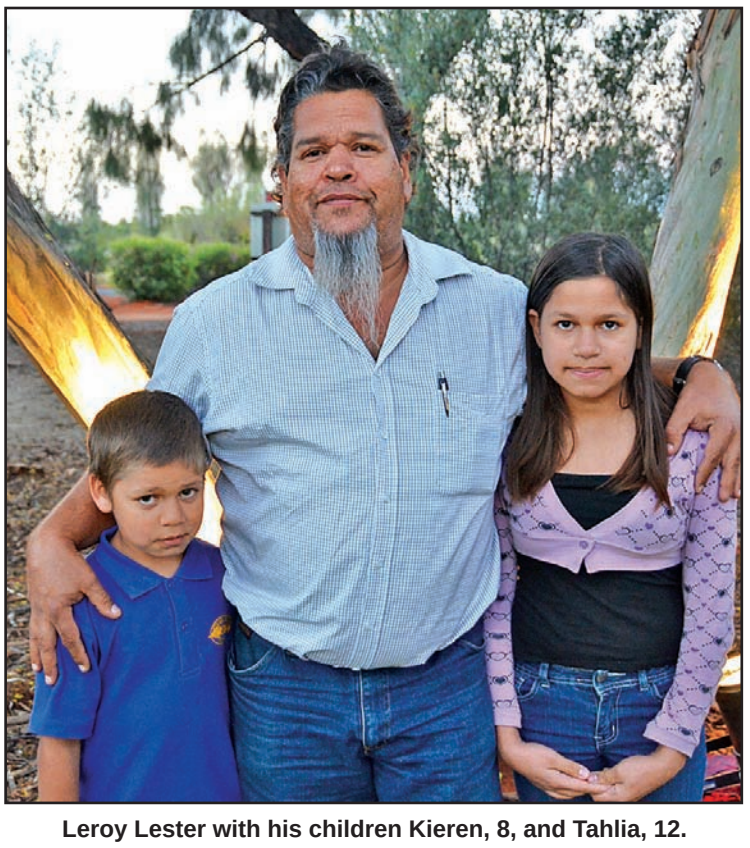
"We know that Uluru is an iconic landmark for all Australians but, due to its remote location and other factors, it has had trouble in the past with Indigenous employment so it's wonderful that the ILC's employment and training strategy has turned that around," she said.

"It really is a step forward in terms of increasing the Indigenous tourism experience in Australia and it shows visitors to this iconic spot and culturally significant location and gives them a much better experience.

"...We know that the future is bright for each of these 125 employees who have gained valuable work skills, financial security and flowing from that improved quality of life that having a job brings."

● *Rudi Maxwell travelled to Yulara and stayed at Ayers Rock Resort courtesy of Voyages Indigenous Tourism.*

## It's been good, says Leroy



**Leroy Lester with his children Kieren, 8, and Tahlia, 12.**

YANKUNYTJATJARA man Leroy Lester is working in public relations for the Ayers Rock Resort, where he helps co-ordinate cultural activities.

"It's been good so far, there's a lot of opportunities for Aboriginal people to be employed in different areas," he said.

Mr Lester previously worked as a ranger in the region for 16 years, and one of his reasons for working at the resort was so that his two youngest children Kieren, 8, and Tahlia, 12, could go to the school.

"One of the aspects of my job is to help and assist with cultural knowledge," he said.

"To help the ILC give people a voice and structure.

"It's integral to how it's set up and support people's own private enterprise. There are a lot of homelands ventures, not just national parks.

"I'm helping to set up cultural tours, showing bush tucker and things outside the national park."

Australian Government

REMOTE JOBS AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Jobs and stronger communities for people in remote Australia

**Invitation to Information and Consultation Sessions**

The new Remote Jobs and Communities Program will provide a simpler, more integrated and flexible approach to employment services and participation in remote areas of Australia from 1 July 2013.

The program will assist people to get the skills needed to find and keep a job and help build stronger communities.

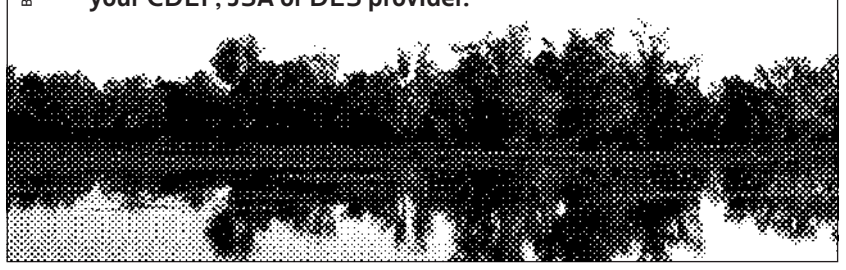
The Australian Government has already talked to a lot of people and organisations about these changes and the new service responds to the needs of people living in remote areas.

Information and consultation sessions will be held in regional centres and remote communities across Australia from late May to mid-July 2012.

Come and find out how the changes will benefit you, your organisation or your community. You can also talk to the Government about how the new service should operate in your area.

**For information about the session times and locations, please visit www.deewr.gov.au/rsr, call 13 62 68, or talk to your CDEP, JSA or DES provider.**

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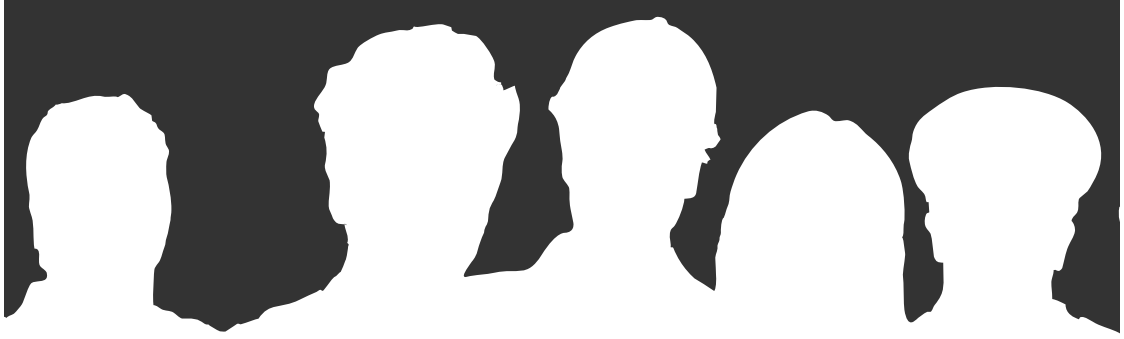


Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission

Reporting racism: what you say matters

**Have you experienced racism in Victoria?**

The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission would like to hear from you.



To participate, visit **humanrightscommission/reportingracism** or call **1300 292 153.** If you would like an interpreter to help you complete the survey, please call **1300 152 494.**

humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au

## Danny Eastwood's View




## ‘ Quote



**‘Thirty-five years ago a great injustice was done. Today we put that right. So again, my apologies to those who have suffered.’**

***– Queensland Premier Campbell Newman at the Archer River land return on Cape York***

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## Unquote ’

# Time to consider the tough issues

Koori Mail
The Voice of Indigenous Australia

## Our Say

How far down the path of shame are governments in Australia prepared to go? Instead of sending in police to either disband or disrupt the activities of Aboriginal tent embassies around the country, there needs to be some genuine, goodhearted discussion.

Governments need to sit down and work through issues such as Aboriginal sovereignty, native title, and the protection of environmentally sensitive land and sacred sites. It’s highly regrettable all-round to see images of hundreds of police descended on embassies, tearing down activists’ tents and bundling up their belongings. Those images are beamed around the world, and do not do Australia any favours in the eyes of the international community.

In Queensland, the authorities eventually did the right thing by sitting down with activists to discuss the future management of Musgrave Park in Brisbane, a historically significant place for the Murri community. But that only happened after the decision was made to send in more than 200 police officers, who arrested around 30 people. It seems now there has been some positive developments. Jagera Hall is to be handed over to the Indigenous community. A section of the park has been set aside for a scaled down version of the embassy, and the former embassy site, located near a bora ring, is to be fenced and protected.

Those wins and compromises came through discussion and negotiation, rather than heavy-handed confrontation.

There’s no doubt Australia is facing some big questions and sensitive issues. Of course there are some pushing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sovereignty and others pitching constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians, and each group is entitled to their views.

The key, of course, is to become well informed on all of these issues, and now, during National Reconciliation Week, is a good time to start. NAIDOC week in July should also be a time when people can educate themselves about the issues that have the potential to shape the future of this country. And, although there will always be differences of opinion, Australia mustn’t shy away from what some in our community call ‘the hard yarns’.

Before the Mabo decision was handed down, the whole concept of ‘natives’ having ‘title’ over their lands was deemed preposterous by many. But now the concept is a reality throughout the country through native title – something that many would have believed would never happen. The system is by no means perfect but, again, it can only be improved through proper dialogue.

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## A Yarn With...



### CHARLES PROUSE

**CEO National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA)**
**Sydney, NSW**

**Favourite drink?**
Ginger beer.

**Favourite food?**
Curry and rice.

**Favourite bush tucker?**
Barney (goanna).

**Favourite music?**
R’n’B and soul.

**Favourite artist?**
Whitney Houston, and I really should mention the late diva Donna Summer (rest in peace).

**Favourite movie?**
*Steel Magnolias.*

**What are you watching on TV?**
The news.

**What are you reading at the moment?**
The *Koori Mail*, of course, and Robert Jordan’s *Wheel of Time* series.

**Favourite holiday destination?**
I just love Australia and especially my home, which is around May River near Derby, in Western Australia.

**If you could have three people around the campfire for a yarn, who would you choose?**
David Unaipon, Michael Jackson and Freddie Mercury.

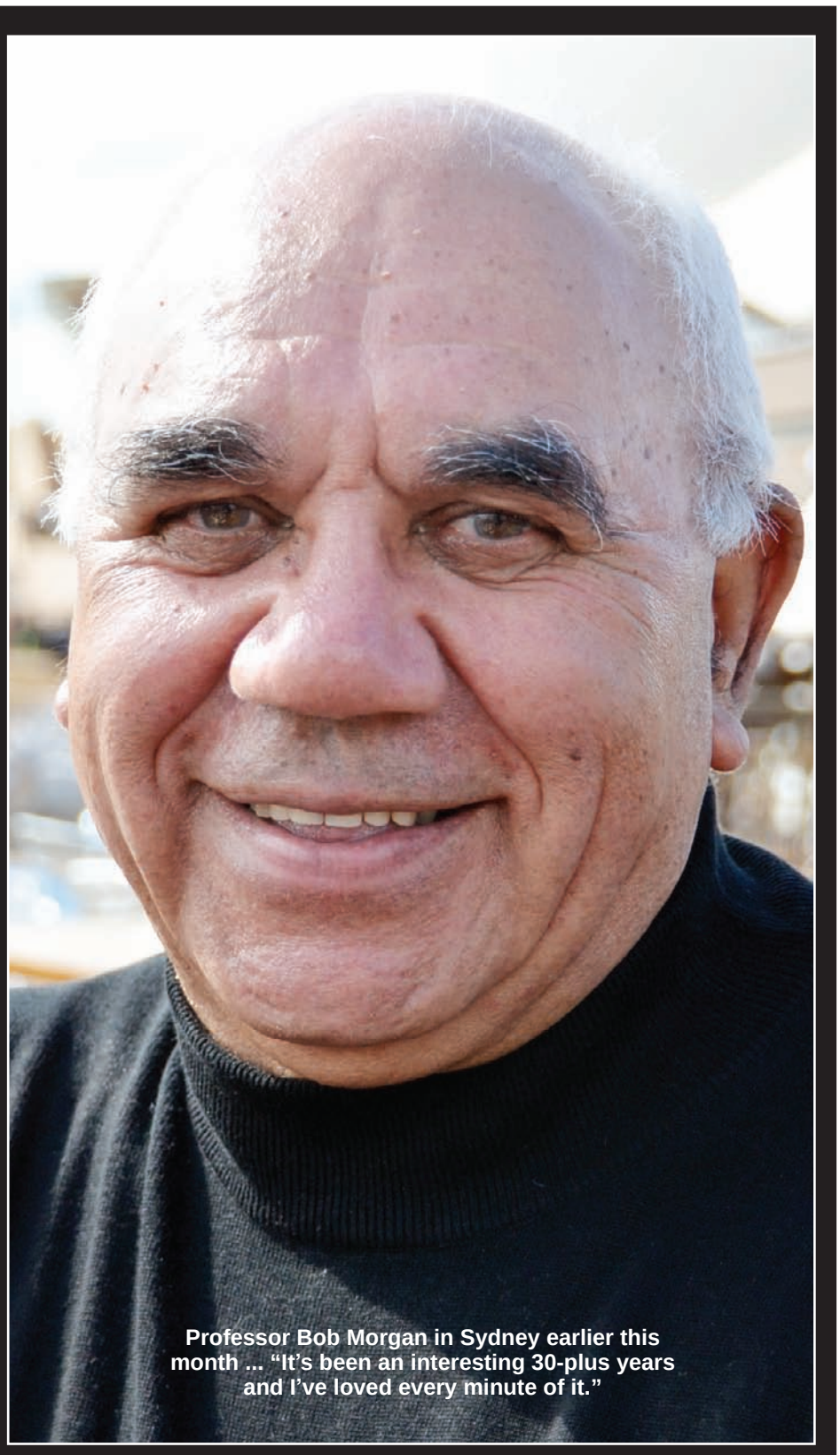
**What do you like in life?**
Sunshine and the beach.

**What do you dislike in life?**
Bigots and bludgers.

**If there was one thing you could do to improve the lives of our people, what would you do?**
I would ensure that everyone had at least a Year 12 education.

# Lifetime of learning

By RUDI MAXWELL



Professor Bob Morgan in Sydney earlier this month ... "It's been an interesting 30-plus years and I've loved every minute of it."

BOB MORGAN understands the power of knowledge, having spent more than 30 years working for better education for Aboriginal people.

"I was always interested in education at school, I had the sense that there was something powerful about knowledge," the Kamilaroi man and university adjunct professor told the *Koori Mail.*

"I come from a background where most of the adults were not allowed to attend school. My mother was illiterate. And most of my uncles and aunties of that particular vintage were in the same situation.

"My mother, who I always say was my greatest teacher, instilled in me a desire to learn and at the same time to never be silent in the face of injustice.

"Coming from Walgett where I grew up – my traditional country – the world was totally different to what it is now.

"Racism and prejudice, discrimination was an everyday, lived reality for our people.

"Growing up on the riverbank, in shanties, camping grounds, all that was part of my early life."

Prof Morgan is now adjunct professor at Wollotuka Institute at the University of Newcastle, and was previously director of Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at UTS.

When he was a young boy, he spent a year in the Far West Home in Manly, Sydney, being treated for a lung condition.

"I had a wonderful teacher, a white guy, David Tribe. I really connected with him and he really connected with me," Prof Morgan recalled.

"Then when I went home to Walgett, by accident David was transferred to Walgett and he became my teacher.

"I loved him and he was a special educator. He learnt some of the language and became quite proficient at it, probably more than me and many others."

Before he moved to Sydney in the 1960s to further his education, Prof Morgan spent some time as a shearer.

"In some respects, working alongside some of my uncles and other Aboriginal men, as a kid, it teaches you to be a man," he said.

"Again, that's sadly missing in many of our communities, that connection between Aboriginal men and young boys growing up.

"I think our kids search for that. I think they search for their identity. They know they're Aboriginal but they don't know what that means.

"Schools aren't reinforcing that unless you meet all the old stereotypes like where you might be a good sportsperson, girl or boy, and the issue of Aboriginality comes into play.

"Intellectually our kids are as gifted as anyone – we just need to create that space where they can excel."

In his distinguished career, Prof Morgan is a past president and was a long-serving member of the Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group.

## Vision

He has a vision for Aboriginal education.

Rather than treat Aboriginal education as 'guest' in a Western system, Prof Morgan believes it would serve students much more effectively to turn the framework on its head and start from an Aboriginal perspective.

"You will hear things about 'culturally inclusive methodology', or 'culturally inclusive curricula' but I reject that," he said.

"My preferred position is that if there's got to be a relationship then it's got to be based on the principle of self-determination for us that recognises we've had a knowledge system in this country for tens of thousands of years. There's something really intrinsically good about that.

"We need to better construct what we mean by Aboriginal education.

"We deserve more than just being a guest in somebody else's intellectual debate.

"The argument is to completely turn that around so we change from guest paradigm to one of cultural celebration.

"We celebrate what makes us who we are, how we define the world and how we give it meaning and then that becomes a part of the learning experience of our kids.

"I don't think we do that very well in Australia. I think there's a constant assault on the identity of our kids and that's why schools continue to fail our kids."

## Conferences

Prof Morgan recently returned from a two-day Indigenous Knowledge conference at the University of British Columbia First Nations Longhouse in Vancouver, Canada, and an Indigenous Education conference in the US city of Seattle, where he was given the task of forming a new international committee.

He is a big fan of Aboriginal schools, pointing to the success of New Zealand, Canada and the United States.

"We're reluctant in Australia to take that next step," he said.

Prof Morgan is also the executive director of Tranby Aboriginal College in Glebe, Sydney, Australia's oldest independent Indigenous education provider, established in 1958.

"I was a student there. It was Tranby that introduced me to the wonderful world of knowledge and education and everything that was attached to that," he said.

"That's where the thirst for culturally responsible – as opposed to culturally inclusive – knowledge started, and I've been working in the field ever since."

Prof Morgan believes it's important to develop the skills needed in the 21st century but to also imbed a sense of identity and culture.

"Schools are the most effective tools of assimilation and that's not going to change until such time as schools develop a more effective relationship with parents and community to a point where they turn kids on to learning, whereas at the moment I think they turn kids off," he said.

"There is nothing wrong with our kids' capacity to learn. Anecdotally, most people graduating from university have come from a failed schooling background so it's about how do you create a culturally responsive learning environment that speaks to our culture and journey as Australia's First People. That's what education should be about.

"All the other skills will come – being a medical doctor, or an academic or a dentist or an engineer – those things will come if you give people a really good sense of their identity.

"Sadly, because of a whole range of reasons, our communities are no longer able to deliver what they once were.

"When I was growing up there was a conversation, a dialogue around our journey, what I refer to as campfire knowledge systems; old people sitting around the campfire talking about history and celebration of what went before but also a vision for the future.

"I think over the years we've lost that art. It's still there but ... we don't celebrate it like we once did."

Prof Morgan believes language is important to learning but is not the 'be-all-and-end-all'.

"Language is a critical conveyor of culture but it's not culture per se," he said.

"It is true that, when we use language – our Aboriginal native languages – as a means of instruction, much more positive outcomes can be achieved.

"But, in the context of what we're talking about in Australia where most of our languages have been destroyed, we've got to be more creative about how do we weave into that learning space culture, tradition, knowledge that's culturally based.

"(With) our traditional languages, sadly, there aren't many contexts any more, particularly along the Eastern seaboard."

## Review

A few years ago, Prof Morgan reviewed the Aboriginal and Resource Centre of NSW's language programs.

"To their credit the organisation took the recommendations on board and now there's a move to save, resurrect, maintain, enliven Aboriginal languages in NSW – that's going to take some time," he said.

"With all languages you've got to speak it, got to live it, it's not just something you can learn from books, there's got to be an element of lived experience as well.

"In some schools where languages are being taught you can see that many of the kids have a greater sense of their identity because of that.

"There are some models that are working but they're not as effective or widespread as I would like.

"Language is critical but I don't think we should put all of our eggs into that basket. There are other cultural elements as well."

Earlier this year, Prof Morgan travelled around NSW, facilitating community meetings for the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs.

"It's been an interesting 30-plus years and I've loved every minute of it," he said.

"We need a new approach to how we deal with issues of learning and knowledge.

"I'm not privy to what the taskforce will recommend, but hopefully they will see the need to develop a completely new approach and, hopefully, in five to ten years we will see the benefits of that."

# Qld award finalists named

FINALISTS in the Queensland Reconciliation Awards were announced last week, with the winners due to be announced by Premier Campbell Newman at a function last night.

Although the winners were not available at the time of going to press, those in contention for the awards were businesses and groups that proposed and supported reconciliation.

The Business Award finalists included the Gubbi Gubbi Cultural Education Program, which operates on the Sunshine Coast and aims to educate the broader community about reconciliation; the Islander Board of Industry and Service, which is the main provider of food supplies and employment in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula; the Thiess Indigenous Pre-employment Program, which delivers opportunities for Indigenous Australians by providing training and employment opportunities; and the Westpac Cape York Indigenous Community Partnership, which was established in November 2001.

The Education Award finalists included Bundamba State Secondary College for its Implementation of the 'Learn Earn Legend!' initiative two years ago; the Indigenous Education Program at St Joseph's Nudgee College; the Indigenous Health Unit, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences, at James Cook University; and the Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE for its reconciliation action plan.

The Community Organisation Award finalists included the Cape York Natural Resource Management, which works in partnerships with and supports Cape York land managers, bringing together traditional and Western knowledge in its approach; the Queensland Cowboys 'Learn Earn Legend!' program, which was developed in 2011; the Mungalla Aboriginal Business Corporation, which has been operating for 11 years in the areas of cattle enterprise, tourism, land management, and training and education; and the Reading for Reconciliation program, which assists people to start a reconciliation journey through reading and discussing selected texts.

The Partnerships Award finalists included Indigenous Advisory Committee and Bray Park State School for their Powerful Partnerships Program; the Shipton's Flat Partnership Project which built the Bana Yarralji ranger base; the SmashCare Training Program, which started in April 2011 as a 12-week vehicle smash industry preparation training course for 12 Indigenous youths from the Brisbane metropolitan area; and the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts and Link-Up (Qld) Aboriginal Corporation for the production of Stolen, written by Jane Harrison and directed by Leah Purcell.

The production was result of nearly six months collaboration between the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) and Link-Up and involved research, sharing of stories, exploration of family histories, intensive production development and rehearsal, leading to a five day public season of eight performances, with the support of the Queensland Performing Arts Centre.

The *Koori Mail* will publish the winners in the next edition.

## Love on a break

**Ms Koori Love is having a little rest. She'll be back for the next edition.**

## Answers to our Edition 526 Crossword. How did you go?

**ACROSS**
3. Top End
6. Stockmen
9. Palawa
10. Songlines
11. NACCHO
14. WA
15. Nova
16. Sapphires
17. Stylin Up
18. Boxing

**DOWN**
1. Johnny Cakes
2. Message
4. Eora
5. Jackson
7. Kutcha
8. Binnas
9. Pilkington
12. Tail
13. Chef
14. Warup


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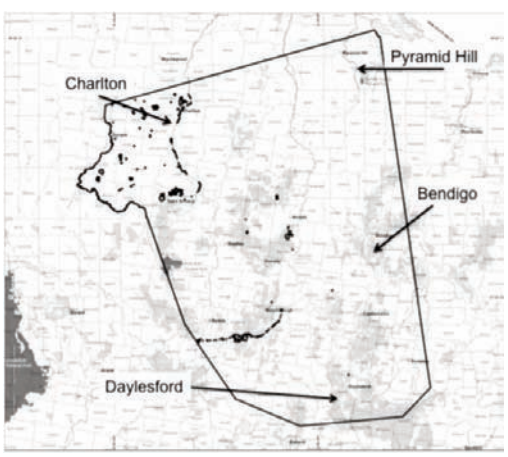
**NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP MEETING**

**For all people who hold or may hold native title to the land and waters in the area subject to native title claim VID6001/00 in Central Victoria**

All people who hold or may hold native title rights and interest to the land and waters within the area subject to native title claim **VID6001/00**, as shown in the map below, are invited to attend a native title claim (full group) meeting on:

**Date:** **Saturday 2 June 2012**
**Venue:** **The All Seasons Resort, 171-183 McIvor Road, Bendigo,**
**VictoriaTime:** **10.30am – 4:00pm**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress of native title claim negotiations, boundary negotiations, the Country Plan, future act matters and other associated matters.




Native Title Services Victoria (**NTSV**) assists native title holders in relation to native title matters across Victoria, including negotiating native title settlements. NTSV is organising this meeting. If you would like further information, including assistance to attend the meeting, please contact **Drew Berick** (**Community Liaison Officer**) at NTSV on **1800 791 779**.


# Our brain-teasers

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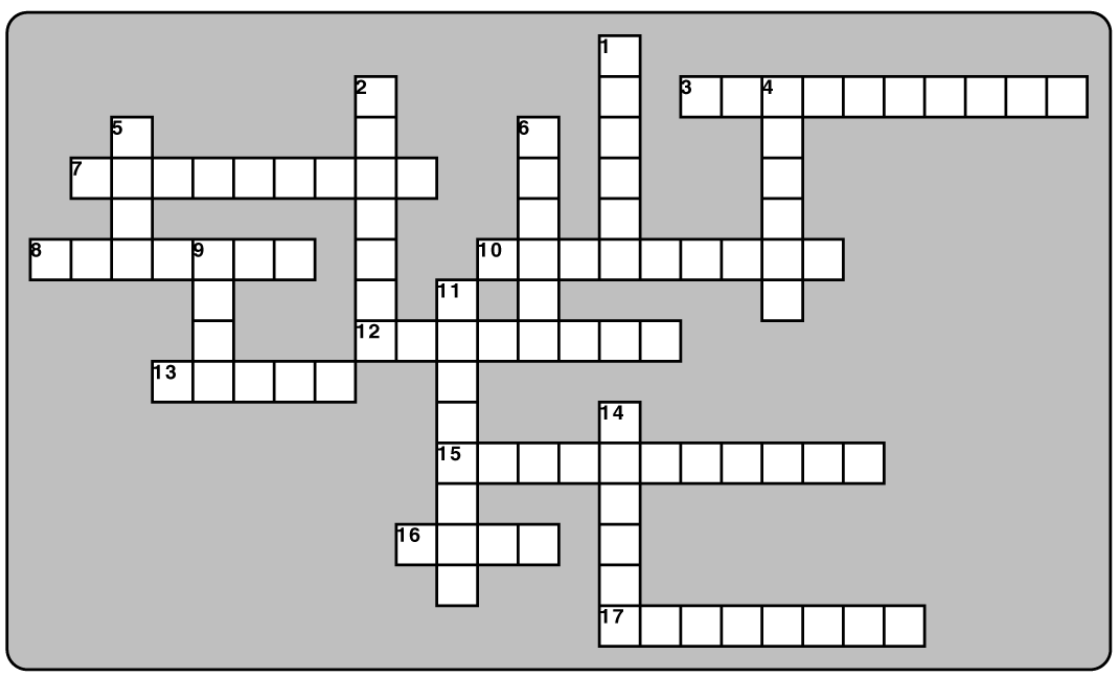
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**Across**
3. Location for this year's National Native Title Conference (10)
7. Which Australian court handed down the historic Mabo decision in 1992? (4+5)
8. This serpent weaves its way through many Aboriginal dreaming stories (7)
10. Precious blue gems and the girl group in a soon-to-be-released film (9)
12. Spiky grass common to remote Western Australia (8)
13. Anangu name for Ayers Rock (5)
15. Occupation of Deborah Cheetham (5+6)
16. Popular magazine with our kids, Deadly... (4)
17. Superhero promoting safe sex in Indigenous Communities (8)

**Down**
1. Common name for a popular soupstyle dish in the Torres Strait (3+3)
2. When supporting Johnathan Thurston in State of Origin, who is your team? (7)
4. If looking out to sea from Ceduna in SA, what might I hope to see? (6)
5. Name of Top End islands known for their fabric arts, screen printing etc (4)
6. Another name for the didgeridoo (6)
9. First name of early Champion for Aboriginal rights, ... Ferguson (4)
11. Popular gathering place for Aboriginal People in Central Adelaide, ... Square (8)
14. Cultural Celebrations held during the first full week in July (6)

# Your Say




Letter writers Prue Barratt, of Tasmania, and D Sutherland, of Broome, have their say on the WA gas hub issue – Page 24

# Shameful act in Brisbane

AT the end of this month the new Premier of Queensland, Campbell Newman, will hand out his Reconciliation Awards to organisations and groups that have done something extraordinary for reconciliation in Queensland over the past year.

When the winners are announced on the 29 May, we will discover that every one of them, without exception, will have been nominated because of their many years of work in relationship building, respectful learning and applying proper process. They will indeed deserve their award.

The 200 police deployed by the Brisbane City Council to forcibly move the Tent Embassy out of Musgrave Park this month might just permanently disqualify the Premier's previous organisation from ever applying for one of these Reconciliation Awards. After all, everyone knows reconciliation is about respect, recognition and conciliation. Sending in an armed guard is surely an automatic lifetime disqualification?

When surveyed by the *Courier Mail* newspaper, more than 70 per cent of people actually supported the Tent Embassy and its right to exist.

The Panyiri Greek Festival had concerns but were willing to work it out with the embassy organisers.

The Elders of the area were involved in ongoing discussions with one another about what should happen.

Murri community members from far and wide were dropping in for talk and tea.



**Sam Watson (in beanie) and other supporters of the Brisbane Tent Embassy speak to police and council representatives after being locked out of Musgrave Park.** ***Photo by NAOMI MORAN***

The embassy had been a dry camp with a serious agenda. Dialogue had begun, and where better than around a sacred fire?

This is actually a part of a broader movement taking place all over the country in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members are coming together to express their desire for respect, recognition and rights.

Similar embassies have sprung up in towns and cities across all States and Territories and they are an open invitation for the whole Australian community to engage with the First Australians on how we move forward as a nation.

These localised embassies bring up those 200-year-old questions about colonisation, invasion, republicanism and constitutional recognition, and ask why Australia is the only nation without a treaty with its First Nation peoples.

(Scientist Albert) Einstein is famously quoted as saying that no problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it.

Reconciliation offers Australia that new level of consciousness.

Reconciliation offers Australia the solution it is looking for.

What happened earlier this month with the Brisbane City Council, the Tent Embassy and the Qld Police was appalling.

The lack of respect shown for this invitation to reconcile did not just hurt the Aboriginal community, it hurt everyone.

Queensland has a shameful past. No-one wants a shameful future. Political leaders at every level and on all sides of politics have a moral, ethical and spiritual obligation to respect Australia's need for truth and reconciliation. Reconciliation is not only about our past, it is about our present and it is about our future. It remains the unfinished business of our nation.

**KITTY CARRA**
**President, ANTaR Qld**

## Poetry

### 10 Point Plan

**Who wants to reconcile with an oppressed government that would rather place intervention in our communities and still commit genocide and watch us suffer modern, biological germ warfare.**
**No gap closing here.**
**F*@# reconciliation with all the in-Justices.**
**Is this Justice, or is it Just Us?**

**A 10 point plan**

**Respect our sovereignty**

**Return our sacred cultural materials and sacred artefacts**

**Respect our lore and our culture our way**

**Respect our sacred sites**

**Respect the land, the minerals and the recourses on and in the land**

**Stop desecrating the land and sacred sites**

**Stop the genocide**

**Stop the interventions in our communities**

**Stop living in denial**

**Stop the in-justices or is it just-us**

**Always was, always will be**
**Stay black**
**Stay strong**
**Stay beautiful**
**Stay proud.**

**DAMIEN EADE**
**Via email**

## Vale Ken Boase

**The *Koori Mail's* former West Australian correspondent, Ken Boase, passed away in Perth late last month.**

**Aged 59, Ken died of a heart attack on 30 April. He is survived by his wife Alita, a son and a stepson.**

**Over several years, while also corresponding for SBS Radio, Ken wrote prolifically for the *Koori Mail* about Aboriginal issues and events, especially in relation to the Noongar people in and around Perth.**

**His informative and respectful stories were often accompanied by photos taken by his wife Alita.**

**A few years ago, Ken began work on a new publication in Western Australia; he also worked as a sub-editor for the *West Australian*. However, he remained a comrade and friend of the *Koori Mail* to the end, and we are saddened by his passing.**

**We extend our very sincere condolences to Ken's family and friends.**

## 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.**

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## Wanting both sides of story

I AM an avid supporter of land rights and self-determination for the First Australians and have many Aboriginal friends, especially in the Northern Queensland and Cape York area.

I have seen what the single-minded green campaigning has done to them and the effects the Wild Rivers legislation has had and would have had on those communities

I have talked to them first-hand so I know how they feel, but I'm finding it hard to learn the truth about this gas hub near Broome. A lot of my friends are 'environmentalists' who have jumped on the bandwagon against the gas hub and they can't understand my supporting the majority vote for the gas hub.

No one is telling the supporting community's story; it is all one-sided.

I feel it is unfair and a miscarriage of justice that their voices aren't being heard.

**PRUE BARRATT**
**Tasmania**

# Heat on in Broome

THE Broome community and family members are feeling the pressure as 140 metropolitan special police have landed in Broome.

Calls and questions to the local government offices and police station as to the purpose of the police have been met with confused answers. 'We're not sure', 'We have not been consulted' or 'That is a matter only the special forces police know'.

When asked, one unnamed officer said there were some nasty areas in Broome that need cleaning up. In a span of a short drive, I personally passed five police cars and am greatly concerned at the social impact on a town with a large Aboriginal population that has already been subject to negative government practices and police intimidation.

I am very disturbed at these events that are continuing to oppress and traumatise our people.

What has become clear is that WA Premier Colin Barnett, with agreement from the state's Police Commissioner, has sent the police in at a cost of $1 million of taxpayers' money to intimidate the people into submission over the proposed LNG gas plant at James Price Point, just north of Broome.




**James Price Point, north of Broome.** ***Photo supplied***

One hundred police were used to block the public from travelling in country and then, as heavy machinery proceeded to the Woodside camp, police ran in front and alongside these vehicles to protect them.

On that day, a small group of volunteers who have informed others as to the destruction of country, heritage and culture looked on at the scene and wondered where the riot was.

While the special police were running up the bush roads, a small group of community people looked on and we were left wondering why our taxpayer dollars were being used by the WA Government who are supplying Woodside with a private entourage and security force.

Anyone opposed to the gas plans has also been filmed and had their licence plate numbers taken. People who thought they had a right to freedom of speech are getting shut down.

Also within the town, the special police have been pulling people over for vehicle checks, blocking highways in and out of town. Any feeling of Broome being a laidback destination is now being replaced by the idea that you will be met with a badge, siren and police lights, no smiles and the message is the only culture in the future will be one of pro-mining.

Look out, the average person whose vehicle doesn't amount to a $65,000 Prado.

Each day I look around at country and see its real value to provide a haven for humans and know I am lucky to have such a strong relationship with it.

I ask the other Aboriginal people not to lose sight of the wisdom of our ancestors and to care for country. In return, the rewards are as great as the smiles on our children's faces when they are in the bush.

These rewards have been here long before paper money came along to corrupt us into yet another form of assimilation.

I look at the tides and know that the Kimberley is older and stronger than all of us, and the tide will turn again in its favour.

We'll wake up and realise that our people have something far greater than a bank account to look at, because true riches are found all around us in country. Yes, that's what my heart tells me.

**D SUTHERLAND**
**Broome, WA**



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# Stand up for your rights

THIS era, when it's finally over and reason hopefully reigns once again in Aboriginal affairs, shall be known as the band-aid era.

The two national Indigenous newspapers, I believe, give a fairly firm and accurate indication of everything that's happening, or not happening, in Aboriginal Australia.

It appears that despite the deathly statistics remaining unresolvable after all this time, and are even on the increase concerning the demise of our people; despite heavy-handed Federal and State governments of all persuasions walking all over our human rights and long-held social justice statutes, principles and laws; despite the growing divide between the denied grassroots Aboriginal peoples and those flash blacks, it appears that there are only a couple of things on the move in Aboriginal Australia – whoop-it-up, get-together festivals and concerts and gala events where high-class gatherers and collectors can wear (or hire) their very best white-man's outfit and show off to each other while some are handed out Mickey Mouse short-course certificates.

What also is thriving is this nonsensical ongoing journey of yet more forums and conferences about wildly thought-up topics, whereby the common principle seems to be the same as long before – 'Let's get together and talk about it and then do nothing about it'.



Letter-writer Phill Moncrieff

In late 1985, I went to pay my respects to Bob Marley at his grave in his little Jamaican village called 9 Mile. There, I saw some disturbing things on the streets which people just stepped around.

Later I travelled through some quite remote regions of Mexico and Guatemala where apparently there were drug cartel wars and civil wars respectively going on. I didn't know that at the time. That's why I dodged El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Anyway, I kept coming across children and adults who had severe withered legs, either from the knee down or from the waist down. They were all street beggars and I just couldn't walk past these people without giving them some koodja (money) – not the usual thing for a backpacker on a budget.

But I wasn't just another backpacker. I was a mullata in Jamaica and a moreno in Latin America – a coloured man.

The sight of the constant numbers of these people disturbed me. In Broken Spanish I asked somebody, 'Why?' Their answer will always numb me.

In countries like those, there is no welfare at all. No chance of elitism developing within the people like it has here in Australia, whereby sickly people grab hold of the going that's good and then, in the fastest motion possible, turn their backs on the people who put them there instead of trying to collectively forge the future ahead for the people and by the people.

What happens in those third world countries is that fathers and mothers know that contraception does not exist amongst beggars and that there will be no pensions or fees available to help them put their large families through a life filled with education and opportunity etc.

So, when an unfortunate little baby is born to them to join other siblings, they simply tie a rope or a tight rubber band around their kid's waist or knees and let them grow up like that. The blood supply is cut off so the child inevitably grows into a cripple – perfect for putting out on the streets as a family breadwinner and therefore professional beggar.

I hope the professional beggars in the form of the growing family of flash Australian blacks choke on their caviar sometimes, because I know who I am and they don't wanna look at me.

As Bob Marley sang long ago, *You can fool the people sometimes, but you can't fool all the people all the time. Coz now the time is right! Stand up for your rights.*

Get up stand up! Stand up for your rights!

**PHILL MONCRIEFF**
**Victoria Park, WA**

## Poor treatment

**I AM saddened and disturbed about how the Indigenous people of this country are continually treated. It disgusts me.**

**One example is how the quiet protest was treated in Musgrave Park in Brisbane.**

**The Aboriginal people of this country make me humble.**

**I am so sorry for the treatment of you all, past and present. It's a disgrace.**

**I believe only greed rules this country.**

**DEBORAH DALTON**
**Banyo, Qld**

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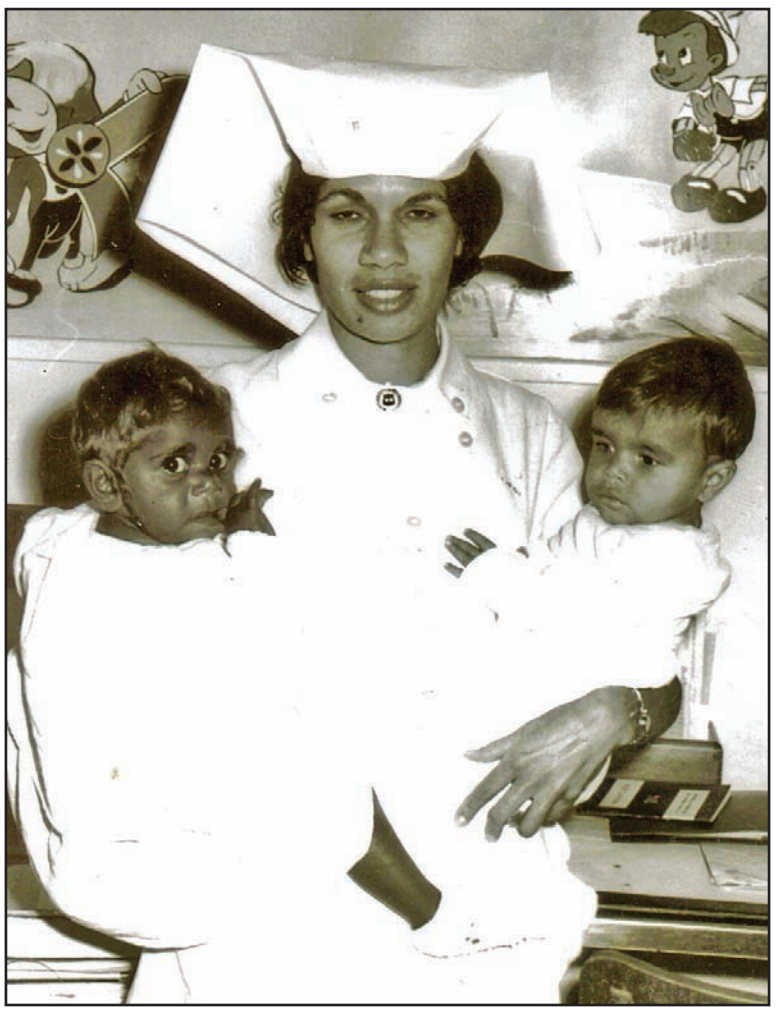
# Healer for her people

## NINGALI CULLEN

**Former Co-Chair of the National Sorry Day Committee**

**1942 - 10 May 2012**



**Ningali Cullen shown in recent years and during her early years as a nurse in Port Augusta, South Australia.**

NINGALI CULLEN lived her life on the turbulent frontier between Aboriginal Australia and white authority.

Like all who live there, she was scarred by many wounds. But she never let those wounds fester.

Healing was her constant preoccupation, and it was her proposal that led to the Journey of Healing campaign launched by the National Sorry Day Committee in 1999.

Born at Ooldea on the Maralinga lands in about 1942, at the age of four she was taken to the Lutheran Mission at Koonibba. Her birth name was replaced, and she became Audrey Cobby.

She made the best she could of her new life. Bright and hard-working, at the age of 12 she won a scholarship to Concordia College in Adelaide, where she was the sole Aboriginal pupil.

She went on to train as a nurse in the Royal Adelaide Hospital, and then worked in South Australian hospitals, the Trans Australian Train health clinic, and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Access to these services was hard for Aboriginal people, and Ningali worked to break down the barriers.

During this time she met up again with her mother, May.

But then tragedy struck. May visited Port Pirie to see her other daughter Mabel. Waiting outside a road house, the staff called the police to get rid of them.

The police arrived and took Mabel into custody, ignoring her anguish at leaving her mother alone in a strange place.

May was never seen again.

Ningali arrived back from the train clinic to be told her mother had disappeared.

She demanded a coronial inquest, which eventually took place. But nothing has ever been discovered about what happened to her mother.

Despite all the pain, life had to go on.

In the following years, Ningali obtained a degree and worked in alcohol and drug rehabilitation, married and had three children.

She moved to Canberra in 1995 to work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

When Sir Ron Wilson and Mick Dodson inquired into the separation policies and published the Bringing Them Home report, Ningali threw herself into the struggle to have its recommendations implemented.

When the National Sorry Day Committee was formed, she was at the forefront of Canberra's preparations for the first Sorry Day, on 26 May 1998. The campaign caught national attention, and nearly a million people signed Sorry Books.

After the Sorry Day, many of the Stolen Generations met in Sydney, and Ningali urged that they seize the moment to heal the wounds caused by the separation policies.

She found a warm response, and the Journey of Healing was launched across the nation on 26 May 1999. When Sorry Day Committee Co-Chair Carol Kendall became too ill to continue, Ningali was elected to take her place.

The Journey of Healing campaign brought thousands of Aboriginal and other Australians together in initiatives for healing.

Former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and Aboriginal leader Lowitja O'Donoghue became patrons, and the Stolen Generations voice was heard throughout the next decade.

### Forthright

It was a forthright voice, and its call for truth, justice and healing struck a chord.

While the Howard Government tried to downplay the issue, hundreds of Journey of Healing events took place every year across the country.

In response, the Government gradually shifted from its hostile stance.

After 250,000 people walked for reconciliation across the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Government agreed to remember the Stolen Generations at Reconciliation Place. However, they designed the memorial themselves with no Stolen Generations input.

Many protested, Ningali prominent among them, and the project ground to a halt. Ningali went to the then Minister, Philip Ruddock. "This memorial could be healing if it is created properly," she told him.

She proposed that teams travel the country, seeking the views of the Stolen Generations on the text of the memorial, and also seeking the views of the non-Indigenous people who had staffed the institutions to which Aboriginal children were removed, and those who had fostered the children.

The Government accepted this proposal, and teams travelled far and wide. Then, through widespread discussion, consensus was reached.

The agreed text was very different to the Government view but, confronted with consensus, they had little choice but to accept it.

Hundreds of the Stolen Generations came to Canberra for the memorial's unveiling in 2004.

Ningali continued to give leadership in this spirit. Her outspokenness, compassion and integrity helped stir the conscience of those in authority, and eventually there was a wholehearted response.

Former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generations in 2008 owes much to her inclusive approach and commitment to healing.

Sadly, her final years saw her decline into dementia, cared for unstintingly by her husband Derick Cullen. She leaves behind her beloved children – her daughters Ali and Lisa, and her son Patrick.

**JOHN BOND**
**Secretary, National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC)1998-2006**

# The importance of reconciliation

*We are a class of Year 10 boys who, during our lessons in Human Society and Its Environment, have been learning about Australia in its regional and global context. Although we have looked at many varied topics, over recent weeks we have been learning about human rights and reconciliation. Following is a compilation of our research. We felt it important we share this with every Australian due to reconciliation being important for all Australians.*

THE theme for National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2012 in Australia is 'Let's Talk Recognition' and we believe a part of recognition is remembering the Stolen Generations. We feel that equal rights are when Indigenous and non-Indigenous are treated as equal, and we understand that the 1965 Freedom Ride supported this and was a stepping stone to the 1967 Referendum.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) starts on 27 May, which is the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. The referendum was when non-Indigenous Australia voted in support of Indigenous Australians to be counted in the Census.

It finishes on 3 June which is the anniversary of when the High Court's 1992 'Mabo' decision was made. This ruling overturned 'terra nullius'.

Before NRW began, there was a 'Week of Prayers for Reconciliation' held by religious groups nationwide. Another significant event also held to support reconciliation was the 2000 Sydney Harbour Bridge Walk for Reconciliation, where about 300,000 people from many backgrounds crossed the bridge to show their support.

Reconciliation Australia is the governing organisation that promotes and ensures reconciliation is occurring, although ANTaR (Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation) actively support this as well.

Reconciliation aims to help all Australians value Aboriginal culture and history. This is clearly seen with the range of ambassadors in 2012 that come from many rich and diverse cultural backgrounds.

National Reconciliation Week 2012 ambassadors and supporters include well-known non-Indigenous breakfast TV presenter David Koch, actor Hugh Jackman, celebrity and former *MasterChef* contestant Poh Ling Yeow, and former Australian Defence Force head Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston.

We believe reconciliation is important because it brings different cultures together, whilst recognising the significance of Aboriginal histories and cultures.

**Year 10 Geography Boys**
**Quirindi High School**
**Quirindi, NSW**

# Legal service selects new CEO

NSW

**WIRADJURI man Phil Naden has been endorsed as the new chief executive officer of the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT).**

**In July, he'll take over the reins from Gerry Moore, who has been in the position for four years.**

**Legal service chair Iris White said the selection process for the position was very competitive.**

**"We had superior applicants from a wide range of professional backgrounds and from across NSW and the ACT, making the selection very challenging," she said.**

**"Mr Naden won the position due to his excellent and demonstrated leadership skills, his superior knowledge of the criminal justice and care and protection systems, his solid work background with Barnardos, the Queensland Police Force and the Aboriginal Legal Service, and his personal inner strength and integrity in the face of diversity and difficult situations.**

**'The ALS is going through a period of renewal with a new board to be elected in the next month'**
***– Legal service chair Iris White***

**"The ALS is going through a period of renewal with a new board to be elected in the next month, and Mr Moore's resignation, while disappointing to lose such a solid performer in maintaining the stability of the organisation, means we also welcome a new leader in Mr Naden.**

**"Our organisation has been operating since 1970 backed by the commitment of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community across NSW and ACT and has experienced many periods of change, more often due to adjustments in Federal Government funding requirements.**

**"Right now, however, renewal is occurring from the 'ground up' and we openly welcome the vision and energy the next generation of Aboriginal people will bring to our wonderful community organisation."**

**Mr Naden, 39, holds qualifications in governance and business and is a second year law student at Deakin University.**

# Airport issue raised

NSW

THE Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council wants the Federal Government to give an assurance that a second airport in Sydney will not interfere with sites of cultural significance. The council represents the Dharawal people, who are traditional owners of land identified as possible sites for a second airport.

The Federal Department of Transport recently prepared a study on aviation capacity for the Sydney region, which identified at least 11 possible sites in the area covered by Tharawal.

TLALC chief executive Greg Bondar said the council was concerned that Transport Minister Anthony Albanese would not provide protection for the sites.

Mr Albanese last week announced that further studies including 'a detailed investigation into the suitability of Wilton, including conducting preliminary economic, social and environmental studies' would be undertaken.



**GREG BONDAR**

"Within the proposed second airport sites, there are various individual sites of cultural significance to the Dharawal people, many of which form part of a broader cultural landscape," Mr Bondar said.

"Tharawal LALC also has a number of land claims within and around these areas."

Mr Bondar accused the Government of not consulting Aboriginal people.

"Once again, the Gillard Government has failed to consult with the community given that the study recently undertaken has not considered any of the Aboriginal culture within the preferred Wilton site and the minister has not indicated that any cultural assessment is proposed in the next stage of planning," he said. "It is imperative that the minister engages with the local Aboriginal community to ensure the cultural heritage of the traditional owners is fully considered and protected as part of any planning process."

Mr Bondar said Aboriginal cultural officers should also be present at all site inspections and assessments. He said all studies should be undertaken in accordance with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation requirements.

The Dharawal people are the traditional owners of the land in southern and south-western areas of Sydney, from the south side of Botany Bay around Port Hacking to the north of the Shoalhaven River (Nowra) and extending inland to Campbelltown and Camden.


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9:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
10:00 **Sisters In League** PG (Documentary)
11:00 **The Road to St Andrews** PG (Documentary)
11:30 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
12:00 **Searching for God** G (Documentary Series)
12:30 **The Forgotten** PG (Documentary)
1:30 **When Colin Met Joyce** PG (Documentary)
2:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
3:00 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
3:30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
4:00 **Grounded** G (Kids)
4:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
5:00 **Move it Mob Style** PG (Kids)
5:30 **NITV News** NC (News)
6:00 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
6:30 **Searching for God PG (Documentary Series)**
7:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
7:30 **Nganampa Anwernekenhe** PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 **Nganampa Anwernekenhe** PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 **Blekbala** PG (Documentary)
9:30 **Our Generation** PG (Documentary)
10:30 **Intervention** PG (Documentary)
11:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
11:30 **Life of the Town** PG (Documentary Series)

### THURSDAY 31ST MAY

12:00 **Roots Music** PG (Entertainment)
1:00 **Living Strong** PG (Series)
1:30 **Searching for God** PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 **Chocolate Martini** PG (Entertainment)
5:00 **Yeyekerte** G (Series)
6:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
6:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
7:00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
7:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
8:00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids)
8:30 **Bizou** G (Kids)
9:00 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids)
9:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
10:00 **Ochre and Ink** PG (Documentary)
10:30 **Navajo Springtime** PG (Documentary)
11:30 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
12:00 **Searching for God** PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 **Here's My Hand** PG (Documentary)
1:00 **Island Music** PG (Entertainment)
1:30 **From Dreamtime To Now** PG (Documentary)
2:00 **Destiny In Alice** PG (Documentary)
2:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
3:00 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
3:30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
4:00 **Grounded** G (Kids)
4:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
5:00 **Move it Mob Style** PG (Kids)
5:30 **NITV News NC (News)**
6:00 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
6:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
7:00 **NITV News** PG (News)
7:30 **Barefoot Sports** NC (Sport)
8:30 **Unforgivable Blackness** PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 **Hunting Aotearoa** M (Series)
11:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
11:30 **Life of the Town** PG (Documentary Series)

### FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

12:00 **Barefoot Sports** NC (Sport)
1:00 **Queensland Murri Carnival 2011** NC (Sport)
2:00 **NATSIBA 2008** NC (Sport)
3:00 **Ella 7's 2009** NC (Sport)
4:00 **2011 NSW Koori Knockout** NC (Sport)
5:00 **Yeyekerte** G (Series)
6:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
6:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
7:00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
7:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
8:00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids)
8:30 **Bizou** G (Kids)
9:00 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids)
9:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
10:00 **4 Wheel Dreaming** PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 **Blackfellas Bulls and Bucking** PG (Documentary)
11:30 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
12:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
12:30 **Barefoot Sports** NC (Sport)
1:30 **Rodeo Road** PG (Documentary)
2:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
3:00 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
3:30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
4:00 **Grounded** G (Kids)
4:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
5:00 **Move it Mob Style** PG (Kids)
5:30 **NITV News** NC (News)
6:00 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
6:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
7:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
7:30 **Move it Mob Style** PG (Kids)
8:00 **Everyday Brave** PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 **Grab** PG (Documentary)
9:30 **Dreamkeeper** PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
11:30 **Life of the Town** PG (Documentary Series)

### SATURDAY 2ND APRIL

12:00 **Volumz** PG (Entertainment)
6:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
6:30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
7:00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids)
7:30 **Bizou** G (Kids)
8:00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
8:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
9:00 **Yeyekerte** G (Series)
10:00 **Barefoot Sports** NC (Sport)
11:00 **Defining Moments** PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 **Dreamtime to Dance** PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 **NITV News in Review** NC (News)
12:30 **Indigenous Insight** NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 **Sisters Pearls & Mission Girls** PG (Documentary)
2:00 **Intervention Katherine NT** PG (Documentary)
3:00 **Rural Health Education** PG (Documentary)
4:00 **Barefoot Sports** NC (Sport)
5:00 **Pacifica - South Seas Tales** PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 **NITV News in Review** NC (News)
6:00 **Our Generation** PG (Documentary)
7:00 **Mi Chacra (My Land)** PG (Documentary)
8:30 **Fusion With Casey Donovan** PG (Entertainment)
9:30 **Shifting Sands** M (Drama)
11:00 **My Tehran For Sale** M (Drama)

### SUNDAY 3RD APRIL

12:30 **Volumz** PG (Entertainment)
6:30 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids)
7:00 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids)
7:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
8:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
8:30 **Bizou** G (Kids)
9:00 **Yeyekerte** G (Series)
10:00 **Fusion With Casey Donovan** PG (Entertainment)
11:00 **Life of the Town** PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 **Straight Shootin'** PG (Series)
12:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
12:30 **2011 Lightning Cup** NC (Sport)
5:30 **NITV News** NC (News)
6:00 **Small Island Big Fight** PG (Documentary)
6:30 **Message Stick** PG (Documentary)
7:00 **Stone Country** PG (Documentary)
7:30 **Going Bush Series 2 PG (Documentary Series)**
8:00 **Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary** Series)
8:30 **Of Islands and Men PG (Documentary Series)**
9:30 **Mabo: Life of an Island Man** PG (Documentary)
11:00 **No Apologies** PG (Documentary)

### MONDAY 4TH APRIL

12:00 **Roots Music** PG (Entertainment)
1:00 **Queensland Murri Carnival 2011** NC (Sport)
2:00 **NATSIBA 2008** NC (Sport)
3:00 **Ella 7's 2009** NC (Sport)
4:00 **2011 NSW Koori Knockout** NC (Sport)
5:00 **Yeyekerte** G (Series)
6:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
6:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
7:00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
7:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
8:00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids)
8:30 **Bizou** G (Kids)
9:00 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids)
9:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
10:00 **Finding Our Talk** PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 **Big Girls Don't Cry** PG (Documentary)
11:00 **A Thousand Suns** PG (Documentary)
11:30 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
12:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
12:30 **Emily in Japan** PG (Documentary)
2:30 **The Dreaming G (Entertainment)**
3:00 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
3:30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
4:00 **Grounded** G (Kids)
4:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
5:00 **Move it Mob Style** PG (Kids)
5:30 **NITV News** NC (News)
6:00 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
6:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
7:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
7:30 **The Road to St Andrews** PG (Documentary)
8:00 **Ravens & Eagles** PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 **Global Voice** PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 **Moose TV** PG (Series)
9:30 **Henare O'Keefe** PG (Documentary)
10:30 **Pursuing the Flame PG (Documentary Series)**
11:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
11:30 **Life of the Town** PG (Documentary Series)

### TUESDAY 5TH APRIL

12:00 **Roots Music** PG (Entertainment)
1:00 **Queensland Murri Carnival 2011** NC (Sport)
2:00 **NATSIBA 2008** NC (Sport)
3:00 **Ella 7's 2009** NC (Sport)
4:00 **2011 NSW Koori Knockout** NC (Sport)
5:00 **Yeyekerte** G (Series)
6:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
6:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
7:00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
7:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
8:00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids)
8:30 **Bizou** G (Kids)
9:00 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids)
9:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
10:00 **Finding Our Talk** PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 **Sacred Ground** PG (Documentary)
11:30 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
12:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
12:30 **Black Magic** PG (Documentary)
1:30 **Wanja** PG (Documentary)
2:00 **Here's My Hand** PG (Documentary)
2:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
3:00 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
3:30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
4:00 **Grounded** G (Kids)
4:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
5:00 **Move it Mob Style** PG (Kids)
5:30 **NITV News** NC (News)
6:00 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
6:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
7:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
7:30 **Strong In the City** PG (Documentary)
8:00 **Rural Health Education** PG (Doc Series)
9:00 **Living Black** NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 **Indigenous Insight** NC (Current Affairs)
10:00 **Opinion Piece** NC (Current Affairs)
11:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
11:30 **Yamaji Man** PG (Documentary)

### WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL

12:00 **Roots Music** PG (Entertainment)
1:00 **Queensland Murri Carnival 2011** NC (Sport)
2:00 **NATSIBA 2008** NC (Sport)
3:00 **Ella 7's 2009** NC (Sport)
4:00 **2011 NSW Koori Knockout** NC (Sport)
5:00 **Yeyekerte** G (Series)
6:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
6:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
7:00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
7:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
8:00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids)
8:30 **Bizou** G (Kids)
9:00 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids)
9:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
10:00 **Contrary Warrior** PG (Documentary)
11:00 **The Lore Of Love** PG (Documentary)
11:30 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
12:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
12:30 **Crossing The Line** PG (Documentary)
1:30 **More Than Legends** PG (Documentary)
2:30 **The Dreaming G (Entertainment)**
3:00 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
3:30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
4:00 **Grounded** G (Kids)
4:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
5:00 **Move it Mob Style** PG (Kids)
5:30 **NITV News** NC (News)
6:00 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
6:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
7:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
7:30 **Nganampa Anwernekenhe** PG (Doc Series)
8:00 **Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin** PG (Doc)
8:30 **Boomalli - Five Koori Artists** PG (Doc)
9:00 **Homelands** NC (Documentary)
9:30 **Walk Like A Man** PG (Entertainment)
10:30 **Bigfella** PG (Documentary)
11:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
11:30 **Homelands** PG (Documentary)

### THURSDAY 7TH APRIL

12:00 **Roots Music** PG (Entertainment)
1:00 **Queensland Murri Carnival 2011** NC (Sport)
2:00 **NATSIBA 2008** NC (Sport)
3:00 **Ella 7's 2009** NC (Sport)
4:00 **2011 NSW Koori Knockout** NC (Sport)
5:00 **Yeyekerte** G (Series)
6:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
6:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
7:00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
7:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
8:00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids)
8:30 **Bizou** G (Kids)
9:00 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids)
9:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
10:00 **Art From The Heart** PG (Documentary)
11:00 **Not A Willing Participant** PG (Documentary)
11:30 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
12:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
12:30 **Mojo Working** PG (Documentary)
1:00 **Nin's Brother** PG (Documentary)
1:30 **Bran Nue Dae PG (Documentary)**
2:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
3:00 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
3:30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
4:00 **Grounded** G (Kids)
4:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
5:00 **Move it Mob Style** PG (Kids)
5:30 **NITV News** NC (News)
6:00 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
6:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
7:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
7:30 **Barefoot Sports** NC (Sport)
8:30 **Unforgivable Blackness** PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 **Hunting Aotearoa** M (Series)
11:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
11:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)

### FRIDAY 8TH APRIL

12:00 **Barefoot Sports** NC (Sport)
1:00 **Queensland Murri Carnival 2011** NC (Sport)
2:00 **NATSIBA 2008** NC (Sport)
3:00 **Ella 7's 2009** NC (Sport)
4:00 **2011 NSW Koori Knockout** NC (Sport)
5:00 **Yeyekerte** G (Series)
6:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
6:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
7:00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
7:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
8:00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids)
8:30 **Bizou** G (Kids)
9:00 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids)
9:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
10:00 **4 Wheel Dreaming** PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 **Ailain Kores** G (Documentary)
11:30 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
12:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
12:30 **Barefoot Sports** NC (Sport)
1:30 **Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakenin** PG (Doc)
2:00 **My Brother Vinnie** PG (Documentary)
2:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
3:00 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
3:30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
4:00 **Grounded** G (Kids)
4:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
5:00 **Move it Mob Style** PG (Kids)
5:30 **NITV News in Review** NC (News)
6:00 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
6:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
7:00 **NITV News in Review** NC (News)
7:30 **Move it Mob Style** PG (Kids)
8:00 **Message Stick** PG (Documentary)
8:30 **Henare O'Keefe** PG (Documentary)
9:30 **My Uncle Bluey** PG (Documentary)
10:00 **Museum of the World** PG (Doc Series)
11:00 **NITV News in Review** NC (News)
11:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)

### SATURDAY 9TH APRIL

12:00 **Volumz** PG (Entertainment)
6:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
6:30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
7:00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids)
7:30 **Bizou** G (Kids)
8:00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
8:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
9:00 **Yeyekerte** G (Series)
10:00 **Barefoot Sports** NC (Sport)
11:00 **Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)**
11:30 **Dreamtime to Dance** PG (Doc Series)
12:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
12:30 **Indigenous Insight** NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 **Strong In the City** PG (Documentary)
1:30 **More Than Legends** PG (Documentary)
2:30 **Stone Country PG (Documentary)**
3:00 **Rural Health Education** PG (Doc Series)
4:00 **Barefoot Sports** NC (Sport)
5:00 **Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Doc Series)**
5:30 **NITV News** NC (News)
6:00 **Walk Like A Man** PG (Entertainment)
7:00 **The Lore Of Love** PG (Documentary)
7:30 **Samoana** PG (Documentary)
8:30 **Fusion With Casey Donovan** PG (Ent)
9:30 **Mabo: Life of an Island Man** PG (Doc)
11:00 **The Tracker** M (Drama)

### SUNDAY 10TH APRIL

12:30 **Volumz** PG (Entertainment)
6:30 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids)
7:00 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids)
7:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
8:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
8:30 **Bizou** G (Kids)
9:00 **Yeyekerte** G (Kids)
10:00 **Fusion With Casey Donovan** PG (Ent)
11:00 **Cool School Antarctica** PG (Doc Series)
11:30 **Straight Shootin' PG (Documentary Series)**
12:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
12:30 **2011 Lightning Cup** NC (Sport)
5:30 **NITV News** NC (News)
6:00 **Dreaming: The Art of Abor Aust PG (Doc)**
6:30 **Message Stick** PG (Documentary)
7:00 **Mojo Working** PG (Documentary)
7:30 **Going Bush Series 2 PG (Documentary Series)**
8:00 **Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Doc Series)**
8:30 **Of Islands and Men PG (Documentary Series)**
9:30 **Nothing Rhymes with Ngapartji PG (Doc)**
10:30 **Special Treatment** PG (Documentary)
11:30 **Mad Morro** M (Documentary)

### MONDAY 11TH APRIL

12:30 **Footy: The La Perouse Way** PG (Documentary)
1:00 **Queensland Murri Carnival 2011** NC (Sport)
2:00 **NATSIBA 2008** NC (Sport)
3:00 **Ella 7's 2009** NC (Sport)
4:00 **2011 NSW Koori Knockout** NC (Sport)
5:00 **Yeyekerte** G (Series)
6:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
6:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
7:00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
7:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
8:00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids)
8:30 **Bizou** G (Kids)
9:00 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids)
9:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
**10:00 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)**
10:30 **Nothing Rhymes with Ngapartji** PG (Documentary)
11:30 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
12:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
12:30 **My Brothers and Me** PG (Documentary)
1:00 **Global Voice** PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 **Samoana** PG (Documentary)
2:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
3:00 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
3:30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
4:00 **Grounded** G (Kids)
4:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
5:00 **Move it Mob Style** PG (Kids)
5:30 **NITV News** NC (News)
6:00 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
6:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
7:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
**7:30 Larger Than Life PG (Entertainment)**
8:00 **Ravens & Eagles** PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 **Global Voice** PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 **Moose TV** PG (Series)
9:30 **Arctic Hip Hop** PG (Documentary)
10:30 **Pursuing the Flame** PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
11:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)

### TUESDAY 12TH APRIL

12:00 **Roots Music** PG (Entertainment)
1:00 **Queensland Murri Carnival 2011** NC (Sport)
2:00 **NATSIBA 2008** NC (Sport)
3:00 **Ella 7's 2009** NC (Sport)
4:00 **2011 NSW Koori Knockout** NC (Sport)
5:00 **Yeyekerte** G (Series)
6:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
6:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
7:00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
7:30 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
8:00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids)
8:30 **Bizou** G (Kids)
9:00 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids)
9:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
10:00 **Finding Our Talk** PG (Documentary Series)
**10:30 Ken Thaiday Snr PG (Documentary)**
11:30 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
12:00 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
12:30 **Larger Than Life** PG (Entertainment)
1:00 **Global Voice** PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 **Yamaji Man** PG (Documentary)
2:00 **ARTIE: Our Tribute to a Legend** PG (Documentary)
2:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
3:00 **Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
3:30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids)
4:00 **Grounded** G (Kids)
4:30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids)
5:00 **Move it Mob Style** PG (Kids)
5:30 **NITV News** NC (News)
6:00 **Kai Ora** G (Lifestyle)
6:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)
7:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
**7:30 Intervention** PG (Documentary)
8:00 **Rural Health Education** PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 **Living Black** NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 **Indigenous Insight** NC (Current Affairs)
10:00 **Opinion Piece** NC (Current Affairs)
11:00 **NITV News** NC (News)
11:30 **The Dreaming** G (Entertainment)




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The *Endeavour* returns to Sydney.

# Trainees tackle sea challenge

THE Australian National Maritime Museum's replica of Captain Cook's *Endeavour* returned to Sydney on Monday 21 May following a 13-month circumnavigation of Australia.

On *Endeavour*'s voyage, 34 Indigenous Australians joined the ship as part of a program with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Among them were James Clarke, 20, from Darwin, and Myti Wood, who were doing traineeships with Work Boats Northern Australia.

Both men joined *Endeavour* for a 15-day leg from Thursday Island to Darwin.

"The hardest part was being out in the open sea," Mr Wood, 21, said.

"And being isolated from everybody else and not being to hear any news," Mr Clarke added.

"We learnt history on how sailors sailed in the 18th century from England, how to navigate and work with the sails and find the wind; it's a bit different to how we do it now, with our modern vessels."

Mr Wood and Mr Clarke were able to log the hours towards their coxswain's tickets (a marine qualification that allows you to navigate small vessels), which they've both now earned.

The young men learned how to haul heavy sails and climb the 30m mast.

"I'm proud of going out to sea, and the climbing – it can be scary when you're sailing," Mr Wood said. "It got a big rough out there for a few days."

**'It was great going on an 18th Century vessel, it sort of looks like something out of *Pirates of the Caribbean*...'**

Despite being seasick for the first four days, both young men found the mental discipline required for life at sea, where you're constantly living in each other's pockets, and sleeping in hammocks in sweltering heat below deck with no windows.

Mr Wood and Mr Clarke found it challenging to be away from their families but made close friendships with their fellow sailors. *Endeavour* is sailed by a professional crew of 16 and up to 40 paying crew.

After enjoying their time at sea, Mr Wood and Mr Clarke were relieved to get back on more familiar turf.

"It was great going on an 18th Century vessel, it sort of looks like something out of (hit movie) *Pirates of the Caribbean*; I'd been watching the movies and wondering about the boats and I finally got to sail on one," Mr Clarke said.

Both men plan to study further and are aiming towards getting their Master Boat licences.

"I feel a bit relieved to finally get my coxswain's ticket. I found the studying quite hard," Mr Clarke said.

"I do feel it's a good achievement and I hope to do my Master Pilot's licence, I want to keep my career going."

Wr Wood said: "I just love being out on the water."

*Endeavour's* circumnavigation of Australia saw it visit 18 ports, travel more than 13,300 nautical miles and welcome more than 75,000 visitors and school children on board. ***– with AAP***



**James Clarke gets to grips with the rigging on the *Endeavour*.**



**Myti Wood, who spent 15 days sailing on the *Endeavour*.**

# Got Slim Dusty memorabilia?

GOT a favourite memory or photograph of country music great the late Slim Dusty?

If you have, the Slim Dusty Foundation is keen to hear from you.

Wednesday, 13 June, marks Slim's birthday and the foundation says this year's anniversary will be the inaugural Slim Dusty Day – a celebration of the life and times of Slim Dusty.

Organisers are inviting people to share their memories and submit items.

But the deadline is very close – this Friday, 1 June.

Selected submissions will be displayed at the Slim Dusty Centre in Kempsey, NSW, and may be used for media publication and promotion through the Slim Dusty Centre website.

Submissions must be sent to the Slim Dusty Foundation, PO Box 70, Kempsey, NSW, 2440, or by email to kathryn.yarnold@slimdustycentre.com.au

Telephone inquiries and more information is available on (02) 6562 6533 or freecall 1800 18SLIM.

# Territory miner faces charges

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THE Northern Territory Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) has amended the charges against OM Mining in the Darwin Magistrates Court to four counts of 'desecration' and seven counts of 'damage' to an Aboriginal sacred site.

The charges relate to operations at the Bootu Creek manganese mine, 170km north of Tennant Creek, which has operated since 2005.

The AAPA alleges that mining around and adjacent to the sacred site – known to its Aboriginal custodians as 'Two Women Sitting Down'' – has led to desecration and considerable damage, contrary to the *Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989.*

Speaking outside the court on 17 May, AAPA chief executive Dr Ben Scambary said it was a central role of the authority to protect Aboriginal sacred sites and to prosecute those companies or individuals who may have damaged or desecrated them.

He said that AAPA had great faith in the court process to achieve a resolution of this matter.

It is understood there has never been a successful prosecution of desecration of an Aboriginal sacred site made under Australian law.

# IP workshops across nation

INDIGENOUS lawyer Terri Janke is set to continue her series of workshops on Intellectual Property (IP) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in business.

Ms Janke, the current NAIDOC Person of the Year, is planning ten workshops in ten cities on the topic 'Looking Out For Business: An Introduction to Intellectual Property (IP) Management Plans for Indigenous Enterprise'.

The first workshop, in Brisbane this month, attracted 25 people.

Other workshops will be in Cairns (5 June), Rockhampton (6 June), Sydney (31 July), Perth (21 August), Broome (22 August) and then Darwin, Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart.

The workshops are free to Indigenous people. Prior registration is essential, as places will be limited. For details and to register, go to www.terrijanke.com.au or phone (02) 9693 2577.

# Ballina centre a step nearer



Local reference group chairperson Lenkunyar Roberts-Hickling, Bev Stoch from the Department of Family and Community Services, Veronica Williams and Bunjum CEO Nita Roberts with local Aboriginal people who have been campaigning for a new Aboriginal child and family centre at Porter Park, Ballina.

By RUDI MAXWELL

MEMBERS of the Aboriginal community in Ballina, northern NSW, were celebrating last week after the local council approved a lease of land in the seaside town's Porter Park for a new Aboriginal child and family centre.

The Federal Government had committed $2.5 million to build the centre, but a site had to be found. After public consultation and input from a local reference group, Ballina Shire Council reclassified land at Porter Park from sporting to general community, drawing the ire of some residents.

Reference group member Veronica Williams said it was a big relief that the council had signed off on the lease.

"This is about our jarjums (children) and giving them a service they need," she said.

"This will lead to better health and education and hopefully lead to better statistics as we do our part in the community to tackle these problems."

The centre will focus on providing support for families with Aboriginal babies and children aged under five and will also support non-Aboriginal children from a low socio-economic status.

It will focus on child care and other child and family support, in particular maternal and child health services, parenting groups and early literacy programs.

Reference group chair Lenkunyar Roberts-Hickling said she was just happy the council had approved the lease.

## 'Struggle'

"It's been going on for a long time and it's been a struggle," she said.

"I hope the wider community now embraces the centre and sees it as not just good for Indigenous children, but also for non-Indigenous children too."

Bev Stoch, from the Department of Family and Community Services, said it was a great decision for the whole of the Ballina community because the centre would provide jobs, build infrastructure and provide great opportunities for local families.

During a lengthy consultation process that included public meetings, a public inquiry and a review by an independent consultant, there was at times disagreement within the Aboriginal community and inflammatory and vitriolic comments made by sections of the broader community.

Bunjum Aboriginal Co-operative will be in charge of running the family centre, and CEO Nita Roberts said the council approval marked a great day for the Aboriginal community, children and families.

"This now gives us the opportunity to move forward as a community and I'm very happy that the process means we'll be able to move closer to meeting the service needs for families," she said.

Final approval for the centre now goes to NSW Local Government Minister Don Page, who is also the Ballina MP.


Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

**REQUEST FOR TENDER**

**for**

**DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES - EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICE 2013–2018**

Current Disability Employment Services - Employment Support Service contracts are scheduled to expire on 3 March 2013.

DES commenced on 1 March 2010, replacing the previous Disability Employment Network and Vocational Rehabilitation Services. There are two separate programs within DES. These are:

- Disability Management Service **(DES-DMS)** – for job seekers with disability, injury or health condition who require the assistance of a disability employment service but are not expected to need long-term support in the workplace, and
- Employment Support Service **(DES-ESS)** – for job seekers with permanent disability and with an assessed need for more long-term, regular support in the workplace.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is undertaking a competitive tender process to appoint suitable providers for the Disability Employment Services Employment Support Service 2013–2018.

A Request for Tender (RFT) will be released on Thursday 31 May 2012. RFT documentation can only be obtained from the AusTender website at **www.tenders.gov.au. You must register on AusTender for access to this documentation**.

The closing date and time for the submission of tenders is **5.30 pm Canberra time**, Tuesday 10 July 2012.

To support the release of the RFT, information sessions will be conducted from 4 June 2012 in Canberra and state capital cities, with the exception of Darwin and Hobart, and selected regional centres. These include Newcastle, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Bendigo, Launceston, Gold Coast, Cairns and Townsville. There will also be two information sessions conducted through web conferencing facilities. For further information regarding specific venues, dates and times and to register your attendance, please contact the Employment Services Purchasing Hotline on 1300 733 514.

Enquiries regarding the RFT should be directed to the Employment Services Purchasing Hotline on 1300 733 514 between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm (Canberra time) Monday to Friday or via email to **espurchasing@deewr.gov.au**. Visit **www.deewr.gov.au/esprocurement** for more information.

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**Heritage Act, 1977**

**Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register**

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of:

**La Perouse Mission Church, 46 Adina Avenue, La Perouse**

on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place. Please post written information to the address below until 25 June 2012.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing

If you have any questions please phone Tanya Koeneman, Aboriginal Heritage Officer, on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9873 8534 or tanya.koeneman@heritage.nsw.gov.au

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Information regarding the Working on Country program is available at **www.environment.gov.au/indigenous/workingoncountry**

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Amata Elder and senior cultural custodian Mary Pan instructs youngsters Malcolm, Gareth, Otis and Jamie on the finer points of inma. *Photos courtesy Finton Mahony/Carclew Youth Arts*

# Inma project is paying off

SA

A PROJECT designed to save the Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara languages and community stories from dying out is reaching fruition.

Adelaide-based organisation Carclew Youth Arts has had a leading role in the campaign to teach and record Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara 'inma' – traditional ceremonies told through community stories and dances.

Carclew staff have been working with Pitjantjatjara communities on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands and the Maralinga Tjarutja Lands to create a DVD and book of key inma.

The project, called Tjitji Tjutaku Inma (loosely translated as 'Children's Ceremony'), involves 11 Pitjantjatjara communities and about 500 Indigenous school students

"About six or seven years ago Pitjantjatjara Elders developed the project idea because of their concerns their stories were in jeopardy," said Carclew community program manager Lee-Ann Buckskin, who has played a major role in the project.

"For example, faced with modern cultural pressures, fewer Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara children were learning the Anangu language and without the language you can't learn the inma."

Carclew is working with the Pitjantjatjara to help retain the traditional languages and inma in Indigenous communities and at the same time provide skills training for young Indigenous participants.



**Members of the Carclew Youth Arts team record senior cultural custodians from Ernabella explaining to students from the Ernabella Anangu school the significance of ochre and its importance for walka (body design) in preparation for inma (ceremony).**

## Ground up

"This is very much a community-driven project which has evolved from the ground up," Ms Buckskin said.

"Carclew was approached by the Anangu community to manage the project and to actively capture the stories and ceremonies.

"The Elders from each community selected community custodians – individuals who have the status and knowledge to teach the inma.

"In a concerted effort, that teaching is now taking place in traditional settings. The language and stories are being passed on to children and young people and we're recording that."

Ms Buckskin said the teaching effort was being supported by the SA Government education system, at schools in the communities and Adelaide. Children are being encouraged to talk to their family members about the stories, so the whole community is involved.

The children will soon perform the inma, with Carclew recording the entire experience.

"Inma are elaborate; they involve the story, the language, the dance, the body paint and all the associated ceremonies," Ms Buckskin said.

"The Elders and cultural custodians are absolutely in charge of what happens. These stories are theirs."

As part of the project, young people aged 16-25 will be employed to help run the project and provide translations for the DVD and book. A further 30 students from across the 11 participating communities are recording and reporting on the project, acting as on-site translators and interacting with the Elders.

The project is funded through Federal Government Closing the Gap, Remote Service Delivery and Indigenous Language Support programs.

"By teaching the inma, the Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara communities are saving their stories and their language from extinction," Ms Buckskin said.

"This is a truly wonderful project to be involved with."


Government of South Australia

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# Torres Strait statesman George Mye farewelled

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**MOURNERS have paid tribute to Torres Strait Islander Elder George Mye at a funeral service on Darnley Island.**

**A life-long friend of land rights campaigner Eddie Mabo, Mr Mye died of pneumonia last month, aged 85.**

**A former chairman of Darnley Island and widely respected Elder of the region, Mr Mye was central in the push for the Torres Strait Islands to be allowed to secede from Queensland.**

**His push for autonomy eventually led to the formation of the Torres Strait Regional Authority in 1994.**

**Federal MP Warren Entsch attended the 16 May service on behalf of the Federal and Queensland governments.**

**Queensland Premier Campbell Newman was unable to attend the funeral because of clashes with State Parliament, but sent a letter to Mr Mye's family and a wreath for the service.**

**Mr Mye's death came just six weeks before the 20th anniversary of the High Court's Mabo judgment overturning the legal fiction of 'tera nullius', a major milestone in the fight for native title. – *AAP***

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

BREACH

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations in breach

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations listed below have not lodged their 2010–11 reports with the Registrar. This means they are in breach of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* or related legislation. Reports are due by the end of December each year.

Failure to comply may result in the deregistration or prosecution of the corporation.

Please contact 1800 622 431 if you need help with your reports or if you believe the corporation has already lodged its 2010–11 reports.

**Anthony Beven, Registrar of Indigenous Corporations**

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| 4230 | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation Gold and Gloves Sports & Recreation Club |
| 1900 | Aboriginal Corporation of Employment and Training Development |
| 2334 | Akwerrnge Aboriginal Corporation |
| 2065 | Amangarra Aboriginal Corporation |
| 3529 | Amawurra Aboriginal Corporation |
| 308 | Ang-Gnarra Aboriginal Corporation of Laura |
| 535 | Anhelke Aboriginal Corporation |
| 1179 | Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation |
| 2742 | Beetaloo Aboriginal Corporation |
| 3738 | Belang Aboriginal Corporation |
| 593 | Burringurrah Community Aboriginal Corporation |
| 7292 | Burrumburru Aboriginal Corporation |
| 7105 | Buurabalayji Thalanyji Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC |
| 7226 | Capital Development Aboriginal Corporation |
| 3381 | Carnarvon Community Patrol Aboriginal Corporation |
| 7282 | Cassowary Coast Sporting for Youth Indigenous Corporation |
| 3336 | Collie Aboriginal Corporation |
| 7428 | Coral's Retreat Aboriginal Corporation |
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| 1503 | Jardamu Womens Group Aboriginal Corporation |
| 162 | Jarra Jarra Aboriginal Corporation |
| 4577 | Jaycos Beach Aboriginal Corporation |
| 1826 | Jena Boran Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation |
| 7208 | Jerrboongun Indigenous Corporation |
| 4698 | Jinna Nudpi Aboriginal Corporation for Arts |
| 7373 | Kakadu Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation |
| 472 | Kaltjiti Community (Aboriginal Corporation) |
| 3277 | Kempsey Koori Artists Aboriginal Corporation |
| 2646 | Kewulyi Aboriginal Corporation |
| 4260 | Kokatha Lands Council Aboriginal Corporation |
| 419 | "Kootana" Women's Centre Palm Island Aboriginal Corporation |
| 413 | Kupungarri Aboriginal Corporation |
| 2636 | Kurripi Aboriginal Corporation |
| 7436 | Kurtjar Economic Development Aboriginal Corporation |
| 7060 | Lall Bay Puran Aboriginal Corporation |
| 4681 | Lander River Aboriginal Corporation |
| 1649 | MAAMBA Aboriginal Corporation |
| 1197 | Mac Silva Centre Aboriginal Corporation |
| 2261 | Mackay Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation for Alternative Care and Foster Care Services |
| 4290 | Manbarra Nanggarra Wanggarra Aboriginal Corporation |
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| 54 | Mount Morgan Aboriginal Corporation |
| 2507 | Mrangalli Aboriginal Corporation |
| 4773 | Muluuri Aboriginal Corporation |
| 3080 | Mungalimba Aboriginal Corporation |
| 7101 | Mura Mabai Ghauw Buai Torres Strait Islander Corporation |
| 2013 | Murwangi Community Aboriginal Corporation |
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| 2727 | Puyurru Aboriginal Corporation |
| 1511 | Six Rivers Aboriginal Corporation |
| 4150 | Tanami Mine Affected Area Aboriginal Corporation |
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| 3324 | Thalngarr Ngarriny Aboriginal Corporation |
| 524 | Thangkenharenge Aboriginal Corporation |
| 442 | The Arrernte Council of Central Australia Aboriginal Corporation |
| 467 | The Gooddo Aboriginal Corporation for Day Care |
| 1282 | The Health Worker Aboriginal Corporation |
| 4428 | The Malana Group Aboriginal Corporation |
| 3101 | The South Coast Indigenous Aboriginal Corporation |
| 537 | Tnorala Aboriginal Corporation |
| 4404 | Townsville Thuringowa Region Indigenous Men's Aboriginal Corporation |
| 728 | Ulbulla Aboriginal Corporation |
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| 7241 | Walbunja Aboriginal Corporation |
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| 4696 | Wanjahnin Women's Aboriginal Corporation |
| 2972 | Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation |
| 825 | Werne Ngal Karan Aboriginal Corporation |
| 319 | Western Desert Puntukurnuparna Aboriginal Corporation |
| 229 | Williejuddara Aboriginal Corporation |
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| 822 | Winjan Aboriginal Corporation Mandurah |
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| 7329 | Wurdagulli Goolingnae Indigenous Corporation |
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| 3545 | Yuyung Nyannung Aboriginal Corporation |

See **www.oric.gov.au** for an up-to-date list.

This list was last updated on 23 May 2012.

# Council praises 'modest' Budget

WA

THE Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS) has welcomed the latest State Budget, describing it as modest but with some important forward-looking initiatives.

On 17 May, WA Treasurer Christian Porter promised a $484 million operating surplus for 2011-12, a $196 million surplus for 2012-13, and the establishment of a $1 billion WA Future Fund for future generations to benefit from the finite mineral resources of WA.

Specific Indigenous measures included a $7.5 million program to 'turn Aboriginal men away from crime', $1.2 million to continue 13 Aboriginal community patrols across WA, and payroll tax relief for businesses for the first two years of employing an Indigenous or disabled employee.

'Live Works', run by non-government organisation Outcare, is a training and rehabilitation strategy designed to keep young Aboriginal men out of prison and improve their job prospects. Corrective Services Minister Terry Redman said the program, allocated $7.5 million in the Budget, was to help rehabilitate young Indigenous male offenders.



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"Live Works aims to reduce the number of Aboriginal people in the justice system by placing participants in traineeships, apprenticeships and other employment," Mr Redman said.

"The program will be delivered in three high-demand locations – Swan, Armadale and Kwinana – and administered from the Department of Corrective Services' Riverbank site in Caversham."

Additional funding for patrols in Aboriginal communities will cover patroller positions, extensions to current patrol hours, the replacement of ageing vehicles, the purchase of safety equipment and training to ensure patrols continue to meet community needs.

From 1 July, businesses with an Australia-wide annual group payroll of up to $15 million will be eligible for a rebate of 100 per cent of the payroll tax they pay on wages in the first two years of employment of new Indigenous employees for whom they also receive a Commonwealth Indigenous Wage Subsidy.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier said Aboriginal people remained among the most severely disadvantaged groups in the labour market, and the rebate would help improve their employment opportunities.

The rebate is expected to cost about $1 million over the four-year budget period, with employers saving about $3800 for each new Indigenous employee.

The Government also pledged an injection of $130 million over the next two years to fund the construction of 433 homes for some of the most vulnerable families and individuals in WA.

Housing Minister Troy Buswell said $120 million had also been allocated over four years for maintenance of essential services under the Remote Area Essential Services Program.

An additional $26 million has also been provided in the Budget over four years for the provision of housing and support services to clients of the Mental Health Commission, Disability Services Commission, and Drug and Alcohol Office.

In addition, $6 million over four years will be spent on the cost of operating and maintaining swimming pools in Fitzroy Crossing and five remote Aboriginal communities – Bidyadanga, Burringurrah, Jigalong, Warmun and Yandeyarra.

WACOSS welcomed a Budget commitment of $58.5 million over four years to provide 100 new child health nurses and $29 million for the establishment of ten child and parent centres located in public primary schools in vulnerable communities.

The council also highlighted joint Budget initiatives to increase affordable housing, through $450 million invested towards properties for the Shared Start scheme, and the $130 million for the construction of social housing.

Council CEO Irina Cattalini said the $1 billion State Future Fund was a responsible and forward-looking decision.



Robyn Milera, and Russell Milera, brother of Derek Bromley.

# Concern at prison proposal

By ELIZABETH MURRAY

SA

A LEGISLATIVE amendment set to impact on South Australian prisoners and their families has stalled, with politicians deadlocked over the planned changes.

The *Corrective Services Act Amendment Bill 2011* will tighten visiting conditions in South Australian prisons.

Shadow Attorney-General Stephen Wade said he was concerned at the impact that some parts of the legislation would have on Indigenous visitors to prisons.

"We sought reassurances from the Minister that these laws were not going to be used to discriminate against cultural minorities," Mr Wade said.

"We are keen that these powers do not unreasonably restrict visitors from seeing their loved ones.

"The Liberal Party is proposing several amendments in the Bill to ensure that lawyers can represent their inmate clients unhindered, and that there will be greater transparency in the reasons provided for parole decisions."

While authorities in other states have to supply a statement of reasons for refusing parole, it is not required in SA.

Mr Wade said this was one area where the Liberal Party was hoping to bring SA into line with transparency measures in other states.

The Milera family have experienced years of frustration with the parole judgments in relation to the indefinite imprisonment of family member Derek Bromley.

Although Mr Bromley was convicted of murder in 1985, independent SA legal experts have long contended prosecution evidence contained serious forensic flaws.

Mr Milera completed his sentence in 2008 but has been consistently refused parole.

His sister-in-law Robyn Milera said she felt Mr Milera's notoriety for helping in the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) and fighting for better rights for Indigenous inmates had stigmatised him before authorities.

Ms Milera said the proposed obligation for the Governor to explain reasons for rejecting parole recommendations would be a positive for her brother-in-law.

She said she believed the SA Government would be reluctant to embrace this amendment for fear that it would result in court action by those refused parole.

But the judicial system 'is supposed to be there to make sure that people's rights are protected from abuses of power', she said.

"At the moment, our situation is that the Parole Board has adjourned Derek's parole hearing twice and is not making a decision," Mr Milera said.

"This Government intends for lifers to stay in jail."

One amendment in the Bill – already rejected – would have seen police officers empowered to re-imprison parolees at police discretion if they felt the parolee posed a threat to public safety.

However, the amendment was abandoned after a police submission said such a move would be unworkable.

## Issue

Under the Bill, newly-released prisoners have to wait 12 months before they can return to visit an inmate, potentially an issue for some Aboriginal families.

The Bill also seeks to clamp down on visitor identification. Historically, some in the Aboriginal community have not had proper identification.

The submission also raised concerns over the provision for Corrective Services officers to carry prescribed weapons, and to permit the use of prison dogs to restrain prisoners.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) chief executive officer Cheryl Axelby said that while some parts of the Bill offered improvement, other parts could have an adverse impact for Aboriginal inmates and their families.

She said the proposed amendments to the Correctional Services Act were likely to increase rather than decrease the rate of imprisonment for Aboriginal people.

"What's needed are amendments which did not put parolees in prison for merely technical breaches of parole," she said.


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# The Long Walk 2012




Long Walkers gets ready to head to the MCG.



Flag-bearer Lee Morgan running barefoot across the MCG turf behind Gilbert Douglas.



Greg Fryer with the Torres Strait Islander flag.



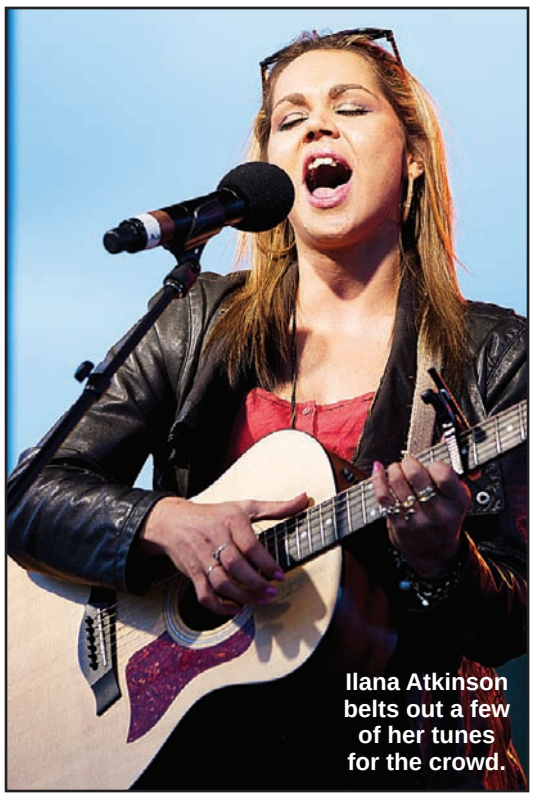
Eva Jo-Edwards, Russell Smith and Zoe Upton caught up.



Singer-songwriter and guitarist Lee Morgan with co-ceremony flag-bearer actor Greg Fryer prepare for the opening. That's them pictured above on the MCG before the game.




Michael Long during the walk. At left is Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion.



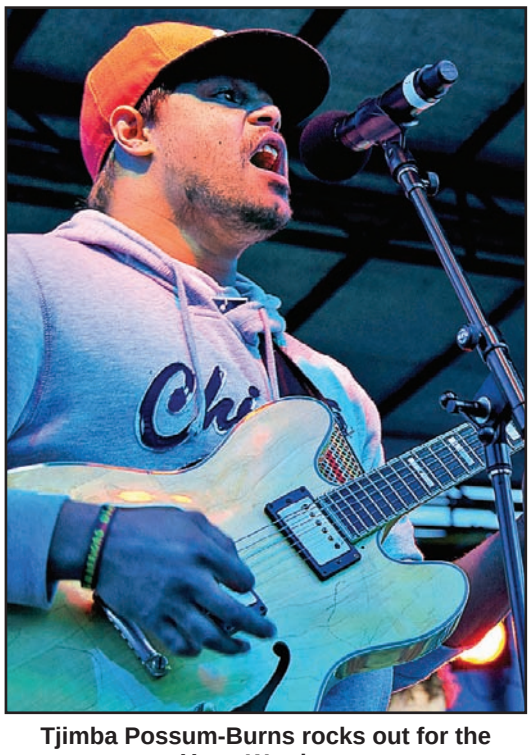
Ilana Atkinson belts out a few of her tunes for the crowd.



Dan Sultan and Shane Howard get ready to perform the 30th anniversary of Howard's hit song *Solid Rock.*



Tim Kanoa ready to cheer on the Bombers.



Tjimba Possum-Burns rocks out for the Yung Warriors.

# Walking the walk

**Photos by JAMES HENRY**

VIC

IT started back in 2004 when AFL legend Michael Long decided he had to take a long walk from Melbourne to Canberra to highlight disadvantage and get the lives of Indigenous people back on the national agenda.

That trek inspired tens of thouands of Australians, and its spirit was as strong as ever on 19 May when a crowd took part in this year's The Long Walk from Birrarung Marr in Melbourne's city centre to the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the annual 'Dreamtime at the G' AFL clash between Richmond and Essendon.

If you're a Richmond fan then bad luck, because competition pacesetters the Bombers survived a final-quarter scare to win 19.14 (128) to 15.19 (109) in front of more than 80,000 footy fans.

Speaking before the game, a delighted Michael Long praised the Australian public 'for embracing Aboriginal Australia'.

"The Long Walk celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievement," he said.

"When we first walked to Canberra we asked the Prime Minister 'Where is the Love for Aboriginal people?' Well, the love is here tonight.

"Keep walking with us."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin praised the event. "The Long Walk and Dreamtime at the G are now annual events which celebrate the wonderful contribution that Indigenous people make to this country, both on and off the field," she said.

Shadow Indigeous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, who joined the walk this year, was also effusive.

"I congratulate Michael for his leadership and The Long Walk organisers for providing an opportunity for Australians to demonstrate their support to closing the gap," Senator Scullion said.

And The Long Walk project manager Kim Kruger also thanked the community for its support.

It wasn't all just football, with a community celebration held in the lead-up to the walk and the game. There was entertainment from Indigenous bands, children's activities, stalls and more at Federation Square.

The entertainment at the 'G' was impressive as well, with performances by top acts Shane Howard, Dan Sultan, Amy Saunders, Emma Donovan, William Barton, Bart Willoughby and Tjimba Possum-Burns.

The pre-match entertainment included the creation story of Boorimul and Gurook from the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, using dance, puppetry and lighting.

Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Joy Murphy Wandin gave a welcome to country.

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Bombers mascot Skeeta lends some inspiration to a young fan.



Black Elvis (Gnarnayarrahe Waitairie) was one of the performers.

# The Long Walk 2012



Young people proud to be part of the walk.



Echuca boy Benny Walker on stage.



Rapper D-Boy on stage.




For these participants, The Long Walk was an opportunity to focus attention on the planned extension of the NT intervention.



Members of the Nova Peris Girls' Academy at the walk.



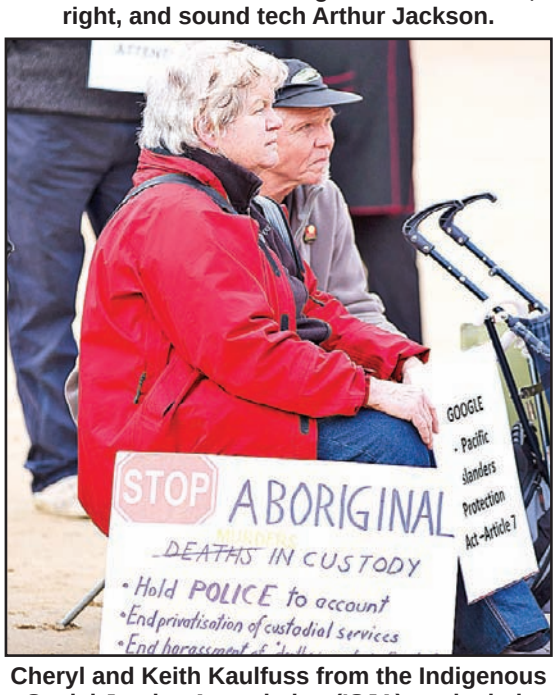

3KND's new station manager Peter Rotumah, right, and sound tech Arthur Jackson.



Reconciliation Victoria made recognition their target in this handball contest.



Aunty Di Kerr gave a welcome to country.




Cheryl and Keith Kaulfuss from the Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) made their views plain.



Victorian police showed their support of The Long Walk.



The Richmond Tigers mascot at the walk.

# The Long Walk 2012




Marching proud ... Long Walk leaders showing the 80,000 MCG fans what they're there for. *All photos by James Henry*



Guitar wizard Elija with Michael Long.



Leila Gurruwiwi and Shelley Ware of the *Marngrook Footy Show.*



Comedian Sean Choolburra had the crowd laughing all day.



Dan Sultan and Aunty Joy Murphy Wandin on their way to the stage in modern and traditional dress.



Aboriginal performers during ceremonies on the MCG.



Young Melbourne fellas kicking back and enjoying the day.



In the shadow of giants ... Long Walkers making use of the grass on the riverside in Melbourne.



Large puppets representing the spirits on the MCG with young Aboriginal dancers.



# Walkers turn out in Darwin



● Above: Long Walkers get ready in Darwin.
● This photo: Rob Mills, in red shirt, leads The Long Walk participants at TIO Stadium in Darwin.

NT

WHILE a crowd gathered to be part of The Long Walk in Melbourne, many also came together in Darwin for the Top End's own Long Walk.

The Darwin walk finished at TIO Stadium ahead of the AFL fixture between the Western Bulldogs and the Gold Coast Suns. Guests at the walk included Olympian Nova Peris and singer-songwriter Shelley Morris. And the *Marngrook Footy Show's* Leila Gurruwiwi, originally from Elcho Island and Gove in north-east Arnhem Land, also was on hand.



**Michael Long, Catherine Freeman and Nova Peris at Walk the Talk at Korin Gamadgi Institute on Friday 18 May.** ***Photo by KIM KRUGER***

# Walking the talk

VIC

FORMER Olympians Catherine Freeman and Nova Peris joined Michael Long at a presentation of Walk the Talk, The Long Walk's education program on Friday 18 May.

Walk the Talk tells the story of Michael Long's historic walk to Canberra as a way to inspire students to think about how they can create change as individuals.

Students from Palm Island and Darwin attended the program during their visit to Melbourne for Dreamtime Week, which was organised by the Catherine Freeman Foundation and the Nova Peris Girls' Academy. They were treated to an impromptu motivational speech from champions Peris, Freeman and Long.

The message: "We came from the same place as you and had to work hard to achieve what we did. But we did it, so anything is possible for you."

More info about walk the talk is at: http://www.thelongwalk.com.au/Programs/Walk-the-Talk

# Top reward for Palm students

QLD

EIGHT young Palm Islanders have enjoyed a trip to Melbourne – including a walk on the hallowed Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

The Year Seven students were taking part in an educational and cultural tour organised by the Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF).

All eight were being rewarded as part of the CFF Horizons Program, which awards interstate experiences and excursions to students based on merit, attitude and a demonstrated desire to achieve.

"Recognising and rewarding Indigenous achievement is key to creating positive educational outcomes," says CFF founder/director and former Olympian Cathy Freeman.

"We hope the kids go back home, not only full of energy and excitement, but inspired to move forward strongly with their education."

Accompanying the students was principal of Palm Island's St Michael's Catholic School Gary Recklies.



**Cathy Freeman with her young charges from Palm Island. Back, from left, Ernestine Lacey, Kelvin Castors, Shaylan Haines and Moira Murray. Front, from left, George James, Luke James, Cathy Freeman, Sarkeitha Williams and Penny Roberts-Lennoy.**

"The CFF Horizons Program offers great incentives for our students to further engage in school and improve on their literacy and behaviour," he said.

Fewer than 10 per cent of students on Palm Island, one of Australia's largest remote Indigenous communities, graduate from secondary school.

"We believe these programs will assist in student retention at school by providing students with opportunities to participate in activities that broaden their understanding of the world," Mr Recklies said.

The CFF Horizons Program is funded by global financial institution Credit Suisse, which also provided volunteers to assist and participate in some of the activities with the children.

# Triple j looks to unearth talent

RADIO station triple j is looking for unsigned Indigenous musicians to upload their tracks to triplejunearthed.com – and one act will be chosen to perform at the National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMAs) in Darwin on 11 August.

The winner from the NIMAs triple j Unearthed competition will be flown to Darwin from anywhere in Australia, receive two nights' accommodation and their song will be promoted on triple j Unearthed digital radio and on triple j.

Triple j Unearthed (a nationwide competition for unsigned musicians) executive producer Stephanie Carrick encouraged Indigenous acts to upload their music.

"Not only could they find themselves playing at the NIMAs, but by being part of Unearthed all artists will have the possibility of airplay on our digital radio station and on triple j," she said.

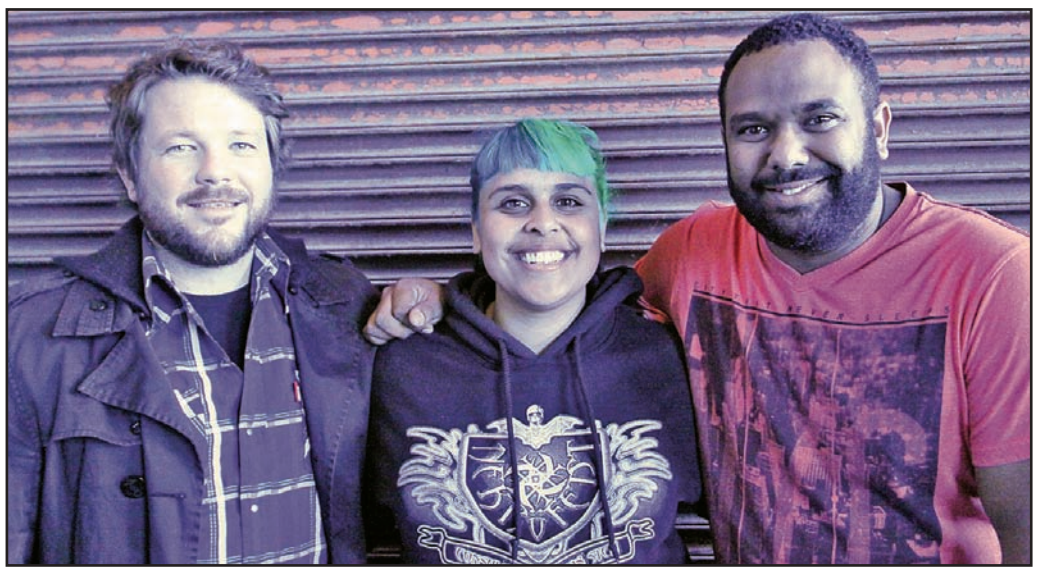
MusicNT manager Mark Smith said the partnership between triple j Unearthed and the NIMAs was a 'significant moment in Indigenous music'.

"I cannot thank enough all the Indigenous radio stations and media in general who have tirelessly supported and promoted Indigenous artists for decades, giving them airtime, accolades and, importantly, recognition and encouragement," he said.

"Without this support we would not be here today. This initiative is a pivotal point in the journey of Indigenous music."

While the rest of the line-up is yet to be announced, The Medics (Qld) and multi-award winning Yabu Band (WA) are performing at this year's NIMAs concert, along with NIMA New Talent of the Year 2011 Rrawun Maymuru (NT) with his band East Journey.

Nominations are open for the NIMAs at www.nima.musicnt.com.au



**Tom Busby and Rhianna Patrick from ABC's *Speaking Out* with Jeremy Marou.**

# ParIt fires a hot topic

THE lighting of ceremonial fires outside Parliament House will continue to be allowed, despite an outcry over the burning of an Australian flag.

Aboriginal activists marched on Parliament on the day after Australia Day to deliver a petition calling for Indigenous sovereignty, and an Australian flag was burned by some of the activists. The march followed an angry crowd on Australia Day marching on a restaurant, which led to Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Opposition Leader Tony Abbott being rushed by police out of the function they were attending there.

The fire had been authorised by senior parliamentary official, Usher of the Black Rod Brien Hallett under rules that allowed fires with officials' approval.

Liberal senator Scott Ryan asked parliamentary officials at a Senate estimates hearing last Monday whether any new processes or policies had been put in place following the flag burning.

## Security

Mr Hallett said the Parliament's security management board had considered the matter and had discussions with the Australian Federal Police.

But while everyone considered it to have been a 'very difficult situation' and no-one wanted a repeat of the event, the policy of approving fires had not changed.

"These things will always be difficult," Mr Hallett said.

"The Sergeant (At Arms) and I will always act on the advice of the police – they are the people on the ground ... (and) a difficult situation was handled as best as it could."

Senator Ryan said many Australians were upset over the event.

"Just because it's not illegal doesn't mean we should allow it in the parliamentary precinct," Senator Ryan said.

Mr Hallett said there had been some lessons learned.

"If it's a fire, my inclination next time would be to say no, to be frank," he said.

"But I did genuinely believe that (allowing the fire) would have helped defuse the difficult situation because of the critical events on the day or two before." ***– AAP***


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Participation fees are fully covered for the 12 week assignments. No previous experience is required; however a demonstrated level of cross-cultural awareness, self-motivation and adaptability will be looked favourably upon.
**Applications close Wednesday 13 June, 2012.**

The project will be facilitated and run by experienced volunteer sending agency Australian Volunteers International, in partnership with Volunteering SA & NT and their Aboriginal Reference Group and the Oodnadatta community.

**To read more about the scholarships and how to apply visit:**
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# Reconciliation plan for zoo

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SYDNEY'S Taronga Zoo now has a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Five months in the making, the RAP – launched with a smoking ceremony and bush lunch at the zoo in Mosman – has been welcomed by Taronga director Cameron Kerr.

"Based on our broad range of Aboriginal programs from education to training, we are very pleased to have our own RAP," he said.

"The plan is based on years of effort to acknowledge the Indigenous inhabitants and the contribution they made in developing a strong connection and respect for Australian animals, the principles of sustainability and conservation.

## Great work

"Since we announced its commencement in November last year, there's been great work from the team here at Taronga, including Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff and external participants."

The RAP launch included a tour of the platypus pools exhibit featuring Australian wildlife and Aboriginal artworks created around the Wollemi Pine, the tree thought to be extinct until it was re-discovered in the Wollemi National Park, north-west of Sydney.

"The creation of the exhibit was one of our early successes in bringing Indigenous culture to the forefront of our animal presentations, with hand print art featured prominently along the path through the exhibit," Mr Kerr said.

"We worked with Aboriginal groups which had ties to the Wollemi area to achieve this and the exhibit was also where Taronga became only the second zoo in Australia to breed the platypus."

Launch speakers included Nardi Simpson, who has led the operation and establishment of the Burbangana and Walanmarra Indigenous awareness programs with the NSW Department of Human Services in which young Aboriginal people are referred to Taronga from Community Services to join the program for 12 weeks.

Burbangana is a Dharug word in the Sydney language meaning 'take my hand and help me up' and aims to reawaken the spirit of belonging in its young people, reconnecting and strengthening them with their Aboriginal culture.



**From left, Royal Botanic Gardens education manager Clarence Slockee, Taronga Zoo visitor interpretations officer Cath Renwick, Aboriginal education officer Natasha Mooney and Taronga director and CEO Cameron Kerr at the zoo's RAP launch last week.**


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# Reef groups get Federal grants

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TRADITIONAL owner groups on the Great Barrier Reef have received funding under the Federal Government's Caring for our Country Reef Rescue Land and Sea Country Indigenous Partnerships Program.

Environment Minister Tony Burke said the grants would allow the groups to protect the cultural and natural heritage values and biodiversity of the Great Barrier Reef.

"The successful grant recipients have a strong focus on effective sea country management including species conservation, compliance, and developing management plans," he said.

"Traditional owners will also be involved in recording traditional ecological knowledge, research and monitoring and educating junior reef ambassadors to protect the marine environment.

"There is also a project to rehabilitate wetlands through training and work experience to increase technical skills of a traditional owner group.

"These are all excellent projects that will achieve good environmental outcomes for the Great Barrier Reef and good outcomes for the traditional owner groups that are involved."

Grant recipients were:

- Gudjudu Reference Group Aboriginal Corporation, $55,000 for rehabilitating the lower Burdekin wetlands to preserve the cultural and spiritual values of coastal wetlands for Juru people.
- Northern Skills Alliance, $55,000 for the Gimuy Yidinji people to take a more involved approach to monitoring their sea country by participating in monitoring programs such as Seagrass Watch and being involved with research through universities such as James Cook University.
- Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, $55,000 for investigating and documenting Eastern Kuku Yalanji traditional owner sea country planning and management aspirations.
- Girringun Aboriginal Corporation, $51,205 for a Sea Country Knowledge Forum which will form part of the Girringun Indigenous Rangers Conference in September 2012.
- Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation, $54,659 for a team of young people from Weary Bay to become Junior Reef Ambassadors – young sea country people with skills in reef science, sea country culture and communications.
- Yintjingga Aboriginal Corporation, $37,752 for vessel maintenance, buying safety equipment and coxswain licensing to enable the Lama Lama Rangers to patrol their sea country as part of the continued development of the Lama Lama Sea Country Management Program in Princess Charlotte Bay.
- Koinmerburra Aboriginal Corporation, $45,290 for developing a Sea Country Management Plan to address issues such as turtle and dugong management and compliance issues, biodiversity and cultural mapping of country.
- Yuku Baja-Muliku Landowner and Reserve, $54,171 for Yuku-Baja-Muliku marine training, turtle tagging and support.
- Yuibera Aboriginal Corporation, $55,000 for the Yuibera Sea Country Educational Program to raise community awareness of issues affecting the Great Barrier Reef, turtles and dugongs.
- Girringun Aboriginal Corporation, $55,000 for a Sea Country Management Plan to outline a future direction for managing the Wulgurukaba sea country.
- Kuuku Ya'u Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, $45,454.54 for engaging and building the capacity of the Kanthanampu sub-group utilising existing Kungkay sea country management frameworks and associated hunting authorisation systems.

# Kaurna Elder remembered

SA

THE southern Adelaide Aboriginal community's oldest female Kaurna Elder, Aunty Rose Dixon, has passed away.

Aunty Rose, 82, was well known and respected, delivering many welcomes to country and advocating for her people.

SA Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Khatija Thomas paid tribute to Aunty Rose and extended condolences to her family.

"Born in 1929 at Point Pearce, Aunty Rose displayed her determination and resilience early on in her life and it was this courage which saw her move away from the mission to study in Adelaide," she said.

"Her priorities soon shifted to raising her children and when her family moved to Christies Beach in the early 1980s, she soon became entrenched in the southern suburbs community as a representative of the Aboriginal voice.

"Aunty Rose was a strong advocate for her community and was always happy to share her wisdom with everyone she came in contact with.

"Her standing in the community was recognised by a number of state government agencies which often called upon her to deliver the welcome to country at formal gatherings, present awards and open facilities, including the Flinders Medical Centre."

Ms Thomas said Aunty Rose was a strong woman who suffered the loss of her two sons, Adam and Paul, to cancer earlier this year.

"That she was able to survive this heartbreaking tragedy is testament to her character," she said.

"She has left a legacy for future generations and will be missed by many."

Aunty Rose is survived by her youngest child Tracey.

# Protection for NT Gulf land

NT

A STUNNING 130,000 hectare swathe of land along the McArthur River in the Gulf of Carpentaria will be protected for future generations, with its declaration as an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA).

The Yanyuwa IPA was officially declared at Borraloola in the Northern Territory on 17 May. It includes many islands in the Sir Edward Pellew archipelago which are of world conservation significance and support a large number of nesting sites for green and flatback turtles and seabirds.

The ceremony attracted politicians including local NT MP Gerry McCarthy, NT Parks and Wildlife Minister Karl Hampton and Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon.




**Li-Anthawirriyarra Rangers and NT Fisheries officers at the new protected area.**



**Women perform traditional dancing as part of the celebrations for the declaration.**

## Declaration

"Today's declaration is wonderful news for the Yanyuwa traditional owners, who have a number of sacred sites in the area, and indeed the whole Barkly region," Mr McCarthy said.

"The Yanyuwa first talked about an Indigenous Protected Area in 2007 and were provided with Indigenous Protected Area funding to conduct the consultations to ensure the Yanyuwa traditional owners were supportive of the IPA."

Mr Hampton said the Yanyuwa traditional owners had formally requested that Barranyi/North Island National Park be included in the IPA.

"Parks and Wildlife officers will work with the Yanyuwa on a partnership agreement and I'm pleased to announce this will be the first joint-managed national park in the NT included in an Indigenous Protected Area and only the second in Australia," he said.

Mr Hampton congratulated the Yanyuwa Ranger Group, which started in 2003 and has been an integral part in ensuring conservation and protection of the Yanyuwa lands.

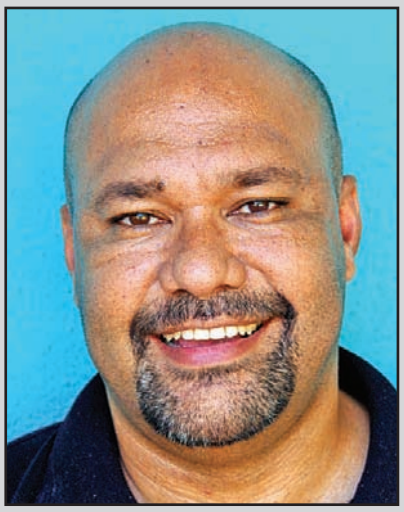
Mr Snowdon had similar praise and said the IPA celebrated Yanyuwa people's connection with country.

## 'Invaluable work'

"The Yanyuwa rangers, known as li-Anthawirriyarra or 'people of the sea', do invaluable work in looking after this spectacular country – bringing conservation benefits to all Australians, as well as significant spin-off benefits for the health and wellbeing of local Aboriginal communities," he said.

"That's why the Gillard Government is providing more than $2 million over two years to the Yanyuwa Indigenous Protected Area and li-Anthawirriyarra Working on Country rangers to support the work they do.

"Together, Indigenous Protected Areas and Working on Country rangers form one of Australia's most successful conservation stories, protecting biodiversity while providing training and employment for Aboriginal people doing work that they love on their own country."



JOE MORRISON

# Delegates talk sea country

THE North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance Ltd (NAILSMA) hosted a gathering this month in an effort to reinvigorate a national conversation on Indigenous marine and coastal interests.

It held the National Sea Country workshop at Mary River in the Northern Territory.

NAILSMA CEO Joe Morrison said Indigenous delegates attended with the aim of contributing to a nationally consistent approach on a range of matters, including fishing and protected area management.

"There has been a lack of national policy regarding Indigenous people and management of coastal and marine environments right around the country," he said

"We discussed where we've been in the last decade and where Indigenous people may want to go in the future.

"And, of course, about Indigenous rights and interests in sea country."

## Conclusion

The workshop concluded that there was a need for a working group to advance Indigenous marine and coastal management, including working with the Federal Government to manage and protect areas that may become an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA).

Mr Morrison said some states and territories had policy and legislation that affected people's rights to hunt and gather, which was confusing for many Indigenous people.

Approaches to looking after threatened species were also discussed.

"There are issues around turtle and dugong, for instance, where people have been forced into a reactionary position to defend themselves, when in fact, across the wide range of these species, the best-placed managers of these resources are Indigenous people," Mr Morrison said.

Indigenous people's ability to get involved with commercial coastal and marine enterprise was also on the agenda, including commercial fishing and aquaculture.

"People were pretty pragmatic and very optimistic, with Indigenous people wanting to be engaged positively in better-protecting the marine environment on behalf of all Australians," Mr Morrison said.

The workshop was held with assistance from the Federal Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities. A workshop booklet is available at: www.nailsma.org.au/projects/dugong_turtle.html

# Out to save Barkindji

NSW

EFFORTS are under way preserve the Barkindji language and history.

Co-ordinator of the Language Circle Murray Butcher said a group of people from Menindee, Wilcannia, Broken Hill and Mildura in western NSW came together every term to discuss the Barkindji language of the region.

The most recent meeting was held at Alma Public School in Broken Hill over two days earlier this month.

Mr Butcher said the group was looking to expand into Mildura and Bourke and introduce the language to the local Barkindji people in the Barkindji speaking regions.

"It is spoken from Bourke through to Wentworth," he said.

"A variation of the language was spoken up until contact (with white people) and afterwards."



**Co-ordinator of the Language Circle Murray Butcher with the group.** ***Photo by GAVIN SCHMIDT***

Mr Butcher said the group wants to try and bring the language into the community, before it becomes extinct.

"We are trying to revitalise, revive and ensure the future history of our people," he said.

"It is a critical time in history, we need to preserve it for a long-term use."

Mr Butcher said the Barkindji people were losing a lot of their elderly speakers.

"It is a changing of the guard, our language will be gone if we don't put things in place," he said.

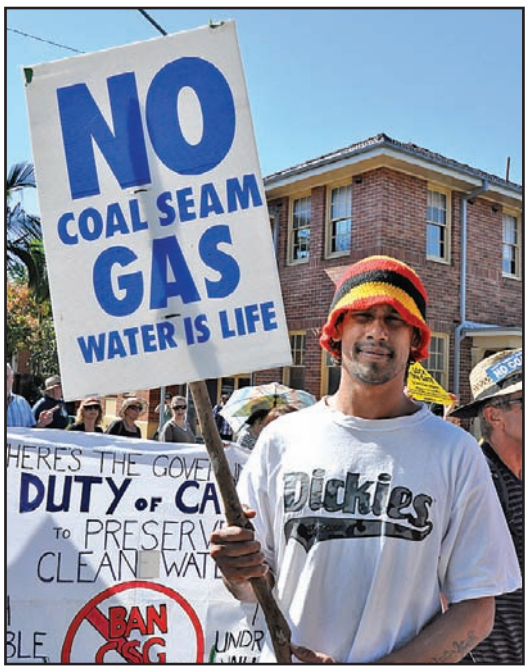
This month, principals from schools got together to discuss implementing the language into schools.

"We are trying to get language taught in western NSW," Mr Butcher said.

The group is also trying to attract high schools into the program.

"Our reason of thinking, is that is it part of our identity. Language opens doors to our culture, history and heritage," Mr Butcher said.

He was taught the Barkindji language by his grandmother Elsie Jones, who was taught by her grandmother. ***– Story and photo reproduced courtesy of the Barrier Daily Truth, Broken Hill***




**Raymond Morseu from Brisbane, whose family been helping to lead the fight against CSG at Dalby in Queensland.**




**Bundjalung mob, Lorraine Williams (left) and Karen Roberts (right), with Teshaun Roberts, Harrimiah Roberts, Clinton Roberts and Terrell Roberts at the rally against coal seam gas exploration and mining.**




**Surya McEwen from Mullumbimby/Byron Bay.**




**Bundjalung woman Rhoda Roberts with her kids Jack Roberts-Field, 12, and Sarah Roberts-Field, 11.**

# Aboriginal mob join rally opposing coal seam gas

**By KIRSTIE PARKER**

NSW

ABORIGINAL people and their supporters played a vocal part in a rally against coal seam gas (CSG) exploration and mining in northern New South Wales earlier this month.

A march through the streets of Lismore and concert in the city's Riverside Park attracted between 5000 and 7000 people and called for a CSG-free Northern Rivers. Bundjalung Elders were amongst those who spoke against the controversial mining practice, which involves drilling deep into the earth to extract methane held in a coal seam.

Opponents such as the Lock the Gate Alliance say CSG threatens food security, natural water systems and clean air.

They want a moratorium on the coal seam gas industry to allow for comprehensive scientific investigation and analysis of any threats posed.

Several months ago, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) sparked controversy by applying for petroleum exploration licences over three sites in the north of the state.




**Bundjalung Elder Lorna Laurie at the rally. Photo by LIINA FLYNN**

It says mining, if things got to that stage, could offer the region's Aboriginal people 'a seat at the table' in terms of the state economy.

# NT documentaries finalists at festival

NT

**TWO Indigenous-focused documentaries made in the Northern Territory are finalists at this year's Sydney Film Festival.**

**The productions *Coniston* and *Croker Island Exodus* will be up against seven other documentaries from around Australia in the 2012 FOXTEL Australian Documentary competition.**

***Coniston* tells the story of the survivors of the last-known massacre of Australia's Indigenous people more than 80 years after the event at Consiton Station in the NT.**

***Croker Island Exodus* details the journey of the Aboriginal children and their missionary carers trapped on Croker Island after the World War II bombing of Darwin.**

**NT Arts Minister Gerry McCarthy said both documentaries were supported through Screen Territory grants and shed light on little-known Territory history.**

**The documentaries will screen later this year on ABC TV.**

**The Australian Documentary competition winner will be announced at the closing night ceremony on 17 June.**

# Dialysis unit for remote centre

NT

A TWO-chair dialysis unit is to be opened at the Lajamanu community in the Northern Territory by the end of the year, thanks to a generous donation.

The Lajamanu Progress Association has donated $250,000 to the Western Desert Nganampa Walyta Palyantjaku Tjutak Aboriginal Corporation (WDNWPT) to establish the unit, which will enable dialysis patients from Lajamanu and Kalkaringi who are currently required to live in Katherine or Darwin to return to their homelands for extended periods of time.

Kurra Aboriginal Corporation has supported the set up and initial running costs of the project in Lajamanu, and the Aboriginal Benefits Association has promised substantial funding.

Lajamanu regional dialysis manager Nikki Pearce said the donation would assist in many aspects of the project.

"It is great to see a local community owned and run business getting involved and supporting a project which will ultimately benefit the greater community," she said.

"By helping people to return home on dialysis, they are able to participate in community life, teach their children and grandchildren and look after country."

Lajamanu Progress Association (LPA) chairperson Lynette Tasman said the organisation strived to play an active role in policy management and governance.

"It is a good feeling to be part of a business that contributes to the future wellbeing of the community," she said.

LPA chief executive Jim Butler told the *Koori Mail* the unit should be operational just before Christmas.

"It's only a small facility which will cater to about four people initially, but as more people become skilled and we raise more money it will increase in size," he said.

Mr Butler said the unit would solve many of the problems experienced by Aboriginal people when they had to travel into town.

**'By helping people to return home on dialysis, they are able to participate in community life'**

"The nearest town, Katherine, is 568km away and when one person needs dialysis the rest of the family often follows, which can create other problems."

Mr Butler said the Progress Association had raised the cash through its community store, service station and aviation refuelling businesses.

WDNWPT began after the Western Desert Dialysis Appeal raised $1 million at an auction of paintings at the Art Gallery of NSW in 2000.

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

Since 2004 they have had machines and nurses in Kintore, 550km west of Alice.

In 2010 they helped two other communities, Yuendumu and Ntaria, set up similar units.



Participants at the water resource management cultural ceremony.

# Don't water down rights, Govt urged

NSW

**MEMBERS of Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) and Northern Murray-Darling Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN) held a cultural ceremony to highlight their aspirations around water resource management.**

**The ceremony was performed in front of Luke O'Sullivan, chief of staff for State Water Minister Peter Walsh, who accepted their submissions to the Murray Darling Basin Plan wrapped in a possum skin.**

**MLDRIN chair Grant Rigney asked the Government to negotiate with traditional owners and to give them a share of water resources.**

**"We are asking the Government not to water down our rights," Mr Rigney said.**

**"For too long our people have been excluded from the ownership and allocation conversation."**

**The cultural ceremony featured a welcome to country, a water song in language, traditional dancing and a didgeridoo player.**

**It took place at the Metropole Hotel in Melbourne, as MLDRIN and NBAN members gathered to discuss water rights ahead of the decision on the Murray Darling Basin Plan.**

**The submissions argue that the amount of water taken from rivers must be reduced if the environment upon which Indigenous culture is based is to be preserved.**

**Both groups of nations are seeking a formal role in water resource management for traditional owners, along with a dedicated allocation (called a 'cultural flow') that will enable them to better meet their cultural obligations to care for country.**

**'We are asking the Government not to water down our rights. For too long our people have been excluded from the ownership and allocation conversation'**

**Consistent with the water rights of stakeholders, traditional owners also want the option of trading their allocations for economic benefit.**

**MLDRIN comprises 46 representatives from across 21 Sovereign First Nations. The Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations is a confederation of Indigenous nations or traditional owners in the lower southern part of the Murray Darling Basin. The group compromises delegates from Waywurru, Yorta Yorta, Baraparapa, Wamba Wamba, Wadi Wadi, Tati Tati, Ngintait, Dja Dja Wurrung, Djupagalk, Yung Balug Clan and Ngurai Illum Wurrung. NBAN is an independent self-determining traditional owner-based organisation with a primary focus on cultural and natural resource management in the northern Murray-Darling Basin. Its member nations are the Barkindji (Paakantyi), Githabul, Mandandanji, Barunggam, Gunggari, Mardigan, Bidjara, Jarowair, Murrawarri, Bigambul, Gwamu (Kooma), Ngemba, Budjiti, Kunja, Ngiyampaa, Euahlayi, Kwiambul, Wailwan, Gamilaroi, Maljangapa and Wakka Wakka.**

**There are also three founding corporate members, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, the Southwest Queensland Natural Resource Management and the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee.**

# Exhibition looks at progressive association

NSW

AN exhibition starting in Dubbo, NSW, next month will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the first meeting of the Aborigines Progressive Association.

Almost 75 years ago, residents of Dubbo and surrounding areas formed the association that was a leader in achieving basic human rights for Aboriginal people.

The Aborigines Progressive Association (APA) had three aims – full citizenship rights for Aboriginal Australians; Aboriginal representation in Parliament; and abolition of the NSW Aborigines' Protection Board.

The exhibition will be launched at the Macquarie Regional Library Dubbo branch on Wednesday 27 June, exactly 75 years after the first meeting, and continue for four weeks.

Dubbo City Council Aboriginal liaison officer Grace Toomey, who is co-ordinating the exhibition, is seeking donations of memorabilia.

## Donations

"We have some items from the National Library and others that have been donated for the exhibition, but we are putting the call out for others to come forward," she said.

"The establishment of the Aborigines Progressive Association is part of Dubbo's cultural history. Many Aboriginal people here today would have family members who were part of the association and not realise the contribution these people made to the Aboriginal rights movement in NSW."

Active members of the Aborigines Progressive Association throughout its history included William Ferguson, Jack Patten, Pearl Gibbs, Charlie Frost, George Carr, Tom Peckham and Tom Carney.

To submit items for the exhibition or for more information, call Ms Toomey on mobile 0408 689 688 or email grace.toomey@dubbo.nsw.gov.au



Nadine Cunningham and son Jai.



Beth David and her children Aston, Zahn and Lennox.

# New generation gets welcome

VIC

A CEREMONY to welcome and immerse 'in country' a new generation of Aboriginal babies and toddlers in regional Victoria has been hailed as a great success.

Many Koori playgroups and community organisations took part in the third 'Welcome Bubup To Country' run by the Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-operative (DDACL) at Churchill National Park at the end of last month.

The ceremony celebrated and emphasised strong families, children and young people, especially the importance of the new generation and the role and status of Elders.

Wurundjeri Elder Diane Kerr wore her possum skin around her neck as she gave a welcome to country. The story goes that as a baby was born they had two possum skins with the story on the back of each piece. As the baby grows another possum skin is added to it and another story. As an Elder wears their possum skin, so too they wear the journey of their life.

Aunty Diane then welcomed the new generation and guests from the tops of the trees to the roots of the trees and passed out gum leaves.

Elder Bryon Powel performed a smoking ceremony.

The children were presented with a certificate, blanket, knitted scarf, book, baby book and Aboriginal Best Start show bag. Then they played together, painting, using playdough, reading and having a feed while their parents and other family members linked up with service providers in attendance.

DDACL social and community services manager Allyson Walker thanked Aunty Diane for the support of the Wurundjeri and Boonerwurung people and talked about the importance of Elders.

## Important

She said her own grandmother, who gave birth to all her children on the verandah of the hospital because Aboriginal women were not allowed in the wards, was such an important part of her life.

"We have today what our Elders fought to give us," Ms Walker said.

"The generation before us today were born inside the hospital wards and we look forward to seeing them along their own journey."

The first 'Welcome Bubup To Country' event was held at Horsham in 2007. This year's event was funded through the Department of Education, Early Childhood Development's Tartu-Nganyin Bopop Aboriginal Best Start program, supported by DDACL social and community services, Playspot Victoria, Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association (VACSAL), VACCA playgroups, the City of Casey, the City of Greater Dandenong, Births Deaths and Marriages, Maternal Child Health Nurses, Koori Maternity Services, the Queen Elizabeth Centre, Mission Australia and The Smith Family.



Sheryl Memodovski with her children Reid and Raine Williams.



Amilia Havea gets her face painted during the day.



Narelle Walker with son Bodhi Armel.



**Bundjalung Elders Council members doing a computer course at Lismore TAFE. Back, from left, NCAP project officer Trudy Roberts, Elders Debra Rhodes, Patrick Speeding, Marie Delbridge, Micky Ryan and TAFE teacher Dale Simone Roberts. Front, from left, Elders Hazel Rhodes, Grace Cowan and Bertha Kapeen (chair).**

# Elders tap in to new skills

**By RUDI MAXWELL**

NSW

WHEN the Bundjalung Elders Council in northern NSW was asked if there was anything New Careers for Aboriginal People (NCAP) could do to assist them, the answer was 'help us with computing'.

So every Tuesday, Bundjalung Elders come to Lismore TAFE to learn how to send emails, surf the internet and other computer skills.

Bundjalung Elders Council chair Bertha Kapeen said that, as well as learning new skills, it was important to set a good example for young people.

"You're never to old to learn and you're never too young to start," Ms Kapeen said.

"If we can show the younger ones that we come in and stay and do the course then it sets a good example."

Debra Rhodes said the flexible teaching had made learning pleasurable.

"With all the Elders, we've been able to learn our way, learn in a style that means we're going to get something out of it," Ms Rhodes said.

Grace Cowan finished school after fourth class and wanted to learn about computers so she could keep up with her granddaughter

"She's very quick on her computer," Ms Cowan said.

Ms Rhodes agreed, adding: "They're all quick, the young people, they know everything about computers but nothing about the world yet."

Marie Delbridge is hoping her new-found computing knowledge will help her write her life story.

NCAP project officer Trudy Roberts said watching the Elders learn had re-opened her younger eyes to the joy of learning.

"I've been going to communities and telling them about the Elders doing a computer course and they're gobsmacked," she said.

"It will help the Elders to address funding submissions too because they were missing out on funding opportunities and deadlines – we've created an e-hub (electronic hub) for Elders."

Patrick Speeding's teenage son is at high school and he is hoping to learn enough to be able to keep up.

Micky Ryan wants to use his Internet skills to do some research and some writing. "The aunties suggested we all write our life stories then we can put a little book together," he said.

On completion of the computing course, the Elders will each receive a computer, donated by North Coast TAFE.

The course is delivered through the TAFE Outreach department and teacher Dale Simone Roberts is already planning a second computing course for the Elders, hoping to help them set up a website with story-telling software.

The Bundjalung Elders Council is a self-funded group. It is holding a fundraiser at the Lismore City Hall this afternoon, (Wednesday, 30 May), starting at 5pm, with a screening of *Our Generation* at 6pm. Entry $5.

# Casey Donovan to host new NITV music show

**AUSTRALIAN Idol Casey Donovan is to host new NITV Indigenous music show *Fusion*.**

**The program, to screen on Saturday nights from 8.30pm (AEST), will feature Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musical talents.**

**NITV says the style will be sassy, with an upbeat pace.**

**The program will feature a legend segment paying tribute to artists who have made a contribution to the Indigenous music scene. The segment, to be narrated by hip hop artist Pat Mau, will feature artists Christine Anu, Frank Yamma, Archie Roach, Troy Cassar-Daley, Kerrianne Cox, Yothu Yindi, Bart Willoughby and Jessica Mauboy.**

**NITV says a section titled Spotlight will give viewers an opportunity to hear from artists sharing their story, their musical influences and their journey. The spotlight will shine on Kineman Karma, Marcus Corowa, rising star Benny Walker, hip hop artist Maupower, desert fusion band Iwantja, Sonya Rankine and Alan Somner, among others.**



**CASEY DONOVAN**

# Gurrumul to sing at royal concert

ROYAL ears will hear the sweet sounds of Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu in London next month.

The Top End singing star will join music industry legends to perform at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Concert next week.

Others to perform for Queen Elizabeth on 4 June will include Sir Paul McCartney, Sir Tom Jones, Sir Elton John and Sir Cliff Richard.

Gurrumul and artists from across the Commonwealth will perform *Sing*, the Diamond Jubilee Song written by Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Take That's Gary Barlow.

Barlow traveled around the Commonwealth working with artists including Gurrumul to produce the track.



**GEOFFREY GURRUMUL YUNUPINGU (file photo)**

The concert will be broadcast live in Britain and to millions around the world.

Skinnyfish Music says Gurrumul's performance at the Diamond Jubilee concert is the latest in a long line of honours for the shy man from the remote Elcho Island, with the University of Sydney recently awarding him an honorary doctorate for outstanding contribution to music.

He has also recently performed for US President Barack Obama, and Crown Prince Frederick and Princess Mary of Denmark.

Gurrumul will return to Europe in July for a series of festival appearances.

# Sisters on track on country

VIC

THE natural and cultural landscape of Barmah National Park set the scene for a journey for young Aboriginal women invigorating their connection to Yorta Yorta country in regional Victoria.

Seventeen girls aged 12-20 from Echuca, Moama, Shepparton and Mooroopna attended the two-day Camping on Country event, organised by Parks Victoria in partnership with Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC).

The camp, held at the Dharnya Centre in Barmah at the beginning of the month, was aimed at meeting the development needs of Aboriginal girls who are at a significant stage in forming their cultural identity.

Yorta Yorta Nation senior project manager Jackie Walker said it was hoped the camp would assist the girls in 'building a strong sense of sisterhood, identity and self-esteem though connection to their culture, traditions and strong female role models'.

Parks Victoria campground host and volunteer officer Drue Shultz said the river red gums and Murray River provided a natural classroom for the teaching of cultural knowledge by Aboriginal Elders.



**Participants in the Camping on Country event held on Yorta Yorta country at Barmah National Park.**

"The girls explored Aboriginal cultural heritage sites as they walked and talked on country with Parks Victoria cultural heritage officers Aunty Greta Morgan and Aunty Hilda Stewart," he said.

"They shared stories about spirituality and connection to the land around the campfire and learnt more about their culture and traditions through a series of workshops."

Aunty Denise Morgan showed the girls how to make jewellery and basket weaving, and they painted a mural of a scar tree also resembling family in a workshop led by artist Aunty Rochelle Patten.

The painting will stay on display at the Dharnya Centre to commemorate their experience.

NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service Indigenous ranger Minda Murray discussed career opportunities as well as her history and experience in working on country.

The Barmah-Millewa Forest is the largest remaining stand of river red gum forest and holds great cultural significance to the the Yorta Yorta traditional owners.

The project was funded by the Victorian Government's Active in Parks initiative, which aims to develop stronger, healthier and active communities by promoting and enabling access to parks.

# Project wins praise

NSW

A WETLAND restoration project at Lennox Head on the NSW north coast has been praised for making significant improvements to the land and assisting with training.

The Seven Mile Heath and Wetland restoration project is a joint venture between Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council and EnviTE Environment, funded by the NSW Environmental Trust and the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority with grants under the Restoration and Rehabilitation program and three consecutive Indigenous Green Team contracts.

Five Jali members received the Conservation and Land Management Training (CALM) Certificate II qualification, while others did short course training.

The team controlled weeds, including stands of camphor laurel and Indian coral tree, glory lily, winter senna, madeira vine and lantana.

Indigenous team supervisor Michael Roberts said the key to success of the project was approaching it section by section and regularly following up areas previously weeded.

**'The majority of the site has been responding strongly with natural regeneration'**

"The majority of the site has been responding strongly with natural regeneration and we have only needed to plant one part of the site to fill some gaps," he said.

Jali Aboriginal sites officer Marcus Ferguson said restoring country was inportant to the Jali community.

"The improvement is incredible," he said. "The systematic approach to controlling weeds is obviously paying dividends, with so much native regeneration evident."

The NSW Environment Trust Restoration and Rehabilitation program has provided $100,000 towards two projects which will begin in July next year – Stage 2 of the Jali Seven Mile Heath and Wetland Restoration and Restoration of the Jali Lands, a 900 hectare parcel of high conservation value vegetation near Wardell.

"Having this extra funding will allow consolidation and expansion of the work achieved here and further employment opportunities for our community at the Wardell site. It's fantastic," Mr Ferguson said.



**Murray Islander Mel Tapau learns to beat the African bongo drum.**



**Fletcher Daisy at the NQGS stall.**



**Murray Islander Ena Day at the Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) stall.**



**At the Closing the Gap Townsville-Mackay Medicare Local stall are Hannah Scope, left, Jameliah Illin, 8, and Robyn Illin.**

# Family Expo draws many

**Story and photos by Townsville correspondent ALF WILSON**

QLD

MANY Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, women and children were at the Upper Ross Family Expo held in Townsville on 12 May.

The theme for the day was 'Many Cultures One Community'.

Many Indigenous families live in the Upper Ross suburbs of Condon, Rasmussen and Kelso, and they turned out in big numbers.

Entertainment included a performance by the Shalom College Aboriginal Dance Troupe, Torres Strait Islander weaving workshops, jumping castle, giant swings, craft, art and career displays.

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs had a stall, and staff Chris Silvini and Tanita Bekue were kept busy.

Townsville-Mackay Medicare Local (TMML) also had a stall, and the *Koori Mail* spoke to Hannah Scope, Robyn Illin and Jameliah Illin, 8, who were there.

"This is part of the Closing the Gap campaign," Mrs Illin said.

Palm Island-born Fletcher Daisy was manning the North Queensland Green Solutions stall (NQGS).

NQGS started eight months ago and offers a new approach to recycling and employment opportunities for the community. Its headquarters are at Hervey Range Landfill where they have a drive-through recycling facility. Any donated goods are sold by the group and money used to find employment.



**Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs staff members Chris Silvini and Tanita Bekue at their stall.**

# Language campaigners speak highly of archive

FOR a group of Aboriginal women from north Queensland, a visit this month to the audiovisual archives of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra was particularly moving.

They are trying to recover languages that have almost been lost.

The AIATSIS archive is probably the only place they can listen to and see material that will help them in their quest.

"This was my first visit to Canberra," Malanda Elder Yvonne Canendo said.

"Our language, the Ngadjon language, has been virtually lost. We now speak only a few words here and there.

"But with AIATSIS' help, we think we can do more. We might be able, over time, to reclaim our language."

AIATSIS holds the greatest known part of a collection of extensive recordings made by Australian linguist Bob Dixon in various north Queensland communities.

"It is my grandmother that he recorded back in the 1950s and 60s," Ms Canendo said. "I have never heard them, and didn't know they existed until our friend Trisha Albert, who is travelling with us, who organised this trip, told us about them.




**At AIATSIS in Canberra, from left, Carol Chong from Mareeba, Marcia Jerry from Murray Upper, Trisha Albert from Cairns, Rita Metzenrath (AIATSIS) and Yvonne Canendo from Malanda.**

"My grandmother was a fluent language speaker."

Ms Canendo's travelling companion, Marcia Jerry, from Murray Upper, also wanted to listen to recordings Bob Dixon made in her community in her language – Girramay.

"The sounds are quite similar," Ms Jerry said, adding that her north Queensland community was a little more fortunate to have more fluent, full language speakers.

"We have about 20 or more full language speakers," she said.

"But to be able to listen to recordings of our ancestors from 50 or 60 years ago is special, vital in fact. It helps us with efforts to continue our language.

"After all, it is a fundamental part of our culture, of who we are.

"We all want to pass on as much as we can for our young people."

## Satisfying

Visit co-ordinator Trisha Albert, from Cairns, who lived and worked (at the National Museum of Australia) in Canberra for more than a decade, said the visit was particularly satisfying.

"I knew this material existed and I have welcomed the opportunity to come back with Elders and traditional owners to view the material," she said.

The other member of the visiting group, Carol Chong, from Mareeba, agreed with her companions.

Within a few hours of their arrival and with the help of AIATSIS Library staff, in particular Rita Metzenrath, they had located several vital sources of information.

"We all hope that we can continue to work with AIATSIS to reclaim so much vital cultural material," Ms Albert said.

# Hope Vale land transfer stays

QLD

THE transfer of 110,000 hectares of land and millions of dollars in mining royalties to a congress of traditional owners on Cape York has withstood a legal challenge.

Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council launched a judicial review against former Natural Resources Minister Rachel Nolan's decision to hand the land and $6 million in royalties to the Congress of Clans, which represents 12 traditional owner groups.

The council argued the congress should not have been awarded the Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) for the land because of potential breaches of trust.

The council cited a report from former Indigenous Affairs Minister Warren Pitt, which raised concerns about the relationship between congress and the Cape York Land Council, a group founded by Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson.

**'It was a long time coming for the rights of traditional owners ... It's time to settle down for a brighter future'**

But Justice Jim Henry dismissed the appeal in the Queensland Supreme Court in Cairns on 17 May.

In his findings, Justice Henry said there was no potential breach of trust, and that there was nothing to suggest the congress was an inappropriate agent for the DOGIT.

He said Mr Pitt's report was 'irrelevant to the minister's decision-making process'.

Outside court, congress spokesman Tim McGreen said he hoped the review would put to rest a dispute which had plagued the community for more than 20 years.

"It was a long time coming for the rights of the traditional owners," Mr McGreen said.

"It's time for us to settle down for a brighter future."

Mr McGreen said all of Hope Vale would benefit from the ex-gratia payment of the royalties.

A hearing to determine costs is expected to begin in Cairns soon. ***– AAP***

# Minister takes look at jobs programs

WA

INDIGENOUS Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins has had a first-hand look at Indigenous employment programs run through resources companies in Western Australia.

Ms Collins visited sites operated by Fortescue Metals Group, Ngarda Civil and Mining, Woodside Energy and Rio Tinto this month.

"The Government is working with employers and organisations such as these which support Indigenous employment so strongly," she said.

"In combination, these four programs aim to provide more than 2300 jobs and over 2300 training opportunities, made possible by $28.5 million in Government funding."

Ms Collins said that since July 2009, the Government had supported around 200 projects, worth almost $131 million, to help drive Indigenous participation in the resources sector around Australia. This has resulted in more than 5100 job placements and 7500 training placements.

The three-day visit to the region included the towns of Port Hedland, Karratha and Roebourne. Ms Collins also met with community organisations.

From 1 July next year, the entire Pilbara region will be classified as remote under the new Remote Jobs and Communities Program.

Ms Collins said the program would replace and simplify the existing Job Services Australia, Community Development and Employment Program (CDEP), Disability Employment Program and IEP in the region.

# Campaign offers advice on quitting pot

WA

THE West Australian Government has launched a new campaign offering advice on how to quit cannabis.

The 'Swap for Pot' campaign follows on from the Drug Aware Cannabis Messes with Your Mind message.

The Government says the new move offers practical advice on how to quit cannabis by swapping the drug use for a healthy activity.

WA Mental Health Minister Helen Morton said the new quit message was aimed at helping people to stop using.

"The campaign incorporates simple tips for users to help them quit cannabis, by swapping their drug use for a healthy activity, such as walking or jogging," she said.

"Along with new cannabis campaign materials specifically targeting Aboriginal people, I think it's fair to say we are at the forefront of addressing the serious misconception that cannabis is a harmless drug.

"We also know an increasing number of young people access the internet from mobile devices and tablets, so enhancements have been made to the Drug Aware website so the campaign can better reach people through these mediums."

The four-year Cannabis Messes With Your Mind campaign, launched in August 2011, is being conducted with the WA network of alcohol and drug agencies, and is aimed at young people who use cannabis, and their parents.



Conference participants at the Alice Springs Convention Centre.

# Lowitja Institute hosts conference



Dr Noel Hayman from Brisbane's Inala Indigenous Health Centre gives the opening address.

THE Lowitja Institute hosted its inaugural conference on continuous quality improvement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care in Alice Springs earlier this month.

Pioneers in the use of modern continuous quality improvement (CQI) methods attended the National Conference on Continuous Quality Improvement at the Alice Springs Convention Centre, sharing lessons and experiences of how to strengthen systems to support delivery of high quality care.

Speakers included Aboriginal medico Dr Noel Hayman, Lowitja Institute director for research and innovation Professor Ian Anderson, and Donna Ah Chee from the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

The Lowitja Institute says CQI in primary health care is a crucial component in collective efforts to close the health gap. Research into the effective implementation of evidence-based programs and treatments have emerged over recent years as an international priority and is a field of research strongly supported by the institute.

Professor Ross Bailie, the Lowitja Institute's senior research advisor and scientific director at the National Centre for Quality Improvement in Indigenous Primary Health Care, said the conference offered a unique opportunity for knowledge exchange and capacity building.

"Bringing together the main stakeholders in the field at this national conference provides a vital opportunity to share our learnings, build on our experiences and develop new ideas on how health services and health systems can provide the best possible care for people in the community," he said.

# New tools to improve quality

NEW tools designed to help strengthen Indigenous health promotion have been launched.

The first quality improvement tools have been developed over three years by researchers from the Menzies School of Health Research.

They said health promotion was vital to help give people the knowledge and resources to take care of their own health and lower the risk of developing chronic diseases such as diabetes.

Examples of such promotions included tobacco action initiatives and healthy community days organised as part of the Federal Government's Close the Gap campaign.

The new tools aim to enable health services and clinicians to systematically assess the quality and delivery of their health promotion strategies.

Data will be collected from health service records and analysed against 'best practice' guidelines.

Services will be provided with web-based reports on their relative strengths and weaknesses.

## Resource

"This is a ground-breaking resource for those services looking to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander wellbeing through health promotion," said Menzies' professor Ross Bailie.

The project will be delivered by the National Centre for Quality Improvement in Indigenous Primary Health Care One21seventy.

One21seventy project officer Alison Laycock said the tools would allow health centre teams to better assess the work they're doing.

The tools and supporting resources were developed in collaboration with Northern Territory Indigenous people at Katherine, Kunbarllanjnja, Barunga and Marthakal Homelands on Elcho Island.

Co-researcher Lynette O'Donoghue said the tools and reports had been thoroughly tested by health services and were easy to use.

The tools were unveiled at the Lowitja Institute National Conference on Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care held in Alice Springs on 14 May.

# Service is major help to women

QLD

ABORIGINAL people continue to benefit from the work of the Queensland Health Mobile Women's Health Service, which celebrates its 21st anniversary this year.

Among the Qld Health nurses and workers with the service are Weipa-based Helen Withers and Yvonne Mandie, who visit women in remote areas of Cape York.

Also on the job are Gaynor Hampel and Sue Gibuma in the Torres Strait, and Vivette White in central Queensland.

All have used their skills to help women throughout their regions.

The Mobile Women's Health Service provides health checks, advice and care to women in rural and remote regions in Queensland.

"It was created 21 years ago to address the lower participation rates in cervical screening for women in rural and remote areas," Qld Health Cancer Screening Services Branch senior director Jennifer Muller said.

"We know women living in very remote areas can't always get to the major towns as they are just so far away and they often have families to look after.

"So we bring the health service to them – ensuring they have access to health checks such as regular Pap smears and women's health checks.

"Since the Mobile Women's Health Service and the Queensland Cervical Screening Program started in 1991, more Queensland women are having Pap smears. This has reduced the number of women developing cervical cancer."

Qld Health nurse Helen Withers and Indigenous women's health worker Yvonne Mandie are based at Weipa and run clinics for women at eight sites across the Cape.

They visit women in remote Aboriginal communities from Mapoon to Kowanyama along western Cape York Peninsula as well as Coen and Lockhart River.

"We plan our visits around the wet season," Mrs Withers said. "In the dry season we drive to the closer communities and we fly into the more remote communities and spend two or three nights there."

Mrs Withers came to Weipa on holiday after finishing her general nursing training in Victoria in 1973. She took a job at Weipa Hospital and then in 1994 became Weipa's first Mobile Women's Health Service nurse.

"I met my husband and have raised my three sons here and I enjoy work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," she said.

HELEN WITHERS



YVONNE MANDIE



## Vital role

Mrs Mandie is from Bamaga, on the tip of Cape York Peninsula. She has been an Indigenous health worker since 1996 and plays a vital role in promoting health checks to Indigenous women, providing information and helping them feel comfortable when attending.

Ms Muller said the dedication the mobile women's nurses and health workers showed for rural women's health was second to none as they often covered large distances to see women, leaving behind their own families for a week or more at a time.

The Weipa-based service runs clinics at Aurukun, Coen, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Mapoon, Napranum, Pormpuraaw and Weipa.

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**Applications close 15 June 2012.**

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Jeanon Kidner on Palm Island.

# Jeanon on course to help people

By ALF WILSON

QLD

NINETEEN-year-old Palm Island woman Jeanon Kidner is set to help improve the health of her people, having just completed administration training at Townsville Hospital.

Ms Kidner is on the way to achieving her ambition of gaining a Certificate III in Primary Indigenous Health Work.

The *Koori Mail* spoke to Ms Kidner last week as she was having lunch while working at the Palm Island Hospital.

"I am moving on to do my Certificate III to become an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health worker. I really want to help my people," she said.

The course will see Ms Kidner travel to Toowoomba for one week every three months for practical work blocks.

## Development

These courses involved 13 weeks of on-the-job training and skills development through the Townsville Health Service District Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Industry Work Placement Program.

District workforce co-ordinator Sherren Bampton said the work-placement program was an initiative that began in 2009.

"The program aims to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with the opportunity to enter the workforce on a temporary basis and increase their capacity to achieve ongoing employment," she said.

"As a key workforce initiative of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment working party, this program helps to 'close the gap' by assisting our district to increase its cultural knowledge and understanding of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community."

Ms Kidner hopes to be a role model for other young Indigenous women to gain a career in health work.

# Free flu vaccinations available in the west

WA

ABORIGINAL West Australians are being urged to get free flu vaccinations before the start of the 'influenza season'.

Indigenous Australians aged over 15, as well as pregnant women, people aged 65 and older and those with an underlying medical condition are eligible for a free vaccine under the National Immunisation Program.

Children aged from six months to under five years are also eligible for a free vaccine in WA.

WA Health Department communicable disease control director Dr Paul Armstrong said vaccination was the best protection against the disease.

"Flu can be a very serious illness and is easily spread from person to person through coughing or on the hands," he said.

"Yearly immunisation is the safest and most effective way to minimise your risk of getting the flu and passing it on to family, friends and colleagues."

Northern Perth mother Nicole McCartney says protecting herself against flu is the first line of defence for her family against the illness.

She will also take advantage of free vaccination for her two youngest sons, three-year-old Zander and four-year-old Judd.

"We are out in the community every day and with so many winter illnesses around, why wouldn't you do whatever you can to stop yourself from getting the flu?" Ms McCartney said.



West Australian mother Nicole McCartney says she will vaccinate her sons Judd, 4, and Zander, 3, against flu this winter.

## Benefit

"The other benefit of being vaccinated is that it minimises the risk of passing this serious illness on to other members of our extended family."

Symptoms of the flu include fever, cough, sore throat, headache, chills, muscle aches, tiredness and vomiting. People with these symptoms should see their GP.

For those most at risk, the flu can lead to serious complications such as bronchitis, pneumonia, hospitalisation or, in severe cases, death.

Minor side-effects of the vaccine may include soreness at the injection site or flu-like symptoms.

WA Health says people can't catch the flu from the vaccine as it does not contain any live virus.

The flu vaccine is available free to at-risk groups and for a fee to the general community through GPs, Aboriginal health services and community vaccination providers.

Attendance at some clinics may incur a consultation fee.

For more information visit www.health.wa.gov.au/flu

# Service offers specialist help

INDIGENOUS children in remote areas with a hearing or vision disability are set to benefit from a new service.

The Remote Hearing and Vision Services for Children initiative will allow affected children to get in touch with city-based specialists using the Internet through the National Broadband Network (NBN).

Vision Australia and the Cora Barclay Centre are both part of the VidKids Alliance, which has been chosen to deliver the $4.1 million Federal program.

Disability Reform (and Indigenous Affairs) Minister Jenny Macklin said the initiative would support about 125 additional children with hearing or vision impairment in regional and remote Australia.

## Services

"The NBN will revolutionise the way we deliver disability services," Ms Macklin said.

"It allows allied health services to be provided into the homes, schools and communities of children with disability living in regional and remote areas, many for the first time. Children and their families will be able to meet with specialists and receive information, guidance and help to develop their life skills."

Communications Minister Stephen Conroy said the NBN provided the best and most reliable channel for families in regional communities to access important services online.

"Using the NBN for live high-quality video conferencing, specialists will be able to see children clearly and offer real-time advice as they undertake exercises and other activities," he said.

# Deadly healthy babies are the goal

NSW

A NEW parenting book for Aboriginal families and workers in south-east Sydney has been launched.

Called *Deadly Healthy Bubs*, it is the latest in a series of practical parenting books published by the NSW Department of Community Services aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children.

NSW Family and Community Services CEO Maree Walk said the book offered practical information to Aboriginal parents, extended families and community workers covering the first five years of a child's life. It also includes a list of contacts for help.

"*Deadly Healthy Bubs* is a fantastic resource for Aboriginal families in south-east Sydney who need up-to-date, culturally appropriate information on raising kids," she said.

**'*Deadly Healthy Bubs* is a fantastic resource for Aboriginal families in south-east Sydney who need up-to-date, culturally appropriate information on raising kids'**

"We know that giving children the best start in life helps prevent problems.

"*Deadly Healthy Bubs* is a unique parenting resource that combines practical parenting information with a focus on what to expect, typical behaviours and milestones, and the importance of cuddling, playing and telling stories.

*Deadly Healthy Bubs* project officer Katrina Ross, who is a young Aboriginal mother, also highlighted the importance of culturally appropriate information.

"We wanted to produce something that helps Aboriginal families … connect with their local community and ultimately provide a happier and healthier environment for their children," she said.

"The books have been a great success because they are developed locally by local people and have been tailored to suit the cultural differences of each community."

*Deadly Healthy Bubs* is the 15th parenting book produced as part of the Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy.

The department says an evaluation of the books by consultancy firm Semann and Slattery and the Institute of Early Childhood at Macquarie University in Sydney found they built a sense of pride and community largely derived from the use of traditional language, photographs of local families and artwork produced by local artists.

# Breast best, mums learn

By JILLIAN MUNDY

TAS

PARTICIPANTS IN a course designed to increase and lengthen breast-feeding rates in the Aboriginal community have found out exactly why breast is best for our babies. Aboriginal mothers and workers from Hobart's Aboriginal Health Service finished the initial stage of the first Peer Support for Breastfeeding in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities short course last Tuesday.

Leading lactation consultant Sue Cox describes human milk as the best medicine in the world for human babies and believes that course participants will be able to help return their community to good health.

"The health of Aboriginals in Australia generally has deteriorated because they have lost the knowledge that they had of breast-feeding, and health in general really," she said.

"And the first step toward good health is breast-feeding."

Ms Cox, who taught most of the Certificate III course, praised the Aboriginal Health Service in Hobart for its work in getting the course nationally accredited and hopes that it will be tailored to the needs of Aboriginal communities across Australia.

"Just the understanding of how the body works and how important breast milk is to babies is important," she said.

"We believe that, in putting this course together, we could have women who were already experienced breast-feeders learn a few extra things about human milk and the ways they might be able to suggest new things to mothers, and that they would be the people who would be able to return health to their community.

"The people who help each other the best are peers."



**Pictured are participants Lyndy Bowden, Kay Smolej, Luana Towney, Joanne Smith, Tamara Styles and Sue Cox holding dolls they used during the Peer Support for Breastfeeding in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities course in Tasmania.**

Now that the six trainee peer supporters have completed 50 hours of classroom learning they will continue on to supervised face-to-face and telephone counselling with mothers.

Aboriginal mother of 13 Lyndy Boden said she learned plenty and can't wait to share her knowledge.

"I was amazed, I thought that I knew a fair bit having breastfed all my babies, but I realised there is so much I did not know and also a lot more things make sense now," Mrs Boden told the *Koori Mail*.

## Opportunity

"No one is safe," she joked. "At every opportunity I have been saying 'do you know' ... my kids are getting sick of 'do you know what I learnt today'.

"Sometimes I think I've got to take a step back, I can't be approaching every pregnant woman and saying look you must do skin to skin because it's important and these are the reasons. I think to be able to get out into my community with this knowledge will empower them so much, and they'll be able to take that knowledge and successfully breast-feed.

"For one it's best because of all the antibodies that come from those first few days that help your baby, not only short term but against long-term diseases, such as diabetes and heart problems and high cholesterol, and for the brain."

Research shows that the IQ of an adult fed artificially as a baby, is eight to nine points lower than its potential had it been fed human milk.

Placing a baby on its mother's breasts immediately after birth, known as skin to skin, helps to release the essential oxytocin hormone, gets breast-feeding started, regulates the baby's body temperature and assists the mother to recover from birth.

Amongst other things the trainees learned were the make up of human milk, which is different from any other animal's milk and cannot be replicated by artificial milk (or 'formula'), the history of the decline in proper infant nutrition and how to help overcome issues which can sometimes arise when breast-feeding.

● *EDITOR'S NOTE: Jillian Mundy was a participant in the course.*

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# Engineering shed visits help students

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A TASTE of what actually happens behind the doors of an engineering shed has inspired 11 Indigenous adult students in the south-east Queensland centre of Maryborough.

The group, all enrolled in a Certificate II in Engineering Training and Pathways to Future Employment Program, visited local engineering firms as part of their course earlier this month.

During a visit to Downer Engineering Maryborough, student Pearce Booth said: "I didn't know this type of activity happened behind the shed doors."

At Vickers Aluminium Pty Ltd, fellow student Travis Blake said he was surprised by the amount of work that was produced from a relatively small workshop.

And Global Manufacturing Group was a highlight for Carl Jensen, who said it was good to see how things worked in a large manufacturing workshop.



**Participants in the first Certificate II in Engineering and Pathways to Future Employment Program for Indigenous students in Maryborough. Back, from left, Jessy Bourke, Carl Jensen, Gail Endres (FCTESS), Pearce Booth, Jesse Bonnick, trainer Dave Sanders, Travis Blake and Raymond McIntyre. Front, from left, Jesse Milne, Jacobus Bauwens, Robert Booth, Justin Parsons and Joshua Leafe.**

Other engineering businesses visited were Maryborough's Dix Manufacturing Group and Gympie's J Smith & Sons as well as Performax International Pty Ltd, where imported left-hand vehicles are converted to Australian standards.

Project co-ordinator Belinda Thompson, from Australian Industry Engineering and Manufacturing Network (AIEMnet), said the industry-based association was working with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and Fraser Coast Training and Employment Services to deliver the program that provided training for up to 50 Indigenous students. "Industry insight visits provide an opportunity for business owners and managers to meet students and future potential employees as part of a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the engineering and manufacturing industry," she said.

Enrolments are now open for the next two programs, the first of which starts in early July.

# A taste of uni life

QLD

INDIGENOUS secondary school students from Hervey Bay and Maryborough in Queensland are getting a taste of university life under a program being run over six months.

The students are taking part in sampler program run by the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Fraser Coast.

About 40 students have spent two days at the USQ attending workshops and lectures as part of the Burunga-m Gambay (Learning Together) series.

They'll return for a week in July and another two days in October to complete the program.

USQ Centre for Australian Indigenous Knowledges executive officer Christine Young said the students took part in cultural activities and attended careers workshops on USQ scholarships, VET/TAFE, the Australian Defence Force, the mining industry, GP Links-Closing the Gap and Health Training, and outdoor education.

She said their progress would be monitored throughout the year.

"We're hoping the university experience will help them develop aspirations to want to go on to further education after they finish school," Ms Young said.




**Learning together... from left, Che-Andrea Stephenson, 15, from Maryborough State High School; Chloe Fitzhenry, 15, from Maryborough State High; Daniel Oberthur, 17, from Xavier Catholic College Hervey Bay; Lameko Paiwan-Singho, 15, from Urangan State High School; Robert Young, 15, from Urangan State High School; and former North Queensland Cowboys player Rod Jensen.**

"It is important that they are exposed to as many positive role models as possible and realise that anything is possible."

Former North Queensland Cowboys NRL player Rod Jensen spoke to the students about his journey to success.

Mr Jensen, a qualified teacher and motivational speaker, played for the Cowboys during the team's first ever grand final, in 2005. The 33-year-old also played for the Huddersfield Giants in Britain.

"You are finishing off high school in the next couple of years and you are about to transition to your real life," he told the students.

"When I was 13 I said I was going to be a rugby league player. And you know what, the first people to knock my dreams were the people who brought me into this world. My father was from the old school and believed in doing a hard day's work."

So at the age of 13 Mr Jensen started a lawn-mowing business to save the money to pay for his schooling. Three years later he left home to attend a boarding school in Cairns to follow his dream. When money ran short he got a job in a suit hire business. It was on the other side of town, so he ran there each afternoon after school to arrive for his 3.30pm start.

"The only things stopping you from achieving your dream is your excuse," he said. "How you get to the end of the rainbow to get the pot of gold is up to you.

"You need to get over the bad things that have happened in the past. They are not your excuse. Someone else has suffered for that. You need to go on from here."

Mr Jensen told the students to be respectful and have standards for themselves.

"Don't drop the f-bomb when you are with Elders," he said. "You don't graffiti. You don't have to swear, drink, drive fast or take drugs. Become educated."

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# Program is in business

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A NEW program designed to help Indigenous business owners prosper starts next month in Melbourne.

Called MURRA (which means fish net in Woi Wurrung language), the Australian-first program is a master class series being run through the Melbourne Business School's Asia Pacific Social Impact Leadership Centre.

Classes, to be held on six weekends starting 15-16 June through to November, will cover business strategy, finance, marketing, negotiations, procurement and human resource management. The deadline for applications is this Friday, 1 June.

Project director Michelle Evans said the series was part of a Melbourne Business School commitment to increasing the talent of Aboriginal business professionals. Several Indigenous students have already graduated from the course.

"Technical business skills are vital to the growth of Aboriginal businesses," she said.

"Strong Aboriginal businesses create more employment opportunities for Aboriginal communities, and help develop a broader, more independent economic base for these communities."

The Victorian Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce, Kinaway, and Small Business Victoria's Indigenous Economic Development Unit are partners, and the program has also been supported by Melbourne Business School and the Executive MBA Class of 2003.

For details, go to www.mbs.edu/murra or call Michelle Evans on (03) 9349 8369.

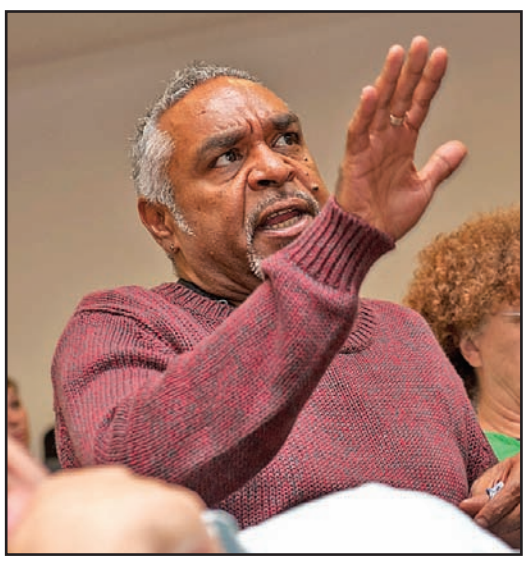
## NSW Teachers Federation Aboriginal Members Conference



Gamilaroi members at the conference.


Aunty Ali Golding performed a welcome dance and address to open the conference sessions.


Kevin Tory, from the Trade Union Committee on Aboriginal Rights, at the gathering.


Member David Prosser throws the panel a question from the floor.



No doubt about which mob delegate Pam Widders comes from.

# Concern over Govt policy

Photos by AMANDA JAMES courtesy of the NSWTF

NSW

INDIGENOUS teacher numbers and the NSW Government's new Local Schools Local Decisions policy were amongst hot topics at an annual conference of NSW Aboriginal teachers in Sydney earlier this month.

The Government says the policy will give school principals, teachers and school communities more control over school decision making, including school budgets, but some in the sector say the reforms appear to have been set up to withdraw resources from public schools.

Participants in the NSW Teachers Federation (NSWTF) Annual Aboriginal Members Conference 2012 in Sydney on 21 May said they were worried the proposals would diminish quality education in public schools across NSW.

"In particular, we have grave fears that the learning opportunities for our students will be compromised," they said in a statement.

"We are particularly concerned that these proposals will impact on the learning outcomes of Aboriginal students, especially those in disadvantaged, rural and isolated communities.

"The proposals by the DEC (the Department of Education and Communities) to allow permanent classroom, specialist and executive positions to be filled upon vacancy by temporary appointments, or not at all, will lead to the casualisation of the teaching workforce, the loss of continuity in programs and loss of curriculum guarantees.

"We believe that the transfer system should not only be retained but strengthened to ensure an appropriately qualified teacher in every class, regardless of the geographical location of the school.

"We believe that a school's staffing should be determined by formulae based on enrolments, curriculum and class sizes."

The conference demanded that tied funding to support equity programs that currently support Aboriginal students must be maintained and guaranteed in a transparent and accountable funding model.

It backed a NSWTF campaign to secure guarantees around staffing, resourcing, class sizes and curriculum, as well as to maintain high educational standards and outcomes for students.


The Australian Education Union's Darcel Russell, NSWTF Aboriginal education co-ordinator Charline Emzin-Boyd, and NSWTF president Maurie Mulheron.



Wiradjuri mob members at the conference, held in Sydney.

# Students take part in KARI camp

NSW

STUDENTS from across south-west Sydney took part in the recent KARI Aboriginal Resources Education Camp held at Vision Valley Conference and Recreation Centre in Dural.

KARI, a not-for-profit community organisation providing services to Aboriginal communities in south west Sydney, says the annual camp gives Aboriginal senior high school students the chance to socialise and network, share ideas and have fun in a supportive and culturally appropriate environment.

Students took part in activities including education workshops provided by ACPE Sports College, NSW Police, TAFE, the University of Western Sydney (UWS), the University of Technology (UTS) and the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

KARI staff organised an Aboriginal art workshop, and an 'Amazing Race' challenge was held to promote positive team building.

A special Aboriginal cultural workshop was also conducted by Elder Uncle Aaron Taylor.



Students and staff at the latest KARI Aboriginal Resources Education Camp, held at Dural near Sydney.

One of the students at the camp, Tamara Saunders, said she was 'overwhelmed by all the opportunities'.

"If it wasn't for KARI Education Camp, chances are I wouldn't have known about each of the universities' alternative entry programs," she said.

"I now have three avenues I want to explore, and I'm really excited about my future prospects."

# WA awards on offer

WA

NOMINATIONS are now open for awards designed to recognise Western Australia's most dedicated teachers in the area of Aboriginal education.

State Education Minister Liz Constable says the WA Aboriginal Education Awards will acknowledge outstanding teachers, educators and leaders working with Aboriginal students across Western Australia.

"These awards will acknowledge the hard work and dedication of those committed teachers and educators who are shaping a brighter future for Aboriginal students in public schools," she said.

"There are inspiring people doing amazing work in schools to help West Australian Aboriginal students achieve their potential."

The five award categories are:

- WA Outstanding Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer (Ben Drayton Award)
- WA Outstanding Aboriginal Teacher (Barry Hayward Award)
- WA Outstanding School Initiative for Aboriginal Students (Milton Thorne Award)
- WA Outstanding Leader in Aboriginal Education
- WA Excellence in Teaching and Learning in Aboriginal Education.

The winners of the WA Outstanding Aboriginal Teacher, WA Outstanding Leader in Aboriginal Education, and WA Excellence in Teaching and Learning in Aboriginal Education category will represent West Australian public education in the national education awards.

Tom Price Primary School teacher Freyja Lucas was last year's nominee for this inaugural national award.

"Freyja, a Year 4 teacher, is an inspirational educator. Her hands-on approach to learning has helped to dramatically improve literacy and numeracy results along with attendance rates at her Pilbara school," Dr Constable said.

For more details, go to the website www.det.wa.edu.au/aboriginaleducationawards


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# New chair for advisory board

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SUNSHINE Coast TAFE's Indigenous Advisory Board (IAB) in south-east Queensland has a new chair.

Iman (central Queensland) man Graham White said he was proud to be able to share his heritage with board members and the TAFE community.

An electrician by trade, he has been involved with TAFE as a student and now through the IAB.

"I'm an Iman man with original connections to Taroom, born and bred in Rockhampton," he said.

Mr White said he looked forward to working with the local Indigenous community. "I saw this as a great opportunity to be involved with the TAFE," he said.

"Throughout my career I have developed strong links with the Indigenous community, knowing what is out there and what needs to be provided, and I am looking forward to being able to share this with the IAB.

## Great opportunity

"I see this as a great opportunity to show leadership and develop skills of my own providing some real, practical direction for the board.

"I am definitely looking forward to the year ahead. We have a very diverse and skilful group of individuals that I look forward to working with closely."

Sunshine Coast TAFE Institute director Ross Hepworth said the TAFE was thrilled to have someone of Mr White's calibre to represent the Indigenous community on the IAB.

"As the first Queensland TAFE institute to have implemented a Reconciliation Action Plan, we're committed to strengthening relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous Australians," he said.

"The IAB has undergone a significant restructure over the past 12 months and with Graham as the new chair, we can look forward to some great results."




**Looking forward to the new role ... Sunshine Coast TAFE Indigenous Advisory Board chair Graham White, left, with institute director Ross Hepworth.**

# Scholarship for 'battler'

QLD

QUEENSLAND University of Technology (QUT) first-year student Kirra-Leigh Keyworth is this year's recipient of the Indigenous Women Remote Student Accommodation Scholarship.

The young woman from Gin Gin, in south-east Queensland, received the scholarship, awarded annually by Liberal National Party senator Sue Boyce.

The award is designed to support and encourage Indigenous students from rural and remote Queensland.

Ms Keyworth was closen by a selection panel from the Oodgeroo Unit at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

The selectors said Ms Keyworth's application demonstrated her commitment to the community, which includes after-schools sports, helping in a primary school and work experience in a child-care centre. She also demonstrated a high commitment to Indigenous affairs and community service in her home community of Gin Gin.

Senator Boyce said the award was also a tribute to Ms Keyworth's parents.



**Scholarship recipient Kirra-Leigh Keyworth with her sister Jennifer, mother Janelle and father Michael.**

"Kirra-Leigh is one of a set of triplets, each of whom are studying at QUT and sharing accommodation at Redbank Plains in Brisbane with their mum and two more of their siblings, while a son/brother is doing an apprenticeship supported by dad back on the farm outside Gin Gin," she said.

"Mum and dad know just how important an education is.

"This is a family of battlers who despite all the odds are doing great things and I am thrilled to be able to help them on the educational road that will lead to success in life and their own personal fulfilment."

QUT manager of philanthropy Ann Herbert said: "Kirra-Leigh, her family and the academic community of QUT would like to thank Senator Sue Boyce for her generous assistance to our Indigenous students."

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A short-list of candidates will be selected for a meeting and discussion with the applicant and their parent/guardian. The judgement of the scholarship committee will be final. The selection committee will consist of an IGS Board Member, the Principal and a local indigenous representative.

The terms of the scholarships will be:

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- Supply of text books and other specified materials, K–12
- Supply of uniform and other requirements

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

Applications should be made first by phone to PA to Principal on (02) 9219 6706 and an application form will be made available.

**Closing Date**: Friday, 22 June 2012.

***A local school with a global perspective***

# Field Days popular with Qld students

By ALF WILSON



In the truck display section were Genus Passi Jnr, Shayann Anderson, Lewis Hamilton, Joseph Mooka and Tom Neliman.

QLD

INDIGENOUS students and workers doing an aquaponics course at Townsville's Flexible Learning Centre gained some valuable knowledge when they attended one of Australia's biggest field days.

Held on the Stuart Prison Reserve south of Townsville this month, the bi-annual North Queensland Field Days are known as the 'Expo of the North'.

More than $100 million worth of equipment and machinery was on display at 300 exhibits, and youngsters were able to check out potential careers in the mining, agriculture and industrial sectors.

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults and students from around north Queensland were amongst the crowds.

Bus loads of students from Ingham and the Burdekin region were there and they included many Indigenous youths.

Townsville Flexible Learning Centre youth workers Genus Passi Jnr and Joseph Mooka were with Chaplain Tom Neliman and said it was an educational experience.

"We brought 20 students aged 13 to 17 and more than half were Indigenous," Mr Passi Jnr said.

"There is a lot of stuff we all looked at which will help with the aquaponics course they are doing and we will set up our own barramundi farm."

One of the students, Shayann Anderson who is originally from Hughenden, said she was impressed with the event.

# School is set for big week



Rokeby Primary School students Demi Mabb and Demi Smith with prints to make greeting cards.



Minunjurru Brown, Gracie Coulson-Gilliy and Raquel Williams doing beading during their weekly workshop.

By Tasmanian correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY

TAS

MORE than 50 Aboriginal students at Rokeby Primary School in Hobart are gearing up for NAIDOC week, when they will share their culture with fellow students in an exhibition featuring artworks and storybooks created throughout the year.

They plan to treat their classmates to a feed of bush tucker and lead them through their colourful display.

Aboriginal education worker Takira Simon-Brown runs five workshops a week, using art to teach the students about their own Tasmanian Aboriginal culture and history, and the culture and history of Aboriginal people on mainland Australia.

"I help with their literacy and teach them about their culture," Ms Simon-Brown said, with obvious pride.

"The kids are really keen, watching them enjoying doing the art makes me feel really good. I'm pretty well known around the school now."

Ms Simon-Brown has been preparing the students all year, so that by the time NAIDOC comes around they will be confident answering questions from other students.

In keeping with this year's national NAIDOC theme 'Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 Years On', students have started researching the history of Canberra's Aboriginal Tent Embassy and creating displays, giving them an insight into the Aboriginal political movement.



Takira Simon-Brown with Rokeby Primary School students Trey Cooper, Corey Laoumtzis and Jarrod Lodge decorating boomerangs they will learn to throw.

Ms Simon-Brown has been able to share her own experience of visiting the Tent Embassy as a teenager when she was in the National Indigenous Youth Leader Group.

Other focuses this year have been Tasmania's native birds and how they are and were utilised by Aboriginal people; Dreamtime stories; how to throw a boomerang and gender protocols with didgeridoos.

As well as teaching Aboriginal culture to the students at Rokeby Primary for the past two years, contemporary artist Ms Simon-Brown also runs a weekly workshop with Aboriginal students at nearby Clarendon Vale Primary.



At the project launch, from left, Sealin Garlett, Lynette Spratt, Shane Garlett, Len Yarran, Eric Spratt, Geoff Harris, Gordon Dickie and The Smith Family's Greg Ryan-Gadsden. In front is Jesse Spratt. *Photo supplied*

# New WA project aims to help with learning

WA

A PROJECT designed to help Aboriginal parents and carers foster the best possible learning environments for their children has been launched in Perth.

Called the Northside Noongars Growing and Learning Project, it aims to assist families in the suburbs of Balga, Mirrabooka, Girrawheen, Koondoola and Westminster to engage with schools. The project is a partnership between The Smith Family, Balga Senior High School and the local Aboriginal community.

The launch follows 18 months of committee meetings and consultations with local parents.

The project has received Federal funding for a series of programs and activities in the areas of leadership development, governance, parenting initiatives, computer skills training and family financial planning.

General manager of The Smith Family in Western Australia Greg Ryan-Gadsden said the project would complement the existing Swan Noongar Sports and Education Program (SNSEP), which has been at Balga Senior High School since 2002. It supports Indigenous students to complete secondary schooling and aims to enhance the capacity of schools to meet the special learning needs of these students.

"The Northside Noongars Project will build on the significant foundation work undertaken by Balga Senior High and The Smith Family over the past eight years through SNSEP and will further capitalise on the active involvement of the Aboriginal community," Mr Ryan-Gadsden said.

"We're thrilled to be launching this project, which we hope will support parents and carers, together with their children, to achieve strong community and personal aspirations, educational pursuits and career goals."

# Mental health in focus

NSW

A WAGGA WAGGA secondary school is putting into practice measures to improve Aboriginal mental health following a visit by Western Australian academic Dr Roz Walker and Aboriginal psychologist Clinton Schultz.

Mount Austin High School invited the two special guests to address a staff development day at the start of the second term on the issues of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health and well-being, outlined in a recently-produced practice book of the same name for teachers edited by Dr Walker.

**'The staff was made aware of the issues facing our students...'**

The school, with 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students out of a total enrolment of 550, is noted for its progressive education programs.

Aboriginal education officer Michelle Gemmell, one of 11 Indigenous staff members at Mount Austin, said Dr Walker and Mr Shultz gave a very informative presentation that enabled staff to understand the challenges facing students' families and their community.

"The staff was made aware of the issues facing our students and embraced the knowledge to understand and empathise with our students for the need and importance for an on-going education and to develop connections with our teachers," Ms Gemmell said.

Dr Walker presented a new approach to health that acknowledges the differences between Indigenous and other Australians. "Mr Schultz spoke about disempowerment of colonisation, experiences of racism, and the effects of the Stolen Generation on our families and the community, disconnection from the land, language and culture," Ms Gemmell said.

Mr Schultz, a Kamilaroi man, is Indigenous health lecturer at Griffith University where he has developed Indigenous health as a core subject.

The school was presented with 150 copies of the *Working Together: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Mental Health and Wellbeing Principles and Practice* publication.

***– LINDSAY HAYES***

# Budding doctor meets mentors

QLD

**BUDDING doctor Linda Stewart (front centre) is encouraging Aboriginal people to believe in themselves and encourage their children to go to school every day so they can lead a happier, healthier life. She is in her third year of studies and pictured at the University of Queensland St Lucia campus earlier this month with Cherbourg State School community classroom mentors. They are Marion Burke and Rae Pinney in front and Bessie Arnold, Kalchiri Jacobs and Madeline Williams at rear. The group was brought there by the Barambah Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) team of Marcus Priaulx and Emma Stewart to inspire Indigenous people to seek further education and chase their dreams.** ***Image: Marcus Priaulx***




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## Jimmy Pike's artwork goes on show at Fremantle Prison

**WA**

**AN exhibition celebrating the creative achievements of Walmajarri artist and textile designer Jimmy Pike opens this Friday (1 June) at the Prison Gallery at Fremantle Prison.**

**Described as one of Australia's great Indigenous artists who gained international recognition for the application of his art to textiles, Pike began taking art classes at Fremantle Prison after being sentenced to life imprisonment in 1981.**

**It wasn't long before prison art teachers recognised his eye for colour and design, and it was from this that the Desert Designs brand was born.**

**The exhibition, called *Desert Psychedelic: Jimmy Pike*, features works produced for Desert Designs which was launched in 1985 to showcase Pike's work.**

**On Sunday 10 June at 2pm, Jimmy Pike's widow Pat Lowe, who he met while serving time at Fremantle Prison, will give a free floor talk and will speak about his life and his art.**

***Desert Psychedelic: Jimmy Pike* is part of the 2012 Fremantle Heritage Festival and is open daily, 9am-5pm from 1 June-19 August. Entry is free but online booking is essential as numbers are limited. Go to www.fremantleprison.com.au to book.**

# *Artlink* releases Mandarin edition

**By RUDI MAXWELL**

ART magazine *Artlink* will launch a special edition of its 2011 mega-issue *Artlink Indigenous: Beauty & Terror,* translated into Chinese (Mandarin).

As part of the launch, artist, writer and curator Djon Mundine will join artist Zhou Xiaoping and scholar/co-editor Stephanie Radok to present a one-hour panel session on contemporary Australian Indigenous art at the 13th Conference of Australian Studies, at Xihua University, Chengdu, in July.

"I'll be doing the positioning of Aboriginal art within Australian contemporary art context, about tradition and change – how art can give you a voice," Mr Mundine said.

"It's a bit of a cliché, but art doesn't need writing to make a statement or give a voice.

"Aboriginal people have used visual and other arts to retain a persistent visibility within the Australian context and, by that, an international context.

"Aboriginal people's relationship to land and continent are the things that I'll be highlighting and how the society operated on a very sustainable way in terms of the environment and in terms of how people live together."

### Unrecognised link

Mr Mundine said there was a close but often unrecognised relationship between Aboriginal and Chinese people.

"Many Aboriginal people have been to China and many Chinese people have interacted with Aboriginal people – we've had a relationship with China in one form for a time, this is the present form now," he said.

"I think people in Australia don't immediately see any connection between Australia and China, but the history of Chinese people connects to Aboriginal people as much as any group.

"There's been a lot of intermarriage, as detailed in the work Fiona Foley did about opium, which is not as acknowledged in the national history as it could be.

"Aboriginal and Chinese histories within Australia have struggled to be recognised to start with and possibly on the other side, both Aboriginal and Chinese societies within Australia haven't always seen that connection as a positive thing.

"Social mores change and they can be more open and flexible, so I think that's how we are now.

"All art is a social act, it's about a reflection of the society we're in now."

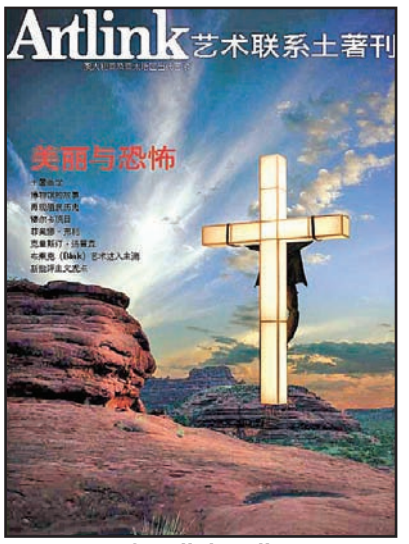
Mr Mundine said it was the perfect time for the Mandarin edition.

"Lots of everyday Australian artists are travelling to China, in the past it might have been New York or somewhere else," he said.

### Historical roots

"It's interesting and encouraging to travel to the real historical roots of social power. India, Persia and China are really inventive cultural places and social places, where they have ideas about living beyond technology; ideas about modes of living and living with other people.

"*Artlink* previously did a European version, they launched their Aboriginal issue in London and Holland previously, it's incredibly fitting that they've launched this Aboriginal issue in Chinese (Mandarin)."




**Cover of *Artlink Indigenous: Beauty and Terror in Mandarin.***




***Artlink Indigenous: Indignation.***

# Best thing he's ever seen in Lismore!

**By RACHEL SCOLLAY**

**NSW**

FACING stiff competition with the State of Origin match played on the same night, the Lismore performance of *Bindjareb Pinjarra* still drew a capacity crowd, with one patron telling the cast during the post-show debrief that it was the best thing he'd ever seen in Lismore.

Rhoda Roberts who commissioned the work for the Dreaming 16 years ago, spoke at the community barbecue which was held before the show and thanked the cast for 'this extraordinary gift that you are about to give us'.

The production – a comedy about an infamous massacre which happened in Pinjarra, 90km south of Perth in 1834 – was about 'reconciliation on the ground', she said.

"As we know, massacres happened, they were called dispersals," she said. "Once you know your past, you will never make those mistakes again."

She said not only was *Bindjareb Pinjarra* an example of black humour, (a chance to 'smile through the tears'), but it had proven highly educational and had toured numerous schools.

"It's had so many different lives," Ms Roberts said.

She said one of the most extraordinary things about the production was the way the original cast were training up a new generation of actors to take over the storytelling.

"Our Elders who work within the arts are our knowledge keepers… (the original cast members) are training up the younger cast members. I imagine their children's children will be performing this play in years to come," she said.



**Aunty Irene Harrington (left) gave the welcome to Widjabul country and is seen here with Aunty June Gordon and Rhoda Roberts (right) who commissioned the *Binjareb Pinjarra* work 16 years ago.**

**● RIGHT: Emily Wightman and Billie-Dee Roberts were there.**
**● BELOW: Knowledge keeper Roy Bibi (second from left) addressed the community barbecue in language and is seen here with *Binjareb Pinjarra* cast members, from left, Franklin Nannup, Kelton Pell and Isaac Drandic.**





# Top job to Buckskin



LEE-ANN BUCKSKIN

IT'S been a long time coming, but finally a woman has been appointed to head up the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board.

Federal Arts Minister Simon Crean announced last week that Lee-Ann Buckskin was taking over as chair of the board for the next three years.

"It is an historic appointment as Lee-Ann is the first female chair appointed to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board since its establishment in 1973," Mr Crean said.

Ms Buckskin is a Narungga, Wirangu, Wotjobaluk woman from South Australia and Victoria who is recognised throughout the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and broader arts communities.

She has worked with the 1996 and 1998 Adelaide Fringe, 1996 Festival of the Sun, 2002 Adelaide Festival of Arts and the Adelaide Festival Centre as well as the Yeperenye Festival (Alice Springs) 2001.

She was also program co-ordinator for the Indigenous program of the 2004 Adelaide Festival of Arts and the Brisbane Festival of Arts.

Ms Buckskin now works at Carclew Youth Arts in Adelaide as a manager of the community program. In that role she oversees the Indigenous program, working closely with Indigenous communities across South Australia.

Mr Crean said Ms Buckskin was well qualified for the position as chair given her long involvement with the arts community.

"In 2003, Lee-Ann was the winner of the inaugural Gladys Elphick Award for her work in raising the profile of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and culture in South Australia," the minister said. "The late Gladys Elphick was a Kaurna Elder who spearheaded the formation of the Council of Aboriginal Women of SA.

"In 2005, she was awarded the prestigious internationally recognised Sidney Myer Facilitator Prize. The prize recognises Lee-Ann's tremendous contribution to Indigenous arts in this country.

As well, Ms Buckskin was the deputy chair of Tandanya, National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, and was appointed co-chair to the Adelaide City Reconciliation Committee.



Jesse Martin performing on stage.

# Love of dance really pays off for Jesse

By DARREN COYNE

I IMAGINE dancing around Australia, and then the world, and getting paid for it!

That's the reality Bundjalung man Jesse Martin is living as a professional dancer with the Leigh Warren and Dancers company.

Martin is set to dance at major festivals in Edinburgh and New York over the next couple of months, but also has a full schedule of performances in Australia.

The 22-year-old, who grew up in Lismore, northern New South Wales, turned professional two years ago after graduating from the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) in Queensland in 2010, with an advanced Diploma in Dance.

Martin told the *Koori Mail* that his interest in dance developed while performing traditional dances, which he's done from about four years of age.

"I then went through school doing it, and then at college. I guess I've been dancing all my life, it's part of who I am," he said.

Towards the end of his time at ACPA, Martin spent six months with the Expressions Dance Company, performing in works choreographed by Gina Rings and company director Natalie Weir.

He also competed in the Dance Around the World solo competition and, although he won a trip to Los Angeles, chose to stay in Australia to complete his studies and the secondment.



**'I've been dancing all my life, it's part of who I am'**

***– Jesse Martin***

But now he is ready to go international with the performance in Edinburgh in August, after which he plans to travel through France, Switzerland and Italy.

"It's going to be a bit of working holiday," he said.

"This will be my first international tour. I'm getting paid to go overseas so it's pretty good."

But while the job sounds exotic, Martin admits it's hard work.

"It's five days a week, ten to five, and when it's show time the hours vary," he said.

"It's like doing anything you love. The pain goes away while I'm doing it ... it's not a job, it's a lifestyle."

Martin said his time with internationally renowned dancer/choreographer Leigh Warren – who has been mentoring Indigenous dancers since 1988 – had been a great learning experience.

"He's nurtured me over three years. I thought I was pretty good coming in but he stripped me back and helped me re-evaluate my goals," he said.

"He's probably one of the three most important people to me ... along with Penny Mullun, head of dance at ACPA, and Natalie Weir, the director of Expressions."

As for the future, Martin plans to continue dancing and choreographing for at least the next ten years.

"The end goal is to become the artistic director of a company," he said.

# Installation pays tribute to tribes

VIC

AN ART installation created from natural and found objects is about to open in Melbourne.

The installation, by artist Lee Darroch, is called *Tribes, Totems & Trade* and pays tribute to the tribes of south-eastern Australia.

It opens on 8 June at the Koorie Heritage Trust building in King Street, Melbourne, and will be on display until 24 August.

Ms Darroch, a Yorta Yorta, Mutti Mutti, Boon Wurrung woman, created her sculptures using objects found from the lakes and oceans near where she lives.

Materials include shark eggs, shells, driftwood, bull kelp, sand and ochre.





**A section of the *Tribes, Totems & Trade* installation, and artist Lee Darroch in a possum skin cloak.**

"The totems of Bunjil the eaglehawk and Waang the crow are key totems for much of Victoria," Ms Darroch said when explaining her art.

"Bunjil, the creator, the protector and ancestor, and Waang, the other key creator, are central to art and culture.

"Bunjil is symbolised by a large driftwood nest and Waang by a bull kelp and tea tree feather."

Ms Darroch has included a map of the traditional trade routes of the south-east of Australia in her journal.

"The trade routes that are riverlines are also painted in ochre onto the adult possum skin cloak," she said.

"Some of the trade items such as quartz crystals, white pipeclay, and ochre and possum skins are on display."

Ms Darroch said an element of the installation would be a large 'spiral of life' which would cover part of the floor.

"The spiral represents the birth, life, death and re-birth of us as Aboriginal people," she said.

"The spiral is composed of all natural materials from the ocean to symbolise our strong link with the land.

"On the wall will be a series of two driftwood sculptures, each with 38 driftwood sticks to represent both the men and the women of the 38 tribes of Victoria."

# In honour of Thancoupie

**By CHRISTINE HOWES**

QLD

IN the year since Cape York artist Dr Gloria Fletcher – commonly known as Thancoupie – passed on, a committee has been hard at work finding ways to honour her memory.

The group is raising funds for a bursary for young Aboriginal artists and recently held an auction of artworks created by Thancoupie herself and other artists including Judy Watson, Sam Tupou, Kristen Tennyson and Arone Meeks.

It was Thancoupie's wish to support emerging young Aboriginal artists and aspiring young Aboriginal arts workers from the Western Cape York Peninsula.

The modest bursary honours her memory, achievements and legacy as the first Aboriginal artist to gain tertiary qualifications in art.

The committee for the Western Cape York Aboriginal Youth Art Bursary hoped to boost the amount and make it a perpetual award.

The fundraiser met its target amount ($20,000) to be added to the bursary, which the State Government has promised to match dollar for dollar.

Cousin Rita Moore said at the auction that Thancoupie's name had been cleared traditionally just one week earlier.

"With that ceremony there was a traditional opening. Family members came to do smoking, we went through the house, through the rooms and the family did the ceremonial tribute," she said.

"It was a very beautiful journey, and I welcome you all here in celebrating her life and the bursary which will enable other students from Cape York to follow their dream."



**Thancoupie's cousin Rita Moore with one of the works at the auction held in Cairns.**

Close friend Jennifer Isaacs said that after a year of not being able to speak her friend's name, she felt the night was a celebration.

## 'Big career'

"This is a great function, and a whole lot of local artists or people who have known her or their children have learned from her or they've been to Weipa and have done the holiday program are here," she said. "Over 40 years, it's been a big career.

"Artists have donated their work, so there's paintings and pottery and sculpture and everything from all manner of artists in and around Cairns, and some from interstate."

Committee member Jeannie Little said she wanted to help fulfill her tribal mother's last wish.

"She died last year and that was her last wish, and that's what we're honouring tonight," she said.

"She wanted children to study art or to work in the arts profession outside of their home community environment, so that they could mature holistically.

"I miss her, but I have wonderful memories."

Tax deductible cash donations can be made to the Aboriginal Benefits Foundation. Contact treasurer Simon Chan on 0411 138 308.

# Unlimited success!

NSW

INDIGENOUS artists have featured among the winners at the annual Art Unlimited competition in the NSW Central West centre of Dunedoo.

The $3000 Pro Hart Prize for Hanging Art was won by Dubbo-based artist Eddy Harris, for his black and white acrylic on canvas work *Kangaroo Dreaming*.

Aboriginal artist Nyree Reynolds, of Blayney, won the $500 Western Plains Cultural Centre Emerging Artist Prize. She'll be offered the use of a studio space at the Dubbo centre along with mentoring by awards judge Kent Buchanan, who is curator of Western Plains Cultural Centre in Dubbo.

Coonabarabran photographer Paris Norton was awarded the $500 Orana Arts Indigenous Artist Prize.

Eddy Harris, who was mentored by the late Pro Hart – one of Australia's greatest outback artists – was greatly moved that his work was awarded the honour. "It's just an amazing feeling," he said.

"As an Aboriginal, it's very important to me to be able to share my culture with others through art. To receive this kind of acknowledgement means a lot.

"It was also really good to see other Aboriginal artists recognised this year. Hopefully it will encourage a lot more in the future."

Judge Kent Buchanan praised the work, saying it stood apart from everything else as being particularly strong.

"The painting is a really strong interpretation of country," he said. "The skill that's evident in the work is of a high order. The black and white is very effective and the accumulation of lines create a really interesting optical effect."

Art Unlimited attracted works from artists across Australia, with almost 400 entries submitted for the competition's categories of Hanging Art, Photography and Ceramics.



**Eddy Harris, of Dubbo, with his Art Unlimited competition winning artwork *Kangaroo Dreaming*.**



Yabu Band members drummer Jade Masters and brothers Delson and Boyd Stokes.

# Yabu's 'little cry for hope'

By RUDI MAXWELL

WHILE the fraught topic of substance abuse may at first seem a difficult subject for a beautiful ballad, that's exactly why Yabu Band's Delson Stokes wants people to listen to his new song *Petrol, Paint and Glue*.

"I wrote the song about 12 years ago, when I was very young and didn't know much about substance abuse and I didn't want to point the finger at just our mob when it's a problem in all walks of life," Stokes told the *Koori Mail.*

"When people have problems they try and escape, it's a quick and easy answer. It's very sad.

"As I got older I decided in 2012 I was going to speak up about it."

*Petrol, Paint and Glue* begins with a broken guitar chord then Delson singing a plea to 'Mama I am standing here, I feel so empty, so empty inside'.

"Sometimes children are seen but not heard, so I wanted to do a nice beautiful song and not offend anyone," he said.

"We need to pay attention to young children, need to see what matters, look at signs because they're not going to tell us directly.

"Substance abuse is only a phase that I believe they will grow out of if they can pick up that there is life, that they need to start living, not wasting away."

Yabu, which means gold or rock in Wongutha, formed in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, and is comprised of Delson Stokes and his brother Boyd who sing, write and play guitar, and Jade Masters on drums.

The band won the Most Promising New Act at the 2009 Deadlys and have been Indigenous Artist of the Year for the past three years at the WA Music Industry (WAMI) Awards.

Delson said he thought young people needed to identify inspirational role models.

"Not just football players or rock stars, they need to pick right, and that means looking at family, at nanna and pop, and watch how they have survived, our languages and culture have been around for a long, long time," he said.

"Sniffing is not our culture, it never was and never will be.

**'I wanted to let the Elders know how important it is that they give the gift of language and stories and pass it on'**

"Right now is the time to start living – be someone important in the community."

*Petrol, Paint and Glue* is sung in both English and Wongutha.

"I wanted to let the Elders know how important it is that they give the gift of language and stories and pass it on," Delson said.

"We need to preserve our languages and I want to say to Elders, 'Don't retire but refire, we need you and don't take it with you when you leave, let us know how you survived'."

Delson said he had seen family members struggle with substance abuse.

"They've grown up now, it was sad at the time, but they're mums and dads now, and that snapped them out it," he said.

"It was a chapter in their lives when they were suffering from depression but now they have something to live for, their children, and they've grown up.

"When I travel all over this country, I see problems everywhere in Indigenous communities and also non-Indigenous.

"Even in the parks here in Perth, the big smoke, you see people trying to survive, living in parks.

"Some children think no-one loves them, so they go living with strangers and making mates in the park when they should be with their family.

"With this song I wanted to pay respect to the young people who have lost their lives, they are not to be forgotten, not to be a number on a grave, we can go back and talk and remember the good things they have done.

"It's important that we impart culture in the way we live, the knowledge that our grandparents and parents fought for and that survival to be recognised.

"The way I sing in a sweet ballad, it's a little cry for hope.

"The song should say mostly all of it: children need to start living."

Yabu Band has toured WA this month supported by singer-songwriter John Bennett, from Bidyadanga community, and is heading to Melbourne for 'We Sing For Reconciliation' at The Royal Hotel tomorrow night (31 May). The show also features Bart Willoughby, The Skin Choir and The Massive Hip Hop Choir.

Yabu Band and John Bennett are in the running for the Indigenous artist of the year at the WAMIs.

For tour dates and venues visit http://www.voiceproductions.com.au/yabu-band.html

# Telling the story of battle for Coranderrk

NSW

THE story of how the people of Coranderrk Aboriginal Reserve in Victoria took on the Board for the Protection of Aborigines in a fight for justice, dignity and self-determination will soon be shown at the Sydney Opera House. The Opera House and Ilbijerri Theatre Company will present *CORANDERRK: We Will Show the Country* from 28 June-1 July.

And on 30 June a series of debates and discussions will be held as part of the production.

In 1881, following a sustained protest campaign against the Board for the Protection of Aborigines' attempts to disband the station, the people of Coranderrk succeeded in pressuring the Government to hold an inquiry.

Evidence was heard from all parties and placed on the record, and the truth emerged.

More than 130 years later, Ilbijerri Theatre Company has brought to life Coranderrk's voices – both black and white – through a theatrical re-enactment of their official testimonies before the 1881 inquiry.

The production features key figures such as William Barak and several of the men and women of Coranderrk, as well as their allies and opponents in the white community, to speak directly to a contemporary audience.

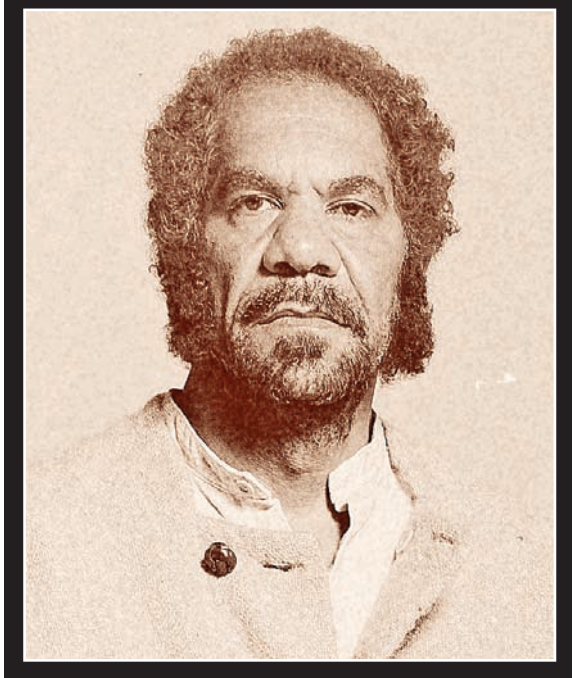
*Coranderrk* is part of the Minutes of Evidence Project, a collaboration between leading Indigenous and other artists, researchers, education experts and others which aims to encourage a shared understanding of the past and promote new ways of publicly engaging with historical and structural injustice.

Accompanying the production, on 30 June, the Sydney Opera House will host a series of free debates and discussions on the issues raised. At 1.30pm, AlterNative Art in association with Cairns Indigenous Art Fair will host artists Richard Bell, Vernon Ah Kee, Ian McLean and Rex Butler in a debate on the issue 'Is there a selective blindness of what is the black canvass?'

At 3.30pm, the topic is 'One should either write ruthlessly what one believes to be the truth, or else shut up'. Curator Djon Mundine will deliver the keynote speech.

And at 9.30pm, there will be a *Coranderrk* post-show Q&A session. Rhoda Roberts, head of Indigenous programming at the Sydney Opera House will chair the session with the cast and creative team.

For more details, go to www.sydneyoperahouse.com or call (02) 9250 7777.



**Actor Greg Fryer as he appears in *Coranderrk: We Will Show the Country*. *Image: Steven Rhall***

# MAGNT post for Waight



NT

**THE Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) has named a new curator of Indigenous Art and Material Culture in the lead-up to this year's Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award (NATSIAA). John Waight (pictured), a Territorian who has been involved in the arts for most of his adult life, has taken on the role.**

**MAGNT acting director Darlene Lion said Mr Waight would bring a 'new and different perspective' to this year's NATSIAA.**

**"John was born in Darwin and has spent most of his adult life directly involved in the arts, more recently as Darwin City Council's curator of the Bombing of Darwin exhibition at the Chan Contemporary Art Space in Darwin," Ms Lion said.**

**"Other past experience includes three years as manager at Maningrida Arts and Culture and at the Australian National Maritime Museum, where he worked for seven years as the institution's Indigenous curator and liaison officer.**

**"With this year's 29th Telstra NATSIAA held in August, John's role will be to exhibit the 63 artworks that were recently pre-selected to contest this year's NATSIAA and be in the running for the main prize of $40,000.**

**"Artworks are set to start arriving in coming weeks, with this year's awards ceremony taking place on the MAGNT lawns on Friday, 10 August."**

# Bundjalung art on show

NSW

WORKS by 12 leading male Bundjalung artists are now on show in an exhibition at the Grafton Regional Gallery, northern NSW.

The exhibition, Return to Country, has been inspired by the gallery's acquisition of three traditional Bundjalung clubs dating back to the mid-1800s.

Arts Northern Rivers CEO Peter Wood said the works on display explored the stories, mark making and interpretation of ancient designs, and examined what it meant to be a Bundjalung man and the connection to country.

"I am delighted that Arts Northern Rivers has been able to work in partnership with Grafton Regional Gallery to help realise this important exhibition," he said.

"The return to country of these artefacts has created a great sense of anticipation and excitement throughout the Bundjalung nation, leading to the development of an application for project funding that will, if successful, see the re-invigoration of traditional Bundjalung mark making techniques and future exhibitions."

Arts Northern Rivers Indigenous arts development officer Rob Appo said the exhibition featured some of the finest Bundjalung artists.

"All have used the return of these clubs as the inspiration for their work," he said.

"There is great potential to see this grow into an important project for Indigenous artists in the Northern Rivers region."

The exhibition includes paintings by Charlie Caldwell, Digby Moran, Eric Ferguson, Jai Walker, Joey Davis, Luke Close, Marcus Ferguson, Michael Philp, Oral Laurie, Oral Roberts, Ray Roberts and Scott Rotumah.

Grafton Regional Gallery is at 158 Fitzroy Street Grafton and is open Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm.

The exhibition continues until Sunday 1 July.

# Mid-West art in spotlight

WA

AN ARTWORK by Gascoyne artist Sonya Edney features in promotional material for this year's Oakajee Port and Rail's Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition, on next month.

Called *Yalibirri Nesting Time*, the painting was inspired by Ms Edney's childhood travels with her family.

The acrylic-on-canvas work tells the story of an early-morning search for emu eggs near Mount Augustus, in the Upper Gascoyne.

Ms Edney's painting is being used on posters, flyers, invitations and in advertising to promote 2012 Good Heart.

The exhibition, backed by the WA Mid West Development Commission, is designed to raise the profile of Indigenous artists from the mid-west region of Western Australia.

This year's main exhibition – free to the public – will be from 18-22 June in Perth's city centre. It will be opened by WA Governor Malcolm McCusker and WA Premier Colin Barnett. A preview of the exhibition has been on show in the mid-west city of Geraldton.

Last year's event was viewed by a record 5000 people and featured 177 works by artists from communities including Wiluna, Mullewa, Northampton, Meekatharra, Mt Magnet, Cue, Yalgoo and Morawa.

More details at www.opandr.com/community_involvement/partnerships/good_heart.phtml



**Gascoyne artist Sonya Edney with one of her works.**

# Monsoon to hit Darwin

NT

THE dry season is festival time in the Top End, and this year Darwin is hosting a major new event.

The new arts festival, the Monsoon Sessions, will be held in the Northern Territory capital from 14-24 June.

NT Arts Minister Gerry McCarthy said the 10-day industry event would feature workshops and creative sessions catering for people interested in theatre, dance, music, visual arts, film, broadcasting, digital media and more.

"The Northern Territory Government is ... investing $80,000 into this festival to boost Territorians' budding arts careers and general participation in this rewarding industry," the minister said.

The festival, to be held at Browns Mart and other venues, aims to provide professional development opportunities for arts industry people, including film-making workshops, screen-writing classes, seminars and talks to cater for up to 1000 people.

Mr McCarthy said top artists from the Territory, interstate and overseas would host sessions.

"...Some big names from the creative industries will be here in June to teach our artists and industry workers specialist techniques being used in other parts of the nation and the world," he said.

"And what makes this festival even more exciting is it is being managed by former Darwin Festival director Malcolm Blaylock, who has delivered sensational dry season events to the Territory.

"On top of that, many of the sessions will be free, but places will be limited and some level of prior knowledge may be required, so registration for this first-time event is essential."

For more information and to register, go to www.monsoonsessions.com.au

# National Calendar



Actor and MC Luke Carroll will be a role model at the Broome Vibe 3on3.

# Vibe in the Kimberley

WA

WESTERN Australia's Kimberley region will host the Vibe 3on3 next month.

The travelling sport and music festival will head to Kununurra on Friday, 8 June and Broome on Thursday 14 June.

Vibe 3on3 aims to bring together Indigenous and other students for a fun day of basketball, dancing and music. The event encourages sportsmanship, teaches new skills and builds self-esteem.

Executive producer Gavin Jones said the events also had a focus on healthy lifestyles and good mental health 'through showing the importance of looking out for each other, yarning when you're not feeling all that flash and staying away from drugs and alcohol'.

"And it's all about getting active and having fun, playing hard and playing fair and being proud of who you are," he said.

At a 3on3, students participate in teams of 3-5 players in a range of activities including a basketball round-robin, art workshops, rap workshops and break dancing classes – all accompanied by a backing track of RnB, hip hop and Indigenous music.

There is also a health expo with a focus on showcasing the mental health providers in the region, so young people know where they can go to for support and help when they need it.

Role models will attend the event, which also includes an opening ceremony, face painting and a free healthy breakfast and barbecue lunch.

To participate in the Vibe 3on3, young people need to pre-register in teams of four through their school. Registration for the Kununurra event close this Friday, 1 June, and on 8 June for the Broome event, unless capacity is reached beforehand.

The events, capped at 400 kids each, will be held at the Kununurra Leisure Centre in Coolabah Drive, Kununurra, and the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre in Cable Beach Road, Broome. Registrations are open now, and schools can visit the http://www.vibe.com.au/events.html to register.

**We welcome your items for our National Calendar of Events. Please send them to any of the addresses listed in the panel on Page 23. Keep them short and to the point, with a daytime telephone contact number for checking purposes. There is no cost, but submissions may be held over and edited.**

## National

**30 May-27 July:** Yung Warriors. Standing Strong National Tour and video. Featuring performances by Street Warriors, Impossible Odds and more. Upcoming performance dates and venues: 30 May, Surfers Paradise Tavern, Qld; 31 May, Racehorse Hotel, Ipswich, Qld; 1 June, The Zoo, Fortitude Valley, Qld; 2 June, Club Tavern, Caboolture, Qld; 7 June, FBI Social, Sydney; 9 June, Cambridge Hotel, Newcastle; 15 June, Trak, W/Outlawz, Melbourne; 16 June, Workers Club, Melbourne; 12 July, The Front, Canberra; 13 July, The Laundry, Melbourne; 27 July, The Patch, Wollongong.

Details: Payback Records on (03) 9471 3524 or (0448) 380 376 or visit www.yungwarriors.com.au

**11-15 June:** 2012 World Indigenous Housing Conference. This first international forum aims to bring together Indigenous housing leaders, senior government officials, researchers and corporate heads from around the world to learn from best practices, build a global network, showcase Indigenous cultures, share expertise and connection. Featuring speakers, workshops and presentations. Cost involved, all welcome to register, must register before the date. Details: email reception@ahma-bc.org or visit www.indigenous2012.com

**29 June-7 July:** *Terrain – The wonder of Lake Eyre* tour. Showcasing the fusion of contemporary dance and storytelling by Bangarra Dance Theatre that is described as a 'Hymn to Country'. All welcome, cost involved. 29 June-7 July at The Arts Centre, Melbourne. 18 July-18 August at Sydney Opera House. 29 August-1 September at Her Majesty's Theatre, Perth. 3-7 October at QPAC, Brisbane.

Details: (02) 9251 5333 or email bangarra@bangarra.com.au or visit www.bangarra.com.au

## NSW-ACT

**On-going:** Free counselling session Mondays and Tuesdays. The Salvation Army, in association with a provisional psychologist, is offering counselling sessions. Free and all welcome. Held at the Salvation Army, 32 Cambridge Dr, Goonellabah. Details: (0432) 044 047 or (02) 66247326.

**Until 4 June:** Calling for applications for the Small Change Grants round. These grants are for people aged 12-25 living in NSW's Byron Shire and can assist financially in getting an idea or project into action. Free and all welcome to apply. Details: (02) 6626 7225 or visit www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

**Until 10 June:** Off the Walls, an art exhibition showcasing a collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art gathered over almost 40 years by Australian government agencies responsible for Aboriginal affairs. It includes bark paintings, watercolours, carvings, basket and fibre work, spears, sporting trophies and posters. Free and all welcome. Held at National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6208 5351 or email media@nma.gov.au or visit http://nma.gov.au/exhibitions/off_the_walls/

**Until 6 July:** Calling for registrations for the 2012 NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference – 'Recognising our Time'. Providing a forum for enhancing the profile of Aboriginal communities and skills and culture. All welcome to register, cost involved. Details: (1300) 368 783 or email amy@eastcoastconferences.com.au or visit www.eastcoastconferences.com.au

**30 May:** Learn Earn Legend. Presented by former NSW State of Origin players and encouraging young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to 'stay at school,get that job and be a legend', including an Indigenous jobs market day. Free and all welcome. Held at Lismore Turf Club, Woodlawn Rd, Lismore, from 9am-2pm. Details (02) 8765 2847 or visit www.originlegends.com.au

**30 May-2 June:** 2012 National Reconciliation Week. A week-long celebration honouring the experiences and stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, featuring performances, talks, exhibitions and music. Held at the Seymour Centre and The University of Sydney, cnr of City Road and Cleveland Street, Chippendale. Details (02) 9351 7940 or visit www.sydney.edu.au/Seymour

Dates, times and venues: Until 2 June, Winds of Change, from 9am daily, free, main foyer; 30 May, Casey Donovan, 8pm, cost is $45, Sound Lounge; 31 May, 'I'm not Racist But', 7.30pm, cost $12.50, York Theatre; 1 June, Katherine, 1pm and 6.30pm, free, York Theatre; 1 June, The Reconciliation Party, 7.30pm, free, main foyer; 2 June, Bindjareb Pinjarra, 7.30pm, cost $28/$18, York Theatre.

**3 June:** National Reconciliation Week event 'Lets Talk Recognition', a family fun day held in the spirit of bringing the Indigenous and non-Indigenous community together, including guest speakers, barbecue, live entertainment and fun activities. Free and all welcome. Held at Kadina Park, Kadina Street, Lismore, from 10am-3pm. Details: 1300 878 387 or visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au

**9 June:** Rugby League Knockout, men's open competition. Held at Geoff New Oval, Brewarrina. Details: Kim Hardy (0428) 402 141 or Ronald Gordon (0401) 526 014 or Heidi Hardy (0413) 316 002.

**16-17 June:** Australian Health and Wellbeing Festival. Solutions to Obesity Problems Inc Association (STOP) is holding a festival to raise awareness and give education and assistance to the need for a healthier nation of Australia. Featuring activities, entertainment and more. Costs involved. Held at Bicentennial Park, Kable Ave, Tamworth. Details: Jenny Stanley on (0488) 606 806 or email stopaustraliajstanley@hotmail.com

**21 June:** Building Personal Resilience Workshop and Navigating Teenage Depression Seminar. Black Dog Institute in partnership with the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program is holding a workshop on building personal resilience from 9.30am-12.30pm. Workshop placements are limited. Navigating Teenage Depression Seminar, 6.30pm-8.30pm. Free and all welcome. Held at Casino Community Centre, 35 Walker St, Casino. Details: Chris Rule on (02) 9382 8203 or visit www.blackdoginstitute.com

**18-19 July:** Third annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Conference 'Better Housing Strategies for Stronger People'. Guest speakers. All welcome to register, must register before the date, cost involved. Held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Redfern. Details: (1300) 316 882 or email registration@criterionconferences.com or visit www.register.criterionconferences.com

## Victoria

**Until 24 June:** 'River Woman' Aboriginal art exhibition, showcasing life, culture and deep connection to the Murray River of north-west Victoria and Lake Mungo through linework, linoprints, acrylic painting and sketching by Muthi Muthi Elder and artist Barb Egan. Free and all welcome. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne, Museum, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton. Details: 13 11 02 or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au

**Until 11 October:** Aboriginal Affairs Victoria – Managing in Two Worlds – Governance Training. A three-day introductory workshop that aims to provide high-quality training, relevant course materials also providing accommodation, meals and other specifics. All welcome to register, cost involved. Held in Melbourne from 17-19 April, Echuca 9-11 October. Details: (03) 9208 3252 or email AAV.Governance@dpcd.vic.gov.au

**31 May:** 'We Sing for Reconciliation', celebrating Reconciliation 2012. This event celebrates the voice of Indigenous Australia that has travelled and survived through the millennia. Performances include Bart Willoughby, Yabu Band (WA), SKIN Choir and Massive hip-hop choir. Cost: $10. Held at Royal Melbourne Hotel, 629 Bourke St,

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Melbourne. Details: Jessie Lloyd on (0404) 496 877.

**9 June-24 August:** Tribe, Totem and Trade. A solo art exhibition by Lee Darroch. Official opening including welcome to country, starting at 6pm, Friday 8 June. Held at Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King St, Melbourne. Details on (03) 8622 2600 or visit www.koorieheritagetrust.com

## Queensland

**Until 1 June:** Movie auditions. Calling for auditions by Aboriginal people to be part of a movie set. No experience necessary. Held at the PCYC Inala, Brisbane. To reserve a spot call or text Shannon on (0401) 846 484 or Leanne on (0438) 772 199.

**Until 28 June:** Ten Steps to Learning and Leading: One day a week for ten weeks, the program is for Indigenous women aged 17-25. Aimed at assisting young women to reach their full potential and empower them to be in control of their own destiny. Held at Labrador Community Hub, Labrador. Details: (07) 5679 3471 or email info@kirrawee.com.au

**2 June:** 'Rocklea Revival – Reggae in the Park'. This event is being held to celebrate the spirit of resilience and revival that has thrived in the Rocklea since the January 2011 floods. Free and all welcome. Held Kookaburra Park, Tramore Street, Rocklea, from noon. Details: John on (0438) 779 032.

**2 June:** UMI Got Talent Family Fun Day. UMI Got Talent is a pilot program showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through a series of local mini festivals. Free and all welcome. Held at Murray Street Park, Manoora, Cairns from noon - 6pm. Details: Nerelle Nicol on (07) 4041 6152 or (0424) 592 749.

**2-3 June:** Townsville Reconciliation Festival 2012. A combination of events rolled into one program. Celebrate Reconciliation Week and commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Mabo High Court decision. Free and all welcome. Details Marita Akee on (07) 4799 7199 or (0457) 541 454 or email Marita.Akee@communities.qld.gov.au

Dates, venues and times: 2 June, Townsville Reconciliation Day, held at Strand Park, North Ward, from 10.30am-4.30pm; 3 June, Mabo Day Commemoration ceremony, held at Victoria Bridge Monument, Townsville City, from 8.30-9.30am; 3 June, Mabo Day March, starting at Anzac Memorial Park, from 10am-12.30pm; 3 June, Mabo Day Concert, held at Strand Park, North Ward, from 12.30-4.30pm.

**4-6 June:** National Native Title Conference – Echoes of Mabo: Honour and Determination. Aimed at reviewing current native title practice, policy, and also to address sub-themes of recognition, reform, revolution, leadership legacies, families, youth, culture and country. All welcome to register, cost involved. Held at Townsville Entertainment Convention Centre, Entertainment Rd, Townsville. Details: (02) 6246 1111 or email ntconference@aiatsis.gov.au or visit www.aiatsis.gov.au

**4-9 June:** BlackDance 2012, showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contemporary dance providing a platform for Australian and international First Nation choreographers to produce performances, forums, artists symposiums and master classes. Free and all welcome. Held at the Queensland Theatre Company, 78 Montague Rd, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3010 7600 or email mail@queenslandtheatre.com.au or visit the website www.queenslandtheatre.com.au

## Northern Territory

Until 15 July: Yalangbara: Art of the Djang'kawu, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing the works by the Marika family of Arnhem Land.

Free and all welcome.

Held at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, 19 Conacher St, Fannie Bay. More details on phone (08) 8999 8264 or email museum.magnt@nt.gov.au or visit www.magnt.nt.gov.au

# Talent on display

QLD

UMI Arts will hold the first in a series of 'UMI Got Talent' mini festivals this Saturday in Cairns. The family fun day, in partnership with Keriba Yadal Torres Strait Islander Corporation as part of Mabo Day events, will be from noon-6pm at the Murray Street Park, Manoora.

UMI Arts says the mini festival will be a community celebration of traditional and contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

The UMI Got Talent pilot program aims to bring together different aspects of culture through mini festivals of music, dance, performance, art and craft, story-telling and cultural demonstrations.

Event co-ordinator Nerelle Nicol says UMI Arts will host three festivals over coming months, offering an avenue for locals to share cultural knowledge and explore and promote their creative and artistic talents.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people come from a rich and creative cultural background, so we are keen to tap into these amazing skills. These events will provide an opportunity for individuals or groups to bring their skills, crafts and knowledge out of the home and into the community, where the diversity of their talents can be celebrated, by the broader community," she said.

"The festivals will promote pride in and respect for culture through market stalls, children's activities, story-telling and cultural demonstrations, showcasing musicians, performers, artists and locally made products.



**There'll be dancing like this and much more at this Saturday's UMI Got Talent mini festival in Cairns, north Queensland.**

"In helping to foster creative pathways and build capacity in the community, performers and stall holders will have access to voluntary mentors on the day, who can offer advice and guidance through their own personal journey in these areas."

This Saturday's alcohol- and drug-free mini festival will be followed by a movie night in the park as part of the Mabo Day calendar.

There will also be a 'litter pick up' at the park during the morning.

For more details call (07) 4041 6152.

# Exhibitions at Tandanya

SA

**THE National Aboriginal Cultural Institute – Tandanya, in Adelaide, is hosting two new art exhibitions.**

***Wirrinyiya ngaragngarag birra ngamoo ngamoo* ('In this shelter, everybody has been making artefacts and paintings for a long time'), the Mangkaja Arts 21st anniversary show, is in the main gallery until 26 August.**

**And *Undoolya – Pmere: New works by Patricia Perrurle Ansell-Dodds* features in the Kaurna gallery until 29 July.**

**It's been 21 years since Mangkaja Arts Resource Agency, from the Kimberley region in Western Australia, held its first major exhibition at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute.**

**In 1991, 23 artists and staff travelled 4000km to attend the opening.**

**The current exhibition features works from some of the art centre's prominent deceased and living artists alongside the selected works of emerging artists on paper and canvas.**

**The 21st Anniversary Exhibition will be officially opened on 14 June at 6pm at Tandanya.**

**Meanwhile, Patricia (Pat) Perrurle Ansell-Dodds is an Arrernte (Alice Springs) and Amatjere (Ti Tree) woman from the Northern Territory.**

**Undoolya – Pmere is her first solo exhibition outside the Territory. Her work is inspired by the stories of her country and the bush foods around Undoolya and Ti Tree.**

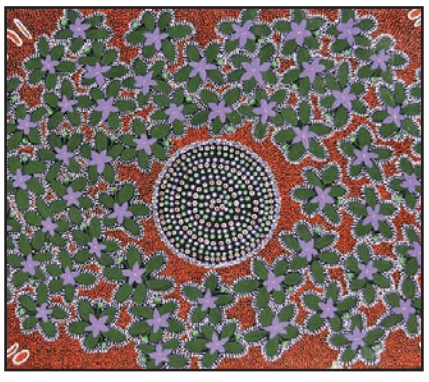
**A major influence on her life has been her brother Ronald George Perrurle Ansell. He was a musician and artist whose works are held in collections nationally and overseas. Since his passing, Dodds has continued to paint in his memory.**

**"My brother is my inspiration. This is my first exhibition, and I am here to carry on his memory sharing my stories about our connection to the land, Undoolya and Ti Tree." Pat said.**

**She will be painting in the gallery throughout her exhibition.**

**● For more information on the exhibits, go to www.tandanya.com**





**● Above: Nyuju Stumpy Brown (dec), *Warawara* (1999), a work from the Mangkaja Arts 21st anniversary show.**

**● Left: Patricia Perrurle Ansell-Dodds, *Bush Tomato* (2011), from the exhibition *Undoolya – Pmere*.**

# Learning on country




ALoC graduates Nathanial Janiak, Trevor Harradine, Leon Dodd, Marshall Carter, Edmund Carter and Joseph Smith.

SA

TRAINEES are one step closer to jobs as natural resources managers after completing a course at Monarto Zoo in South Australia. They were taking part in an Aboriginal Learning on Country (ALoC) Project where they worked on revegetation, plant propagation, threatened species monitoring and removing weeds of significance at the zoo, near Murray Bridge.

They also developed a bush tucker garden at Tailem Bend Primary School.

The workers were the second group to have completed their 12-month traineeship. Five trainees received either Certificate II or Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management at a presentation ceremony.

ALoC projects aim to encourage Aboriginal participation in training towards accreditation in Conservation and Land Management Certificates which may lead to employment as natural resources managers.

One of the trainees has already secured employment with a local government council in Queensland.

**'It was really enjoyable to celebrate a project that works'**

At the presentation, Ngarrindjeri Elder Marshall Carter gave the welcome to country and many of the trainees' partners, children, parents and friends were in attendance.

A spouse of one of the trainees was very proud of her partner, saying he had gone through some rough times personally during the training but had continued on and had now successfully completed his training.

South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management (SA MDB NRM) Board regional capacity building co-ordinator Danielle Packer thanked the ALoC trainees for their 'enthusiasm, commitment, hard work and contributions to the project'.

"It was really enjoyable to celebrate a project that works," she said.

Celebrations continued over lunch provided by volunteers of Monarto Zoo.

A third ALoC trainee group started project work in March.

The initiative is co-funded by Caring for Our Country.

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**Assistant Project Officer**
(Requisition No. 00000WHF) - Metro North (Parramatta)

**Occupational Therapist/Speech Therapist/Physiotherapist**
(Requisition No. 00000WHO) - Western Region
(Negotiable - Wagga, Albury, Bathurst, Dubbo and Mudgee)

Ageing, Disability and Home Care are seeking energetic and passionate individuals to join us in creating an exciting future. The agency is offering this opportunity through the Indigenous Cadetship Support Program which is funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to assist students throughout their studies and provide a strong job opportunity upon completion of those studies. The cadetship involves 40 weeks of academic studies and a 12 week work placement. There are 9 positions available for Indigenous Cadetships in the above roles across various locations in NSW, and they will provide support and services to older people, people with a disability and their carers.

**Selection Criteria:**

1. Confirmation of Aboriginality
2. Current NSW Driver's Licence
3. Currently undertaking full time study for a degree or diploma, advanced diploma in the relevant field of study
4. Current understanding of the issues, trends and philosophies underpinning the provision of services to people with a disability
5. Well developed analytical and problem solving skills
6. Well developed oral and written communication skills
7. Good MS Word and MS Excel skills

**To complete your application you need to:**

1. Read the Indigenous Cadetship Support information booklet
2. Complete the Indigenous Cadetship Support application form
3. Complete all the selection criteria for the specific position you are applying for
4. Attach your proof of academic enrolment
5. Attach your confirmation of Aboriginality

**Enquiries:** **Sydney Region** – Annette Houston (02) 9407 7730 or Warren Steadman (02) 4978 6201
**Western Region** – Chelsea Stewart (02) 6841 1529
**Sydney West** – Monika Kaatzke-McDonald (02) 9842 2442

**To obtain an Information Package and to apply**: Visit the website: http://jobs.nsw.gov.au/

You may call Noela Watego on (02) 8295 4617 if you have any queries.

**Applications close: Friday 08 June 2012**

*The Indigenous Cadetship Support (ICS) is a program funded by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). These positions are targeted to the employment of Aboriginal people and are authorised by the Ageing, Disability and Home Care's EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.*

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AWABAKAL

## Aboriginal Healthy Lifestyle Worker

### Full Time 35 hrs per week

The primary function of this role is for the Aboriginal Healthy Lifestyle Worker to work part of the Healthy Lifestyle Team. You will be working within the community to promote activities and supporting the community to make Healthy Lifestyle choices.

**Selection Criteria:**
**Essential**
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement of this position, exemptions claimed under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act. NSW 1977.
- Experience in health promotion, developing programs and running events.
- Ability to work as part of a team of health professionals.
- Personal drive, ability to determine priorities and to manage your workload to achieve results.
- Ability to work with Aboriginal people and to respect culture and values.
- An understanding of health issues of Aboriginal people.
- Good written and oral skills.
- Outgoing personality and confident communicator.
- Current Drivers Licence.

**Desirable:**
- Certificate III or higher in Aboriginal Health

## Aboriginal Youth Crisis Worker

### Permanent Part Time 21 Hours

The core function of this position is to provide Case Management and outreach to young Aboriginal people aged 15-21 years who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
A further objective is to enhance the status and wellbeing of young people within the Awabakal community, by working with young people, community and service providers to develop approaches and strategies that engage and meet the needs of young people.

**Essential Criteria**
- Aboriginality: this position is an identified position, and is authorised by section 14D of the Anti-discrimination Act (Cmlth) 1977.
- Demonstrate understanding of homelessness and young people's issues and considerable knowledge of youth worker theory and practice and the ability to apply that knowledge to respond quickly and effectively to diverse, demanding and young people.
- Drivers Licence

**Desirable:**
- Experience and ability to develop partnerships and collaborative working relationships, programs with Aboriginal and mainstream services.

## Community Hub Worker

### Permanent Part Time 21 Hours

The primary purpose of this position is to create a "Neighborhood Centre" (Hub) at the Wickham site. This is a new position and you will be developing the role and running the project to meet funding body expected outcomes. This project is designed to develop and provide information, referral services and to coordinate different visiting groups providing their services to disadvantages clients out of the Hub on a regular basis.

**Selection Criteria**
- Aboriginality is a necessary requirement of this position, exemption is claimed under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act.
- Knowledge of community and experience working with people, clarifying their needs and referring them to services that is useful to them.
- Experience in community development and planning activities.
- Strong interpersonal, verbal and written skills.
- Ability to organise and prioritise workloads.
- High level of computer skills.
- Current Drivers Licence.

**Desirable**
- Certificate IV in Community Services or similar qualification.
- Previous work experience in Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations.

## Aboriginal Health Worker Public Health

### Permanent Part Time 21 Hours per week

The primary purpose of the role is to promote improvements in Aboriginal health, working with outreach communities to raise awareness of health issues. The role requires working alongside the Awabakal doctors at outreach clinics one day per week, and internally for 2 days per week to assist clients to address health issues in a holistic way. This role is part clinical and part health promotion.

**Selection Criteria:**
**Essential**
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement of this position, exemptions claimed under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act. NSW 1977.
- Appropriate experience and / or qualifications in the area that encompasses clinical skills and /or heath promotion knowledge.
- Ability to work as part of a team of health professionals.
- Personal drive, ability to determine priorities and to manage your workload to achieve results.
- An understanding of health issues of Aboriginal people.
- Good written and oral skills.
- Outgoing personality and confident communicator.
- Current Drivers Licence.

**Desirable:**
- Certificate III or higher in Aboriginal Health

Phone Awabakal HR on 49400453 or email jobs@awabakal.org for full details and information kit.

**Applications close COB June 12th 2012**

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## Police Liaison Officer

**Central Region**
***Queensland Police Service***
**Salary:** $50 305 - $55 215 p.a.
**Location:** Rockhampton
**REF:** QLD/PO5594/12
**Key Duties:** Knowledge and understanding of local cultures, customs and community organisations. The capacity to be accepted by the local community.
**Skills/Abilities:** Learn and apply relevant laws, Queensland Police Service and other government policies. Problem solve and organise. Effectively communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
**Enquiries:** Senior Sergeant Ben Carroll (07) 4932 6201
**Closing Date:** Tuesday, 12 June 2012

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Government of **Western Australia**
**Department for Child Protection**

## Assistant District Director

**Country Services**

**Web Search No:** CP3270

**Level/Salary:** Level 4, SC, $108,304 - $116,080 pa – PSGOGA

Suitable applicants will be placed in a pool.

The Assistant District Director has a key role in driving the integration, implementation and management of responsible Parenting Services and support to vulnerable children and families in the district. In addition, the position assists the district to fulfil its statutory responsibilities and is responsible for establishing responses within the framework of the Departments strategic plan and operational guidelines.

**To Access Detailed Information:** jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: 9222 2901 to be mailed an information pack.

**For Specific Inquiries:** Please contact Emma White on (08) 9222 2725

Various Country Locations

**Closing Date:** Monday 11 June 2012 at 5:00pm

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AWABAKAL

## OPERATIONS MANAGER

### Permanent Full Time

This newly created position is a "second in charge" positon that will manage the day to day operations of the organisation and report to the CEO about the progress of programs. You will be required to manage the operational risks to the organisation and ensure that the standards are maintained and risks associated with service delivery are minimized. Your role will be to provide leadership to the management team, ensuring that managers are compliant with program policy and are achieving targeted results. You will be required to develop and implement policies and procedures relevant to the effective management of the organisation. Along with these requirements you will be expected to evaluate the progress of programs to meet strategic plan/business plan and funding agreements. Ensuring the community needs are being met via effective programs with exceptional service delivery is essential.

**Selection Criteria:**
**Essential:**
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement of this position, exemptions claimed under section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977
- Extensive experience in Management at a senior level preferably in an Aboriginal Organisation
- Excellent communication skills, the ability to connect with people, to understand their issues and sensitively deal with difficult issues
- Demonstrated experience in ensuring an effective management system, policy and procedure framework
- Ability to lead and motivate staff at all levels to meet performance targets. Experience in mentoring team leaders would be an advantage
- Ability to provide advice to the CEO on complex issues: excellent analytical skills, a proven capacity to identify and research issues, develop and implement policy and procedures and generate the implementation of business solutions
- Excellent negotiation skills and the ability to influence people in difficult and complex situations and to lead change
- Computer literacy and excellent written ability, able to generate reports and prepare funding submissions.

**Desirable:**
- Familiarity with funding bodies and knowledge associated with grant applications and evaluation processes and funding requirements
- Management qualifications

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**Applications close**

**COB June 12th 2012**

*Wangki Yupurnanupurru is an Indigenous owned community radio station based in the Central Kimberley town of Fitzroy Crossing.*

## Community Radio Station Manager

We are seeking an experienced radio station manager for our radio station. You must have a proven work record in the industry and have strong audio production and broadcast skills, creative writing talents, organisational management ability, very strong interpersonal skills, ability to establish and maintain existing and new business relationships and conceptualise and communicate creative ideas.

A strong work ethic, self motivation and resiliency are strongly desired.

*If this sounds like you we want to hear from you.*

Please contact Jodie Bell on (08) 9195 5333 or jodie.bell@gme.com.au for a copy of the Job Description and if you wish to discuss the position further.

Email your resume, response to the Selection Criteria and covering letter to: jodie.bell@gme.com.au

**Applications close:**

**5pm Friday 8 June 2012**

## Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service Inc.

**Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service is a community controlled health service providing high quality holistic health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of the ACT and surrounding areas. The Service manages approximately 30 programs through various funding agreements and employs more than 60 staff offering salary sacrifice pursuant to tax department regulations and organisational policy.**

## Senior Medical Officer

The position of Senior Medical Officer is a fulltime position responsible to the CEO. The position involves managing the clinical services team of GPs, registered nurses, midwives, various visiting specialist staff and Aboriginal health workers. In addition the SMO will be expected to work in the clinic as a GP at least 4 sessions per week. The successful applicant will need to provide leadership and direction for the further development of the clinic service and will work in close liaison with the Manager of the Social Health Worker Team, the public health officer and the CEO. Winnunga Nimmityjah AHS has a strong commitment to training and currently hosts medical students, RMOs in training, GPs and Psychiatric registrars. Challenges include developing effective use of clinical data for quality improvement and optimising the Medicare billing to support further growth in effective health care.

Salary is competitive and negotiable

Enquiries for this position may be directed to the CEO, Julie Tongs on 62846222 or email Julie.Tongs@winnunga.org.au

A copy of the position description and selection criteria may be obtained by calling Roseanne Longford on 02 62846259 or email to Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au Applications should be addressed and mailed to Julie Tongs, CEO, Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service 63 Boolimba Cres Narrabundah ACT 2604 or by email to Roseanne.Longford@winnunga.org.au

**Applications close 22 June 2012**

## Aboriginal Program Coordinator

The Cancer Institute NSW is looking for applicants committed to working at the forefront of cancer control.

We are an organisation that promotes innovation in cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and care so that we can make a difference to the lives of people with cancer, their family and loved ones. A career at the Cancer Institute NSW will give you the opportunity to continue to make inroads in this endeavour.

- A unique opportunity to make a significant contribution at a statewide level
- Focus on improving cancer outcomes for Aboriginal people
- Work with a diverse range of stakeholders
- Full-time position up to Dec 2015 - $105,020 to $125,651

In this role, you will coordinate the delivery of key programs and projects identified in the NSW Cancer Plan 2011-15 that focus on improving cancer outcomes among Aboriginal people in NSW, in particular to improve the responsiveness of the health system and 'close the gaps' for Aboriginal people with cancer.

Interested candidates should access the application form and a comprehensive position description outlining the requirements of the role from www.cancerinstitute.org.au

*Aboriginality is a genuine requirement and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*

For further information please contact Merle Mendonca on (02) 8374 5622.

**Applications close on Monday 18 June 2012.**

## EXECUTIVE MANAGER

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**Working closely with the CEO as an experienced executive you will:**

- Lead and manage the implementation of the primary health care model, systems and services in collaboration with others
- Drive strategic planning and development, ensuring alignment of different programs within funding constraints while addressing community priorities and integration with community processes
- Provide operational leadership within primary health care functions
- Create a culture of 'Team' and develop the talent of others

It is imperative that you have demonstrated experience in senior management of a large or complex health organisation. You will possess clinical credibility that emphasises your technical expertise with relevant tertiary qualifications in health and management. Underpinning your success will be high levels of energy, pro-activity, resilience, first class communication and interpersonal skills to tackle the challenges of improving the health of Cape York people. Your ability to engage and influence senior stakeholders, both at a funding, political and community level, and 'make a difference' are essential, as well as taking a systematic approach to change within the regional health system. While it is a complex environment, it is incredibly rewarding and you will be joining a progressive organisation with talented people.

**In confidence, contact:**
**Karen Maguire on (07) 4051 9699**
**or email karen@cbcstaff.com.au or**
**sally@cbcstaff.com.au**

## Chair in Indigenous Health.

### Melbourne School of Population Health

*Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply under the Special Measure Provision Section 12 (1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).*

This is an exciting opportunity for a person with a national and international reputation in Indigenous health who will provide vision and leadership in Indigenous health research and teaching, and foster the continued development of partnerships and collaborations with indigenous communities in Victoria, nationally and internationally.

The Chair of Indigenous Health will have a distinguished record of research and leadership in Indigenous health, and a vision for future research that expands upon our existing strengths. He or she will provide a focus for further engagement and collaboration across the Schools and Departments within the Faculty in research, teaching and learning and health workforce development, and community engagement in relation to Indigenous health.

The Chair will be located within the *Onemda* VicHealth Koori Health Unit in the Centre for Health and Society (MSPH), and will take a leadership role within *Onemda* with the possible role of Director of *Onemda* to be negotiated.

**Salary:** $161,875 p.a. plus 17% super.

**Job No:** 0029079

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We are now looking for a highly motivated Cultural Development Officer to identify and develop a range of high quality appropriate, innovative and Artistic, Cultural and Community programs.

**To be considered you will:**

- Hold relevant qualifications or experience in planning, developing and managing community events and arts management
- Possess knowledge in applying for grants and funding submissions
- Have experience working in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities in arts and cultural programming
- Have the ability to select, motivate and supervise a wide variety of specialist staff on a casual and contract basis.

The successful applicant must also be able to represent the Redfern Community Centre at local partnership meetings.

Visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/jobs for full details.

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## Early Intervention and Family Support Service

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**Ph:** (03) 8388 1855
**Email:** paulf@vacca.org
**Website:** www.vacca.org

## VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family services.

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# Information, Referral & Intake Officer (Identified)

**Clerk Grade 7/8**
**Newcastle, Hunter Region**
**Temporary Full-Time**

**Job Reference: 00000YCB**

**Total remuneration package valued up to $97,836 per annum (Salary: $80,096 pa – $88,660 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

**Job Description:** To assist older people, people with a disability and their carers to receive support that maximises their opportunities to participate in the community. To enable interventions which facilitate appropriate levels of support and or services.

**Selection Criteria:**

1. Aboriginality.
2. An understanding of the issues affecting people with a disability of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background and people from Culturally and Linguistically diverse communities and the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with people from these groups.
3. High level oral and written communication skills and negotiation skills and competence in using keyboard and standard PC software programs.
4. Demonstrated commitment to teamwork and a willingness to show initiative and flexibility and reliability in a high pressure environment.
5. Ability to work with a range of stakeholders including clients, families, service providers and other government agencies.
6. Good time management skills, including the ability to manage own workload.
7. Understanding of the issues facing people with a disability, older people and their carers and of the types of support they may need in order to live as independently as possible.
8. Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: There is currently a Temporary Full-Time position for a period of up to twelve (12) months with possible extension in terms of Section 86 or 27 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*. Travel may be required throughout the Hunter and Central Coast. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Further information about the position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

**For enquiries:** Karen Pickering on (02) 4978 6100 or Kellie Gilbert on (02) 4978 6149

**Information package:** www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

**Job reference Number:** 00000YCB

**Closing Date:** Friday, 8 June 2012

**Thank you for your interest in applying.**

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Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

## Assistant Director

**Executive Level 1 - $91,315 to $100,923**
**Ongoing | Full-Time**
**State and Regional Services Strategy Group | Wagga Wagga, NSW**
**Reference Number: 12/0316**
**Closing Date: 31 May 2012**

The NSW/ACT State office is seeking a highly motivated, energetic person to lead a team responsible for the development, contracting and management of activities under the Department of Education, Employments and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) Programs.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the development and implementation of DEEWR's education and employment programs which will lead to high quality outcomes in NSW/ACT. The successful candidate will work closely with key stakeholders, including Indigenous communities, industry, service providers, State Government and community based organisations to create innovative strategies to increase education and economic outcomes. This will include a range of activities and programs for Indigenous Australians, corresponding to the Government's 'Closing the Gap' targets. You will require a strong understanding of working closely with Local Indigenous Communities. As an integral part of the NSW State management team, you will provide strong leadership, high level people management skills and high level communication skills. You will also be called upon to represent the Department at a senior level. The successful candidate requires a strong understanding of principles of effective contract management, including program assurance, and the ability to effectively negotiate and liaise with a range of stakeholders to achieve outcomes. The position requires flexibility, resourcefulness and a willingness to promote continuous improvement and take a leading role in the implementation of change in the workplace.

Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

Please note, under section 22(8) of the *Public Service Act 1999*, employees must be Australian citizens to be engaged in the APS unless the Agency delegate has agreed, in writing. Applicants are to indicate their citizenship when applying online.

**Contact Officer: TAMSEN MARRIOTT on (02) 6240 8615**

For further information regarding the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, please visit our website at **www.deewr.gov.au**.

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## Aboriginal Youth Support Worker
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## Victoria Daly SHIRE COUNCIL

### Youth Engagement Officer




*Victoria Daly Shire Council* has an exciting opportunity for a F/T Youth Engagement Officer to join their team at Nauiyu. You'll assist in the coordination of the day to day Youth Engagement operations & the promotion of youth development activities. Enjoy a **competitive salary $60,174 - $62,723** plus salary sacrifice, relocation assistance, subsidised housing, 6 wks leave, laptop & vehicle!

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## QCOSS
**Queensland Council of Social Service Inc**
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### HOMELESSNESS REGIONAL PLANNING & COORDINATION OFFICER - Caboolture / Deception Bay/Morayfield Region)

**PART TIME POSITION (30.4 hrs p/week) Fixed Term x 12 months**

The Queensland Council of Social Service (QCOSS) provides a voice for and with Queenslanders affected by poverty and inequality.

This role will coordinate non government sector input and involvement in local homelessness community action planning with a focus on reducing homelessness and improving pathways and outcomes for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Salary $74,300 - $76, 537 (pro-rata) + 10% super
(depending on skills and experience)

Position description or further information available at www.qcoss.org.au or call Ana on 07 3004 6927 **Closing Date: COB Monday 11 June 2012**

## GOOLUM GOOLUM ABORIGINAL CO-OPERATIVE

### ABORIGINAL FAMILY CONVENER

**(Family Decision Making Program) (0.4EFT)**

A part time position exists for someone who is keen to work with Aboriginal children and their families. Ongoing professional development and attractive salary packaging available.

**Hours:** 9.00am-5.00pm Mon-Friday

**Salary Range:** As per Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services Award 2010

**Position Overview:** The primary role of this position is to meet and work with children, young people and families already in contact or at risk with the Child Protection system. The successful applicant will engage families in the Aboriginal Family Decision Making program and implement and co-convene a culturally responsive model of family decision making with Aboriginal children, young people and families who are referred by the regional child protection service.

Demonstrated ability in convening and experience working in and with Aboriginal communities is desirable.

For more information please contact John Gorton, Community Services Manager on (03) 5381 6308.

Position Descriptions are available on website
www.goolumgoolum.org.au or email
john.gorton@goolumgoolum.org.au

**Applications close Friday 22nd June 2012** and can be addressed to CEO, Goolum Goolum, 43 Hamilton Street, Horsham, VIC, 3400.

## Catholic Education Office Archdiocese of Melbourne

### INDIGENOUS EDUCATION OFFICER (0.6)

**James Goold House – East Melbourne**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced educators for the position of Indigenous Education Officer with the Catholic Education Office, Archdiocese of Melbourne (CEOM).

Applicants will be required to support Catholic primary and secondary schools to enhance teaching and learning outcomes for Indigenous students and to provide schools with consultation and professional development in the area of cultural awareness.

This appointment is for three (3) years with the option of renewal for a second three (3) years.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage is considered essential (No. A133/2009).

A detailed position description and application requirements are available by accessing the Positions Vacant page on the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria website <www.cecv.catholic.edu.au>.

Applications should be made on forms available from Ms Mishele Allen on telephone (03) 9267 0228 or email <mallen@ceomelb.catholic.edu.au> .

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**Community Nurse (Healthy For Life Program)**

*Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service (WAMS)* has a fantastic opportunity for a **Registered Nurse** to work as part of the Healthy For Life program in Walgett. You'll work with WAMS Aboriginal Health Workers to **conduct Child and Adult Health Assessments to community members** in Walgett, Gingie and Namoi. Be rewarded with an **excellent remuneration package circa $73,566** including super and leave loading.

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**Health Services Coordinator (Registered Nurse)**

*WAMS* has an exciting opportunity for a **Registered Nurse** to join their dedicated team in Walgett as **Health Services Coordinator**. You will be **leading and coordinating a multi-disciplinary team in providing high quality Primary Health Care services.** A salary package will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

**www.applynow.com.au/job34628**

**Registered Nurse (Family Centred Primary Care Outreach)**

*WAMS* is seeking a **Registered Nurse (Family Centred)** to work within their friendly team in Walgett. You will be **leading and coordinating a multi-disciplinary team of Aboriginal Health Workers and Allied Health Care Teams** in the provision of high quality Family Centred Primary Health Care to outlying communities. Be rewarded with an **excellent remuneration package circa $73,566** including super and leave loading!

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**Registered Nurses (Remote Area)**

*Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service Ltd* has a great opportunity for a **Registered Nurse** to join their multidisciplinary team working throughout Brewarrina, NSW. Working within the Health For Life program, your primary focus will be on **planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating Enhanced Primary Health Care plans** for the program's clients. Be rewarded with an **excellent base salary** + salary sacrificing arrangements + relocation assistance!

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# Aboriginal Study Manager

## Antecedents of Renal Disease in Aboriginal Children (ARDAC) Study

**Position Number:** 76242 **Status:** Temporary Full Time (12 months from appointment)
**Salary:** $80,640.00 - $95,646.00

**Purpose of Position:**The Centre for Kidney Research is seeking a Study Manager for clinical health research to manage and actively contribute to an NHMRC funded research screening study to determine early markers of kidney disease in Aboriginal and non–Aboriginal children and young adults across NSW. The Antecedents of Kidney Disease in Aboriginal Children (ARDAC) study commenced in 2002. In this study, you will manage a team of clinical researchers who are examining whether early indications of the increased risk of kidney disease in Aboriginal adults may be seen in Aboriginal young people by screening over a further 6 year period.

The Study Manager is responsible for providing effective strategic and operational leadership in the development, implementation and evaluation of policies and strategies which contribute to improving the way research is done in Aboriginal communities.

The Study Manager will primarily be responsible for effectively managing the ARDAC study team and for developing key strategic relationships that will improve the co-ordination, integration, and delivery of research in local communities across NSW.

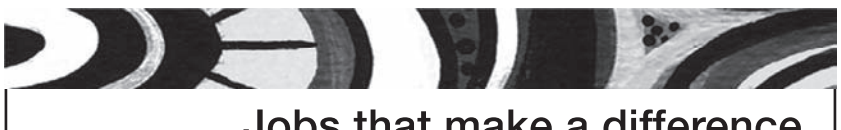
**Selection Criteria:**

- Must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (NB applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, NSW)
- Previous experience and demonstrated skills in effective team management, highly motivated to work independently, able to set objectives and deliver results within appropriate timeframes. Post graduate qualifications that are applicable to the role are desirable
- High-level skills and experience with a demonstrated capacity for problem solving and managing complex research-related projects, with multiple components and stakeholders
- Experience working with Aboriginal communities
- Excellent communication skills and proven ability to communicate with a diverse range of stakeholders
- Experience in training and managing staff, including support for their professional development
- Experience with overseeing procedures for efficient data collection, transport, storage and handling
- Competence in Microsoft Office products
- A current NSW Driving Licence and must be willing to travel in rural and regional NSW for up to 16 weeks per year

**MAKE YOUR APPLICATION COUNT - PLEASE ENSURE YOU ADDRESS THE SELECTION CRITERIA.**
****You may be required to work in any facility within Sydney Children's Hospitals Network. Should this occur, reasonable notice will be provided.****

**Contact:** Nicola Vukasin **Phone:** (02) 9845 0119 **Email:** nicola.vukasin@health.nsw.gov.au
**Closing Date:** 27th June 2012

**For further information or to apply online, visit -**
**http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=73159&mode=Preview**
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Jobs that make a difference

# Administrative Support Officer

Corporate Services
Loddon Mallee Region - Bendigo
Full Time / Ongoing
$40,771 - $52,357 + Super

- Are you an organised person who loves a busy environment?
- Do you enjoy interaction with people?

This exciting position fulfils a crucial role in assisting clients, the general public, and other service providers with the purpose of their visit or telephone call, and ensuring they are provided with accurate information or referred to the right person. The position requires a high level of client/customer focused, friendly, and efficient reception service, with such additional administrative duties as may be accommodated alongside the reception functions and workload.

**Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people may apply for this position. This position has been designated in this way pursuant to an exemption under section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 granted by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Exemption Number: A067/A068/2010/0081**

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Kellie Storey on (03) 5434 5915.

Please quote position no; DHS/LOD/53168

Closing date for applications is; Monday 18 June 2012

To apply online and view the job description, visit
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## Health
Western Sydney Local Health District

NSW GOVERNMENT

### ABORIGINAL MENTAL HEALTH TRAINEE

TFT (up to 27/03/15), **Salary:** $44,701–$65,838 pa.
**Enquiries:** Vera Labuzin, (02) 9881 8888.
**Blacktown Community Mental Health and Penrith Community Mental Health** **Ad No: 69455** **Close: 13.06.12**
For further information and to apply visit:
**http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=69455**

### MALE ABORIGINAL COUNSELLOR

TFT (up to 30/04/14), **Salary:** Dependent on qualifications.
**Enquiries:** Simon Monk, (02) 9840 4088
**North Parramatta** **Ad No: 80648** **Close: 13.06.12**
For further information and to apply visit:
**http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=80648**

**Being Male is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW)**

**FOR THE ABOVE POSITIONS:**
**Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).**

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## NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation



### Link Up Counsellor
**(Indigenous Men) - 65k p/a**

### Family Tracing Research Officer
**(part time) - 35k p/a**

NTSGAC is an organisation which assists Stolen Generations people in the NT and hosts the top end Link Up Service. We are currently seeking to fill the above positions. The successful applicants will need to be able to work as a part of a team in a diverse and dynamic workplace.

**Applications Close: 5pm 8th June 2012**

Only applications addressing the selection criteria will be considered.

Applications to be submitted to:
CEO, NTSGAC
PO Box 43372
CASUARINA, NT, 0811
Or via email to: ceo@ntsgac.org

For copies of the position description and selection criteria please contact Ms Corlene Holtze on (08) 8947 9171 or via email reception@ntsgac.org

*Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.*

DEPARTMENT OF **HEALTH**

Northern Territory Government



# Health Careers & Opportunities in the Northern Territory

**If you want your career to go places then join Department of Health in the Northern Territory.** The challenges and opportunities in health and community care in the Territory are like no other in Australia, from remote Aboriginal health to tropical health and urban tertiary care. Continued investments in Aboriginal health, remote health, acute care and community services offer many opportunities for health professionals who want to be part of making a difference.

## HEALTH PROTECTION

Alcohol and Other Drugs Services Central Australia is seeking enthusiastic people to join our clinical team…

**ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER, ALCOHOL REFORM PROJECT**
**Aboriginal Health Worker 4** Remuneration Package Range $74 163 – $78 088
(comprising salary $64 382 – $67 815, superannuation, leave loading and the value of 2 weeks extra recreation leave)
In addition enhanced relocation allowance may apply
**Alcohol and Other Drugs Services Central Australia – Alice Springs**
**Fixed vacancy available to 30/06/2015**

Provide Alcohol and Other Drugs clinical expertise to the Alice Springs Hospital Emergency Department, Police Watch House, and Alcohol and Other Drugs Services Central Australia to enhance assessment, brief intervention, and withdrawal and treatment pathways for clients.

**Quote vacancy number: 70120074**

**HOSPITAL BASED ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROGRAM ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER**
**Aboriginal Health Worker 4** Remuneration Package Range $74 163 – $78 088
(comprising salary $64 382 – $67 815, superannuation, leave loading and the value of 2 weeks extra recreation leave)
Potential total Remuneration Package in the vicinity of $91 000 which includes the above Package Range and in addition; salary sacrifice
In addition enhanced relocation allowance may apply
**Alcohol and Other Drugs Services Central Australia – Alice Springs**
**Fixed vacancy available to 30/06/2014**

Provide Alcohol and Other Drug expertise to the Alice Springs Hospital to improve management of patients with Alcohol and Other Drugs issues while in hospital through; assessment, brief intervention, specialised management, referral, discharge planning and professional development.

**Quote vacancy number: 50315**

For further information on the above positions please contact John Gaynor on 08 8951 7580 or email john.gaynor@nt.gov.au

**Vacancies closing date: 10 June 2012**

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicants should address the selection criteria and provide a current CV and contact details for 2 referees (preferably an email address). For a copy of the Job Description and to apply online please visit www.nt.gov.au/jobs Further information about these positions can be obtained by phoning **TOLLFREE 1300 659 247**

Information on the Northern Territory and its great lifestyle is available at **www.theterritory.com.au**

Note: The preferred or recommended applicant will be required to hold a current Working with Children Clearance notice / Ochre Card (application forms available from SAFE NT @ www.workingwithchildren.nt.gov.au) and undergo a criminal history check. A criminal history will not exclude an applicant from this position unless it is a relevant criminal history.

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# Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

State Government Victoria

## INDIGENOUS LEADING COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER

*Mildura Community Corrections Services*

**$53,502 - $61,524 + super** **Position No : 5445 Ongoing**

Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officers (ILCCOs) monitor and supervise complex and high profile Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders who have been sentenced by the Courts to serve community based orders or have been released from prison on parole by the Adult Parole Board.

**This position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department of Justice Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.**

**To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit**

***www.careers.vic.gov.au***

**Closing date for applications is 10 June 2012**

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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Flinders UNIVERSITY

GREATER GREEN TRIANGLE
University Department of Rural Health

# Indigenous Support Administrative Assistant

**Ref 12139** The successful applicant will undertake a wide range of administrative and project duties to support the Greater Green Triangle University Department of Rural Health's Indigenous Health portfolio. This will entail activities designed to lead to a material improvement in the health and well-being of Indigenous Australians in the GGT region.

- **GGT UDRH (Flinders Prevention Promotion & Primary Health Care), School of Medicine**
- **Location: Warrnambool, Victoria**
- **Available on a part-time (0.6) basis for 12 months**
- **Salary (HEO3): $46,135 to $50,090 pa (full-time) Junior rates may apply**
- **Plus 9% employer superannuation**
- **Applications close: 11.00 am Wednesday, 13 June 2012**

**Full details including how to apply on-line can be found at our Jobs@Flinders website: www.flinders.edu.au/employment.**

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CRICOS Provider Number: 00114 A

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**Australian Government**

**Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

**Executive Level 1 - $91,315 To $100,923**
**Ongoing | Full-Time**
**State And Regional Services Strategy Group | Orange Or Tamworth Or Dubbo, NSW**
**Reference Number: 12/0336**
**Closing Date: 07 June 2012**

The successful candidate will be responsible for the development and implementation of Indigenous education and employment programs

The NSW/ACT State Office is seeking an energetic and highly motivated person to lead a team responsible for the development, contracting and management of activities under the department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) Indigenous Education and Employment Programs. Primarily, the Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) and the Parent and Community Engagement Program (PACE).

The successful candidate will be responsible for the development and implementation of Indigenous education and employment programs which will lead to high quality outcomes for Indigenous Australians in NSW/ACT. The successful candidate will work closely with key stakeholders, including Indigenous communities, industry, service providers, State Government and community based organisations to create innovative strategies to increase education and economic outcomes for Indigenous Australians, corresponding to the Government's 'Closing the Gap' targets. You will require a strong understanding of working closely with Local Indigenous Communities. As an integral part of the NSW State management team, you will be responsible for providing strong leadership, a high level of people management skills and communication skills. You will also be called upon to represent the Department at a senior level.

Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

This position will involve intermittent travel.

Please note, under section 22(8) of the *Public Service Act 1999*, employees must be Australian citizens to be engaged in the APS unless the Agency delegate has agreed, in writing. Applicants are to indicate their citizenship when applying online.

**Contact Officer: ALISON BENTICK on (02) 6826 7570**

For further information regarding the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, please visit our website at **www.deewr.gov.au.**

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**Australian Government**

**Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

**Executive Level 1 - $91,315 To $100,923**
**Ongoing | Full-Time**
**State And Regional Services Strategy Group | Dubbo,Nsw**
**Reference Number: 12/0310**
**Closing Date: 31 May 2012**

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Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

## TREATMENT COORDINATOR – ABORIGINAL MALE

TFT (up to 30/06/14), **Salary:** Dependent on qualifications.
**Enquiries:** Brenton Law, (02) 8890 3300 or brenton.law@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au.

**Westmead Hospital** **Ad No: 82032** **Close Date: 15.06.12**

For more information and to apply, please visit:
**http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au**

**Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).**

**Being male is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).**

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

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Dja Dja Wurrung Enterprises Pty Ltd

**Based in Bendigo, North Central Victoria**

***Exciting opportunity to work in growing Aboriginal Enterprise.***

An exciting and rewarding opportunity exists to be a leader in the establishment and ongoing success of the Dja Dja Wurrung Enterprises Pty Ltd which is a newly established company solely owned by Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation. The DDWE business model is founded on seeking new business opportunities based on core competencies, brand and alignment with regional investment. Dja Dja Wurrung Enterprises Pty Ltd business includes natural resource management and indigenous cultural heritage. We are seeking a motivated person with a passion for people, capacity building and a commitment to Indigenous economic development to assist build the workforce and services of this innovative enterprise.

## Program Manager

**Services Development (1 year $70-$80,000)**

**Primary Objective of the Position**

Under direction of the General Manager, the Program Manager Services Development will ensure all projects developed and managed by Dja Dja Wurrung Enterprises Pty Ltd are programmed in accordance with DDWE policy, procedures and standards. The position is critical in establishing a strong workforce and workplace policy, and assist in long term strategic direction in NRM and cultural heritage management on Dja Dja Wurrung country.

***Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.***

For a position description and information on how to apply please call Barbara Huggins on (03) 5444 2888.

**Applications due: by 5.00pm Monday 4 June 2012.**

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Mission Australia

## Community Services Mental Health and Tenancy Support Alice Springs

**Mission Australia is a community service organisation that has been transforming the lives of Australians in need for more than 150 years. Today our 550 community and employment services assist more than 300,000 Australians by providing a hand up, a way forward and hope for the future.**

Mission Australia's Community Services division works towards creating a fairer Australia by standing up for disadvantaged individuals, families and communities. We are dedicated to increasing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and reducing the gap in living standards between Aboriginal people and their fellow Australians.

Does this sound like a team you want to be part of? We have opportunities for you to help those in need!

**Mental Health** - The **Personal Helpers and Mentors Program (PHaMs)** aims to create opportunities for recovery for people with a severe functional limitation resulting from a mental illness, by helping them to overcome social isolation and increase connections within their community!

- **Case Worker x 2**
- **Case Worker Remote x 1**

**Tenancy Support** - Our **Intensive Support Tenancy Program (ISTP)** supports individuals and families to find long term stable accommodation while addressing the barriers to maintaining a tenancy such as domestic violence, unemployment, alcohol and drug use, and mental illness.

- **Case Manager x 1**
- **Family Support Worker x 1**

If being part of a team, taking pride in your professional work and helping people with mental illness is close to your heart, and you want to work hard towards bridging the gap in our community, *we would love to hear from you!*

With prior experience, qualifications and a driver's license you'll also have a current First Aid certificate, or be willing to obtain one. Being of Aboriginal descent would be highly desirable.

Please go to www.transformlives.com.au and apply online. Or for a yarn call Gia Harris on 08 9225 0425.

**Applications close 3 June 2012**

The successful applicant will be required to provide proof they have a Working with Children Clearance Notice, or apply for one if they do not already hold one. Appropriate background checks will be conducted and driver's license is required.

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**Peninsula Health Community Health**

## Early Linkages Clinician Hospital Admission Risk Program (HARP)

Fixed Term Full Time
**Closes: 13/06/2012 Ref No. 11252**

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**www.peninsulahealth.org.au**



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VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE — CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

## SOCIAL SUPPORT WORKER

**Fixed Term (12 months)**
**38 hours per week**

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service has an exciting new position and is seeking to employ a highly motivated and experienced community worker to join a friendly and dedicated team of workers within our Financial Well Being Program.

This Financial Well Being Program significantly contributes to closing the Gap and ensuring positive health outcomes for the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service's client group.

The Financial Well Being Team is a multi-disciplinary team consisting of client advocacy, financial and specialist counselling staff. The Social Support Worker is a new position and is viewed as a key component of the Financial Well Being Program.

The Social Support Worker position involves initial intake/assessment of a client's immediate needs, client support which will also include referrals to other services, advocacy, and case management.

The successful applicant will possess:
- A demonstrated understanding of the issues associated with social and financial disadvantages and corresponding effects on the broader Aboriginal Community.
- Ability and interest in undertaking basic Social Support client intake and assessment interviews.
- Demonstrated skills in case management.
- Skills in advocacy and team work.
- Good organisation and time management skills.
- Willingness to maintain basic client records in relation to Emergency Relief.
- Knowledge and commitment to occupational health & safety legislation.

A current Victorian Drivers Licence is desirable.
A Working with Children Check is mandatory.
Great salary packaging benefits ($16,050 tax free).
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For a copy of the position description and key selection criteria contact Narelle Carter or Lesley Day in HR on (03) 9419 3000.
If you wish to find out more about the position please contact Esther Gregory on (03) 9419 3000 or (03) 9403 3300.

**Closing Date: 8th June, 2012**

Applicants should address the key selection criteria and state full details of qualifications and experience including referees to:

Ms Glenda Thorpe, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service,

**186 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy, 3065.**

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## Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Social Support Coordinator

**Reference No.** SP-LC-122
Fixed-Term 2-Year Full Time Position (possibility of extension)

We are seeking an experienced and enthusiastic worker to join the Aged and Disability Services Team within the Community Services Section. You will be responsible for developing a Home and Community Care funded, Social Support service for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents living in the Holroyd, Parramatta and Auburn LGAs.

You must be of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander background, possess relevant qualifications or experience, have an understanding of the needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and practical experience in a community services setting.

**Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti Discrimination Act 1977* for this position.**

**Salary Range**: $1,112.17 to $1,279 per week (Grade 13) + Leaseback Vehicle.

You are strongly advised to obtain a job application kit by visiting Council's website at **www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au**, or by phoning Customer Services on (02) 9840 9840 and quoting the position number.

**Further Enquiries**: Please call Council's Aged/Disability Team Leader on 9840 9977.

**Closing Date**: 8 June 2012.

Applications can also be submitted via email to **positions@holroyd.nsw.gov.au**

Holroyd City

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NSW Police Force
www.police.nsw.gov.au

## ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

**Canobolas Local Area Command,**
**Western Region**
**Location: Orange**
**Job Classification: Clerk 3/4**
**Employment Status:**
**Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months**
**Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000ZNT**

**Salary Package:**
$72,142 pa. Salary: $59,705 pa - $65,376 pa. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:**
The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen co-operation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

**Job Notes:**
- Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the *Police Act 1990* for up to 12 months.
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualifications as authorised by Part 2, Division 2, Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/ shift allowances.
- Applicants must include date and place of birth, drivers licence number and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks. The position is subject to the terms of the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*. Under the terms of the *Act*, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- For your application to be considered, you submit your application electronically via http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
- You must also attach an up-to-date resume and supply written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

**Enquiries:** Inspector Denise Godden on (02) 6363 6400.

**For Selection Criteria and access to a downloadable Information Package go to Jobs.NSW – www.jobs.nsw.gov.au**

**Closing Date: Sunday 17 June 2012**

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NSW Police Force
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## Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

**Eastern Beaches Local Area Command, Central Metropolitan Region, Field Operations**
**Clerk Grade 3/4**
**Permanent Full-Time**
**MAROUBRA**
**Jobs NSW Requisition Number:000010WK**

**Salary Package:** $72,142. **Salary:** $59,705 - $65,376. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

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- For your application to be considered you **MUST** attach an up-to-date resume **AND** a written response addressing each of the selection criteria listed in the advertisement. If not, your application will be rejected.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

**Selection Criteria:**
- Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture.
- Knowledge of issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system.
- Ability to work effectively, communicates, liaise and consult with the local Aboriginal community, service providers and Police personnel.
- Proven integrity, discretion and ability to handle highly confidential information.
- Experience in computer skills.
- Contribute to and participate in the development and implementation of local community strategies.
- Capacity to work with minimal supervision and prepared to work shiftwork.

**Enquiries:** Sharyn Frawley on (02) 9349 9205

**All applications must be submitted through Jobs.NSW.**

**Closing Date: Monday 11 June 2012**

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- Are **YOU** Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

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**Enrolment/information session:** Monday 02nd July 2012 at 9am

**Where:** Fraser Coast TESS, Sussex Street, Maryborough QLD

**Find out more and register your interest NOW** by contacting Gail Endres or Cindy Griffen at TESS on 07 4122 4444 or email gail@tess.org.au or cindyg@tess.org.au

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# What's your legacy?

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**OFFICE OF THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR (STUDENTS)**

## Prospective Student Advisor – Indigenous Widening Participation

**3 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT**
**PENRITH (WERRINGTON NORTH) CAMPUS** **REF NO. 535/12**
**Remuneration Package:** HEW Level 6, $80,152 to $85,943 p.a. (comprising Salary $67,729 to $72,623 p.a., 17 % Superannuation and Leave Loading)

This is an identified position and applicants must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised under Section 14(D) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

The University of Western Sydney is a large, multi campus institution located in the region of the Greater Western Sydney where almost a tenth of Australia's population lives.

The UWS Office of the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Students) provides a framework for the establishment and ongoing development of strategic links and relationships with the broader community.

The Prospective Student Advisor (PSA) will develop the tertiary education aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from targeted schools in Greater Western Sydney and promote higher education access.

The PSA is responsible for promoting UWS courses and programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in rural NSW and will work with the Student Ambassador Team to manage the entire promotion, information and recruitment cycles for prospective Indigenous students.

The successful applicant will have experience in the tertiary education sector in student recruitment, a marketing qualification or equivalent and a strong understanding of the NSW education system.

**Position Enquiries: Maree Graham, Marketing Manager, (02) 9678 7407, 0424 156 537, email: me.graham@uws.edu.au**

**Closing Date: 25 June 2012**

**SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

## Men's Health Information and Research Centre Cultural Worker – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

**12 MONTH FIXED TERM**
**HOLY FAMILY CENTRE, EMERTON** **REF NO. 217/12**
**Remuneration Package:** HEW Level 5 $65,138 to $73,775 p.a. (comprising Salary $59,033 to $66,861 p.a., 9% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

This is an identified position and applicants must be Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander. Being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised under Section 14(D) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW.

The Men's Health Information and Resource Centre (MHIRC) is an applied research and policy unit at UWS that aims to promote the health and well-being of men.

Currently the Centre is seeking a Cultural Worker to work in close collaboration with the Centre's coordinator and the management team. You will work closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families of the area and be available to support men who could be at risk of self-harm. A major part of the work will be the validation of indigenous culture, for example, through group activities.

To be successful, you must:
- have extensive work experience with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, have good understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage
- be a good team member with excellent communication skills and
- hold a current Drivers Licence.

**Position Enquiries: John Macdonald, 02 4570 1123 or email: j.macdonald@uws.edu.au**

**Closing Date: 25 June 2012**

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NSW GOVERNMENT Health
Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network

## Community Integration Team Clinician

**Wollongong Juvenile Justice Community Service**
**Temporary Full Time up to 30/06/13 – JH No: 12/135**
**Salary:** Clinical Nurse Consultant Grade 1 or Health Manager Level 2 equivalent plus additional allowances.
**Enquiries:** Jeanette Toole on 0408 163 583.
**Closing Date:** 15 June 2012.
This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be of 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 Anti-Discrimination Act.

***Applicants require an information package for selection criteria and application form from:*** *Employee Services, (02) 9700 3048.*
***Applications to:*** *recruit@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au*

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NSW GOVERNMENT Health
Southern NSW Local Health District

## Are you looking for a Life-Style Change or Career Progression?

This is one of the opportunities within our Health Service:

**QUEANBEYAN**

### Registered Midwife – Aboriginal Health

**Position No:** 81822
**Salary:** $26.68–$37.47 ph
**Enquiries:** Sabrina Brown, 0438 438 646
**Close Date:** 13 June 2012
Log-on to **http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au** for further information on this and other opportunities.

**APPLY ONLINE NOW!**

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Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services

We are seeking applications of the following position:

## Chief Executive Officer

Salary Package up to $150,000
Subject to experience and qualifications

Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services is a small scale Aboriginal community controlled health service. This practice has operated since 1993 and is located in two premises at Narooma and Bega.

We employ around 20 staff and generate operating revenue in the vicinity of $2,000,000 pa which is utilised to provide holistic health and wellbeing care as well as a range of social services.

Please request an application package at Peta.collins@eldridge.com.au or call 0269 710710.

Applications by close of business Thursday 7th June 2012. Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council

The Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council is the peak Aboriginal health organisation in NSW representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. The AH&MRC are currently seeking applications for the following positions which are located at the Aboriginal Health College at Little Bay, Sydney.

## Administration Manager

**Permanent, full time**

The position is responsible for the financial, operational and promotional management of the Aboriginal Health College.

## Vocational Educator & Assessor

**(Good Medicines, Better Health)**
**Fixed term, full time for 12 months**

The VEA is responsible for teaching, supporting and assessing students in the program of Good Medicines, Better Health as part of the Quality Use of Medicines Initiative.

## Vocational Educator & Assessor

**(Aboriginal Primary Health Care)**
**Fixed term, full time for 12 months**

The VEA is responsible for teaching, supporting and assessing students and for developing resources and materials in the areas of Aboriginal Primary Health Care (Community and Practice).

**CLOSING DATE 4 JUNE 2012.**

**** Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. The AH&MRC has a preference for employing suitably qualified Aboriginal people.***

For further information on these positions or other positions within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector in NSW, ring **02 9212 4777** or visit: **www.ahmrc.org.au**

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Government of South Australia

SA Water

SA Water is an internationally recognised water utility wholly owned by the Government of South Australia for the people of South Australia. We deliver water and wastewater services to almost 1.5 million people across the State. With an annual turnover of more than $1,000 million per annum, assets of $9.5 billion and 1600 employees, SA Water is a big part of the South Australian landscape. With SA Water delivering a number and variety of significant projects and $2.5 billion in capital investment, we offer professional development opportunities at all stages of your career.

The River Murray system supplies water to NSW, Victoria and South Australia and has a powerful influence on the economic, environment and social well being of many people, towns and communities in these States. Lake Victoria, located in south western NSW, is an integral part of this system and is also an important cultural heritage site for the Indigenous community.

## Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Supervisor – Lake Victoria

This unique opportunity presents a very diverse role for someone with indigenous background and a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of cultural heritage values and issues, and who has an association with the local Aboriginal community.

The role of this position, based at Lake Victoria is to manage the protection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage within the Lake Victoria consent area and adjacent properties and to provide advice, promote values and education and actively involve the community in cultural heritage matters.

Other duties include liaison with SA Water staff to ensure effective operation and maintenance of the overall Lake Victoria Storage facility.

You will require a broad range of skills and values, the ability to lead and supervise a small team of employees (and contractors), be able to manage a budget and have a strong focus on and commitment to occupational health and safety and the environment.

To be considered you will need to display a clear understanding of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage issues and have the ability to communicate, facilitate and negotiate across cultures with a wide variety of people including the BMEC, LVAC, MDBA, and other Government and interested parties.

The successful applicant will have a current motor driving licence, experience in land management, knowledge of protection works, animal and weed control, good computer skills, be able to keep records and generate reports and ideally have qualifications in Management and Indigenous Cultural Heritage. You will be required to live in the Lake Victoria area. A house is available for which rent is payable.

**Location:** Based at Lake Victoria, which is located north of the River Murray in NSW, approximately 100 km north east of Renmark and 80 km west of Wentworth. Nearest shopping, medical and educational facilities are at Renmark and Wentworth.

For additional information please contact Shane Blogg on 08 7424 1137.

**To apply simply go to http://careers.sawater.com.au for position description and to upload a copy of your application or fax 08 7003 1137 or post to SA Water, Recruitment Programs Team, GPO Box 1751, Adelaide SA 5001 by no later than Sunday 17th June 2012.**

**People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background are strongly encouraged to apply.**

**SA Water values diversity and supports people with family responsibilities.**

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## Business Manager
**Broome, WA**

*** Make a difference in your career!**

*** Outstanding range of benefits!**

The *Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council* has a unique full time opportunity for a **Business Manager** to lead the *Kimberley Satellite Dialysis Centre* (KSDC). You'll be **responsible for the overall business management** of the KSDC. You'll be rewarded with an **attractive base salary circa $77K-$86K** plus a host of benefits including: **annual airfares, rental allowance, relocation assistance, generous leave provisions + more!**

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE — *ApplyNow.com.au/Job34893*
*Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573*

## Brighter Futures Caseworker
## Get a career that matters.

**Identified Aboriginal Position**

We are seeking an Aboriginal Caseworker to join our 'Brighter Futures' team for 9 months (35 hrs per week), in Gosford. Brighter Futures is a voluntary program targeting families encountering challenges that impact on their ability to care for children. We seek to promote healthy child development and improve family resilience through the provision of support and services.
Applications Close: 8 June 2012

**getacareerthatmatters.com.au**

We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.

UnitingCare Burnside — Indigenous Employment

## NGUNYA JARJUM ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK INC.

Ngunya Jarjum is the first Aboriginal, Out of Home Care Service in 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 increasing our capacity to enable us to provide additional care placements for our children, families and communities.

## CASEWORK SPECIALIST

**(Re-advertised Position)**

*Previous applicants not to apply.*

**Selection Criteria Essentials:**

- Aboriginality.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or minimum 3 years relevant experience in working with disadvantaged children and families.
- Knowledge of OOHC issues and their impact on Aboriginal children and families.
- An understanding of Out-of-Home Care and relevant Child Protection and Out-of-Home Care legislation and NSW Office of Children's Guardian and Ombudsman requirements.
- Sound knowledge and an understanding of affects of child abuse and neglect and how that impacts on children's behaviour.
- Knowledge of managing challenging behaviour including the development of behaviour management plans.
- Knowledge of special needs requirements of children and parents with disabilities.
- Knowledge of specialist resources and support services.
- Knowledge of children's nutritional needs, mental and physical health issues including infectious disease control, managing aggressive and violent behaviours.
- Ability to promote Ngunya Jarjum in the community and to maintain strong community connections.
- Knowledge of issues of importance facing local Aboriginal communities and community dynamics.
- Ability to work positively with other agencies including specialist support services to support families and children in care and their carers.
- Ability to work to work plans and effective time management.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively work as part of a team and follow established Policy and Procedures.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills including report writing, sound record keeping and file maintenance.
- Sound knowledge of Occupation Health and Safety Requirements.
- A Current NSW Driver's License.

***A satisfactory "Working with Children Check" applies for this Position.***

*In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*

**Location:** Lismore, NSW.

**Contact:** Lenore Marlowe-General Manager - 02 6662 8044.

**Information Packages:** Must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request.

**Applications:** Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, P.O. Box Casino. NSW, 2470.

**Closing Date:**

**Friday 22nd June 2012.**

## VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services. VACCA is looking for an experienced policy officer to join its Child and Family Welfare Projects team.

## SENIOR POLICY OFFICER

Applications are sought from interested persons to fill this this exciting position. The Senior Policy Officer position will provide high level advice and support to our client services programs in accordance with VACCA's principles and vision for Aboriginal children and families.

This is a full time position.

For further information and a copy of the position description and selection criteria please contact Eveanne Liddle on phone (03) 9385 9000 or by email: eveannel@vacca.org.

**This position is based in VACCAs East Brunswick office.**

**Applications close Monday 18 June 2012**

## NGUNYA JARJUM ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK INC.

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Ngunya Jarjum is seeking to employ, for our Cultural Connection Service, an Aboriginal Caseworker, who has the relevant knowledge, skills and experience to ensure children placed with our service remain strongly connected to their family, community and country.

**Position Available:**

### ATSI Caseworker - Cultural Connection

**Re-advertised Position** - *Previous applicants not to apply.*

**Salaries:** 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, NSW.

**Contact:** Lenore Marlowe - General Manager on 02 6662 8044.

**Information Packages:** Information Packages must be obtained prior to completion of the application and are available on request by telephoning our Office on 02 6662 8044.

***A "Working with Children Check" is a requirement of this position.***

**Applications to:** Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 646 Casino, NSW 2470.

**Closing Date:**

**Friday, 22nd June, 2012.**

Charles Sturt University

Charles Sturt University is a dynamic and progressive employer whose innovative approach to education has earned it an international reputation for excellence. The career opportunities for supporting our research and teaching initiatives at CSU abound.

## Indigenous Student Support Officer

- **Continuing, Full-time**
- **Level 5 - $57,604 - $62,965 (plus 17% superannuation)**
- **Port Macquarie**

Indigenous Student Services is located under the Dean of Studies, and offers support to all enrolled Indigenous students to enable them to acquire or enhance the skills they need to succeed in University studies and provide advice and consultation to academic staff as needed.

As Indigenous Student Support Officer, you will be part of the Indigenous Student Services team and assist in the delivery of student support programs in the area of social, recreational, cultural or other support activities. Under the direction of the Team Leader, you will work closely with the university and community in appropriate programs to enhance the student experience.

This is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position under section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

**Applicants are expected to apply online and address the selection criteria listed in the position description.**
**Applications Close: 11 June 2012**

For more information about these positions,other employment opportunities and the benefits of working at CSU,please visit our website **www.csu.edu.au/jobs** or contact the Division of Human Resources via hr@csu.edu.au or **1800 688 177**

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. These positions are available only to Aboriginal people.

Vacancies currently exist at the following schools. Contact the Principal for further information:

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER - ABORIGINAL**

- Kingscliff High School - 02 6674 2707

**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER**

- Moama Public School - 03 5482 1564
- Coffs Harbour Public School - 02 6652 3355

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to **www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au**.

Closing date for applications is **Friday 15 June 2012**.

*Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.*

NSW GOVERNMENT

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR BRISBANE'S BEST



### Senior Consultant - Equity & Diversity and Indigenous Talent

Can you help us build a truly diverse workforce? This is a flexible opportunity for an HR professional with strong knowledge of the indigenous community, and expertise in culturally sensitive employment and retention strategies.

Brisbane City Council is committed to achieving further success in building a diverse workforce and inclusive culture. Specific challenges ahead are identified in our *Workforce Equity and Diversity Framework 2011-2015.* A copy of this is available at our website or by phoning the number below.

The person in this role will lead and facilitate the implementation the objectives of Council's Workforce Equity and Diversity Framework commitments. In addition to diversity and inclusiveness initiatives that benefit all, the Framework also addresses issues of particular concern to Indigenous people, women, people with a disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

We strongly value part-time and full-time candidates with:

- experience in developing and advising on strategies for an inclusive culture for Indigenous employees that results in improved workplace representation
- a high level of success in collaborating successfully and sensitively with Indigenous peoples
- strength in general equity and diversity strategies and goals that enables a business to build a successfully diverse workforce
- expertise in analysing and evaluating complex organisational workforce trends and issues
- strong success in fostering positive and successful working relationships with managers and stakeholders
- expertise in providing authoritative advice and guidance on equity and diversity
- project management skills and a real commitment to working in a high performing team culture that focuses on performance outcomes.

This is truly a challenging and equally rewarding role that enables you to achieve tangible results for the organisation as well as individuals. Council also offers flexible work arrangements, a commitment to your wellness and a generous superannuation scheme to our employees.

**Salary:** AUD $90,559 - $99,382 (plus 14% superannuation)

**Closing:** 7 June 2012

**How to apply:** Apply online (Job Number KMA819181)

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**Remuneration stated is for full-time positions. For more information and to apply, visit our website below or phone (07) 3403 4998.**

**Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/careers**

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ACT Government
Education and Training

# Classroom Teachers

**The ACT Education and Training Directorate is seeking suitably qualified teachers for permanent and contract employment in ACT Public Schools across all learning areas.**

## ACT Public schools

Canberra schools offer exciting teaching opportunities for enthusiastic teachers. Our schools are committed to ensuring students succeed through quality teaching that engages them and supports the development of capabilities for life. The ACT recruits high quality staff who are provided with excellent professional development and career opportunities. The public school system has a strong focus on school improvement, teamwork and sharing of best practice, across schools to improve school performance and student outcomes, particularly literacy and numeracy. To find out more about teaching in Canberra visit **www.det.act.gov.au**.

**Schools in Canberra offer a range of co-educational settings including:**

Early Childhood Schools
Years P-6 (primary schools)
Years P-10 (primary/middle/high schools)
Years 7-10 (high schools)
Years 7-12 (secondary school)
Years 11-12 (secondary colleges)
Special schools (for students with moderate and severe disabilities)

**Particular areas of need include** literacy and numeracy, mathematics, science, English, social sciences, special education (including autism), student support (student management specialists), technology, early childhood and Languages-Japanese, French, Italian, and Indonesian.

## Employment Opportunities

**Annual Recruitment Round opens May 2012**

Employment is offered on a merit basis during the annual recruitment round to successful applicants who will be offered permanent or short term and long term temporary employment for 2013. Please visit the Directorate's website **www.det.act.gov.au** to register your interest and employment details online to receive a copy of the Classroom Teacher recruitment round application package.

**Applications close 6 July 2012.**

Only applicants who have a minimum of four years full-time (or equivalent) tertiary study leading to an award of a recognised school teaching qualification are eligible for permanent appointment.

**Continuous Recruitment**

The continuous recruitment process enables applications to be processed throughout the year. This process enables suitably qualified applicants to be considered by principals for longer term temporary vacancies through the school year 2013. For further information and enquiries Phone: (02) 6205 9284.

For Classroom teacher recruitment round application information Email: **TeachingInCanberra@act.gov.au**

**School counsellors**

Information and applications for school counsellor (school psychologists) recruitment is also available at the Directorate's website **www.det.act.gov.au.**

## Attractive Employment Conditions

Teachers in the ACT enjoy favourable conditions of employment including employer superannuation contributions, cumulative paid personal leave, annual leave bonus, parenting leave and 18 weeks paid maternity leave, salary packaging opportunities, and a comprehensive induction and orientation program.

The salary for four year trained classroom teachers is $58 041 to $86 881 effective 1 October 2012.
The ACT provides recognition of prior experience and additional qualifications for starting salary purposes.

**Professional learning opportunities**

ACT teachers have excellent professional learning opportunities with access to a range of in-school and system wide professional learning programs.

New staff are provided with a comprehensive induction and orientation program.

**Canberra Information sessions**

A local information session for people interested in applying for classroom teacher positions will be held at The Canberra College (Launceston Street, Phillip) on Wednesday 30 May 2012 between 4.00-5.00pm.

**Submitting an application**

Applicants must submit a completed *Application for Employment Classroom Teacher 2012-2013 form* together with a professional teaching statement, supporting documentation and curriculum vitae by close of business Friday 6 July 2012.

For further information visit the Teaching in Canberra website: **www.det.act.gov.au**, call 6205 9284 or email teachingincanberra@act.gov.au

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For more information on these positions and how to apply, visit **www.jobs.act.gov.au**

NSW GOVERNMENT Office of Environment & Heritage

# Senior Field Officer (Aboriginal)

**Parks and Wildlife Group**
**Kurnell/Revesby**
**Senior Field Officer Grade 1/2**
**Permanent Full-Time**
**Vacancy Ref: OEH 105-12**

**Total remuneration package to $75,743 p.a. including salary**
**$56,068 p.a. - $59,392 p.a.**

Undertakes works and maintenance programs and co-ordinate and supervise the work of Field Officers and contractors ensuring that work is undertaken efficiently and within budget and set time frames. Enhancement and preservation of natural resources and natural and cultural heritage; and that the public have access to high quality, safe recreational facilities.

**Selection Criteria:** To apply for this position applicants must obtain the information pack which contains selection criteria that must be addressed in your application.

**Notes:** This is an identified position under *Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*. The position of Senior Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Senior Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical assessment, which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fitness test for fire fighting fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months).The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Applicants must address the selection criteria and apply online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Please do not submit copies of qualifications online. If you are invited to attend an interview you will be required to produce relevant documentation then. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Enquiries:** Andres Bianchi (02) 9668 2001

**Information Packages contact:** Marg Wilmott (02) 9668 2002 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications are to be lodged online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. If you experience difficulties applying online please contact (02) 9585 6018 during business hours for assistance.

**Closing Date:** 10 June 2012

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ACT Government
Education and Training

**Learning, Teaching and Student Engagement**
**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education and Student Support**
**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education**

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Officer

**School Assistant 4**

**Salary Range: $52,236 - $56,715 (PN: 01634, several)**

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education section is seeking applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people for the position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Officer. The successful applicant will be responsible for working as a member of a team to provide support to ACT public schools and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Applicants must have knowledge of relevant educational issues, programs and initiatives relating to increasing educational outcomes and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

**Eligibility/Other Requirements:** Current driver's licence. Year 12 certificate or equivalent would be desirable. Willingness to undertake relevant Certificate IV or equivalent qualification is essential.

**Note:** This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position and is part-time at 33:75 hours per week.

**Contact Officer:** Ginibi Robinson (02) 6205 9195 ginibi.robinson@act.gov.au

**Applications Close:** 08 June 2012

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NSW GOVERNMENT Health
Central Coast
Local Health District

## Manager Aboriginal Health, CCLHD

Gosford, Central Coast Area
Enquiries: Kerry Stevenson 02 4320 3769 or
Wayne Merritt 02 4320 3519

This is an Identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*

Ref ID: 80985
**Closing Date: 10 June 2012**

Apply now...
**Website:** www.nsccahs.health.nsw.gov.au
**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

## CHILDREN'S KOORI COURT OFFICER

Magistrates' Court of Victoria

*Grade 3, MC2215*
*Ongoing Full Time*
*$53,502 to $64,962*
*Koori Court division of the Mildura Children's Court*

The Koori Court is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and has been established as a division of the Magistrates' and Children's Courts in Victoria.

This is an exciting opportunity for a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to work within Victoria's Judicial system. The position is based in Mildura.

In accordance with Special Measures provisions contained in Section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010, applications are open to persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent only.

The Koori Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks.

Position descriptions are available from **Careers @ Vic Gov,** or by telephoning **Mr Mason Atkinson,** Manager of Koori Courts, Telephone: **(03) 96039415.**

**Applications are to be forwarded to:**
**Human Resources**
**Magistrates' Court of Victoria**
**GPO 882G**
**Melbourne, 3001**
**Or email to:**
**mason.atkinson@justice.vic.gov.au**

**Applications close 10 June 2012.**

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UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA
AUSTRALIA'S CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

## STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER

Ngunnawal Centre,
Faculty of Arts & Design

UC Level 6 Salary Range: $67,269 to $72,413 pa, plus Super

This is a full-time continuing position

Vacancy Reference No: 120047

The Student Support officer will provide a variety of support processes to enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to complete their degrees. The role involves liaising closely with a large number of Indigenous students, organising the Centre's student administration process as well as the provision of general administrative support.

You will need an excellent knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultures be highly organised and have excellent oral and written communication skills.

For more information on this position please, contact Associate Professor Wendy Brady on (02) 6201 5894.

CLOSING DATE: 9 JUNE 2012

EOWA Employer of Choice for Women

The University is an EO employer offering excellent conditions and benefits including generous superannuation.

Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For more information on this position and how to apply please, go to our website at **http://www.canberra.edu.au/hr/jobs**

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NSW GOVERNMENT Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

## Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer

Royal North Shore Hospital

Permanent Full-Time

Salary: $856.70 - $1,608.50 p.w.

Enquiries: LaVerne Bellear 02 9462 9044 or email lbellear@nsccahs.health.nsw.gov.au

"This is an Identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*."

Reference ID: 81566

**Closing Date: 18 June 2012**

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## Namatjira Haven Ltd

**Drug & Alcohol Healing Centre**
**Alstonville NSW**

**Namatjira Haven is a community based government funded Centre based on the Far North Coast of NSW providing residential and outreach AOD programs and services to local Aboriginal communities.**

Currently we are inviting applications for the following positions:

### Living Skills Facilitator

**Part time 5 days up to 38 hours per week**

*This is an identified **Aboriginal position** and Namatjira Haven Ltd considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).*

We are looking for a motivated, self-directed professional with the relevant qualifications for this positions and at least 3 years' experience in the chosen areas.

In addition to suitable qualifications and experience in cooking and food safety, the successful applicant will have an appreciation of aims and objectives of ***"Closing the Gap"*** initiatives, an understanding of issues faced by Aboriginal communities, excellent communication skills, good computer skills, good literacy and a high degree of professionalism, a current driver's licence and reliable transport. A high degree of confidentiality and role modelling is expected.

Remuneration packages will be consistent with qualifications and experience and will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Applicants must address the essential and common selection criteria as outlined in the information pack and be willing to undergo Prohibited Employment (Child Protection) and Criminal Records Checks. Information packs may be obtained by phoning Administration on (02) 6628 1098.

**Applications close on:**
**5th July at 5pm.**

*Interviews will be on or near 13th July.*

Link-Up (QLD) Aboriginal Corporation

Link-Up (QLD) Aboriginal Corporation exists to enhance the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by reuniting those who have experienced separation from their families and communities through adoption, fostering, removal and institutionalisation.

### Service Delivery Manager (Brisbane)

**The Position:** The position leads the service delivery functions of Link-Up QLD and is a key part of the leadership team comprising the CEO and Finance and Administration Manager. The role provides strategic oversight for intake, family research, casework, social emotional wellbeing initiatives, reunion management, multimedia and marketing, and allocating and monitoring case co-ordination between areas. The Service Delivery Manager has a strong role in continuous improvement of services and ensuring Link-Up Qld maintains quality standards.

The Service Delivery Manager is required to build strategic partnerships with key agencies that help facilitate quality family research; reunions; healing initiatives, community education and events; and advocacy to get better outcomes for clients and their families.

**To apply:** Position descriptions can be accessed via the website http://www.link-upqld.org.au/employment.html

All applicants **must** address the Selection Criteria and provide a CV by **5.00pm Monday 17th June 2012**. Email your applications to: ea@qld.link-up.org.au or post to: PO Box 3229 South Brisbane Q 4101

If you have any queries please call **Lynne Aplin** on **(07) 3034 8444** or **FREECALL 1800 200 855**.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*

Oxfam Australia

## Health & Wellbeing Program Coordinator

**Fulltime**
**2 year Fixed Term contract • Melbourne based**

Oxfam Australia is seeking a highly motivated Health & Wellbeing Coordinator to lead the planning, design, implementation, management and review of the health and wellbeing area of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program.

We need your knowledge and proven experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the promotion and development of culturally appropriate health and wellbeing services.

Please visit www.oxfam.org.au/my/jobs for application details. Salary $65,709 plus benefits and access to salary packaging.

**Applications close: 13 June 2012.**

*We promote diversity and practice equity - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*

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CIRCUS OZ

## PARTNERSHIP MANAGER

**Full-time position**
**Position based in Melbourne**

***Circus Oz is Australia's internationally acclaimed contemporary circus. Circus Oz performs in Australian capital cities, regional and remote Australia and internationally. We are looking for an enthusiastic, experienced and committed person to be our Partnership Manager.***

The Partnership Manager is a fulltime position and part of the Business Development Team that manages philanthropic and sponsorship relationships and activities. The work involves strategic planning to develop Circus Oz's private income streams to support all areas of Circus Oz's work, including the new home in Collingwood, artistic activities, an Indigenous program and community partnerships. In the short term the Partnership Manager will be particularly focused on delivering and managing the fundraising strategy "Dig Deep for New Digs" for Circus Oz's new home that the company is set to move into in September 2013.

**The Partnership Manager will need to have the following qualities and skills:**

- A track record in fundraising/philanthropy and or sponsorship
- Excellent interpersonal and networking abilities
- Capability to develop and promote ideas and concepts
- High level of written and verbal communication skills
- Confidence in managing data bases and developing systems
- Ability to work as part of a team and to operate under minimal supervision in a dynamic and flexible environment
- Capacity to work across an organisation to support the delivery of the broader company agenda

**Due Date: close of business Friday 8 June 2012**

Applications with CV and three referees' contact details emailed to:
administrator@circusoz.com.au



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The program offers Aboriginal people an opportunity to complete a nationally recognised qualification at the Certificate IV level whilst working part-time and there is a job at the end once you have completed your qualification.

*This is a Department of Human Services pathway to employment initiative.*

Three vacancies are available for the 2012 mid-year Intake:

- Administrative Support Officer, VPS1
  Eastern Metropolitan Region, VIC
- Disability Development and Support Officer, DDSO1
  Southern Metropolitan Region, VIC
- Disability Development and Support Officer, DDSO1
  Gippsland Region, VIC

These positions have been exempted for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. VCAT Exemption Number: A067/A068/2010.

For more information and to apply, please contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on: 1300 092 406 or email: aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

**Applications close 16 June 2012.**

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**www.careers.vic.gov.au**

State Government Victoria Department of Human Services

State Government Victoria

Government of **Western Australia**
**Department of Regional Development and Lands**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION**
**TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW**
***LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170***
***AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS***
***NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29***

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA) that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified.
AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified.
It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

**SCHEDULE**

**PARCEL OF LAND NO 1: LAND DESCRIPTION:** Portion of Lot 28394 on Deposited Plan 175418 shown as Lot 550 on Deposited Plan 61042. Volume 3078 Folio 50 Area: 16.8448 hectares. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** 28394, 175418. **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Beverley
**NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading land description other than interests of the Crown and also excluding Easement H351734.
**PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Reservation for the purpose of 'Rubbish Disposal Site' with a Management Order to the Shire of Beverley. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Reservation for the purpose of 'Rubbish Disposal Site' with a Management Order to the Shire of Beverley
**REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** Land is suitable for the purpose. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 01 December 2011. **DPI FILE:** 00156-1970-03RO **DPI REF.:**022608.
**PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT:** RDL, 140 William St, Perth.
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg Martiensen, Assistant State Land Officer, Wheatbelt Team, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143 West Perth, WA 6872, or by telephoning (08) 65524578.
**OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 06 September, 2012.
**MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA.
Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands.
**NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes.
**NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 06 June 2012
**NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 06 September, 2012. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272.

Dated this 17th Day of April in the year 2012

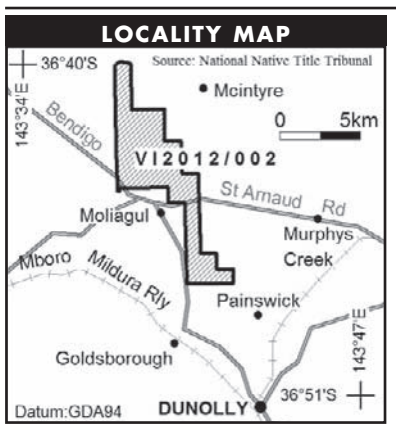
**HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA**
**MINISTER FOR LANDS**

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# Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

National Native Title Tribunal

**State of Victoria**
**Notification day: 6 June 2012**




**VI2012/002 Dja Dja Wurrung Peoples and Hodges Resources Ltd (EL4907)**

**Description of the agreement area:**

The area subject to this agreement is EL4907 covering about 30 square kilometres, about 50km west of Bendigo and about 30km north of Maryborough as shown on the locality diagram.

This agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Loddon and Central Goldfields Shires.

**Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:**

Dja Dja Wurrung Native Title Group
c/- Native Title Services Victoria Ltd
642 Queensbury Street
North Melbourne VIC 3051

Hodges Resources Limited
Mike Robbins
Level 2, 38 Richardson Street
West Perth WA 6005

**The agreement contains the following statements:**

6.1 The parties agree that the right to negotiate provisions in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the NTA are not intended to apply to the Licence.

6.2 Subject to compliance by the parties with the provisions of this Agreement, the parties:

- agree to the grant by the State of the Licence to the proponent and to any consent required by or on behalf of the proponent pursuant to the Licence in respect of the Licence area; and
- agree to the use of the Licence and of any consent required pursuant to the Licence, by the proponent in respect of the Licence area; and
- agree that any such exploration done in respect of the Licence area is valid.

"Licence" means the exploration licence that is applied for by the proponent and has been granted and registered by the State pursuant to the MRSDA in respect of the Licence area, being Exploration Licence Application No. 4907. "Licence" includes any renewal, amalgamation or variation of the Licence by the State pursuant to the MRSDA or any other applicable laws.

"MRSDA" means the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990 (Vic).*

**Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:**

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body/ies for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. **The native title determination application must be made by 6 September 2012.**

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

**For assistance and further information about this application, call Nadja Mack on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.**

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**Part Time 28hrs (may lead to full time employment)**

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**The Coolamon Cafe on Green Central, Kariong have the opportunity you have been looking for!**

**Tasks will include:**
- Manage and supervise staff and students in the kitchen,
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- Organise the day to day running and operations of the cafe,
- Maintain health, and safety standards in work areas, follow and promote all WHS procedures ,
- Prepare and serve food and beverages to customers, assist other staff members and students while the cafe is in service.

**Key selection Criteria:**
- Applicants must be passionate about the hospitality industry,
- Applicants must have a Certificate III or above Hospitality qualification and relevant industry experience,
- Experience working with young people and training them in the hospitality industry,
- Experience in operating a cafe/ restaurant and the day to day running,
- Knowledge of WHS in the hospitality environment,
- Identify as an Aboriginal person.

*Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for the position and is authorised by section 14D of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977*

If you think you are suitable for this position then apply today.

Please ensure you attach a cover letter addressing the criteria and your resume to
**nareeda@youthconnections.com.au**

NSW GOVERNMENT Family & Community Services
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# Aboriginal Service Coordinator

**Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)**
**Northern Region, Coffs Harbour**
**Permanent Full-Time**

**Total remuneration package valued up to $72,671 per annum includes a salary range $59,705 pa to $65,855 pa plus leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation.**

**Job Description:**
The position coordinates resources to provide client-centred services and provides leadership and support to a team of Care Workers.

**Selection Criteria:**
1. Aboriginality.
2. Demonstrated knowledge of the support needs of the frail aged, people with a disability and their carers.
3. Demonstrated planning, time management and administrative skills, and the ability to identify, analyse and resolve competing priorities and service issues.
4. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights including confidentiality, privacy, advocacy and complaint mechanisms.
5. Demonstrated ability to support, train and supervise staff.
6. Demonstrated effective oral and written communication, conflict resolution, liaison and negotiations skills.
7. Demonstrated experience in information technology to support client service delivery, creation and maintenance of client and staff records, writing of complex reports, extracting data base information and ensuring accurate records and billing processes.
8. Experience in a similar role in the community service sector or possession of relevant tertiary qualifications and current Driver's Licence and own vehicle.

**Job notes:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

**Enquiries:** Marvette Logan, Branch Manager, Ph: (07) 5523 3623

**Information Packages:** www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

**Job Reference Number: 00000ZOF**

**Closing Date:** 15th June 2012

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## Course Coordinator – Asset Maintenance

**Position No:** 31655

Fixed term appointment to June 2015 – Batchelor, NT

**Remuneration: Academic Level B** - $75,373 - $89,505 + super

This position is responsible for the delivery of approved Vocational Education and Training programs; teaching, student assessment, maintenance of student files, liaison with other training staff and monitoring of student learning outcomes in accordance with curriculum guidelines of Batchelor Institute, the Faculty of Health, Business and Science and Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) standards; development of culturally appropriate teaching and learning activities. Liaison with remote indigenous communities and with industry partners is required; travel and working throughout the Northern Territory is an essential requirement of the position.

## Course Coordinator – Indigenous Environmental Health

**Position No:** 13957

Fixed term appointment to July 2015 – Alice Springs, NT

**Remuneration: Academic Level B** - $75,373 - $89,505 + super

This position is responsible for the delivery of approved Vocational Education and Training programs; teaching, student assessment, maintenance of student files, liaison with other training staff and monitoring of student learning outcomes in accordance with curriculum guidelines of Batchelor Institute, the Faculty of Health, Business and Science and Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) standards; development of culturally appropriate teaching and learning activities. Liaison with remote indigenous communities and with industry partners is required; travel and working throughout the Northern Territory is an essential requirement of the position.

***Note: All applicants must address the selection criteria.***

**Applications close: Friday, 8 June 2012**

For further information, the Role Profile, Selection Criteria and 'Information for Applicants' are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393: fax (08) 8939 7432: or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

***Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are strongly encouraged to apply.***

NSW GOVERNMENT | Juvenile Justice
Attorney General & Justice

# Juvenile Justice Officer - Bail Intervention – Aboriginal

**(ATSI Identified Position)**
**Clerk Grade 5/6**
**Juvenile Justice**
**Operations**
**Lismore**
**Permanent Full-Time**

**Position No: 00001OG6**

**Total remuneration package valued up to $85,815 per annum (Salary: $70,480 pa - $77,767 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

**Job Description:**
The position is responsible for the provision of effective, offending focussed intervention through assessment, supervision and case management of juvenile offenders. The delivery of community based programs to minimise the re-offending of juvenile offenders.

To provide a range of bail intervention options for clients across the region in order to reduce numbers in custody.

**Selection Criteria:**
- Aboriginality with demonstrated experience working within indigenous communities.
- An ability to interpret legislation and an understanding of issues relevant to juvenile offenders.
- Demonstrated casework experience including demonstrated ability in assessment, report writing and case planning.
- Demonstrated experience in working with adolescents and/or their families.
- Ability to build and maintain relationships with stakeholders to resource services for clients.
- Sound negotiation, oral and written communication skills including well developed computer and keyboard skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team and meet tight deadlines.
- Current minimum Class C Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. Applicants must address the selection criteria.

It is an offence under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Enquiries:** Gary Dennes - Ph (02) 6623 4206

**Information Packages:** www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

**Position Number:** 00001OG6

**Closing Date:** 15th June 2012

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ACT Government
Environment and Sustainable Development

**Environment and Sustainable Development Policy**
**Nature Conservation Policy/Natural Resource Management**

## Team Supervisor

**Administrative Services Officer Class 5**
**Salary Range: $63,440 - $67,269 (PN: 22569, expected vacancy)**

**Details:** The Environment and Sustainability (ESDD) is seeking an experienced Team Supervisor for nine months to manage, supervise and provide support to four Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees who are training in Conservation and Land Management. The Team Supervisor will Work on Country in the ACT and will supervise a range of tasks including pest animal and weed control, collecting and growing native trees and planting tree seedlings on areas of land that need to be repaired, water quality testing, building paths and fences and protecting and interpreting Aboriginal culture and heritage. The Team Supervisor will be employed by the Environment and Sustainability (ESDD), but will be seconded to the Parks and Conservation branch of Territory and Municipal Services Directorate (TaMSD).

**Eligibility/Other Requirements:** Demonstrated experience working with Aboriginal people. 2A current C class drivers license, preferably with 4wd experience. Preparedness to wear a uniform. Current Senior First Aid Certificate and Tertiary qualifications (at least Certificate III) in Conservation and Land Management or equivalent.

**Notes:** This is a temporary position available asap until 22 March 2013.

**Contact Officer:** Darren Chong (02) 6207 5032 darren.chong@act.gov.au

**Applications Close:** 13 June 2012

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GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# 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 | 26/830-1 | SILVER LAKE RESOURCES LIMITED | 223.43HA | 31km NE'ly of Kambalda | Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 56' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Mining Lease | 27/485 | CARRICK GOLD LTD | 584.33HA | 60km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 121° 56' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Mining Lease | 29/418 | NORILSK NICKEL CAWSE PTY LTD | 505.35HA | 5km SW'ly of Menzies | Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 121° 1' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Mining Lease | 52/901 & 52/904-6 | BHP COAL PTY LTD | 2919.54HA | 13km SW'ly of Mount Newman | Lat: 23° 24' S Long: 119° 37' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |

**Nature of the act:** Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years. 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: 30 May 2012**
**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 **30 August 2012**. 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. 30 September 2012)**, 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 3828.

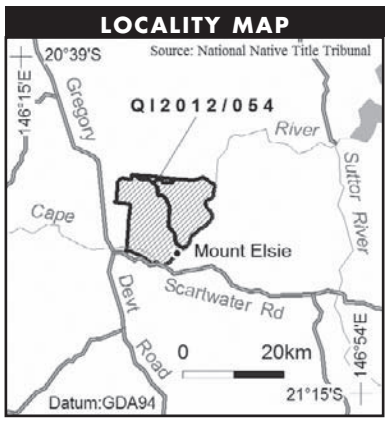
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# Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

**State of Queensland**
**Notification day: 6 June 2012**

National Native Title Tribunal

**LOCALITY MAP**




**QI2012/054 Mt Elsie Holding ILUA**

**Description of the agreement area:**

The area subject to this agreement covers about 243 square kilometres and is located north of Scartwater Road between the Suttor River and Gregory Developmental Road as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Charters Towers Regional Council.

**Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:**

Mr Stirling & Mrs Gail O'Sullivan
C/- p&e Law
PO Box 2337
Cairns QLD 4870

Andrew (Smokey) Anderson on his own behalf and on behalf of the Gudjala People QUD80/05 and the Gudjala People #2 QUD147/06
C/- North Queensland Land Council (NQLC)
PO Box 1717
Aitkenvale QLD 4814

Ian McLennan on his own behalf and on behalf of the Jangga People QUD6230/98
C/- North Queensland Land Council (NQLC)
PO Box 1717
Aitkenvale QLD 4814

Donald Solomon on his own behalf and on behalf of the Wangan and Jagalingou People QUD85/04
C/- North Queensland Land Council (NQLC)
PO Box 1717
Aitkenvale QLD 4814

**The agreement contains the following statements:**
*[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]*

5. For the purposes of: (a) section 24EB(1)(c) of the NTA and (b) regulation 7(5)(b) of the NT Regulations, the Parties state that Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to the grant of the Tenure.

10.1 (a) The Parties consent to:

(i) the grant of the Tenure A; (ii) the grant of Tenure B subject to the application of the Non-Extinguishment Principle; and (iii) Any other action taken by the State or the Proponent reasonably necessary to give effect to the grant of the Tenure.

(b) To avoid doubt, the consent provided in clause 10.1(a)(ii) has no effect where the Non-Extinguishment Principle is not applied to the Tenure B.

10.2 The Parties acknowledge that clause 10.1 constitutes the requisite consent of the Parties to the doing of the acts referred to in clause 10.1 for the purposes of:

(a) section 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA; and (b) regulation 7(5)(a) of the NT Regulations;

'Tenure' means both Tenure A and Tenure B.

'Tenure A' means the upgrade of the existing term lease under title reference 17665063 over pastoral holding Lot 664 on Crown Plan PH 2061 to a perpetual lease under Division 3 of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the *Land Act 1994* (QLD).

'Tenure B' means the conversion of any perpetual lease over Lot 664 on Crown Plan PH 2061 which perpetual lease resulted from the upgrade described at (a) above, to an interest in fee simple under Division 3 of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the *Land Act 1994* (QLD).

**Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:**
Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body/ies for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. **The native title determination application must be made by 6 September 2012**.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Queensland. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

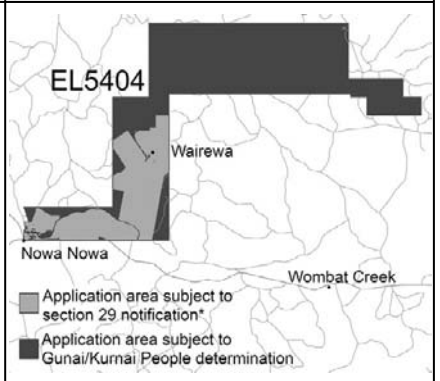
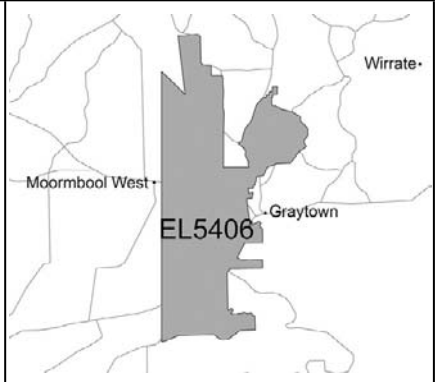
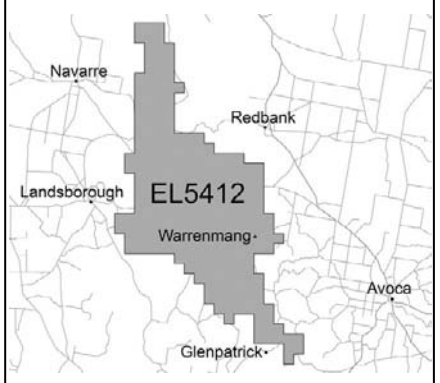
**For assistance and further information about this application, call Karrell Ross on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.**

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# Notice under Section 29(3) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

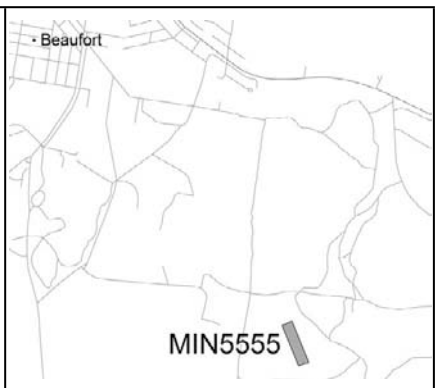
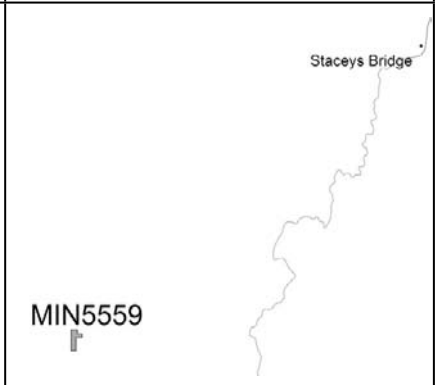
The State of Victoria, through the Department of Primary Industries, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Energy & Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following exploration licences under section 25 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

| TENEMENT | APPLICATION DETAILS | LOCALITY |
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| EL5404 | **NAME:** Iluka Resources Ltd<br>**LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** Over Nowa Nowa and Wairewa as shown on attached plan.<br>**LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 85: C5, D4-D5, E4, F4, G4<br>**TERM:** 5 years<br>**AREA:** 92 km²<br>**MUNICIPALITY:** East Gippsland Shire<br>*being parcels P384703, P384314, P384316, P384438, P384956 |  <br>Centre MGA Co-ord 603100E 5830200N Z55 Centre 100k map 8522 |
| EL5406 | **NAME:** Victoria Mining Exploration Pty Ltd<br>**LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** Less than 1 km west of Graytown.<br>**LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 45: G6-G7, H6-H7<br>**TERM:** 5 years<br>**AREA:** 54 km²<br>**MUNICIPALITY:** Strathbogie Shire & Mitchell Shire |  <br>Centre MGA Co-ord 314700E 5923600N Z55 Centre 100k map 7824 |
| EL5412 | **NAME:** Karl Drago Sabljak<br>**LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** Over Warrenmang as shown on attached plan.<br>**LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 42: D7-D9, E7-E9, F9, G9; Map 57: D2, E2-E3, F2-F3, G2-G4<br>**TERM:** 5 years<br>**AREA:** 250 km²<br>**MUNICIPALITY:** Pyrenees Shire & Northern Grampians Shire |  <br>Centre MGA Co-ord 701100E 5901900N Z54 Centre 100k map 7523 |

Nature of the act(s): The grant of an exploration licence, which authorises the holder to explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to five years.

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The State of Victoria, through the Department of Primary Industries, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Energy & Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following mining licences under section 25 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

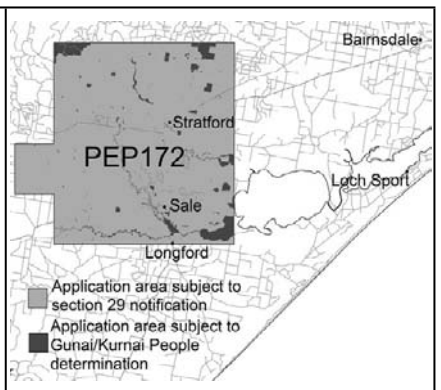
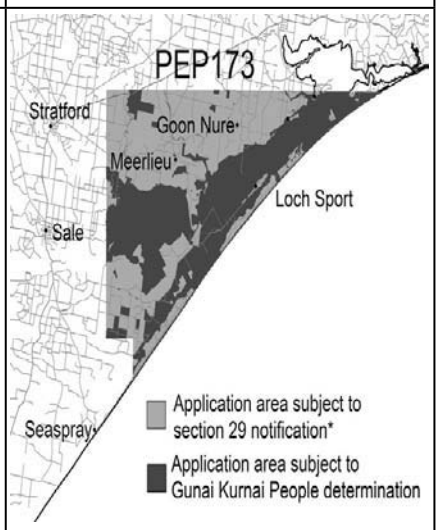
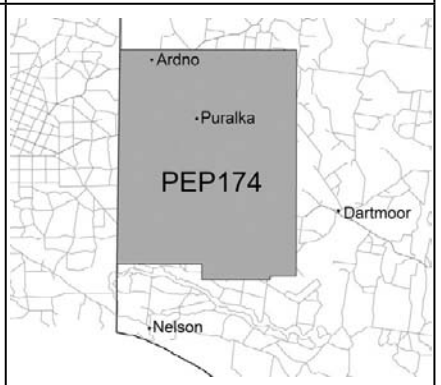
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| MIN5555 | **NAME:** Roman Colas<br>**LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 2.8 km south east of Beaufort.<br>**LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 57: H9<br>**TERM:** 5 years<br>**AREA:** 2.5 ha<br>**MUNICIPALITY:** Pyrenees Shire |  <br>Centre MGA Co-ord 712430E 5852380N Z54 Centre 100k map 7523 |
| MIN5559 | **NAME:** Dart Mining NL<br>**LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 8.6 km south west of Stacey's Bridge.<br>**LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 37: E9<br>**TERM:** 5 years<br>**AREA:** 4.8 ha<br>**MUNICIPALITY:** Towong Shire |  <br>Centre MGA Co-ord 567400E 5960800N Z55 Centre 100k map 8425 |

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| MIN5560 | **NAME:** Morning Star Gold NL<br>**LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** 2.7km north west of A1 Mine Settlement.<br>**LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 63: D9<br>**TERM:** 5 years<br>**AREA:** 10 ha<br>**MUNICIPALITY:** Mansfield Shire |  <br>Centre MGA Co-ord 426600E 5850100N Z55 Centre 100k map 8123 |

Nature of the act(s): The grant of a mining licence, which authorises the holder to mine for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to 20 years (unless the Minister decides otherwise).

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The State of Victoria, through the Department of Primary Industries, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Energy & Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following exploration permits under section 20A of the *Petroleum Act 1998*:

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| PEP172 | **NAME:** Icon Energy Ltd<br>**LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** Over Stratford & Sale as shown on attached plan.<br>**LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 82: D9, E9, F7-F9, G7-G9, H7-H9; Map 83: B7-B9, C7-C9, D7-D9, E7-E9; Map 98: D2-D3, E2-E3, F2-F4, G2-G4, H2-H4; Map 99: B2-B4, C2-C4, D2-D4, E2-E4<br>**TERM:** 5 years<br>**AREA:** 1312 km²<br>**MUNICIPALITY:** Wellington Shire |  <br>Centre MGA Co-ord 502100E 5793700N Z55 Centre 100k map 8322 |
| PEP173 | **NAME:** Icon Energy Ltd<br>**LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** Over Loch Sport & other towns as shown on attached plan.<br>**LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 83: E8-E9; F8-F9, G8-G9, H8-H9, J8-J9; Map 84: A8-A9, B8-B9, C8-C9, D8-D9, E8-E9; F8-F9, G8; Map 99: E2-E5, F2-F6, G2-G6, H2-H5, J2-J4, K2-K3, L2-L3, M2, N2<br>**TERM:** 5 years<br>**AREA:** 1220 km²<br>**MUNICIPALITY:** East Gippsland Shire and Wellington Shire<br>*being parcels P382631, P367358, P367353, P322606, P382574, P367354, P382576 & P367352 |  <br>Centre MGA Co-ord 537800E 5790100N Z55 Centre 100k map 8321 |
| PEP174 | **NAME:** Mecrus Resources Pty Ltd<br>**LOCATION DESCRIPTION:** Over Ardno & Puralka as shown on attached plan.<br>**LOCATION REFERENCE:** Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 71: A5-A9, B6-B9, C5-C9, D5-D9, E5-E9<br>**TERM:** 5 years<br>**AREA:** 586 km²<br>**MUNICIPALITY:** Glenelg Shire |  <br>Centre MGA Co-ord 507400E 5808900N Z54 Centre 100k map 7122 |

**Nature of the act(s):** The grant of an exploration permit, which authorises the holder to carry out petroleum exploration operations on the specified land for the term of the permit and to seek one renewal for a period of five years.

**Notification Day: 30 May 2012**

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* persons have until three months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the potential grant of the licences. The three month period closes on **30 August 2012**. Enquiries about becoming a native title party may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Melbourne Registry, telephone 1800 640 501.

**Further Information:** Further information about the potential grant of the licences, including identification maps, may be obtained from the Earth Resources Business Centre at Level 16, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000, telephone (03) 9658 4456.

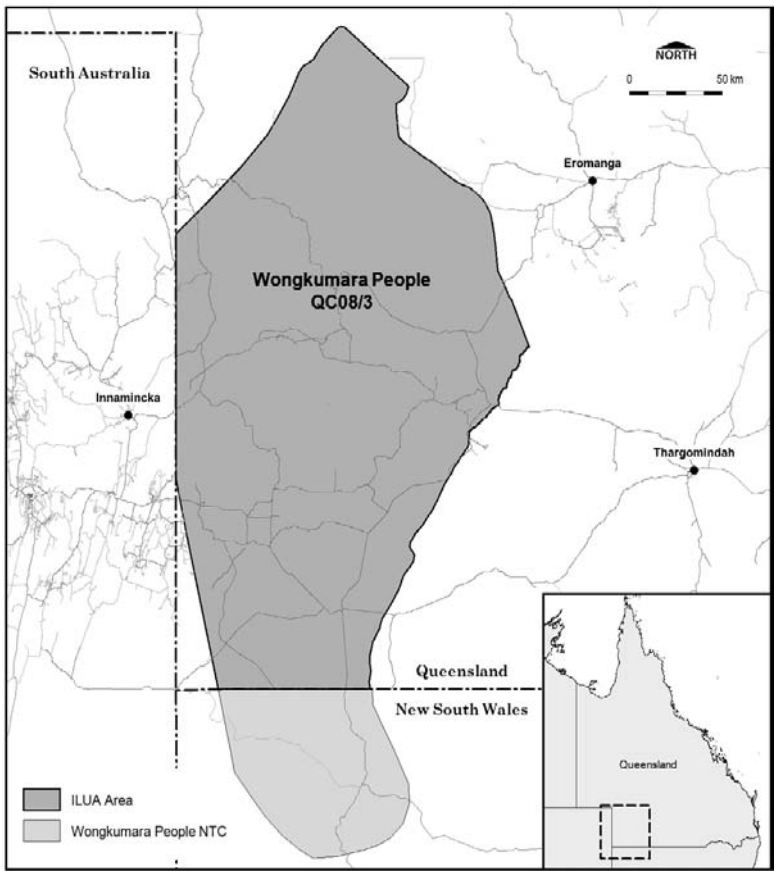
For further information about native title and the right to negotiate process, contact James O'Callaghan, Acting Native Title Coordinator, Department of Primary Industries, telephone (03) 5336 6645.

State Government Victoria Department of Primary Industries

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# PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

Santos Ltd ABN 80 007 550 923 (**Santos**) proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (**ILUA**) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in its capacity as operator under various joint venture agreements in the ILUA Area. The purpose of the ILUA is to authorise the grant of all necessary consents and approvals required for ongoing and future petroleum activities in the ILUA Area.




The ILUA Area as shown on the map above is currently covered by the Queensland portion of the Wongkumara People native title claim (QUD52/08; QC08/3) which is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims. The Wongkumara native title claim group described in the claim as the descendants of Albert Ebsworth, Rose Ebsworth, Martin Ebsworth, Alfred Edward Ebsworth, Michael Dixon, Roy Dixon, Edna Joyce Leonard, Anthony Dixon, Warwick Fernando, Beverley Fernando, Laura Dixon, Paul Dixon, Claude Dixon, Hector Bates, Rita McKellar, Clifford Hartnett, Cyril Hartnett, Shirley Edwards, Darcy Edwards, John Hartnett, Bernard Edwards, Ruby Johnson, Rhonda Williams, Kerrin Johnson, Roy Johnson, Gladys Edwards, Gladys Johnson, Ron Johnson, Elene Shepherd, Edith Edwards, Iris Edwards, Roger Edwards, Arnold ("Picaninie") Ebsworth, Cecil ("Nocka") Ebsworth, Alma Ebsworth, Jean McKellar, Gerald McKellar, Thomas McKellar, Janice Dennis, Arthur Ebsworth, Madeline Hines, Eileen Hines, Jeannie Hines, Rita ("Georgina") Hines, Malcom ("Pierce") Hines, Ray Hines and Lucy Harding.

The ILUA Area does not include any area within the Boonthamura (QUD435/2006; QC06/15), the Kullilli (QUD80/2009; QC09/1), the Mithaka (QUD6033/2002; QC02/35) or the Yandruwandha/Yawarrawarrka (SAD6024/1998; SC98/1) native title claim groups.

## Authorisation Meeting:

An authorisation meeting regarding the ILUA will be held in Dubbo NSW as follows:

- **Date and time:** 27 June 2012 at 10:00am.
- **Place:** Macquarie Auditorium, Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre, 155 Darling Street, Dubbo NSW.
- **Purpose:** to authorise the ILUA between Santos and the Wongkumara Claim Group.

You are invited to attend the authorisation meeting if you consider that you are a member of the Wongkumara native title claim group or that you may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area. **NOTE:** If you intend to come to the authorisation meeting, you must register your interest so that arrangements can be made for catering and logistics.

## Registering your interest:

If you consider that either:

- you are a member of the Wongkumara native title claim group; or
- although not a member of the Wongkumara native title claim group, you hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area,

you are invited to register your interest by 16 June 2012 by providing details of:

- your name and contact details; and
- the basis upon which you claim to be a member of the Wongkumara native title claim group or, if not a member of the Wongkumara native title claim group, the basis on which you claim to hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area.

Responses can be directed to:

Kylie Delaney
Ashurst - Australia
GPO Box 9938 BRISBANE QLD 4000
**Fax number:** 07 3259 7111 **Phone:** 1800 706 533
(During business hours. Calls from mobile phones may be charged)

# Notice of an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

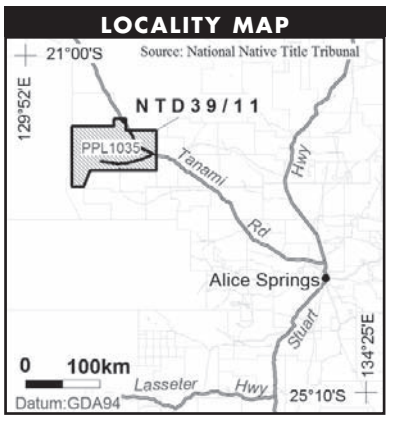
National Native Title Tribunal

**Notification day: 13 June 2012**

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 1806, Darwin, Northern Territory, 0801 **on or before 12 September 2012**. After 12 September 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.




**Application name:** Mount Doreen Perpetual Pastoral Lease

**Federal Court File No:** NTD39/11

**Date filed:** 14 October 2011

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has ***accepted*** this application for registration.

**Location:** The area subject to the application covers about 7420 square kilometres over Perpetual Pastoral Lease number 1035 (Mount Doreen) and is located approximately 280 kilometres northwest of Alice Springs as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the local government authority of the Central Desert Shire.

**Data statement:** claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Department of Planning and Infrastructure (NT).

**For assistance and further information about this application, call Carissa Kok on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.**

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# Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

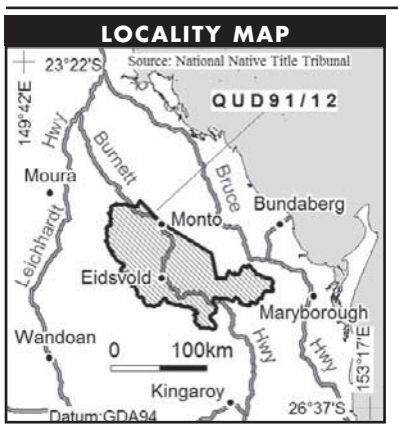
National Native Title Tribunal

**Notification day: 13 June 2012**

These are applications by native title claim groups who are asking the Federal Court to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the **District Registrar, Federal Court of Australia, Queensland Registry, PO Box 13084, BRISBANE, QLD, 4003 on or before 12 September 2012**. After 12 September 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.




**Application name:** Wakka Wakka People #4

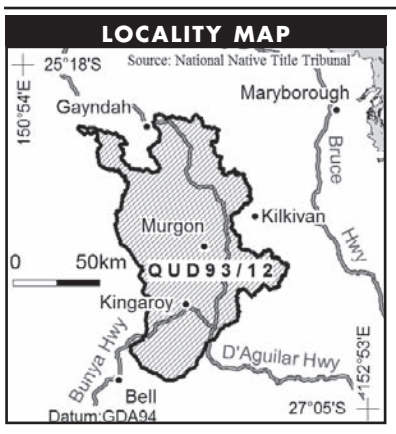
**Federal Court File No:** QUD91/12

**Date filed:** 10 February 2012

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has ***accepted*** this application for registration.

**Location:** The area subject to this application covers about 10,214 square kilometres and is located west of Maryborough between the Bruce Highway and the Leichhardt Highway in the vicinity of Eidsvold and extends about 90 kilometres north and about 60 kilometres south along the Burnett Highway from Eidsvold as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of Banana Shire Council and North Burnett Regional Council.




**Application name:** Wakka Wakka People #5

**Federal Court File No:** QUD93/12

**Date filed:** 10 February 2012

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has ***accepted*** this application for registration.

**Location:** The area subject to this application covers about 8,464 square kilometres and is located in the vicinity of Murgon and Kingaroy west of Kilkivan extending from Gayndah in the north to Bell in the south as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, Gympie Regional Council, North Burnett Regional Council and South Burnett Regional Council.

**Data statement:** claimant application boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Queensland.

**For assistance and further information about this application, call Leila Hunnam-Driscoll on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.**

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# Marathon squad gathers

FIRST came the women… and last week it was the men's turn. The six in the 2012 Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) squad gathered in Canberra as they prepared for this year's New York Marathon.

The six-man squad arrived in Canberra on Monday of last week.

Their arrival came hot on the heels of the IMP women's camp.

The men's marathon squad is: Korey Summers (Alice Springs, NT), Justin Gaykamangu (Ramingining, NT), Kieren De Santis (Tiwi Islands, NT), Marius Clarke (Gunbalanya NT), Jurgean Tabuai (Townsville, Qld) and Nat Heath (Newcastle, NSW).

Under the guidance of former world champion marathon runner and former Australian of the Year Rob de Castella, the men, mostly from small remote communities, were put through their paces over five intensive days.

The camp included the beep test, elements of the Certificate III in Community Recreation (Indigenous Healthy Lifestyle), and a 16km time trial.

The team took part in the time trial last Friday, putting their training and hard work into practice. This was the longest trial that most of the men had ever undertaken.

While in Canberra, the men also completed elements of their Certificate III in Community Recreation (Indigenous Healthy Living), which will assist them in obtaining employment within the sporting domain.

## NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

*NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29*

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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 |
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| 25/278-I | AVOCA RESOURCES LTD<br>INTEGRA MINING LTD | 396826 | 84.71 HA. | 59km E'ly of Kambalda | Lat: 31° 5' S<br>Long: 122° 13' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| 30/385-I | HATCHES NOMINEES PTY LTD | 395402 | 1.97 HA. | 114km W'ly of Menzies | Lat: 29° 45' S<br>Long: 119° 51' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| 57/812-I | LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert | 395559 | 363.48 HA. | 62km N'ly of Sandstone | Lat: 27° 24' S<br>Long: 119° 25' E | SANDSTONE SHIRE |
| 63/1132 | CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORPORATION LTD | 395369 | 106.78 HA. | 22km NW'ly of Norseman | Lat: 32° 3' S<br>Long: 121° 37' E | DUNDAS SHIRE |
| 63/1470 | CENTRAL NORSEMAN GOLD CORPORATION LTD | 396076 | 660.08 HA. | 30km NW'ly of Norseman | Lat: 32° 3' S<br>Long: 121° 33' E | DUNDAS SHIRE |

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day: 30 May 2012**

**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 **30 August 2012**. 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. 30 September 2012)**, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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## Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

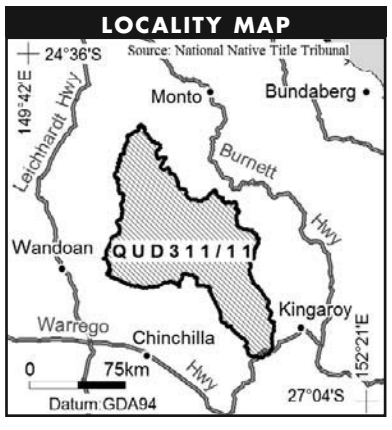
National Native Title Tribunal

**Notification day: 13 June 2012**

These are applications by native title claim groups who are asking the Federal Court to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the **District Registrar, Federal Court of Australia, Queensland Registry, PO Box 13084, BRISBANE, QLD, 4003 on or before 12 September 2012**. After 12 September 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.




**Application name:** Wulli Wulli People #2

**Federal Court File No:** QUD311/11

**Date filed:** 23 September 2011

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

**Location:** The area subject to this application covers about 10,746 square kilometres and is located between the Burnett Highway, the Leichhardt Highway and the Warrego Highway about 65 kilometres north east of Chinchilla as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of Banana Shire Council, North Burnett Regional Council, South Burnett Regional Council and Western Downs Regional Council.




**Application name:** Wakka Wakka People #3

**Federal Court File No:** QUD621/11

**Date filed:** 12 December 2011

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

**Location:** The area subject to this application covers about 10,746 square kilometres and is located between the Burnett Highway, the Leichhardt Highway and the Warrego Highway about 65 kilometres north east of Chinchilla as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of Banana Shire Council, North Burnett Regional Council, South Burnett Regional Council and Western Downs Regional Council.

**Data statement:** claimant application boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Queensland.

***For assistance and further information about this application, call Leila Hunnam-Driscoll on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.***

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Southern Barada, Kabalbara, Yetimarla and Jetimarala People authorisation meeting for proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) relating to the ARROW ENERGY LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PROJECT

All persons who hold or may hold native title in the area on the map below have been identified as members of the Southern Barada, Kabalbara, Yetimarla and Jetimarala native title holding group and are invited to attend a meeting to consider authorising an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (**ILUA**) proposed by **Arrow Energy Pty Ltd** ACN 078 521 936 (**Arrow**).

**Arrow** proposes to develop a liquefied natural gas (LNG) project involving the development of gasfields and the construction and operation of pipelines, facilities for gas processing, gas liquefaction and power generation and all other associated infrastructure to allow Arrow to export LNG from Curtis Island, near Gladstone. This project is known as the Arrow LNG Project.

Arrow proposes to enter into the **ILUA** under Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) with all persons who hold or may hold native title in respect of certain parts of the Arrow LNG Project area.

The **ILUA** includes an area located within the boundaries of the Darumbal People and Darumbal People #2 (Native Title Determination Applications (QUD 6131/98) (**Darumbal Claim**) and (QUD 6001/99) (**Darumbal #2 Claim**)). The ILUA also includes an area which is not covered by any registered native title claim. The area of this ILUA is shown in the Map below.

Please note that the Darumbal People have already authorised the ILUA (at a meeting on 9 December 2011) and therefore their attendance at this meeting is not necessary.

A meeting will be held for the purpose of authorising the proposed ILUA in accordance with the requirements of section 251A of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). The proposed ILUA will give consent to all future acts necessary for, or incidental to, the Arrow LNG Project within the ILUA area.

All those persons who consider that they are Southern Barada, Kabalbara, Yetimarla and Jetimarala People are invited to attend as follows:-

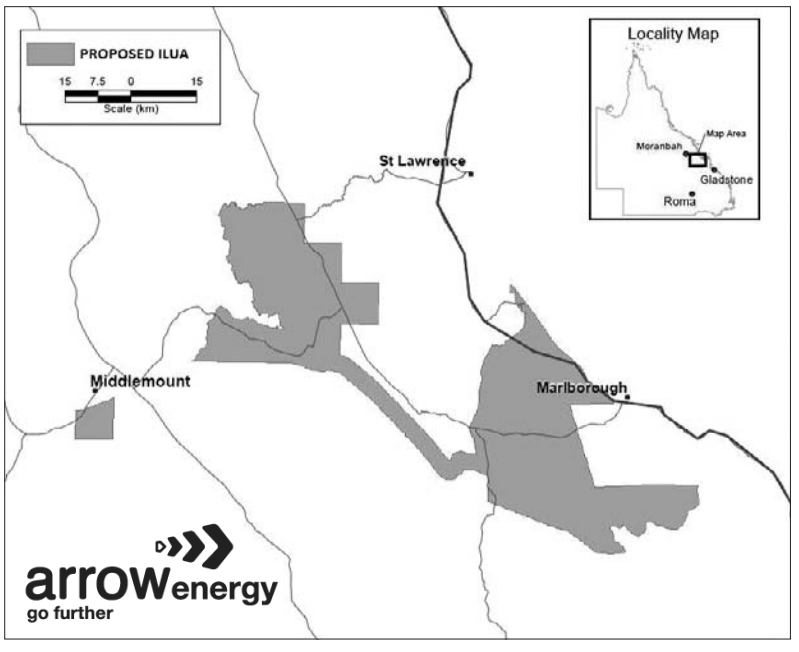
**Southern Barada, Kabalbara, Yetimarla and Jetimarala ILUA Authorisation Meeting**

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| **Date:** | Saturday, 23 June 2012 |
| **Time:** | 9:00am registration for a 9:30am start |
| **Venue:** | Dreamtime Cultural Centre, Bruce Highway, Rockhampton |

To register your intention to attend the authorisation meeting please phone **Hayley Docherty** on **(07) 3009 5440** by **16th June 2012**. When you call, details of reasonable travel assistance will be provided.

**Other Interested Persons**

Anyone who otherwise holds or may hold native title in the ILUA area is invited to contact **Luana Sanders** on **(07) 3012 4641**.



# Beale firms as Wallabies' five-eighth for two Tests

KURTLEY BEALE looks likely to face a tough initiation as an international rugby union five-eighth, with two Tests in five days on the back of a tough Super Rugby match.

Wallabies coach Robbie Deans has given his strongest indication he wants regular fullback Beale to play at No 10 in Australia's tightly scheduled opening Tests against Scotland and Wales.

It'll give Beale a gruelling week with his Melbourne Rebels playing the Brumbies on Friday 1 June, Australia facing Scotland the following Tuesday and the first of three Tests against Wales four days later.

But Deans has rejected speculation he'll name a B team to play Scotland.

He says Beale is vital to the Wallabies' hopes of beating Scotland and Wales and is perfectly capable of playing three games in eight days.

"We're chasing four wins in three weeks, that's our priority. We will select in order to achieve that," Deans said.

"Hopefully he's available for all four, because clearly he's an integral part of our group."

Beale has stepped up from fullback to five-eighth with great effect for the Rebels in the past month following the departure of England international Danny Cipriani and injury to James O'Connor. – ***AAP***

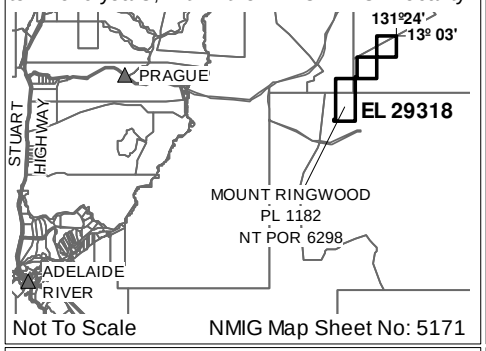
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

*NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29*

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 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.

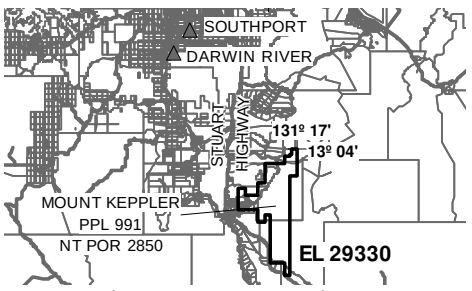
**Applications to which this notice applies:**

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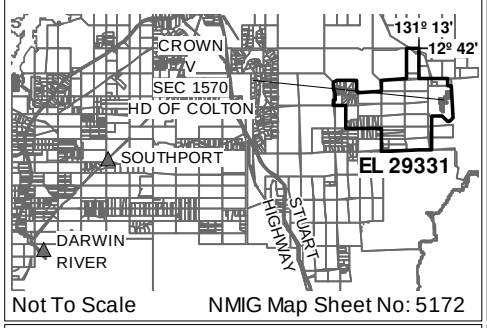

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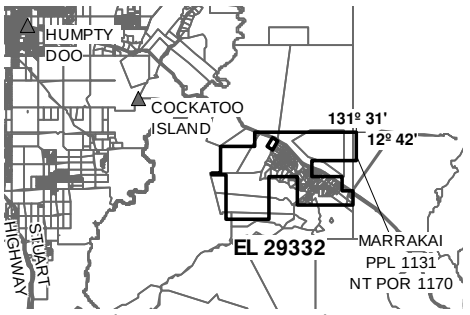

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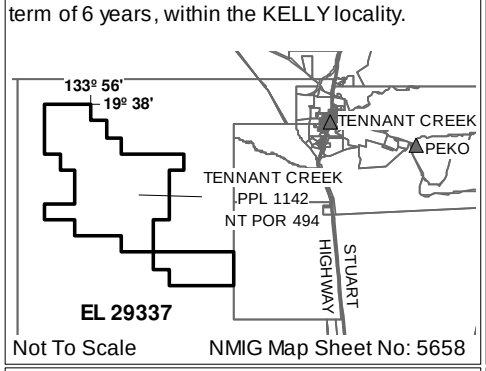

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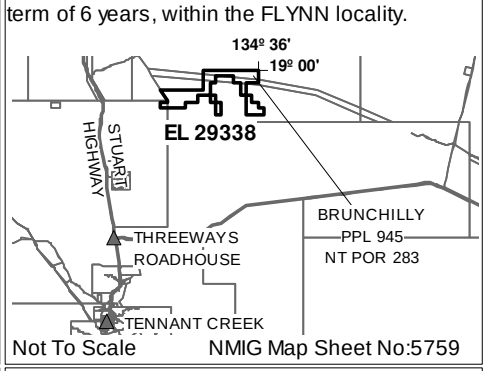

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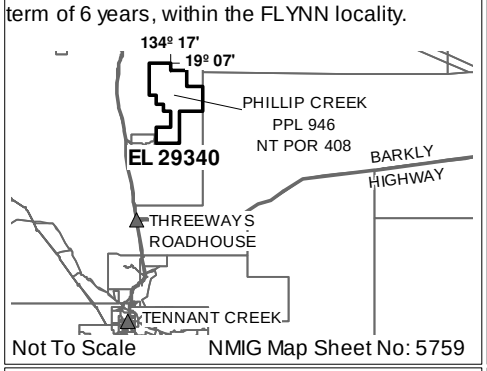

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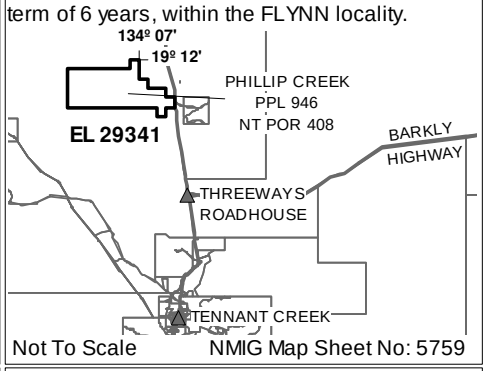

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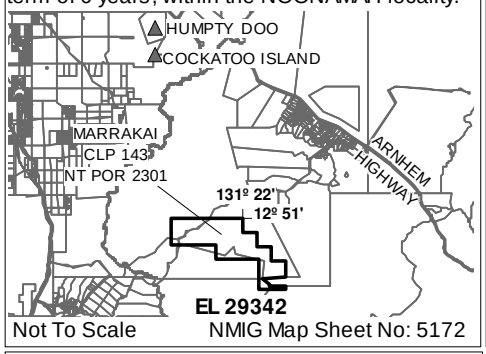

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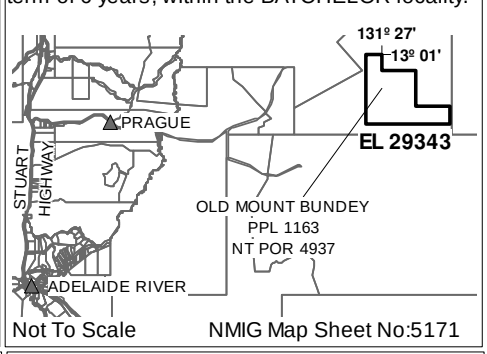

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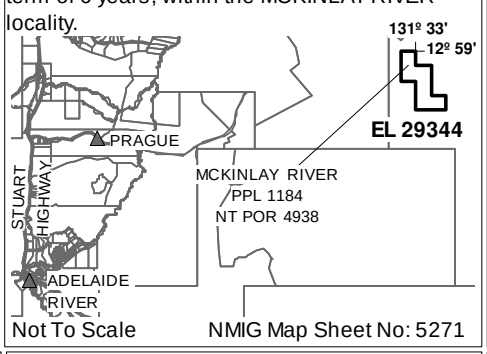

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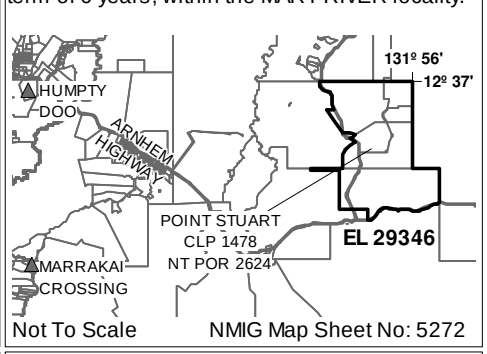

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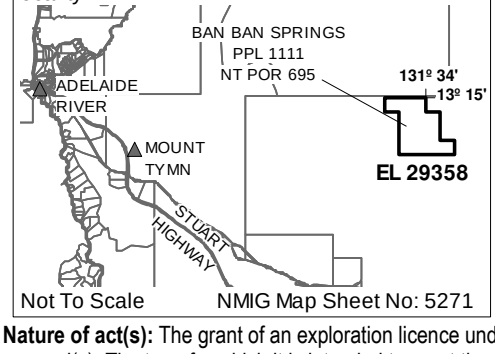

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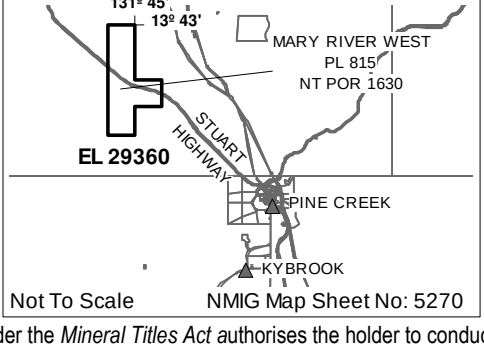

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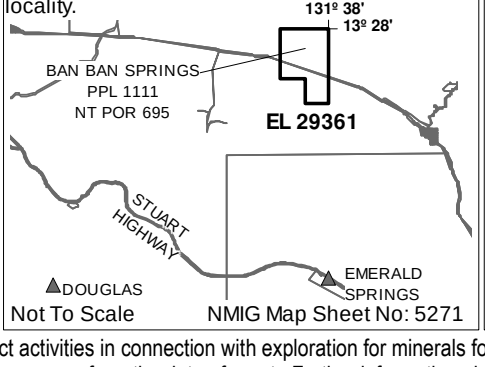

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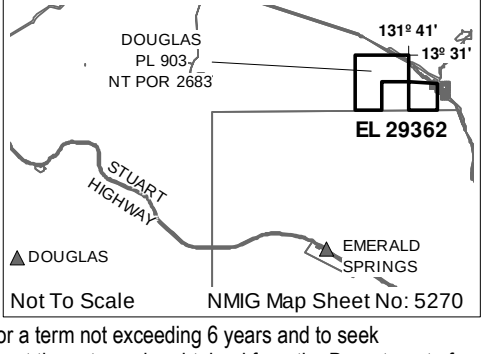

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Exploration Licence 29362 sought by PRIMARY MINERALS NL, ACN 153 582 962 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.




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**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 10, Chesser House, 91 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 or GPO Box 9973 Adelaide SA 5001, or telephone (08) 8306 1230.

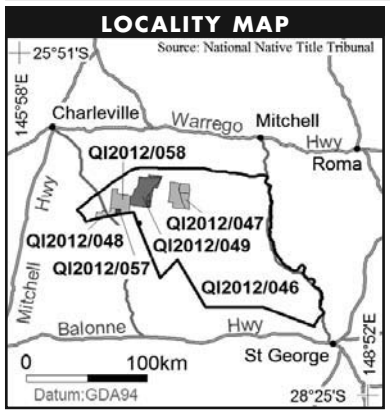
**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to 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:** 30 May 2012

# Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

National Native Title Tribunal

**State of Queensland**
**Notification day: 6 June 2012**




**Description of agreement areas as shown on the locality map:**

**QI2012/046 Gunggari People and Ergon Energy ILUA**
About 13,620 square kilometres (sq km), located approx. 70 kilometres (km) southeast of Charleville; falls within the Local Government Authorities (LGA) of the Balonne and Murweh Shire Councils and the Maranoa Regional Council.

**QI2012/047 Gunggari People/Leinster West ILUA**
About 328 sq km over Lot 2501 on Plan PH2052 (Leinster West Pastoral Lease), located approx. 110 km southeast of Charleville; LGA: Maranoa Regional Council.

**QI2012/048 Gunggari People/Rundalua ILUA**
About 78 sq km over part of Lot 5101 on Plan PH595 (Rundalua Pastoral Lease), located approx. 80 km southeast of Charleville; LGA: Murweh Shire Council.

**QI2012/049 Gunggari People/Ularunda ILUA**
About 426 sq km over Lot 7 on CP UL65 (Ularunda Pastoral Lease), located approx. 90 km southeast of Charleville; LGA: Murweh Shire Council.

**QI2012/057 Gunggari People/Kalyan ILUA**
About 17 sq km over part of Lot 5244 on PH1377 (Kalyan Pastoral Lease), located approx. 85 km southeast of Charleville; LGA: Murweh Shire Council.

**QI2012/058 Gunggari People/ Sherwood (aka Karatang) ILUA**
About 236 sq km over part of Lot 5140 on PH708 (Karatang Pastoral Lease), located approx. 70 km southeast of Charleville; LGA: Murweh Shire Council.

**Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:**

**The Gunggari People are party to all six agreements:**
Kathleen Kearns, Erica Walker, Bernys Faulkner, Bradley Saunders and Marshall Foster on their own and on behalf of the Gunggari People
C/- Queensland South Native Title Services Limited
Level 4, 370 Queen Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

**The other parties are:**

| | | |
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| QI2012/046 Gunggari People and Ergon Energy ILUA | Ergon Energy Corporation Limited | C/- MacDonnells Law GPO Box 79 BRISBANE QLD 4001 |
| QI2012/047 Gunggari People/ Leinster West ILUA | Jon James Warby and Belinda Anne Warby | C/- Thynne & Macartney GPO Box 245 BRISBANE QLD 4001 |
| QI2012/048 Gunggari People/ Rundalua ILUA | Hugh Arthur Cameron and Marcia Joyce Cameron | |
| QI2012/049 Gunggari People/ Ularunda ILUA | McInnerney Bros Penang Pty Ltd | |
| QI2012/57 Gunggari People/ Kalyan ILUA | John Charles Denyer Warren and Rosemary Susan Warren | |
| QI2012/58 Gunggari People/ Sherwood (Aka Karatang) ILUA | Owen Douglas Murphy and Jeanette Coral Murphy | |

**The agreements contain the following statements:**
*[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]*

**QI2012/046 Gunggari People and Ergon Energy ILUA**
5.1 The Parties consent to the doing of any particular future act and any class of future acts specified in this Agreement.
5.2 The Parties consent to Ergon Energy performing any of the following future acts:
(a) Minor Works;
(b) access to the Agreement Area for the purposes of the activities in clause 5.2(a);
(c) use of all land siting electricity infrastructure in existence at the execution date ("relevant Electricity Infrastructure") and of any adjacent land necessary for operational use and maintenance of relevant Electricity Infrastructure;
(d) access to all land referred to in subclause 5.2(c) by way of access tracks in existence at the execution date ("relevant access tracks"); and
(e) any future acts on Aboriginal Land subject to the prior written consent of the entity holding the Aboriginal Land having been obtained.
5.11 The Parties agree that Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA does not apply to any future act, to which the Parties have consented, within this Agreement.
6.1 The Native Title Party consents to the State of Queensland granting Ergon Energy any tenure or other interest over land within the Agreement Area on which Electricity Infrastructure is located without prejudice to any rights which the Native Title Party may have to compensation from the State of Queensland.

"Minor Works" are described in Schedule 2 as follows:
(a) tree lopping and tree clearing in the immediate vicinity of Electricity Infrastructure or required for the safe operation or use of the Electricity Infrastructure or for public safety in relation to the operation of the Electricity Infrastructure; (b) repairing any damaged Electricity Infrastructure; (c) reinstating any damaged or destroyed Electricity Infrastructure to the pre-existing extent; (d) maintaining Electricity Infrastructure; (e) inspecting Electricity Infrastructure; (f) performing any statutory duties or responsibilities under any Act or Regulation; (g) accessing the Agreement Area at reasonable times for the purpose of undertaking anything in paragraphs (a) to (f); (g) installation of street light poles and service/intermediate poles that are tied into the existing powerline system in urban areas/town precincts.

**QI2012/047 Gunggari People/Leinster West ILUA, QI2012/048 Gunggari People/Rundalua ILUA and QI2012/049 Gunggari People/Ularunda ILUA, QI2012/57Gunggari People/Kalyan ILUA and QI2012/58 Gunggari People/Sherwood (Aka Karatang) ILUA**
[The agreements do not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in s. 24EB(1)(b)(c)or(d) or s. 24EBA (1)(a). The purpose of the agreements is 'to establish practical and flexible arrangements for access to and use of the Agreement Area by Gunggari to exercise the Gunggari's Native Title rights and interests, during the term of the Lease, in a manner that is compatible with the Leesee's continued use and enjoyment of the Lease Area according to the terms of the lease and to manage any associated risks'.]

**Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:**
These six applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services, the representative body for the area concerned. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD, 4001 by 6 September 2012**.

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Queensland. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

**For assistance and further information about these applications, call Tribunal Case Manager Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.**

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# Sport

# Hands off Dreamtime: Demetriou



AUSTRALIAN Football League (AFL) chief Andrew Demetriou *(pictured)* has dismissed suggestions the annual Dreamtime clash between Essendon and Richmond should be shared with other clubs.

Essendon hosted Richmond on 19 May at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) with a crowd of 80,900 for the eighth Dreamtime game which was the highlight of the league's Indigenous-themed round of matches.

"It's an amazing game, the Dreamtime game," Demetriou said.

"Every time it has been played the crowd has been extraordinary. The pre-match (entertainment) has been incredible.

"There's a real anticipation around the game. It's another great concept by the great Kevin Sheedy (ex-Essendon coach) who was involved in it.

## 'Celebration'

"It's a real celebration."

Demetriou laughed off speculation on radio that other clubs were seeking the chance to compete in the Dreamtime clash.

"I haven't had any clubs come to us and put their (case forward)," Demetriou told the ABC2's *The Marngrook Footy Show*.

"It got talked about on radio this morning because we've got a lot of people talking about footy.

"What we try to do is we try to find a game or an event for every club throughout the year.

"If it's the opening game Richmond-Carlton, or the Dreamtime game or the Anzac Day game or even the Monday-night game St Kilda-Carlton, we try to make that an event.

"I hope the Dreamtime game stays with Richmond and Essendon. They really were the originators of the concept."

Demetriou said the AFL's objective was to have 100 Indigenous players on club lists in a season within the next few years.

"We're at about 80 at the moment," he said.

He said the game was almost unrecognisable 20 years on from what it looked like in 1992 and he said massive changes would continue in the next couple of decades.

"Hopefully we'll have a real national footprint. We'll have a much larger penetration in NSW and Queensland and I suspect we'll be playing games overseas for (premiership) points," he said. ***– AAP***




# Barba in no rush for Origin jumper

BEN Barba says he's in no rush to make his State of Origin debut and is content with continuing to build an irresistible case for Queensland selection at National Rugby League (NRL) club level for Canterbury.

While it was hard to find a weakness on the Queensland bench for game one, Barba can't do any more than he's doing and if the Maroons do find themselves in trouble during the series, the 22-year-old believes he's ready.

"I thought I was going all right, but there's some great players for Queensland and I'm in no rush," said Barba.

"It's a big stage to step up to Origin and I can probably learn a bit more before I get there.

"I always knew I was a long shot... I've just got to focus on this and one day my time will come."

The dynamic No 1 said people from the Maroons camp were in touch with him after the team for game one was announced and encouraged him to keep his head down.

Bulldogs coach Des Hasler is confident Mal Meninga has his fullback in his sights. ***– AAP***

# Mundine says he wants 'big dog'

**"I've got to start somewhere... this is a launching pad to bigger and better things."**

ANTHONY Mundine, *pictured,* says he wants to get past the 'chihuahuas' and line up a fight with boxing's 'big dog' – undefeated seven-time world champion Floyd Mayweather.

Mundine will make his long-awaited US debut when he takes on 41-year-old American journeyman Bronco McKart on US Independence Day, 4 July, at Palms Casino in Las Vegas.

McKart 54-9-1 (32KO), who has not held a major world title since he won the WBO light-middleweight crown against Santos Cardona in 1996, has fought only five times since 2008.

"It's not the fight that I wanted or that I earned as far as a big fight, but that was the offer that came and there was nothing else happening so I had to take it," admitted Mundine, who has a record of 43 wins and four losses.

"I had to jump at the opportunity. I can't knock back a main event."

## Stripped of WBA title

Mundine, who was stripped of his World Boxing Association (WBA) interim junior middleweight title after refusing to fight Austin Trout, says McKart is merely a launching pad to land him his main target of Mayweather.

"I've got to start somewhere... this is a launching pad to bigger and better things," he said.

"They can feed me all the chihuahuas they want – I want the big dogs because I'm going to stomp on them.

"I'm going for Mayweather, man – that's what I want. He's the best – I want him... and I'm just going to keep beating whoever they put in front of me 'til I get him.

"I believe I'm on his level. He's a great fighter – one of the best in our era – but I want the chance to see what I can do against him."

Mundine, who with his trademark bravado proclaimed 'I believe I'm the best athlete of all time', admitted there would have been more money in a re-match with Danny Green, but he was more concerned with breaking into the US boxing scene.

"Green's the bigger-money fight, but this is about cementing my legacy now," said Mundine, who turned this week.

"I've been there, done that... I want to go over there (to the US) and wreak havoc on every opponent I face.

## 'Two-man show'

"At the moment, boxing is a two-man show. You got Floyd (Mayweather) – you got Pac (Manny Pacquiao). I want to make it a three-man show."

Mundine admitted a points decision against McKart would not be enough to get him noticed on the competitive US scene. He needed to 'make a statement'.

And should he lose, that could signal the end of his boxing career.

"I want to stop it in six or seven rounds," he said. "I feel that there is no reason to go on if I can't get past him. This is my first opportunity to shine under the lights in the mecca of boxing, Las Vegas."

Meanwhile, Mundine is set to work with Jeff Fenech ahead of his first US fight. ***– AAP***

## PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT

*SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)*

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit application/s applied for under the section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967.*

| NUMBER | APPLICANT | AREA | LOCALITY | SHIRE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| STP-EPA-0045 | BURU ENERGY LIMITED | 2031km² | The Application comprises of 25 5' x 5' graticular blocks, which are within 1 million map sheet SE51 (Broome), and are located in the Canning Basin. The north western corner of the application is approximately 50 kilometres East of the town of Broome; the northern eastern corner being approximately 89 kilometres West of the Looma Aboriginal Community. The application occupies an area of 2031 km². The application commences at a point 122º40'4.56"E, 17º59'55.03"S, thence east along parallel to a point 123º0'4.53"E, 17º59'55.03"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123º0'4.54"E, 18º4'55.04"S, thence east along parallel to a point 123º20'4.52"E,18º4'55.03"S, thence south along meridian to a point 123º20'4.55"E, 18º24'55.04"S, thence west along parallel to a point 123º0'4.55"E, 18º24'55.05"S, thence north along meridian to a point 123º0'4.55"E, 18º14'55.04"S, thence west along parallel to a point 122º55'4.56"E, 18º14'55.04"S, thence north along meridian to a point 122º55'4.55"E, 18º9'55.04"S, thence west along parallel to a point 122º40'4.56"E, 18º9'55.04"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 122º40'4.56"E, 17º59'55.03"S | Shire of Broome (79.6%) Shire of Derby-West Kimberley (17.5%) |

**Nature Of The Act:** Grant of exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further 5 years for a further two terms.

**Notification Day: 30 May 2012**

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993,* persons and those who are a body corporate have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **30 August 2012**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993.* Enquires in relation to filing an application for either native title determination or prescribed body corporate to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **30 September 2012**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

*NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29*

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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 |
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| Exploration Licence | 04/2181 | RICHMOND, William Robert | 31BL | 54km SE'ly of Derby | Lat: 17° 38' S Long: 124° 0' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2257 | RUMBLE RESOURCES LIMITED | 2BL | 108km S'ly of Pannawonica | Lat: 22° 36' S Long: 116° 12' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2348 | COMMODITE RESOURCES PTY LTD | 37BL | 68km W'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 6' S Long: 117° 1' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2365 | AUREUS INVESTMENT PTY LTD | 8BL | 164km E'ly of Coral Bay | Lat: 23° 17' S Long: 115° 22' E | ASHBURTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 08/2366 | BHP BILLITON MINERALS PTY LTD | 55BL | 82km SW'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat: 23° 51' S Long: 117° 17' E | UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/1967 | MAKA MINERALS PTY LTD | 56BL | 116km N'ly of Mullewa | Lat: 27° 30' S Long: 115° 41' E | MURCHISON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 16/436 | ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 8BL | 76km SW'ly of Menzies | Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 120° 41' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 20/801 | PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD | 5BL | 28km N'ly of Cue | Lat: 27° 11' S Long: 117° 47' E | CUE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 20/802 | SUNRISE MINERALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD | 8BL | 79km NW'ly of Cue | Lat: 27° 2' S Long: 117° 12' E | MURCHISON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 20/805 | WILSON, Gregory | 1BL | 67km NW'ly of Cue | Lat: 26° 57' S Long: 117° 27' E | CUE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 21/165 | MURCHISON GOLD MINES PTY LTD | 70BL | 35km SW'ly of Cue | Lat: 27° 34' S Long: 117° 34' E | CUE SHIRE, MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2214 | AUSTRALIA KIMBERLY GOLD PTY LTD | 20BL | 129km E'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 19' S Long: 122° 42' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 31/1009 | SARACEN GOLD MINES PTY LTD | 1BL | 108km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 122° 17' E | MELVILLE CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2708 | TECK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD | 12BL | 113km E'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 121° 48' E | LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2728 | NORTHERN DRILLING PTY LTD | 2BL | 21km NE'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 29' S Long: 122° 33' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 40/313 | ARUMA EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 11BL | 37km S'ly of Leonora | Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 121° 20' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/3944 | JCO INVESTMENTS PTY LTD | 183BL | 36km NE'ly of Goldsworthy | Lat: 20° 2' S Long: 119° 39' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN |
| Exploration Licence | 45/3971 | COMMODITE RESOURCES PTY LTD | 12BL | 69km Ely of Marble Bar | Lat: 21° 17' S Long: 120° 24' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4029 | SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED | 9BL | 82km SWly of Marble Bar | Lat: 21° 35' S Long: 119° 6' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 53/1666 | GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED | 16BL | 40km N'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 26° 14' S Long: 120° 58' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 53/1673 | GAZARD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD | 11BL | 97km W'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 26° 34' S Long: 119° 52' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 63/1542 | MINCOR RESOURCES NL | 21BL | 25km N'ly of Norseman | Lat: 31° 58' S Long: 121° 44' E | DUNDAS SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 70/3578 | DARLING RANGE SOUTH PTY LTD | 116BL | 39km SE'ly of Manjimup | Lat: 34° 23' S Long: 116° 31' E | MANJIMUP SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4231 | GREENSTONE METALS LIMITED | 128BL | 28km SE'ly from Corrigin | Lat: 32° 31' S Long: 118° 4' E | CORRIGIN SHIRE, KONDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4255 | AUSGOLD EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 60BL | 25km E'ly from Wagin | Lat: 33° 21' S Long: 117° 36' E | DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE, WAGIN SHIRE, WOODANILLING SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 70/4298 | MAKA MINERALS PTY LTD | 82BL | 4km S'ly of Three Springs | Lat: 29° 34' S Long: 115° 45' E | CARNAMAH SHIRE, THREE SPRINGS SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 74/525 | ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED | 66BL | 54km W'ly of Salmon Gums | Lat: 33° 9' S Long: 121° 6' E | ESPERANCE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 80/4687 | BARACUS PTY LTD | 55BL | 181km NW'ly of Wyndham | Lat: 14° 12' S Long: 127° 19' E | WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 80/4688 | PATHFINDER EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 12BL | 68km NE'ly of Halls Creek | Lat: 17° 40' S Long: 127° 57' E | HALLS CREEK SHIRE |
| Miscellaneous Licence | 47/642 | ROY HILL IRON ORE PTY LTD | 63810.32HA | 66km N'ly of Mount Newman | Lat: 22° 47' S Long: 119° 56' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| **The purposes of L 47/642 are: a search for groundwater** | | | | | | |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/5688 | BISHOP, Joshua Andrew | 8.83HA | 34km E'ly of Widgiemooltha | Lat: 31° 33' S Long: 121° 55' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/5695-8 | MINCOR RESOURCES NL | 795.01HA | 16km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha | Lat: 31° 34' S Long: 121° 43' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 15/5699-700 | MINCOR RESOURCES NL | 398.04HA | 14km E'ly of Widgiemooltha | Lat: 31° 32' S Long: 121° 43' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 26/3887 | ILES, Kevin BLOOMFIELD, Geofrey Edward | 196.52HA | 34km NE'ly of Kambalda | Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 121° 59' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Prospecting Licence | 27/2118-29 | KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD | 2083.86HA | 17km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 121° 37' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Prospecting Licence | 30/1097-S | HIGGINS, Wayne Thomas | 6.56HA | 65km SW'ly of Menzies | Lat: 30° 6' S Long: 120° 34' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 31/2024 | WILSON, Scott Walter | 173.44HA | 129km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 47' S Long: 122° 29' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 31/2025 | SARACEN GOLD MINES PTY LTD | 25.43HA | 109km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 122° 18' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 36/1776 | MUIR, Talbot Lang | 121.48HA | 6km W'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 55' S Long: 120° 38' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/8206 | MINERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD | 45.09HA | 18km NE'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 29' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/8209 | NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD | 195.57HA | 20km NE'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 121° 28' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 37/8210 | NAVIGATOR MINING PTY LTD | 201.21HA | 19km NE'ly of Leonora | Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 121° 28' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 38/4000 | MAGNETIC MINERALS PTY LTD | 132.20HA | 17km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 122° 22' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 39/5255-6 S | PILKINGTON, Lisa Jane | 19.99HA | 57km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 6' S Long: 122° 11' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 40/1294 | CREW, Ross Frederick | 54.62HA | 45km S'ly of Leonora | Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 121° 27' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 53/1548-51 | VENTNOR PILBARA PTY LTD | 736.77HA | 78km S'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 27° 15' S Long: 121° 4' E | WILUNA SHIRE |

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**Nature of the act:** Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

**Notification day: 30 May 2012**

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**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day **(i.e. 30 September 2012),** a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828. * - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

# Ashleigh's French wildcard

TEENAGE sensation Ashleigh Barty joined tennis veteran Lleyton Hewitt as Australian wildcards in the main draw of the French Open.

Junior Wimbledon champion Barty said she was looking forward to another Grand Slam challenge.

The tournament began in Parish last Sunday.

"I'm thrilled to compete in the main draw of the French Open for the first time and test my game against the world's best," the Ipswich youngster said.

"Thank you to Tennis Australia for believing in me enough to give me this opportunity and I will do my best to make everyone proud."

## World No 327

At No 327 in the world, Barty, a member of the AIS Pro Tour program, is one of only two 16-year-olds in the top 330.

She has reached the final of three Pro Tour events so far this year, winning in Sydney and Mildura and finishing runner-up in Ipswich.

She had been competing in Europe in the run-up to the French Open.

Tennis Australia chief Craig Tiley said: "We are delighted to give another Grand Slam opportunity to Ash, whose commitment, work ethic and professionalism have seen her rise rapidly through the pro ranks."

Barty will join women's fifth seed Samantha Stosur, Jarmila Gajdosova, Casey Dellacqua, Anastasia Rodionova, men's 32nd seed Bernard Tomic, Hewitt and Matt Ebden in the main draw in Paris.

A reciprocal agreement between the French Tennis Federation and Tennis Australia allows TA to select two Australian players for the clay court Grand Slam event. ***– With AAP***

# Come on, have a go

IF Indigenous athletes can dominate in the football codes and countless other sports, Evonne Goolagong Cawley sees no reason why they can't be excelling on tennis courts too.

The great Goolagong Cawley showed what's possible, of course, during an illustrious career that featured seven Grand Slam singles triumphs and a stint as world No 1 in 1976.

Thirty six years on and Ashleigh Barty is following in her footsteps, the gifted teenager winning junior Wimbledon last year at just 15 and appearing in the French Open main draw this week in Paris.

Goolagong Cawley and Barty, though, are rare exceptions, with fewer than 50 Indigenous juniors said to be currently competing in tournaments across Australia.

Hence why Goolagong Cawley – in conjunction with Tennis Australia and the Federal Government – has launched the Learn Earn Legend program, an initiative aimed at attracting more Indigenous youngsters to the game.

"That's what this program is about – come in, have a try at tennis," Goolagong Cawley said.

"We see a lot of boys playing football and AFL and they're really good athletes. A lot of them have got great hand-eye co-ordination. They're great natural athletes.

"Those same natural athletes can be tennis players too."

But introducing children to tennis is only part of the program.

Goolagong Cawley's prime motivation is to encourage and support young Indigenous Australians to stay at school, get a job and 'be a legend for themselves, their family and their community'.

"Basically, we're using tennis as a vehicle to create better education and health," she said.

"I remember when I was growing up in Barellan (NSW), I was very shy, very scared. But once I played sport – I did athletics, I did everything, I was quite fast – that gave me the confidence to talk to people and to go do my school work, then (play) sport.

"So this is a similar vehicle."

Goolagong Cawley hopes to reach about 1200 children nationally this year with a series of 'Tennis Come and Try Days' in every State.

The Learn Earn Legend program identifies talented and ambitious Indigenous youngsters and provides them initially with racquets and coaching.

Ultimately, about 20 children from each State will receive scholarships to help them advance in life – off court and in some cases on it as well.

"We're not necessarily looking for the most talented, but more looking for the ones who show some potential, keenness," Goolagong Cawley said.

"My dream is to see as many Indigenous kids playing as possible and getting out there and having fun and hopefully they will want to come back.

## Creating better lives

"It's all about creating better lives. Sport is a great way in really – but preferably tennis.

"So you never know, we might find that next champion along the way.

"But it's not just about on the tennis court."

The tennis legend nominated 22-year-old Kyah Stewart – the face of the program – as a shining example of the scheme.

Goolagong Cawley, who founded the Goolagong National Development Camp in 2005 after years of providing racquets and encouragement to Indigenous children, first came across Stewart as an eight-year-old.

"She actually played tournaments and could have been No 1 in Australia," Goolagong Cawley said.

"But she didn't want to do that. She said 'I want to do what you're doing and work with kids'.

"She became a coach, worked in sports and as a rec officer for Newcastle and won the Indigenous Employer of the Year award last year.

"She's a wonderful example of what can be achieved if given an opportunity." ***– AAP***



**Wimbledon girls singles winner Ashleigh Barty (right) and two-times Wimbledon winner Evonne Goolagong-Cawley at the Brisbane International Tennis Centre in July 2011, a day after bringing her junior singles trophy home to Ipswich, near Brisbane.** ***AAP image***

# Soccer takes early steps in Indigenous program

SOCCER'S belated attempt at wooing more Indigenous players to the sport is gaining momentum as the code's caretakers implement their Indigenous football development strategy – Football Dreaming.

The strategy is to maximise Indigenous participation in the sport; identify and develop Indigenous talent; and use soccer as a vehicle to impact on Indigenous education, employment and health.

At the beginning of this month, Football Federation Australia (FFA) and its international partner FIFA hosted their second FIFA Grassroots Proactive Program (GPP) at Alice Springs.

It brought together 22 men and women representing FFA, its nine member federations and Football in Central Australia (FICA).

They focused on football activity delivered by trained coaches for boys and girls between the ages of six to 12, regardless of playing experience or ability.

The GPP comprised three main components: Course for the 'coach-educators'; assistance in the organisation of football festivals; and coach-educator resources, including teaching material and equipment.

The aim of football festivals is to allow children in communities to play against each other in one-day events. The festivals' sole purpose is to introduce children to football through a range of activities, including football skills and small-sided games.

## Grassroots festivals

FFA said it would support regular grassroots football festivals across Australia in identified Indigenous communities.

Organising such events will be in the hands of: Football West: Susan Chuot, Peter Bliss; Northern New South Wales: Nyssa Suchanow, Howard Stubbs; Football New South Wales: Craig Biles, Anthony Roberts, Bernie Claude McLeod; Football Queensland: Allira Toby, Lauren Colthorpe; Football Federation Victoria: Joel Sloan, Alexa Allana; Capital Football: Neil Orr, Jacob Bamblett; *Football Federation Tasmania: Blaise Fagan; Football Federation South Australia: Ruth Wallance, Angus Wheaton; Football Federation Northern Territory: Kristy-lee Friend, Dale Harman; Football In Central Australia: Kynan Barnes, Glenn Thompson; Football Federation Australia: Maydina Penrith, Melissa Barbieri.

# Matildas set out on road to recovery

**AUSTRALIA'S Matildas women's soccer team will play games against New Zealand and Japan as they begin to rebuild following their failure to qualify for the London Olympic Games.**

**The reigning AFC Women's Asian Cup Champions, the Matildas will play two matches against New Zealand before taking on world champions Japan in a one-off match in Tokyo.**

**The Japan match, scheduled for 11 July, will be played at the Tokyo's National Stadium ahead of Japan's involvement in the 2012 Olympics.**

**Before that, the Matildas will play two matches against New Zealand's Football Ferns at WIN Stadium, Wollongong, on 24 and 27 June.**

**Matildas coach Tom Sermanni will juggle two vastly different teams for the upcoming games, with the New Zealand matches set to test many of the players coming through Australia's development system.**

**"Basically we will have two almost entirely different teams for these matches," said Sermanni.**

**"With a huge number of our girls playing overseas, the matches against New Zealand will give a lot of the younger girls a chance to play.**

**"The W-League this year again produced some excellent players and it will be very interesting to see who pushes their way into selection for the New Zealand matches."**

**Striker Kayah Simon and goalkeeper Lydia Williams are regular Indigenous players in the Australian team. – *AAP***

# Disappointing finish to women's series

THE Qantas Australian Women's Sevens rugby team beat host side The Netherlands 18-14 to claim third place at the Amsterdam Sevens.

The tournament, which ran from 19-20 May, featured 12 international teams, including five from the recent IRB Women's Sevens Challenge Cup in London – Australia, Canada, England, Netherlands and USA.

The Australians finished the pool stage with a perfect record, having dispatched Scotland 30-0, Germany 19-5 and Netherlands 14-5 on day one.

But on the second day they hit a road block, falling 17-14 to USA in the Cup quarter-final before heading to the Plate semi-final, where they defeated Spain 19-7 to advance to the third-fourth play-off.

The final of the Amsterdam Sevens was an all-North American affair, with Women's Sevens powerhouses Canada and USA contesting the Cup. Canada chased down a 19-5 deficit to win 26-19, claiming the tournament title for the second year in a row.

The Australians will now take a break from competition, following the 2011-2012 season which saw them attend IRB Women's Sevens Challenge Cup events in Dubai, Hong Kong and London, before closing the season in Amsterdam.

Earlier, Australia finished fourth in the London Women's Sevens Challenge Cup following a disappointing day two.

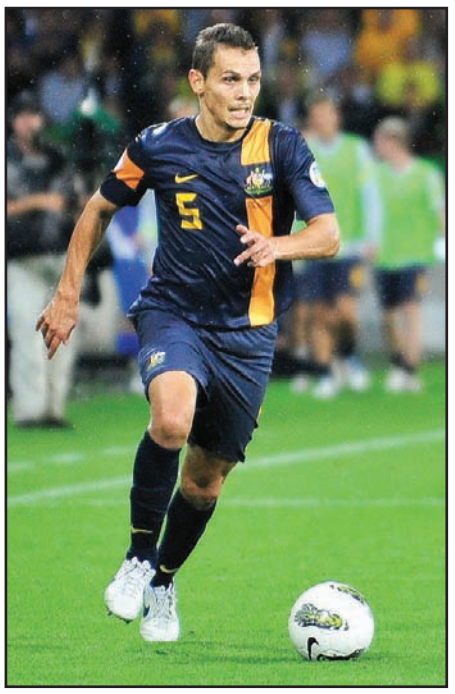
After a 3-0 sweep of pool play, Australia beat USA 17-0 in the Cup quarter-final before a 14-12 loss to The Netherlands sent them to the third-fourth playoff, which ended in a 19-14 loss to Canada.

The result was a disappointing one for the reigning world champions, who entered the tournament with the desire to improve on their previous two showings, which saw them fail to make the final in Dubai late last year and finish runners-up to England in Hong Kong earlier this year.

On day one, Australia emerged unscathed from pool play, effecting damaging wins over their opponents, 27-5 over China, 29-0 over France and 22-5 over USA.

Darwin Indigenous player Bo De La Cruz is a member of the Australian women's sevens.

# North named in Socceroos line-up



**Jade North about to pass the ball during the World Cup Qualifying match against Saudi Arabia at AAMI Park, Melbourne last 29 February.**
***(Photo: Theo Karanikos/ Sixty5 Images)***

JADE North is in the 26-man Socceroos squad named last week for next month's friendly against Denmark and following World Cup qualifiers against Oman and Japan.

Harry Kewell and Melbourne Victory teammate Archie Thompson are the only A-League representatives in coach Holger Osieck's Australian squad.

The Socceroos will take on Denmark in Copenhagen on Saturday (2 June) before kicking off their World Cup Asian fourth-round qualifying campaign against Oman in Muscat on 8 June and Japan in Brisbane four days later.

The Socceroos can book a spot in the 2014 World Cup in Brazil with a top-two finish in Group B.

Osieck will reduce the squad to 23 players before the qualifier against Oman.

Australia: Mark Bresciano, Alex Brosque, Tim Cahill, David Carney, Nathan Coe (GK), Adam Federici (GK), Chris Herd, Brett Holman, Mile Jedinak, Joshua Kennedy, Harry Kewell, Neil Kilkenny, Robbie Kruse, Matt McKay, Mark Milligan, Lucas Neill, Jade North, Sasa Ognenovski, Nikita Rukavytsya, Mark Schwarzer (GK), Matt Spiranovic, Archie Thompson, Carl Valeri, Luke Wilkshire, Rhys Williams, Michael Zullo. **– *AAP***



# Tidaz a touch better

By ALF WILSON

TSI

TEN men's and five women's teams competed at the Battle of the Torres Strait Islands touch football championships from 3-6 May. The big sporting event was hosted by the Thursday Island Touch Association and held at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval.

Good crowds were there for the duration and many were visitors who travelled from other islands.

The women's final was won by home side Thursday Island Tidaz, who defeated Moa Island's St Paul's 7-6 in a cliff-hanger.

In the men's section, Mui Kuzi, from Poruma Island, defended its title with a much easier win, beating debutants Gednor Areg, from Erub, 7-3.

The skilful Mui Kuzi have been grand finalists for the past six years, a great effort in such a hotly contested event.

It was the speed of the Mui Kuzi players that set up the handsome win.

The player of the carnival was Ryan Shibasaki and the men's player of the series was Douglas Gaidan.

Douglas Bani took out the players' player award.

The women's player of the series was St Paul's star Ryma Gela.

Organisers said they were pleased with the high level of community participation, and the touch carnival coincided with the beginning of the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month, which is held every May.

That began with the annual promotional game between Police and a representative team from Thursday Island's government and community organisations.

Community laid down the law with a win.



The winning women's side – Thursday Island Tidaz.



The winning men's side – Mui Kuzi, from Poruma Island.



● **RIGHT: Clinton Noack, from Mui Kuzi, with the ball. Noack was a standout with his speed and his deft passing.**
***– Pictures: Torres News***

# Palm's rich rugby league heritage

By ALF WILSON

QLD

FOR decades the north Queensland Aboriginal Community of Palm Island has produced champion rugby league players.

These past star Aboriginal footballers possessed wonderful skills, and the younger generations continue to show the same talents in the current seven-club domestic competition.

Many had the ability to play in the former ARL competition, but lack of opportunities didn't allow that.

One who comes to mind is former champion Vern Daisy, who was signed by Balmain Tigers, but opted to stay with family in north Queensland.

Daisy went on to be a living legend in the Foley Shield competition and tasted success with Mount Isa in their golden years.

The tough-as-nails forward also led the Palm Island Barracudas when they competed in the Townsville competition in the 1980s.

A few months ago, the Palm Island Rugby League called for nominations for a Legends of League team.

It was swamped with nominations that included Vern Daisy, Hector Poynter, Obe Geia Jnr, Josh Geia, John Baira, Lennie Malone, Tony Camenzuli, Jim Baira, Pat and Steve Walsh, Algon Walsh, Hector Poynter, Roy Nallajar, Ron Geia, Cedric Harvey, Billy Barnes, Jacob Baira, Sam Conway jnr, Kenny Watson, Eddie Cooktown, Phillip Bengaroo, Raymond Burns, Wayne Chookie, Roy Baira Snr, Cooper Kerr Snr, Ezra Langlo, Ronny Hero, Raynard Baira, Ray Georgetown, Greg Santo, Alec Santo, Ron Geia, Russell Parker, Gary Doolan, Vernon Noble, Vince Thimble, Jason Thimble, Tabua Oui, David Baira, Fred Bulsey, Bill Blackley and David Geia (with apologies to any who may have been missed).



**Former star Barracudas and Palm legends of league Raynard Baira, left, and David Baira, when they were selectors in 2011 for the Foley Shield competition.**

Obe Geia Jnr is the only Palm Islander to have played NRL. He lined up for the Cowboys in two games.

These days, Geia Jnr plays for Skipjacks in the local competition.

Another current-day player worthy of being in the mix is Tabua Oui, who scored an amazing 188 points in six appearances for Mount Bentley Raiders in the 2012 Palm competition.

Oui has a top pedigree. He is the son of the late Hector Poynter, who was a quality winger with speed to burn.

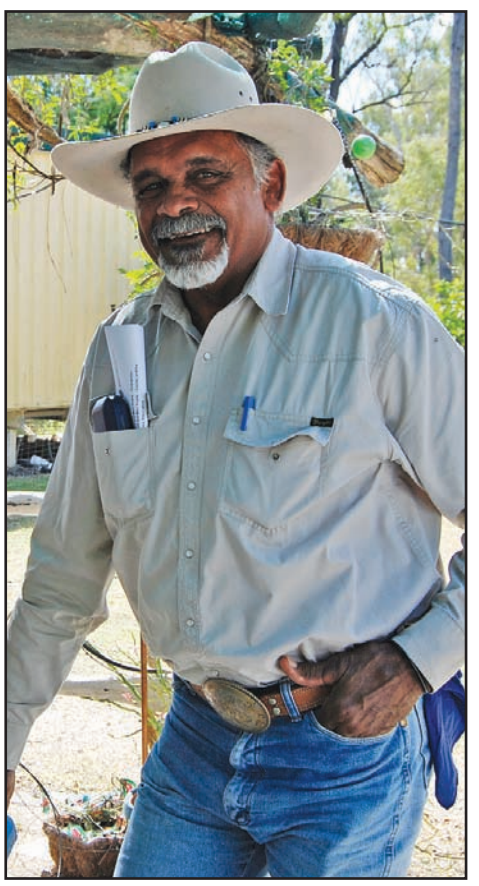
PIRL official Genami Geia has come across a photo of the 1983 Palm Island Barracudas side which first contested the Townsville competition.

It included Raynard Baira, John Baira, Tom Geia, Raymond Georgetown, Raymond Burns, Bill Blackley, Josh Geia, Arthur Hero, Algon Walsh (Dermie), Hector Poynter (Diby), Ron Walsh snr, David Baira, Alec Sandow, Tom Curley, Cooper Kerr, Les Stewart and Lincoln Poynter.

David Baira told the *Koori Mail* that so many footballers over decades had the ability to play in the national competition.

"Most never got noticed by talent scouts in the old days. The ones who did wouldn't leave family and friends as that is so much a part of our life," he said.

"When we played at the Townsville Sports Reserve in the 1980s, we had hundreds of supporters.



**Vern Daisy, the best of them all.**

# Testing time in saddle



● **ABOVE and BELOW: Hayden Jude competing in the Ingkerreke Commercial Mountain Bike Enduro, based in Alice Springs.**




TWO Alice Springs Indigenous cyclists joined nearly 200 riders from across Australia and New Zealand for the seven-stage Ingkerreke Commercial Mountain Bike Enduro held in the Red Centre.

The event began on 14 May and ended four days later.

Hayden Jude, 20, and Dudley Clarke, 34, were the two Alice Springs Indigenous riders taking part.

The *Koori Mail* featured Hayden Jude in its sports pages in its 18 April edition.

## Seven stages

The enduro was a seven-stage mountain bike event around Alice Springs and the MacDonnell Ranges.

Stages began and ended at different locations around Alice Springs each day.

There were 70 Northern Territorians taking part. Some competed throughout the five-day event, while others rode in just a few stages.

The event was in its fifth year and was conducted by Rapid Ascent, based in Victoria.

Between 2003 and 2006, the event was known as the Central Australian Bike Challenge.

Cyclists competing in every stage covered 230km in total – most of it on cross-country trails in the MacDonnell Ranges, but also in individual time trials and a night ride.

Canberra-based rider Andy Blair continued his unbroken streak of stage wins, taking line honours in the final 40km stage to claim the first back-to-back overall title in the event's five-year history.

Blair dominated throughout the week and was never really challenged across the seven stages.

In the women's section, Melissa Anset rode to a podium placing for every stage, dropping off the top dais only twice. She claimed a comfortable overall win ahead of Naomi Hansen.

# Tribunal upholds one-game Jetta ban

THE Australian Football League (AFL) tribunal upheld Leroy Jetta's one-game suspension after finding him guilty of striking.

The three-man jury only needed one minute of deliberation last week to dole out some more bad news for Jetta, who, the day before suffered the embarrassment of becoming the first AFL player to be charged with staging.

Jetta received no more than a written reprimand for the staging incident because it was his first offence and the Bombers decided against challenging that charge as well.

"Clearly, there have been a lot worse examples (of staging) in recent weeks," Essendon football manager Paul Hamilton said.

"From our point of view, we weren't going to fight a charge like that.

"The AFL have to make a stand at some stage, so we understand that – that's why we haven't appealed it."

## Doubled over

Footage of the incident that led to Jetta's suspension showed Richmond defender Dylan Grimes doubling over and dropped to the ground after the Bombers' small forward made contact with his midriff.

Asked after the hearing if he thought Grimes could also have been booked for staging, Hamilton laughed and replied: "I'd better not get into that whole staging debate."

Essendon argued the contact was negligible, rather than low and Jetta said in his evidence that it was 'very minimal'.

"I thought there wasn't any force at all and I was surprised with how he (Grimes) reacted to it," Jetta said.

In summing up, Essendon advocate Dermot Dann said the tribunal should be 'very careful' about what weight they put on Grimes' reaction to the blow.

But the extremely quick deliberation indicated the jury had no doubt at all about Jetta's guilt.

"He (Jetta) is disappointed because he thought it was really on the minor end of the scales," Hamilton said.

"At no stage has he denied that contact was made, that wasn't the point.

"He just thought it was negligible, but the jury were clearly of the opposite opinion."

Essendon could not reduce the one-match ban to a reprimand with an early plea, so there was no risk in taking the case to the tribunal.

Jetta became the first AFL player to be charged with staging.

Match review panel chairman Mark Fraser described the behaviour as 'unsportsmanlike'.

Jetta will face a $1600 fine for a second staging offence.

He had just kicked a goal in the second term when he ran up to Morris, who reacted by bumping him.

The Essendon forward theatrically dropped to the ground as he tried to milk a free kick from the minor incident.

"Leroy Jetta falls to the ground and then holds his face and we believe this is unsportsmanlike in nature and worthy of a charge of staging," Fraser told the AFL website.

It came a week after the match review panel assessed St Kilda utility Brendon Goddard for the same offence, but did not charge him.

The league introduced staging as an offence at the start of the 2010 season and had also officially looked at Port Adelaide' Kane Cornes and North Melbourne's Brady Rawlings without charging them.

When the AFL brought in the offence, they said there would be no financial penalty for a first offence.

"We expected significant discussion and that would be part of the deterrent," an AFL spokesman said.

Meanwhile Western Bulldogs' utility Dylan Addison accepted a one-match ban for striking Gold Coast livewire Harley Bennell.

North Melbourne skipper Brent Harvey accepted a reprimand and 93.75 carryover points for striking young Port Adelaide star Chad Wingard. ***– AAP***



**Leroy Jetta in open space in the Dreamtime game.** ***Picture: Peter Argent***

# Girl power

● BELOW: West Australian excitement machine Kira Phillps leaps above the pack in the game against Queensland.



**Story and pictures by PETER ARGENT**

INDIGENOUS women are taking Australian Rules football by storm.

All the talents shown by their male counterparts, including freakish ball control, an innate understanding and ability to read the game, along with exceptional marking skills were on display at the recent third AFL under 18 youth girls' championships, held in suburban Adelaide.

From Tuesday 15 May to the following Saturday, 19 Indigenous players participated in the six-team 2012 event.

Victoria won its third title in a row, beating Queensland in the final at AAMI Stadium.

Lean and classy half forward Paige Baksh, from the Rumbalara Football and Netball Club at Shepparton, in the mid-north of the State, was a member of the title-winning combination, which handsomely won the decider by 58 points. Baksh told the *Koori Mail* she played from Mooroopna under 18s in the Bendigo Junior Football League.

"The footballer I look up to the most is Carlton's Chris Judd," said Baksh, who is also a talented volleyballer.

"I'd be keen to be involved in a Women's National Football League when it gets up and running."

In the Queensland combination, who were the bridesmaids in the final, were four Indigenous girls, including Mt Gravatt's Alexandra Anderson, Kristie Hudson, from Zillmere, and Cairns lass Kathy Loban.

From the North Cairns Football Club, Maddison Peeters is the niece of Brisbane and Footscray star Michael 'Magic' McLean.

Western Australia had the largest contingent of Aboriginal players – eight in total. They were Rakita Bennell, Katrina Jetta, Jessie McDonald, Synarah Murphy, the athletic Kira Phillips, Rhonda Williams, Jessikah Woods and Sharne-Leigh Kitton.

The Sandgropers beat the combined South Australian/Northern Territory (SA-NT) side to finish third.

The SA-NT side had four talents from the Top End: Shaan Mitchell, Shannon Ponter, Tiwi Island pocket rocket Darrelyn Puruntatameri and Sheradene Solien-Senge. Ponter is a cousin of Cyrol Rioli and the Long clan.

## Exciting talent

In the Victorian Development side was Danielle Sibosado, an exciting talent from the Kew Rovers, who played in attack and defence.

And for the bottom placed NSW-ACT squad, one of their better performers was Shellharbour Swans diminutive talent Talarah Bell.

At the completion of the titles, an All-Australian team was selected with excitement machine Kira Phillips picked at full forward, while Alexandra Anderson, from Queensland, was selected on a half back flank.



Picture: AFL Media

**Indigenous players at the Adelaide tournament with the trophy, from left, Talarah Bell (NSW-ACT), Synarah Murphy (WA), Shannon Ponter (SA), Paige Baksh (Victoria), Danielle Sibosado (AFL Victorian Development), and Maddison Peeters (Queensland).**



**Shannon Ponter, from South Australia, in action for South Australia-Northern Territory.**



**Danielle Sibosado, from the Victorian Development team.**



**Synarah Murphy, from Western Australia.**



**Katerina Jetta, from Western Australia, chases down the ball.**

# Fun in the journey

## RUGBY UNION



With
MATT HODGSON

WE often start out playing sport to just spend time with friends and for the enjoyment of the game. But the longer you spend in the game the more you look back on what you have achieved.

Last week, Nick Cummins played his 50th game for the Emirates Western Force and Super Rugby, becoming only the eighth player to do so in the club's short history.

He has joined the likes of Tai McIsaac, Nathan Sharpe, Richard Brown, David Pocock, Cameron Shepherd, Pek Cowan and myself.

It is such an honour and privilege to gain 50 Super caps, but to achieve this at one club shows a sign of loyalty and belonging that is becoming increasingly rare in the professional game.

Often it is only when a milestone is reached you look back at when and where it all started.

I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to play a lot of rugby when I was younger; often playing rugby union on the Saturday, then back it up with rugby league on the Sunday.

This continued until the age of 16 when I decided that I could not continue playing both games and had to focus on one.

It was an easy decision to make as all my mates where still playing rugby union for the local team and my father was playing first grade rugby at the time.

All I wanted to do was play a game with him in first grade for the Avoca Sharks.

I have yet to achieve that particular goal, but I have been fortunate to reach some great milestones during my career.

### Greatest memories

Playing my first Super game is one of my greatest sporting memories. It took me so long to finally achieve it after spending three years on the sidelines at the Waratahs with consecutive injuries (ankle, shoulder and knee reconstructions), which resulted in the coach telling me that I was not capable of playing Super rugby and surgeons telling me that I may never play rugby again at any level.

But after months of physio and rehab, I finally got back on the paddock, playing the game that I love.

In 2005, I moved to Western Australia as an inaugural member of the Emirates Western Force – still chasing that illusive first Super cap.

My dream was fulfilled in February 2006 against the Brumbies at Subiaco Oval, playing in the 7 jersey for the first game by the Force.

Only people who have stood there in front of a sell-out crowd about to get your first cap can understand the feeling that you have at that moment.

After more than 80 games now for the Force, I always remember that first one and what it took to get me on the field that day.

The nature of our sport is such that I have the following motto – play every game like it is your last, as it could very well be.

I am grateful for the career I have had and the opportunities that I have enjoyed – from the first Super cap and first try, to getting your Wallaby number.

These are memories that will be fondly recalled for many years beyond rugby retirement.

Yet even after all those games, it still feel like I am playing back at my local junior club, playing to be with my mates and for the shear enjoyment of playing the game.

And I will never get to play a game in first grade with my father, but definitely, once I retire from professional football, I will return home and play one last game with all my mates, because throughout all the years of training, numerous injuries, the ups and the downs, there is still one thing that I get from the game – and that is enjoyment and to never give up on your goals.

Most of the fun is the journey.



North Cairns and Cairns City players together before their Dreamtime by the Sea game.

# Dreamtime by the Sea at Cairns

By CHRISTINE HOWES

QLD

THE Australian Football League's 'Dreamtime at the G' has been celebrated with a 'Dreamtime by the Sea' competition at Cairns.

Sporting Richmond and Essendon colours respectively, in the main game of the day after junior and reserve fixtures, the North Cairns Tigers 22.16 (148) defeated Cairns City Lions 9.6 (60).

Winner of the Cockatoo Medal for best on ground was Brendan Tennick, from the Tigers.

Organising committee member Selina Parsons said the event drew more than 400 people despite a number of challenges, including the Queensland Government pulling funding for the event five days beforehand.

"We applied for a grant from the Smoke Free Program with the Queensland Government, and we were successful for $5500," she said.

"But unfortunately, five days before the event, they pulled the funding.

### Many challenges

"So we had many challenges and that was one of our biggest ones because we already committed money to certain things.

"It was terrible, but we went ahead anyway and we complied with everything we were required to do still as if we still had that grant and running it as a smoke-free event focused on Indigenous health.

"So it was actually a local community message to everybody, using money from the Cairns City Lions coffers to pay for things we had already committed because we had to cover that cost."

Local Yirrganydji didgeridoo player Marc Harbrow offered half-time entertainment for a number of games throughout the day, as well as a welcome to country.

"Overall, I enjoyed the day and I thought it went really well," he said.

"It should have been done ages ago, but I take my hat off to City Lions for initiating it and actually get it going.

"It's a great concept, to celebrate the value Indigenous people bring to the game, and also what the game brings to the people as well."

Ms Parsons agreed.

"Our clubs have a fairly high contribution made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, so that's the reason why we focused on our two clubs," she said.

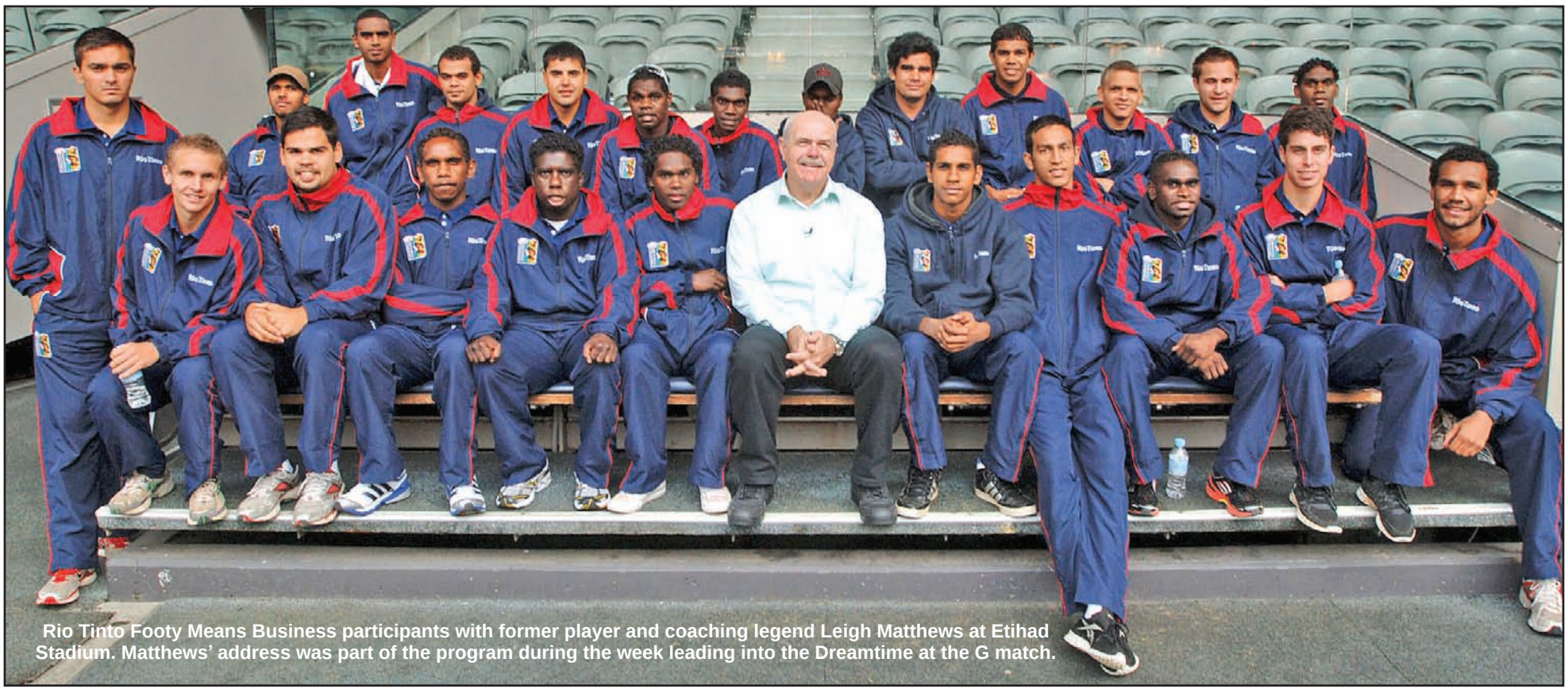
"I was fortunate to have met and worked with Marc Harbrow, whose brother plays for the Gold Coast Suns. He made a significant contribution.

### Celebration

"The focus really was just celebrating the contribution made by our Indigenous players and it was the involvement of our clubs together, from junior level right through.

"So there were many highlights.

"Once most of the crowd had left, we invited the players from both teams to share a traditional meal, so that was really good."



Rio Tinto Footy Means Business participants with former player and coaching legend Leigh Matthews at Etihad Stadium. Matthews' address was part of the program during the week leading into the Dreamtime at the G match.

# Northern's late start

**Story and action pictures by PETER ARGENT**

THE Rio Tinto Cup Australian football match had a thrilling conclusion, with the Andrew McLeod-coached Northern side grabbing a brilliant come-from-behind 13-point win over the Southern side.

Now in its third year, the Rio Tinto Cup match was the culmination of the 'Footy Means Business' program that provided 18- to 24-year-old Indigenous men with exposure to elite AFL programs and training.

It also developed networking opportunities in corporate environments to strengthen employment and leadership skills.

A camp was conducted in Melbourne in the week preceding the 19 May Dreamtime match as part of AFL Indigenous Round.

Participants came from all points of the nation, including far-flung places like Jabiru, Kununurra, Coober Pedy, Hermannsburg, Canberra, Broken Hill and Port Hedland.

## Curtain-raiser

The Rio Tinto Cup match event was a curtain-raiser to the marquee Dreamtime at the G contest.

The Southern side kicked the only three goals of the opening term and booted the first major in the second quarter before McLeod's troops landed their first major late in the second term, coming from the boot of 21-year old Jesse Roe.

By three-quarter time, the Northern combination was trailing by three goals.

The final score was Northern 8.12 (60), Southern 7.5 (47).

Creative midfielder Lewis Upton, from Perth, was presented with the match ball as the best player on the ground.

Captain Nathanial Congoo was excellent in defence, while teenager Nelson Peters, from Ernabella on the APY Lands, was clever and courageous.

Others to come under notice included Desmond Kelly, Morris Coppin and Albert Brown.

For the Southern side, Chris Bolt was the leading big man at the stoppages and in general play.

Albury's Jarrah Makymow displayed his exciting talents.

Darren Woodward was a strong marking target, while Broken Hill lad Brent Rose was cool and composed across half back.



Jeremy Wilson kicks for goal for Northern in the final quarter.



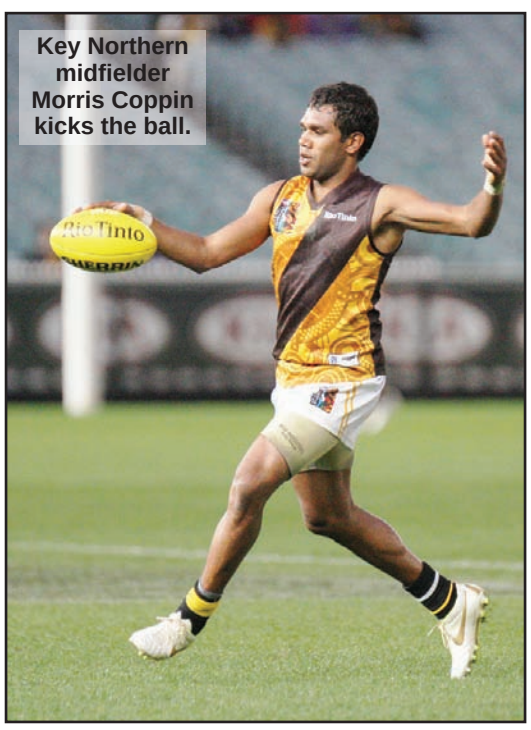
Northern coach Andrew McLeod with captain Nathanial Congoo.



Nelson Peters' amazing mark in defence for Northern, running the same way as the ball.



One of the Southern stars in the game, Jarrah Makynow, leaps high.



Key Northern midfielder Morris Coppin kicks the ball.

# Power to students

SALISBURY High School beat Murray Bridge High in the final of the 2012 Aboriginal Power Cup on Saturday 19 May.

Salisbury won 11.8 (74) to 8.9 (57).

In the girls' final, Murray Bridge High beat Salisbury High 7.9 (51) to 3.5 (23).

The games were played as curtain-raisers to the Adelaide Power's AFL Indigenous Round against North Melbourne at AAMI Stadium.

South Australian Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Paul Caica said the final was the culmination of dozens of competitive football games, played by about 300 students from 25 school sites at Alberton Oval the previous week.

"The commitment, efforts and enthusiasm of this year's students has made the 2012 Aboriginal Power Cup particularly special and fitting as we celebrated the five-year anniversary of the program, with it aligned to the AFL's Indigenous Round for the first time," Mr Caica said.

Port Adelaide Football Club chief executive Keith Thomas said his club was committed to giving back to the community and developing young Aboriginal students' skills on and off the football field.

## Curriculum tasks

"In addition to participating in the football carnival, students were awarded points for completing their school curriculum tasks over terms one and two as part of the SACE-accredited Aboriginal Power Cup subject," he said.

"The school work was a critical part in determining which teams played in the grand final games at AAMI Stadium."

Santos vice-president Eastern Australia James Baulderstone said his company's aim was to help young Aboriginal people reach their full potential by talking to them about their career dreams and then putting in place some training and employment opportunities at Santos.

Schools across metropolitan and regional South Australia participated, from as far afield as Ceduna (far west coast) and Coober Pedy (far north).

*Pictures: Simon Maiolo*




Aunty Josie Agius with Port Adelaide Football Club Aboriginal engagement and employment manager Paul Vandenbergh.



Warriappendi and Fremont Elizabeth City High School boys compete for the bounce.



A player from Port Augusta Secondary School boys' team is chased by a player from the John Pirie Secondary and Yorke Peninsula team.



A Warriappendi player being tackled by a Le Fevre High School and Ocean View College defender.



Girls from the Maitland Area School and Windsor Gardens Vocational College compete in the ruck.



A Windsor Gardens Vocational College player tackling a Salisbury High School player.



Le Fevre High School and Ocean View College team up against Whitelion.

# Links grow stronger

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FIVE Tiwi College students have returned home after visiting Narangba Valley High School's Vipers AFL Academy, just north of Brisbane.

The link between Tiwi College and Narangba Valley High was forged about 12 months ago as part of Narangba's Closing the Gap initiative.

Narangba said the relationship had continued to flourish, with students from both schools forming the 'Tiwi Vipers' combined side, uniting Indigenous and non-Indigenous teenagers.

Consisting of boys from Years 8 to 11, the Tiwi Vipers toured south-east Queensland with a mix of footy, adventure and chance to make new friends.

First stop was a visit to Narangba Valley High School, where the Tiwi College boys joined in on a senior dance class to mix it up with some hip-hop dancing.

They were soon back into more familiar surrounds, joining an AFL Academy practical class showing the locals a few tips about Tiwi footy.



**Back row, from left, guest Tiwi Vipers coach Austin Wonaeamirri, Narangba Valley AFL Academy director Greg McMahon and Narangba AFL teacher Scott Gregory; middle, Tiwi College students Adam Tipungwuti, Kenny Puruntatamirri, Stephen Stassi, Patrick Puautjimi and John-Michael Moreen; front, Tiwi College AFL coach and Tiwi Bombers player Shane Tipuamantimirri.**

## Match-winner

The Tiwi Vipers launched their new combine playing uniform with a game against Nudgee College. It was neck-and-neck until half time, when Tiwi Viper coach and former Melbourne Demon Austin Wonaeamirri threw Kenny Puruntatamerri forward.

Kenny promptly blasted five majors to give the Tiwi Vipers an unassailable lead.

Wonaeamirri described Kenny's performance as akin to a jet aircraft taking off, with his breathtaking speed and accuracy.

The next three days saw the Tiwi Vipers Combined side leave for rural Queensland, with a first stop at Burnside State High School's Volleyball School of Excellence.

Cherbourg State School was the next stop, where the boys conducted their annual Cherbourg AFL clinic. The annual visit to Cherbourg is paying off, with a significant improvement in the AFL skills of the students in the rugby league-dominated town.

The big day on the road was capped off with another game of footy, this time against the Wide Bay Under 15 representative side at Gympie.

The Tiwi Vipers got the points again, with the Wide Bay boys finalising preparations for the upcoming Queensland Schoolboy Championships.

To help freshen up, the following day consisted of a visit to Noosa Beach for surfing, and an opportunity for the Tiwi boys to swim in the ocean minus deadly stingers and crocodiles.

For some of the boys, the concept of swimming with crocs would have been preferable to the next activity of climbing ten metres up a tree to complete a high ropes course.

To round off the trip, the boys climbed Mount Beerburrum, participated in a live cross on ABC Radio, visited the Gabba for the Lions versus Collingwood AFL match, plus a game of their own under lights against the Brisbane Lions Academy.

The Tiwi Vipers fell just short of victory.

Vipers director Greg McMahon said the success of the week justified exactly why both schools made this an annual event.

With the Tiwi College set to play host for the Narangba students in August, Tiwi College's Shane Tipuamantimirri said: "We can't wait to show the boys all the cultures, wildlife and football they have been hearing about all week."



**Students from Tiwi College, Cherbourg and Narangba Valley together at Cherebourg.**

# Rugby league community mourns loss of Jack Walker

NSW

THE Aboriginal rugby league community is mourning the death of one of its trailblazers – Jack Walker.

He died on Sunday 20 May.

The Australian Rugby League (ARL) Indigenous Council joined community leaders in paying tribute to the respected Elder.

A passionate rugby league and sports fan who dedicated his life to helping others, Mr Walker coached the first Indigenous rugby league team to tour New Zealand, in 1973, and was team manager for two Pacific Cup campaigns.

He was also involved in the first NSW Aboriginal Knockout, as coach of the Koori United side, and was a mentor for the NSW Koori Under 16s.

A popular and respected figure in the La Perouse community, Mr Walker's commitment to providing opportunities for people to rebuild their lives played an instrumental role in having players in Corrective Services compete at the Aboriginal State Knockout.

"Jack was a special man who devoted himself to ensuring others were able to enjoy playing the game," said ARL Indigenous Council member Sol Bellear.

"He was always working behind the scenes to help others, especially in his work with Corrective Services."

Mr Walker's funeral was held last Friday 25 May at the Malabar Catholic Church.

Author Jonathan Bogais said on his website that Jack Walker was a close friend of the late Chicka Dixon.

Bogais is writing a book about the late Mr Dixon.

"Jack Walker was Chicka's friend for more than five decades," Bogais said.

"He was married to Chicka's sister, Elaine."

Bogais said Mr Dixon and Mr Walker started the visits into the prisons and the concerts for prisoners.

"Rehabilitation and addressing alcoholism were common concerns," he said.

"They started the Aboriginal hostels and half-way houses to help those who had just been released from jail, and those in needs.

"At 79, Jack was still an official prison visitor."

# Ferguson stood down by Raiders

NSW

STAR Canberra player Blake Ferguson *(pictured)* missed last Friday's National Rugby League (NRL) match against South Sydney after breaching the club's alcohol policy. Ferguson and Josh Dugan were dropped by coach David Furner, who said the action was in line with the club's strict standards set in place this season.



It followed Furner's decision earlier this year to place the entire NRL squad on an alcohol ban for three weeks after their round-seven loss to Brisbane.

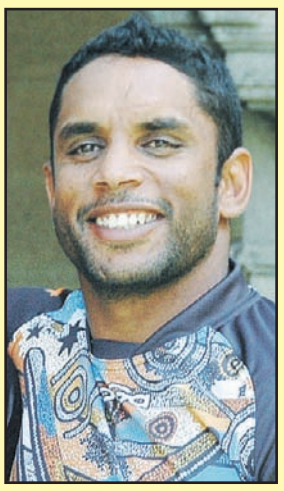
"It's an important part of the season for us and we need to make sure everyone in the playing group is 100 per cent committed to the team," Furner said.

"We needed to make a stand in regards to our discipline and this shows we're serious about the standards we set for ourselves as a club."

Rookie Edrick Lee took Ferguson's spot on the wing for the game against Souths. ***– AAP***

# JT up to the challenge

## Rugby League



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

MAYBE it's that I'm getting old and grumpy, but given Queensland have dominated the past six years of State of Origin fixtures, I have been hoping for a New South Wales resurgence to breathe some life into the series from a Blues perspective. But deep down, I knew that there was always going to be one player primed to make a difference.

And that player came in the shape of one Johnathan Thurston.

Like all great players, Thurston thrives on a challenge.

### No surprise

So when Darren Lockyer announced his retirement, it came as no surprise to me that JT announced that he wanted to step up and replace him in the number six jersey.

Who else in their right mind would want to take on the scrutiny of being not only compared with Locky, but also the King of Origin himself – Wally Lewis – who made the jersey his own in the early days.

But like I wrote about GI wanting to become the best fullback in the game, this is not a sign of arrogance.

It is a champion's desire to compete and be compared against the best.

It is about stepping up to the plate when the team needs you and to show that you can perform under pressure.

It is about being a leader among men and saying 'follow me'.

It is about maintaining and preserving the culture that he has been part of developing since he arrived on the representative scene.

Whether it's in the heart or the head, Queensland's players have a remarkable ability to find a way to win the tight ones.

They did it again the opener in Melbourne, withstanding a barrage from a dominant NSW to hold them out at one end and then cross for a late and controversial match-sealing try at the other.



Greg Bird of the Blues runs the ball during game one of the ARL State of Origin series against the Queensland Maroons at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne, last Wednesday. *Getty Image*

The players talk about upholding the legacy of past Queensland greats, playing for your mates and of a collective belief they have in each other.

But the 18-10 win, like their victories in the past six series, was also built on a plan to which everyone sticks.

"I think it's just the pride in the jersey and the past players and the legacy they've left and what we need to do to carry that on," JT said.

"It's about playing for your mate beside you."

"That's what Origin's about. You've just got to hang in there and believe in your team and believe in your team-mates that you can get back in the game.

"And although they scored the first try, we've got that belief that we can get ourselves back into a game.

"Queensland sides have been doing it for a long time. You're playing for Queensland and you never give up. That's just one of the traits you take on when you're playing for Queensland.

"That's what Origin's about. If you're trying to do it on your own, you're going to get yourself in trouble. All 17 players stuck to our structures and it works."

### Suited JT's game

On a personal level, I have always thought that being second receiver actually suited JT's game.

As sublime as his passing and kicking game is, I have always thought that his ability to run into a hole has been under-estimated.

That being said, it was his ability to sum up a defence when under pressure that saw him put on the two plays that were instrumental in Queensland winning the first encounter.

Darius Boyd revelled in the service provided by JT, with Billy Slater also prominent in both moves.

At the end of the game, you could see how important this first win was for JT and Cameron Smith, who bore the responsibility of leadership.

GI had a fairly quiet night by his standards, but he was still there to capitalise on an opportunistic moment to score the winning try.

His defence was also outstanding and in this capacity, he was matched by his centre partner Justin Hodges.

Hodges also had limited opportunities in attack, but I think due credit must be paid to a determined Blues' defence.

The one player who definitely missed Darren Lockyer was Sam Thaiday, who was not as dominant in attack as he has been in recent series.

### Potent threat

The special understanding he developed with Lockyer at the Broncos always made him a potent threat close to the line and I expect he will develop a similar relationship with JT as the series progresses.

I must save a special word for my former team-mate Greg Bird.

I thought he was outstanding and did not miss much by comparison with his Titans partner Nate Myles, who was a deserving man of the match.

I thought Bird showed great controlled aggression and could not believe he was penalised for what I thought was a great hit.

And that penalty was one of the turning points in the game.

Forget the controversy around GI's try, I thought the two defining moments were when NSW decided to take a kick for goal from a penalty instead of maintaining momentum and pressure on a Queensland defence that was showing strain.

Then there was Birdy's tackle.

Bird completed a very aggressive, legal tackle which was incorrectly penalised, advancing the field position and tackle count of Queensland, from which they scored six points (albeit NSW made incorrect defensive decisions and Johnathan Thurston converted from the third row of the stands!)

That to me was the game.

NSW were great in game one and scared the life out of the Queenslanders.

I don't mind that frustrations are being stirred up.

I guess it means NSW are starting to close the gap.

Bring on game two!

# Changes unlikely

QUEENSLAND have a 'ton of improvement' in them after a scratchy first half in last Wednesday night's 18-10 State of Origin rugby league win over NSW, according to head selector Des Morris.

While NSW felt they outplayed Queensland, Morris said he and co-selectors Gene Miles and Allan Smith were more than satisfied with how the players adjusted their game to take a 1-0 lead in the series.

The Blues threatened to score a number of times in the first half with speed men Michael Jennings, Jarryd Hayne, Brett Stewart and Akuila Uate all looking dangerous.

"I thought our blokes adjusted pretty well, to be honest. We'll have a look at it, but I wouldn't think we'd need to make any changes (for game two)," Morris said.

NSW were all over Queensland in the opening 15 minutes with their speed edge obvious, and the Maroons were slow to get out of the blocks.

"We were pretty scratchy early – a bit off the pace," conceded Morris.

"Whether that was because of the 'flu that went through the team I don't know, but I thought we fought back well to win the game.

"Obviously we didn't play as well as we expected, but at the end of the day, it was still a pretty gutsy effort."

Morris said NSW would have felt hard done by after having a player sin-binned and some other calls go against them and would be confident of keeping the series alive in Sydney on 13 June.

"They (NSW) show their hand and our guys handled it," he said.

"You can talk about complacency all you want, but we know we have to be better prepared for game two knowing what they can do.

"But there's a lot of improvement in us too."

It's hard to see Queensland changing their 17-man squad unless through injury or suspension.

The only player really pushing for a spot is dynamic Canterbury fullback Ben Barba who would provide an attacking x-factor off the bench at the expense of one of the forwards who played in Melbourne. ***– AAP***



Greg Inglis on the charge for Queensland in Origin 1 in Melbourne last week. *Getty image*

## Maroons find a way

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he attempted to score.

NSW skipper Paul Gallen – who had a running battle with the referees all night – expressed his bemusement.

"How the hell is that a try?" he asked.

"This is ridiculous where this is getting."

However, NSW coach Ricky Stuart conceded it was a fair try, despite its ungainliness.

But despite biting his tongue, he was less than impressed with the actions of Jennings or the referees following the 22nd minute all-in scuffle that changed the course of the game after the Blues had taken an early 4-0 lead.

Queensland coach Mal Meninga took issue with questioning over the two calls – claiming it shouldn't take away from what was a brave Maroons performance after they had been battered early by an expected Blues onslaught.

"It was a great game of football," he said. ***– AAP***

# More than a game

## Magic's Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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AS significant as the Indigenous Round and the Dreamtime at the G game was, it's important to remember that both these events are symbolic of a relationship that is far more important than one game or – indeed – one round.

The relationship between the game of AFL and Indigenous people and Indigenous communities is a two-way street.

Sport has always been an important part of life in many of our communities and has always been one of the true pathways of opportunity to success for many of our people.

But sport, and in particular the AFL, have benefitted from what our athletes have contributed through their talents.

I will leave it to Kevin Sheedy, one of the great advocates of Indigenous involvement in the game, to make comment on the contribution of our players.

### Best answer

Many have tried to measure just how telling an impact Indigenous Australians have had on the AFL but, as usual, it's Kevin Sheedy who has the best answer of all.

"A lot of people forget this, but there's a little over 250,000 Indigenous Australian males and only a certain number are between the ages of 17 and 30, yet we're closing in on having 100 Indigenous players in the AFL," the Greater Western Sydney coach says.

"It's fantastic they've been able to reach that from such a talent pool, let alone when you think about Aborigine who've gone on to play in other sports. They're an amazing people.

"Think about this: Roughly the same population lives in Tasmania, a great State with a tremendous football history.

"But how many draftees do they produce? Very few these days. Compared with the Indigenous population, it's hardly anything."

Kevin Sheedy is a living icon when it comes to the advancement of Indigenous talent in the game.

Without question, Sheedy has played the biggest role in shifting the game's mentality from mono-cultural to multi-cultural.

Without him, the AFL wouldn't have the Indigenous Round,

His recruitment of Indigenous stars Michael Long and Gavin Wanganeen became a focal point in the early 1990s, when land rights and the stolen generation became national talking points.

At the same time, Long became something of an on-field ambassador for Aboriginal rights, and Wanganeen became the first Indigenous player to win the Brownlow Medal.

Sheedy recruited many others during his time at Essendon, and five are with the Bombers today.

He's also come up with two themed matches that have become annual events: The Marn Grook Trophy is contested between Essendon and Sydney; while Essendon and Richmond (whose colours make up the Aboriginal flag) attract a crowd of up to 80,000 for the Dreamtime at the G game, which celebrates Aboriginal culture.

That love for Aboriginal culture has followed him to the Giants, where he has drafted five players from Indigenous backgrounds to the inaugural squad: Shaun Edwards, Rhys Cooyou, Gerald Ugle, Nathan Wilson and Curtly Hampton.

Hampton, who was hailed as a talent as far back as 2008 when he starred as a 14-year-old for the Northern Territory in an under-16 carnival, says it's a thrill representing his people and playing under Sheedy.

"All of the boys know what he's done for the Aboriginal players and we love his stories about Longy and Wanganeen," he said. "We're privileged to have him because everyone knows how much he loves the Indigenous players. It's pretty special to have him as your first coach."

### Passion

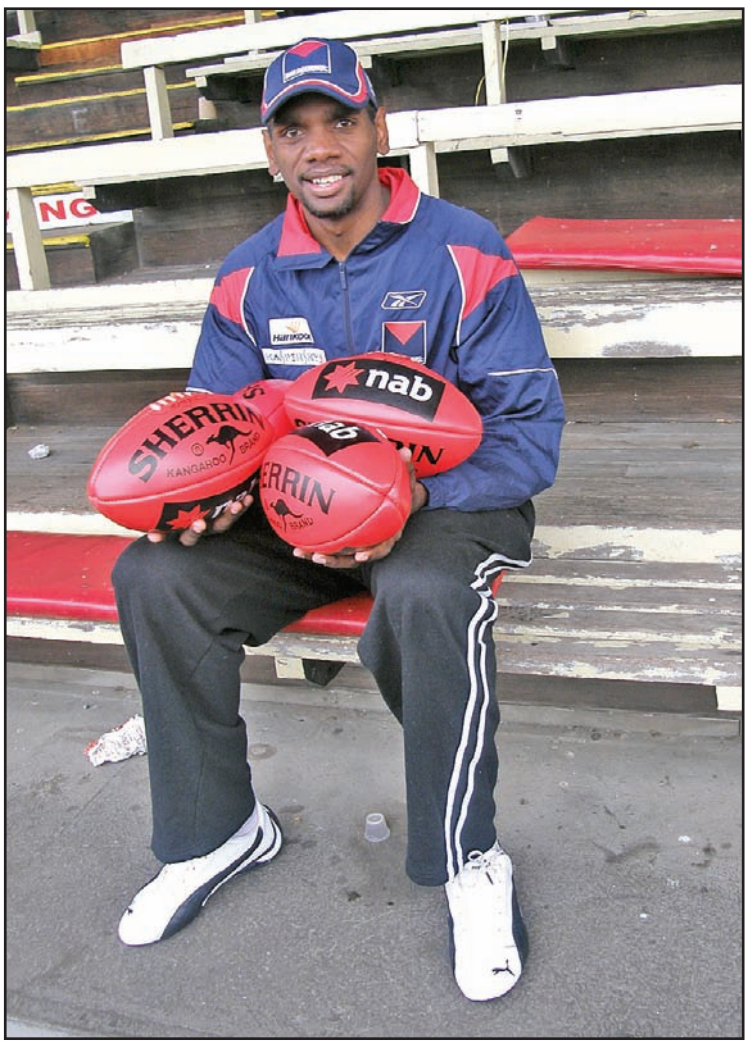
Hampton hails from Alice Springs, where football is an all-consuming passion for the whole community.

"It's just massive in the Aboriginal lands. The whole town is into it, they can't get enough of it," he said.

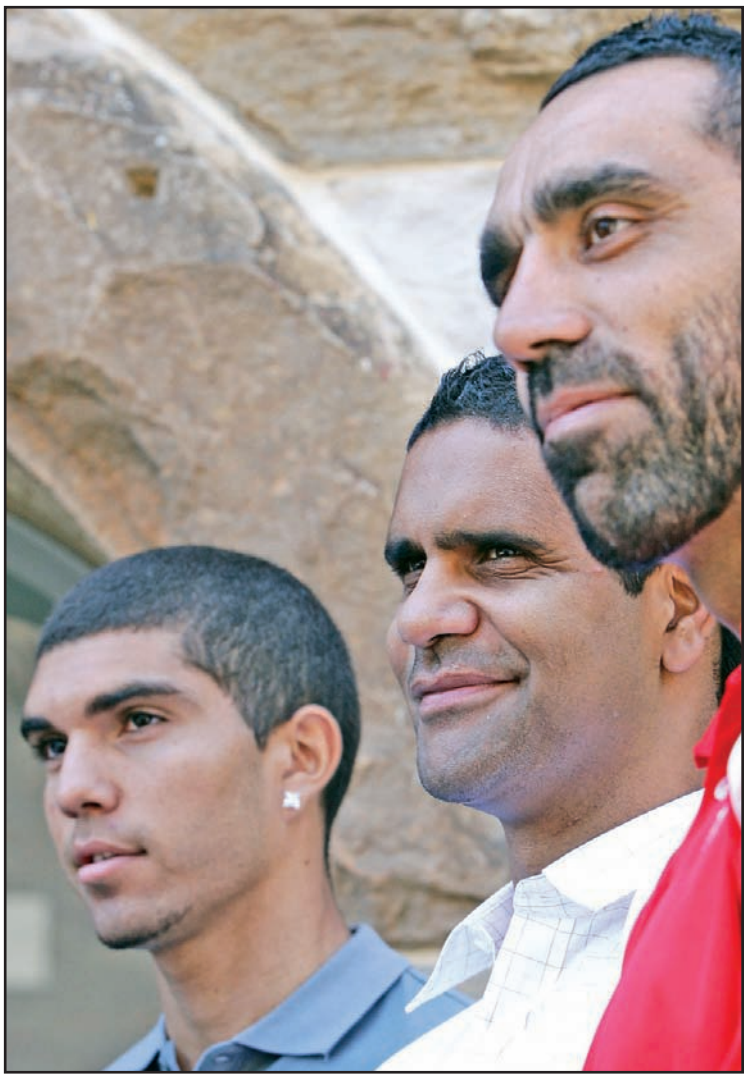
"You are born with a footy in your hand and you kick it around with your brothers. Then you start watching the local games and idolising those players and hoping you can play with them.

"After that, you dream about playing AFL and I can't believe it's happened to me. I've made a lot of sacrifices, like moving to Adelaide for school, but I'm really lucky."

And while 'The Alice' might seem remote to those in the cities, the AFL has seen the emergence of two players – Liam Jurrah and Amos Frank – from communities so remote that neither count English as their first language.



Liam Jurrah in Melbourne. Curtly Hampton recalls playing against Jurrah in the Alice Springs competition.



Curtly Hampton, left, with a couple of Australian football legends – Michael O'Loughlin and Adam Goodes.

Hampton reckons such places could well be the next frontier in AFL recruitment.

"Liam's a perfect example of that," Hampton said.

"I actually played against him in the Alice, and since he made that move to Melbourne, he's made other recruiters realise that there are other talents out there in very remote communities."

And that is where it becomes reciprocal with the game involved in the delivery of so many programs with a focus on closing the gap of Indigenous disadvantage through the promote of health, education and employment outcomes.

### New program

The Collingwood Football Club is the latest to have launched a new Indigenous program called the Barrawarn Program.

The aim of the Barrawarn Program is to empower young Indigenous Australians through employment and educational opportunities.

'Barrawarn' is the Wurundjeri word for magpie.

Over the next three years, the Collingwood Football Club Foundation will provide more than $500,000 in funding to support the Barrawarn Program and a range of new Indigenous traineeships.

Collingwood Football Club President Eddie McGuire said he was proud that the Collingwood Football Club was taking a leading role in supporting young Indigenous people in Victoria.

"The program has been developed with AFL SportsReady, one of our major partners at the Collingwood Football Club Community Centre at Victoria Park. The centre will serve as the program's headquarters and is a great example of how our club is working with our partners at Victoria Park to make a significant contribution to the community," McGuire said.

The traineeships will be managed by AFL SportsReady, a leading organisation in the delivery of Indigenous training and employment programs around Australia. The program will provide traineeships in a range of organisations and industries including the sport and recreation, corporate, community and government sectors.

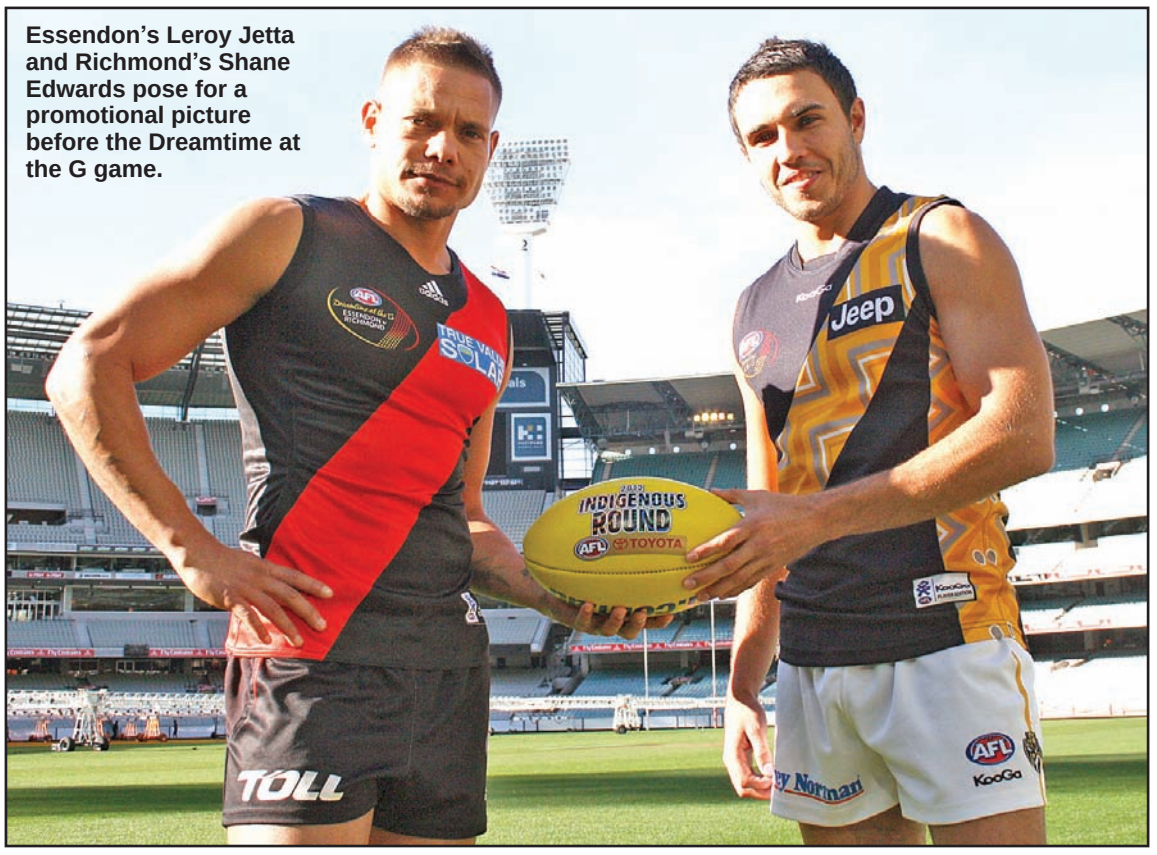
To launch the program, Collingwood has awarded 15 full- and part-time traineeships that will include mentoring support from AFL SportsReady Indigenous mentors and Collingwood players.

This is an example of the true meaningful context in which the Indigenous Round must be viewed.

The round celebrates a relationship that encompasses the involvement of our players and also the delivery of meaningful outcomes which make a difference to our people.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

# Pendulum swung




Essendon's Leroy Jetta and Richmond's Shane Edwards pose for a promotional picture before the Dreamtime at the G game.



The Bombers' Alwyn Davey.



Courtenay Dempsey kicks for Essendon.



Leroy Jetta finds some clean air for the Bombers.



Nathan Lovett-Murray, left, in a race for the ball. *Photos by Peter Argent*

**By PETER ARGENT**

THE pendulum swung several times during the Dreamtime at the G game as part of the Australian Football League's (AFL) Indigenous Round.

The contest between Richmond and Essendon was a dramatic encounter that ebbed and flowed before 80,900 fans.

All of the Aboriginal participants, the five Bombers – Patty Ryder, Leroy Jetta, Alwyn Davey, defender Courtenay Dempsey and substitute Nathan Lovett-Murray – along with Richmond's Shane Edwards had an impact.

Ryder, as a ruckman-forward, kicked four goals, including three in a frenetic first quarter.

Jetta and Davey each kicked two opportunist goals.

The Bombers led by 42 points early in the third term before Richmond charged back into the contest, actually taking the lead in the last term.

During this period, Shane Edwards also gave the Tigers a spark on their forward line with three second-half goals.

The Bombers' Nathan Lovett-Murray, after replacing Dustin Fletcher in the third term, slotted through a critical major in the final term.

At the 25-minute mark of the last quarter, Alwyn Davey kicked a goal to ensure Essendon secured its seventh victory this season, running out 19-point winners.

The final score was Essendon 19.14 (128), Richmond 15.19 (109).

Ryder and fellow Sandgroper Jetta were high among the Bombers' best.

The Yiooken Award was deservedly given to Brett Deledio, who collected a match-high 35 possessions and kicked a major.

The 2011 winner of the Yiooken, Trent Cotchin, with 29 touches and three goals, provided the Tigers with plenty of drive through the middle and slotted through the goal that put Richmond in front during the tense last quarter.

## Four wins apiece

Dreamtime at the G games now stand at four wins apiece since the first game in 2005.

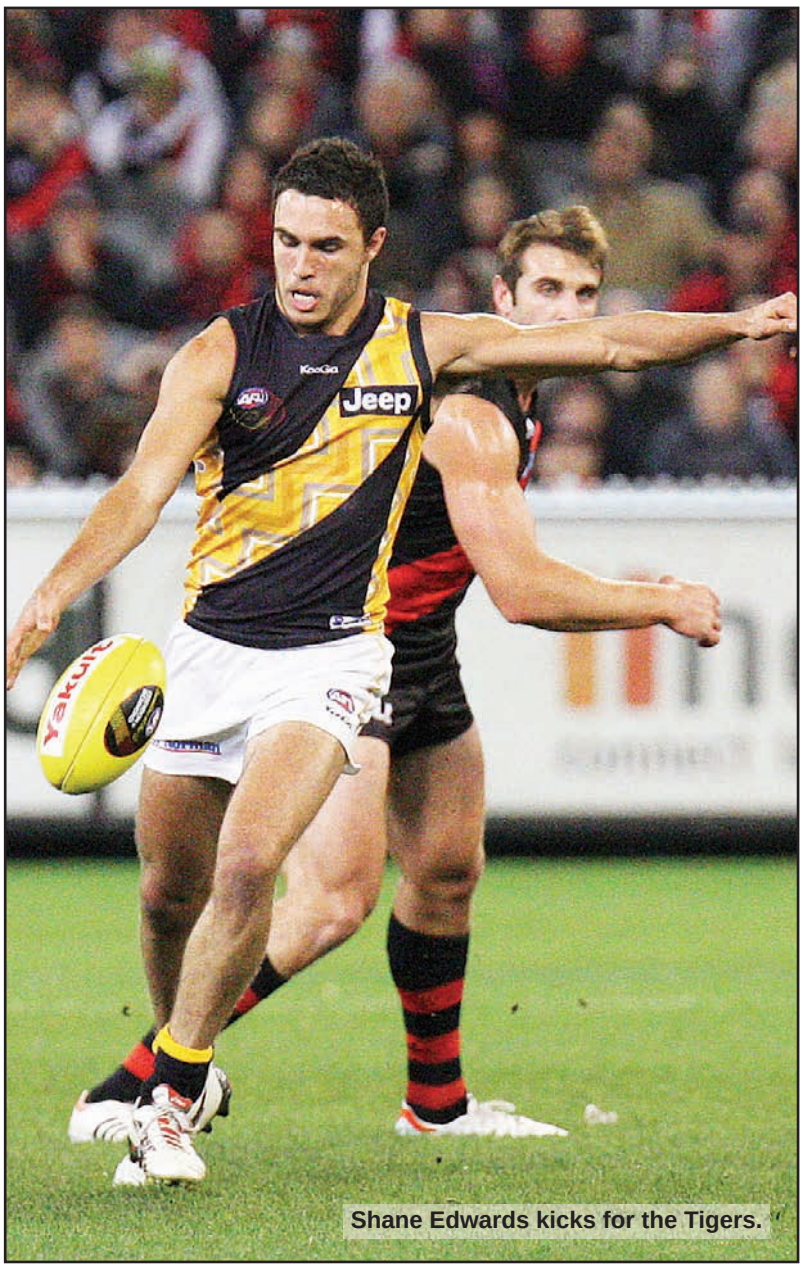
Around the nation, Indigenous players tossed the coins, with the Aboriginal flag painted on the turf.

In other matches, Danyle Pearce produced a brilliant 'best on ground' effort in the Power's amazing come-from-behind two-point win over North Melbourne.

Cyril Rioli was excellent in the Hawks' big victory over Fremantle in Tasmania.

Lewis Jetta starred in Sydney's 101-point thrashing of Melbourne and kicked three goals.

Graham Johncock and young dynamo Jared Petrenko played their roles in the Crows' confidence-boosting away win against Carlton at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne.




Shane Edwards kicks for the Tigers.

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**Ashleigh's wildcard into French Open**

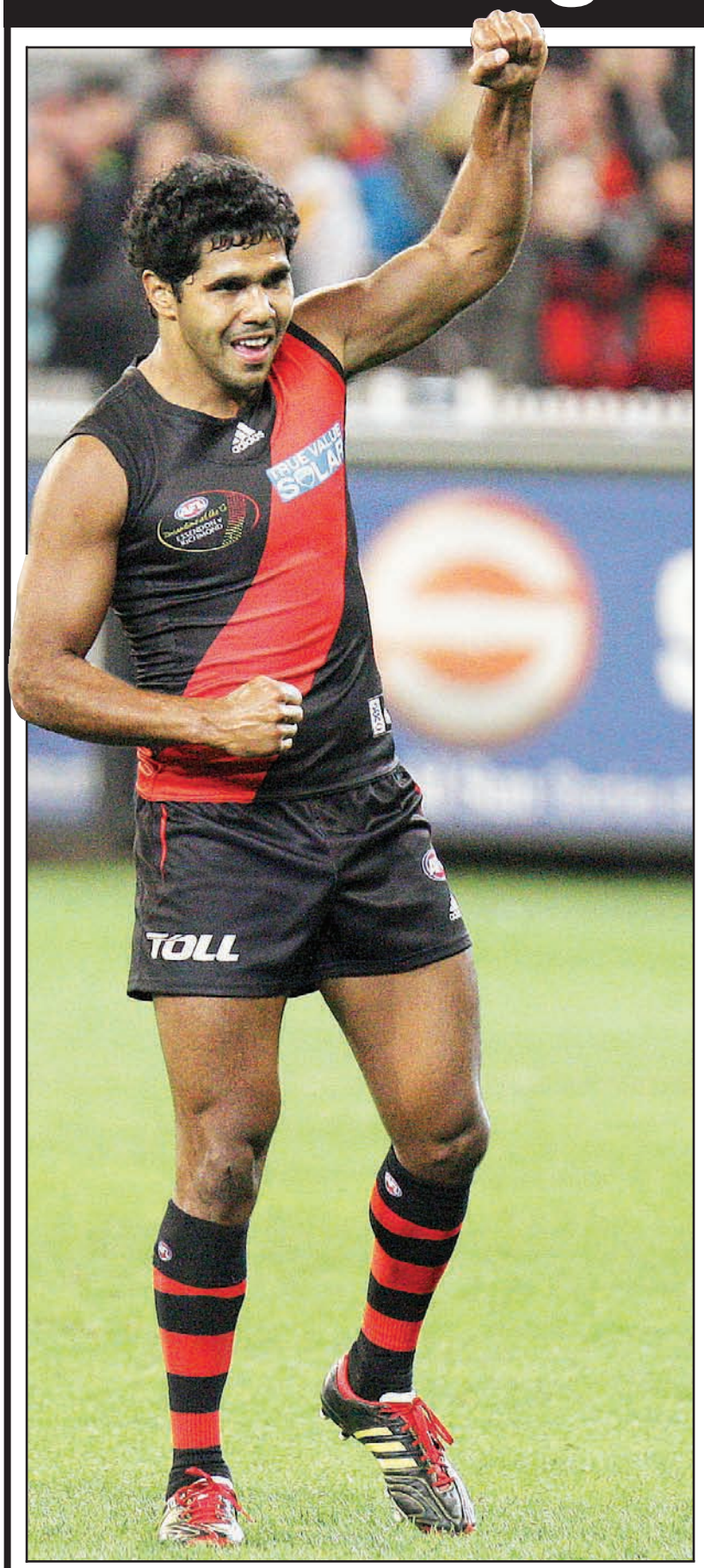
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# This Bomber was on target



**Alwyn Davey celebrates his match-sealing goal for the Essendon Bombers in the Dreamtime at the G Australian Football League (AFL) Indigenous Round match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday 19 May. *Picture: Peter Argent***

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# GI's controversial try



**This try by Queensland centre Greg Inglis has gone down as one of the most controversial in the history of State of Origin rugby league. Video referee Sean Hampstead awarded Inglis the match-winning try seven minutes from full time. With Queensland clinging to 12-10 lead and appearing to be on the back foot, Hampstead ruled that NSW hooker Robbie Farah had deliberately kicked the ball out of Inglis' hands as Inglis attempted to touch down. Queensland won the match 18-10 and only needs to win one of the two remaining games this year to take their unbroken sequence of series wins to seven. *Picture: Getty Images***

# Maroons find a way

WHETHER it's in the heart or the head, Queensland's players have a remarkable ability to find a way to win the tight ones.

They did it again in last Wednesday night's State of Origin rugby league opener in Melbourne, withstanding a barrage from a dominant NSW to hold them out at one end and then cross for a late and controversial match-sealing try at the other.

The players talk about upholding the legacy of past Queensland greats, playing for your mates and of a collective belief they have in each other.

But the 18-10 win, like their victories in the past six series, was also built on a plan to which everyone sticks.

"I think it's just the pride in the jersey and the past players and the legacy they've left and what we need to do to carry that on," five-eighth Johnathan Thurston said.

"It's about playing for your mate beside you."

Fullback Billy Slater says it's nothing new and is part of the deal every Queensland player signs.

"That's what Origin's about. You've just got to hang in there and believe in your team and believe in your teammates that you can get back in the game," Slater said. "And although they scored the first try, we've got that belief that we can get ourselves back into a game.

"Queensland sides have been doing it for a long time. You're playing for Queensland and you never give up.

"That's just one of the traits you take on when you're playing for Queensland."

One brave decision, one moment of madness and Queensland are one victory away from extending State of Origin's longest dynasty to a seventh consecutive year after their 18-10 win in Melbourne.

## Crucial calls

The Blues were left lamenting a pair of crucial calls before a packed Etihad Stadium, with Michael Jennings harshly sin-binned for a wild haymaker and video referee Sean Hampstead controversially awarding a Greg Inglis match-winner seven minutes from time.

With Queensland clinging to a 12-10 lead, Hampstead ruled Blues hooker Robbie Farah had deliberately kicked the ball out of Inglis' hands as

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# MABO – Twenty years on

# The way ahead

**By KIRSTIE PARKER**

ALO TAPIM remembers the day 20 years ago when the late Eddie Mabo, Dave Passi and James Rice won their fight for recognition of their traditional rights to land.

At the time, he was working as the CEO of Murray Island (Mer) Council, supporting its then Chairman George Mye and others. He had known Eddie Mabo since school and worked with him in Townsville.

At the time, there were just two phones on the island – one public phone, whose ring would be picked up by whomever happened to be passing, and the council office phone. It was the latter that Mr Tapim answered, when lawyers for the plaintiffs rang through the news.

"So you might say I was the first person on Murray Island to hear about the court news," he told the *Koori Mail* this month.

"I was touched and excited at the time; it was exciting news.

"The councillors called everyone together and there was a celebration. But, really, we knew all along that nothing had really changed. This is our island, the sea, the water, everything."

"This was just the other side (non-Indigenous Australia) catching up."

Fast forward 20 years and there are now many more phones on Murray Island, a good airstrip, and Internet coverage.

But there is still much more to be done for the island's 450 or so residents, starting with more and better housing and infrastructure such as a half-finished water desalination plant that promises, eventually, to give islanders 24-hour-a-day access to fresh water.

Amongst those charged with taking Murray Island forward are Aven Noah and Doug Passi.

Cr Noah is a former veteran radio broadcaster, a representative of the Komet tribe, and the newly-elected Murray Island representative on the Torres Strait Islander Regional Council (TSIRC).

He interviewed Eddie Mabo many times while a young reporter working for the Torres Strait Island Media Association (TSIMA), and says he was a humble but educated man, fluent in his own language but also in English and very good at breaking down legal jargon into more simple terms.

Doug Passi is a Meuram tribe representative and chairperson of the Mer Gedkem Le prescribed body corporate (PBC), the body set up to manage Murray Islanders' native title.

He was also a translator for several islanders called as witnesses during the Mabo case.

Run strictly along traditional lines, with representatives of the eight Meriam tribes, the PBC is a powerful organisation and destined to become more so later this year when the Queensland Government is expected to revoke the reserve it holds 'in trust' over the three Murray Islands – Mer, Dauar and Waier – under the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act* and return it to island ownership and control.

While the Meriam people are looking forward to 3 June's anniversary celebrations, it is this development that Cr Noah, Mr Passi and other islanders believe will truly fulfil Eddie Mabo's vision.

"When Mabo was won in 1992, the Meriam people thought native title meant the land belonged to them," Cr Noah explained to the *Koori Mail.*

"But unfortunately, because of how the Queensland Government legislated the different acts in place, Murray Island was still classed as a reserve going back to the 1900s.



**TSIRC councillor for Murray Island (Mer), Aven Noah.** ***Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS***

"When the Elders and community people became aware that the reserve was held in trust by the Department of Communities, they wrote to the Minister concerned and asked that it be handed back to the community.

"If and when that title is handed back, it will pass into the hands of Mer Gedkem Le PBC, on behalf of the Meriam people."

Doug Passi agrees that the return of the Murray Islands reserve will be a turning point for his countrymen and women.

"The Commonwealth recognised that we have title, but the State Government has not yet," he said.

In the meantime, the PBC is busy negotiating with both levels of government over the provision of housing – potentially through 40-year-leases, which have proved somewhat controversial elsewhere but which Mr Passi said he would support if the other traditional owners on the PBC agreed.

"The Federal Government says 'Yes, because of closing the gap, I will invest my money but I need this 40-year lease to say I will build you a home'," he said.

"I am saying to the Government 'How about 3x3 metres around a house and the land is still ours?'

"We need more houses because of overcrowding through extended family so I encourage the community to sign for the 40-year lease while the opportunity is knocking on our door."

It's a view bound to find favour with the New Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs, Glen Elmes, who told the *Koori Mail* that the Government would continue to work with communities and community leaders to advance Indigenous home ownership.

"We made some promises during the election campaign around things like home ownership and we're looking at what we can do to negotiate with Indigenous Queenslanders to set freehold land aside," Mr Elmes said.

"Some cases are easy and some cases harder but I want to give Indigenous Queenslanders a chance to aspire to the same things as other Queenslanders.

"If they want to be able to get a job, they ought to be able to do that. If they want to be able to purchase a block of land on freehold title, not a 99-year lease, and have something to pass on to their kids, they ought to be able to do that as well."

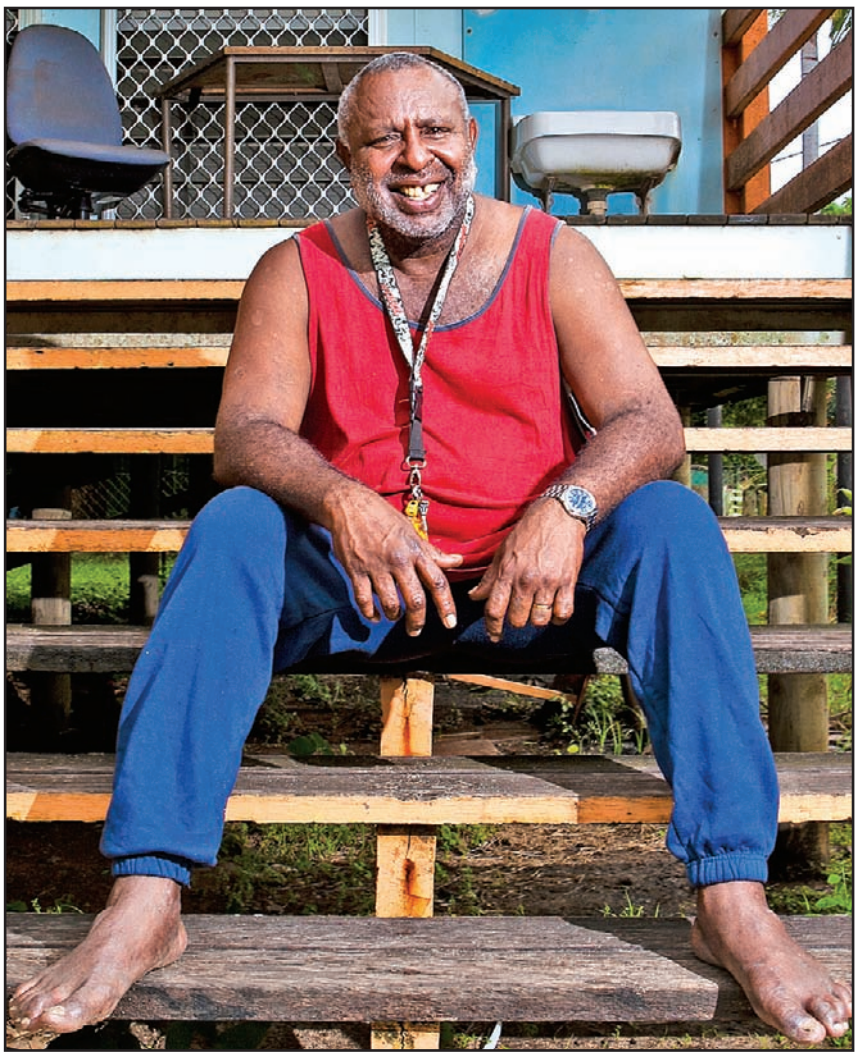
According to Jim McNamara, Executive Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Services in the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM), things are looking good for the hand back of the Murray Islands reserve within this 20th anniversary year of Mabo.

"We're definitely working to that end-of-year timetable," he told the *Koori Mail.*

"The Mabo case saw the first determination of native title in Australia in relation to the Murray Islands and the work we're now doing, I think I can say, complements it... What we're looking at now is delivering paper title to that same land.

"Things can always pop up and can throw timetables out, such as a death in the

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**Doug Passi, chairperson of the Mer Gedkem Le PBC for Murray Island (Mer).** ***Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS***






# MABO – Twenty years on



Mavis Kabere displays a wire of sardines, a mainstay of Murray Island feasts.



Murray Island life. *All photos by JOSEPH MAYERS*



Local man George Sam outside the local Ibis store.




Koiki Mabo's headstone, on country on Murray Island.



Jenny Epseg with nephew Suken Noah and niece Boged Marou, both aged two.




Sgt John Noah, community police officer and also the vice chairperson of the Mer Gedkem Le PBC (representing the Komet tribe).





Murray Island locals Wabay Marou, Tim Cowley and Alick Passi.




The old Mer State School, pictured at left, now houses the Mer Gedkem Le PBC. Pictured Above is the island's new school, set on higher ground. It includes state-of-the-art facilities.



James Wailu and Danil Wailu.



# MABO – Twenty years on



Murray Island (Mer) in the foreground, with Dauar and Waier behind.



Pictured outside the Ibis store on Murray Island is Elma Noah with her kids, clockwise from left, Cathy Marou, 11, Sig-e Marou, 4, Anita Marou, 3, and Zandra Marou, 7. *Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS*

# Mer looking to the way ahead

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community or unknowns like internal conflicts, but we have a work program and we'll guide it as best we can.

"There's a long list of things to do around some survey work and around a planning scheme and sorting out some interests in the islands that are on unregistered leases and that kind of thing. In one sense we're almost creating a tenure system from the ground up."

Mr McNamara said a key objective of the transfer process was to ensure that service delivery and service to the community was unaffected.

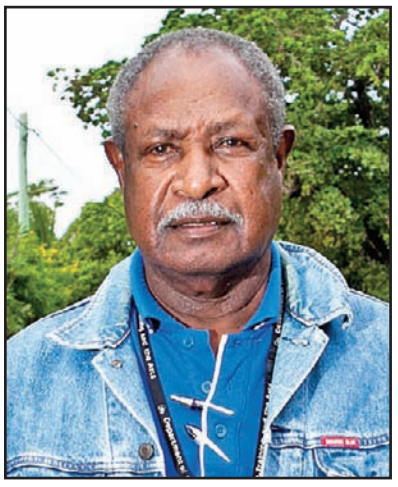
"(This means) the infrastructure facilities or service that Council needs is not negatively affected by the transfer and that'll be achieved by having leases or agreements in place," he said.

"We don't want anyone to be worse off as a result of the transfer and we want to make sure there are no surprises in the process. That's why it's been so hard. You have to recognise all of those things and ensure all the necessary arrangements are in place."

Mr McNamara's team has developed a schedule aimed at bringing the handback to fruition by the end of the year, and has employed several local community members to work with the surveyors and go around the island with them as they do their work.

"There's reason to be optimistic about a resolution that the community and State of Queensland can be happy about," he said.

Amen to that.



Alo Tapim. He was the first person on Murray Island to hear of the historic High Court win.

● ***NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: Flying in to Murray Island (Mer) for the first time, mid-month, was an exhilarating experience. And not just because it ended an hour-long trip on a tiny charter plane. The sense of seeing history in this, the birth place of native title and the eastern-most island of the Torres Strait, was unmistakeable. While on Mer, the Koori Mail's photographer, Joseph Mayers, and I had the honour of touring the island with newly-elected Councillor Aven Noah. As we did, we passed the tombstone of Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo and – with Cr Noah's permission and introduction – paid our respects. Late that day, as our plane took off, we flew over and around the island and were rewarded with a majestic and likely once-in-a-lifetime view of Gelam Hill, a natural land formation in the shape of the dugong, as seen in real life throughout Torres Strait waters. Sincere thanks – 'big esso' – to the dignified leaders and people of Mer for their warm welcome and hospitality.***


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# The last survivor

By KIRSTIE PARKER

WHEN the Mabo case first took shape back in 1981, it had five plaintiffs. Eddie Mabo was in the driver's seat, with fellow Murray Islanders Sam Passi, Dave Passi, Celuia Mapo Salee and James Rice as his traveling companions.

Together, they were carried along by a legal team comprising Greg McIntyre, Ron Castan and Bryan Keon-Cohen.

Sam Passi and Celuia Mapo Salee left the court case part-way through, and just Eddie Mabo, Sam's brother Dave and James Rice remained.

Eddie died in January 1992 and James just over 16 years later, in February 2008. Dave Passi, Dauareb tribesman and now ordained as a father in the Anglican faith, is the last survivor of them all.

Today, he lives with his wife Daisy and sister Olai on Thursday Island. They're all getting old – Father Dave will be 80 this year – but, sitting around the dining table in their small, tidy unit at about eight o'clock at night, the trio bat away suggestions that they're probably eager to shuffle off for an early night. "We stay up til midnight sometimes, even one o'clock," they declare merrily.

Father Dave's memory isn't the best, so his son Charles is sitting in on the chat with the *Koori Mail*. But when asked why he joined and stayed the course of the long and difficult case, the patriarch's response is crystal-clear.

"I just did what I was asked to do. We were all cousins; we stood together," he says quietly. "I did it because I'm a Murray Islander. I was saying the land is mine. Full stop."

Charles Passi picks up the thread. "The land and everything else spoke for itself. A big thing on Dauar is 'No-one will move me from my spot'," he says.

"The plaintiffs stood up together with their heart and soul. Dad and the others said 'I don't care, you can do what you like but I'm not moving. I'm a man from my island from the day I was born til the day I die.

"They were saying 'This is us. The world either recognises us or not, but if you don't, go to hell'."

For his part, Charles Passi would like to see all of the Mabo plaintiffs get more recognition. And he believes the time has come for Murray Islanders to sort out their disputes and pull together, for the survival of the culture.

"This is the last surviving plaintiff," he says, gesturing to the elder Passi. "I would like more acknowledgement of what Mabo actually means so people like Dad can say 'This is what I have done'.

"For ten years, the plaintiffs struggled and faced all kinds of adversity. Dad's message is that Malo (the law of the Meriam people) is talking to the world and it's time for change. Otherwise, those ten years were for nothing."

As for the insistence by some that early naysayers owe the Mabo plaintiffs an apology, it's of little consequence to Father Dave now.

"It's over and done. We won the case. I always felt that we would win," he says simply.

Asked at the end of the interview how he remembers Murray Island, his smile is instant, beatific and as bright as the floral shirt he's wearing.

"It's a beautiful island. Gelam Hill looks like a swimming dugong," he says.

His son agrees with his father's appraisal. "You could put it this way: What an amazing world," he says. "When you are a child, you live in a fantasy; you've got the beaches, the fish, the water, the Elders telling you about your totem... what more could you ask?"

What, indeed.



**Fighting spirit ... Father Dave Passi with his wife Daisy, right, and sister Olai at their home on Thursday Island.** ***Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS***

# New book covers perspectives

MABO and native title continue to mean different things to different people. The experiences of Indigenous groups during the past two decades have been mixed, leaving some ecstatic but others deflated. And there've been far-reaching legal and political ramifications.

A range of perspectives on these has just been brought together in a new volume published by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra.

*The Limits of Change: Mabo and Native Title 20 Years On*, edited by Toni Bauman and Lydia Glick, will be launched during next week's 2012 National Native Title Conference in Townsville.

The volume includes perspectives from native title claimants and holders, community, political and corporate leaders, lawyers and judges, academics, consultants and government bureaucrats.

Contributors include former Prime Minister Paul Keating and former Federal Opposition Leader John Hewson; Aboriginal leaders involved in the negotiations that led to the *Native Title Act 1993* including Professor Mick Dodson, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue, Peter Yu and Prof Marcia Langton; lawyers involved in the Mabo case Greg McIntyre and Bryan Keon-Cohen; National Native Title Tribunal President Graeme Neate; and historian Professor Henry Reynolds.

Chairman of AIATSIS Prof Dodson describes the book as 'an unprecedented collection of commentary and reflections on the defining case for Indigenous land justice in Australian history'.

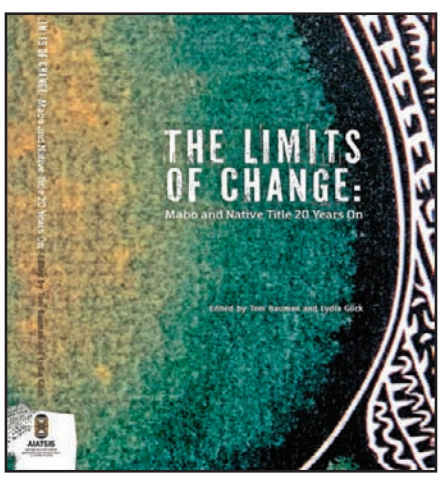
"(It) casts a wide net to include a diverse group of contributors ranging from native title holders to current and retired practitioners in the sector, to politicians and leading international scholars in Indigenous law," he says.

"Looking back and reflecting two decades later, many of us will recall the great hopes and high expectations we had for the Mabo decision.

"It is timely to look back on the achievements and the challenges and what this recognition has meant in order to clearly see where we are going in the years ahead.

"Twenty years later, we are still contending with the legacy of Mabo in ways that extend beyond the questions of law and legislation that arose from it."

Copies of *The Limits of Change: Mabo and Native Title 20 Years On* can be purchased from AIATSIS. For further information, email NTRU@aiatsis.gov.au




**The cover of *The Limits of Change: Mabo and Native Title 20 Years On.***

