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From little things...



...Big things grow, whether in the ancient forests of Tasmania or the political activism of the state's Aboriginal people. Both took centre stage last week when activists Michael Mansell, Aaron Everett and others protested a new state legislative bill they say will lock Aboriginal people out of owning or managing up to 500,000 hectares of Crown land. Two-year-old Krytan Parker is pictured here waving a placard during the protest as Mr Everett looks on. See Page 6 for the full story. Photo: Jillian Mundy

Latest Census figures show more people than ever are identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander



IT'S official. The number of Australians identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander has leapt 20 per cent in the past five years – a growth spurt that far outstrips that of the nation as a whole.

Australia's 2011 Census data was released on Thursday, providing a snapshot of the nation, fodder for demographers, and crucial information for decision makers in directing billions of dollars in funding for roads, schools and hospitals and the like.

The Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander population rose from 455,030 in 2006 to 548,370 in 2011. We now make up 2.5 per cent of the national population of 21,507,719, up from 2.3 per cent five years ago.

The jury is largely still out in terms of the reason for the big jump, but a range of factors is likely to

have contributed, including improved data collection in Indigenous communities, a greater willingness of people to identify, and a higher birth rate.

The three biggest Indigenous populations were in Brisbane, the New South Wales Central and North Coast, and in Sydney-Wollongong (52,171).

The new data also shows that, on average, Aboriginal and/or Torres

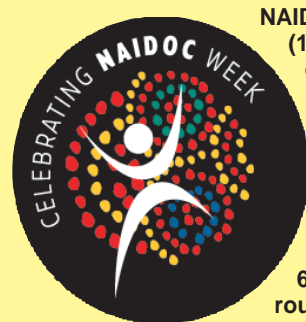


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Strait Islander people have lower incomes than Australians generally, our population is younger – with a median age of 21 years compared to 37 years – and our households are

bigger. And compared with 2006, more Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are finishing Year 12, attending tertiary institutions, speaking an Indigenous language at home, and getting connected to the Internet.

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NAIDOC Week 2012 is just around the corner (1-8 July) and, as per our jumbo NAIDOC events calendar on Pages 35-38, there are plenty of activities planned in every state and territory. Many will reflect this year's theme of 'Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on'. A major highlight of the week will be the presentation of the 2012 National NAIDOC Awards at the National NAIDOC Ball in Hobart on 6 July. We'll have a comprehensive round-up of related events in our next edition.

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My FAMILY RICK PHINEASA – Cairns, Qld



● Above: The Phineasa family, from left, Amily, Ammon, Sharon, Rick, Kiana and Rikisha.

WE'RE very family-oriented and everything we do revolves around family and culture. We love to attend cultural events together like the Reconciliation Festival here in Townsville, and support and celebrate culture.

That's how we were both brought up and that's what we're teaching our children.

We believe one of the most important things is to respect your Elders, but we also teach our children never be shame of who you are. Stand proud and be proud of yourself.

Our culture has given us a stronger identity and sense of purpose as a family.

I'm the chairperson of the Torres Strait Islander Keriba Yadayl

Corporation in Cairns, and that's something that also incorporates a strong element of my culture.

If we didn't stand up for that truth we'd be lost.

No matter where you are in the world and in Australia, because of your connection to culture you know who you are and where you belong, and you can stand up and be counted.

For us, this event is all about reconciliation and there is nothing that captures that more than the story of Mabo. It is the true spirit of reconciliation.

Eddie Mabo's story resonates with us all and draws us together.

We love spending time together as a family and just enjoy relaxing and having a good time.

– As told to Mahala Strohfeldt

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OUR CHILDREN



Under eight-year-olds Joseph Fisher, Noel Walsh and Kenny Gyemore were sun smart while they had fun in the playground at Cherbourg State School, in south-east Queensland. Photo courtesy Marcus Priaux

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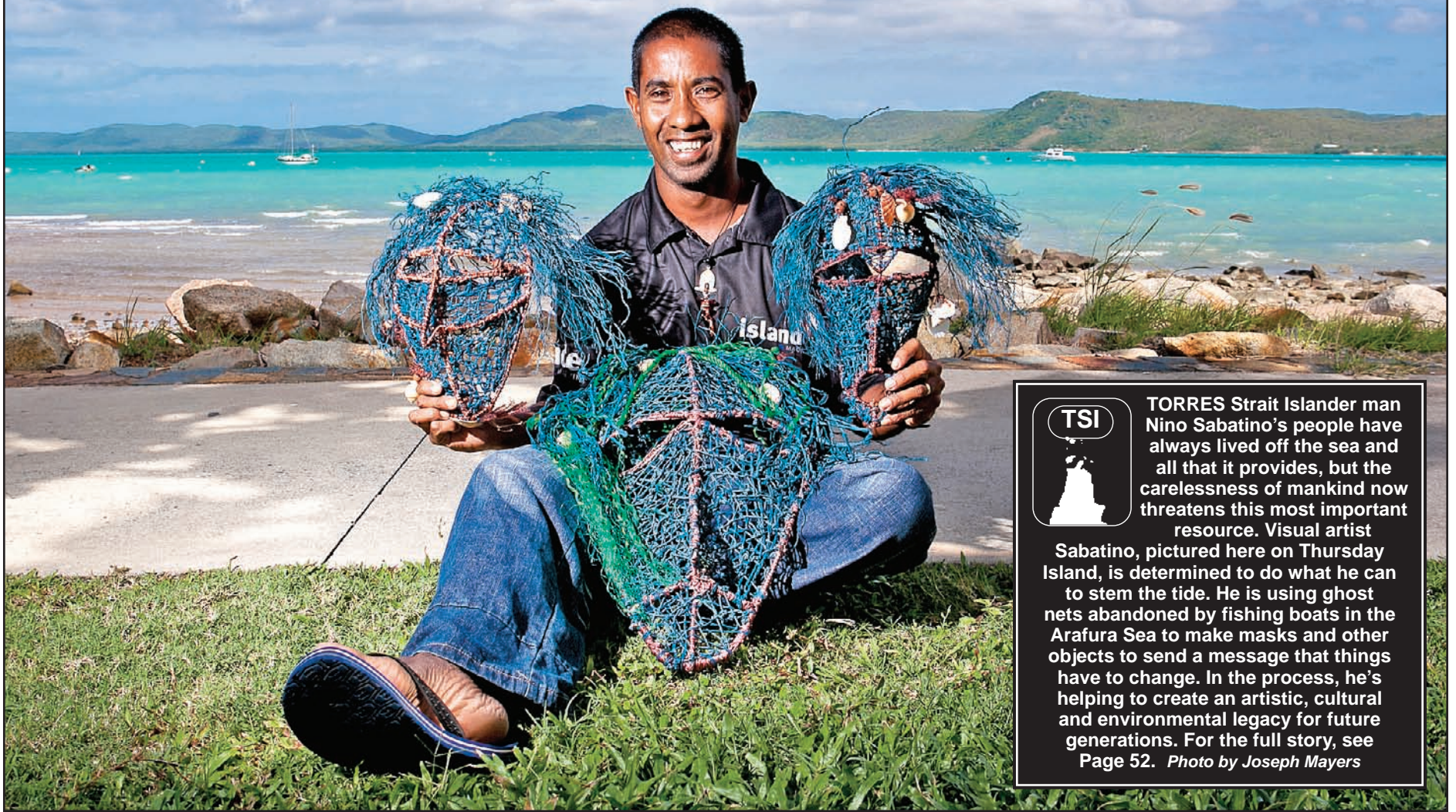
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Nino's artful message



TORRES Strait Islander man Nino Sabatino's people have always lived off the sea and all that it provides, but the carelessness of mankind now threatens this most important resource. Visual artist

Sabatino, pictured here on Thursday Island, is determined to do what he can to stem the tide. He is using ghost nets abandoned by fishing boats in the Arafura Sea to make masks and other objects to send a message that things have to change. In the process, he's helping to create an artistic, cultural and environmental legacy for future generations. For the full story, see Page 52. Photo by Joseph Mayers

Job scheme is working, Govt claims



THE Federal Government says a program designed to get Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people into work or training has exceeded targets.

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins announced last week that 32,578 Indigenous Australians had started full-time or part-time work or training under the Government's Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) this financial year, at least 15 per cent more than the target of 28,350.

Of those, 15,792 took up jobs and 16,786 started training.

"These are significant results, showing the Government's partnerships with employers through the IEP are making a real difference to the lives of Indigenous Australians," she said.

"The program managed to top its key financial year targets well

ahead of schedule – in most cases before the end of May.

"The Government is investing \$650 million in the Indigenous Employment Program over four years and these latest results are an encouraging sign of real progress."

In a statement, Ms Collins said she had commissioned an 'independent review of Indigenous employment and training models' which would 'allow a reasonable comparison of the costs of administering the various models and employment outcomes achieved'.

Models

Ms Collins said the review was due to deliver its report in late 2012, but did not say which models would be reviewed or how they would be chosen.

IEP-supported programs running this year include:

- The Coles First Step Program to provide pre-employment training and employment places for 205

Indigenous job seekers across Australia.

- An initiative by construction and contract mining company McMahon Holdings to place 300 Indigenous Australians in employment. The project has already delivered more than 180 placements.

- Pathways to the Pilbara – providing training and employment opportunities for 80 Indigenous Australians in the resources sector.

- Compass Group (Australia) Pty Ltd is currently providing 300 Indigenous employment opportunities in their operations across Australia (250 general employment and 50 apprenticeship positions).

- A national program to place 100 Indigenous Australians in jobs in the Woolworths group of stores.

- An Australia Post program currently being funded to provide 130 placements, 115 part-time and 15 full-time.

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New Census data shows our

Facts and figures

The 2011 Census reveals...

- The number of Australians identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander has increased by 20 per cent in five years (up from 455,030 in 2006 to 548,370 in 2011). Of our population, 50.7 per cent are female and 49.3 per cent are male, 495,757 identified as Aboriginal, 31,407 as Torres Strait Islander and 21,206 as both.

- The overall Australian population increased over the same period by 8.32 per cent (up from 19,855,288 in 2006 to 21,507,719 in 2011). This effectively means that the Indigenous population grew at more than twice the rate as the general Australian population. Early indications are that this increase can be attributed to a range of factors including improved data collection in Indigenous communities, a greater willingness of people to identify, and a higher birth rate.

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people now make

up 2.5 per cent of the overall Australian population (up from 2.3 per cent in 2006).

- We make less, on average, per week than Australians generally; \$362 per week compared to \$577 per week.

- Our population is younger than the broader population, with a median age of 21 years compared to 37 years. This median age of 21 years is a one-year increase on five years ago so we appear to be living longer, gradually.

- Our Indigenous households are bigger, averaging 3.3 people per dwelling, compared to 2.6 people per dwelling.

- Compared to 2006, more Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people finished Year 12 (up from 55,094 to 83,804) attended a tertiary institution (up from 7056 to 10,127), spoke an Indigenous language at home (up from 51,994 to 60,550), and got connected to the Internet (up from 67,327 to 131,345).

Indigenous population is 548,370 – a 20 per cent jump!

By RUDI MAXWELL



THERE'S a growing population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

peoples, who are living slightly longer, finishing school in greater numbers, going on to higher education and whose households are connected to the internet.

However, on average, Indigenous Australians earn less than Australians generally, have more people per household and do not live for as long.

Data released last week from the 2011 Census shows that the reported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of Australia has grown by 20 per cent since the previous Census in 2006.

There are 548,370 Indigenous Australians, who make up 2.5 per cent of the national population of 21,507,719 – up from 455,030 in 2006.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said a lot of work had gone into improving the collection of data relating to Indigenous Australians.

"If this increase is a result of that, we need to welcome this as a major step forward. More accurate data will go a long way towards improving our planning and our efforts to close the gap," he said.

"If Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are feeling more secure in identifying through processes like the Census this should



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda ... "If Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are feeling more secure in identifying through processes like the Census this should also be welcomed."

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"It's obviously hard to know exactly the cause, but I'd really like to think that it reflects an increase in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feeling proud of our cultures and our identity as First Peoples of this country."

Demographer and economist Dr Nicholas Biddle, from the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) at the Australian National University (ANU), said there were a few possible reasons for the large increase in the Indigenous population.

"The 2006 count could

have been too low, so it reflects a bit of catching up, there could be a natural population increase, fertility estimates are still quite high, and it could also be that people are more likely to identify as Indigenous Australian than previously," he said.

"While this is the raw data and more information will be available later, we can be pretty sure that the Indigenous population continues to grow faster than the non-Indigenous population and government policy needs to reflect that, because chances are it's going to continue into the future."

More than half (53 per cent) of the people who identified as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin lived in nine of the 57 Indigenous regions, which are loosely based on the former ATSIC boundaries.

The three biggest Indigenous populations were on the eastern seaboard: Brisbane (53,271), NSW Central and North Coast (north of Sydney to the Queensland border) (52,319) and Sydney-Wollongong (52,171).

By State and Territory, NSW had the largest number of Indigenous people (172,624, which is 2.5 per cent of the State's population), followed by Queensland (155,825, 3.6 per cent), Western Australia (69,665, 3.1 per cent) and the Northern Territory (56,779, 26.8 per cent of the Territory, the highest proportion).

"Certainly most of the media and policy focus is on

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mob is getting much larger



Indigenous fans and supporters at the 2012 Rugby League All Stars game on the Gold Coast including, holding flag, Todd Reid, Fred Reid, Toby Reid and Chaydin Reid. In front are Graham Thompson, Chris Reid and Lyell Kawangki. File photo by KIRSTIE PARKER

What two of our people believe



SHYLENE Turner is a 16-year-old Wakka Wakka (south-east Queensland) person living in Lismore.

She is in Year 11, plans to continue her schooling and finish Year 12, and is doing a school-based traineeship through North Coast TAFE. Ms Turner lives with two other people, has the internet connected at her house and earns about \$350 a week, working part-time.

"I believe the Government should help create more opportunities for Indigenous students and more work placements to give students the opportunity to get jobs and earn their own money," she said.

Most of us live in urban areas

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the Territory, regarding funding of Indigenous-specific programs, while most Indigenous Australians live in urban environments, in Sydney, Brisbane, Perth and continue to make use of non-Indigenous services, which may not always be appropriate, especially for those who have moved from remote areas," Dr Biddle said.

"We often tend to forget the majority of Indigenous Australians live in urban areas outside the Territory.

"I think there's a need to recognise different needs and different policy in urban, regional and remote areas."

Compared to 2006, more Indigenous people finished Year 12, (83,804, up from the 2006 figure of 55,094) and were attending an educational institution.

"There's been a steady increase over the last 10 years in the proportion of Indigenous Australians finishing Year 12, so relative to the non-Indigenous population there's been some catch-up," Dr Biddle said.

"There are roughly 173,000 Indigenous people in pre-school, school or post-school education and I think it needs to be recognised the effort that a lot of Indigenous Australians put in to overcome the barriers, particularly in an education system that's not always suited their needs."

The median age (the middle age, where half the population is older and half is younger) of Indigenous Australians is 21, one year older than 2006, but still 16 years younger than the median age of the national population, at 37.

While 36 per cent of the Indigenous



National Congress co-chair Jody Broun ... "the emerging needs picture is a challenge for policy."

population is aged under 14, only four per cent is 65 or older, which National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jody Broun says represents significant policy challenges for government.

"We know that there's a significant youth population in the Aboriginal community and a huge population coming through, so a few

things link to that – obviously education and jobs but also housing needs as these young people start forming their own families," she said. "So the emerging needs picture is a challenge for policy."

Census head of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander statistics Julie Nankervis said the numbers had shown large increases in some remote communities, but one of the factors in those figures was better data collection.

"For example, at Galiwinku in Arnhem Land the population has grown to 2100, up 25 per cent, and Wadeye in the NT has seen an increase of about 30 per cent in population," she said.

"Early on, we went to those communities and discussed with people why it was important that we got the best outcomes. We made sure we employed local people who knew the community so they could make sure everyone was counted.

"We employed people who know everyone in every house, speak the local languages, so that people could have some ownership of the process. In urban communities we provided support for Indigenous people and also tried to break down barriers, by explaining that the information is kept private and what it's used for.

"We were able to provide interviews in urban areas with people who asked for assistance, trying to overcome language and literacy barriers."

The *Koori Mail* tried unsuccessfully to obtain a comment from Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

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ALLAN Hunt is a 28-year-old Malyangaba (South Australia) man living in South Lismore with one other person. Mr Hunt rents his house, earns around \$280 a week, is studying tourism at TAFE, and does not have the internet connected at his house.

"I don't agree with the way the whole system is set up – some people benefit while the rest of us work really hard, it's not an even system," he said.

Grants to unlock Indigenous potential



NINE Indigenous projects are amongst 63 Unlocking Australia's Potential grants announced by the Federal Government earlier this month.

A total of \$5 million was awarded for Inspiring Australia projects to be delivered between 2012 and 2014, says Science and Research Minister Chris Evans.

The prime objective of the Government's Inspiring Australia program is to increase the engagement of Australians in science and it has prioritised projects that engage people who may not have had previous access to or interest in science-communication activities.

Macquarie University in New South Wales will receive \$350,000 for the National Indigenous Science Education Program (NISEP) to engage Indigenous youth and Elders nationally as science communicators.

NISEP will showcase scientific cultural knowledge and everyday science, as well as 'big science' topics such as climate change, food security and renewable energy. The Indigenous youth and Elders will become role models and mentors for their peers and their community.

An Alice Springs Aboriginal group received \$100,000 to advance its aspirations to start farming in the desert, growing harvestable versions of plants used for thousands of years in ceremonies and bush medicine.

Partnership

The project is a partnership involving the non-profit group Akeyulerre Cultural Healing Centre and the Arid Zone Research Institute, with Aboriginal youth to be involved in the horticulture work.

Their first target is Emu Bush (genus: *Eremophila*) – and work will soon get under way to identify optimal propagation and pest control techniques as well as methods for maintaining hedges suitable for harvesting.

"There is currently little information with regards to the large-scale production of many plants from this region," said project spokesperson Sam Hussey.

"Although harvesting from the wild remains culturally important, we hope that by establishing our own crop of the most commonly used plants, the sustainability of the enterprise and the plant populations can be maintained."

Meanwhile, a group of Queensland-based scientists and Indigenous representatives received \$26,000 to support talks about sea turtle biology, facilitate community meetings about the threats to sea turtles, and involve local people in sea turtle and marine debris monitoring in their own areas.

The project is for school-age children, the general community and, in particular, young hunters.

Other Inspiring Australia grant recipients included:

- A program of workshops will be held in the Kimberley, Darwin and Katherine, the Tiwi Islands and Arnhem Land focussing on building skills and understanding in environmental and cultural conservation (\$150,000); and

- A project to develop the skills of at least two Central Land Council Indigenous community rangers groups, to discuss and promote local natural science issues (\$44,930).



A government staffer gave Aaron Everett (centre) from the TAC the controversial bill as soon as it was tabled in Parliament. He is pictured here with protesters outside of Parliament House in Hobart.

Anger over Tas forestry move

By Tasmanian correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



ACTIVIST Michael Mansell says a Forest Agreement Bill introduced into the Tasmanian Parliament last week has the hallmarks of Joh Bjelke-Petersen's 1985 'anti-Mabo' legislation.

The legal director of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre says sections of the bill – aimed at ending the state's long-running forest conflict – have been added to lock Aboriginal people out of owning or managing any of the likely 500,000 hectares of land in question.

He said the Bill hands any Crown lands reserved to the Parks and Wildlife Service.

The TAC had previously entered into talks with Forestry Tasmania, which currently has tenure of the land, about managing the land.

Mr Mansell said the Bill was a Greens agenda to prevent Aboriginal management of reserved areas.

"The Greens don't trust us, and have swayed government thinking," he said.

"We were shocked to see an additional clause preventing Forestry Tasmania from leasing or sub-leasing any of the lands it controls.

"This is a clear reference to the possibility of FT leasing lands to Aboriginal people so that Aborigines can manage the lands, allow public access and make money from tourism."

Mr Mansell said another



Michael Mansell explains sections of the Forests Agreement Bill to protesters outside of the Tasmanian Parliament shortly after the Bill was tabled.

provision stating that 'no compensation is payable to any person as a result of this agreement' had the hallmarks of anti-Mabo legislation struck down by the High Court in 1992.

"We will investigate whether, or not we can take legal action to claim compensation and have section 11 struck out as being invalid," he said.

"These trees were not grown by Forestry Tasmania, these trees were grown by our own people after burning, these trees are 500 or 600 years old.

"They were here before white people came and they say we have no interest in the forest.

"Aborigines clearly have an interest.

"(The Bill) effectively precludes Aboriginal people from

making any claims for compensation for the loss of trees that our people nurtured."

A group of about 20 Aboriginal people with flags and placards voiced their objections outside of Parliament House as the Bill was being tabled.

Blatant tactic

Mr Mansell said the introduction of another 'token' bill to return 148 hectares of land to the Aboriginal community on the same day was a blatant political tactic, intended to confuse the debate about Aboriginal management of the forests.

"The tactic is designed to convey the false impression that the Government is pro-Aboriginal land rights," he said.

"It is dirty politics and takes

advantage of our weak position."

Energy and Resources Minister Bryan Green said the accusations were unfair.

"We're working with the Aboriginal community all the time on issues to make sure that we keep faith with the community," he said.

Mr Mansell labelled the Forest Agreement Bill a straight betrayal of Aboriginal people, representing a rejection by the Government and the Greens of the proposal put by Aborigines for ownership and management of the reserved areas.

"The Government talks of land rights, but talk is cheap. If the Government were genuine it would have left the door open for Aboriginal involvement in the forest agreement," he said.

Minister's claims of successes disputed

By DARREN COYNE



CAMPAIGNERS against the Northern Territory Intervention have accused Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister

Jenny Macklin of deceiving the nation about Aboriginal employment in prescribed areas.

The Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney (STICS) said the latest Closing the Gap in the NT Monitoring Report instead 'demonstrated shocking increases' in incarceration rates, unemployment, domestic violence, truancy and malnutrition.

Ms Macklin and Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon released the latest monitoring report last week.

They said the report showed that in the six months to December 2011, more than 865 Aboriginal people were employed as a result of the additional services provided under the NT Emergency Response (NTER), or Intervention.

"Also over this period, 1000 job placements were made for local people from remote communities – a 20 per cent rise compared with the corresponding period in 2010," Ms Macklin said.

"Since 2007, there have been 2241 real jobs created in government service delivery positions."

The minister said those positions had delivered 3183 breakfasts and 4511 lunches across 73 communities through the School Nutrition Program; 222 new primary health care service positions in the NT; and 1690 dental follow-up services were provided to 1377 children.

She said almost 10,000 young Aboriginal people in the NT had taken part in the Youth in Community program to help stay connected with school or training,



Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon at a press conference in Canberra last Wednesday to discuss the release of the latest Closing the Gap in the Northern Territory Monitoring Report. AAP Image

build confidence and reduce self-harm and alcohol and substance abuse.

As well, the Mobile Child Protection team had investigated and provided follow up services to families and children in 1030 matters; and 211 clients were supported to access safe places for crisis accommodation.

"We are tackling these issues

identified by Aboriginal people with our Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory package," Ms Macklin said.

Commitment

"This is a \$3.4 billion commitment to work in partnership with Aboriginal people over ten years to build stronger communities."

But STICS spokesperson Paddy Gibson said Minister Macklin was not facing up to the truth by ignoring sections of the report that showed deterioration in areas including employment, community safety and health.

"Rather than acknowledge these horrible statistics, her press conference focused on deceiving the nation about progress in

Aboriginal employment in 'prescribed areas'," he said.

"In reality, waged CDEP positions are disappearing every week.

"The 1000 job placements by Job Services Australia from July-December 2011 trumpeted by Macklin is, more than anything, evidence of disturbingly high turnover of Aboriginal staff in already existing positions.

"The Closing the Gap report clearly shows that over this period, there was an increase in Aboriginal people put on the NewStart allowance, continuing a five-year trend.

"Over the same period, 8243 job-seekers were on the active caseload of Job Services Australia, and this seems not to include thousands of people being forced to work for their Centrelink payments through a 'reformed' CDEP."

Meanwhile, Ms Macklin also claimed improvements in community safety due to the presence of 60 extra police and the role of night patrol services operating in 80 communities.

"The total number of confirmed assaults declined by 30 per cent in 2010 and by a further seven per cent in 2011; and drug-related incidents reported by police declined by 19 per cent in 2010 and by 11 per cent in 2011," she said.

Mr Gibson said, however, that the Government's own statistics demonstrate shocking increases in incarceration, there was more unemployment, there was an acute self-harm crisis, domestic violence incidents were rising, less children were in school, and more children were being submitted to hospital for malnutrition and being taken away from their families.

The Closing the Gap in the NT Monitoring Report can be found at www.fahcsia.gov.au

Housing claim under attack

By DARREN COYNE



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has told the world that Australia has 'turned the corner' on Indigenous housing.

But back home her claim was met with derision, with the Australian Greens saying Ms Macklin was downplaying issues such as overcrowding, and a lack of support for Aboriginal people living on their homelands.

Speaking at the World Indigenous Housing Conference in Canada on 13 June, Ms Macklin acknowledged that governments had a poor track record of providing decent housing, but said she was optimistic 'we have turned the corner in Australia. We are building homes to last'.

"For Indigenous people living in remote Australia, home can be thousands of kilometres from a major city, in places many Australians will never travel to," she told the conference.

"But out of sight shouldn't be out of mind, and in Australia, remote Indigenous housing was out of the spotlight for too long."

She told the conference that the Federal Government had committed \$5.5 billion over ten years to reduce overcrowding, increase the supply of houses, improve existing houses and ensure rentals were well maintained.

"Across remote Australia we have built well over 1000 new houses and we have refurbished more than 4000," Ms Macklin said.

"About half of the 9000 families targeted for assistance – families who were not living in suitable accommodation before this work began – are already benefitting from new or improved housing.

"On homelands, we have extended funding for essential services like clean water, power, sewerage systems and road maintenance.

"Through the National Affordable Housing Agreement we fund the Northern Territory government to maintain houses, including on outstations.

"Nationally, we are supporting more than 300 community-based Indigenous housing organisations bring more than 7500 houses to public housing standard, with an investment of more than \$400 million.

"And in urban and regional areas, more than 17,000 new homes have been delivered so far to vulnerable Australians – about 14 per cent of whom are Indigenous Australians."

The Australian Greens rejected Ms Macklin's claims, citing figures contained in the latest Closing the Gap in the NT Monitoring Report.

That report showed that before the NT Intervention the rate of overcrowding was 9.4 people per home. The Government's 'target' following its housing and infrastructure program was now 9.3.

Significant issues

"Rather than turning a corner, the Government are turning their back on some significant issues around housing," Senator Rachel Siewert said.

"I don't know how the Government can say a corner has been turned. Across the NT we will still be seeing significant overcrowding, with an average of 9.3 people per house and the accompanying health and social problems this can cause."

Senator Siewert also accused Ms Macklin of fudging the truth about homelands.

"A major area of concern is the lack of funding for housing and refurbishments on homelands that is pushing people towards hub towns despite the clear benefits homelands provide," she said.

"The Government has been pushing people to sign over tenure to their lands, and despite talk of supporting smaller communities, the overall approach of government does not look set to change.

"The \$20 million of homelands funding announced in April does not provide for the provision of housing and is only a continuation of the small level of funding to homelands."

Just before the conference in Canada, Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion also described the Federal Government's approach to Indigenous housing in the Northern Territory as a 'shambles'. "Indigenous Housing is a shambles under Labor as hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are spent with little transparency and no details on works done in refurbishments," he said.

He called for a breakdown of the work performed and the money paid by the taxpayer.

Qld pulls out of SEAM trial



THE Commonwealth Government has been dealt a blow, with Queensland pulling out of a Federal trial that links school attendance to certain welfare payments.

The Federal Improving School Enrolment & Attendance through Welfare Reform Measure (SEAM) trial had been implemented in 30 schools in Logan, Mornington Island and Doomadgee. In February, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Education Minister Peter Garrett said SEAM was having a positive and encouraging impact, having increased the overall attendance of SEAM students in Queensland

from 84.7 per cent to 88.7 per cent.

But Qld Education Training and Employment Minister John-Paul Langbroek said last week that the SEAM trial had failed to produce any significant change in student attendance rates.

He said the Newman Government would scrap the trial in Queensland because it believed there were other, more beneficial ways to address school attendance, like providing breakfast and before-school programs as well buses getting children to and from school.

"Our Government funds guidance officers, attendance officers, chaplains and community liaison officers who can work with families to change attitudes towards school



JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK

attendance," Mr Langbroek said.

"We are serious about making sure our kids are going to school, and this hands-on approach has

produced real sustained change in attendance outcomes."

Mr Langbroek said continuing the trial would further burden state schools without any financial support from the Commonwealth.

"The Federal Government's own evaluation report into the effectiveness of the trial showed that the suspension of income support payments made no impact on improving school attendance," he said.

"This big stick approach just basically doesn't work and, at the end of the day, ends up impacting on the kids.

"The Newman Government is committed to providing a quality education experience for Queensland students, and part of this promise is working on ways

to improve student attendance rates.

"This is why we are taking a hands-on approach to really change the behaviour and attitudes of communities towards school attendance."

However, Mornington Shire Mayor Brad Wilson has urged the State Government to reconsider its decision.

Mr Wilson told ABC Radio that measures such as guidance officers were not enough to combat chronic truancy problems, and he favoured punishing irresponsible parents by cutting off their welfare payments.

"Parents need to know that the kids are the future of this community. Education is a key part of it," he said.

Stronger Futures critics unheard

COMMENTARY
by EMMA PURDY*

AS soon as Peter Inverway began to speak, I wished someone would say he didn't have to continue.

His discomfort was obvious, his averted eyes and barely audible mumble revealing that he'd rather be anywhere else.

For the first time in his life, Mr Inverway had left his Aboriginal community in Gurindji in the Northern Territory, travelling to Darwin, Sydney and Melbourne in an attempt to raise awareness of the disastrous effects of the Intervention.

He stopped to take a deep breath, clearly trying not to let his nerves get the better of him.

"I'm from Kalkaringi in the Northern Territory," he began, reading from short prepared sentences without looking up.

"I live in a house with 15 other people. The rent is \$210 per week. There's not enough room for all of us."

Mr Inverway's acute embarrassment was palpable, despite the fact barely 20 people had turned up to the public meeting in Melbourne's Trade Hall in June 2010.

I felt almost ashamed to be watching, humbled such a proud man felt compelled to do something so clearly against his nature when his community's plight had been overlooked by mainstream society for three full years.

Mr Inverway described how the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) work-for-the-dole scheme, which

employed thousands of Aboriginal people, was abolished and partially reinstated with special measures in the form of income management.

He works on the new scheme, which quarantines 50 per cent of people's wages on a BasicsCard that can be used only to buy 'priority items' in a handful of government approved retailers.

Although the scheme caps work hours at 16 per week, Mr Inverway said many were working way beyond the limit, making his hourly wage in cash just \$3.70, well below minimum wage.

"I work about 40 hours a week," he said. "Monday to Friday. I get about \$200 a week."

Mr Inverway said thousands previously employed under the original scheme were now unemployed.

"People are walking around with nothing to do. We need real jobs, not ration cards. We need education. We need trade unions. The people in Parliament need to come to the Northern Territory and see what's going on up there," he said.

That never happened. Another two years on, those 'special measures' introduced in June 2007, ostensibly to improve life in Aboriginal communities, remain in place. Despite no evidence of welfare quarantining benefitting prescribed communities, the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* was further suspended to extend compulsory welfare quarantining around the country as of next month.



A sign stating a stance against the Government's intervention policies in Aboriginal communities in Central Australia, in the outback town of Yuendumu. AAP Image

In a five-year trial, the Government will quarantine 50-70 per cent of welfare payments to up to 20,000 people deemed 'financially vulnerable' or referred by child protection authorities in five local government areas.

With the entire NT declared an income management area, 'disengaged youth', 'long-term welfare recipients' and

'vulnerable welfare recipients' will be quarantined. This effectively means its poorest residents, largely comprising Aboriginal people, become even poorer.

The BasicsCard can only be used in hub towns, the nearest for some remote communities being a three-hour drive away, costing petrol money that people literally don't have.

Coinciding with Mr Inverway's earlier talk in Darwin, a rally was held protesting exploitative working conditions and compounded unemployment since the Intervention. Many said they could barely afford to feed their families because income quarantining caused greater poverty and social dislocation.

In response to the demonstration, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin called for proper wages to be paid for overtime worked, saying she was 'shocked' people were being exploited under the new scheme. This was despite a national day of action against the Intervention four months previously on 13 February 2010, when thousands criticised the original CDEP's abolition.

Held on the second anniversary of the Government's apology to the Stolen Generations, it also highlighted that statistics on child removals for neglect indicate that despite purported aims of child protection, Aboriginal children are being taken from their parents in greater numbers. The Government's own six-month progress report found reports of domestic violence similarly rose 61 per cent, substance abuse 77 per cent and infant hospitalisation for malnutrition 13 per cent.

A health impact assessment of the Intervention's measures released in March 2010 by the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association found many could lead to 'profound' long-term damage in children, with any potential physical

health benefits outweighed by negative impacts to psychological health, social wellbeing and cultural integrity.

Aboriginal activist Barbara Shaw, from Mt Nancy Town Camp in Alice Springs, said the Intervention was harming children.

"I was sitting with my parents the night that Minister Mal Brough and (Prime Minister) John Howard announced on national television the need for intervention to 'save women and children'," she said.

"This hasn't saved women and children. Them taking away parents' control means the situation for children has gotten worse. More children are drinking now and smoking drugs because they don't listen to their parents anymore."

With people stripped of control over their lands, visitors' permits are no longer required, meaning drugs and alcohol are more easily smuggled into communities. However, communities won't receive urgently needed housing unless they sign leases over their land.

Ms Shaw said the Intervention gave courts 'the power to do whatever they want', adding, "People have been threatened they will lose their lands altogether, so they're forced to sign 40-year leases just to have some control."

Melbourne Anti-Intervention Collective spokesperson Marisol Salinas was similarly critical.

"The Intervention is all wrong," she said.

"If people aren't involved
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D-Day for Stronger Futures legislation

By DARREN COYNE and AAP



INDIGENOUS groups and supporters were last week hoping for an 11th hour reprieve, again calling on the Federal Government to either ditch its Stronger Futures legislation or send it to a newly-created Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights.

The bills, which seek to extend the Northern Territory Intervention for up to 10 years, were due to be debated in the Senate today (Wednesday), after being deferred last week.

On Friday, former Speaker Harry Jenkins, the chair of the parliamentary committee, said it would like to 'afford the Minister (Jenny Macklin) the opportunity to provide her assessment of the policy objectives of the bills against Australia's human rights obligations...'

His call followed a letter from the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples asking the committee to examine the bills.

In that letter, Congress co-chair Jody Broun pleaded with the Government to allow the committee to examine the legislation.

She said the Government's reason that the bills were introduced to Parliament before the committee was set up was unacceptable.

"It certainly implies a disregard of the interests of the public and, in this case, the interests of the intended beneficiaries of the legislation," Ms Broun said.

She wants the committee to consider if the bills comply with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination, and covenant on economic, social and cultural rights.

The Australian Greens again called for the bills to be dumped or sent to the committee.

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

'Discriminatory impacts'

"This is especially true in regards to programs such as income management and SEAM, which could have discriminatory impacts on Aboriginal people.

"The Attorney-General has the capacity to ask the Joint Committee on Human Rights to examine the Stronger Futures package, and the Greens have written to Nicola Roxon asking for this to occur, a process we regard as essential."

Ms Broun's fellow National Congress co-chair Les Malezer told an annual Human Rights Law Centre dinner in Sydney on 15



Marchers in the anti-intervention rally in Bankstown, western Sydney, on 16 June. AAP image

June it was obvious that the Government's push on Stronger Futures breached the UN Declaration.

The Declaration, formally endorsed by Australia in 2009, includes Article 19: 'States shall consult and co-operate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them'.

"Could it be more clear that procedures used by the Government to prepare and implement the new bills are in breach of this human rights standard?" Mr Malezer said.

Meanwhile, anti-intervention groups gathered in Bankstown on 16 June, while other groups rallied in Canberra at the beginning of last week, expecting the bills to be on the agenda.

The rally in Bankstown called for the immediate withdrawal of the bills, which would extend income management to Bankstown, and four other trial sites.

It followed a meeting of union and community activists in Bankstown on 26 May which called for a community-wide boycott of income management.

Sue Gillett, a Bankstown resident, said income management failed to take into consideration the complex factors that caused disadvantage.

"In fact it will further entrench disadvantage amongst the most vulnerable

people here in Bankstown and all targeted areas," she said.

In a statement, Ms Gillett said the legislation would usher in another decade of discrimination, while George Pascoe, from the Aboriginal community of Maningrida in the NT, said he had lived under the 'dictatorship' of the intervention for too long and did not want it any more.

At the Canberra gathering, the Catholic Church, the Australian Lawyers Alliance and Quakers Australia joined Aboriginal leaders from the NT and other Aboriginal organisations including the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

Vocal opponent

Vocal opponent of the Intervention Barbara Shaw said the Government had failed to communicate properly with communities. Ms Shaw, who lives at Mt Nancy town camp in Alice Springs, said the intervention was 'a waste of time and it's a waste of money'.

"No one actually wants this," she said.

"Everyone needs to know in Australia where the taxpayers' money is going and it's not helping our people."

The church leaders also joined in condemning the proposed legislation, which is expected to pass today with Government and Coalition support, unless the calls of protesters are heard.

Catholic bishop Pat Power said the measures would undermine the good work done by former prime minister Kevin Rudd,

who formally apologised to the Stolen Generations in 2008.

Bishop Power urged senators to reject the bills.

"The Aboriginal people themselves are the ones that should be calling the shots in this," he said.

"Legislation won't be successful if it's just imposed in that way. It needs to be owned by the people that are most affected by it."

Uniting Church spokesman Ivan Roberts said the Government should work to empower Aboriginal communities rather than treating them as unequals.

"Aboriginal people have been here for 40,000 years," he said. "And they will continue to be here if we empower them to take charge of their own communities."

"They will be here not because of the intervention but in spite of the intervention."

Meanwhile, the Stand for Freedom campaign presented Greens leader Senator Christine Milne with a petition with more than 42,000 signatures.

Senator Milne will present the petition to the Senate.

Campaign director Damien Curtis and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin have also become embroiled in a war of words, with each party accusing the other of misrepresenting facts related to the Stronger Futures legislation.

Ms Macklin wrote a letter to Mr Curtis on 18 June, and Mr Curtis responded three days later. Their correspondence can be found at <http://standforfreedom.org.au>

When will critics be heard?

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in the process they can't have self-determination."

Ms Salinas said the policies were causing further problems in communities.

"Quarantining pay and taking away rights is giving people a reason to be racist," she said.

"Macklin needs to wake up and realise it's not working. Anytime I hear her speak, she talks about the Intervention like it's a good thing. She needs to go there, into the communities

and see that it's not working."

Despite repeated concerns over the past five years, Labor's Stronger Futures Bill and Social Security Legislation Amendment are currently before the Senate, likely to pass with bipartisan support.

Not only will this continue the Intervention for 10 years, it also expands income management to include cutting parents' welfare payments if their children don't attend school.

With people like Mr Inverway and Ms Shaw struggling against such hardship and division, many resent

the policies as paternalistic.

A *Journal of Indigenous Policy* study on income management described feelings of disempowerment, indignity, resentment and anger amongst community members, who were 'hurt, humiliated and confused' by the lack of consultation. Many felt stigma when using the BasicsCard, with some shops segregating them into different queues under an apartheid-like system.

The loss of autonomy in deciding what to buy was also viewed as degrading and shameful, by

implying Aboriginal people are unable to manage their lives.

Many people were thus incensed by Prime Minister Julia Gillard's Closing the Gap speech last year, which urged Indigenous people to take 'personal responsibility' for 'changes in behaviour'.

This year's speech mentioned 'respect' in various forms 17 times, claiming all Australians would decide "...bound together as individuals and a nation by shared symbols of respect and practical action, listening to each other properly, what the best evidence

tells us about what will make the greatest difference."

Contrary to this specious rhetoric, Ms Gillard clearly isn't listening.

Until prescribed communities are consulted and their members heard, the Intervention's failure is a surety. All that remains uncertain is the extent of the damage.

**Emma Purdy is an Irish journalist who recently spent considerable time in Australia researching Indigenous issues, including the Intervention and Aboriginal deaths in custody.*

Funds query for NT health body



AN Aboriginal health organisation in the Northern Territory is facing questions about the alleged misuse of more than \$2 million in

funding.

The Federal Department of Health has told the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC) an audit raised concerns about governance, record keeping and spending.

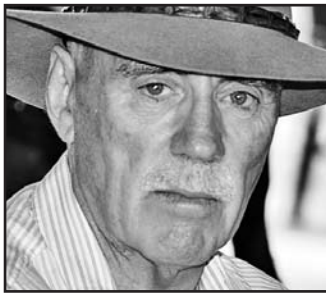
An April letter from department assistant secretary Garry Fisk to

Congress chairwoman Helen Kantawarra warns the Federal Government may move to recover 'in excess of \$2 million'.

The letter outlines apparent irregularities with the charging of 20 per cent administration fees for projects, transfers of money between projects and unauthorised overseas travel.

The letter says chief executive officer Stephanie Bell allegedly used a corporate credit card for 'what appear to be non-business purposes'.

"This is a serious matter,



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particularly if the funds involved were grant funds," Mr Fisk wrote in the letter, which was obtained

by *Alice Springs News*.

Mr Fisk has asked the congress what action it was planning to take, although he acknowledged Ms Bell had repaid some amounts.

Ms Kantawarra said in a statement an independent organisational review and financial investigation were under way.

She said the review and investigation would not affect the delivery of health services.

Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowden told reporters in

Canberra last Wednesday the Government had sent in a financial administrator and would be conducting further audits.

"This is an issue about transparency and good governance," he said.

"I'm most concerned about the operation of the congress board and some senior management."

Mr Snowden said he would be talking to the NT Department of Justice.

He declined to comment on whether criminal charges were likely to be laid. — **AAP**

Gunggari celebrate



THE Gunggari people have won native title rights to more than 100,000 hectares of southern Queensland in an historic decision.

In a consent determination made at a special sitting of the Federal Court in Mitchell on Friday, the Gunggari people were awarded non-exclusive rights to 118,449 hectares across the Balonne, Murweh and Maranoa Shire Council areas.

The determination, covering 38 parcels of land including pastoral leases, term leases, reserves, State Forest and unallocated State land, was the 67th native title determination in Queensland, but the first in mainland southern Queensland.

It gives the Gunggari people the right to hunt, fish, camp, conduct ceremonies and travel through the land, as well as to protect and maintain areas of importance to their culture.

Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS) chief executive Kevin Smith, who represented the Gunggari claimants, said it was a landmark decision.

"It is significant because when you look at Brisbane and the areas in which settlement first radiated out, it is difficult to maintain an ongoing connection to the land," he said.

"But the Gunggari people did it, to their credit, for some 160 years of settlement."

The Gunggari first made the claim in 1996, and have since revised it to a smaller area and had to comply with changing sets of native title laws.

Mr Smith said the group had managed to negotiate outcomes with the



Michelle Saunders and Uncle Wayne Saunders preparing for the smoking ceremony.

many respondents to the case, including seven pastoral interests.

"I looked at the old party lists and there were 200 respondent parties back then, so over the 16 years all the relevant interests have been dealt with," he said.

The determination was a positive one for similar native title claims across southern Queensland, Mr Smith said.

Good sign

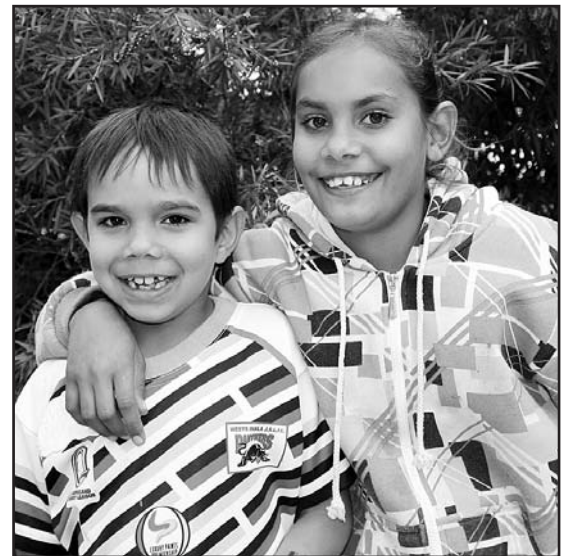
"It's a good sign that, notwithstanding settlements in an area, that Aboriginal people can still hold significant connection to an area, and that has been recognised by the Federal Court," he said.

It was also the first native title determination finalised since the Newman LNP Government was elected, and Natural Resources and Mines Minister Andrew Cripps said the Gunggari people would now have the use and enjoyment of their traditional lands for generations to come.

Before the determination, Gunggari Elder Aunty Ethel Munn spoke of her people's patience and perseverance.

"It's a fact of life that negative things happen, but I believe we were big enough to heal and move on and do something positive," Aunty Ethel said.

"The battle's been worth it if we end up being recognised as people." — **AAP with the Koori Mail**



Proud to be Gunggari, David and Philamina Saunders. Photos by SOPHIA WALTER, QSNTS



Gunggari Elder Aunty Ethel Munn celebrates.



The special sitting of the Federal Court filled the public hall in Mitchell, southern Queensland.



Great moment ...Native title claimant Brad Saunders as the court hands its ruling.

Police may face Spratt charges

By LIZ MURRAY in Perth



WESTERN Australia's police chief is considering criminal charges against two

officers who tasered Aboriginal man Kevin Spratt in August 2008.

The report stemming from the 2011 Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) inquiry into the treatment of Mr Spratt, recommended the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) assess whether two Perth Watch House police officers should be criminally charged.

Senior constables Grant Strahan and Troy Tomlin tasered Mr Spratt up to 12

times on 31 August 2008 when he refused to strip during processing at the watch house after his arrest.

During a week in WA police and prison custody, Kevin Spratt was tasered up to 41 times, the CCC inquiry was told last year.

"The Director of Public Prosecutions has provided an opinion to the WA Police," said a spokeswoman for Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan.

"...that opinion is currently under consideration by the Professional Standards portfolio.

"Unfortunately, WA Police is unable to comment further as I am advised opinion from the



KARL O'CALLAGHAN

DPP is subject to legal professional privilege."

The DPP declined to comment on the matter.

The CCC inquiry found Mr Spratt was also tasered by other police and prison officers during his week in custody, as many as 29



RICHARD SPRATT

more times after the initial incident with constables Tomlin and Strahan.

No police were suspended or stood down but constables Tomlin and Strahan copped fines via internal disciplinary procedures in 2009.

According to the CCC inquiry report published on the CCC website, 'In total there were 14 deployments of taser weapons on 31 August 2008 at the (watch house) by WAPOL officers'.

"Nine of these deployments were video recorded... while five deployments were not recorded as they occurred in the padded cell," the report said.

According to Taser Data Port download records, Senior Constable Tomlin was responsible for the first four deployments and Senior Constable Strahan was responsible for 10 deployments – five during the period from 12:09:57pm and 12:10:48pm, and five after

that period in the padded cell. "However, this is disputed by Senior Constable Strahan who gave evidence during a public examination that his recollection was that it was only three times in the padded cell – that is, eight (and not ten) deployments overall," the report said.

It also said the two constables' use of the tasers against Mr Spratt was 'an undue and excessive use of force which was unreasonable and unjustified'.

A conviction against Mr Spratt for obstructing the watch house officers was overturned in April last year, when CCTV viewed at the inquiry contradicted a police statement of material fact.

Inquiry told of police 'shame'



POLICE believed a man who died in custody in Alice Springs had been faking injuries in the hours before his death to try to get to hospital, an inquest has been told.

On Friday, the final day of the inquest into the death of 27-year-old Kwementyaye Briscoe, the counsel representing the NT Police, Ian Freckelton, SC, painted a picture of the dead man as having an extensive criminal past and a history of alcohol abuse.

The death of Mr Briscoe sparked protests in Alice Springs and elsewhere, after other people arrested with him on 4 January said police had roughed him up after he was taken into protective custody because he was drunk.

The nine-day inquest has been told that in the hours prior to the death, one police officer was listening to an iPod and another on the internet while other prisoners tried in vain to alert him to the unfolding medical emergency.

Police ignored a request to put the heavily intoxicated Mr Briscoe under close observation and one

officer lied to ambulance staff about how often he had checked on Mr Briscoe.

Dr Freckelton said police did not realise Mr Briscoe was seriously ill because in the hours before he died he had faked injuries, including pretending an old stab wound was a recent injury, and pretending to be in respiratory distress.

He said such ruses affected the way two of the police who dealt with Mr Briscoe – Constable Gareth Evans and Constable Anthony Blansjaar – treated Mr Briscoe.

"Inevitably this affected the way in which they responded to the anomalous change in condition in Kwementyaye," Dr Freckelton said. "They suspected that he too was feigning a condition which might result in his being transported to hospital."

Dr Freckelton said going to hospital was a common ruse because people could leave and resume drinking or be in danger.

He also used his closing address to the inquest to reject claims made at the hearing by Mr Briscoe's aunt, Patricia Morton-



Pictured outside the Alice Springs Coroner's Court last week are relatives of the late Kwementyaye Briscoe, from left, Kitty Gibson, Janie Briscoe, Rosslyn Quinn, Linda Quinn, Elaine Quinn, Patricia Morton-Thomas and Patsy Morton. AAP Image

Thomas, that the dead man had in the past been attacked by police.

He said the claims apparently related to an incident in which Mr Briscoe allegedly was apprehended carrying a steak knife and did not comply with an instruction by police to stop and police statements did not support allegations of brutality.

But Dr Freckelton did admit that unacceptable errors in judgment and 'deficits in the provision of care' had taken place in relation to Mr Briscoe on the night he died and he expressed his condolences to the family.

He said that the 'holes in the cheese lined up' to see an innocent man die.

"But that does not mean there was malice, indifference or any form of willful callousness by most of the police involved," he said.

On Thursday, senior police addressed the court and admitted to Coroner Greg Cavanagh that recommendations made at an earlier death in custody inquest were not being carried out.

Attacked

The court also heard from Patricia Morton-Thomas, who said her nephew had been attacked by police prior to his arrest.

"He had been attacked by two police officers in the company of his girlfriend," Ms Morton-Thomas said.

"If he ran on the night he died I would suggest it was because he was afraid."

Ms Morton-Thomas said things needed to change in Alice Springs, with every single member of her family experiencing police persecution in the past.

Counsel assisting the coroner Peggy Dwyer said the death of Mr Briscoe was a tragedy that would forever affect the police officers who were derelict in their care.

"More than that, it is a shameful chapter in the history of policing in the Northern Territory," Ms Dwyer told the court.

Mr Cavanagh has reserved his findings. — **Compiled from several AAP reports**

Pilot project for cadet rangers



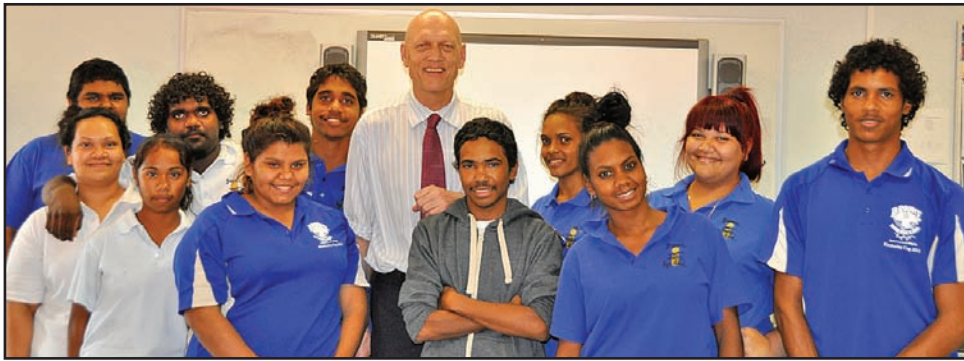
THE Federal Government has announced a trial program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students called the Indigenous Rangers Cadetship pilot.

School Education Minister Peter Garrett made the \$4.1 million announcement during a recent visit to Broome Senior High School in Western Australia.

"Indigenous Ranger Cadetships are about giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from regional and remote communities the skills they need to become rangers in their local area," Mr Garrett said.

"This heralds an exciting new era in providing students with the opportunity to work on country, as rangers and in associated roles in natural resource management.

"I have seen first-hand the good work being done by Indigenous Rangers across



School Education Minister Peter Garrett with Broome Senior High School students Sanchez Lawford, Mikaela Carter, Marcia Augustine, Samuel Stream, Bianca Graham, Daniel Carrington, Albert Dolby, Kasuanna Hunter-Aragu, Tonii Skeen, Jaliah Bin Hitam and Shaun Sullivan.

their land and sea country, in bush regeneration and control of feral animals. "Not only does this program offer students

a career path, it ensures they stay at school and get a great education; with the training in natural resource management and cultural

studies to be provided throughout the schooling years.

"I'm positive that the pilot will be enthusiastically supported and I'm really pleased we can get these cadetships under way."

Students who complete the course will earn a nationally recognised qualification, which will give them the skills for jobs on local land management projects.

The schools to take part in the trial are Vincentia High School (NSW), Tagai State College (Qld), Western Cape College (Qld), Kununurra District High School (WA), Broome Senior High School (WA), Yirrkala School (NT), Shepherdson College (NT) and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College (NT).

Mr Garrett said the pilot would provide up to \$250,000 to each of the schools.

The first eight pilot schools will begin the pilot program in Term 3 this year, with further schools to start in the 2013 school year.

Australia in global network



PRIME Minister Julia Gillard has announced that Australia has joined with Brazil, Norway and New Zealand to form the Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Land and Sea Managers Network.

Speaking at the Rio +20 conference in Brazil last week, Ms Gillard said the program would help communities across the globe to share traditional knowledge and create an internationally-focused network of Indigenous land and sea managers.

It will draw on existing networks, such as Australia's Working on Country program, which employs Indigenous rangers to look after land and sea country.

North Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) CEO Joe Morrison said he was pleased the Government was recognising the value of traditional knowledge.

"We believe this is a major step in the right direction, finally putting on the agenda Indigenous people looking after their country, or looking after country for the good of the environment," he said.

"What's happening in Australia, our work in northern Australia, is leading many other developed and developing countries to assist in recognising people who have been long-term managers of land and sea country and their real role, protecting cultural values, it's a major step in the right direction.

"There's a lot of methodology in terms of how people manage their country, for example savannah burning, which represents an opportunity now with the carbon farming initiative. It is really traditional fire management of the type that has been going on for 40-50 thousand years.

"This network confirms a way and presents a unique opportunity to export that knowledge and it's also an opportunity for Indigenous people here to learn from other places, like New Zealand and Canada. We're also hopeful that other countries will join up too, like Indonesia and Papua New Guinea and African nations – everybody has something we can learn from."

Environment Minister Tony Burke said it took Australia a long time to recognise that Indigenous rangers were often the best-placed people in Australia to provide environmental management.

"Over the past few years through Working on Country, the number of Indigenous rangers has now built up to around 700 – that's 700 additional people engaged in environmental management with all the benefits of traditional knowledge," he said.

"It's some of the best work our Environment Department is involved with and it's a credit to every ranger that this sort of expertise is now being recognised internationally."

Australia will initiate the development of the network through an international conference in Darwin in May 2013.



JULIA GILLARD



THE inaugural North Australian Indigenous Experts

Forum (NAIEF) on sustainable economic development was held at Mary River outside Darwin last week. Young Indigenous leaders, Elders, leading professionals, practitioners and experts in economic, cultural, social, environment and policy fields attended the event, which was hosted by the North Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA).

The overarching aim of the forum was to build a future for northern Australia that is inclusive of the wide range of Indigenous interests and aspirations.

NAIEF deputy chairman Peter Yu said the forum responded as part of the process established under the Northern Australian Ministerial Forum to identify key policy initiatives for future development of the north.

"The forum is an opportunity to see some re-alignment in our relationship and the manner in which we assert our rights and key concerns about investment and participation in the developing economy across the north," he said.

Sam Johnston, a senior research fellow at the United Nations University in Japan and one of the guests at the forum, drew comparisons between it and Rio+20, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held at the same time in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"Both conferences were about sustainable development and building stronger communities



Some of the participants and guests of the North Australian Indigenous Experts Forum held at Mary River, outside Darwin, last week. Photo courtesy NAILSMA

through economic empowerment and development," Mr Johnston said. "One conference was at the global level – one was at the local level, but they are talking about the same things: how do we engage the dynamism of local activity into the mainstream economic activity and use that to tackle some of our environmental, social and cultural problems."

"The Rio+20 Conference recognised Indigenous communities as core stakeholders with answers to many of the problems."

The forum at Mary River developed a strategic framework with action plans that covered the areas of economics, culture, conservation, employment, infrastructure and governance.

"Our ancestors handed us the rights, responsibilities and dedication to look after

our country," said Joe Ross, a member of the Indigenous Experts Panel, and former chair of the Northern Land and Water Taskforce.

"Indigenous people have native title interests in over 80 per cent of the north. From a unified position and with our fair share of the

economic wealth of the north, we can build resilient communities through reliable prosperity."

NAILSMA CEO Joe Morrison said the forum presented a unique opportunity to build on what Indigenous people had been saying for the past 30-40 years, and which would help the fabric of future development of northern Australia.

"What happened at the Mary River conference confirmed that Indigenous people have a high level of enthusiasm for nation-building, particularly in bringing real value from cultural and knowledge

systems," he said.

"We had lots of discussions about types of economic development that's not just extractive industry, and everyone is committed to new ways of economic development that value knowledge and culture and can be developed sustainably."

"We discussed new and emerging economic ideas that serve managing country for the sake of conservation and culture, that conservation efforts offer real opportunities, like rangers, and are not just reliant on extractive industry."

"We can use cultural knowledge to manage conservation stocks, manage intact landscapes, so we can increase opportunities and don't end up exporting all our resources."

A report on outcomes from the forum will be presented to the Northern Australian Ministerial Forum in Alice Springs next month, and provide direction to its Indigenous Experts Panel and a follow-up forum in 2013.

'Our ancestors handed us the rights, responsibilities and dedication to look after our country'

Indigenous water rights win support

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE National Water Commission (NWC) is calling for Australia's states and territories to meet their commitments

under the National Water Initiative by providing Indigenous Australians with access to water resources for cultural and economic purposes.

The First Peoples' Water Engagement Council (FPWEC) provided formal advice to the commission, which has responded with a position paper calling for practical action to improve Indigenous access to water.

NWC CEO James Cameron said allocating water rights to Indigenous people could create economic opportunities and help close the gap and that Indigenous Australians should be involved in decisions about how cultural and environmental water is used.

"Water can make a significant contribution to the aspirations and wellbeing of Australia's First Peoples," he said.

"This is recognised in Australia's blueprint for water reform, the National Water Initiative, which commits governments to identify Indigenous values and requirements in water planning, as well as to put in place strategies to meet them.

"Indigenous people are integral stakeholders in water management and have managed their lands and waters sustainably for thousands of generations. Through their connections to the landscape, they have acquired a deep and valuable understanding of Australia's water systems.

"While most governments have taken steps to better engage with Indigenous stakeholders, this has yet to translate into a coherent national approach."

FPWEC chair Phil Duncan said he was 'pretty happy' the NWC had taken on board most of their recommendations, although he said there could have been more commitment.

"We've worked long and hard and laid the foundations for engagement with Aboriginal people as equal partners in allocations and management of water and for being involved in the decision-making process," Mr Duncan said.

"Now there has to be a commitment from each State and Territory.

"The time is here and now – we're not a stumbling block, we can provide the balance between environmental and cultural outcomes.

"We now have the opportunity for Aboriginal people to be involved in the allocation of water, which will help with the closing the gap strategies, particularly health, and in the economics.

"Water is central to life, everything on this planet needs water to survive.

"Aboriginal people have been managing this effectively since time



First Peoples' Water Engagement Council chair Phil Duncan believes the time is right for governments and stakeholders to properly engage with and learn from Indigenous people regarding water.



National Water Commission CEO James Cameron wants practical action to improve Indigenous access to water.

immemorial, our culture is interactive with land and water, they are symbiotic.

"Now there are opportunities for governments across the country, to look to Indigenous people for advice."

Mr Cameron said the Northern Territory and Queensland governments had already provided specific water allocations to Indigenous peoples in the form of Strategic Indigenous Reserves.

Mr Duncan and Mr Cameron praised the Aboriginal Water Initiative of the NSW Office of Water, saying it illustrated a useful working partnership.

Mr Duncan said the paper contained no surprises because of the lengthy and comprehensive consultation the FPWEC had done with stakeholders, including agriculture and mining interests.

"Access to well-managed water is what underpins strong rural economies so embracing us as an equal stakeholder and partner can only add value, strength and vibrancy to rural economies," he said.

The position statement and the advice of the FPWEC is available on the commission's website – www.nwc.gov.au

Qld toughens cruelty laws



TRADITIONAL hunting of turtles and dugongs will no longer be exempt from animal cruelty laws in Queensland.

Agriculture Minister John McVeigh introduced legislation to State Parliament last Tuesday to make dugong and turtle hunters meet animal welfare standards.

The changes fulfill an LNP election promise made after the ABC aired footage of hunters cutting the flippers off a turtle lying struggling on its back.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Minister Glen Elmes said the Government would work with Indigenous communities to ensure the new standards were met.

"All Queenslanders will now have the same animal welfare obligations and it's important every Queenslanders understands animal cruelty is never acceptable," he said.

Dugongs and turtles are protected species, but some Indigenous groups have the right to continue traditional hunting of the animals.

Some traditional owner organisations have agreements with governments around turtle and dugong conservation and have called in the past on Indigenous communities to 'step up and show leadership' on the issue of illegal poaching.

In March, Phil Rist, from the Giringun Aboriginal Corporation, said Indigenous communities had demonstrated they could play an important role in managing their Sea Country to ensure the harvest of marine species was sustainable and was in line with



The hunting of dugong and turtles in Queensland will no longer be exempt from state animal cruelty laws.

tradition and custom.

However, the Government's moves have angered Torres Strait leader Fred Gela, who says there's been no proper consultation with Torres Strait Islander people who relied on turtle and dugong as a main food source in a region where the cost of living was well above that of the mainland.

Cr Gela, the Mayor of Torres

Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC), said Torres Strait Islanders were incorrectly being made out to be 'cruel hunters who purposely torture our game'.

He said there was no clarity around what constituted a humane way of culling either turtles or dugong.

"Cattle are lined up to be executed and shot in the head. Studies have shown that their grief and trauma before death is brutal and inhumane, but has that stopped Australian cattle farmers from killing their stock?" he said.

"Could you imagine the riot that would be caused if the LNP put a ban on the inhumane killing of cattle? (The) same goes for caged poultry, fishermen in trawlers and most other animal catching or hunting practices.

"These individuals who have lobbied the LNP Government to put this ban in place do not want turtle or dugong to be taken at all, and it's easy for them to have that sort of approach because at the end of the day, they don't rely on these animals as a food supply and it is very much not part of their culture."

Cr Gela said Torres Strait Islanders would not be deterred.

"We will not back down from any scare tactics such as the proposed two year jail sentence or \$100,000 fine," he said.

"Our cultural practices make us who we are and how we hunt is part of our identity. We are not going to throw away our identity for anyone." – **AAP, with additional reporting by the Koori Mail.**

● See Page 24 for Mayor Gela's full statement.

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Honour for our first MP



WHEN Eric Deeral entered the Queensland Parliament in 1974, it must have been with some trepidation.

As the first Aboriginal person elected to any Australian state or territory parliament, it was largely up to the new National Party Member for Cook to blaze his own trail.

And so he did, for three years, seeking improved roads for the far north to allow tourism and other industries to develop, and ensuring improvements were made to schools and medical treatment access.

After he left politics, Mr Deeral went on to work for his people in other ways, including as the first chairperson of the Aboriginal Coordination Council and an advocate on heritage, land rights, justice, and electoral participation.

Last week, his significant and historic contribution was formally acknowledged with the Queensland Indigenous Youth Parliament, which is held in the Qld Parliament, renamed in his honour.

The re-christened event kicks off tomorrow, with 40 Indigenous youth – a new generation of potential Indigenous parliamentary leaders – coming together to explore the workings of democracy and have some ‘real, robust debate’ on issues



Queensland Speaker Fiona Simpson, former MLA Eric Deeral, and Assistant Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs David Kempton at last week's acknowledgement ceremony in front of Mr Deeral's family, local community representatives and other Elders. Photo courtesy of Cooktown Local News

facing young people today.

Mr Deeral will be the guest of honour at a reception today, having ‘warmed up’ for the role at another special event held on his own country last week.

At an acknowledgement ceremony at

Hope Vale on Monday, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Fiona Simpson sought his permission to rename this week's event after him.

Given Mr Deeral's long-expressed desire to see young Indigenous people get

involved in the parliamentary process, it was probably little wonder that he agreed.

Describing the 79-year-old as a significant national, state and community leader... ‘a role model for all people’, Ms Simpson presented Mr Deeral with a bound folio containing records of his service as an MLA, including the poll results of his election, his maiden speech, transcripts of his other speeches and other records.

“(But) your greatest legacy is not limited to the words in this folio – your legacy is the power of your story and the leadership you have demonstrated and inspired in others,” she told him.

“Great leaders unlock the potential of people who they serve – helping them achieve their dreams, to be their best, and to claim their destiny for good. You are such a leader.”

Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services Minister Tracy Davis said she was delighted that Mr Deeral would be present to see the Indigenous Youth Parliament in action and able to share some words of wisdom with the aspiring young people at the event.

The event is part of a week-long Indigenous Youth Leadership Program, run in partnership between the Department of Communities' Office for Youth, Xstrata Coal and the Queensland Parliament.

Fresh push for search protocols

By JILLIAN MUNDY in Hobart



A TASMANIAN woman arrested during a peaceful protest in 2009, and strip-searched in the toilets, wants Corrective Services protocols on such searches brought into line with new ones introduced by Tasmanian police for people under 18. Legal field officer Sara Maynard has called for a single piece of legislation to clarify such procedures and prevent children and protesters being subjected to the same humiliating treatment.

She said freedom of speech would be stymied unless the laws were changed.

“Although I was (arrested) for peacefully protesting to protect my heritage, I was housed in the Hobart Remand Centre which meant that Corrective Services had the power to force me to take my clothes off and humiliate me,” Ms Maynard told the *Koori Mail*. “This is an abuse of power.

“I told them I had already been patted down at the Bridgewater police station and they basically said that if I didn't comply the police would come through, hold me down

with force and strip my clothes off me – they were all men.”

Ms Maynard says she has received information that the strip search of Brighton Bypass protesters was ordered by Corrective Services manager Robert Williams. She believes it was a tactic to stop the protests.

Perpetrators of violent crimes have told her that they have not always been strip searched when admitted to the Hobart Remand Centre.

“People arrested for political action should not be treated the same way as rapists and murderers,” Ms Maynard said.

No record

Ms Maynard, who has no criminal record, told the *Koori Mail* that as a legal field officer with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, she was treated as a service provider by custodial staff at the Hobart Remand Centre but, as a protester, she was treated like a terrorist.

“It's frustrating that they could lawfully bully and humiliate me,” she said.

This month, Tasmania Police introduced new protocols relating to the strip searching of children, after the strip search of a child during a

drug raid in January made local headlines.

Although Deputy Commissioner of Tasmania Police Scott Tilyard said the search was deemed lawful, it was decided that the policy, along with protocols in other police jurisdictions, should be examined.

“A strip search of a person under the age of 18 is a rare occurrence and is only undertaken if determined necessary by the seriousness and urgency of the circumstances,” he said.

“The new protocols have been developed to ensure the dignity of the child is protected.”

Under the new protocols:

- The search must have authorisation from an inspector or sergeant;

- An officer of the same sex must carry out the strip search in the presence of a parent, guardian or other responsible adult wherever possible; and

- The search must be undertaken in a private location and will not involve the removal of more garments than is necessary.

Ms Maynard said that Corrective Services strip search protocols also needed amendment.

“The Tasmanian Police new protocols on child strip searching



Sara Maynard is outraged that strip searches of children and peaceful protesters by authorities are lawful without the consent of a court.

are unclear and will not effectively protect the dignity of a person under the age of 18 if they are housed by the Hobart Remand Centre,” she said.

“Certainty of procedure is what is required. How can young people be expected to know their rights, where there are so many provisions across different acts that affect strip searching,” she said, pointing out ten separate pieces of Tasmanian legislation, that she is aware of, that had such provisions.

“As an interim measure, all protocols need to be reviewed to prevent peaceful protesters being strip searched as well. Laws must be changed.”

Ms Maynard said she understood Corrective Services obligations to the safety of individuals and themselves, but could see no reason why alternatives such as body search

by pat down, hand scanners, metal detectors or sniffer dogs could not be used, especially for peaceful protesters.

“These manual methods are currently used within the prison system anyway,” she said.

She said the issue had been ‘handballed’ since being raised with the Tasmanian Government in 2009.

Ms Maynard said that when she raised the issue again recently with Premier Lara Giddings, Ms Giddings offered her a personal apology in relation to the strip search.

When asked by the *Koori Mail* for a comment, Ms Giddings was circumspect, saying only that it was true that the issue was raised when she met with representatives of the Aboriginal community.

“I undertook to raise it with the relevant ministers,” she said.

Tasty opportunity on menu



EVER watched a television cooking show and declared smugly that you could do better? Well, here's a chance to put your culinary skills where your mouth is.

Some of Sydney's top restaurants have combined forces to create the new National Indigenous Culinary Institute (NICI) and they're on the look-out for talent.

In August, Neil Perry of Rockpool, Guillaume Brahimi of Guillaume at Bennelong, Michael McMahon of Catalina and others will select a dozen Indigenous trainee chefs for three years of on-the-job mentoring and training in their award-winning restaurants.

The chefs will act as 'culinary guardians' throughout the training, augmented by Barry McDonald of Fratelli Fresh and food writers and critics Terry Durack and Jill Dupleix.

It promises to be a mouthwatering opportunity for those with the right skills, attitude and a willingness to work hospitality hours in pursuit of a unique qualification.

But, be warned, there'll be a one-week competitive selection process for the coveted spots. Applicants are being asked to submit resumes telling the group about themselves, their work experience, why they'd like the opportunity and why they think



Indigenous apprentice chef John Seden working at Ayers Rock Resort. Trainees from the new National Indigenous Culinary Institute will be able to gain valuable on-the-job, industry-based skills development at the ILC-owned resort.

they'd make a great trainee chef.

Rockpool owner and chef Neil Perry said the hospitality industry welcomed the opportunity to provide Indigenous trainees with the skills and training required to work in the country's finest dining establishments.

"Anyone with natural ability should be able to receive the right training and experience," he said.

"Our longer-term aim is for Indigenous chefs to be a major force in the Australian restaurant industry."

The course will have a focus on the history of Australian gastronomy, on the selection of quality produce, and the ethics of suppliers and growers in food production.

So far, 15 Australian corporations have committed to

financially support and be involved in the NICI, which is led by Bill Wavish, David Baffsky, Barry McDonald, Ross Grant, Bill Sweeney and Mark Arbib.

Funding is also being provided through the Australian Government's Indigenous Employment Program. The Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) is supporting the initiative as part of its commitment to

increasing training and employment opportunities for Indigenous people.

For more information on the traineeships, call Rebecca on (02) 9125 5100 or Anita on (02) 4747 7906. Applications close next Wednesday, 4 July. The selection process begins on 13 August and successful applicants will begin the program in October.

Expert hopes for vaccines

By **DARREN COYNE**



IF immunisation expert Dr Jeffery Hanna could have three wishes he would probably roll them all into one super vaccine.

And that vaccine would target rheumatic fever, which affects the heart valves in children, otitis media, causing middle ear infections, and a vaccine against the sexually transmitted diseases chlamydia and gonorrhoea.

"We're not there yet, but these vaccines are in development, with clinical trials under way," he told the *Koori Mail*.

Dr Hanna, who has worked as an immunologist in far north of Queensland, delivered the Feery Oration at a three-day conference last week with a focus on immunisation and Indigenous health in Australia and around the world.

Dr Hanna, from the School of Public Health, Tropical Medicine and Rehabilitation Sciences at James Cook University in Cairns, spoke about changing issues for immunisation over the past 20 years, and current challenges here and abroad.



Associate Professor Jeffery Hanna with his colleague Indigenous public health officer Valmay Fisher.

"I've been a public health doctor in Cairns for 20 years and I'm not a laboratory person or a sophisticated number cruncher ... I'm a hands-on disease control doctor," he said.

That work has involved being at the coalface of disease outbreaks including influenza among the elderly, Hepatitis A in the 1990s, which resulted in the death of three children, and Japanese Encephalitis in 1995, which killed two people on Badu Island, and resulted in pigs being used to test for the disease.

The work tackling those diseases also provided ammunition for communities seeking funding from government, by lending weight to

their applications to improve drainage and infrastructure to remove mosquito-breeding sites.

Dr Hanna said the transient nature of Aboriginal people had always provided challenges to immunisation schedules but, over the years, with the help of Indigenous public health officers like his colleague Valmay Fisher, and other health organisations, vaccine coverage was improving all the time.

"Local knowledge and communication across borders is very important," he said.

As for the future, Dr Hanna said that while work progressed in tackling diseases in Australia, "it seems to me that the really big challenges in immunisation nowadays are offshore," Dr Hanna said.

"Quite simply: how can modern (and intrinsically expensive) vaccines be funded, introduced efficiently and without undue delay in those countries where the disease burden is the greatest?"

"This surely is where the new frontiers in immunisation lie."

More than 500 delegates from across Australia and overseas gathered at the Darwin Convention Centre for the immunisation conference.



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The Classification Board, located in Sydney, is responsible for classifying films, publications and computer games on behalf of the Australian community. No formal qualifications are required to become a member of the Board. Board members are representative of the community. Broad life experience will be highly regarded and people from diverse backgrounds and regional Australia are encouraged to apply.

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NOTES FOR THE POSITION: All applicants must first obtain an **Information Pack (which contains position requirements, selection criteria, contact details and address for applications). Information Packs are available at www.ag.gov.au/classificationappointments or at www.classification.gov.au. They may also be requested by fax on (02) 9289 7101 or by phone on (02) 9289 7100.**

Applications close 5:00pm on Friday, 6 July 2012.

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Inquest focus on murdered mother

By LIZ MURRAY in Perth



AN inquest in Perth last week explored how government responses to family violence failed a murdered Aboriginal mother of 13.

In November 2009, Kenneth Charles Pickett was jailed for a minimum of 20 years for stabbing and killing his estranged wife Andrea Pickett, aged 39.

An inquest in the West Australian Coroner's Court heard that, at the time of the brutal attack, Pickett had only recently been released from prison where he'd served a term for breaching a violence restraining order that Ms

Pickett had taken against him the year before.

Though Mrs Pickett diligently renewed the violence restraining order, within days her ex-husband had breached it multiple times and was stalking her, which forced her to seek refuge with her relatives.

She reported a threatening incident to the Mirrabooka Police in which her ex-husband menaced her with a knife but just hours later, armed with a knife, he was able to threaten her again.

On a previous occasion, Mrs Pickett became alarmed when she discovered a machete that was left in her house, after it was broken into.

Police said that they did not have access to up-to-date

information on the police database about Kenneth Pickett's address to arrest him for the breaches, and Ms Pickett was killed two days later, when he tracked her to a relative's house.

Procedures

Police systems for monitoring the addresses of parolees had been improved since that time, but police evidence at the inquest suggested that police procedures had not been adhered to, the court heard.

In March, the State Opposition called for mandatory electronic tagging for the worst domestic violence offenders, so their locations could be determined at all times.

The purpose of the inquest was to identify ways that government responses to domestic violence could better protect victims.

While Pickett breached the renewed violence restraining order several times and police had two substantial reported incidents in the four days leading up to Mrs Pickett's murder, police could not locate him until the day after the attack.

State Coroner Alastair Hope was critical of the lack of substance to government protections for Mrs Pickett.

The inquest also heard that Kenneth Pickett had been released despite clear and early indicators that he could violently

re-offend against his ex-wife. He was a paranoid schizophrenic, the court heard. The sentencing judge in 2009 said the man showed no remorse for his actions.

Due to the systemic focus of the inquest, to uncover deficiencies in the way domestic violence was dealt with by government agencies, Kenneth Pickett was asked to give evidence to help inform the inquiry.

However, he was evasive over how he located his ex-wife, and where he was living upon his release on parole from the 2008 breach.

The Coroner will hand down his findings in court tomorrow (28 June).

Changes to Bail Act urged

By DARREN COYNE



THE New South Wales legal fraternity and youth advocates say any changes to the state's Bail Act must address the over-representation of Aboriginal young people on remand.

A report into the *Bail Act 1978 (NSW)* was tabled in NSW Parliament on 13 June, although the Government has announced it would wait six months to respond to the Law Reform Commission's review.

Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT

chief legal officer John McKenzie told the *Koori Mail* that the ALS had been calling for reform for a long time.

"In New South Wales, over half the kids in juvenile detention are Aboriginal. Breaking that down further, one half of all kids are there on remand," he said.

"The proportion of Aboriginal kids who are remand prisoners is closer to 60 per cent and keeps getting exponentially worse for Aboriginal kids.

"It should be categorised as a national crisis because that situation is replicated in all other states and territories."

Mr McKenzie said it was time the principles of justice reinvestment (diverting funds away from jails to improve communities) were put into practice.

Meanwhile, advocacy group the Youth Action & Policy Association (YAPA) also called on the Government to adopt recommendations in the report.

YAPA spokesperson Eamon Waterford said the review had commonsense solutions to the 'currently failing system', including requiring courts to take into account whether a person was young, from an Indigenous background or had a mental health or cognitive impairment.

Australian Greens Justice spokesperson David Shoebridge said the report confirmed that the Bail Act was broken and needed a

thorough overhaul. "Fixing the bail laws can greatly reduce the number of inmates inappropriately held on remand and produce significant savings in the state's billion dollar prisons budget," he said.

"Currently over 2500 prisoners are being held on remand each day in NSW prisons, costing the state more than \$690,000 a day or a quarter of a billion dollars a year.

"It is simply unacceptable that one in four prisoners are held on remand, without having been found guilty of any offence, for an average period of over six months."

Mr Shoebridge said proposed reforms to section 22A of the Act were needed in order

to reduce the number of people who were unnecessarily in remand, particularly young people.

"Having a presumption in favour of bail and a clarification that bail should not be used as a form of punishment are simple changes which will have significant effects," he said.

"The recommendations rightly highlight the importance of taking people with special needs into account, including young people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and people

with mental impairments.

These groups are seriously over-represented in the criminal justice system, the reforms recommended by this report will go a long way to fixing the problem."

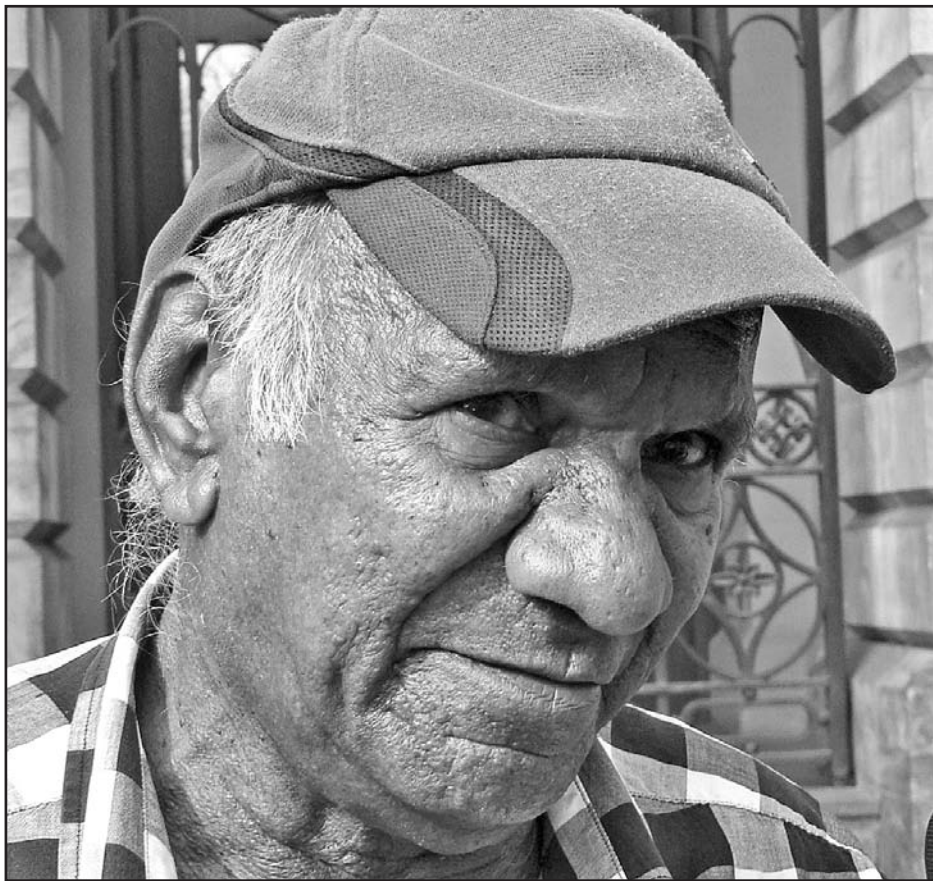
Legal associations also welcomed the proposed reforms.

Law Society of NSW president Justin Dowd said he was pleased with the approach taken by the commission, which had taken on board many of the society's submissions.

NSW Bar Association spokesperson Ian Temby, QC, said the community should be grateful to the principal authors of the report, retired judges Hal Sperling and James Wood. Mr Temby also welcomed the recommendation for a universal presumption of bail.



JOHN MCKENZIE



Kevin Buzzacott ... "I've got to do this for my land."

Elder in appeal over mine plan



AN Aboriginal Elder has returned to the Federal Court to tell 'a good story' in his bid to block the \$30 billion expansion of the Olympic Dam copper, uranium and gold mine in South

Australia's north.

Kevin Buzzacott first took action earlier this year, claiming Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke had not given enough consideration to a number of issues including the risks posed by the storage of radioactive tailings. His action was dismissed, but last Thursday he argued an appeal before the full court.

'Good story'

"We put up a good argument, a good story, to the judges but we don't really know what's going to happen until the judgment which will be in a few weeks time," he said.

"But I've got to do this for my land."

Before the court, his counsel Geoffrey Kennett, SC, argued it was not sufficient for Minister Burke to have just considered the impact of taking water from the basin.

He said the Minister had to have proper

regard to the conditions already imposed on water extraction by the SA Government.

Mr Kennett also pointed to aspects of the expansion that were still to be resolved, including plans and conditions related to the construction of a desalination plant, ore shipments from the port of Darwin and the construction of major pipelines.

He said the result was an approval that 'wasn't really an approval'.

South Australian Solicitor-General Martin Hinton said that in relation to water extraction, Mr Burke did not need to have regard to the conditions imposed by the State Government under water licences because there was no proposal to take additional water. "The action does not occasion any change... the licences then become irrelevant," he said.

The appeal was continuing with the three judges expected to reserve their decision to a date to be fixed.

The Olympic Dam expansion will create the world's largest open-cut mine.

BHP Billiton is yet to give final approval for the expansion and, under the terms of State Government approvals, has until the end of the year to make a decision. —AAP

Oldest rock art found



ARCHAEOLOGISTS have discovered the oldest rock art ever to be found in Australia in a place described as the Sistine Chapel of rock art sites.

A charcoal drawn fragment of rock dated at 28,000 years was uncovered while excavating a small part of a massive rock shelter site named Narwala Gabarnmang in south-western Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory.

Professor Bryce Barker, who was working with University of Southern Queensland (USQ) researcher Dr Lara Lamb, found the charcoal-drawn fragment at the site, which is considered one of the richest sites in Australia and one of the most extensive in the world.

Prof Barker and Dr Lamb, along with French academics Professor Jean-Michel Geneste from the Universite de Bordeaux, and Jean-Jacque Delannoy of the Universite de Savoie, are partners in 'Connecting Country' – a major archaeological project led by Dr Bruno David of Monash University.

The Jawoyn Association, based in Katherine, requested the project so their culture and history was documented.

The researchers have learned that human occupation of the Narwala Gabarnmang site dates back 45,000 years, making it one of the earliest human occupation sites in Australia.

Professor Barker said the site also had evidence of the earliest

find was that it was in a layer deep down in the earliest levels of occupation, indicating a significant age.

Additionally, because it was drawn in charcoal it meant the work could be accurately dated.

A specialist dating team led by Dr Fiona Petchey, from the University of Waikato radiocarbon laboratory, took scrapings of the charcoal which dated the fragment to 28,000 years ago, making it the oldest firmly dated rock art painting in Australia and amongst some of the earliest evidence of human painting in the world.

The results were delivered to Prof Barker only recently.

"When I turned over that little piece of rock and saw that art I couldn't believe it," he said.

"There I was sitting in the lab at USQ in Toowoomba with a piece of art that I knew had to be more than 20,000 years old."

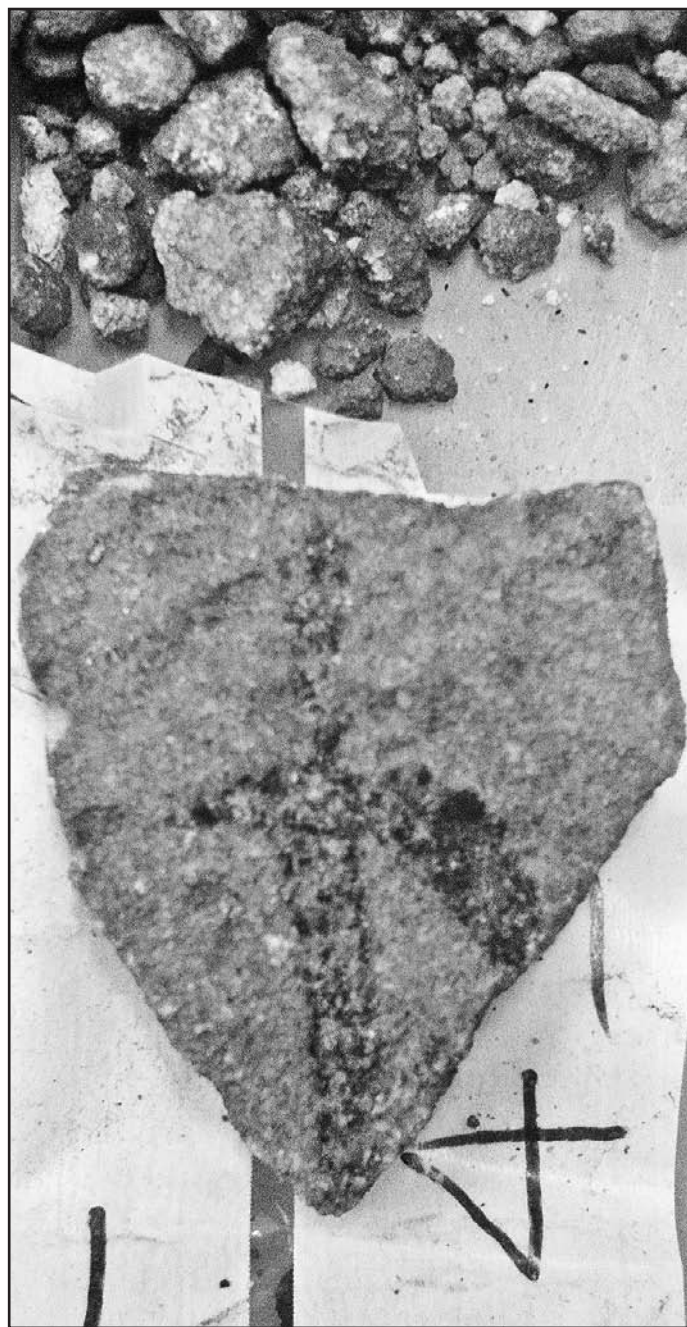
The Connecting Country project aims to present the Jawoyn community with renewed opportunities to engage with their own historical places.

'When I turned over that little piece of rock and saw that art I couldn't believe it'

human use of edge ground axes at 35,000 years ago. That's a stone tool technology not developed elsewhere until much later.

In October last year, while sorting material excavated from the site, Prof Barker turned over a fragment of granite stone and was stunned to find a piece of a charcoal drawing.

He said the significance of the



An image of the charcoal-drawn fragment of rock dated at 28,000-years-old.

NLC sights on croc plan



WHILE Northern Territory Chief Minister Paul Henderson was talking up possible changes to federal legislation, Northern Land Council (NLC) chief executive Kim Hill says traditional owner (TO) groups will have the final say on whether

crocodile safari hunting takes place on Aboriginal land in the NT.

The Program for the Management of Saltwater Crocodiles in the NT of Australia, 2012-2014 has been amended to include a trial of safari hunting of saltwater crocodiles and is out for public comment.

"Ultimately, our position is always led by the wants and aspirations of the traditional owners we represent," Mr Hill said.

"There are traditional owners in our region who are no doubt keen to be part of this activity if it were to be approved by (Federal Environment) Minister Burke.

"However, there are other groups who would have no interest in such activities given the totemic significance of the crocodile.

"For this reason it won't be a blanket 'yes' or 'no' from all of our traditional owners."

In 2009, then Environment Minister Peter Garrett approved the plan, but excluded safari hunting in the NT.

The amended management plan includes safari hunting of 50 adult animals a year, taken from the harvest quota of 500 crocs allocated under the existing plan.

"We have been pushing the Federal Government to consider safari hunting for some time as a way to generate Indigenous employment and I'm very pleased to see steps taken in this direction," Mr Henderson said.

To access the report and make a submission go to <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/invitecomment/nt-crocodile-management-plan.html>. Comments close on 31 July.



Saltwater crocodiles could be game for safari hunters in the Northern Territory, but the Northern Land Council says traditional owners will have the final say about any hunting on their own country.

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Inmates set for NAIDOC broadcasts



INDIGENOUS prisoners in six Victorian jails will be involved in live broadcasts during

NAIDOC Week as part of the Beyond the Bars project.

Run by community radio station 3CR, the project has been running for more than a decade.

The project has been expanded to involve more than 100 men, women and young people from the inside, sharing stories, songs, opinions and poems.

One of the project's founders, singer-songwriter Kutcha Edwards, said the Beyond the Bars project gave a voice to Indigenous prisoners.

"Why is it that Australia's Indigenous peoples are the most imprisoned people per capita in the world?" he said.

"To hear the answers to that question, you need to tune in to Beyond the Bars."

After a series of music and spoken word workshops, the prisoners will broadcast live from prison from 2 July to 6 July.

They can be heard on 3CR 855AM, 3CR Digital and streaming online, and simulcast on 3KnD 1503AM.

Victoria Law Foundation executive director Joh Kirby said the foundation was pleased to support the project.

"Beyond the Bars gives Indigenous inmates the opportunity to learn practical skills, and offers a unique forum for discussing and sharing their experiences of the law and the legal system with the broader Indigenous community," he said.

"We commend 3CR's commitment to providing a voice to those most marginalised and under-represented in our community."

Broadcast dates and times:

2 July 11am-2pm - Dame Phyllis Frost Centre (Deer Park)

3 July 11am-2pm - Barwon Prison (Lara, near Geelong)

4 July 10am-12 - Fulham Corrections Centre (near Sale, Gippsland)

4 July 12-2pm - Loddon Prison (Castlemaine)

5 July 12-4pm - Port Phillip Prison (Laverton)

6 July 11am-2pm - Marngoneet Correction Centre (Lara, near Geelong)

Drilling halted by challenge

By LIZ MURRAY



GOOLARABOOLOO man Richard Hunter has brought a temporary halt to Woodside drilling in environmentally sensitive areas around James Price Point, north of Broome, until a Supreme Court

challenge is heard next month.

Mr Hunter said he launched the legal challenge against Planning and Development Minister John Day because he wanted to prevent 'irreparable damage to his country and cultural heritage'. Mr Day's lawyer told the court last week the Browse development was important for the public.

Mr Hunter is arguing against recent approvals he said would permit Woodside into areas previously off-limits, and to drill in culturally significant dunes south of James Price Point.

He claimed the February approvals process was invalid, as the Kimberley Joint Development Assessment Panel (KJDAP) made the decision without waiting to receive an official report from Broome Shire Council.

Mr Hunter said the council voted not to send its official report to the KJDAP because it said there had not been enough time for the community or the shire to properly consider the issues.

Woodside's application was not made publicly available until a week before the KJDAP met to assess it, he added.

Additionally, last fortnight, the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) applied to the Federal Court on behalf of the area's joint native title claimants to discontinue the \$1.3 billion claim package because the Goolarabooloo people wanted to launch a separate claim.

Woodside and the WA Government voiced objections over the application, which they said was in breach of an earlier agreement.

KLC community relations officer Lauren Pike said that, after consultation, the application was withdrawn due to the WA Government's looming compulsory acquisition deadline of 20 June.

The website of the Environmental Defenders Office, representing Mr Hunter in the Supreme Court, said studies



Goolarabooloo traditional owner Richard Hunter ... "I do not want these things to happen here on our country that would destroy our law and culture."

commissioned by the State Government in the 1990s warned against resources development in the area.

"This was due to its high degree of cultural significance as part of the Song Cycle, which traces the path of creator beings... vital to the customary law of the Goolarabooloo people," the website says.

Song Cycle

Mr Hunter explained, 'our Song Cycle is living country - we don't know what is going to happen if you dig this up, but we know that it will be bad for our family, maybe even causing death'.

"It is my responsibility as law boss, along with my two brothers, Joe and Phillip Roe, to look after this country... to hand it over to the next generation as it was handed to us - intact and alive," he said.

"I do not want these things to happen here on our country that would destroy our law and culture."

The area is listed as environmentally sensitive, with the monsoon vine thicket listed by the WA Government as threatened.

The area, which is also home to the endangered greater bilby, is presently being assessed for listing under Commonwealth law.



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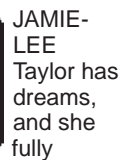
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Campaign's team 'coup'

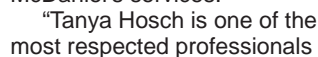


On Monday afternoon, they had a 'meet-and-greet' session with local community leaders at the Redfern Community Centre. Tomorrow, they'll cover campaign and advocacy skills based around the issue of constitutional reform with



The 22-year-old wildlife ranger from Burleigh Heads is happy where she is at the moment but hopes in the future to move into a leadership role, perhaps mentoring and supporting Indigenous employees. To that end, she is the secretary of the Qld Dept of Environment and Heritage Protection's

"They're realising that we are the future and without our input, things aren't going to get too far."



"Australians have many reasons to be proud, but everyone I speak to, from business to country people, old and young, black and white, all agree that we want a



"We have an historic opportunity to build on the work of the 1967 campaign and I look forward to working with all Australians to make this campaign as successful," he said.



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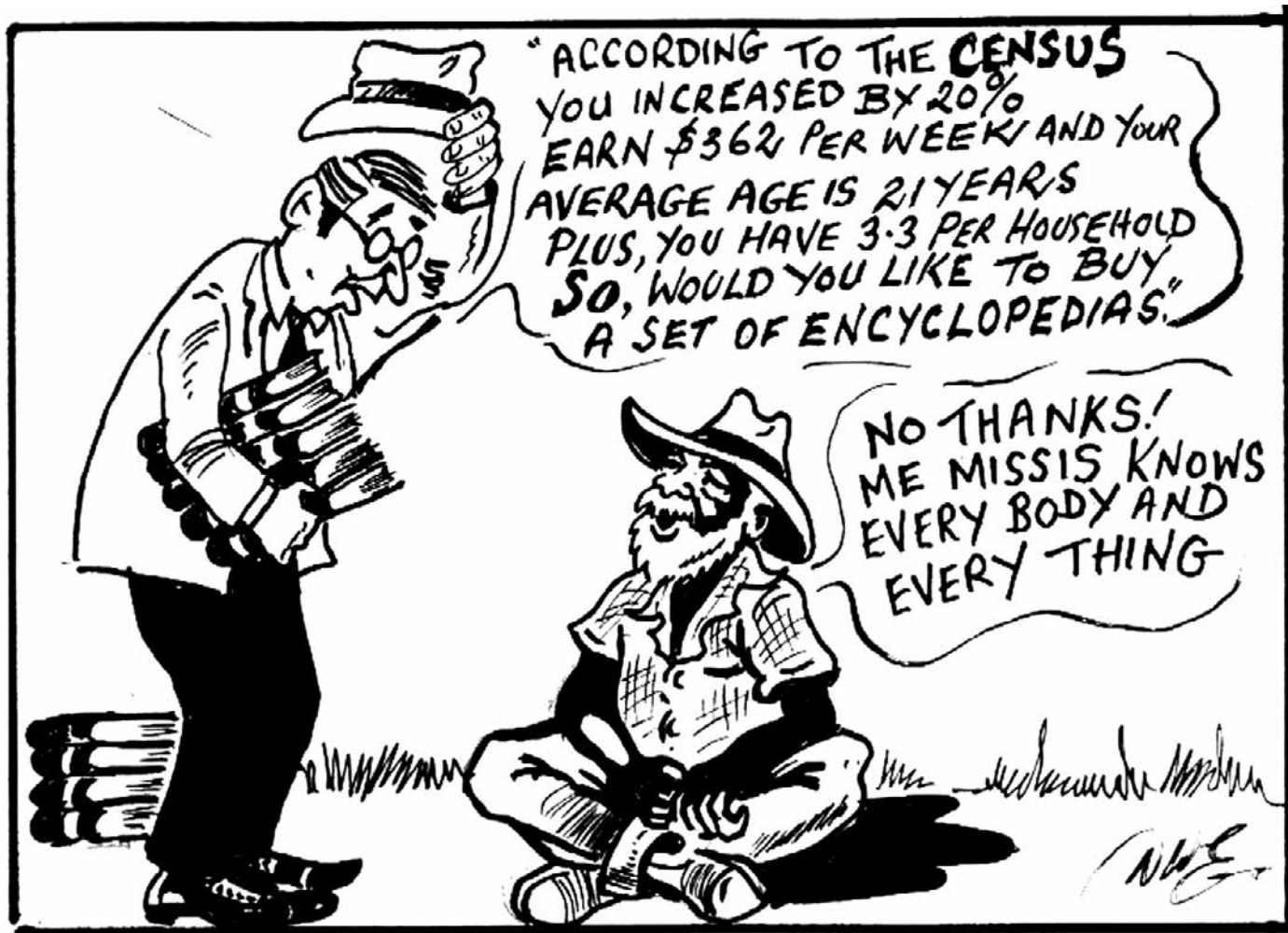
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A Yarn With...



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Favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo tail.

Favourite other food?
Wild honey.

Favourite drink?
I'm a mad tea drinker.

What do you like in life?
I love to dance – ballroom, Latin, anything. I'm keen on fitness and cycling, and I've got three daughters, so that keeps me busy.

What are you reading?
Underbelly Razor and the Greek mythologies.

What do you like in life?
Simple things, like honesty and humility in people, justice and people who are true.

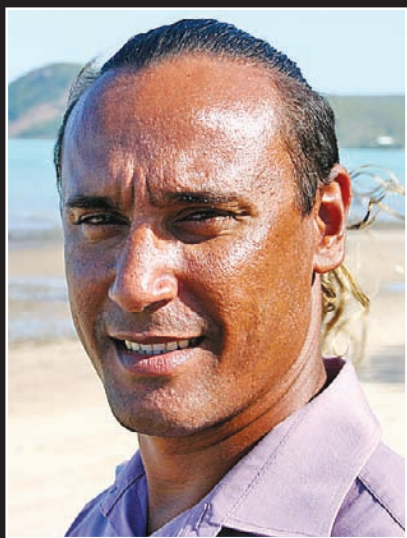
What do you dislike?
Lies, deceit, duplicity and injustice.

Favourite football team?
AFL's Fremantle Dockers.

Who would you have for a meal around the dinner table?
Paul Keating – who is the greatest prime minister of my time – (Indian leader) Mahatma Gandhi, (environmentalist) David Suzuki and Eddie Mabo.

What would you do to improve the situation for Indigenous people?
The *Native Title Act* needs to be changed. It's not about Aboriginal people any more, it's about the Government approving leases to non-Aboriginal interests.

Quote



'Culture isn't something we do for fun or because we're told to – it's who we are and it's what we do'

– TSIRC mayor Fred Gela on threats to dugong and turtle hunting

● See Page 24

Unquote

Our number's up ...in a good way

The results of the 2011 Census are out, telling Australians how many of us there are, where and how we live. And amongst the big news is the fact that our mob – Australians identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander – is getting bigger.

The exact reasons for the 20 per cent increase since 2006 are hard to pin down, partly because numbers have to be crunched further. Some have ventured that 'the apology effect' has helped to drive the figure up. Maybe, because identity is less about sums or percentages than it is about hearts and minds.

One thing's for sure, while our stats may not be the best in areas like health, housing, education, jobs and the like (although they are improving in some key areas), Indigenous heritage is increasingly a source of pride, and justifiably so.

As Census executive director Andrew Henderson points out, Census data is used to allocate around \$45 billion worth of GST funding to the states and territories and helps decision makers plan for things like roads, schools and hospitals in all communities.

In recent years, some people have decried what they say is the Federal Government's undue emphasis on remote Indigenous communities, such as those in the Northern Territory.

The Government says it is simply focusing on where the need is the greatest, but it's undeniable that urban Indigenous communities everywhere are suffering too.

Decision makers must take into account all kinds of numbers. They must appreciate that historical under-funding – read neglect – of Indigenous communities



OUR SAY

by government after government means universal Indigenous disadvantage won't be overcome through piecemeal efforts. And they must accept that proper involvement by Indigenous communities in the things that affect them is the only smart way to go – as evidenced by the brouhaha over the lack thereof in relation to the NT Intervention and Stronger Futures policies.

On a separate note, undoubtedly the busiest time on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social calendar – NAIDOC Week – is almost upon us.

Whether by raising the flags, sharing a cuppa, honouring someone special or cutting a rug, this time is an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate what makes our communities great.

This year's NAIDOC theme of 'Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on' honours those who established and have helped to maintain for four decades the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on the lawns outside Old Parliament House.

The latest Census data shows that this iconic site, set up to remind Australia that it has a black history, is as relevant today as it was in 1972.

Don't forget to let us know, in time for our next edition, how you chose to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

By RUDI MAXWELL

WHEN she was three-years-old, Robyn Caughlan was betrayed and abused at the hands of someone who should have been her protector.

It has taken Ms Caughlan almost all her life to realise you can be your own protector as long as you find the strength within to trust yourself.

Sexually abused by her beloved Irish father, Ms Caughlan was 'Dahdee's little girl' and didn't understand why her mother wasn't coping with six children after her father's death.

She was sent for what she thought was a two-week holiday with a kind white farming family, the Reids, and would wait at the gate for the cart that delivered spices and bric-a-brac to bring her mother to her.

But her mother never came and Ms Caughlan eventually realised the Reids were her new family.

Fifty years later, she is a successful artist and fashion designer and launched her memoir, *Waiting at the Gate*, written with Jason K Foster, at the 2012 Sydney Writers' Festival last month.

"I've lived a thousand lives in one lifetime," Ms Caughlan said.

"I look back now and I don't hold any grudges. Life's too short and I want to go forward; I want to work on a series of artworks to tell my story through art.

"I thought as a little kid I got a bit of a raw deal, I literally did wait at the gate.

"As I got older, it took over my mind a lot more and I wanted to get my story out there.

"Jason's done an amazing job," Ms Caughlan said of Jason K Foster, who collaborated with her on the book.

"I've known him since he was two, he has kept my voice, which is really important with a memoir.

"I know a lot of people have probably gone through what I went through, and I want to help.

"I want them to understand that it doesn't matter how bad things are – see how my life got turned upside down, once I realised, art became my saviour.

"You can put all your emotions in, tell your own story through art as well, people can link in, find out what you're good at, get themselves out of that black hole."

Heritage

Ms Caughlan found out about her Aboriginal heritage as an adult, when she reconnected with her birth mother. She has Darkinjung and Darug heritage.

She has since been on a journey to learn as much as she can.

"Finding out about my Aboriginality was a godsend for me," she said. "I always felt very disjointed and couldn't work out why. I used to jump the fence to play with kids with dark skin and used to tell stories... it was like the puzzle fitted when I found out... I thought 'This is who I am', and I just ran with it, I didn't care what people thought."

One of the recurring themes of *Waiting at the Gate* is spirituality and psychic understanding.

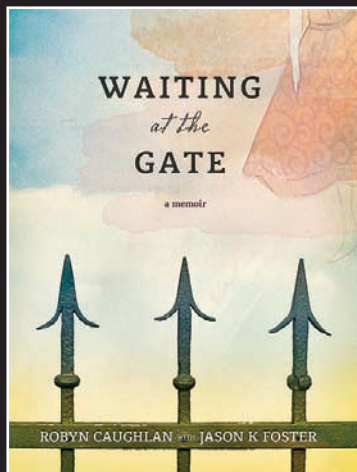
"My mother, my real mum, she was very connected like that," Ms Caughlan said.

"Once I really realised I do have this gift, we've all got it, some chose not to recognise it

Robyn Caughlan ... "There were times when I was right down, I didn't think, I didn't care, I even tried to kill myself," she said. "And then I would think 'Right, get back on the horse, back on the black mare'."



Still riding that mare



The cover of the memoir *Waiting at the Gate*.



The 'Frilled Neck Lizard' evening gown designed by Robyn Caughlan and worn in the Miss Universe contest.



Robyn Caughlan's artwork *Emerging of Emotions*.

but it's there to help, not to hurt, and it feels very right.

"They saved my life: my art, my Aboriginality and spirituality all

go hand in hand... it all goes together, that's what makes me who I am."

Ms Caughlan is currently

negotiating movie rights to *Waiting at the Gate*.

One of her early childhood memories is of climbing a fence

and mounting her wild black mare, grabbing on to her mane, hanging on for dear life and riding her while she galloped around the paddock.

Throughout her life she has drawn strength from the memory, and riding the black mare has become a metaphor for conquering fear.

"There were times when I was right down, I didn't think, I didn't care, I even tried to kill myself," she said. "And then I would think 'Right, get back on the horse, back on the black mare'."

Like many abused children, the cycle of violence followed Ms Caughlan in to her adult life, as she became a victim of domestic abuse at the hands of controlling and violent men. She would leave but then listen to the empty promises of 'never again' and return, only to be abused again.

"I'm about to do a painting – I think I'll get on the mare and do it – a picture of me at one of the times when I was beaten up," she said.

"I want women to realise that they don't have to expect violence... We should be proud of who we are – we can have children, we can do anything, we're tough. Women should rule the world, I reckon."

Despite being repeatedly raped by her biological father, Ms Caughlan said she had managed to forgive him.

"I do love him and I always will," she said.

'Fire in my belly'

"I'm not making excuses for him, but I look back now and think 'If none of that happened, maybe I wouldn't be person I am. Maybe I'd be a little wimp, have never started my art career, maybe I wouldn't have got that fire in my belly, wouldn't have got back on that black mare'."

"We've all got our own mare or whatever you choose to take flight with."

Despite – or, as she says, perhaps because of – all the hard times Ms Caughlan has seen in her life, she persevered and is a successful artist and fashion designer, having exhibited widely in Australia and overseas. Several of her gowns have featured in the Miss Universe contest and in the permanent collection at the Power House Museum in Sydney.

When she began writing the book with Foster, Ms Caughlan felt she was telling her story for herself, but her perspective changed as she went along, realising that she was also writing for her three children, Vicki, James and Karen.

"My kids, like in all dysfunctional families, they suffer the most, but they suffer in silence," she said.

"Hopefully this will help them understand why Mum's been a bit of a nutter at times.

"I've made a promise that before I leave this planet I will make it up to them, I don't know how and they don't expect that, but I feel I want to.

"They didn't ask to be born and go through everything they did, and my one guilt is that I wish that could have been better for them.

"They're beautiful human beings and I love them dearly.

We have a strong bond that a lot of people might not understand because I left them.

"It's something I want to do... to end a cycle."

Love – it's just so important

WELL hello there my beautiful black people! Gee I have missed you all. Auntie had to take some time off and get herself sorted! Sometimes we just need a bit of time off to get reinvigorated and ready to tackle the world again.

Some fullas thought I was off doing the *Amazing Race* with Adam and Dane. I wish! I can just imagine Adam, Dane and me lappin' around in the surf, flicking our hair and looking hot for the camera. Unfortunately it didn't happen while I was away – but feel free to email me anytime you fullas. I'll get my bikini out now just in case.

While I didn't do the *Amazing*

Race, I did happen to watch *Mabo* on ABC1. Talk about a story to make you feel something! This show had Deb Mailman and Jimi Bani showing the story of Eddie and Bonita Mabo.

While many viewers watched to see a story of the beginnings of the recognition of native title in Australia, I was watching for the love story. And talk about a love story!

Who knew this couple were together for 30 years and had a big mob of kids together. This isn't talked about much by people that write about Eddie Mabo.

I got interested in the life and

relationship of Eddie Mabo, but I haven't been able to find out much. Eddie's Wikipedia page doesn't even say he was married.

The Mabo movie showed how loving this relationship was and I saw how having a long and strong relationship helped in their ten-year court battle.

I'm sure everyone involved in the court case had their ups and downs like every other person on this planet, but having the love and support at home must have helped them walk out the door to yet another court date, yet another hearing and yet another trip to the High Court in Canberra.

Makes me think how important it is to have love in your life!

I get my love from my family and the family I've chosen for myself – my friends – and their love for me gives me the strength to keep on pushin'.

To go out into the world and do good for others you must make sure you have love and good for yourself first.

If you are fulfilled and loved it gives you the strength to share it with others.

Love doesn't need to come from one particular source – you just need a bit of love in your own life to give you the strength to get out there to help others!



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Answers to our Edition 528 Crossword. How did you go?

ACROSS

3. Broun
5. Thurston
10. Deadly
12. July
15. Sean
16. Fifty
17. Bangarra
19. Donovan
20. North

DOWN

1. Torres
2. Dusty
4. Macklin
6. Rabbit
7. Neate
8. Williams
9. Muckaty
11. London
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14. Yindi
18. Barty

Our brain-teasers

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Koori Mail Crossword

SOLUTIONS IN OUR NEXT EDITION

ACROSS

6. Bush mob love this insect for the sweet nectar-like substance it produces (8).
7. Brisbane deaths in custody campaigner, Sam (6)
10. Adult community college at Port Adelaide, SA (7)
12. Common name for Otitis Media (4+3)
13. Queensland educator, Chris (5)
15. River that runs through Renmark, SA (6)
16. Rugby League player Matty Bowen was born here (6)
18. Koori Mail Rugby Union columnist, Matt (7)
19. Rock formations near Tennant Creek, Devil's (7)
20. This Perkins is an art curator (5)

DOWN

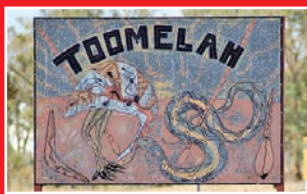
1. Focus city for this year's national NAIDOC celebrations (6).
2. Marine food staple in the Torres Strait (6)
3. West Australian mission, Moore River (10)

4. 2011 NAIDOC person of the Year, Terri (5).
5. This Torres Strait Islander songstress has a new lease on life after shedding pounds, Christine (3)

8. Common component of early rations, along with flour, sugar and tea (7).
9. Famous Hermannsburg watercolour artist, Albert (9)
10. Prominent Victorian

- community organisation, Koorie Heritage (5)
11. Indigenous army unit on northern Australia (8)
14. Rosalie Kunoth starred

- in this 1955 film by Charles Chauvel (5)
17. This fast fella just made the Australian athletics team for the London Olympics, Josh (4).



Challenging 'the system'

OUR heart hurts to see how our own people in this country beat around the bush with other agendas in the political arena, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, as we see time and again in our media outlets.

Instead of fighting for people that have been put through some horrendous circumstances like the Doomadgee, Hickey, Pat, Ward and Bellotti families, they are left floundering, as the so-called representatives that are representing them desert them in their time of need.

I say this, as we all know the families mentioned above to our knowledge have not got any closure.

Our question is why not?

Why are our so-called representatives, in whatever roles they're in, not getting their hands dirty, putting their jobs on the line, and thus thinking outside of the box?

We also know this, as the first statement they continually make towards us when we approach them all is that they cannot promise anything to help.

Where do we go for help, like the funding bodies that fund those organisations that usually live north of the 26th parallel, and all the fanfare?

If you live in Perth, WA, you get no funding and no options.

This line of thought in all our Indigenous people across this country has to stop.

We have to challenge this draconian system before more people get seriously hurt or even killed.



Rex Bellotti Snr. Photo by Leo Murray

We all know that governments are moving the goal posts continually. These new anti-association laws are going to traumatise our people even more.

The likelihood of taking them to the courts in this country, to get closure, will probably be like getting blood out of stone – an impossibility. Start taking them on with

direct dialogue, thinking outside of the box, with direct links with the affected families.

We recently watched an ABC TV program about the Myall Creek (NSW) massacre (see poem at right), and we want to know why we are not represented like those affected families were way back then, with those responsible charged and dealt with accordingly.

Are we all as Indigenous people now living in a different country to way back then?

We say this, as my wife and family have not heard from any of these people in a number of weeks.

Do we then give up the fight, so that these people don't get too much pressure put on them and are seen to be doing their jobs?

Are we as a people in our own country this expendable?

Our response is yes.

As I said earlier, the other agendas are more fruitful and easier than the fight we face as a family on our own.

Shame on those who continue this line of thought for our people.

We would love to see these other families, and their circumstances, be in the faces of the perpetrators of such circumstances, and get to see it aired and bombarded by the media in supporting them all.

Lord bless.

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POETRY

I have visited the site of the Myall Massacre twice. It was a very moving experience. The Myall Creek Massacres took place at Myall Creek Station, between Delungra and Bingara, in NSW on 10 June 1838. Up to 30 Aboriginal people, mainly women, children and old men, were murdered by a group of 12 white men led by a squatter. Subsequently, seven of the men were tried, convicted and hanged. The massacre was one of many in the area at this time. The memorial consists of a walk with metal plaques telling the story in words and pictures. The plaques are attached to rough blocks of granite. To walk the path is to share with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters in both their pain and their forgiveness.

Myall Creek Massacre Walk

We walk,
the mist star-sparkling our coats,
boots, hats
and jumpers,
dusting these shared moments
with the ageless eternal
harmonies,
of the myriad millioned galactic
wheels;
and, at the beginning of our
walking, the cling
of the grey scent of eucalyptus
ritual smoke
the Elders blessed us with,
to ward away the screams,
not of those whose terror
was received into the soil with
their blood,
but of the unforgiven, unshriven,
guilt-ridden
whose hearts held images of
horror and blood,
images of what in their madness
they had done,
for them too;
tears,
reflected in the drops,
the mist patterned us with
as we walked,
plaque to plaque deeper into the
story
its words and pictures graven
into metal
and bolted onto granite slabs;
until
we reached the plaque where
those who swung
have faces
shrouded and masked into
non-personality,
but whose last frantic dance
may yet have commemorated
the courage that they at the end
showed,
and
please God
that their ultimate sacrifice bring
forgiveness
as acceptance of their fate
and those of their victims.

RICHARD L BLOMFIELD
Via email

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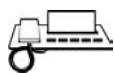
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By Torres Strait Island
Regional Council Mayor
FRED GELA

IMAGINE being raised on a remote island where your sole identity was reared upon your culture, your land and your sea.

You were taught as a child to live off the land and the way you did this was by learning the way your father, grandfather and great-great grandfather had been doing it for generations.

You remember the stories that were told to you when the food you'd helped your father and uncles catch that day was being prepared on the shores of a beach where you'd seen the tide rise and fall every day of your life.

Stories with so much strength you listened and learned how to follow and carry them on in the footsteps of your great forefathers.

Culture isn't something we do for fun or because we're told to – it's who we are and it's what we do.

Hunting and gathering is our way of life.

Fishermen, hunters and agriculturalists – Torres Strait Islanders are fearless defenders of our territories.

Identity and retention of culture are two of the most important things I stand for as the mayor of a region I call home, and as a Torres Strait Islander.

How we hunt is part of our culture and it is a practice that we have carried out for as long as we, Torres Strait Islanders, have been in existence.

And that, with respect, is a significantly longer amount

LNP ignorance hunts identity

of time than this country has been colonised.

Subsidised families with little or no income rely on turtle and dugong as a main source of food supply in a region where the cost of living is well above those living on the mainland.

The Queensland Liberal National Party (LNP) are proposing a ban on the way we hunt these animals which will be detrimental to the very people we are and how we live each day.

The biggest downfall the LNP have incurred by attempting to introduce this ban is the lack of proper consultation with Indigenous people.

Because of this, it is evident that this Government is not willing to understand why these practices are in place and what our culture is all about.

After so much emphasis on reconciliation, this ignorance is taking many steps backwards from unity.

The new Bill calls for amendments to be made to the *Animal Care and*



Torres Strait Island Regional Council Mayor Fred Gela.

Protection Act 2001 to make it illegal for Indigenous Australians to wound, mutilate, torture or unnecessarily prolong the death of an animal.

This rules out the take of turtle and dugong altogether because right now we do not even know what would be regarded as being a humane way of culling either species.

Where is the clarity?

If the legislation goes through there will be no effort whatsoever to take on board any input from the very people who rely on these species to preserve a culture that relies on a food supply as common to us as mainlanders rely on sheep, pigs and beef.

Even if consultation takes place, we will never have a clear line in the sand that will tell us what a humane way of culling turtle and dugong would be.

We can debate its definition until we're black and blue.

We are being made out to be cruel hunters who deliberately torture our game, where this is certainly not the case.

Cattle are lined up to be executed and shot in the head. Studies have shown that their grief and trauma before death is brutal and inhumane, but has that stopped Australian cattle farmers from killing their stock? Could you imagine the riot that would be caused

if the LNP put a ban on the inhumane killing of cattle?

Same goes for caged poultry, fishermen in trawlers and most other animal catching or hunting practices.

These individuals who have lobbied the LNP Government to put this ban in place do not want turtle or dugong to be taken at all, and it's easy for them to have that sort of approach because at the end of the day, they don't rely on these animals as a food supply and it is very much not part of their culture.

We will not back down from any scare tactics such as the proposed two year jail sentence or \$100,000 fine.

As mentioned earlier, our cultural practices make us who we are, and how we hunt is part of our identity. We are not going to throw away our identity for anyone.

We are already over-regulated.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasise that the Government has not even attempted to engage with us or given us any clarity about what is 'humane' or 'inhumane'.

There has been absolutely no consultation about this issue with the people it will directly and detrimentally affect.

There are more than 8000 members supporting an online group to ban the Qld LNP Policy #27 – to ban turtle and dugong hunting by amending the *Qld Animal Protection Act 1991*.

This proves the Government's ignorance to the people, and to a culture that has stood the test of time.

Solidarity with refugees

I HAVE made comment on the Indigenous Social Justice Association's (ISJA) first visit to the Villawood asylum seeker detention camp to two Tamil brothers suffering indefinite detention on the unknown analysis of our very own spooks, ASIO.

They keep their reasonings to themselves so that one is unable to prove them wrong, an easy task I would argue.

It is said, and it is a given, that patriotism is the last refuge for a scoundrel, and so it is with governments and their spooks.

They hide behind their worn and hoary call of national security as though that by the very calling of it, it becomes somehow sacrosanct and unquestionable.

What rubbish!

As has been said many times, if terrorists wished to come and do damage to Australia they would fly in comfort. They most certainly would not risk their lives and mission by travelling on leaky boats and, should they make it, then to be locked up possibly for years.

If adverse reports were being made against the Tamil asylum seekers then it is obvious to me that that adverse report was coming from the Sri Lankan Government who probably have their own reasons for those who managed to escape to be held until they can be returned for further punishment for whatever reason.

We know for a fact that both sides in Sri Lanka committed human rights atrocities, but only the Tamils are paying for it.

Then again, they could be merely pawns of ASIO showing us how good they are at 'finding' security problems. This country is an alleged democracy (it is not, it is an elective oligarchy) and we are always told that we live by the rule of law including human rights.



This is not happening to and for asylum seekers due to our racist and xenophobic governments. We still are ruled by a strong whiff of the White Australia policy.

Recently, along with other good friends, we visited the eight Afghani men at Villawood in sections 2/3 rather than the more secure unit we attempted to visit previously. Having obtained my photo ID, I had no trouble obtaining entry and began being processed. After processing and several doors/gates we eventually made our way to the main visit area.

The time spent with the Afghani men was at least worth the bother of obtaining my ID even though I still rail against its use as being merely a tracking device for police and ASIO, among others.

We talked and ate and exchanged information on their life and our lives and

many, many everyday human things. The young man I spent most time with told me that he was of the Hazara group and thus were discriminated against by the ruling elites.

During the time of the Taliban, his father, and I think another relative, was executed by the Taliban for their advanced political views and he fled Afghanistan to Europe and thence to Canada and then to Australia. He came here because he believed Australia was where he wanted to settle, work and to raise a family.

Others had similar tales to tell, but all were blocked by negative ASIO reports.

Apparently they had been told that ASIO and our Government had been assured by (Afghanistan) President Karsai that there was not going to be a problem with them returning, and like the cowards they are, this

very shaky assurance was pounced upon by our racist Federal Government.

The position of President Karsai is as temporary as the return of the Taliban when the current foreign armed forces pull out in utter defeat, as did Russia before them. The Taliban will then come to power once again and the plethora of human rights abuses will occur once more as the world turns their violated eyes elsewhere.

Prior to the time that we needed to leave there was a request that we share with them a prayer session, all complied of course. It was explained to us non-Muslim worshippers the significance of their prayers.

I then requested if I could address them and permission was given to do so. I began with the blessing of Salaam al Ekum (peace on you) to all present and went on to show that their struggle for freedom and their recognised human rights matched that of the traditional owners of the Aboriginal lands as we also continued to struggle also for freedom and our human rights.

I also stated that I had learnt much from our meetings on that day and that their right to fight was in my heart and in my mind but, more importantly, they were always going to be on my conscience until they were accepted as full Australian citizens. I then welcomed them on to the Aboriginal lands.

It was also explained that we were actively working to present to them the Aboriginal passports.

It was indeed a damned good day and one I enjoyed immensely and look forward to my next visit.

RAY JACKSON
President, Indigenous Social Justice
Association (ISJA)
Sydney, NSW

Never Forget the Fight

As the years go by I become such a bore
And I no longer sing 'I am woman hear me
roar',
My feet are now placed firmly on the ground
There's no more 'in for a penny in for a
pound',
There are no radical marches except
NAIDOC Week
And rarely a fight for our rights or the meek.
I wasn't alone in the days of my youth
We searched for justice, we searched for
truth,
Did we do any good when we followed our

warriors
To the Tent Embassy or the Parliament
corridors,
When we shouted our slogan, 'land rights
now'
When we didn't give in and we didn't bow.
We all stood strong and pushed confusion
aside
Back then we were feisty and wouldn't
swallow our pride,
Now it's all done in such a different way
It's done through politics, meetings and
plays,

Many of the radicals have eased their pace
And have we become complacent and
learned our place.
Yes things have changed and our ways are
quieter
We have representatives now, not radical
fighters,
But never forget those who fought for our
rights
Those who stood against tyranny and
government might,
In hard times they paid dearly for things to
come

Education, anti-racism and the 1967
Referendum.
So never forget the fight for who we are
We're proud Aborigines and we've come so
far,
Yes the boundaries set are difficult to change
But we've survived 1000s of years and still in
the game,
So raise your hands with an almighty clap
And cheer us on with 'Advance Australia
Black'.

MARGARET CLARKE
Melbourne, Vic



Toomelah

Toomelah is a special place
To lose it would be a disgrace
The people of Toomelah are a strong breed
They have always stood on their own 2 feet
But now it's time 2 give them a hand, help
'em out
They deserve it without a doubt
Basic living conditions is what it's all about
Tradition 'n' culture, that's what I'm talking
about
Honestly, how can we stand tall 'n' proud
When Toomelah is a part of our crowd
There are little children in that neat 'n' deadly
place
I wanna put a smile on their face
Our Elders 'n' ancestors tell us 2 be strong
This is our land, we belong
Why should we let them order us around
And be told 2 move along
'Toomelah, Toomelah', let's all sing out
We want the same for them, don't let 'em
miss out

BRAHAM WILLIAMS
Address supplied

The Borroloola Screaming

I hate the sounds of screaming,
especially at night.
Their conduct irritates me.
Children and babies sleeping
but the screaming continues,
waking the neighbourhood.
I hate the screaming.
In the cool of night
I cling to my hopes and dreams
to nurture the peace.
Don't know how much more I can take,
the screaming really irritates me more and
more.
Why do I close my ears to bar the noise?
Why do I roll into a human ball to pray?
I beg for sleep to come and for peace
in this neighborhood that I call home.

JEANETTE CHARLIE
Yanyuwa woman
Via email

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Changes ahead for native title system

Our previous edition featured extensive coverage of both the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision and the 2012 National Native Title Conference (NNTC) held by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) at Townsville from 4-6 June. The conference had a theme of 'Echoes of Mabo: Honour and Determination'. The keynote speaker for day two of the conference was Federal Attorney-General Nicola Roxon, who announced changes to the current native title system under the *Native Title Act 1993*. Some of the changes were welcomed by Indigenous leaders; others said they didn't go far enough. Here is an edited version of Ms Roxon's speech to the conference.

FOR students of history, Mabo marked a turning point for reconciliation in Australia. A moment where, as a nation, we took a significant step forward in truly recognising the proud history of the Indigenous peoples of this land, the oldest continuing cultures on our planet.

Disenfranchised by the Bjelke-Petersen Government, Eddie Mabo, David and Sam Passi, Celuia Salee and James Rice, all from the Meriam people, set themselves the seemingly improbable task of literally creating a space for Indigenous rights to land and waters – where it had previously been said to be an impossibility.

Sadly, Eddie Mabo, the man whose name will forever represent this turning point in reconciliation, did not get to see this historic decision, after passing away to cancer just five months earlier.

This will not stop us remembering Mr Mabo, and his fellow Meriam people, for taking the courageous first step to conquer terra nullius and deliver native title rights for Indigenous Australians across the country.

Prime Minister (Paul) Keating, alongside Indigenous leaders, led the way in developing the Native Title Act – a Labor reform I, and many other true believers, are very proud of. No-one would say that it was a perfect piece of legislation, but it provided a level of legislative protection of rights and interests in land that far surpassed anything experienced by Indigenous people since 1788.

In 1996, the High Court handed down the Wik decision. The court found that native title could co-exist with a pastoral lease in Queensland. Again, there was a new and larger wave of hysteria that followed. However, by this time, the Government had changed.

And, when given the chance, the Howard Government didn't hesitate to wind back native title, returning power to the corporate heavies who rallied against the Keating reforms.

With the election of Labor in 2007 came a fundamental change in how the Commonwealth approached its relationship to Indigenous people.

Prime Minister Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generation – the words that John Howard stubbornly refused to utter for 11 long years – showed Labor was prepared to act, that we were prepared to continue along the road of reconciliation.

Our vision was for a native title system that provided for faster and better outcomes with a focus on economic development and sustainability.



Attorney-General Nicola Roxon. Photo by Mahala Strohfeldt

Labor also understood the need to focus on incremental reform, and that has been our approach in native title since coming to Government in 2007.

We amended the Act in 2009, effectively reversing the 2007 mediation changes of the Howard Government. This saw the number of native title consent determinations more than double between 2008 and 2010.

Aurora to provide financial assistance for law and anthropology students to undertake placements within organisations in the native title system, thereby again boosting the native title workforce.

Many of you would be aware that in the recent Budget, I announced that native title claims mediation functions would transfer from the Tribunal to the Federal Court.

Put simply, the Federal Court has strong

agreements must be negotiated in 'good faith'. Unfortunately, many would argue that some parties have been paying little more than lip service to the good faith provision.

So, the Government will seek to legislate criteria to outline the requirements for a good faith negotiation. No longer will parties be able to sit back and wait for the clock to tick down until an arbitrated outcome is available to them.

The Government will consult closely with Indigenous groups, state and territory governments, farmers, miners and others on the terms of this legislative reform.

We've also heard, including from many people in this room, the need to make native title agreements and claim resolutions more flexible and less technical. That's why we also plan legislative change to reform Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs). These voluntary agreements will be made more flexible. A wider range of topics will be able to be negotiated on between Indigenous groups and land rights holders.

Thirdly, the Government will work with stakeholders to allow parties to agree to put aside issues of historical extinguishment in parks and reserves. Our discussions may even identify a wider application of this concept if there is broad support for change.

Time and money will be saved by parties forming agreements over native title, rather than just automatically resorting to litigation.

Lastly, you'll be pleased I can finally clarify the tax treatment of payments from native title agreements – income tax and capital gains tax will not apply. An issue many of you have called for and we are able to agree to today.

This will fit with strong Indigenous involvement in the reforms to the not-for-profit sector.

I want to emphasise ... that the Government will be listening and meeting with you and others about these proposed changes. I am looking forward to working with you all on how to speedily implement these important legislative reforms.

I know that there are people that have argued for more radical changes. But incremental change is lasting, and our Government has shown we can both deliver short- and long-term benefits to the native title system from this strong but sensible approach.

Australia can and has prospered with native title and it will continue to do so.

In 20 years, I also want to see a native title system that creates economic and social opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians alike.

These opportunities can only be delivered by improving, step-by-step, the way that native title agreements are struck and how they are managed.

The Government is committed to meeting that challenge, delivering the maximum benefits, over the long-term, to all Indigenous Australians.

Because, against the backdrop of the 20th anniversary of that historic decision in the High Court, and everything that went before, there can be no doubt we are talking about very hard-won gains.

I'm confident that if we work together, in the spirit of reconciliation and mutual respect, we will continue to achieve more, to benefit all Australians.

'I want to emphasise ... that the Government will be listening and meeting with you and others about these proposed changes'

In 2010, the Gillard Labor Government introduced the Native Title Anthropologist Grants Program to build the workforce required to support the native title system.

Also, as part of the Government's commemorations of the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision, I am delighted to advise we will be providing \$300,000 to The Aurora Project.

The funding over three years will allow

case management powers and expertise to deliver a more effective native title system for all parties, and I look forward to seeing more and more native title claims resolved faster.

To build on all of these reforms ... I would like to talk about the next steps we want to take with you to further improve native title.

Under the right to negotiate native title,

True defender of The Block

Aunty Joyce Ingram (1922-2012)

MANY are mourning the loss of much-loved Sydney Elder Joyce Ingram, a stalwart defender of The Block at Redfern, who passed away in Sydney on 13 June. Her funeral was held at The Block on Friday.

Aunty Joyce, as she was widely known, was a fighter for the most underprivileged.

Born at Batemans Bay in 1922, she moved to Redfern at the age of just nine months with her family and spent her childhood there. She later lived in Leeton for nine years and moved back to what became known as The Block in 1949.

She finally left Eveleigh Street in 2004, to move to nearby Waterloo when the last houses were to be demolished.

Amongst those who paid their respects on Friday was NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello, who described Aunty Joyce as an outstanding Elder and advocate. "The matriarch, who died at the age

of 89, was head of a family that includes four children, 23 grandchildren and 'close enough' to 70 great grandchildren," Mr Dominello said.

"She was a strong woman who connected the community in times of need."

"As a respected Elder and mentor to the young people of Redfern and Waterloo, Aunty Joyce will be sorely missed."

Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO Paul Morris was one of Aunty Joyce's 23 grandchildren. He told the *Koori Mail* that the family had been planning for her 90th birthday later this year.

Mr Morris said his grandmother was a true friend to The Block and its residents, for a time having one of the few telephones there, which many people used to keep in contact with extended family.

During an oral history interview about The Block in 2002, Aunty Joyce reminisced about her early years there.

"It was a real pleasure to live there then because we had houses right around The Block," she said.

"It was a gathering place for the Aborigines back in them bygone days. It is still a gathering place because it is like Mother Earth calling us back on to this land, if it is only just to sit and reminisce, I just sit still, for what reason I don't know, but it is a gathering place for Kooris."

However, Aunty Joyce also lamented that The Block had changed.

"...It is a great shame to think that Redfern is dying a slow death," she said.

"Well, I really believe the caring and the sharing is still here, but it is not so strong because there's not enough people. Like I said before, if you get new blood into a dying body it has got to come to life."

"When it comes to life, there has got to be flowers and trees to grow around. That's what I really believe in. It has got to have new blood in it."

Despite those concerns, she always insisted The Block was where she belonged.

Aunty Joyce married twice, first to Charlie Morgan in 1942 and later to George Lockyer Ingram. She had four children; Norma, James, Ruth and Donald (Donee).



A portrait of Aunty Joyce Ingram, taken by award-winning photographer Merv Bishop for the *Sydney Elders* exhibition held at the Australian Museum in March.



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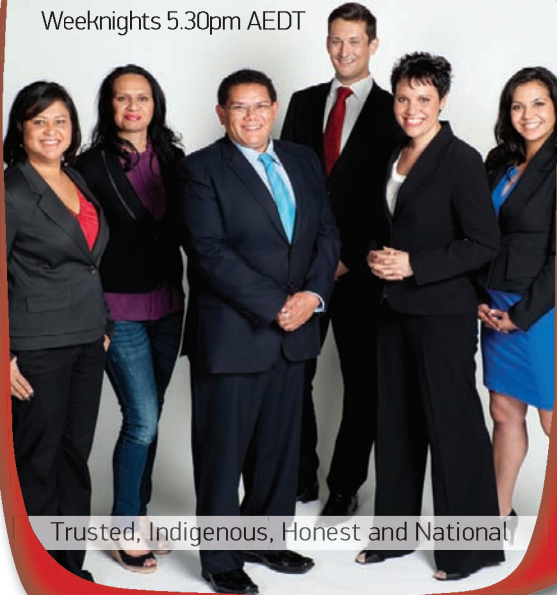


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3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
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6:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
7:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
8:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Spirit in Bare Feet PG (Documentary)
10:30 Sisters Pearls & Mission Girls PG (Documentary)
11:30 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
12:30 Sisters In League PG (Documentary)
1:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
2:00 Cool School Antarctica PG (Documentary Series)
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 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
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8:00 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 On Sacred Ground PG (Documentary)
9:30 This Is Our Country Too PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)

THURSDAY 28TH JUNE

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
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3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
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9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Cracks In The Mask PG (Documentary)
11:30 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
12:30 Land Bilong Islanders PG (Documentary)
1:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
2:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
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9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Art From The Heart PG (Documentary)
11:00 Desert Heart PG (Documentary)
11:30 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
12:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
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 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)
7:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
7:30 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Small Island Big Fight PG (Documentary)
8:30 Tusamituuq PG (Documentary)
9:30 Mabo: Life of an Island Man PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
11:30 The Dreaming G (Entertainment)

SATURDAY 30TH JUNE

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
11:00 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)
11:30 Cookin' at Jacko's PG (Lifestyle)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
1:00 Spirit in Bare Feet PG (Documentary)
1:30 Yamaji Man PG (Documentary)
2:00 More Than Legends PG (Documentary)
3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
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 This Is Our Country Too PG (Documentary)
7:30 Gamma Live PG (Entertainment)
8:30 4 For The Road PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Arctic Hip Hop PG (Documentary)
10:30 Himalaya PG (Drama)

SUNDAY 1ST JULY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Wind G (Documentary)
10:30 This Is Our Country Too PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
12:30 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News in Review NC (News)
6:00 Milli Milli PG (Documentary)
7:00 Surfing the Healing Wave PG (Documentary)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)
9:30 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
10:30 From Sand to Celluloid M (Drama)

MONDAY 2ND JULY

12:00 Moccasin Flats M (Drama)
12:30 Artie: Our Tribute to a Legend PG (Documentary)
1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
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)
10:30 Surfing the Healing Wave PG (Documentary)
11:30 Island Music PG (Documentary)
11:45 Turn Back PG (Documentary)
12:00 Spirit in Bare Feet PG (Documentary)
12:30 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
1:00 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
2:00 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
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 Tales of Oceania PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Everyday Brave PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
10:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
11:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 3RD JULY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
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)
10:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Documentary)
11:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Contrary Warrior PG (Documentary)
12:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 Larger Than Life PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Of Islands and Men PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
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 PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
7:30 Everyday Brave PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
10:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
11:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)

WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
4:30 Ella 7's The Doco NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
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)
10:30 RHEF PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
2:00 Pomurraw Art PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time PG (Kids)
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 PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Who We Are PG (Documentary)
9:30 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
10:30 From Dreamtime To Now PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 5TH JULY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
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)
10:30 From Dreamtime To Now PG (Documentary)
11:00 Marrka Wangka PG (Documentary)
11:30 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 The Road to St Andrews PG (Documentary)
1:30 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
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 PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
8:30 Who We Are In Sport PG (Documentary)
9:30 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
10:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 6TH JULY

12:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
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)
10:30 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Entertainment)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
2:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
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 PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move it Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
9:00 NAIDOC Awards 2012 NC (Entertainment)

SATURDAY 7TH JULY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
11:00 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News NC (News)
12:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
2:00 Kulka PG (Documentary)
3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
4:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
5:00 Pacifica - South Seas Tales PG (Documentary Series)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Sugar Slaves PG (Documentary)
7:00 Marrka Wangka PG (Documentary)
7:30 On Sacred Ground PG (Documentary)
8:30 4 For The Road PG (Entertainment)
9:30 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
10:30 Ngati PG (Drama)

SUNDAY 8TH JULY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
7:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
7:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
9:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Blackfellas Bulls and Bucking PG (Doc)
11:00 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
12:00 NITV News NC (News)
12:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
5:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Doc)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 On Sacred Ground PG (Documentary)
7:00 The Kimberley Mob PG (Documentary)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Doc Series)
8:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)
9:30 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
10:30 Shifting Sands M (Drama)

MONDAY 9TH JULY

12:00 Moccasin Flats M (Drama)
12:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Documentary)
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
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 The Kimberley Mob PG (Documentary)
11:30 Night Cries: A Rural Tragedy PG (Documentary)
12:00 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
2:00 My Colour Your Kind PG (Documentary)
2:15 Island Music PG (Documentary)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
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 PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Larger Than Life PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Ravens & Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Of Islands and Men PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
10:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 10TH JULY

12:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
2:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yaarnz G (Series)
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 Intervention Katherine NT PG (Documentary)
12:00 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
12:30 Kai Ora PG (Lifestyle)
12:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
1:00 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
2:00 Larger Than Life PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
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)
6:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
7:30 Everyday Brave PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
9:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
9:30 11th Festival of Pacific Arts PG (Series)
10:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
11:00 NITV News in Review NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk PG (Documentary Series)



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WA cadets post for high-flyer



AN Aboriginal officer has been named commander of a group in the Royal

Australian Air Force cadet program. Wing Commander Robert Somerville is the first-ever Aboriginal person to be appointed Officer Commanding of a wing in the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC).

A multi-engine, instrument-rated pilot and a qualified parachutist, W Cdr Somerville heads up No 7 Wing (Western Australia), which comprises about 750 cadets and staff.

The Martu man joined the Air Force Cadets (then called the Air Training Corps) in the Perth suburb of Belmont as a 14-year-old in 1969.

"As a young Aboriginal teen from a single parent family living in state-owned housing, joining what was then the Air Training Corps was my first experience of being treated equally," W Cdr Somerville said.

"In cadets, I learned the real meaning of equity was that no matter how rich you were, and regardless of the colour of your skin or the language you spoke, you were judged solely on your achievements and character.

Values

"This is one of the great values of the Australian Air Force Cadets, where everyone is treated equally and you advance on the basis of merit.

"Being treated as an equal,

largely unique for Aboriginal people in those days, inspired and empowered me to pursue a professional career as a primary school teacher, school principal and then school superintendent, mainly in the north-west of WA."

Since being appointed an officer of cadets in 1978, W Cdr Somerville has served in all officer ranks, including squadron commanding officer, and with staff appointments including executive officer and being in charge of adult leadership training.

He was awarded Membership of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2003 for services to West Australian youth through the Australian Air Force Cadets and to Indigenous young people as an educator.



Wing Commander (AAFC) Robert Somerville AM, the first-ever Aboriginal person to be appointed Officer Commanding of a wing in the Royal Australian Air Force cadet program.

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Professor Frank Brennan AO, Professor of Law at the Australian Catholic University and Adjunct Professor at the Australian National University College of Law and National Centre for Indigenous Studies.



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Winangali a finalist in awards



FOR the team behind Queensland Aboriginal company Winangali Indigenous Communications and Research, getting the right message out matters. And they're obviously successful at doing just that, having been named a state finalist in the micro-business category of the Telstra Australian Business Awards.

"We're delighted and surprised to be Qld finalists in the awards," said Winangali founder and director Noel Niddrie.

"Our business is all about finding the best means of communication with Indigenous people, so partnering with Telstra makes every sense for us.

"Being finalists will allow us to raise our profile and develop more strategic campaigns, which will ultimately benefit those living in Australia's Indigenous communities."

Winangali takes its name from a Kamilaroi word meaning to hear, listen, know and remember. The 100 per cent Aboriginal owned and run business designs relevant and culturally appropriate communication campaigns by consulting with Indigenous people. It specialises in messages promoting better health and wellbeing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Strategies

"In the past government communications campaigns missed their target because they were top-down and culturally inappropriate," Mr Niddrie said. "We develop our specialised strategies by talking and listening to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people during every step of the process."

For example, Winangali has developed an education resource for the Federal Government called 'The Line: Respect Each Other', aimed at tackling bullying and violence among children and families in Indigenous communities. The message has been welcomed in remote area service providers, like Kalumburu Community School in WA, which can only be reached by plane twice a week.

Teacher Kate Dwyer said having access to an online, culturally appropriate resource was crucial.

"I was lucky to find a resource like *The Line: Respect Each Other*," she said.

"Usually you have to put in a lot of work to come up with a resource that is colourful, relevant and in appropriate language, but this was all ready to go online."

Winangali, which employs three staff and about a dozen sub-contractors, has also undertaken developmental research and evaluation activities for projects aimed at improving health outcomes for Indigenous people, such as the Indigenous Chronic Disease Package, Indigenous Tobacco Control Initiative, Sexual Health promotion and a Pregnancy Diary tool.

Mr Niddrie said the National Broadband Network (NBN) would help Winangali deliver more important messages to even the most remote communities.

"I'm anticipating the full roll-out of the NBN will help our business disseminate more crucial health and education messages," he said.



Winangali project manager Brian Arley, founder and director Noel Niddrie, and community engagement manager Delvene Cockatoo-Collins.

Tasmanians drink to health of non-alcoholic beverages

By Tasmanian correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL Health Service clients in Hobart have raised their glasses to promote responsible drinking at cocktail gatherings with a difference; all beverages were non-alcoholic – and very tasty.

Non-alcoholic wines, mocktails and non-alcoholic punch were served at the AHS's Elders Program, Youth Group, Mums and Bubs group and a community gathering last week to coincide with National Drug Action Week.

Aboriginal health worker Tina Goodwin said the AHS decided to concentrate on alcohol, the most widely used drug in Australia.

"There are far too many drugs that impact on our community, but it is still alcohol that young people tend to try first," she said.

"We see injuries caused by alcohol including brain injuries that ruin people's and families' lives.

"This has a strong impact on the community. We really need to make sure young people know the risks and what they can be getting into if they start drinking too early or too much.

"They need to know the long-term impacts of too much drinking on their health and that it contributes to chronic diseases such as cancers, diabetes, liver, kidney and lung diseases.

"We wanted to show people you



Here's cheers ... Peter Bradley, Terrence Maynard, Louise Adams, Dougie Mansell and Tina Goodwin raise their glasses of non-alcoholic cocktails for Drug Awareness Week.

could socialise and have a good time drinking non-alcoholic beverages, and that it is socially accepted in our community not to drink.

"There are great alternatives to alcohol, they can drink at celebrations, when we are grieving, or at anytime."

Ms Goodwin said the gatherings got discussions happening and people enjoyed the cocktails, many taking away the recipes, such as non-alcoholic pina colodas, mojitos and afterglows.

Across the different groups, there was information and conversations on binge drinking and safe drinking.

There was also an activity on what a standard drink was, where people

poured an amount of red cordial into a glass, equal to the amount they might usually pour as a drink for themselves – then the cordial was measured.

"Around half were pouring standard drinks, the other half between two to four standard drinks in one glass," Ms Goodwin said.

"So for some people if they were having three drinks a night, they were in fact having 12."

Activities were held nationally to raise awareness about alcohol and other drugs issues in Australia for Drug Action Week, an initiative of the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA), funded by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Partnership to help Coorong



ABORIGINAL people will play a key role in a South Australian Government environmental restoration

plan for the Coorong Lower Lakes region.

Announced earlier this month, the Ngarrindjeri Partnerships Project pledges long-term state funding for regional environmental programs in which the local Ngarrindjeri people will play a central part.

The plan has been welcomed by two Flinders University academics, who say the model for the agreements between governments and Indigenous people is attracting national and international attention.

Associate Professor Daryle Rigney, the dean of Indigenous Strategy and Engagement at Flinders University's Yunggoorendi First Nations Centre, said that Flinders had played a major role in negotiations of a wider agreement that would increase Ngarrindjeri capacity across health



From left, Associate Professor Daryle Rigney, Professor Andrew Parkin, Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority Chairman Tom Trevorow and Minister Paul Caica.

and economic development.

"The Ngarrindjeri Nation's approach to 'closing the gap' is quite unusual and is sparking international interest," he said.

Researcher and lecturer Steve Hemming said the Coorong environmental program was one outcome of a whole-of-government agreement between the State and the Ngarrindjeri Nation in which the Government formally recognised the Ngarrindjeri as the traditional

owners of lands and waters.

"It's quite ground-breaking: it's using contract law to set up a formal relationship between an Indigenous nation and a State government," he said.

"That's really been the platform that has enabled all of this to take place."

Speaking at the Camp Coorong launch of program, Flinders deputy vice-chancellor (academic) Professor Andrew Parkin said

that the agreement had transcended many deep issues.

"Agreements like this have been reached in very few places around the world. So it is no exaggeration to say that what has been achieved is significant in international and historical terms," he said.

"The Ngarrindjeri Partnerships Project agreement serves as a model for what can be achieved through mutual respect and goodwill."

Associate Professor Rigney and Mr Hemming acted as a 'think tank' to advise the nation on the establishment of its governing body, the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority, in 2007.

The advisory role was formalised with the set-up of the Ngarrindjeri Research and Planning Policy Unit, based at Yunggoorendi. The NRA now funds two positions at Flinders, a research officer and a policy and planning officer.

Long years of research, community engagement and negotiation were now bearing fruit, Associate Professor Rigney said.

Fresh look at *Jedda*

By MARGARET SMITH
in Sydney



ON a recent cold night at Sydney's Chauvel Cinema, a crowd gathered to see the classic 1950s film *Jedda*. People were there, too, for the launch of a new book by Jane Mills that describes the making of the controversial film by internationally renowned Australian director Charles Chauvel, and the ongoing debate that has swirled around it.

Set in Central Australia and with two Indigenous actors in the lead roles, the 1955 film tells the story of 15-year-old Jedda (Rosalie Kunoth) who was orphaned as an infant and brought up by white station owners, whose own child had died. She is being groomed and 'civilised' to be part of their family, and her closest companion is Joe (Paul Reynal), the young stockman of Aboriginal/Afghan descent, who falls in love with her.

Jedda is a 'good' girl, but yearns to go 'walkabout' with members of her tribe who work on the station. Her white mother thinks this is ridiculous, which adds to the confusion in Jedda's mind.

When the group comes back to the station, they bring with them the young tribal warrior Marbuk (Robert Tudawali), who mesmerises the women. Jedda is both repelled and attracted by his charisma and special sacred powers.

The film has long divided audiences, both black and white. Did it stereotype Aboriginal characters, or was it a pioneering melodrama/western that grappled with the complex issues of race, assimilation, authenticity and belonging?

In her book, Jane Mills argues the film did all of these things.

For her research, Mills retraced the steps of the film, visiting locations and talking to the people involved. She visited Coolibah cattle station west of Katherine, Katherine Gorge and Arrente country, where most of the story was filmed.

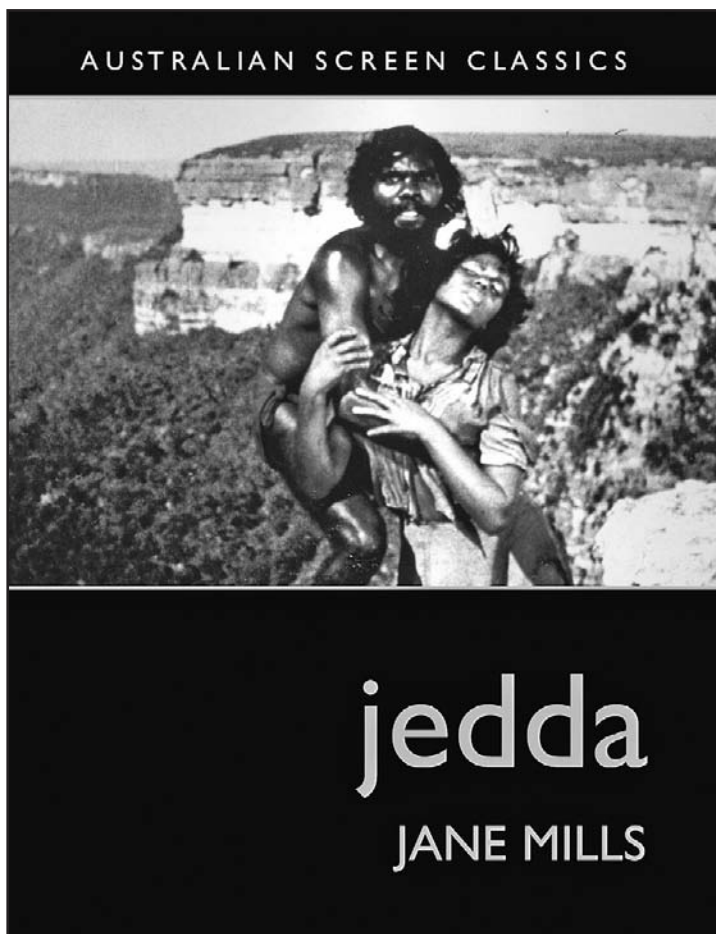
"Like most of Chauvel's films, *Jedda* is remarkable for the spectacular landscapes that fill the frames," Mills writes and, indeed, Charles Chauvel was fascinated by Albert Namatjira's paintings of country.

But the story of Jedda's abduction raised all sorts of questions, especially for the actors.

"I really was terrified of my tribal family seeing that film," Rosalie Kunoth would say later, on seeing the completed film.

"You could imagine my confusion and my hurt that I did not know what I had got myself into."

Chauvel himself said the inspiration for the film came from true stories he had heard by sitting around an Aboriginal campfire in the Northern Territory.



● Above:
The cover of
Jane Mills' book.

● A scene
from the film
Jedda, which
starred
Rosalie
Kunoth and
Robert
Tudawali.

He also knew the anthropologist A P Elkin, and some of his sound recordings are used in the film. The actors spoke Arrente and other traditional languages in it.

When the lights came on in the cinema after the screening earlier this month, the somewhat shell-shocked audience was treated to a panel discussion by Jane Mills, Professor Larissa Behrendt and Chauvel's daughter, Susanne Chauvel Carlsson.

Opposition

The latter told us that her father met with huge opposition from the industry when making the film, which meant a reduced budget.

"The original screenplay had more depth, but the logistics of making the film prevented this," she said.

"When the film came out the audiences were very unprepared for the unhappy ending."

Prof Behrendt found it ironic that the questions the film asked were still current today.

"*Jedda* has three Aboriginal leads, which was groundbreaking. Even Philip Noyce in *Rabbit Proof Fence* had to argue for this all those years later," she

said. "How can we move beyond this uneasy relationship? Decades of government policies are still destroying Aboriginal communities."

Prof Behrendt thought that although the film stereotyped its characters, it also displayed a level of complexity in telling the story of very different cultures in collision.

Added Chauvel Carlsson, "My father had great respect for Aboriginal people. He had long discussions with Albert Namatjira. He thought Canberra should not be telling people in the NT how to live their lives."

What happened to the film's lead actors?

Rosalie Kunoth-Monks went on to become an activist for her people and has been outspoken in recent years about the NT Intervention.

Robert Tudawali acted in small parts in other films, but sadly died from tuberculosis in 1956, just a year after the film was released.

Jedda is published by Currency Press, \$16.95 RRP. A DVD of the film can be purchased from the National Film and Sound Archive in Canberra for \$35.95 plus \$7 postage.



Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council

National Board Member Vacancy Call for Nominations or Expressions of Interest

Nominations and expressions of interest are called to fill the following vacancy:

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia – practitioner member from Queensland**

National Board appointments are made by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council, under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* as in force in each state and territory.

To be eligible for appointment, you must hold national registration as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner, from 1 July 2012. For this vacancy, you must also be from Queensland.

If you have not yet lodged an application for national registration, you may express your interest in this vacancy, but you will need to lodge an application and be successful in being granted national registration. To apply for national registration as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner, go to: www.atsihealthpracticeboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

To express your interest in a board appointment download the Information Pack, from <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Health-Professions.aspx> and submit this by COB Monday 30th July 2012.

If you have any questions or want forms sent to you, please email boardappoint@ahpra.gov.au or call AHPRA, National Human Resources, Board Recruitment on (03) 8708 9277.

Electronic submission is preferred. Alternatively please send to AHPRA, National Human Resources, Board Recruitment, GPO Box 9958, Melbourne Victoria 3001.

Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council



Government of South Australia

Department of the Premier
and Cabinet

PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, Paul Caica, is calling for nominations to the South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council.

The Council comprises ten members appointed by the Minister and meets quarterly.

The role of the South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council is to:

- provide the Government with advice on existing programs and policies as they affect Aboriginal people;
- identify and inform the Government of emerging issues that will affect Aboriginal people from both metropolitan and regional perspectives;
- provide the Government with advice on the development and implementation of future policies and services concerning Aboriginal people;
- provide advice to Government agencies about appropriate consultation processes with Aboriginal communities;
- maintain links with other relevant advisory bodies.

The Minister will be considering the following criteria; Aboriginal people who possess a strong understanding of Aboriginal culture, who have standing within the Aboriginal community, who have policy and service delivery experience and who are able to strongly contribute to the Council.

All Aboriginal people who fit the criteria are invited to apply. Younger Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application packs are available from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division by telephoning (08) 8226 8900 during office hours. Alternatively, you may contact Ms Kathryn Stone on email: kathryn.stone@sa.gov.au

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5PM FRIDAY 6 JULY 2012.

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Have your say...

The State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee is inquiring into **the future and continued relevance of Government land tenure across Queensland** with particular emphasis on:

- ensuring Queensland's pastoral and tourism industries are viable into the future
- the balanced protection of Queensland's ecological values
- ongoing and sustainable resource development
- the need and aspirations of traditional owners.

The committee invites submissions from the public, including key industry groups, industry participants, Indigenous Queenslanders and experts.

Submissions close: 3 August 2012

Public hearings: Refer to the Committee's website

Report date: 30 November 2012

Email: sdiic@parliament.qld.gov.au

Information: www.parliament.qld.gov.au/sdiic

Ph: 3406 7230

Submissions

Please note that submissions to inquiries become committee documents and are made public only after a decision of the committee. Committees reserve the right to not receive a submission in whole or in part. Persons making submissions must not release them until they have been published by the committee. The prior publication of a submission will not be protected by parliamentary privilege.

Public hearings

Committees will hear from invited witnesses. Members of the public are welcome to observe the proceedings.



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Australian Government

Department of Families, Housing,
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Better Start for Children with Disability & Helping Children with Autism Early Intervention Service Provider Panels

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) has established panels of early intervention service providers to deliver evidence based services to eligible children as part of the Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) package and the Better Start for Children with Disability (Better Start) initiative. The purpose of the panels is to improve access to targeted and appropriate early intervention services for eligible children.

FaHCSIA is now seeking further applications from eligible organisations and sole providers who wish to apply for membership of one or both panels.

Allied health professionals who are qualified and experienced in the disciplines of audiology, speech pathology, occupational therapy, orthoptics, physiotherapy or psychology are invited to apply for membership of the Better Start Panel as sole providers.

Multidisciplinary early intervention services and consortia which include or can demonstrate a professional relationship with an allied health professional from the listed disciplines are also encouraged to apply.

Early intervention providers, speech pathologists, occupational therapists and child psychologists can deliver services as individual practitioners or form consortia to deliver services through membership of the HCWA panel.

Applications for membership of the Better Start Early Intervention Service Provider Panel can be submitted online at anytime. For further information go to www.fahcsia.gov.au/betterstart

Further information about applying for the HCWA panel and the application package can be found at <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/disability/funding/earlyintervention>

The application process for both panels is ongoing.

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Author Dr Fiona Skyring (second from left), with Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia staff Jodi Hoffman, John Bedford and Bronagh Quinn. Photos courtesy of ALSWA

Award for book on WA service



A BOOK on the history of Western Australia's major Aboriginal legal service has taken out a top award.

Justice: A History of the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA, by Dr Fiona Skyring, received the 2012 Margaret Medcalf Award during a ceremony at the State Library of WA earlier this month.

The book explores the 40-year history of the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) and provides an insight into the role it plays.

WA Arts Minister John Day, who presented the Award to Dr Skyring, described it as a powerful work and a compelling read.

"This book makes a significant contribution to increasing our understanding of the changes in criminal justice and policing, and to attitudes about racial discrimination and land rights that have occurred in recent times in WA," he said.

Dr Skyring said she was honoured to accept the award, which acknowledged the importance of *Justice* and the research efforts undertaken to produce such an historical book.

ALSWA executive officer John Bedford was delighted that the book had been acknowledged.

"There have been so many people involved with ALSWA over the past 40 years, and we are thrilled that their stories can now be shared with wider audiences, to provide a greater understanding and insight into the unique role played by ALSWA in this state's justice system," he said.

The Margaret Medcalf Award



Dr Fiona Skyring with a copy of her award-winning book.

honours WA's second State Archivist for her contribution to the development of archives in that state, especially during the 1970s and 1980s. Nominated

works must demonstrate use of archival sources, and substantial (but not necessarily exclusive) use of archives held by the State Records Office.



Catchment Management
Authority
Northern Rivers

Applicants Sought BOARD MEMBER POSITION

The Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA) is seeking to fill two (2) Board member vacancies.

The NRCMA is an independent Statutory Authority established by the NSW Government to work with the community to improve the management and sustainability of land, vegetation and water resources within the catchment. The Board reports directly to the Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson MP Minister for Primary Industries.

Board members provide local knowledge, direction and expertise during the planning and implementation of the CMA's programs. Board members are appointed for a specified term on a part-time basis and may be eligible for reappointment. A Board member should reside within the Northern Rivers catchment area. CMA Boards are responsible and accountable for the development and implementation of Catchment Action Plans, associated Investment Programs and corporate governance compliance.

Applications must address the following criteria:

- Demonstrated experience in governance, leadership and organisational oversight.
- Demonstration of active community involvement and an appreciation of community resilience, values and sensitivities.
- Understanding of key environmental and natural resource management issues, including soils, water and biodiversity.
- A knowledge of land use systems and a capacity to encourage sustainable practices within the catchment.
- A proven track record in building relationships and working collaboratively with others.
- A broad knowledge and practical skills in one or more of the following areas:
 - Primary production
 - Natural resource management systems
 - Social and economic analysis
 - Aboriginal cultural heritage
 - Community education
 - Environmental water management
 - Conservation and the environment
 - Local government
 - Consultation, negotiation and facilitation
 - Communication
 - Community capacity building
 - Business administration or law

Information about the NRCMA is available on our website:
www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: John Williams, Chair NRCMA 0477 325 269

Information Packages: Michelle Nelson 02 6642 0645
or northern@cma.nsw.gov.au

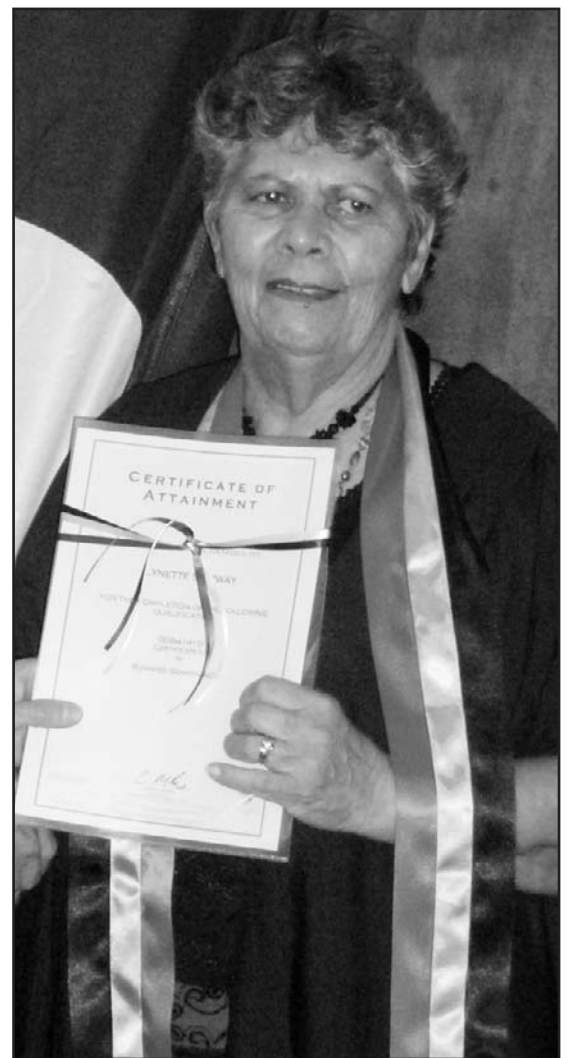
Applications must be received by 4pm on Friday 13 July 2012.

Applications can be submitted by post to
'The General Manager, NRCMA, PO Box 618, Grafton NSW 2460'
or by email to applications-northern@cma.nsw.gov.au

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At the graduation, back row from left, Cathrena McRae (Learning Workshop representative), Rick Aplin, Merle Dippel, Tony Dalton, Joseph Kaissis, Christopher E Kennedy, Troy Wyles-Whelan, Warren Singleton, Russell Styche and Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven. Front from left, Angela Walsh, Eileen Burchill, Paula Harbrow, Lynette Shipway, Maureen Myers, Sandra Davies and Pamela Ferguson.



Lynette Shipway from the Yulu-Burri-Ba Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health.

Graduates to lift expertise



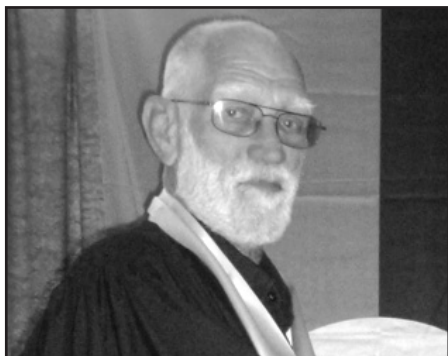
SEVEN Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations in Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory have had their internal

expertise boosted with the graduation of 15 people from a nationally accredited governance training program.

The Certificate IV in Business (Governance) course is run by the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) with federal funding.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven presented the latest 15 graduates with their completion certificate in Brisbane on 15 June.

The certificate ceremony began with a welcome to country by an Aboriginal Elder Eddie Ruska.



Course graduate Rick Aplin.

Amongst the course participants was Tony Dalton, a Kabi Kabi man and co-ordinator from the Barambah Local Justice Group Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation in Cherbourg.

"We all came together individually looking for change," Mr Dalton said afterwards.

"Now, as extended family, we each go home prepared to make a difference."

Fellow participant Paula Harbrow, from the North Queensland Regional Aboriginal Corporation Languages Centre in Cairns, thanked ORIC for the opportunity to participate in professional, culturally-respectful training 'to further develop our skills as directors for the betterment of our organisations and communities'.

Eileen Burchill, an Eastern Kuku Yalanji woman from the Yalanjiwarra Jalunji Marrjanga Aboriginal Corporation in Mossman, said the course gave her the opportunity to have a better understanding of her role as a director.



Registrar Anthony Beven and Russell Styche at the graduation ceremony.

Aboriginal Heritage Call for Interest — Ellerton Dr Extension, Queanbeyan

The Queanbeyan City Council proposes to conduct a heritage study along the proposed route for an extension to Ellerton Drive, Queanbeyan. The Ellerton Drive Extension is intended to provide a link between East Queanbeyan at the termination point of the existing Ellerton Dr and Karabar at Old Cooma Rd. The total length of the road is approximately 4.6km.

Cultural Heritage Management Australia (CHMA) invites submissions from Aboriginal persons and organisations holding cultural knowledge relevant to the Queanbeyan Area who wish to be consulted regarding cultural heritage investigations of the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension.

Please register your interest with CHMA by contacting Sophie Collins on 0414306762 or in writing to PO Box 9463 Deakin, ACT, 2600. Submissions must be received by **5pm Saturday 20th July 2012**.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL NAIDOC COMMITTEE

Suitable applicants are invited to nominate for membership of the National NAIDOC Committee (NNC).

The NNC is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander committee that sets the policy and the arrangements for the National NAIDOC Awards and NAIDOC Week celebrations.

This position requires substantial commitment, including willingness to travel to attend committee meetings on weekends.

Membership of the NNC is voluntary and no remuneration is provided for the position.

Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Nominations close on Monday 16 July 2012.

Successful applicants will commence duties in August 2012. Selection criteria can be obtained by visiting www.naidoc.org.au, emailing info@naidoc.org.au or calling (02) 6146 3234.



Exhibition of Draft Aboriginal Community Plan 2012-2015

**The Draft Aboriginal Community Plan 2012-2015
is now on exhibition**

This plan identifies the demographics of Aboriginal people in Lake Macquarie and highlights the strengths of the local community. The plan also identifies the current needs of the Aboriginal community and provides strategies through specific actions to address those needs.

Once adopted by Council, the plan will contribute to Council's long term planning for the Aboriginal Community.

Council invites residents and interested parties to provide feedback on the draft plan. Email submissions to council@lakemac.nsw.gov.au or mail to Sarah Neal, Aboriginal Community Development Officer, Lake Macquarie City Council, Box 1906 HRMC NSW 2310. Submissions and exhibition close **Monday 30 July 2012**.

View the plans at Council's libraries, Council's administrative building, or at www.lakemac.com.au

To request a copy of the plan, or for additional information or enquiries, please contact Sarah Neal on 4921 0333 or email sneal@lakemac.nsw.gov.au

BackMeUp targets cyber-bullying



THE Australian Human Rights Commission has launched a national campaign to

encourage young people to support their friends targeted by cyber-bullying.

Research on bullying has found that the vast majority of

incidents occur in front of bystanders, who either feel powerless to act or actually encourage the bullying.

The central focus of BackMeUp has been a video competition through Facebook where teenagers are encouraged to make a video about how they could help

someone who is being cyber-bullied.

Last week's launch at Sydney Secondary College's Leichhardt campus was attended by several campaign ambassadors, including MTV's Ruby Rose and *Australia's Got Talent* contestant Cody Bell.

Commission spokesperson Dr Helen Szoke said

BackMeUp was about taking positive action when you see somebody being cyber-bullied.

"Bystanders are crucial to dealing with cyber-bullying. Taking positive action to support those who are being bullied leads to less social and mental health problems as well as an

increased sense of safety at schools," said Dr Szoke.

The BackMeUp campaign is based on research by some of Australia's foremost bullying experts including Professor Donna Cross and Dr Laura Thomas, from Edith Cowan University Child Health Promotion Research Centre.

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:

BASS POINT RESERVE, SHELLHARBOUR

on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by email, 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 **14th August 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 or

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Languages in the spotlight



Representatives at the languages meeting in Cairns.

By CHRISTINE HOWES



IMPROVED understanding of government and funding processes was a key outcome for members of various language support groups who met in Cairns earlier this month.

Faith Baisden saw the opportunity to bring the groups together as a result of her roles, not only as co-ordinator of the Eastern States Aboriginal Language Group, but also as the secretary of the Queensland Indigenous Languages Advisory Committee (QILAC).

"I was in a perfect position to bring those two groups together," she said.

"The Eastern States Group decided that's our role – to support language programs across New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland – and we just invited anyone who could come along to this meeting.

"A key part of the role of our Eastern States Group is to provide a connection between the community language projects between language centres and government.

"(Key people in government) already know us through the funding process but it's just to have that conversation so that government gets to understand more about the needs of the language centres and communities, and also how we get to understand more about government processes.

"We find that it's always a great building experience when we're able to bring people together because people learn from shared experience and hoping to dream together."

QILAC member Joy Bonner said language programs couldn't be run without funding.

"I really appreciate how our language is taking off in each community, and how we, as a language group, helped to maintain and revive through our oral history through the Elders," she said.

"And to teach our younger generation (so) that we're actually embedded in language, culture and identity as we journey through our lives in whatever avenues or career paths we choose.

Committed

"And I really appreciate the people in the background... showcasing the community's language and how Elders, children and the community as a whole are getting along and learning at a level where everyone is involved... that makes us strong and committed."

Representing the North Queensland Regional Aboriginal Co-operation Languages Centre, Troy Wyles-Whelan agreed that keeping up with national policy and strategy was important.

"When it comes to looking at a national policy and strategy for Aboriginal languages there is evidence of the effort that's been put in but there are still a lot of problems with regards to

acceptance into schools and how we fund that process," he said.

"We're still lobbying and working hard... it's becoming more apparent to us, too, that there are a lot of people that have a great interest in language.

"I think the work we're doing is going to make that process a lot more informed for them so that they know who their local traditional Aboriginal people and communities are, and their language, and hopefully they'll give them some incentive to find out more if they're willing to.

"I think also this particular agenda – our strategy for getting the youth involved – is a good process because it's one of the things that we've been labouring over for quite a long time."

Mr Wyles-Whelan said the group received a moving welcome to country from young man Gavin Singleton.

"The welcome was absolute evidence of how the introduction of language has influenced him, and he brought it to us as a group," he said.

"I think this was one of those opportunities that the whole group got to see that, 'Yeah, it's filtering down to the youth but there needs to be more work done'.

"It was quite evident Gavin had presented to us his passion for language and his passion for research and wanting to make those connections, both ancestrally and spiritually. And that helped us see that we're doing the right thing."

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National

6 July: National NAIDOC Awards Ceremony and Ball. To celebrate Indigenous culture, recognise inspirational award winners and enjoy high-profile Indigenous entertainers. Held at Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, from 6.30pm to midnight. Tickets through Ticketek for \$85 each or \$960 for a table of 121. Details: 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au or www.naidoc.org.au

NSW

28 June: Lismore Community NAIDOC Celebrations 2012. Join the community in celebrations, including information stalls, music, dancing, live performances, face painting, rides, sausage sizzle and much more. Free and all welcome. Held at Heritage Park, Molesworth St, Lismore from 10am-2pm. Details: Lee-Ann Emzin on 1300 87 83 87 or visit www.visitlismore.com.au

29 June: Miss NAIDOC and Little Miss NAIDOC Fashion Show. In celebration of NAIDOC Week including a fashion show, live performances and raffles. Held at Lismore Workers Club, Keen St, Lismore. Cost: \$5 entry fee. Details: Sharnie on (02) 6698 5617 or (0422) 648 960 or email sharnier@ycnc.com.au

1-5 July: Darkinjung LALC NAIDOC celebrations. Help us celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples including a flag-raising ceremony, Elders High Tea, family fun day, family golf day, rugby league match and more. Costs involved. Details: (02) 4351 2930 or visit www.darkinjung.com.au

2-7 July: Lismore NAIDOC Week. Come join the celebrations including a flag-raising ceremony, dance performances, PCYC Blue Light disco, community sports and fun day and a football match. Some costs involved. Details: Lee-Ann Emzin or Sandra Vincent on 1300 87 83 87 or visit www.lismore.com.au

2 July: NAIDOC Celebrations in Hyde Park. Under the Beach Umbrella – Spirit of the Tent Embassy come and join together to recognise the valuable contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to Australia's national identity. Events on the day include an opening ceremony, Kidz Zone, weaving workshop, dancestry, fashion show and performances by Casey Donovan, Stiff Gins, Microwave Jenny, Marcus Corowa and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Hyde Park, Elizabeth St, Sydney from 11am. Details: Maryann Weston or David Cole on (02) 4822 8230 or email maryann@gjvibe.com.au or david@gjvibe.com.au

2 July: Lismore Mayor's NAIDOC flag-raising ceremony. Free and all welcome. Held at Lismore City Hall Fountain Room from 9.30-11.30am. RSVP by 28 June. Details: Sandra Vincent on (02) 6625 0436.

3 July: Community Service Workers 2012 NAIDOC Dinner. In the spirit of reconciliation and unity, get together to share food, laughs and company. Held at La Vida Bar and Restaurant, 3/178 Keen St, Lismore, at 6.30pm. Cost is \$30 per head. Bookings: La Vida on (02) 6622 4664 and add your name to the NAIDOC booking.

3 July: National Centre of Indigenous Excellence. Come for a conversation, Q & A with Anita Heiss – author of *Am I Black Enough for You*, and Anne Summers – author of *Gamble for Power*, *The End of Equality* and *The Lost Mother* among other books. Cost: \$20 includes light lunch. Held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, 180 George St, Redfern from

ABC TV's *Message Stick* celebrates NAIDOC week

By MARGARET SMITH

A POWERFUL documentary about early Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander theatre, and profiles of Indigenous achievers form ABC TV *Message Stick*'s contribution to NAIDOC Week this year.

The National Black Theatre existed in Redfern from 1972-77. Its outspoken members helped create the Aboriginal legal and medical services, and trained some of our best actors.

They were a pivotal force behind the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and the struggle for national land rights.

The film's director, Dunghutti woman Darlene Johnson, told the *Koori Mail* she was a child living in Redfern with her mother at the time, and saw people come from all over Australia to join the theatre.

"There were people like the Bostocks, Louise Aileen Corpus, Bob Maza, Gary Foley, Lillian Crombie, Brian Syron, Maureen Watson and Bryan Brown. I can especially remember Zac Martin, who played the flying 'Super Boong', coming round to borrow my mother's guitar," she says.

The black theatre put on satirical hard-hitting plays written by its members, such as Gerry Bostock's *Here Comes the Nigger* and Bob Maza's *Basically Black*, which was later filmed by the ABC and broadcast. The group also used drama techniques for street theatre and political protests.

It was a significant time for the black power movement in Australia, and the documentary includes footage of their classes, performances, street protests and films that still look radical today.

Johnson adds: "As Aileen says in the film, they had guts. Many of the things that we can be proud of today came from that movement".

The late Bob Maza's daughter, Rachel



Actor Bryan Brown (left), Julie McGregor, right and Lester Bostock, centre right, representing Black Theatre at the Theatre Cutback March in George Street, Sydney, in 1978.
Photo by JUNO GEMES

who is now artistic director of Ilbjerri, agrees.

"I take my inspiration from my father's generation, and those guys who uncompromisedly dived in and had no questions about the role of politics and art... the two were inseparable", she says.

Series producer Dena Curtis reveals research for the film unearthed some rare footage.

Rare footage

"We found some of the archival footage here at the ABC, but we were lucky enough to find some independent film-makers with footage that had never been aired before".

Curtis has been at the ABC for two years. She grew up hearing stories at Tennant Creek before working for CAAMA in Alice Springs, and then moving to Sydney with NITV.

It was great background for the ABC's other contribution to NAIDOC week – 480, which profiles Noongar activist

Marianne MacKay, businessman Neil Willmetts, musician Lisa Maza, surfer Joe Haddon and fashion designer Grace Lee, all in mini documentaries of less than 480 seconds (or eight minutes).

The ABC's Indigenous Programs Unit is also supporting new Aboriginal documentaries, such as *The Coniston Massacre* and *Crocker Island Exodus*, both of which screened at the Sydney Film Festival. The first tells the story of the aftermath of the massacre in Central Australia, and the second recreates the journey of stolen children forced off their mission island during the bombing of Darwin.

Says Curtis: "We want to screen films that are as real and as strong as possible.

"*Message Stick* has been a goldmine for Indigenous stories, and a place for filmmakers to learn their craft."

The *National Black Theatre* screens on ABC TV at 1.30pm on 1 July, and 480 screens at 6.50pm on 2 July.

12-2pm. Details: 1300 866 761 or email bianca.roberts@ncie.org.au or visit www.trybooking.com/BNZA

4-7 July: NAIDOC Week in Marrickville. Marrickville Council has a series of events, including performances, outdoor cinema events, face painting, BBQ and much more. Free and all welcome. Details: Rebecca Carroll on (02) 9335 2243.

5-6 July: Australian National Maritime Museum Indigenous art and craft for all ages inspired by the exhibition *Fish in Australian art*. Program includes an artist's talk and demonstration by Ken Thaiday and Indigenous weaving workshops with Kristine Stewart. Cost involved and bookings are essential. Held at Australian National Maritime Museum, 2 Murray St, Darling Harbour, Sydney. Details: (02) 9298 3655 or log onto bookings@anmm.gov.au

7 July: NAIDOC Women's Dinner 2012. Come together to share stories, to reflect and to celebrate the lives as carers and givers to families and friends. Held at Broadmeadow Harness Racing Club, Broadmeadow, at 6pm. Cost: \$35 per ticket or \$350 per table of 10. Details: Muloobinba

on (02) 4969 5299

13 July: Eastlake NAIDOC Family Fun Day. Come and join the celebrations including information stalls, community awards, BBQ, children's entertainment and performance by comedian Sean Choolburra. Free and all welcome. Held at Pelican Reserve Foreshore, Lakeview Parade, Blacksmith, from 10am-4pm. Details: Bahtabah LALC on (02) 4971 4800

ACT

28 June: Jack Cusack Memorial Lecture – a lecture on CSIRO's research at the Top End delivered by Dr Rosemary Hill. Held at CSIRO Discovery Centre, Clunies-Ross St, Acton, ACT, from 6pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Louise O'Brien on (02) 6246 4646.

1 July: NAIDOC on the Peninsula 2012. A fun day of entertainment for all the family, including a flag-raising ceremony and performances by Dan Sultan, Microwave Jenny, The Last Kinection, traditional dancers plus local performers. Held at AIATSIS, Lawson Cres, Action Peninsula,

Canberra, from 10.30am-3.30pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Julian Fitzgerald on (02) 6244 3071 or julian.fitzgerald@act.gov.au

2 July: Gugan Gulwan/Burrniju NAIDOC Art Exhibition. Featuring talented artwork from the young people of the Gugan Gulwan Bimberi Arts, including a BBQ lunch. Held at Burrniju Aboriginal Corporation Art Gallery, 245 Lady Denman Dr, Yarramundi Reach, ACT, from 11am-2pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Dale Huddleston on (02) 6296 8900 or email dale@gugan-gulwan.com.au

3-5 July: Asia-Pacific Apostolic Prophetic Conference. A Christian conference hosted by Indigenous and non-Indigenous group centre for international reconciliation and peace, including speakers from Singapore and Vanuatu. Held at Parliamentary Theatre, Parliament House, Canberra. Times: 9.30am-4pm and 7-10.30pm. Full registration \$160, night free. Details: Barbara Miller on (0466) 076 020 or email cfirp@skymesh.com.au or visit www.reconciliationandpeace.org.au for a registration form.

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7 July: YWCA Womens Oztag competition, bringing Indigenous and non-Indigenous women together to celebrate women's participation in sport. Held at Dickson Playing Fields, Antill St, Dickson, ACT, from 9.30am-3pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Heni or Shernaël on (02) 6175 9900 or email heni.pancaningtyas@ywca-canberra.org.au

Queensland

29 June-1 July: First Emerging Indigenous Art Exhibition – a sensational exhibition timed to coincide with NAIDOC Week featuring emerging Indigenous artists, each with a special connection to the State's capital city. Free and all welcome. Official opening 29 June at 6.00pm. Held at Love Love Studio, 27 Florence St, Teneriffe. Details: Leanne (0418) 780 416 or email mcintyreleanne@gmail.com or visit www.lovelovestudio.blogspot.com.au

30 June-8 July: Wide Bay Burnett Regional NAIDOC. In the Spirit of the Tent Embassy 20 years on, come join the celebrations, including a NAIDOC Ball, church service, flag-raising ceremony, Elders luncheon and NAIDOC walk. Some costs involved. Details: (07) 4151 0814 or (0459) 181 183.

1-6 July: 2012 Townsville NAIDOC Week celebrations, providing an opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to join together and recognise the valuable and continuing contribution that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians have made to this country. Program includes official opening and flag-raising ceremony, a community breakfast, a march and a Deadly Day Out. Costs involved. Details: Marita Akee (07) 4799 7199 or Shane Alley (07) 4727 9000 or visit www.townsvillenaidoc.com.au for a full list program of events.

1-8 July: Cairns NAIDOC Week, in recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Program includes an official opening, corporate breakfast, community day, multi sports day, a NAIDOC dinner and a much more. Cost: Most day events free, cost involved for other events. Details: Tania Dais (07) 4226 4800 or (0403) 243 811 or visit www.cairnsunlimate.com/naidoc_week for list of events.

2 July: NAIDOC Flag-raising ceremony, Nambour. Help celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Program includes guest speakers by the Mayor and others as well as members of the National NAIDOC Committee. Free and all welcome. Held at Nambour Council Chambers and Library forecourt, Nambour, at 10am. Details: Council (07) 5475 7272.

2 July: The Ration Shed Museum, Cherbourg. The Museum invites all to celebrate the launch of 'The Cherbourg Timeline'. Held at the Ration Shed Museum, 19 Barambah Ave, Cherbourg. Free and all welcome. Light snacks provided. Details: Sandra Morgan (07) 4169 5753.

3-29 July: NAIDOC Expressions through our eyes, an exhibition by Aboriginal artists from the Toowoomba area and their individual interpretation of cultural expression in today's landscape using traditional, contemporary and modern interpretations. Free and all welcome. Held at Toowoomba Regional Art gallery, 531 Ruthven St, Toowoomba from 10am-4pm Tues-Sat & 1-4pm Sun. Details: Tina Wilson (07) 4688 6652.

4 July: Gidarjil Development Corporation NAIDOC, celebrating 40 years

Arakwal to celebrate with film

THE Arakwal people of Byron Bay will hold a screening of *Walking With My Sisters* at the Byron Bay Community Centre at 6.30pm on 4 July to commemorate NAIDOC Week and 20 years since the High Court's Mabo decision.

Walking With My Sisters was filmed between 1994 and 1998, and follows Arakwal Elder Dulcie Nicholls and her now late sisters Yvonne Graham, Linda Vidler and Lorna Kelly through the native title process and their battle to prove their connection to the land where they

grew up.

The film will be followed by a question and answer with the Arakwal people and the film-maker Bronwyn Kidd.

Prior to the screening, the Arakwal people will launch their new website, sharing information about current projects, culture and caring for country.

Contemporary reality

There will also be a screening of an excerpt from Ms Kidd's sequel, *Back To Country*, which reveals the contemporary reality of the lives of the Arakwal

people, native title claimants from Byron Bay.

The event will be held at the Byron Bay Community Centre, with the Arakwal website launch at 4pm and *Walking With My Sisters* screened at 6.30pm, running for 52 mins, rated PG.

Tickets are \$8 and concession \$6.

Giveaway: Flickerfest has a double pass give away to *Walking With My Sisters*. To win, be the first to call (02) 6684 5577 and correctly answer the question: What is the name of the sequel to *Walking With My Sisters*?



From left, the last remaining Arakwal Elder Dulcie Nicholls pictured in 1994 with her sisters Yvonne Graham, Linda Vidler and Lorna Kelly. – Photo courtesy Arakwal Corporation

of the Tent Embassy. Celebrations include a welcome to country, traditional dance, BBQ, children's boomerang throwing & face painting. Held at Bundaberg Historical Museum, 6 Mount Perry Road from 11am-2.30pm. Museum admissions price: \$4 adults, \$2 students, Elders are free. Details: CQ Language Centre (07) 4130 7700 or Museum on (07) 4152 0101

5 July: Common Ground, a hip-hop workshop for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, including all elements of hip-hop dance styles. Free and all welcome. Held at Sole Studios, 1 Whalley Creek Close, Nambour. Times: 10am-2.30pm (ages 6-12) and 2.30pm-7pm (ages 13-adult). Details: (0431) 123 401 or email fraser.landreth@uccommunity.org.au

6 July: Musgrave Park Family Fun Day, includes three performance stages, food fare, Elder's tent, kids rides, information stalls, arts and crafts, traditional dance and the crowning of Miss NAIDOC Brisbane Models Search. Free and all welcome. Held at Musgrave Park, South Brisbane, from 9am-5pm. Details: (0412) 904 385 or visit www.musgraveparkffd.com.au

9 July: Moreton Bay Regional NAIDOC Festival 2012, hosted by the Pamanyungan Elders Alliance, celebrations include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancing, crafts, live music, stalls and kids rides. Free and all welcome. Held at Redcliffe Showgrounds, Scarborough Rd, Redcliffe, from 9am-3pm. Details: Gene Blow (0422) 268 277.

14 July: Eagleby NAIDOC Family Festival, a family festival showcasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. There will be raffles, rides, face painting,

performances, cultural events, information stalls and a sausage sizzle. Free and all welcome. Held at Bishop St Park, Bishop St, Eagleby from 10am-2pm. Details: (07) 3807 4901.

South Australia

2-6 July: Blackscreen: Two films screenings – *Tales From the Daly*, a cautionary tale narrated by respected Nauyu community elder Mirian-Rose Ungumerr-Baumann, and the *Djarns*, a story of friendship, culture and love. Free and all welcome.

Dates, venue and times as follows:

2 July: Middleback Theatre 141a Nicolson Avenue, Whyalla at 11am. Ph: (08) 8644 730

4 July: Chaffey Theatre, Seventeenth St, Renmark at 7pm. Ph: (08) 8586 1800.

5 July: 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier at 7pm. Ph: (08) 8723 8741.

5 July: 106 Gertrude St, Port Pirie at 7pm. Ph: (08) 8633 8500 or email northern@countryarts.org.au

6 July: Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centra, Noarlunga at 7pm. Ph: (08) 8207 3977 or email hoppood@countryarts.org.au

2-6 July: The Sponge Kids Hub. The kids arts hub of Just Add Water is where families can soak up the exhibition in the gallery and then create their own masterpieces. Parents or carers must accompany children. Held at Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa Wharf, Goolwa. Times: 10.30am-noon and 1pm-2.30pm. Free and welcome. Details: Leah Grace Black on (08) 8555 7289 or email leah.grace@alexandria.sa.gov.au

4 July: NAIDOC Week breakfast, hosted

by Baptist Care, includes guest speaker Tauto Sansbury. Must RSVP. Held at 216 Wright St, Adelaide from 7.30-9am. Free and all welcome. Details: (08) 8118 5200.

6 July: MEEA Art Show. Join the Mining, Energy and Engineering Academy (MEEA) in acknowledging NAIDOC Week. Art pieces supplied by Indigenu, Desert Art, Mura Dreaming and World Art from 9am-5pm. Free and all welcome. Held at MEEA Offices, 78 Angas St, Adelaide. Details: Anna Hill on (08) 8110 8200 or visit www.meea.com.au

Western Australia

30 June: East Perth v Subiaco WAFL game. It is the annual NAIDOC Round in the WAFL. Come down and support the Mighty Royals as they take on Subiaco. Held at Medibank Stadium, 246 Vincent St, Leederville from 2.10pm. Cost: \$15 adults, kids under 16 Free. Details: East Perth Football Club (08) 9443 2259

1-8 July: Perth NAIDOC, a jam-packed program with something for everyone, including welcome to countries, flag-raising ceremonies, art and film exhibitions, music, dance, community stall, children's activities, speeches, sporting carnivals and more. Details: For a full program of events call (08) 6363 5346 or visit www.naidocperth.org

1 July: NAIDOC Perth opening ceremony. Family fun day includes children's activities, food, community stalls and afternoon-long entertainment from local and visiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait

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Islander artists, including Troy Cassar-Daley, Oz Island, Angela Rule, Bad Influence and Indigenous Opera,; Pecan Summer. Free and all welcome. Held at Wellington Square, Perth from 12-4pm. Details: Angela Ryder on (0417) 901 788 or email treasurer@naidocperth.org

1-8 July: Bunbury NAIDOC Week. A celebration of culture, including cultural activities, dance, music and arts. A full week of events, including opening ceremony, open day at Djidi Primary school, football match, family portraits, family fun day, PCYC disco, NAIDOC Ball. All days events free, \$70 Ball, photo packages available. Details: Rachelle (0437) 782 840 for full program of events.

1-8 July: Halls Creek NAIDOC Week, a full week of events, including NAIDOC march, opening ceremony, Tent Embassy, film night, art exhibition, parent/teacher footy match, kangaroo stew and damper, Elders' morning tea, children's NAIDOC Ball, NAIDOC Ball, traditional lunch. Free and all welcome, except for NAIDOC Ball \$15. Details: Kimberly Language Resource Centre on (08) 9168 6005 for full program of events.

3 July: NAIDOC Seniors Ball, including having Noongar Radio broadcasting a live show. Held at Seniors Centre, 9 Coleville Cr, Spearwood from 10am-2.30pm. Gold coin donation. Details: (08) 9411 3487 or email smourish01@cockburn.wa.gov.au

3 July: City of Rockingham family fun day, celebrating local Aboriginal culture and building relationship, including bouncy castles, face painting, sausage sizzle and more. Held at Hillman Hall and Recreation Space, Unnarro Road, Hillman, next to Primary School from 10am-1pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (08) 9528 0333 or email Natasha.hazell@rockingham.wa.gov.au

4 July: Noongar Awards evening, a night of local entertainment and great fun. Held at the Albany Entertainment Centre, Princess Royal Dr, Albany, 6.30-10pm. Cost: \$50 per head, Elders \$45. Details: Jo Taylor on (08) 9841 9339

5 July: Mary G comedy show. Join the Queen of the Kimberly for an evening of mayhem and laughter. Held at the State Library Theatre, State Library of Western Australia from 5-7pm (doors open 4.30pm, strict 5pm start time). Cost: \$10. Details: (08) 9427 3211

7 July: Sean Choolburra comedy show, Australia's No 1 Indigenous entertainer all the way from Sydney. Held at the State Library Theatre, State Library of Western Australia from 6-7pm (doors open

Girls prepare for *Luwana Dream*

By Tasmanian correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY

A BUNCH of teenage Aboriginal girls near Hobart are flat out rehearsing for their original theatre work *Luwana Dream*, scheduled to premier in Hobart for NAIDOC Week.

The lively new theatre work is about Mia, a young girl exploring her Aboriginality, often through her dreams and obstacles along the way such as cyber bullying and struggles with school.

Hollie French, who plays a bus driver amongst other characters, said Mia was a combination of the real personalities and traits of the girls who created *Luwana Dream*, who have all experienced bullying or cyber bullying at some time.

She said *Luwana Dream* would remind people to accept those around them for who they were, not to engage in cyber bullying and to embrace their Aboriginality.

It features palawa kani (language), humour, an original musical number, a dance scene, teenage angst, spirituality and drama.

"It's been an unforgettable experience and the play should be unforgettable for participants and the audience," she told the *Koori Mail* at rehearsals last week.

"I can't wait for it, I'm so excited. We're all proud of it and happy we've got together and created an amazing piece of art."

Hollie said that *Luwana Dream* was a creative progression from last year's short film about being a proud Aborigine, by the same group of girls.



Chloe Bowden, Lily Castle, Rhiannon Webb, Rebecca Bowden and Hollie French (front) pose in character for the *Koori Mail* at a rehearsal last week. The actresses play three to five characters each for *Luwana Dream*. (Lead actress Kiarra Coad was absent from rehearsals the day the *Koori Mail* visited, therefore not pictured)

"We've got some acting experience now and a lot of us have come out of our shells; we're pretty close," she said.

Community theatre maker Angela Frost, who directs the play, also directed last year's film.

Luwana Dream is presented by Women's Karadi Aboriginal Corporation Girls Group.

● There will be a performance of *Luwana Dream* for the Aboriginal community at Karadi on Thursday 5 July at 6pm and public performances at the Moonah Arts Centre Monday 2 July at 6pm and at the Theatre Royal Backspace theatre Saturday 7 July at 7pm. Admission to all shows is free.

5.30pm, strict 6pm start time). Cost: \$10. Details: (08) 9427 3211.

Victoria

2-3 July: Storytime and painting, an interactive story time followed by a special painting activity for ages 3-6 yrs. 2 July at Emerald Library, 400 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, from 1.30-2.30pm; 3 July held at Pakenham Library, Cnr John and Henry St, from 11am-12pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (03) 5945 4014.

2 July: Flag-raising ceremony and Indigenous student scholarship presentation, including welcome to country, a smoking ceremony, traditional entertainment and speech. Afternoon tea provided. Free and all welcome. Held at Department of Sustainability Office, Corner of Midland Hwy and Taylor St, Epsom, from 2-3.30pm. Details: Gavin Parkes on (03) 5430 4702.

2 July: Heal the Spirit and Strengthen the Community – Kutcha Edwards, an Aboriginal singer-songwriter, performs and shares his connection and includes a flag-raising ceremony from 6.30-8.30pm. Light finger food provided. Free and all welcome at Wyndham Cultural Centre, 177 Watton St,

Werribee. Details: Lisa Field on (03) 9742 0777 or email Lisa.Field@wyndham.vic.gov.au

2 July: Koorie night market and flag-raising ceremony. Celebrations include a performance from Indigenous singer Kutcha Edwards, arts, crafts, food, and talks by Indigenous community leaders from 3.30-5.30pm. Free and all welcome. Held at Council Civic area, Civic Centre, 9 Kellaway Ave, Moonee Ponds. Details: Sara Ferdowsi (03) 9243 8888 or email sferdowsi@mvcc.vic.gov.au

2 July: Indigenous cultural workshop – join local Aboriginal elders and artists, learn traditional basket weaving skills or carve, burn and paint a boomerang. Held at Maribynong City Council, Reception Room, Town Hall, Crn Napier and Hyde Sts, Footscray, from 11.30am-2pm. Free and all welcome. Bookings preferred. Details: Jacki Bacon (03) 9688 0200 or email jacki.vic.gov.au

3 July: Breakfast and flag-raising ceremony. Enjoy a cooked breakfast, listening to the Ulumbarra singing group and seeing what the TAFE students at the Koori unit have completed. Free and all welcome. Held at Bendigo TAFE Koori Unit, Chapel St, Bendigo from 8.30-10am.

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Details: Donna Trindall (03) 5434 1462.

3 July: Melton NAIDOC celebrations and flag-raising event. Smoking ceremony and welcome to country, raising of three flags, art exhibition, traditional performance, information stalls and activities. BBQ lunch. Free. Held at Melton Community Hall, 232 High St, Melton from 11am-2pm. Details: RSVP by 28 June to Paulina on (03) 9747 7247 or email paulinas@melton.vic.gov.au

3 July: Short film screenings, *Bit of Black Business* (13 short films). Finger foods and drinks provided. Free and all welcome. Held at the Gem Theatre, 19 Kilvington Dr, Emerald from 7-9pm. Details: (03) 5945 0414.

4-14 July: *Briwyant*, a theatrical dance performance inspired by the work of Vicki Van Hout's Briwyant stage experience. Cost: From \$25. Held at the Malthouse Theatre, 113 Sturt St, Southbank. For show times visit www.malthousetheatre.com.au. Details: (03) 9685 5111.

4 July: ILBIJERRI Theatre Company Black Writers Lab Reading – a dramatic reading presentation of the scripts developed during the Black Writers Lab 12-week workshop program, performed by Indigenous actors in an informal style. Free and all welcome. Held at the Warehouse Arts House, 521 Queensberry St, Town Hall, North Melbourne, at 6pm. Details: Lisa Paris (03) 9329 9097 or email lisaparris@ilbijerri.com.au

4 July: Flag-raising ceremony, includes a welcome to country and a speaker addressing the Victorian NAIDOC theme 'Returning Unity to Community'. Free and all welcome. Held at Coburg Civic Centre, 90 Bell St, Coburg from 10.30am-12noon. Details: (03) 9240 2467.

5 July: Aboriginal Housing Children's Day at the Farm. Performance by an Aboriginal dance group, boomerang painting, face painting, jumping castle, tractor rides, sausage sizzle and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Collingwood Children's Farm, 18 St Heliers St, Abbotsford, from 10.30am-2.30pm. Details: Tashiana Chengubraydoo on (03) 9403 2100 or email karen.pearce@ahvic.org.au

5 July-5 August: Counihan Gallery art exhibition, contemporary Indigenous portraiture, featuring video, photography, painting and sculpture. Held at Counihan Gallery, 233 Sydney Road, Brunswick. Wednesday-Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday 1-5pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (03) 9389 8622 or email counihangallery@moreland.vic.gov.au or visit moreland.vic.gov.au/gallery.

6 July: Living Books: Reserve one of our Aboriginal guests as a 'Living Black'. Listen to their personal story and ask questions in a unique one-on-one encounter. Free and all welcome. Held at Emerald Library, 400 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald, from 11am-1pm and Pakenham Library, Cr John and Henry St, Pakenham from 2-4pm. Details: (03) 5945 0414.

6 July: Short film screenings. Screening of *Bit of Black Business* (7 short films). Finger food provided. Free and all welcome. Held at the Supper Room, U3A

Interactive look at The Block

OVER the past 40 years The Block, down the hill from Redfern Station in Sydney, has been many different things to many Aboriginal people.

A tight-knit community, a meeting place, the heart of Sydney's Aboriginal community, a hive of activism and the birth of big ideas, a den of drugs, a broken dream – perhaps no other urban setting best reflects the struggles and successes of Aboriginal Australia.

An interactive documentary called *The Block* will be released by SBS on 1 July for NAIDOC Week.

Viewers enter on Eveleigh Street and navigate much the same way they would a simulated computer game, dragging and changing perspective with a computer mouse, so they can visit different streets, look at photo galleries and listen to stories from former residents or find out about the history.

Former resident Edna Craigie speaks about the 1970s, going to the Black Market shop, sending her children to Murrawina Pre-school and the community solidarity.

"We looked after each other, which is what you expect when you have a community," she says.

A young girl, Lizzie, tells in heart-breaking simplicity of the people who used to be there but who aren't any more,



Boxer Anthony Mundine is one of many who share their memories of The Block.

including her mother, who died of an overdose.

SBS associate editor Alicia Hamilton said the documentary makers had tried to present the stories in an innovative way.

"We've broken down the elements of a linear documentary to allow the user to create their own journey – it's a lot more interactive, engaging, and less passive," she said.

"We've shown as many facets as we can, with a timeline since the 1900s, when the railways were built, from the 1970s with a

positive, strong community, to darker periods with drugs and crime, to what's going to happen next.

"Anthony Mundine talks about video games in the 1990s, with kids at the gym.

"Activist Lyall Munro talks about the establishment of Black Power and he's held on to his beliefs, he's still fighting while many people have dispersed and gone back home to the bush."

● *The Block* will be launched on SBS online at www.sbs.com.au/theblock from 1 July.



The interactive Eveleigh Street entrance to online documentary *The Block*.

Building, corner John and Henry St, Pakenham, from 7-9.30pm. Details: (03) 5945 0414.

6 July: BBQ Lunch and a performance by Kutcha Edwards. Free. Held at Dept. of Sustainability and Environment Office, cnr of Midland Hwy and Taylor St, Epsom, from 12-2pm. RSVP for catering purposes by 29 June. Details: Gavin Parkes on (03) 5430 4702 or email Gavin.Parkes@dse.vic.gov.au

7 July: Mildura NAIDOC community BBQ. Join the Mildura community for a bush tucker BBQ. Free and all welcome. Held at the Mall, Langtree Ave, Mildura, from 10am-12noon. Details: Clair Bates (03) 5022 5444.

Tasmania

2 July: Tasmanian Aboriginal Women's Art Exhibition, showcasing the talents and

creativity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Featuring a viewing of the Happiness Project short film and theatrical performance *Luwana Dreaming*. Free and all welcome. Held at 65 Hopkins St, Moonah, 6pm. Details: (03) 6234 8561 or Rachel Coad rcoad@karadi.org.au

3 July: Pungenna Community NAIDOC morning tea, a community event in conjunction with the Pungenna Community NAIDOC arts and craft exhibition. Free and all welcome. Held at Dunalley Community Arthur Hwy, Dunalley, from 10.30am-noon. Details: (03) 6253 5579 or ungennacommunity@gmail.com

5 and 7 July: *Luwana Dreaming*, performance by young Aboriginal women based around the discovery of identity. Free and all welcome. 5 July, held at 4 Rothesay Cirle, Goodwood, from 6pm, and 7 July held at the Backspace Theatre, Sackville St, Hobart (behind Theatre Royal) from 7pm. Details: (03) 6234 8561 or Rachael Coad rcoad@karadi.org.au

Northern Territory

1-8 July: Palmerston NAIDOC Week, with something for everyone, including official opening and flag-raising ceremony, safeTALK workshop, Gurdorika community fun day, swimming activities, Karoke night (adults only), family and community day with One Mob Dancers, face painting, jumping castles, display stalls, arts and crafts, BBQ including bush tucker and much more. Details: Delsey Tamiano on (0434) 544 716 or email desley3@hotmail.com for full program of events.

11 July: Alice Springs NAIDOC Week 2012 launch, celebrating the theme of 'Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on'. Live entertainment, refreshments and bush tucker. Held at Papunya Tula Gallery, 63 Todd Mall, Alice Springs. Free and all welcome. RSVP by 29 June. Details: (08) 8951 9778 or email naidoc@caama.com.au

Calendar compiled by Melissa Bolt

ACF praise for Kakadu people



THE Australian Conservation Foundation has heaped praise on Aboriginal traditional owners for their ongoing fight to stop uranium mining in the Kakadu region of Western Australia. ACF nuclear free campaigner Dave Sweeney used the 25th anniversary of the proclamation of stage three of Kakadu National Park to congratulate Aboriginal traditional owners (TOs).

Mr Sweeney said Mirrar TOs continued to speak out against uranium mining at Jabiluka, after being part of the national and international effort that stopped Energy Resources Australia's plan to mine there.

And he said the Koongarra region would soon be included

in the national park following requests from the area's senior TO, Jeffery Lee.

In June last year, Mr Lee travelled to Paris to witness the inclusion of his country on the World Heritage register.

"Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke has stated the process for Koongarra's

"On 12 June 1987, stage three of the park was proclaimed.

"Three areas within Kakadu – Koongarra, Jabiluka and Ranger – were not initially included in the park because of pressure from uranium mining companies and interests."

Mr Sweeney said, however,

or scrutiny, ERA has now begun to turn the troubled operation from an open cut to an underground mine," he said.

"This 25th anniversary is an important time to acknowledge Kakadu's beauty and importance and to renew our efforts to end one of the most severe and

avoidable threats to the communities and country of Kakadu – uranium mining.

"Kakadu is a magnificent region that deserves the highest standard of protection for all people for all time."

Kakadu National Park was declared in three stages – stage one was declared on 5 April 1979; stage two on 28 February 1984; and stage three in successive parts on 12 June 1987, 22 November 1989 and 24 June 1991.

'Kakadu is a magnificent region that deserves the highest standard of protection for all people for all time'

inclusion (into Kakadu National Park) is in train and should be completed over the next few months," Mr Sweeney said.

"Kakadu is Australia's largest national park and is World Heritage listed for its cultural and natural importance.

that mining operations at Ranger, Australia's oldest uranium mine, continued to pose a threat, saying the mine was plagued by leaks and breaches, along with water and waste management issues.

"With negligible assessment



Melbourne lawyer Kaylene Rawlings Hunter with her award.

Rising Star award to Tarwirri president



KAYLENE Rawlings Hunter has won the Rising Star award at the 2012 Victorian Women Lawyers' Achievement Awards.

The Melbourne lawyer works for Australia's second largest plaintiff law firm, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers, but is also involved in a host of other activities.

She is the president of Tarwirri, the Indigenous Law Students and Lawyers Association of Victoria, and a member of the Justice Committee of Victorian Women Lawyers, Maurice Blackburn's Women Lawyers Section, and Maurice Blackburn's Indigenous Equality and Land Rights Committee.

The peer-nominated Rising Star Award is open to Victorian female legal practitioners with less than five years' experience.

Ms Rawlings-Hunter said she was thrilled to receive the award and to be recognised.

"It's important to recognise the contribution of women lawyers, particularly because women account for the highest number of law graduates yet continue to be under-represented in senior roles," she said.

"A commitment to the retention of talented young women lawyers is essential to redressing this imbalance.

"It is important that we also support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander law students and early year practitioners so that we can encourage them to maintain careers in the law."

Maurice Blackburn chairman Steve Walsh said the firm was proud of its initiatives to support women through its Women's Law Section, and the awards were recognition of the firm's outstanding female lawyers.

"To be formally recognised amongst your peers is an honour, particularly when there is such a strong list of nominees," he said.



IBA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Staff Network staff at the conference in Canberra.

IBA Indigenous staff meet at conference



INDIGENOUS Business Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff in Canberra have had their say on improving customer engagement. They took part in a recent conference to explore ways for better engagement with other IBA staff and customers.

All are members of IBA's recently formed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Staff Network (ATSISN), designed to inspire, encourage and empower Indigenous employees to address issues that affect them in their job and provide constructive feedback on IBA's operational,

policy and workplace matters.

Currently, 47 of IBA's total staff of 207 are Indigenous.

IBA CEO Chris Fry says he believes the establishment of the ATSISN will help improve the way IBA connects with its customers and engages with each other in the workplace.

Key action

"This is also a key action in the organisation's Reconciliation Action Plan for 2012," he said.

"Following on from the conference it is clear that the ATSISN will achieve a number of important outcomes including the provision of a forum for two-way communication of views on the policies

and approaches of IBA between Indigenous staff and the executive."

Held over two days, the ATSISN conference considered how the network will operate within IBA and discussed how IBA could further develop its corporate culture, client engagement, Indigenous employment and development strategy along with services and products.

Representatives from the ATSISN presented recommendations to an executive panel, which will now be considered at a full executive meeting.

It also established guidelines for IBA to better engage and communicate with customers and Indigenous stakeholders.

QCOSS says children 'the big winners'



successful tender to provide professional support for workers.

THE Queensland Council of Social Services (QCOSS) says children in Indigenous child-care services throughout the state were 'the big winners' out of its

The Townsville-based QCOSS Indigenous Professional Support Unit (IPSU) has been awarded the tender to provide professional support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child-care centres throughout Queensland for another three years.

"Investment in education for children aged zero to five-years-old is critical for

a child's future," QCOSS chief executive officer Mark Henley said earlier this month.

"This funding means QCOSS-IPSU can provide ongoing support for workers in Indigenous child care services throughout Queensland.

"The Federal Government's support for this program is an investment in the

future of the children who are involved in these child-care centres."

Mr Henley said the work of QCOSS-IPSU was part of the organisation's commitment to create a fairer Queensland 'where no-one gets left behind'.

"We need to work together to support families to raise children," he said.



From left, CCA Indigenous employees Scott Douglas (sales); Deb Nelson and Fay Nelson (Yarn'n) and CCA Indigenous employee Clarissa Austin (National Contact Centre).



FMG chairman and AEC founder Andrew Forrest speaking at the AEC Business Breakfast, at which AGC was recognised.

Major beverage firm weighs in



Amatil (CCA).

FORMER Wallabies rugby union star Glen Ella is among 11 Indigenous people to have joined major beverage and food manufacturer Coca-Cola

They've taken a range of roles including sales positions and working in the company's national calls centre.

Their employment is part of the company's commitment to the Australian Employment Covenant (AEC), founded by billionaire miner Andrew Forrest.

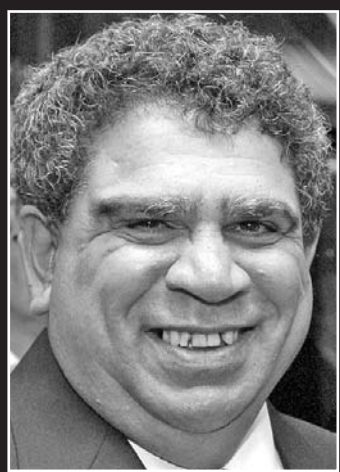
CCA managing director Terry Davis welcomed the new employees.

"It was about a year ago Andrew (Forrest) came to see me to see if CCA would join the AEC," Mr Davis said.

"I reflected at the time that although we as a company had made progress in our work to encourage the take up of low-calorie beverages and spring water in Indigenous communities, I did not think we had been proactive enough in Indigenous employment.

"As a long-standing Australian company which sells food and beverages into all of Australia's diverse communities, I believe our own staff should better reflect more of that diversity – and that of course includes Indigenous diversity."

Mr Forrest thanked CCA for signing up to the covenant, which he said now



'There are many opportunities for our people to get into the business at all levels'

– CCA's Glen Ella

had 61,000 commitments to place Aboriginal people into jobs.

"Employers like CCA are the backbone of the AEC and our aim is to rid Australia of Indigenous disparity," he said.

"It's employers like CCA which have created the 10,000 real jobs which have already been filled by Indigenous men and women."

Mr Ella, who is CCA's Indigenous program manager, encouraged more Indigenous people to consider starting their careers at CCA. "There are many opportunities for our people to get

into the business at all levels," he said.

CCA's Indigenous Strategy includes an Indigenous Workplace Program where the company has committed to place 150 Aboriginal people into jobs; a Remote Communities Strategy, where CCA is working to encourage more take up of non-sugar and low-kilojoule beverages and spring water in remote communities; and the Coca-Cola Australia Foundation, which supports organisations like AIME and the Clontarf Foundation which are helping young Aboriginal people get into university and into jobs.



A SUBSIDIARY of energy and resource industry company AusGroup Ltd has been recognised for fulfilling its commitment under the Australian Employment Covenant (AEC), employing 57 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people since initiation.

AGC Industries (AGC) said it was proud to be part of the initiative of new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traineeships across mining project sites in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

AGC embarked on its Indigenous employment 'journey' in August 2010 as a strategic measure to assist in meeting its current and future personnel requirements.

The company received a certificate recognising its efforts at an AEC Business Breakfast in Perth last month, at which Fortescue Metals Group chairman and AEC founder Andrew Forrest was guest speaker.

"We take great pleasure and are honoured to be presented with this award as it recognises our commitment to a significant initiative," said AusGroup CEO Laurie Barlow.

"AGC will continue to be engaged in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traineeship Programme and strive to strengthen its relationship with the Australian Employment Covenant.

"AGC is dedicated to developing world-class natural resources facilities whilst fostering community relationships to achieve and maintain excellence in everything we do."

AEC CEO Rhonda Parker said AGC had continuously endeavoured to support the Indigenous community as part of their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy and Development Plan since joining the AEC initiative.

"We look forward to further building this relationship in order to maintain and develop ongoing permanent employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians in our community," she said.



Vanessa Poelina from Headspace Kimberley with the winners of the Girls High section – Tamara Hunter, Arnette Bamba, Shermaiah Bamba, Leetoia Bin Rashid and Berda Davis. Photos courtesy of the Vibe 3on3



Troy Hunter presented the Puggy Hunter Award to Lelaine Shovellor.



Jacinta Castle with the winner of the RAP/My Story competition, Indy Hughs.



Michael Tuahine with the Junior Boys winners from the Broome 3on3 – Broome Public School Thunder Strikers – Brayden Heal, Riley Waters, Jahntaye Lawford and Probhakar Basnet.

Broome gets vibe



HUNDREDS of young people turned out for this month's Broome Vibe 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge.

They made up more than 55 teams for the event, which features 3on3 basketball and a hip-hop challenge.

Event producer Mayrah Sonter said participants came from Broome and surrounding regions including Derby and Bidedanga for the event, at the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

Also on the program were rapping and break dancing lessons, art

workshops, a dance competition and a health expo.

"We had a perfect draw, with all the teams turning up on the day," Ms Sonter said.

"(AFL) football legend Nicky Winmar was a real hit with the kids and his segment 'Chat with the Champion' went really well.

Stay strong

"He talked to the young people about what they wanted to do when they left school and about how to stay strong during tough times – everyone loves him and the kids enjoyed having him there

on the day. Our health expo was extremely successful and very hands-on. The young people totally interacted with the expo and the stalls were constantly full.

"We had Headspace, the national youth mental health foundation at the expo, and also some really valuable healthy food interactive activities."

Actors Luke Carroll (*Play School*, *Remote Area Nurse*) and Michael Tuahine also took part.

Ms Sonter said Broome was a special location for the Vibe 3on3, particularly as it is the home of the Puggy Hunter Memorial Shield Award.

Yamba fair go call

By DARREN COYNE



RESIDENTS of an Aboriginal village on the outskirts of Yamba in northern New South Wales are calling for a fair go for their children.

During a recent visit by Federal MP for Page Janelle Saffin, who was there to inspect renovations to the Ngaru Community Centre, residents told the MP that their young people were often unfairly targeted for bad behaviour.

And while they admitted there had been ongoing problems in Yamba as a result of boredom and social disadvantage, the community was keen to change perceptions, but needed help.

After a welcome to Yaegl country by Elder Lillian Williams, Ms Saffin spoke with community members and youth workers.

Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council chair Kim Ferguson told Ms Saffin that funding for the renovations had been most welcome, but more was needed for roof repairs, improved technology, training and equipment.

She said the community wanted to provide a place for young people to gather in a safe environment, with enough activities to keep them occupied, happy and healthy.



Page MP Janelle Saffin and Elder Lillian Williams cut a cake during a get-together to discuss ways to further improve facilities at Ngaru village in Yamba.

"The past is the past," Ms Ferguson said. "Kids going into town and causing trouble can be stopped, but it starts at home.

"We've all got to work together for the future, and the hall is theirs ... it's their future."

Land council chief executive Noma Collins said the hall was already being well used since the renovations, and parents were raising money for things such as sporting equipment.

Aunty Lillian told Ms Saffin that in order to

stop young people from roaming around town causing trouble, it was important to have 'something to occupy their minds'.

She also spoke of how the village was a popular destination for other Aboriginal people, but further facilities were needed to cope with any influx of visitors.

Ms Saffin agreed that more needed to be done.

She said the \$40,000 in funding for the renovation had come from the Coffs Harbour-based Indigenous Coordination Centre, whose manager, Elizabeth Stehr, produced a further \$2668 on the day of the visit.

"Every little bit helps," Ms Ferguson told Ms Stehr.

Meanwhile, Aboriginal builder from nearby Ballina Terry Kelly said working on the hall had been a trip down memory lane.

"I was very pleased to come over because this place brings back memories," he said, adding that his parents were from 'out this way'.

As part of the refurbishment, Mr Kelly and his team fitted new doors, replaced old lighting, windows and skylights.

Ms Saffin promised the community she would be scouting about for more funds, as well as investigating other opportunities to improve community facilities.

2012 Batchelor Institute graduation ceremony



One Mob dancers ahead of the graduation procession, led by Batchelor Institute director Adrian Mitchell, left, and interim council chairperson John Ah Kit. Photos by Melissa Bolt



A section of the audience at the graduation ceremony.



A very proud Aunty Rita Fisher, of Palmerston, who at age 68 graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing.

216 students in celebration



THE Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education graduation ceremony is always a colourful affair, and this year was certainly no different.

A total of 216 students donned a range of bright gowns and mortarboards for the ceremony, held on 7 June at the institute campus about 100km south of Darwin.

Joining them were special guests and senior staff, who led the academic and graduates' procession through the campus grounds for the main ceremony.

The One Mob dancers and Torres Strait Islander performers added to the colour.

This year's graduates covered a range of subject areas and came from across Australia.

Among them was a very proud Elder, Aunty Rita Fisher from

Palmerston near Darwin, who at the age of 68 graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing.

A special guest was NT Education Minister Chris Burns, who praised the graduates.

He also detailed recent changes which he said would enhance education at the institute.

'A reduction in the institute council from 22 members to ten will bring it more in line with other tertiary institutions and improve efficiency overall'

"A reduction in the institute council from 22 members to ten will bring it more in line with other tertiary institutions and improve efficiency overall," he said.

"An interim council has been appointed to ensure a smooth

transition to the new council make-up, consisting of prominent local leaders who bring in varying expertise and strong governance and leadership experience."

Former NT Government minister and Aboriginal leader John Ah Kit, who addressed this year's graduates, has been named as chairperson of the interim institute council.

"Ultimately, the new 10-member council will be made up of four ministerial appointments and elected representation from full-time staff members and students and representation from the northern and central regions of the Territory," Mr Burns said.

"Additionally, the (changes) provide for the establishment of an institute advisory board of six Indigenous members with experience or expertise in cultural and social issues, Indigenous education and vocational training, and research or technology."



Attending the graduation were, from left, James Gaykamgu, Rosalie Lalara and her daughter Sarah Wurramarrba.



Batchelor Institute Certificate II and III in Numeracy and Literacy students, from left, Annette Dhamarrandji, Sophie Rogers and Julia Marawili.

Strong women at conference

By CHRISTINE HOWES



THE second Black Women Strong Conference has been held at the far north Queensland community of Yarrabah, near Cairns.

More than 100 women from communities nationwide attended the 2012 program, which organiser Elverina Johnson said incorporated performing arts and leadership.

Speakers and presenters included Lerissa Kynuna offering a youth perspective, Tammy Solonec on Indigenous women and human rights, Lucy Rogers on finding courage, Monisha Bray on keeping families together and safe, Ailsa Lively on women in management and Henrietta Marrie-Fourmile on advancing women. Cultural craft was brought to the conference by a group of Kunganji (local) women.

"The Black Women Strong Conference is going really well, that's been the feedback," Ms Johnson told the *Koori Mail*.

"A lot of the women got heaps out of the Women in Human Rights workshops, and we've also incorporated performing arts and leadership, and that's really good.

"Women are interested in listening to other people's stories and experiences, and basically it's about empowering women to move forward from where they are now.

"And I know the conference is helping to build an economic capacity as well. The message we're trying to get out is for women to use their skills and their experiences to create a capacity where they can move into higher positions, well-paid jobs, create self-employment... all those kinds of things.

"Basically, moving women in a direction that becomes revolutionary, I guess, amongst Indigenous women."

Ms Johnson said it was important that the event was held at Yarrabah, as did Queensland Department of Communities conference presenter Joanne Houghton, who also grew up there.

"Yarrabah is the largest Aboriginal community in Australia, has the highest population of Indigenous people in Australia and it's also considered one of the leading Indigenous communities in Australia," Ms Houghton said.

Opportunity

"The main reason that Elverina wanted it in Yarrabah was not only to increase the profile of Yarrabah and its different social issues, but also to give Yarrabah women an opportunity that they wouldn't usually have to attend a conference like this. They wouldn't usually have the money to go and meet in another city or even in Cairns in some cases."

Ms Houghton said attendees came from Woorabinda, Biloela, Darwin, Jigalong (WA), Kuranda, Mareeba, Yarrabah, Cairns and Melbourne.

Krystal Drake Pilkington, granddaughter of author Doris Pilkington Garimarra, said she'd gotten a lot out of the conference.

"It has given me more confidence to stand up and do something more for my people and to talk about these issues with my side of the family from WA because a lot of us are struggling over there too," she said.

"Hopefully, we'll have more of these conferences because it's given me a lot of inspiration."

Woorabinda-based Diane Hassall said she had much to take back to her community.



From left, Dominique Cedric, Elverina Johnson, Dorita Murgha Jnr, Tonya Noble and Elverina Murgha Jnr.



From left, Ailsa Lively, Krystal Drake Pilkington and Joanne Houghton.



From left, Henrietta Marrie-Fourmile, Ruth Fagan and Flo Watson.



Participants from Biloela and Yarrabah at the Black Women Strong Conference.

"It's a great opportunity to come and be a part of this, to learn and grow from it and to take some of their concepts and ideas back to Woorabinda," she said.

A highlight of the conference for many was a dinner featuring the presentation of a number of awards including the second annual Lisa Watson Black Women Strong Award in recognition of north Queensland women who have advocated for their communities over a period of time. This year's recipient was Evelyn Scott, who was

unable to attend.

"Evelyn Scott is one of the earlier pioneers of the Indigenous rights movement here in north Queensland," Ms Johnson said.

"She is one of the key people who pushed our agenda forward, especially women.

"In her time there weren't many women up front in leadership, but she was one of the few women who stood out and we're honouring her for that."

SA inmate lodges complaint



A FEMALE prisoner with mental health issues who was chained to a bed for up to 20 hours a day has lodged a human rights complaint over her treatment.

The office of South Australia's Public Advocate has lodged the complaint on the woman's behalf with the Australian Human Rights Commission relating to her treatment while serving a jail sentence for arson. It argues her treatment isn't compatible with her human rights, particularly as she has psychiatric problems.

SA Opposition health spokesman Martin Hamilton-Smith welcomed the filing of the complaint and said that if it were upheld, it would reflect poorly on the State Government.

Mr Hamilton-Smith has also called for a judicial inquiry into the woman's case and that of an Aboriginal man with mental health issues who was also held in Adelaide's Yatala prison for 10 months. "Only a judicial review will establish the full facts to ensure there is openness and accountability," he said in a statement on Friday.

In State Parliament last week, Health Minister John Hill and Correctional Services Minister Jennifer Rankine defended the handling of the two cases.

Ms Rankine said that as well as serving a prison term for arson, the woman had also been convicted over a number of attacks on prison guards since being jailed.

The Minister said the woman had made about 30 attempts at self-harm, many of them very serious, and all actions taken by prison staff were designed to keep her safe.

She said the Aboriginal man had a long history of offending, had been remanded in custody for an assessment of his mental health and had committed a number of assaults on officers while on remand.

The Australian Lawyers Alliance says the SA Government should urgently consider appointing an independent prisons inspectorate.

IBA report wins silver



INDIGENOUS Business Australia (IBA) has won an accolade for its 2010-11 annual report. The Canberra-based agency received a silver award from the Institute of Public

Administration Australia (IPAA) ACT Division.

The award, in the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act Bodies category, identifies best practice and puts reports through an assessment process that reviews the content, the presentation, the tone and the overall effectiveness of the document.

The IPAA Annual Report Awards process is designed to test accountability, transparency and quality. Remarks from the judging panel included: "IBA has put considerable effort into the content and presentation of their Annual Report ... particular consideration has been given to the impact of the presentation of the material on the reader - all to very good effect."

The award follows another silver award from the Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA), which promote excellence in reporting through the publication of informative and factual reports.

IBA has won a silver award from ARA for the past three years, after initially winning a bronze.

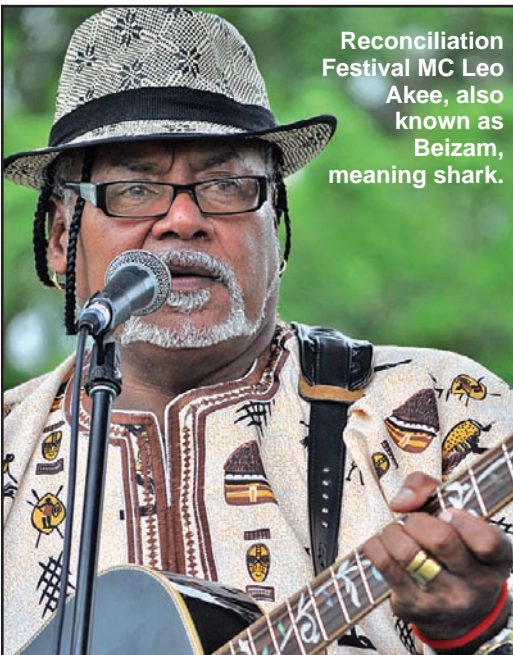
IBA CEO Chris Fry said he was delighted with the award, and welcomed the "intense scrutiny that comes with being part of these awards". "We are proud to be in the company of much larger authorities and organisations in these results which reflect our transparent reporting and credibility amongst our industry peers," he said.

"We are deeply committed to continue best practice reporting and accountability."

Townsville Reconciliation



Bonita Mabo with some of the large extended Mabo family during the festival in Townsville.



Reconciliation Festival MC Leo Akee, also known as Beizam, meaning shark.



Shalom Christian College students during the march.



A shout out for supporters to join the march.



Aicey Day led traditional Mer Island singing during the march on Mabo Day.



A member of the ACT Torres Strait Islander Dance Group performing at the festival.



Lala Sambo (holding son Liam Salee, 1), Isaac Salee and, in front, George Salee, 7, were among the crowd.



Striking Torres Strait Island masks and dancing featured at the Mabo march.



NITV's Chris Bonney waved the flag.



Millianna Davey, Mamam Martin and Daisy Lui at the celebration.

Festival tribute to 'Koiki'

Gathering for some quiet time during the two-day Reconciliation Festival earlier this month, that attracted more than 1000 people.



Eddie's widow Bonita flanked by two of her 38 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

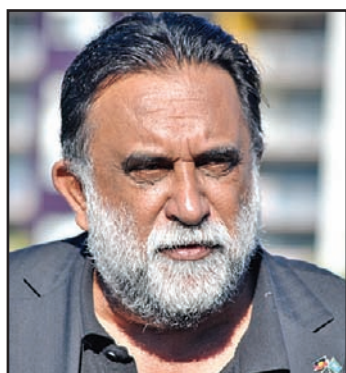


A member of a local Aboriginal dance troupe during the Mabo Day march.

OUR previous edition included coverage of the Townsville Reconciliation Festival held on 2-3 June. The event, which attracted an estimated 1000-plus people, was a part of National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2012 and celebrated the 20th anniversary of High Court's Mabo decision. Day Two of the festival, 3 June, was Mabo Day, named after the lead plaintiff in the historic court case which recognised native title, the late Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo. There was such a crowd, especially during the Mabo Day march, that we felt compelled to give our readers more. Here, MAHALA STROHFELDT documents the festival in photos.



The Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Women provided catering for the event.



● Above: Rainet Parker, 5, Delta Cedar, 3 and Sydnie Parker enjoyed the festival.

● Left: National Congress co-chair Les Malezer addressed the gathering in Townsville.



Trevina Sagigi, from Queensland Country, attended with her daughters TreKeisha and Tairita.



One of many Torres Strait Islander dancers who took part in the celebration of culture and the life of Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo.



This young dancer from Canberra was part of the ACT Torres Strait Islander Dance Group.



Milly Wailu and Raelene Saylor caught up at the Townsville festival.

WA Govt cash for stories initiative



THE Western Australian Government has allocated

\$200,000 to continue the Indigenous Community Stories (ICS) initiative.

The program helps to preserve the history and stories of the state's Aboriginal communities.

WA Culture and the Arts Minister John Day said ICS provided an opportunity for WA communities to record their stories for future generations.

"This new allocation will help ensure WA's unique and precious cultural heritage will be preserved," he said.

"ICS provides high-definition digital video technology and professional film crews to record Indigenous oral histories to ensure future generations have access to their heritage and history.

Yagan

"This is a significant and important initiative that needs to continue to record the accomplishments and reflections of Indigenous community members – the subject of a recent project in Perth was Yagan.

"Since the initiative began four years ago, close to one-third of the target of 100 stories has been filmed and archived and this further commitment from the Government will facilitate the recording of another 12 stories during 2012.

"More than 250 hours of digital oral history have so far been filmed for retrieval and use at a community, State and national level, with master copies lodged in Canberra.

"ICS is calling for expressions of interest from Indigenous communities who are interested in having their stories recorded."

The project is a joint initiative between ScreenWest, Film and Television Institute (FTI) and is supported by Lotterywest, with additional private sector funding from Rio Tinto, Ngarda and Leighton Holdings.

JT kiss an inspiration

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



SIXTEEN-year-old Aggie Nona hopes that her unexpected kiss from rugby league superstar Johnathan Thurston will inspire Indigenous students from around the country to regularly attend school.

Aggie was one of 10 students from Weipa's Western Cape College to win a four-day trip to Townsville through strong attendances and grades at school as part of the Cowboys Learn Earn legend! program.

The Year 11 and 12 students all participate in the federally funded program supporting Indigenous students their age to complete secondary education and move into further study, training or employment.

The committed team in community relations at the North Queensland Cowboys work with more than 220 Indigenous students from 35 schools from as far north as Weipa and Cairns, Townsville, south down through the Burdekin, the Whitsundays, Bowen and Mackay, and west to Charters Towers.

Joe Bond, Kailep Parker, Lumbee Pablo, Sheldon Gilbert, Pelina Schuh, Shy-Anne Budby, Kayla Schuh, Sabrina Ase and Lillian Woolla were the other Western Cape students to earn the trip.

Their commitment at school was rewarded with each winning prime seats at the 23 June game at Dairy Farmers Stadium between the North Queensland Cowboys and the Canberra Raiders.

Before that, though, there was a huge surprise for the students who were accompanied by college student support officer Dacko Mosby and teacher Emma-Lee Bradford.

They went to Cowboys headquarters at 8am the day before the game where they had no idea they would meet the club's stars Johnathan Thurston – JT as he's known – and Matty Bowen.

Aggie was excited and emotional when Thurston and Bowen entered the room and had told some of the fellow students she would 'love to steal a kiss from JT'.

When JT heard about it he was happy to oblige, and Aggie kissed him on the cheek.

"This proves if you go to school you get to meet



The Western Cape College students with, back, from left, teacher Emma-Lee Bradford, QantasLink area manager Matt Trevett-Lyall, and Matty Bowen.

good people; it has been a dream come true. I idolise the Cowboys players," she said.

The biggest student, Sheldon Gilbert from Napranum, near Weipa, stands at 195cm tall and weighs 124kg and was delighted to meet Bowen in person and pose for snaps with him.

NRL players are an integral part of Learn Earn Legend!, working alongside the program co-ordinators, encouraging students to stay in school, and along with education partners and local employers, helping Indigenous students identify their career paths and become work-ready.

Thurston congratulated the group on their efforts, saying the motivated senior students obviously understood the value of education and the importance of doing their best.

The students' trip was assisted by QantasLink, which provided substantial airfare discounts.



Aggie Nona kisses Johnathan Thurston.

Students score Origin reward



WHEN the Blues won the second State of Origin recently, there were 30 Indigenous students from across New South Wales cheering them on.

The students attended the match as the finale to five days of cultural leadership, mentoring and work experience activities.

They were all participants in the NRL Earn Learn Legend! State of Origin Job Experience program, which provides experience in a range of industries including hospitality, event management, transport and sports administration.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Julie Collins said the participants selected for the program had demonstrated the spirit of Learn Earn Legend!

"They go to school, apply themselves to completing apprenticeships or traineeships and are active members of their communities," she said.

In last year's program intake, Year 12 student Jessica Smith-Karkoe took her skills back to her



Young people taking part in the Earn Learn Legend! program were amongst the crowd at the second State of Origin match in Sydney.

community, volunteering with the Moree Salvation Army.

She is now working full-time for the Salvation Army in Sydney and completing a traineeship in youth work. "Being part of the program last

year gave me the confidence to go to interviews and land a job that I love," Jessica said.

"My goal is to help people in an area I am passionate about."

The five-day leadership camp in

Sydney was the second stage of this year's program, which began in January and will finish in September.

The communities of Coonamble, Grafton, Narromine, Toormina and Wellington are taking part.

Yabu Band is best in west



YABU Band was named Indigenous Artist of the Year at this year's West Australian Music Industry (WAMI) awards, beating finalists Black Poet, Jake and the Cowboys and John Bennett.

Fresh from performing in Melbourne at the We Sing for Reconciliation show, Yabu Band have been promoting their new

single, *Petrol, Paint and Glue*, a ballad about substance abuse, sung in English and Wongutha. They are working towards releasing a new album titled *My Tjila*, meaning 'My Country', by the end of the year.

Yabu Band will perform at the National Indigenous Music Awards in August. Nominations are now open at www.nima.musicnt.com.au.

● **Pictured: The Yabu Band.** Members are Boyd Stokes, Delson Stokes and Jade Masters.



Surfing and music a hit at The Reef



YAWURU musician Steve Pigram has a deep connection with the coral reef of his home town Broome, so when Tura New Music and the Australian Chamber Orchestra (ACO) asked him to collaborate on a multi-media project called The Reef, it seemed like a perfect fit.

A team of musicians, including renowned didgeridoo player Mark Atkins, composer Ian Grandage, conductor Richard Tognetti, a bunch of professional surfers and a film crew, travelled to Gnaraloo, next to heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef in Western Australia, for a musical residency of surf, sun and creativity.

"I'm not much of a surfer, but I have a really strong connection to the reef," Pigram said.

"Up here (Broome) we get huge tides but we don't get big waves and the reef is exposed. "The reef is where we do our fishing, and I suppose I have a different sense of why I value the reef.

"Surfers love the reef because it lets them practise their craft – we have great respect for and love of the reef for different reasons.

"I hadn't been to Ningaloo before but I've always been beside the ocean, so I had that connection and affinity with the project as well."

Pigram is hoping a side benefit of the tour will be to bring attention to Woodside Petroleum's proposal to build a huge gas plant at James Price Point.



Mark Atkins had a great time collaborating on The Reef.

"This place is beautiful and one of the oldest reefs, it has fossilised dinosaur prints, and it's a breeding ground for lots of rare animals," he said.

"The reef is a unique fishing place for us – the inter-tidal mark, where tides come and go, is a place we go all the time."

Pigram and Atkins play together in the Black Arm Band and are genre-busting musos, playing everything from rock and roll to reggae, ska and classical – and a whole lot more in between.

"I come from a rock-and-roll background but, for the last 20-odd years, I've been doing classical music off and on," said Atkins, who has Yamatji, Wongi and Widi heritage.

"With the works themselves, it's great to be able to express yourself in another joint way, with the didgeridoo or yidaki, taking it to another platform, another level, another audience."

Pigram wrote some new

pieces, tossing around musical ideas with the other musos at the fire at night.

"I'm fairly much a loner. I do a lot of solo stuff and in the early days I used to be a rhythm guitarist and a harmony singer so you learn to make things sound good, add what's needed," he said.

"When it comes to writing, I find it hard to collaborate, but I had some ideas and half-finished tunes that I thought might fit the project, and they gelled.

"The program is quite unique; we'll perform while the images of the surfers are shown on the screen and they'll connect in some kind of way.

"The orchestra will be on stage all night, Mark and I come and do pieces with them... nothing's finalised yet but it's coming together well and it's good to have a bit of mystery in the air."

While on their musical residency, the ensemble gave a performance in Gnaraloo Station shearing shed for 200-300 locals, including some who had driven the two hours from Carnarvon.

"It was rocking," Atkins said. "There was something for everyone, everybody enjoyed it.

"It was an experience – a moment in time.

"Tura New Music take a lot of different kinds of instruments to isolated places to give young people different ideas, so instead of just seeing guitar they might want to play the violin – it's a great thing having different musical influences."

For tour dates of The Reef go to <http://reeftour.tura.com.au/>

want to screen indigenous films for naidoc week?

A SCREENING OF INDIGENOUS SHORT FILMS CAN BE A GREAT ADDITION TO NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS OR OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The National Film and Sound Archive of Australia's (NFSA) Black Screen Program can supply DVDs free to your community organisation or local council on a loan basis. Each DVD features a selection of contemporary short Indigenous films.

NATIONAL FILM & SOUND ARCHIVE

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The NFSA recently released a new Black Screen compile (No 13) with 4 engaging and entertaining films, including *Big Fella*, *Minnie Loves Junior* and *Tales from the Daly*. Also included is *Jandamarra's War*, a documentary about an Aboriginal warrior who led one of the most effective rebellions in the history of indigenous peoples' resistance to European colonisation.

Black Screen has also licensed Bec Cole's debut feature film *Here I Am* which will be available throughout the year for screening.

For more information visit the NFSA website www.nfsa.gov.au or talk to the Black Screen Coordinator (02 8202 0112) about how we can help you bring Indigenous films to your community. Please order early as there are limited copies.



Australian Government



Come and join the arts

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts division is looking for an Indigenous Administration officer

You will be communicating with artists, arts organisations and communities to assist them to claim, control and enhance their cultural inheritance through arts projects from music, dance, theatre, literature, visual arts and craft, community cultural development and international activity. You will be attending events and engaging with artists and communities.

RESPONSIBLE FOR:

You will be responsible for providing general administration services, database management for our Grants Management System and booking travel arrangements.

You will assist the Divisional Administrator with accounts payable and receivable and with budget tracking for projects and events. You will have good communication skills, both written and verbal and have a good eye for detail. You will demonstrate excellent time management skills and be able to manage many tasks with competing deadlines. You will be working in an enjoyable team environment.

SALARY

Commencement salary of \$43,388 per annum, plus 15.4% superannuation. Location: Central Sydney office.

MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/employment>

Applications close: Friday 13 July 2012 by 5.00pm

Any questions contact:

Sigrid Langker, Divisional Administrator, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts
Tel: (02) 9215 9144 or toll free on 1800226912
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- Employing Indigenous Artsworkers.

Through the arts, we assist artists, arts organisations and communities to claim, control and enhance their cultural inheritance. The Board supports arts projects from music, dance, theatre, literature, visual arts and craft, community cultural development and international activity.

Applications are accepted by post and online. If you would like to be mailed an application form call the number below.

MORE INFORMATION

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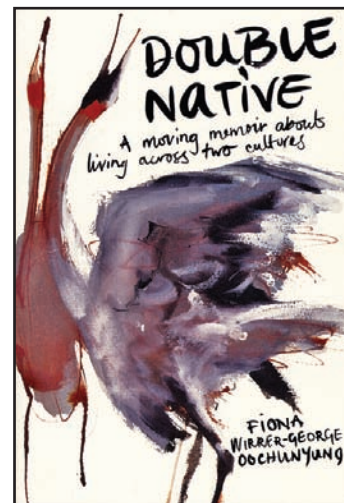
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FIONA WIRRER-GEORGE OOOCHUNYUNG'S memoir *Double Native* provides an insight into the burgeoning years of the contemporary Indigenous dance movement and what it means to straddle two cultures.

The daughter of a Mbaïwum woman and a father of Austrian origin, Ms Oochunyung was raised by her grandparents and grew up between the two communities of Napranum (Weipa South) and Aurukun, on the west coast of Cape York Peninsula in the 1970s and 80s.

Double Native describes an idyllic traditional Indigenous childhood: "Night after night we'd fall asleep under the deepest darkest sky blanketed with millions of stars while listening to Nan's soothing voice as she yarned stories of her childhood. Fish would playfully dance in front of us, the fire spreading its warm glow, the sound of the waves gently lulling our spirits into slumber," it reads.

At the age of 16, Ms Oochunyung decided to pursue her dream of performing and moved to Sydney to attend the NAISDA Dance College. There she studied with the Page



brothers who went on to found the Bangarra Dance Theatre, and met her future husband. After graduating she worked as a freelance performer and choreographer.

But an important piece of her life was missing. In her late 20s, Ms Oochunyung discovered that her father was not named on her birth certificate.

"It made me feel I had just fallen out of the sky or something," she said.

After finding her Austrian-born

father, she carved out a fragile relationship with him. At the same time, she became inspired to better understand her Austrian ancestry and how it meshed with her Indigenous identity.

Double Native is described as a 'a compelling meeting of modern life and ancient culture'. It follows up on Ms Oochunyung's biography/family memoir, *Whispers of this Wik Woman*, about her grandmother, Jean George Awumpan, Alngith Wikway and Wik Elder, which won the 2003 David Unaipon Award and was published by UQP in 2004. It was also made into a play performed by the Kooemba Jdarra Theatre Company.

Ms Oochunyung has written two other works for the stage, *A Bastard's Tale* and *Blak Velvet*, and also published children's books, including *On Country: Stories of Nyrlotte* (2006) and *Jindah Murray – Wind Dancer* (2011).

Ms Oochunyung is studying for a Master of Education and working with Indigenous girls at Clayfield College. She lives in Brisbane with her three daughters.

Artist's work helps turtles

By Townsville correspondent
ALF WILSON



A PAINTING created by Wulgurukaba Elder Arthur Johnson is now on public display at Geoffrey Bay, on Magnetic Island in north Queensland.

More than 60 people attended the unveiling ceremony at the foreshore site on 9 June, and the *Koori Mail* met up with the 84-year-old Mr Johnson a few days later.

The artwork is about linking turtle sustainability and care with protection of the sand dune environment in which turtles lay their eggs.

Mr Johnson said Townsville City Council asked him to create the art.

"It took a few weeks to do and I had to put three coats of oil on the wood, which was obtained locally on Magnetic Island, and my son Michael gave me a hand," he said.

"Turtles lay on the beach sand here during breeding season and at the top of the turtle painting are the colours of the Aboriginal flag. A lot of people have been talking about it since it was unveiled."

Michael Johnson said his family wanted to raise awareness about the importance of sand dunes and coastal eco-systems.



Artist Arthur Johnson with his turtle art.

"Also about letting people know that vehicles on dunes can damage the nesting environment," he said.

Community volunteer group Geoffrey Bay Coastcare secured funding for the artwork by traditional owners through the Federal Government Caring For Our Country program.

Coastcare

Coastcare member Tony O'Malley said a flatback turtle nest hatched at Geoffrey Bay in 2009.

"Rainbow bee-eaters also burrow in the dunes, red-tailed black cockatoos feed on she-oak seeds, and coral and seagrass

fringe the bay, so it's a natural paradise we want to look after. Arthur Johnson's painting promotes that," Mr O'Malley said.

Arthur Johnson was born at Ayr in the Burdekin region of north Queensland and has been living on Magnetic Island since 1992.

"Before retiring, I worked for the railways in Western Australia on the Dampier to Mount Tom Price line and in Queensland on the line that went to Greenvale," he said.

In addition to painting, Mr Johnson hand-crafts wooden coffee tables with glass tops at his Nelly Bay home.



Artist Veralyn Jackamarra at the Good Heart 2012 exhibition in Perth.



Artist Brendan Hamlett with OPR chief executive John Langoulant.



Artist Melissa Drage with OPR Indigenous heritage co-ordinator Mikayla Banks.

Great art at Good Heart



A GOOD turn-out and strong first-day sales. They're what every artist hopes for and the 40-or-so who took part in the *Good Heart* 2012 exhibition, which opened in Perth last week, weren't disappointed.

About 240 people including community, government and business leaders attended the launch of the exhibition at Perth's QV1 Building last Monday and promptly got their chequebooks out.

State Governor Malcolm McCusker and Arts Minister John Day opened the exhibition, which featured more than 150 works by just under 40 artists from Western Australia's mid west region.

Within 24 hours, more than 100 of the works had been sold. All sales proceeds are returned to the artists.

Hosted by Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR), the community-based project exhibits contemporary and traditional works ranging from traditional and contemporary acrylic on canvas to textiles.

"Support for *Good Heart* continues to grow – this is OPR's fifth year hosting the event," OPR chief executive John Langoulant said.

"Having established the exhibition's reputation for showcasing quality mid west Indigenous art to a metropolitan audience, our challenge is to establish *Good Heart* as an anchor for self-sustaining initiatives."

Geraldton artist Margaret Danischewsky and Mullewa artist Wendy Jackamarra were announced as inaugural winners of the Good Heart



In Perth at the exhibition, from left, Gloria McCallum, artist Krocette (David Prior), Glenys Kelly and John Kelly.

Development Grants Program.

The two emerging artists will receive scholarships for a week's intensive tuition at the Kidogo Art Institute in Fremantle, accommodation and airfares and art supplies.

Training

The training will focus on areas particularly relevant to mid west artists, as well as developing their understanding of how to function in the art business. They'll also have the opportunity to take part in classes towards a Certificate III in Art and Design.

Meanwhile, the work of *Good Heart* artist Krocette (David Prior) continues to be recognised.

His piece *Murchison River In Flood* has been accepted by the Art Gallery of WA (AGWA) for inclusion in its permanent art collection, to be housed at the AGWA-funded Geraldton Regional Art Gallery.

Geraldton gallery director James Davies described Krocette's work as 'beautifully-crafted and executed', and providing 'a wonderful insight into the artist's love of his ancestral lands'.

"His masterful use of materials, attention to detail and subtle use of colours combine to create a work which, while an average size, is impressive in its depiction of scale," he said.

A full catalogue of works is now available at www.opandr.com



Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Simon Hawkins with Amy Cargill.



Artists Colleen Hamlett, Jennylyn Hamlett and Liza Hamlett.



Artist Wendy Jones at the exhibition.

2012 Gab Titui Indigenous



Nancy Naawi's *Ring Tides* was runner-up in the Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award 2012.



Jeff Waia's *Ngoeymun Lagaw Minaral (Our Home Designs)* won the award for Best Work on Paper/Canvas.



Rachel Emma Gela's *Kumala - Gedub Kosker (Garden Woman)* won the award for Best Craft Work.



Segar Passi with his winning artwork.
Photos courtesy of Gab Titui Cultural Centre

Mer artist's work praised



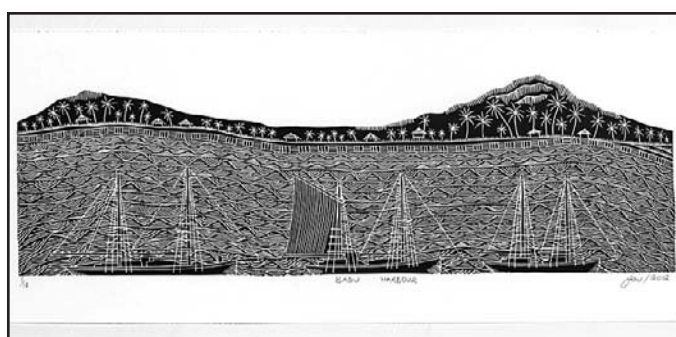
A LARGELY self-taught artist has taken out the nation's top art prize for Torres Strait Islanders. Murray (Mer)

Islander Segar Passi was announced as the overall winner of the 2012 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award at a ceremony at Gab Titui Cultural Centre on Thursday Island on 30 May.

The 69-year-old's painting *Native Title: Our Land and Sea Rights* won him high praise from an impressive field, and a \$5000 prize.

A Dauareb tribesman, Mr Passi has been painting since he was a child. Much of his work portrays island life, including birds, fish and the sea. His drawings were published in the book *Myths and Legends of the Torres Strait*, published by Margaret Lawrie in 1970, and his paintings adorn churches on Mer and Moa Islands.

In this 20th anniversary year of the High Court's Mabo judgment, it was the second time that the awards theme focused on the importance of native title and artists' connections to land and sea in the region.



Joseph Au's *Badu Harbour* won the National Museum of Australia History Through Art Award.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) alternate deputy chairperson Kenny Bedford congratulated Mr Passi and commended all artists on their entries.

"An impressive variety of artwork, including headdresses, paintings, weavings, sculptures and carvings, has been submitted by 44 artists across 14 communities in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area," Mr Bedford said.

He said the calibre of works entered into the award was not surprising, given the talent in Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area communities.

Nancy Naawi was named runner-up for her etching, *Ring Tides*, receiving \$2000 in

prize money.

Sub-category winners were: Best Craft Work, Rachel Emma Gela (Erub); Best Cultural Artefact, Gordon Hammond (Horn); and Best Work on Paper/Canvas, Jeff Waia (Saibai).

The National Museum of Australia - History Through Art Award, which recognises artworks that best capture aspects of the histories of Torres Strait Islander lives and experiences, went to Joseph Au for his lino print *Badu Harbour*.

Highly commended awards went to Betty Tekahika (Mer), Laurie Nona (Badu), Maryann Bourne (Erub), Mersane Loban (Moa) and Solomon Booth (Moa).

Commended awards went to Frank Whap (Mabuiag), Ella Rose Savage (Erub), Andrew Passi Snr (Mer), Zacharia Gaidan (Badu) and Weldon Matasia (Badu).

Guest judge Tom Mosby, the executive manager of Indigenous research and projects at the State Library of Queensland, based his selection of artworks on artistic quality, composition and individuality.

"As usual, the entries this year reflect the diversity of contemporary Torres Strait Islander art practice, and the number of entries continues to demonstrate the recognition of the importance of the visual arts to personal development," he said.

"The task of choosing a winning work and category winners is a difficult and unenviable one, particularly when faced with such a range of materials and techniques."

The winner of the 2012 People's Choice Award, with \$1000 prizemoney, will be announced next month.

A catalogue showcasing all works featured in the 2012 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award will be available for purchase from Gab Titui Cultural Centre from August.

Art Award



TSRA alternate deputy chairperson Kenny Bedford, artist Ella Rose Savage (commended) and judge Tom Mosby, who is executive manager of Indigenous research and projects with the State Library of Qld.



Gordon Hammond's *Kaurareg Hunting Spear* won the award for Best Cultural Artefact.



Alisa Duff, head of the National Museum of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program, and Charlotte Tamwoy, accepting Joseph Au's NMA History Through Art Award Certificate.



Successful artists, from left, Solomon Booth, Gordon Hammond and Rachel Emma Gela.

French links highlighted



Australian art and France.

Called *Guestelles*, the exhibition is at the Novotel Sydney on Darling Harbour until 18 July.

It features the works of Aboriginal desert women, while highlighting France's role in the development and recognition of Australian Indigenous art.

Guestelles is curated by the International Development for Australian Indigenous Art (IDAIA) in partnership with Alliance Francaise de Canberra and the Embassy of France in Australia and features emerging younger artists as well as senior painters

like Judy Napangardi Watson.

Already shown in Canberra, the exhibition celebrates a landmark exhibition to be hosted by Musee du Quai Branly, Paris, in October.

The exhibition includes works of Aboriginal women painters from desert communities where

Novotel Sydney on Darling Harbour general manager Lorraine Mercuri said she was honoured to host the exhibition.

"Accor has strong links with the Australian Indigenous community thanks to our landmark Indigenous Employment Program which has provided jobs for over 800 Indigenous people over the past decade, and as a French company it is especially fitting that we should host this exhibition which celebrates the strong links between France and Australian Indigenous art," Ms Mercuri said.

"I am sure our guests and the public will enjoy the vibrancy and beauty of these artworks."

Novotel Sydney on Darling Harbour is located at 100 Murray Street, Pyrmont Sydney.

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the understanding of women's roles has been encouraged by two French women anthropologists – Francoise Dussart at Yuendumu in the Northern Territory and Barbara Glowczeski in Balgo Hills, Western Australia.

Black History Month

27 JUNE – 29 JULY 2012

Black History Month is a Brisbane City Council signature event celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's heritage, history and future.

To view a full list of the free events and activities visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/blackhistorymonth or phone Council on (07) 3403 8888.



Dedicated to a better Brisbane

He'll leave a legacy

By KIRSTIE PARKER



TSI NINO Sabatino's people have always lived off the sea. It has been a dependable source of sustenance, stories, and survival for generations of Torres Strait Islanders.

But the carelessness of mankind now threatens these very things, and visual artist Sabatino is determined to do what he can to stem the tide.

The 37-year-old from Hammond Island paints, carves and makes lino-prints and headdresses and his work can be seen locally at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre on Thursday Island as well as in collections such as that of the National Gallery of Australia.

Like many artists, Sabatino often works with 'found' materials, but his newest artistic practice has an added impetus.

He has recently begun working with ghost nets abandoned by fishing boats in the Arafura Sea, to send a message that things have to change if the region's marine environment is to survive.

"When the net comes up on the beach, we gather it up to save our environment and our sea animals," Sabatino told the *Koori Mail*.

"Our ancestors gave us turtle shell to make masks, but the turtles are getting caught in the nets and dying. The nets get caught and kill the mangroves and the reef.

"We are making masks and other things from ghost nets to educate people."

As well as his own prolific art output, Sabatino is helping others. He works for ART Sense as a visual arts mentor with his community on Hammond Island and is passionate about sharing his skills and knowledge with anyone who wants to learn – from local school children to Elders.

"I live, breathe and sleep art. It's non-stop for me," he said.

"Sometimes kids think they know it all, but they don't. They

may think because they grew up around it they don't need to learn it, but there's more to it.

"I can't encourage everyone to be a visual artist, but I can share what I do as a visual artist.

"Some of the people I work with are older than me, but they are willing to listen because of my experience as a visual artist. I left my community to study and get my Diploma in Visual Arts from Cairns TAFE in 2000 and now I do what I do to give something back to my community.

"At the moment, I am teaching the aunties lino printing, painting and more... all these different mediums they haven't done before. They say to me 'We want to learn, this is different, it is new'.

"I teach people how to translate the culture into contemporary work. With ghost nets, for example, the way you weave it and the thread and pattern is traditional but the material is contemporary."

Language

Sabatino also uses traditional language in his art practice to educate others, for example, using 'danghal' for dugong and 'bilar' for the parrotfish.

He said some of his art translated stories at least hundreds of years old.

"When I got the canvas, it was blank – now it has countless age on it. That's a gift a visual artist has," he said.

"I am obligated to do that; it's important for me as a visual artist to take that responsibility from my Elders and keep the stories alive."

Though still a young man, he's keen to leave something behind for his three children and others.

"You think you know something, but you never know till you get there," he said. "My mother used to say 'A dead man can't speak', but if a dead man documents something, he leaves it behind. My art is an important document.

"I am no immortal but – through my art – when I die, people eight or ten generations after me will know my story.

"I will leave a legacy."



Nino Sabatino on Thursday Island with some of his innovative masks, woven in traditional patterns but using abandoned ghost nets adorned with shells. He hopes the creations will educate people not to be so careless with the marine environment. Photos by JOSEPH MAYERS



Artist Nino Sabatino with one of his paintings at Gab Titui Cultural Centre on Thursday Island.

Working for our future – today

2012 Gold Coast

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award

Gold Coast City Gallery

10 October to 25 November 2012

Call for Entries

Artworks depicting the theme *Gaurema gulli-nu* (Stories from here) are invited from established, emerging and young Indigenous artists who have a cultural or historical connection to the Gold Coast. This non-acquisitive award has a total prize pool over \$7500.

For further information and to download an application form go to goldcoastcity.com.au/award or call (07) 5581 7508. Entries close 7 September 2012.

Exhibition at Gold Coast City Gallery, The Arts Centre Gold Coast, from 10 October to 25 November 2012.

An initiative of the Cultural Development Unit, Gold Coast City Council.

Total prize pool over

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Shalom College students, back from left, Davin Ferreira, Anthony Pascoe, Bradley White, Lygel Brown and Michael Woodall. Middle, from left, Philamena McKenzie, Layla Nona, James Matthew and Gerard Morgan. Front, from left, Kathrinka Matthew, Annie Ingui, Deanne Sibley and Erin Dean.

Looking to the future at Shalom

By ALF WILSON



SEVENTEEN boarding students at Townsville's Shalom Christian College are looking to their futures by working and completing school-based traineeships.

The students, aged 16 and 17 and from Queensland and Northern Territory centres, have won praise from school staff for their commitment.

Shalom Sports Academy head Joe Christensen said the college was 'experiencing a purple patch' of students earning while they are learning.

"The 17 have gained employment through a wide range of businesses," he said.

"Erin Dean (Townsville/Atherton) has been undertaking a Certificate II in Business with National Australia Bank.

"Philamena McKenzie (Darwin/Maningrida) and Layla Nona (Badu Island) are helping other people find jobs with Max Employment while completing Business/Administration traineeships and Annie Ingui (Boigu Island) and Deanne

Sibley (Townsville/Palm Island) are keeping people fit while completing their own Certificate III in Fitness with the Shalom Sports Academy.

"Gerard Morgan, Telen Morgan, Roslyn Dhurrkay (all Milingimbi/Darwin), Anthony Pascoe (Maningrida), Davin Ferreira (Darwin), Bradley White, Lygel Brown (both Bagot NT), Kathrinka Matthew, James Matthew (both Boigu Island/Cairns), Lucy Whaleboat (Townsville), Michael Woodall (Roma) and Romina Bradshaw (Wyndham) are all doing their bit to help teach primary school students the value of healthy lifestyles while working for PASS Australia and completing Certificate II in Community Recreation.

Assistance

"All the students involved in the traineeships are members of the Shalom Boys or Girls Sports Academies, with the girls in particular revelling with the extra assistance provided through the DEEWR Sporting Chance Program.

"Sport may initially be the hook that attracts the students in, but it is the lure of better job prospects, university and a chance at a positive life with opportunities that is keeping

the students engaged in the program."

Mr Christensen said the academy was into its sixth year, and teachers were beginning to 'see the fruit of the operation'.

"Now we have had the opportunity to engage students throughout their whole secondary schooling," he said.

"We have two of our former academy members at university, while I would be expecting that at least six or seven of our students on traineeships will qualify for university by the time they graduate from Shalom.

"The changing mindset of academy students is also evident through the fact that 40 girls have elected to devote one of the their lessons each week to engage in extra numeracy with academy staff to help prepare them for work experience or qualify for university.

"Integral to the success of the program has been the academy's strong community and college links through their partnership with the North Queensland Cowboys' Learn, Earn, Legend program and other college curriculum programs such as the VET pathways program and the Future Pathways program."

Hands on Sorry Day



TO commemorate National Sorry Day last month, students Jon Close and Mia Castella and others at Casino West Public School in northern NSW cut out cardboard hands, decorated them with messages and placed them around the school. Students discussed the Bringing Them Home report and the Stolen Generations.

Students win praise for top gala day



STUDENTS from the Country Rugby League's Business Services course in north-west NSW put

their knowledge to good use recently, running a rugby league gala day in Lightning Ridge.

The CRL Business Services, launched in 2008, is a technical and vocational educational and training course designed to encourage students to continue their schooling beyond Year 10, particularly in remote Indigenous communities where rugby league is a popular sport.

Successful students qualify for Certificate II in Business Services and a Higher School Certificate subject.

Students learn business skills and then apply them practically in a rugby league setting.

The students from Collarenebri Central School, Boggabilla Central School and Walgett Community College controlled everything from the canteen, scoring and timekeeping, to ground announcing and presentations, earning praise from CRL Western

development manager Kyle Myers. "It was a well-run event and the students played a major role in that," he said.

"They have proven they can co-ordinate a rugby league gala day. That will open up various employment possibilities in the future.

"The subject teaches the same core skills offered in the mainstream business services course but allows students to apply those business management skills to rugby league."

Quality

Despite more than 50mm of rain in the lead-up to the event, the day went ahead, with some quality league played in wet conditions.

Brewarrina Central beat Walgett 16-4 and Lightning Ridge 24-20 to take out the open title, with Beau Salt (Brewarrina) named the most valuable player.

In the under 14s, Gulargambone Central beat Walgett 16-12, drew 16-all with Collarenebri and then topped Lightning Ridge 20-8 to win the event. Gulargambone's Sam Knight was named most valuable player.



Country Rugby League Business Services students at the Lightning Ridge gala rugby league day they organised and ran earlier this month.



Students Isaiah Chatfield and Dion Flick learning as they cook.

Mastering skills on Glebe menu



A NEW program at Glebe Public School in Sydney's inner west is encouraging Aboriginal and other children to learn technical

words and skills in the kitchen to help them with literacy and numeracy in the classroom.

Inspired by TV's *Masterchef*, the Language Experience students prepare lists, go shopping and prepare dishes from basic ingredients, learn technical vocabulary and skills including measuring, mixing, beating, whipping, whisking, kneading, rolling and baking.

School community liaison officer Katrina Stomann said the children love working in the school kitchen and have many opportunities to practise listening and language skills.

"It is a very stimulating place to build confidence and learn new words relating to literacy and numeracy programs in the classroom," she said.



Glebe Public School students Summer Streeting and Adelaide Roberts.

Home-grown success



YVETTE Carolin loves the fact that both she and her academic achievements are home grown.

After years of hard work and four scholarships, the Northern Territory mother-of-two recently graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Charles Darwin University (CDU).

"I feel really proud as an Indigenous person who grew up in Darwin to have graduated from our own university in the Northern Territory," Ms Carolin said.

"That's a significant thing, to show that the Territory has a good education system."

Yanyuwa on her father's side and Jawoyn and Torres Strait Islander on her mother's, Ms Carolin was the first person in her family to start undergraduate studies.

Play a role

With her new qualification under her belt, the CDU Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Indigenous Leadership staff member is keen to play a role in helping Indigenous people, especially those in remote communities, towards an autonomous economic future.

"I hope to contribute to research and development around economic frameworks that have a social and cultural imperative, to balance the capitalism," she said.

"(My) people want to keep their culture and they need an income in order to do that."

And Ms Carolin plans to stick around CDU, which she described as 'like an extended family', offering the framework, structures and support systems needed to assist Indigenous students.

"I'm really looking forward to having a long relationship with the university," she said.

To that end, she plans to undertake postgraduate studies, and hopes to provide other Indigenous students with the 'academic cultural' mentoring she received.



Recent CDU graduate Yvette Carolin.

TAFE room gets Wiradjuri name



THE conference room at TAFE Western Institute's Orange office has a new Aboriginal name.

It's 'Yindyamarra', a Wiradjuri word which means to honour, respect and be polite.

TAFE deputy director general Pam Christie, who dedicated the new room, said the name reflected the spirit of the activities that took place in the conference room and on campus.

"This is another step in TAFE Western's journey in Aboriginal education," she said.

Ms Christie said TAFE Western was gaining a reputation for efforts to bridge the education and employment disadvantage gap faced by Aboriginal people.

She said the institute had launched an Aboriginal Cultural Competence Framework to inform staff and build the capacity of the organisation to continue its work with Aboriginal people.

"One of the elements of the framework is to have visuals and symbols which are relevant and welcoming for Aboriginal people," she said.

"The naming of rooms with Aboriginal names is one of the action items and means that all of the conference rooms at



In the room, from left, TAFE Western Aboriginal Education and Training Unit manager Rod Towney, Orange College's Ian Long, TAFE deputy director general Pam Christie and Orange College student support officer John Sutherland.

each of the 24 campuses across western NSW will be named in the language of the people of that country.

"To do that, TAFE Western has consulted with the Aboriginal community to get ideas about possible phrases and to agree on a suitable name.

"TAFE Western plays a vital role in meeting industry and community needs and is a key player in the region partnering closely with education providers, employers and other organisations providing pathways to further education or employment."

Jason ready to give back

By DARREN COYNE



VICTORIAN man Jason Coombes has swapped a life of travelling around the world for walking the wards and driving to see patients.

After 15 years with Qantas as one of Australia's first Indigenous flight attendants, Mr Coombes decided he needed a career change.

"As a child growing up I always wanted to be a flight attendant, or a nurse," he said.

"Now I feel I need to give back to my Aboriginal community as the health of my people in this country is appalling, and by becoming a registered nurse I may be able to help a bit."

When the *Koori Mail* caught up with Mr Coombes, he had just completed his first week of a three-month cadetship at St

Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne, organised by RMIT's Ngarara Willim Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Mr Coombes, who is in his final year of nursing studies, said the centre had been very supportive.

"Ngarara Willim and RMIT nursing staff organised clinical placements for me at Alice Springs, in the Northern Territory, and thanks to them I have been offered a cadetship at St Vincent's Hospital," he said.

Experience

Mr Coombes said the cadetship enabled him to gain valuable first-hand experience as a nurse, and would assist with his CV and job applications.

"At the end of it all I would love to be working at St Vincent's because the hospital has such a fantastic connection with the Koorie community here in Melbourne," he said.

Mr Coombes urged other

Indigenous people to consider a career in nursing. "We definitely need more Aboriginal nurses. There are a few, but there could be more," he said.

Mr Coombes' connection with his Aboriginal heritage is strong despite being fostered out in 1970 to a 'fabulous' white family when he was six-months-old.

"The reason they there were so good is because they never denied me from keeping in contact with my Aboriginal family at Lake Tyers, Gippsland, which we call Bung Yarnda (Big Waters)," he said.

"We are known as the Lake Tyers mob, a group of the Gunai/Kurnai people.

"So I was a lucky child. I had the best of both worlds.

"I sat on the fence and I think this is very important to me now at my age, because I can see both sides of the story and know the good and bad on both sides."



Jason Coombes so impressed his teachers at RMIT University that he was chosen as an ambassador during National Reconciliation Week.

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DALIAH EDWARDS

Top NT trainee title to Daliah



DALIAH Edwards, of Darwin, has been named the Northern Territory's school-based trainee of the year.

Working at the National Australia Bank (NAB), the 17-year-old finished ahead of two other finalists at the Group Training Northern Territory Awards last month.

The Casuarina College student has been working with NAB at the Winnellie branch since securing her traineeship last year.

Ms Edwards told the *Koori Mail* she was enjoying the work at NAB and hoped to make a career with the organisation.

"It's an easy-going job and I like meeting new people," she said. "I am really excited about winning this award."

"I have learnt a lot as a school-based trainee at NAB. I have learnt a lot of banking ... counting deposit bags, answering phones and assisting customers."

"It has also given me a lot of confidence – not just in the work place, but also in life."

"By winning this award, I hope I can encourage other Indigenous Australians to strive for their goals and dreams."

The total number of Indigenous NAB School Based Traineeships has grown by 65 in 2012 to a total of 181.

NAB's commitment to its Indigenous trainees is part of its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which addresses Indigenous disadvantage through three key focus areas: promoting financial inclusion; building access to real jobs; and raising cultural understanding and awareness among NAB staff of Indigenous Australians and their culture.



Graduates from the AILC's Certificate IV program in Indigenous Leadership course learned communication, negotiation, teamwork, strategic analysis and more.

Graduates are ready to lead



A GROUP of 26 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from across Australia have graduated from a 10-week leadership course.

The students, from Broome in Western Australia to Brunswick Heads in northern NSW, were chosen from more than 300 applicants to

complete the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AILC) Certificate IV program in Indigenous Leadership.

They received their certificates during a ceremony at the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre in Canberra on 5 June.

AILC chair Dr Tom Calma said strong individual

leadership was essential to build strong communities and help effect positive change.

"Our country needs Indigenous leaders and this course makes an important contribution to building skills in communication, negotiation, teamwork, strategic analysis and cultural awareness for the participants lucky enough to attend," he said.

AILC CEO Rachelle Towart said the graduates were an 'extraordinary group of Australians'.

Over the past decade, more than 1000 Indigenous people have completed the course, which is sponsored by the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

Scholars head to Oxford University



TWO Indigenous people are off to study at Oxford University in the United Kingdom after winning scholarships from the Roberta Sykes Education Foundation.

They are Greg Lehman, who will undertake a Masters in History of Art and Visual Culture at Balliol College, and Kerrie Doyle, who will be undertaking a Masters in Evidence-Based Social Intervention, with a focus on Indigenous health, at Wolfson College.

Roberta Sykes was an Australian poet and author, as well as a life-long campaigner for Indigenous land rights, human rights and women's rights.

Foundation chair Peter Waters said the aim of the scholarships was to increase the number of Indigenous Australians in senior positions in academia, the professions and the business world.

"Roberta recognised that education is an opportunity and that an overseas education provided Indigenous students with an

opportunity to succeed at the world's best educational institutions," he said.

The Roberta Sykes Scholarships assist students to undertake the programs that will enable them to be those role models and mentors, and to make an ongoing contribution to their communities.

"They continue to honour the memory of Roberta Sykes, who graduated with her doctorate from Harvard in 1984," Mr Waters said.

Inspiration

"Roberta, who died at the age of 66 in 2010, was an inspiration to us all as she achieved what she was told were 'overly ambitious' goals."

Mr Waters said the Roberta Sykes Education Foundation had its roots in Black Women's Action in Education Foundation, which was established in the early 1970s by Sue Chilli, Marcia Langton, Naomi Myers and Roberta Sykes.

In 1979, the foundation raised the funds

for Ms Sykes to attend Harvard University – one of the finest in the United States – when no government funds were forthcoming.

Today, the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation has four types of scholarships open to Indigenous Australian postgraduate students.

Selection is based on academic merit, financial need and the applicant's past and future contributions to Indigenous communities and to Australia more generally.

"Our biggest challenge is finding the money to meet the demand from bright, driven Indigenous students," Mr Waters said.

"Roberta built the foundation through small donations of \$20, \$50 or \$100. The trustees are hoping that, with the calibre of students such as Greg and Kerrie, people whose own success in life has benefitted from education overseas will make a contribution to Roberta's legacy."

For information on the foundation and the scholarships on offer, go to the website www.robertasykesfoundation.com



Palm Island student Shanden Burns at left, and in the main picture, students front from left, Sharna Cannon, Alison McKean, Sharmika Curley, Jennifer Cannon, Toni Roberts and teacher Albertus Brink and, back from left, Leetia Ketchup, Christine Cannon, Sylvia Lenoy-Roberts, Dehannah Morgan, Ella Morgan and Edith Bulsey.

Palm students at expo

By ALF WILSON



STUDENTS from Palm Island's Bwgcolman Community School attended a futures expo in Townsville and agreed that the experience helped them

deciding on potential careers. Hospitality teacher Albertus Brink said the Years 10 to 12 pupils were studying either Certificate II in Engineering or Certificate II in Hospitality (kitchen operations). "There is a split in boys and girls respectively by their own choosing," Mr Brink ventured.

"The girls are not as serious about trade job opportunities as the boys are.

Careers

"The boys were very interested in some apprenticeships and careers in the defence. "One of the girls is also

interested in a career with the army, and a couple would be interested in a job in hospitality."

The expo was held on Boundary Street late last month and Mr Brink said the students were able to talk to career experts.

The students included talented sportsman Shanden Burns, who

excels at Australian rules football and is also a rising star in the boxing ring.

"It is important that we have good careers when we leave school," Shanden said.

Some of the girls told the *Koori Mail* they were interested in gaining work in the hospitality industry.

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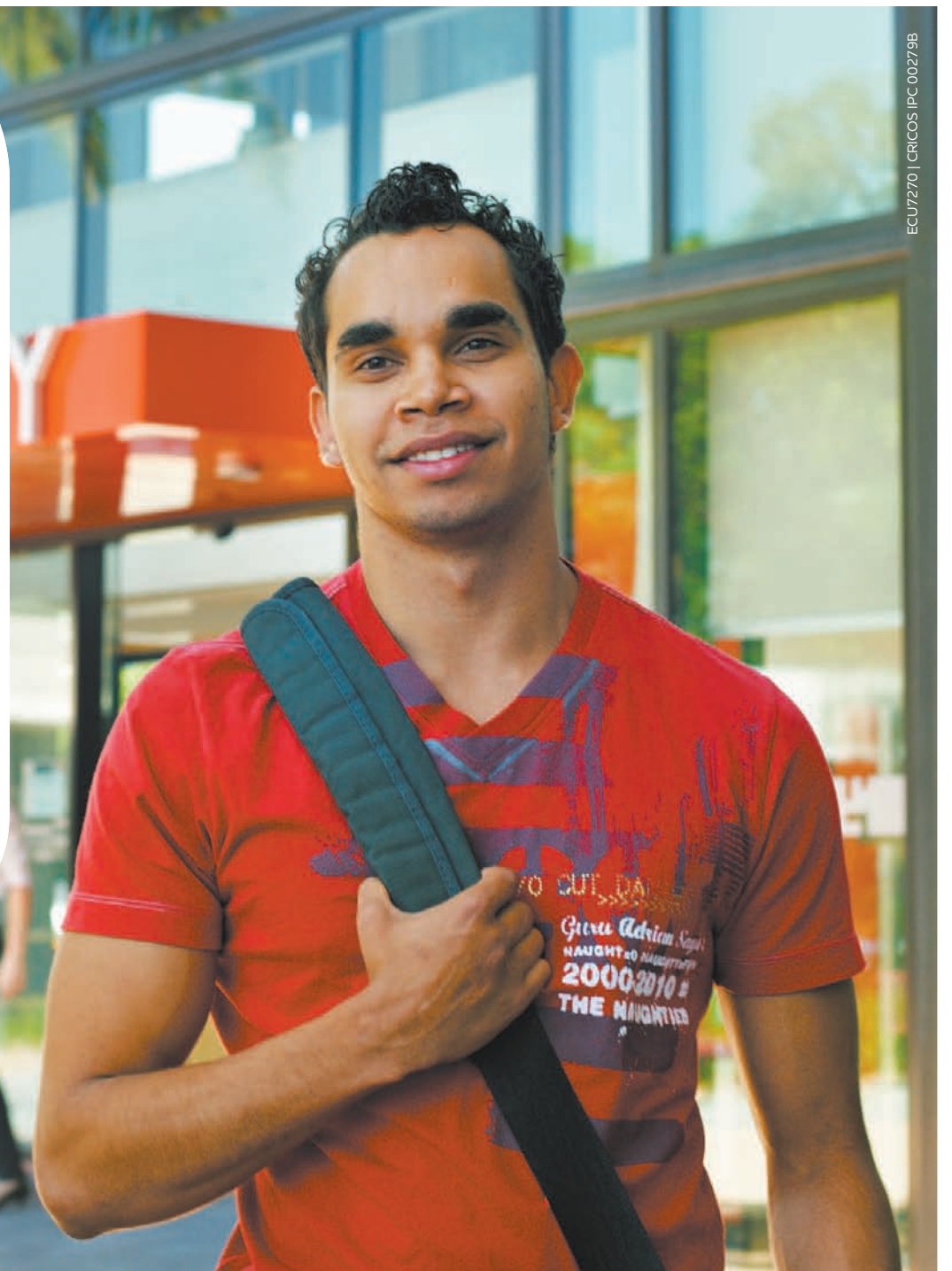
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ASHE sports officer Sarai Atkinson revs up the crowd for a hoola-hoop challenge to warm up for the day.



ASHE students and staff at the end of ASHEletics to celebrate the event's success.



Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell opened ASHEletics.

Focus on games tradition



INDIGENOUS games took centre stage at the Shepparton Sports Stadium on Thursday 14 June when 350 primary school children took part in the ASHEletics carnival.

Held for the seventh year, ASHEletics ensures the survival of Indigenous culture. Games played included Wilijini, Jumpinpin, Pukamitjal, Tarnambai,

Kai, Gorri and Marngrook.

Other activities included storytelling by local Elders, traditional dance, arts and crafts and entertainment.

Academy of Sport, Health and Education (ASHE) students organised the event through their studies in Sport and Community Recreation.

The event was opened by Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell.



Members of 'Batja Malnigan' Mooroopna Secondary College traditional dancers Jai Simpkin and Matthew Muir.



RumbaGirl (ASHE student Lesha McGee) and ASHEman (ASHE student Daen Winmar-Briggs) were a highlight.



RumbaGirl (ASHE student Lesha McGee) proved a hit with the young female students.



ASHE Student Cheyanne Morgan teaches Pukamitjal to Gowrie Street students.



Masseuse and first aid officer on the day Sonja Briggs with Aunty Hilda Stewart.



Chrissy James delivers some heartfelt post-games entertainment with an underlying positive message of self-belief.



Students from St George's Road Primary enjoying the excitement of ASHEletics.



Moort Boodjari Mia mums and babies. Back row, from left, Nickitah Clinch, co-ordinator Alison Gibson, Kelly Graham with baby Chevanah, and Nikkita Dean with baby Zianoodin Bin Hitam. Front row, from left, Natalie Clinch, Kelly Toago with baby Summer Bairnsfather-Scott, Kimberley Thorne with baby Cohen, Dorinda Cox with baby Ailish Hynes, and Rita Knapp with baby Adina Garlett.

Maternity group bears new name

By LIZ MURRAY



ABORIGINAL Elders, community members and Health Department staff gathered in the Perth suburb of Midland last week to celebrate the renaming of the Aboriginal Maternity Group Practice with a Noongar name.

Moort Boodjari Mia, which means 'family pregnancy house' in the local Noongar language, provides assistance in the form of home visits, community clinics and referrals to Aboriginal families living in the city's northern suburbs who are expecting a baby.

"Pregnancy and raising children in Aboriginal families involves immediate and extended family members providing love, support and guidance, and Moort Boodjari Mia encourages these practices," practice co-ordinator Alison Gibson

said at an open day last Thursday.

She said the service worked with the whole family to provide pregnancy care and post-natal care to women, with a focus on making strong, healthy babies.

Moort Boodjari Mia is staffed mainly by Aboriginal people, and mothers are assigned a midwife, Aboriginal health officer and Aboriginal liaison grandmother.

"We also provide support at hospitals, transport, and referrals to other services that clients may need," Ms Gibson said.

Engagement

She said including the whole family in the pregnancy meant increased engagement with expecting mothers, and a better chance of detecting any risks or illnesses at an earlier stage, and referring clients to specialists.

The staff also liaised with service providers that clients might be referred to,

so that the most culturally aware and appropriate management could be used by health care staff.

"The mothers feel more confident during their pregnancy and they tend to ask more questions where they may not have before," Ms Gibson said.

"They go to more antenatal appointments and they also have an opportunity to just chat about what is going on in their lives and ask about different health stuff.

"...It supports them to get the help they need with people they trust.

"Staff recognise the differing needs and ways of working with the Aboriginal community and continually work on developing a service that meets those specific needs."

Since the service opened in February last year, more than 40 women have registered and 26 babies have been born under the program.



The Moort Boodjari Mia mob. Practice co-ordinator Alison Gibson is in the centre.

Losers will be winners



THIRTEEN communities across New South Wales are taking part in a weight loss

challenge.

The NSW Health program has been designed to bring Aboriginal culture and communities together to improve health.

The teams will take part in the inaugural State Knockout Challenge, the first initiative of the Culture Health Communities Program.

Program manager Raylene Gordon said it was developed to engage Aboriginal people and motivate them to manage their risk factors for chronic disease.

"Each team is made up of 25 people from areas across the state, including Armidale, Menindee, Redfern, Central Coast and Kempsey," Ms Gordon said.

"The challenge will see participants adopting healthy lifestyle habits over the next 16 weeks to lose weight.

"The teams have also taken 'before' photos of their members who are now motivated to drop the kilograms.

"All the teams taking part in the initiative are using NSW Health's Get Healthy Information and Coaching Service to achieve their goal as well as seeking advice from local health professionals and organisations.

\$70,000 grant

"The team which loses the most weight will receive a \$70,000 community grant to promote healthy lifestyles in their local area.

"The grants must be used to sponsor sporting teams or for the purchase of sporting or activity equipment and gym memberships.

"Grants of \$20,000 and \$10,000 will be offered to second and third placed teams respectively.

"The challenge forms part of a new approach to addressing chronic disease in Aboriginal communities.

"As part of the initiative, NSW Health is partnering with the NSW Rugby League to see the weight loss challenge aligned with the 2012 Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, which is being held in the Hunter later this year.

"Up to 10 per cent of community grants awarded can be used by participants to support their local knockout team attending this year's competition."

The winners of the challenge will be announced on Friday, 7 September – three weeks before the Aboriginal Knockout is held in Raymond Terrace starting 29 September.

The teams participating in the Challenge are Menindee Fat Yabs, La Per lose (La Pouse and surrounds), Bidgee United (Griffith and surrounds), Blackest Losers (Armidale), Team Moree 'Warra-Li' (Stand Up), Kempsey Deadlys, Orange Aboriginal All Stars, Central Coast 'Gulgul Guri' (Strong Aboriginal person), Redfern Deadly Mob, Walgett Dragons, Mixed Salad (Albury), Let's Go, Let's Do it (Tamworth), and Wagga.

Got a story you want to share? Why not let us know here at the *Koori Mail*. You can get in touch with us at any of the addresses listed in the panel on Page 23 of this edition.



Call for Expressions of Interest

ACT Local Hospital Network Council

Closing Date: Friday 13 July 2012

The ACT Minister for Health, Katy Gallagher MLA is seeking expressions of interest from a suitably qualified individual with financial management experience to fill a vacancy on the ACT Local Hospital Network (LHN) Council. The ACT LHN Council provides critical strategic advice to the Director-General of the ACT Health Directorate on the following matters:

- The clinical and corporate governance framework needed to support and maintain improvement of standards of patient care and services under the ACT Local Hospital Network (ACT LHN);
- The ACT LHN's strategies and methods to support the efficient and economic operation of the LHN, while managing and meeting performance targets;
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- The ACT LHN's policies, plans and initiatives for the provision of health services.

The ACT LHN Council is responsible for the following actions:

- Provide a quarterly report to the ACT Minister for Health with details of progress the ACT LHN Council has made for each of its functions and any other significant developments during the quarter;
- Consult with the community at least once per financial year about any issue affecting the satisfactory delivery of health services; and
- Provide an annual report to the ACT Minister for Health which includes details of all consultation undertaken with the community, and any recommendations relating to the improvement of health services. This report is tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly.

Remuneration in the form of a daily fee will be offered to the successful applicant. The ACT LHN Council generally meets at least six times per year.

Expressions of interest (EOI) are sought from individuals who have financial management experience and are keen to be considered for appointment to the Council for a two year term. Interested candidates should submit an EOI of no longer than four pages (including a short curriculum vitae) in writing by close of business on Friday 13 July 2012.

For further information about the ACT LHN and the ACT LHN Council, please refer to www.health.act.gov.au.

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Heroes to back jobs in health



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people are needed in all areas of the

health system, according to real-life 'Health Hero' Joel Wenitong.

Mr Wenitong, who is studying medicine at the University of Newcastle, has signed on as an ambassador for the Vibe Alive festivals in Port Hedland (20-21 June), Townsville (26-27 July) and Bendigo (8-9 August).

The Federal Government's Health Heroes campaign, which aims to encourage Indigenous people to consider a career in health, is a sponsor of this year's Vibe Alive events.

As a member of the hip hop band The Last Kinection, Joel Wenitong will perform at the festival's opening ceremony and evening concerts.

And when he's not on stage, the Kabi Kabi man from south-east Queensland, will be telling young students that a career in health is a real option for them.

Message

He said it was important that young people got the message that there were hundreds of different jobs in health, and there are many ways to get started.

"It's important that young fullas and sistas know that they can get a job in health and that it doesn't always have to involve lots of study. We need people in all areas of the health system," he said.

"That's why I'm proud to promote Health Heroes at the Vibe Alive events. It's a positive initiative, and the website, videos and career quiz are great resources for



'Health Hero' Joel Wenitong.

young and older mob thinking about getting into health."

The Vibe Alive festivals are fun two-day festivals for young Australians of all backgrounds that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

As part of the Government's sponsorship, the Health Heroes campaign

aims to engage students through an interactive Health Heroes stand, hip hop workshops and performances.

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Dental students receive grants



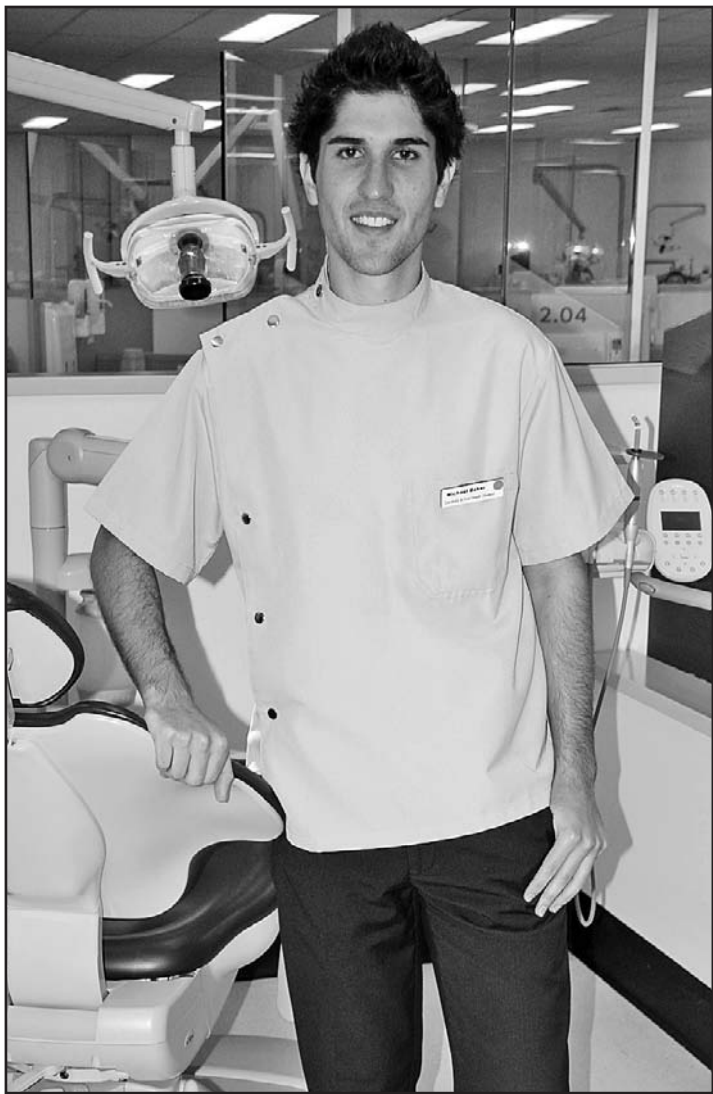
THE Australian Dental Association (ADA) has awarded five Indigenous

dental students grants of \$5000.

Michael Baker, Caitlyn Duncan-Ryenbakken, Jessica Manuela, Tia Riggs and Haydn Taylor received the grants, which ADA president Shane Fryer said were funded by members. "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dentists

have an important role to play in advancing the oral health of Indigenous communities and the broader population and the ADA is keen to increase the numbers of Indigenous practitioners," Dr Fryer said.

Michael keen to be a dentist



Michael Baker is hoping to help close the gap in oral health by studying dentistry.



MICHAEL Baker is studying dentistry at Griffith University in Brisbane because he wants to make a difference to the health of Indigenous

Australians. "The lack of Indigenous dentists in Australia is of a personal concern," said the 22-year-old.

"When I finish studying dentistry, I want to make a difference in rural areas that are under-represented.

"When I look at the current statistics for Indigenous oral health, it really motivates me to make a difference in helping to close the gap.

"I have ancestors who didn't have the opportunities we have today, and they're a massive inspiration to me.

"I realise I can only make a small difference, but every time an individual makes any positive difference it's significant for the community."

As he pushed down the final stretch of his business degree in 2010, Mr Baker was also doing a

bridging course that would take him from business to dentistry.

Mr Baker's older brother David is a fifth-year dentistry student at Griffith.

"I'd love to one day go into business with my brother David and start our own dental clinic," he said.

Mr Baker was recently awarded the Lambert McBride Perpetual Bursary, fending off challengers from all over Queensland to win the \$5000 prize to help with the cost of dental instruments, textbooks and clinical uniforms.

Opportunity

"I'm looking forward to going rural for practical placement and the opportunity to give back to the community," he said.

"I'd like to one day support the Indigenous community in the same way this bursary supports me today."

Earlier this year, as part of the university's Gumurrii Student Support Unit's Hands Up Tertiary Preparation Program, Mr Baker gave advice to

Indigenous students taking their first steps on a university campus.

"We're informing fellow Indigenous students about the real world of university, how to research, what a lecture is like, how to enrol," he said.

"I think it's an extremely important and successful program for smoothly transitioning the students into university life.

"It's a huge leap for a lot of Indigenous students who come from high school to university, and it's of particular importance to provide ongoing peer-to-peer support and guidance for them.

"It's also a real eye-opener for me because we have Indigenous students coming from all over Australia, each with their own idea of what university is about, each with their own knowledge base and skills set. It's amazing to hear their stories about the past and ambitions for the future. For many of the students, they are the first in their family to go to uni."

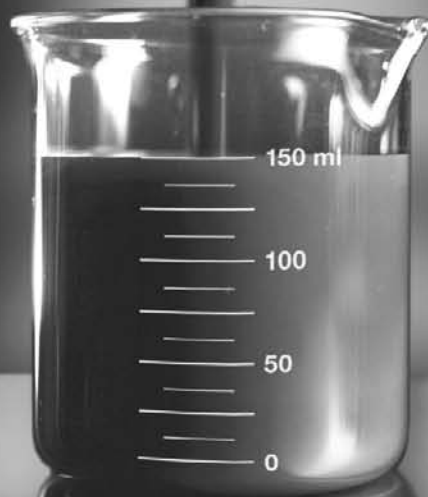
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Neil and Ruby Ishmael have been taking part in the Northern Territory's DriveSafe program.

NT training program with drive



A DRIVER-training program being run in remote Northern Territory communities is teaching Indigenous people how to drive in an effort to reduce the Territory's shocking road toll. About half the people killed on Territory roads each year are Indigenous, despite Indigenous people making up just a third of the population.

Since the DriveSafe NT Remote program began in April this year, almost 100 Aboriginal people have earned their learner's licence.

The Australian and NT governments, the National Road Safety Council and Territory Insurance Office, are funding the \$3 million, two-year trial program.

The program is currently running in Yirrkala, Gunyangara, Angurugu, Umbakumba, Wurrumiyanga and Wadeye. So far 165 people have signed up, and all have passed their learner licence theory test.

A spokesperson said the program was tailored to suit each community's needs, identified by working with local

Indigenous leaders. Those needs might include training for young mothers, or those delivering aged-care services.

The program is run over a seven-month period and includes supervision by an approved driving instructor, first aid, car maintenance and drug and alcohol awareness.

A spokesperson said a driver's licence was important as it supported access to jobs, health and education services, and family commitments.

Factors

But many Indigenous people do not have a licence due to a range of factors, such as lack of proof of identification and language barriers.

The program is also supporting people to get proof of identification papers, such as a birth certificate.

Community-based learner driver mentors will also be trained as part of the program, creating a long-term opportunity to become accredited driving instructors in their own community.

Local organisations and businesses in each centre are also supporting the delivery of DriveSafe NT Remote.

Aged-care trainee takes out excellence honour



ABORIGINAL man Barry Donovan has been named runner-up in the Aged and Community Service Association State Award for Excellence in the Trainee category.

A late starter as an aged-care trainee – he is 55 – Mr Donovan is one of seven Indigenous trainees at Pacifica, UnitingCare Ageing's new residential aged-care service at Nambucca Heads on the NSW north coast.

The Trainee Award celebrates the outstanding achievements of an employee studying and working towards a qualification in the aged-care sector.

Mr Donovan received his award in front of a large crowd at Australia Technology Park in Sydney.

"I am over the moon. This award is changing my life. When I started I never dreamt I'd get this far," he said.

"UnitingCare Ageing is doing a lot to change my life slowly. I now have a house to rent, a car and a lovely family at Pacifica.

'Lift myself'

"I know the young people look to me to show the way and I do try to do that, but this award has encouraged me to try to lift myself even higher."

UnitingCare Ageing North Coast regional director Julia Bellamy described Mr Donovan as 'quite simply remarkable'.

"His dedication, respect, compassion and sense of community embodies everything UnitingCare Ageing's Inspired Care principles are built upon," she said.

"Barry already in such a short time has touched the lives of so many, leaving an indelible imprint of his commitment to innovative quality care to our residents and mentoring other staff and trainees along the way.

"He is an absolute inspiration to all ages and living proof that it's never too late to achieve your dreams."

UnitingCare Ageing North Coast Region provides residential and community aged care services to over 1500 people on a daily basis.

Association popular at Healesville



THE Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association

(HICSA) is fast becoming a central meeting place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in outer east Melbourne.

CEO Robynne White said that among recent successful initiatives, HICSA had been holding community lunches every month, open to everyone, including a special event in April to recognise Aboriginal soldiers, with guest speaker Dot Peters.

"In Healesville we have a big pocket of Aboriginal people, and Coranderrk (Aboriginal Station) is a special place for any Aboriginal person living area but, despite 8.5 per cent of the total Indigenous population living in the area, we haven't had a good meeting place for a long time," Ms White said.

"HICSA was overdue, and is proving popular with a number of people calling in regularly now."

HICSA has embarked on a youth program, including running the Deadly Driving program, where volunteers help learner drivers get their hours behind the wheel in a donated car, and a drumming program from the local school for Year 6 girls, which director Fiona Mawson said had been designed around a reconciliation model for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

"It's really teaching them about respectful relationships, team-building and communication skills," she said.



HICSA board members, at back, Garry Detez and Fiona Mawson and, in front, Andrew Peters, Dot Peters and chief executive officer Robynne White.

"It's lots of fun and when you drum together, you work together as a team, you have to support each other. Some pick it up quickly, some struggle and it becomes a way for young girls to realise each other's strengths."

Challenges

HICSA's next challenges are to try and find their own building and to set up programs focusing on enhancing pride in culture.

Currently, the organisation is operating out of the Oona Indigenous Learning Centre at Swinburne University.

"We're trying to encourage leadership in youth, we want to get out there in the community, want to nurture our young people

and have a positive impact on their self-esteem and improve intergenerational connection," Ms White said.

"When you're living in two worlds it does get difficult at times, and we want our young people to be positive and proud.

"Local Elders are involved to provide guidance, and they have been fantastic. Our really big focus at the moment is to secure ongoing funding, from the community, local, state and federal governments – without that we will not continue.

"There are needs here, the community is clearly showing the need so it's imperative we find continued funding and commitment from government."

WA funds target gambling



TWO Indigenous groups are among three West Australian organisations to share in nearly \$500,000 of funding to help end problem social gambling.

The funding comes from the first round of the WA Government's Beyond Gambling Grants program.

Jungarni-Jutiya Indigenous Corporation in the Kimberley will get

\$200,000 to provide educational services in local schools and diversionary activities, including cultural trips and art therapy for adults.

And Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community La Grange has been awarded \$194,120 to provide alternative activities for problem social gamblers.

The other recipient was the Joondalup Men's Shed in northern Perth.

WA Community Services Minister

Robyn McSweeney said the grants would enable communities to address and raise awareness of problem social gambling, which was particularly difficult to tackle in remote areas.

"The Beyond Gambling Grants will help communities to work with individuals and their families at a local level to address the issue," she said.

"This is particularly important where support services may be less accessible."



The Palm Island students pictured at the Opera House during their cultural and educational tour of Sydney. They are accompanied by CFF and NASCA representatives.

High-achieving Palm students in Sydney visit



TWENTY high-achieving students from Palm Island visited Sydney early this month, thanks to the Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF) and the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA).

The Year 9-12 students had a five-day educational and cultural tour that included an inspirational goal-setting workshop with Australian Olympian Patrick Johnson and a visit to the Sydney Opera House 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," Cathy Freeman said.

Palm Island, one of Australia's largest remote Indigenous communities, has a low rate of students graduating from high school.

'Recognising and rewarding Indigenous achievement is key to creating positive educational outcomes' – Cathy Freeman

"We believe these programs will assist in student engagement at school by providing them with opportunities to participate in activities that broaden their understanding of the world," Ms Freeman said.

The CFF Horizons Program is funded by Credit Suisse, which also provided volunteers to assist and participate in some of the activities with the children.

The Palm Island students who travelled to Sydney were:

- Year 9 – Shirl Curley, Koipe Castors, Deborah Lacey, Heath Lacey, Christopher Wales, Ella Morgan, Tarika Cummins and Tarena Charles;

- Year 10 – Leetia Ketchup, Ngaire Pearson, Sylvia Roberts, Peter Reid and Peter Harris;

- Year 11 – Shanden Burns, Sharmika Curley, Jona Dabea and Dehannah Morgan; and

- Year 12 – Jaytina Johnson, Vynieka Haines and Cassian Tanner.



Richelle Watson... "I'm really keen to go back overseas and volunteer more time."

Richelle keen to volunteer



AFTER she graduated from Tennant Creek High School in the Northern Territory last year, Warumungu woman Richelle Watson and 11 of her classmates travelled to Cambodia to volunteer.

"It was mind-blowing and I'm really keen to go back overseas and volunteer more time," Ms Watson, 18, said.

"We were visiting orphanages, teaching students how to speak English, playing sports with the children. At one orphanage, we were meant to go build a house but instead helped clear land for them.

"You learn to expect the unexpected.

"The Cambodian culture is similar yet different to Indigenous culture; similar because one tribe sticks together and they help each other out."

Ms Watson found she learned and enjoyed the experience so much that she is due to return to Asia in August, with Latitude Global Volunteering finding her a place in Vietnam.

Teaching

She'll be teaching English through sports to university students.

"One of my teachers, Melanie Baldwin, inspired me to apply," Ms Watson said.

"Travelling means you experience new things, see different scenery, meet people, and have opportunities to do things you might not usually do."

To prepare for her trip to Vietnam, Ms Watson is learning about Vietnamese cultures, working to try to save money and fund-raising for equipment to take with her.

"In Cambodia I learned a bit of the basic words, but while they were kind of hard to pronounce at first by the end of the trip I'd got used to them," she said.

"Hopefully, I'll learn how to cook Asian fusion food.

"Dad was kind of shocked, and is still getting it in his head that I'm actually doing it, but he's proud and so is the rest of the family.

"It's really about the rewards you get in the end, the reward you get just by helping someone else."

We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Send them to any of the addresses listed in the panel on Page 23. Keep them short and to the point, and include a daytime telephone contact number.

South Australia

16 July: Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM). ALRM will hold a community consultation meeting to discuss ALRM's services to the region and the Shearer review. A barbecue lunch and refreshments provided. Must RSVP by 29 June for catering. Held at Tauondi College, 1 Lipson Street, Port Adelaide from 11am-1pm. Free and all welcome. Details: ALRM on 1800 643 222 or Cheryl Axleby, CherylA@alrm.org.au or Michael Wanganeen, MichaelW@alrm.org.au

15-16 August: 2012 Aboriginal Alcohol Tobacco and other Drugs Workers Forum. A two-day event to improve knowledge and understanding of the impact that alcohol, tobacco and other drugs have on Aboriginal communities. Free forum, two workers per organisation only for employees in the relevant services. Held at Novotel Barossa Valley. Details: Greg Jackson on (08) 8274 3328 or email Greg.Jackson@health.sa.gov.au

NSW-ACT

Until 29 June: Nominations for the 2012 Justice Awards. Help recognise the people improving access to justice in NSW by nominating them for a Justice Award. Nomination forms available at www.lawfoundation.net.au/justice_awards or call (02) 88227 3200 or email justiceawards@lawfoundation.net.au. Details: Maria Leonardis on (02) 8227 3203 or email mleonardis@lawfoundation.net.au

Until 29 June: Commonwealth Bank Community Grants Program awards up to \$10,000 to not-for-profit organisations that support the health and well-being of Australian children. For eligibility to apply visit www.commbank.com.au/about-us/in-the-community/employee-giving/staff-community-fund/supporting-children

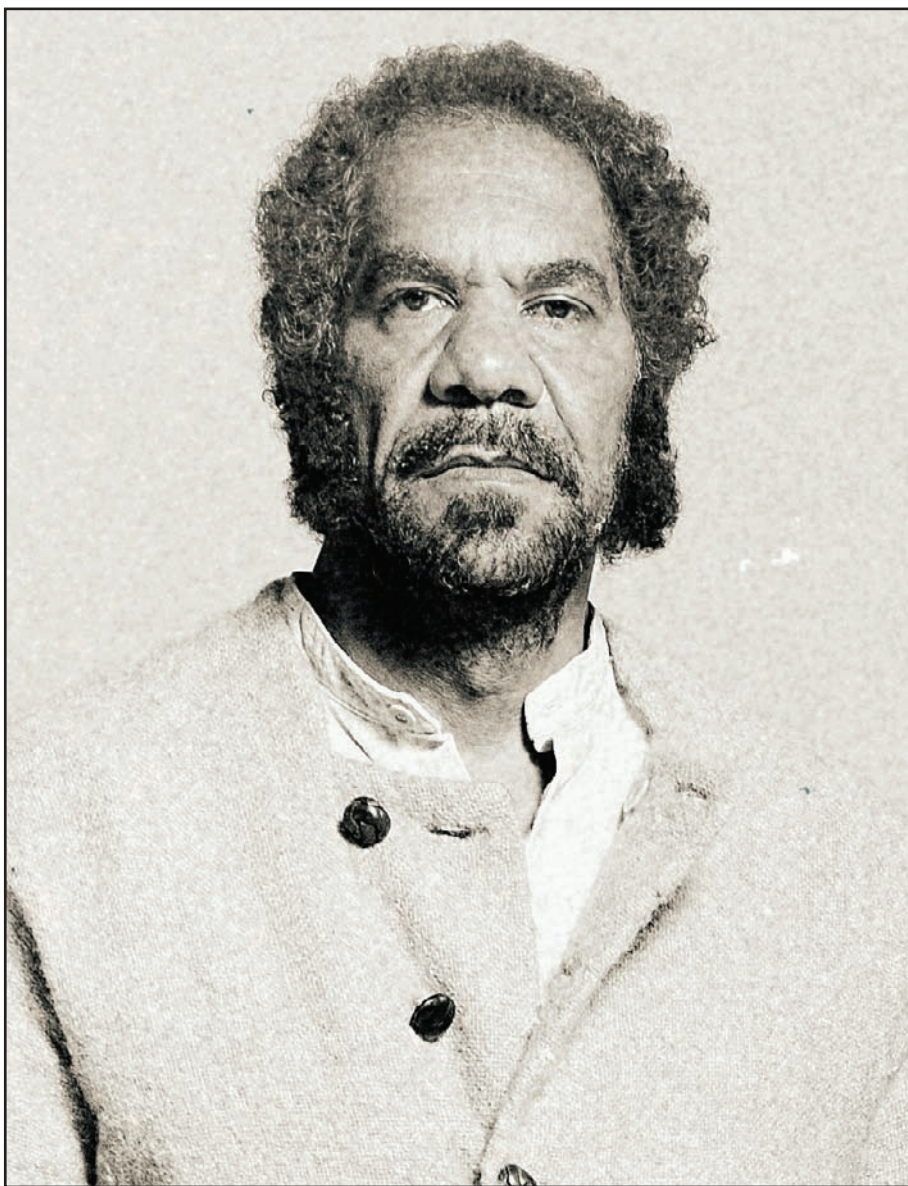
Until 27 July: Regional Achievement and Community Awards. Community Awards are now open. They provide an opportunity for communities around the state to acknowledge the success of local achievers through business, events community service, environmental practices and regional development. To nominate contact 1300 735 445 or visit www.awardaustralia.com

27 June: Learn, Earn, Legend. This event presented by former NSW State of Origin players includes a community golf day, an Indigenous Jobs Market expo and a coaching clinic. Free and all welcome. Held: Dubbo. Details: (02) 8765 2847 or visit www.originlegends.com.au

27 June: EXPO: Early Childhood Intervention. An opportunity for families raising children with additional needs to explore support services for their child's development and learning. Held at Lennox Head Community Centre from 9.30am-2.30pm. Details: Ballina Early Intervention on (02) 6686 6889 or email bei@rainbowchildrenscentre.com.au

27 June: Autism Spectrum Australia. Parents and carers are invited to attend a yarn up session to talk about autism and other behavioural and learning needs. Held at YWCA, 101a Rous Rd, Goonellabah from 10 am-2pm. Lunch will be provided. Bookings essential. Details: Carmel Laurie on (02) 6625 0111 or Jeff Nelson on z (0448) 821 135 or email jeffnelson@autismspectrum.org.au

Set for CORANDERRK



Actor Greg Fry as he appears in the production of *CORANDERRK: We Will Show the Country*, on at the Sydney Opera House this week. Details appear in this calendar under NSW-ACT.

28 June: Liverpool City Council NAIDOC Celebration. Starting with a street march from Augusta Cullen Park to Macquarie Mall from 10-11am, and a flag-raising ceremony, followed by a community fun day at the Whitlam Centre, 90a Memorial Avenue, Liverpool from 11.30am-2.30pm including Aboriginal performances, show bags, free lunch. Free and all welcome. Details: 1300 36 2170 or visit www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au

28 June-1 July: *CORANDERRK – We Will Show the Country*. A theatrical re-enactment of official testimonies before the 1881 Coranderk Inquiry. Thurs-Sat 8.15pm, Sun 5pm. Cost: \$25 / Insiders \$20. Also featuring a series of debates and discussions on Saturday, 30 June at 1.30, 3.30pm and 9.30pm. Free and all welcome. Held: Playhouse, Sydney Opera House, Sydney. Details: (02) 9250 7777 or jdavis@sydneyoperahouse.com

29 June: Sistars on About Resilience (SOAR). SOAR are holding a dinner and presentation about 'Let's Tackle Domestic Violence' including guest speakers David Peachey, Nathan Blacklock and Dixie Gordon. Held at YWCA, Rous Rd, Goonellabah from 6pm. RSVP by 27 June. Details: Lee-Ann Emzin on (0427) 929 893 or Sandra Vincent on (02) 6626 0436.

30 June: Our Music, Performing Place, Listening to Sydney. Menindee Central School choir is making its mark in the music world with a performance at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Also appearing are Matt Doyle, Richard Green, Clarence Slooke, Eora College and the Conservatorium jazz ensemble. Admission is free but registration is required through

con.rsvp@sydney.edu.au. Time: 9.00am-5.00pm. Details: Grant Hatch on (02) 6334 8080 or mobile (0419) 284 243 or email grant.hatch@det.nsw.edu.au

30 June: Move 2 Change: Official launch. Enjoy a healthy barbecue and celebrate the graduation of trainees. Free and all welcome. Held at the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre, 50 Oliver Ave, Goonellabah, from 11am-3pm. Details: 1300 87 83 87 or email Tarryn.Corlet@lismore.nsw.gov.au or visit www.lismore.nsw.gov.au

30 June-15 July: Hunter Festival of Sport. The nib Hunter Festival of Sport is offering a range of activities including come and try days, sports coaching clinics, competition, sports education and much more at a range of venues throughout the region. Details: Tanya Brunckhorst on (02) 4926 4892 or email info@hunteracademy.org.au or for a full program visit www.hfos.com.au

5 July: Ulladulla Men's Forum. Milton Ulladulla Family Support Service invites members of organisations to attend a men's forum to discuss issues affecting men in the community including parenting and violence, homelessness, unemployment, mental health, suicide, drugs and alcohol, family relationship and sexual health. Free and light refreshments available. Held at Milton Ulladulla Family Support Centre, 158 Green St, Ulladulla from 10am-1pm. For registration forms contact Laurence Keith on (02) 4455 5428 or email mufss@bigpond.com

5 July: Winnunga Nimmitjiah Aboriginal Health Service NAIDOC golf day, Yowani

Country Club, 455 Northbourne Avenue, Lyneham, ACT. Registration capped at 60 players. Four-person Ambrose for men and women. Call Yowani Pro Shop on (02) 6241 3377 to hire a golf cart (\$30).

To enter, call Ian Bateman (02) 6284 6222 or email ian.bateman@winnunga.org.au

7 July: NAIDOC Week Celebration. Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League Football match between Northern United Dirawongs and Casino RSM. Held at Tabulam, under 18s start at noon. Entry is \$6, under 16 free. All Welcome. Details: Grantley Creighton on (0402) 309 582.

11 July: IBA Business workshops. A self-paced workshop program for Indigenous Australians interested in starting their own business. Held in Coffs Harbor. Free and all welcome. Details: For further information or to register your interest contact Narelle Webb on (02) 6643 2422 or 1800 107 107 or email narelle.webb@iba.gov.au

13 July: Western Sydney NAIDOC dinner and dance. Celebrating the spirit of the Tent Embassy 40 years on. Held at Blacktown Workers Club, 55 Campbell St, Blacktown from 6pm to 11pm. Semi-formal dress code. Ticket sales to be advised. Details: (0412) 251 643.

18-19 July: 3rd Annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Conference with theme 'Better Housing strategies for Stronger people'. Held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Sydney. Details: 1300 316 882 or email registration@criterionconferences.com

Queensland

27 July: 2012 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Fun Day. Promoting a healthy and active lifestyle including a smoke-free way of life through the promotion of anti-smoking messages. Activities include a boomerang workshop, dancers, live band, didgeridoo playing and giveaways. Free and all welcome. Held at Mudgeeraba Show Grounds from 11am-3pm. Details: Mibbinbah on (07) 55691 1837

Tasmania

6 July: 2012 National NAIDOC Awards Ceremony and Ball. To celebrate Indigenous culture, recognise inspirational award winners and enjoy high-profile Indigenous entertainers. Held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Friday 6 July 2012 from 6.30pm to midnight.

Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek for \$85 each or \$960 for a table of 12. Details: Visit www.naidoc.org.au or www.ticketek.com.au

Western Australia

Until 1 July: Exploring Colour. An exhibition of works sourced from 10 remote art centres and communities exploring the use of colour in Indigenous art. Exhibition times 11am-5pm daily. Held at 330 South Terrace, Sth Fremantle. Details: Anna Kanaris on (08) 9336 7787 or (0418) 900 954 or email info@artitja.com.au or visit www.artitja.com.au

Victoria

4 July: Mental Health Week Planning Process. The Mental Health Foundation of Australia (Victoria) invites you to the 3rd advisory committee meeting for Mental Health Week 2012. Bring along ideas for making this the most successful yet. Held at Mental Health Foundation Australia (Victoria, Suite J, 450 Chapel Street, South Yarra). Details: (03) 9826 1422 or email admin@mentalhealthvic.org.au

Top acts for awards



SOME of Australia's top music talents will feature at the National Indigenous Music Awards in Darwin on 11 August.

Topping the bill will be Australian country music star Troy Cassar-Daley and Territory showman Warren H Williams and The Warumungu Songmen.

Triple j feature stars The Medics will also be joined on stage by 2011 Hall of Fame inductee Bunna Lawrie, from Coloured Stone.

Territory groups the Sunrize Band and Lajamanu Teenage Band will also take the stage.

Described by *Rolling Stone* magazine as 'a swinging Arnhem Land blend of Hendrix, Neil Young and didgeridoo', Sunrize Band have

been rocking Territory stages for more than 20 years, while Lajamanu Teenage Band continue to spread an important message through their music.

2012 WAMI Winner for Best Indigenous Act, Yabu Band, and rising stars East Journey from north-east Arnhem Land will also take the stage.

In a special feature, one unsigned

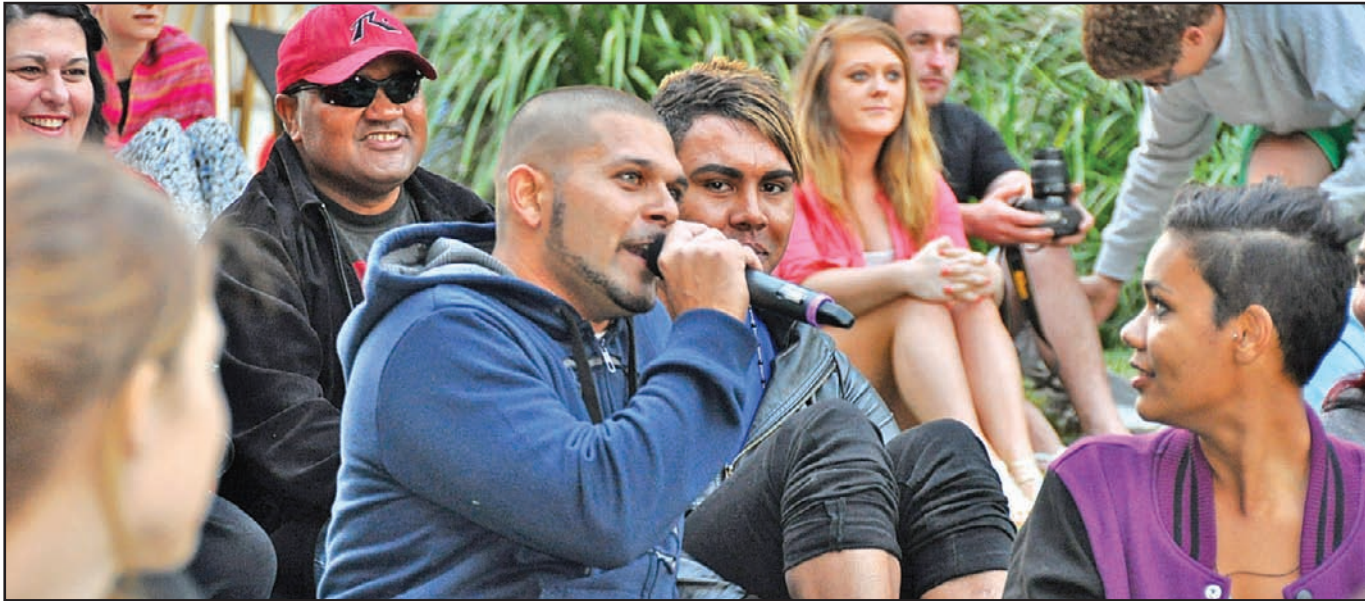
Indigenous act will be flown from anywhere in Australia to the NIMAs as part of the triple j Unearthed program.

Tickets are now on sale for the awards. More details at nima.musicnt.com.au, and to buy tickets, go to darwinfestival.org.au

The National Indigenous Music Awards are presented by Music NT and the NT Government.



TROY CASSAR-DALEY



Joel Wenitong from The Last Kinection entertains the crowd in Brisbane.

Reconciliation in action at State Library



Yvette Walker shares her poetry readings.



MC Kayemtee performing.



Violet Love shares her poetry readings.



Members of the Mooney family, at back Perry and Natalie and in front Matt and Noah.

By NAOMI MORAN in Brisbane



THE State Library of Queensland (SLQ) in Brisbane held a day of music, poetry and arts – called ReconciliAction – as part of National Reconciliation Week early this month.

The event was an opportunity for young Indigenous and other people to showcase their talents, with a focus on their personal contributions towards reconciliation.

A crowd of local community members, Indigenous organisations and the public enjoyed a relaxed day at the library's Maiwar Green Cultural Centre.

Headline performers for the day were Indigenous hip-hop act The Last Kinection and other performers including Mark Lowndes, MC Kayemtee, Nakoa Bob, Garrett & Skotti and Steven Oliver.

The day also included a talking circle and deadly stories session at the kuril dhagun centre.

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Stalls offering training and employment information to Anangu, against a backdrop of the hills at Pipalyatjara.



WITH unemployment a common feature of communities throughout South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara

Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, it's little wonder a recent work expo there drew a crowd.

TAFE SA Regional says its Anangu Work Expo, which travelled to six APY communities this month, exceeded all expectations, linking remote Aboriginal communities with a range of training and employment opportunities.

The expo connected Aboriginal communities with 17 stallholders from the education, industry, and government sectors, promoting employment and pathways to employment.

It gave job seekers a chance to speak directly to organisations to improve their employment opportunities, with locals encouraged to give on-the-spot expressions of interest to employers.

More than 815 Anangu took



Muringu (Janet Ashby), TAFE Lecturer at Pipalyatjara, and TAFE SA's Renita Roberts discussing training options during the expo.

part in the expo. Several jobs were settled, and there were more than 20 training inquiries, including some with OzMinerals, which runs the Prominent Hill gold and copper mine near Coober Pedy.

While the expo was employment focused, it also provided opportunities for community engagement

activities, with lunch provided along with performances by local musicians.

For the first time this year, Darwin Theatre Company performed Street Theatre in one of the communities, running workshops with the local senior school during the week before the expo, and again on the day, engaging the audience in

developing ways to handle issues around managing money and humbug, a major barrier to employment.

"The expo is an opportunity for job seekers to meet face-to-face with employers and to discuss their employment prospects," said TAFE SA project officer Kerry Kroschel.

"Past expos have seen a



Local woman Anna Young took part in the expo.

positive result in both employment and training for Anangu in the Lands, and this year we built on this experience to create even more opportunities for locals.

"TAFE SA Regional gratefully acknowledges the support and sponsorship from other government, industry and community stakeholders who gave so generously to help ensure the expo was as successful as it was."

It's your guide to employment

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The Indigenous Trainee Chef program is a three year course that pays Indigenous people while you train and gain excellent experience in top Sydney restaurants. You could be working with top chefs and restaurateurs like Neil Perry, Michael McMahon and Guillaume Brahimi.

How to apply:

Eighteen Trainee Chefs will be selected through a one week competitive selection process beginning on 13 August 2012. You will have the chance to show the top chefs that you have what it takes to work in their restaurants.

Successful applicants will begin the Trainee Chef program in October 2012.

Send your application to:
NIClprogramsNSW@angliss.edu.au by Wednesday 4 July 2012

Applications should include a resume telling us about yourself including your work experience, why you'd like this opportunity and why you think you would be a great Trainee Chef. Please include details of referees and your contact details.

Call Rebecca on (02) 9125 5100 or Anita on (02) 4747 7906 if you'd like to know more.

The National Indigenous Culinary Institute is supported by the Indigenous Land Corporation.

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Indigenous Internships



Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY), South Australia - **ERNABELLA (PUKATJA), AUG 30TH 2012**

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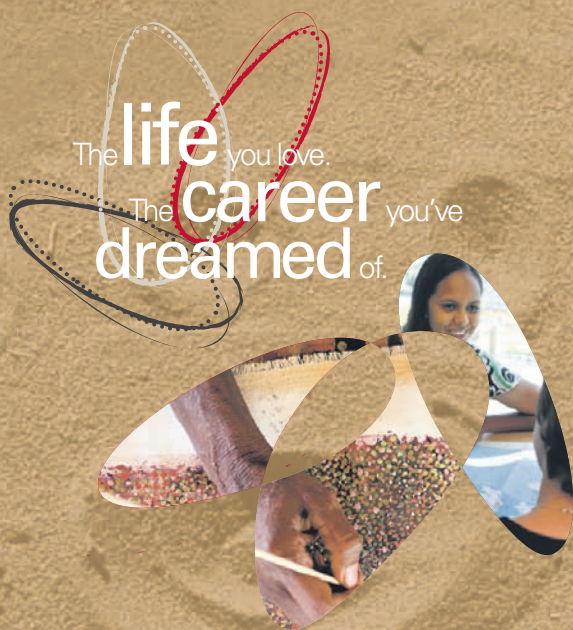
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Manager, Monitoring and Evaluation

Koori Justice Unit

The primary responsibility of the Manager, Monitoring and Evaluation is to oversight the management of the quantitative and qualitative information systems that supports evaluation and performance analysis activities; manage the Koori Justice Unit's reporting obligations including the development of BERC submissions and other corporate reporting obligations as identified by the Director.

This is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position Policy. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

To apply online and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications Close: 8 July 2012



Department of Justice

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Relationships Australia

More than just a job

Relationships Australia Queensland (RAQ) is a not-for-profit organisation that has been providing counselling and education services for 60 years. With over 40 locations across Queensland, we are committed to enhancing the lives of communities, families and individuals, and supporting positive and respectful relationships.

Crisis Workers

We are currently seeking applications for Crisis Workers at our Ada's Haven Shelter, located at Toowoomba. There are multiple roles available on either a full-time, part-time (19 hours per week) or casual basis. Ada's Haven is a refuge for women and their children who are homeless due to domestic and family violence. The location remains anonymous as this is a safe house. The purpose of this position is to provide effective assistance and support to clients of Ada's Haven Indigenous Women's Family Violence Shelter, and to participate in the effective running of the Shelter.

Key responsibilities include accepting referrals to and from other agencies and determining eligibility, providing individual case management to ensure better outcomes for clients, monitoring and assisting clients with daily living needs in accordance with the case management plans, and overseeing the maintenance of the physical environment in compliance with health and safety standards.

The successful applicants will have demonstrated experience of working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their parents/care providers in relation to domestic and family violence. In addition, tertiary qualifications in the social or behavioural sciences, and previous experience in managing caseloads, is highly desirable.

For further information on how to apply, salary details and a position description, including the selection criteria, please visit www.raq.org.au. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 13 July 2012.

Funded by the Australian Government Department Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Attorney-General's Department and the Queensland Government Department of Communities.

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Legal Aid NEW SOUTH WALES

Executive Assistant to the CEO/Deputy CEO (Aboriginal Identified)

Provide a high quality executive service to the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and the Legal Aid NSW Board to support the efficient and effective operation of the Executive Unit.

Full position details can be found at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au – search by job reference number 000012SD.

Enquiries: Vicki Leaver on (02) 9219 5893.

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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Full details of the role are on the PD which you should initially read and then for further information enquire to Vicki Cooper on 9404 8800

For a PD and to apply visit our recruitment website www.findyourbalance.com.au and follow the employment links

Applications close:

6pm Sunday 8 July 2012



Bega Valley Shire Council



Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Reference No. CCS114

Bega Valley Shire Council has an exciting opportunity for an Aboriginal Liaison Officer to join their Community Development Team, to develop effective relationships between Bega Valley Shire Council and local Aboriginal communities.

This is an Aboriginal-specific fixed-term position, 2 days per week for 2 years.

Salary range: From \$462.16 to \$543.08 per week, negotiated subject to the qualifications, experience and skills of the successful person.

Responsibilities include:

- To improve communication processes between Bega Valley Shire Council and local Aboriginal communities.
- To assist Council to develop, review and implement the Memorandum of Understanding with the Aboriginal Community.
- Support the Koori Network to ensure its viability into the future.

Enquiries: Simon Schweitzer on (02) 6499 2248.

Closing date: 5pm, Friday, 27 July 2012.

The Shire

The Bega Valley Shire is located in the south-east of New South Wales, approximately half-way between Sydney and Melbourne. The Shire's coastal fringe extends from Wallaga Lake (Bermagui) in the north to Cape Howe and the Victorian border in the south. Collectively, this 106-kilometre section of coastline forms the beautiful Sapphire Coast. Inland, higher peaks of the Great Dividing Range give way to rolling hills, and numerous rivers and streams. Undoubtedly it is the natural environment that attracts residents and visitors to the area. The Shire covers an area of 6,052 square kilometres and has a relatively small population of around 30,000 people.

Our Vision

The Bega Valley is a Community that works together to achieve a balance between quality of life, sustainable development and conservation of the environment.



To download a position description visit our website: www.begavalley.nsw.gov.au



Health South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

Closing Date: 8 July 2012

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Sutherland Hospital, Caringbah

Temporary Part-Time

Enquiries: Elizabeth Roche, 02 9543 1111

Ref No: 86232

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VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as a lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services.

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Lakidjeka ACSASS currently has a number of vacancies:

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CASEWORKER Full Time

These positions located at

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Shepparton (Hume Region),
Geelong (Barwon South West Region)

ACSASS is exempted under the Equal Opportunities Act 1995 and only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for all positions.

For any inquiries and copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Jacinta on (03) 8388 1855 or by email jacintascott@vacca.org

Applications close Wednesday 11 July 2012



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Fixed Term Appointment to July 2015 – Alice Springs

Remuneration: Academic Level B - \$75,373 – 86,063

Our Institution is seeking expressions of interest from a highly skilled Environmental Health worker. If you have been working in the Environmental Health sector for over 4 years or you have a certificate IV in Environmental Health then this position provides professional challenges and growth. The position is responsible for the delivery of approved VET sector certificate courses in Environmental Health II and III to Indigenous Australians. You will travel across the Northern Territory providing training and assessment in this field and be working with Indigenous adults. Applicants need to demonstrate a clear commitment to enabling Indigenous community management, lifelong learning and skilling.

Course Coordinator – VET Sector Housing & Health

Position No: 14680

Fixed Term Appointment to July 2015 – Batchelor

Remuneration: Academic Level B - \$75,373 – 86,063

Our Institution is seeking expressions of interest from a highly skilled senior Housing Officer. If you have been working in the Housing sector for over 4 years or you have a Certificate IV in Social Housing or higher, this position will provide you with professional challenges, growth and opportunities to skill and promote quality training in the provision of services to the Indigenous housing sector. The position is responsible for the delivery of approved VET sector certificate courses in Social Housing III & Environmental Health II to Indigenous Australians. You will travel across the Northern Territory providing training and assessment in this field and be working with Indigenous adults, the housing industry and non-government organisations. Applicants need to demonstrate a clear commitment to enabling Indigenous community management, lifelong learning and skilling and a willingness to go the extra distance.

Note: All applicants must address the selection criteria.

Applications close: Friday 6th July 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.

Aboriginal Employment Consultant

New Horizons is seeking a highly motivated **Aboriginal Employment Consultant** to join the Hunter team. You will be responsible for the **provision of culturally appropriate support to Aboriginal people**. An integral part of the role will be to walk beside the person and enhance their abilities to achieve sustainable education and employment outcomes. Due to the nature of this role, **applicants are required to be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent**.

Apply Now: www.newhorizons.net.au/careers



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Phone: **9276 3918**

Email: victoria.burrows@savethechildren.org.au

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Assistant Administrator Program Operations

2 year, Fixed-Term Contract - SA Level 3

Screen Australia is the key Federal Government direct funding body for the Australian screen production industry. Its functions are to support and promote the development of a highly creative, innovative and commercially sustainable Australian screen production industry.

This role is responsible for providing operational administrative support to the Program Operations team and to all funding areas of Screen Australia. This position reviews eligibility and processes funding applications to ensure we deliver a consistent, efficient and effective service to the industry. The successful candidate will have strong administration and organisational skills, high attention to detail, excellent communication and a demonstrated client and team focus. **Applications must address each of the selection criteria (available on http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/about_us/Jobs-With-Screen-Australia.aspx) stating relevant qualifications and experience.** This role will also be key support to all Indigenous applications as required.

Applicants with an Indigenous Australian background, who identify as an Indigenous Australian, and are accepted as such by the community with which he/she is associated will be given preference.

Applications including selection criteria responses should be emailed to recruitment@screenaustralia.gov.au or posted to Human Resources, Screen Australia, GPO Box 3984 SYDNEY NSW 2001.

**Applications must be received by
5pm, Friday, 6 June 2012.**



Meminar Ngangg Gimba

My Safe Place

is a 24 hour purpose built residential complex that provides short stay accommodation for women and their children dealing with family violence; including case management and healing services.

We are seeking applications for the following positions:

Casual Workers

(Case Management & Shift work), Mildura, Ongoing

Family Worker

Mildura, Full Time, Ongoing

Children's Support Worker

Mildura, Part Time (.5 EFT), Ongoing

**Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for these positions.*

Closing date: COB Monday 9th July 2012

Position Descriptions are available on our website:
www.haven.org.au.

All applicants are required to supply a resume, cover letter and MUST address the key selection criteria. Appointments are subject to satisfactory employment screening checks.

Applications should be directed to:

Human Resources Officer

lauren.patterson@haven.org.au

or via mail, PO Box 212, BENDIGO VIC 3552

www.haven.org.au

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Lightning Ridge Aboriginal Land Council

Postal Address: PO Box 903

Address: 12 Pandora Street,

Lightning Ridge, NSW, 2834

Phone: (02) 6829 0105 Fax: (02) 6829 0274.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Lightning Ridge Local Aboriginal Land Council (LRLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Lightning Ridge LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, 1983, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles.

A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

Experience working with Aboriginal peoples would be an advantage.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

For a recruitment package contact the Chairperson, by email: lightningridgelalc@bigpond.com or on (02) 6829 0105.

Applications can be forwarded to lightningridgelalc@bigpond.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson

Lightning Ridge Local Aboriginal Land Council

PO Box 903, Lightning Ridge, NSW, 2834.

Applications Close:

WEDNESDAY 25th July, 2012.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Family Referral Service Mid-North Coast

In conjunction with Burrun Dalai, The Benevolent Society has several exciting positions on offer at the new Family Referral Service on the Mid North Coast.

The Benevolent Society has been caring for Australians and their communities for nearly 200 years. It is a non-religious, non-profit organisation working to bring about positive social change in response to community needs.

The Benevolent Society is working in partnership with Burrun Dalai to deliver The Family Referral Services across the Mid North Coast. Aboriginal staff will be employed by Burrun Dalai and jointly supervised and supported by both organisations. This partnership will provide Aboriginal staff with a culturally appropriate work environment and ensure the Family Referral Service is accessible and appropriate for Aboriginal families. Burrun Dalai is a highly respected, leading provider of foster care to Aboriginal children and young people of the Macleay and Nambucca Valleys.

The Family Referral Service (FRS) is a regionally based intake and referral service established as part of a broader reform of the child protection system in NSW. The FRS works closely with families and the service system to develop and implement referral plans based on assessed need.

The positions (listed below) will work from two locations, **Kempsey & Taree**. From these bases workers will service families across the Local Government Areas of Great Lakes, Taree, Hastings, Kempsey, Nambucca Heads, Bellingen and Coffs Harbour.

- **Manager, FRS (Perm. F/T)**
- **Aboriginal Team Leader, FRS (Perm. F/T)**
- **Team Leader, FRS (Perm. F/T)**
- **Aboriginal FRS Worker (2 positions, Perm. F/T or P/T)**
- **FRS Worker (2 positions, Perm. F/T or P/T)**

Information sessions for local community organisations and any interested community members will be held on Thursday 21 June, 12.30-1.30 pm at The Benevolent Society, 3/37 Forth Street, Kempsey and Thursday 21 June, 3-4 pm at Burrun Dalai, 21/23 Clyde Street, Kempsey. A final information session will also be held in Taree (date, location and time to be confirmed).

Interviews are planned for the week commencing 2nd July, 2012.

For further information on how to apply, the position descriptions and the information sessions, please contact Rebecca Elton on (02) 6762 1344 or email rebecca@bensoc.org.au or visit our website.

Applications must address the selection criteria found in the position description.

Applications close:

2nd July, 2012.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply. The Benevolent Society considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

www.bensoc.org.au



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Manager Home Lending Sydney with Regional Responsibilities

Salary range \$77,453 - \$85,872
plus 15.4% super.

Are you:

- + Experienced in home or business lending?
- + Interested in promoting Indigenous economic empowerment?

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) provides a range of flexible and affordable home loan products to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to assist them buy their own home.

IBA is seeking a suitably qualified manager for its Sydney Service Delivery Unit with additional management responsibilities for lending staff located in a regional centre.

The successful applicant will need to have:

- + Experience in managing a small team of staff in achieving customer focussed outcomes
- + Appropriate knowledge of home (or business) lending and associated credit assessment and arrears management practices
- + Good presentation and oral and written communication skills
- + An awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and culture and be able to communicate with sensitivity with Indigenous people.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For further information including job description, selection documentation and how to apply go to www.iba.gov.au. If, after reading the job documentation, you have any questions, please contact Apera Pou (02) 6121 2640 or email aperahama.pou@iba.gov.au.

Applications close on 8 July 2012

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IBA is a progressive, commercially focused organisation that promotes and encourages self-management, self-sufficiency and economic independence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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For further information, or to apply, contact Courtney Bannister

Phone: (03) 8413 3509

Email: Courtney.Bannister@aflsportsready.com.au

Website: www.aflsportsready.com.au

AFL SportsReady are committed to providing employment opportunities to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people and have a well established Indigenous employment program. Check us out on facebook today!





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 ABN: 23 820 761 880

Mudgin-gal Aboriginal Corporation - Women's Centre

Position Vacant:

Group Facilitator

Overview of the Position:

Mudgin-gal Aboriginal Corporation - Women's Centre is seeking a highly motivated Aboriginal Woman with a group facilitation background to join our team. You will be responsible for organising groups aimed at mothers and children. The successful candidate will have good communication skills, a strong work ethic and be able to work in a diverse environment.

For further information and to obtain an employment package, please contact Dixie Link-Gordon on (02) 9698 1173.

Job Closes 30th June.

Mudgin-Gal has endorsement as a deductible gift recipient - all donations are tax deductible.



Australian Government Department of Human Services

The Department of Human Services is about people and delivering the services they may need at different stages of their lives. It includes Child Support, Centrelink and Medicare as well as CRS Australia and Australian Hearing. Each day, about a million people make contact with the Department of Human Services and each year we deliver more than \$90 billion in payments. The department is seeking highly talented and motivated people to join its team.

Indigenous Specialist Officer (ISO) – Special Measures

Branch: Remote Indigenous Services, QLD

Level/Salary: APS 5 - \$65,697 - \$70,890

Position Numbers: 962-201112

Indigenous Specialist Officers (ISOs) identify customer and community service gaps and/or trends through established relationships, service delivery interactions, capacity building and internal/external management information. By delivering key messages regarding Human Services programs, ISOs increase the level of understanding, awareness and service uptake by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers and communities.

To apply: Go to <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/careers/> or telephone Sharon Ware on **(07) 4033 4920** for more information and an application kit. Please quote the relevant position number (PN). Applications close at 5pm on 6 July 2012.

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Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers (3 Positions)

**Clerk Grade 3/4
Permanent Full-Time**

Kempsey/Port Macquarie (2 Positions) Taree/Forster (1 Position)

Salary Package: \$72,142. **Salary:** \$59,705 - \$65,376. 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:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualifications as authorised by Section 14 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, driver's licence number and other supporting documentation.

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, communicate, 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 Taree/Forster: Renae Kelly on (02) 6555 1202

Enquiries Kempsey/Port Macquarie: Roslyn Lang on (02) 6583 1066

For further information about the position go to Jobs.NSW – www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Jobs NSW Requisition Number: 000012IN

Closing Date: Sunday 8 July 2012

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Aboriginal Health Educator (AMIHS)

**Health Education and Training Institute,
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Status: Permanent Full Time

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 Jennifer.Wannan@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 09/07/2012

For further information or to apply please go to:
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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.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and experienced person to fill the following senior position within our Corporate Services Unit.

HUMAN RESOURCES EXECUTIVE MANAGER

Reporting to the Director of Corporate Services you will be an integral member of the Corporate Leadership team. You will be self-motivated, with experience in operational and strategic matters in all aspects of Human Resources Management. This is an exciting opportunity to demonstrate your HR and Management skills.

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Louise Jonas (03) 8388 1855 or by email: louisej@vacca.org

Applications close: Friday 6th July 2012



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

SENIOR LALC SUPPORT OFFICER WESTERN ZONE (DUBBO)

Salary Range: \$78,434 to \$94,904 pa

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of **Senior LALC Support Officer** in our Dubbo Office.

As a part of a committed pro-active team you will be responsible for providing an extensive range of assistance, support and advice to enable Local Aboriginal Land Councils to meet procedural and legislative requirements.

The successful applicant will have the capacity to interpret and implement legislation, experience with program delivery, sound communication skills and the ability to coordinate a diverse range of functions. An understanding of Aboriginal issues and a willingness to travel are also required.

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Applicants with appropriate experience and interest in land rights, commercial, property, litigation, public interest and administrative law practice are encouraged to apply.

For detailed information about these challenging positions, the benefits/conditions and how to apply, please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria by contacting Diane Lee by email: diane.lee@alc.org.au on (02) 9689 4499.

Applications can be forwarded to diane.lee@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Human Resources Coordinator
 NSW Aboriginal Land Council
 PO Box 1125
 PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close Friday 27 July 2012



Health Sydney Local Health District

Aboriginal Education Officer (Multidisciplinary)

Ref: 82073 TFT up to 30 June 2014 at RPAH, Jobshare will be considered

Enq: Janeen Foffani

Ph: (02) 9515 6424

Closing Date: 6 July 2012

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

**Please apply online by visiting:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>**

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Moruya Women and Children's Service is a community based organization operating in the Eurobodalla Shire that provides support services including accommodation, outreach and early intervention for women and children who are separating from, or at risk of, family/domestic violence, and/or homelessness.

MWACS has the following vacant, part-time positions (21-28 hrs pw) for suitably qualified and experienced women:

SPECIALIST CASE MANAGER

with expertise in one or more of the following areas: alcohol and other drugs, housing/tenancy, health & wellbeing, domestic/sexual violence.

And a pool of RELIEF SUPPORT WORKERS

Relief Support Workers will provide practical and emotional support to women and children on a casual, as needed basis.

You'll be a team player who is committed to respectful practices, social justice principles and continuous improvement.

We offer flexible working arrangements and above award rates of pay.

Please contact Carolyn Abbott on (02) 4474 5233 or Email: manager@mwacs.com.au for job description and selection criteria.

Aboriginal women are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications Close: 5pm, 6 July, 2012.

To be female is a genuine requirement of the position. The successful applicant will be required to undergo personal checks including a Working With Children Check.



The Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd (GEGAC) seek applicants for the positions of

Personal Assistant to CEO (Full Time)

The position of Personal Assistant provides executive support to the CEO and to the Executive Management Team by agreement. This role provides effective day-to-day operation of the office of the CEO.

Successful candidates must address the Key Selection Criteria as detailed in the Position Description. Copies of Position Descriptions, further information and other relevant material can be obtained from GEGAC reception or by contacting Sharyn Thompson 0400 969 515 or sharyn.thompsonst@gmail.com

Applications must be addressed in writing to:
 Personal Assistant CEO
 GEGAC
 P.O. Box 634
 BAIRNSDALE, VIC 3875

Applications close at 5 pm Friday 6th July 2012

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

GEGAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Internal applicants may also apply. Previous applicants are invited to reapply



BUNJUM ABORIGINAL COOPERATIVE LTD

Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre are seeking staff for the following positions located in Ballina, N.S.W.

**Administration Worker.
Early Childhood Literacy & Numeracy Worker.
Family & Community Liaison Officer.
Father Support Worker.
Playgroup Support Worker.
Project Coordinator.**

For further information, Selection Criteria and Job Descriptions, please contact Leanne Schilg at Bunjum on (02) 6686 5644.

Closing Date: 6th July 2012.

All positions are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identified.
Previous Applicants need not apply.

Indigenous Consultant | Employment Services Industry Brisbane Location | Full time Role | Make a difference in your community

Do you want to be part of Sarina Russo Job Access, a leader in the employment, education and training industry and help our candidates gain sustainable employment?

We are seeking a result driven Employment Consultant to join Sarina Russo Job Access and assist our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates overcome their barriers to find and sustain employment. You will also develop and maintain community and business networks to promote Indigenous Services to organisations.

To be successful you will need to demonstrate knowledge and experience working with Indigenous Australians and communities, identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, as well as demonstrated previous experience working in the Employment Services Industry (JSA experience).

If you are seeking a position that offers job satisfaction through helping others we want to hear from you! Email your application to recruitment@sarinarusso.com.au quoting Vacancy ID: 670.

Please note you will be required to complete a police check if successful in your application.



Interested? Email your application to -
recruitment@sarinarusso.com.au
quoting Vacancy ID: 670.

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2013 Electrical Apprenticeship



TransGrid

TransGrid is seeking motivated young individuals to join our apprenticeship program. This is an outstanding opportunity where you will:

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- Earn up to \$730 per week while working towards a nationally recognised trade qualification.
- Work with one of Australia's largest High Voltage Networks.

Who are we?

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On our apprenticeship program, you will gain experience in the construction and maintenance of some of Australia's largest electrical substations. Working with a dedicated team, you will learn about the NSW electricity network from power stations to retailers.

To be considered, you must have the following:

- Completed your high school studies (years 10, 11 or 12) and have sound mathematics and communication skills.
- A genuine interest in a trade working within a high voltage electricity transmission network.
- A current driver's licence or be willing to obtain one as soon as possible after appointment.

Apprenticeships are available at Western Sydney - Horsley Park, Newcastle, Tamworth, Orange, Wagga Wagga and Yass.

Indigenous applicants and female applicants are encouraged to apply as part of TransGrid's diversity and inclusion strategy.

TransGrid offers excellent conditions and benefits including:

- Starting salary of \$38,000 + 15% superannuation.
- Weekly pay period.
- Nine day fortnight (35 hour week).
- Salary sacrificing options for electricity, motor vehicles and superannuation.
- Extra allowances paid if required to travel and work away from site.
- Structured employee development program.
- Generous study leave assistance.

More Information

If you are interested in an apprenticeship with TransGrid and would like more information or wish to apply go to www.transgrid.com.au/careers.

Applications close Sunday 29 July 2012

TransGrid is committed to Work Health and Safety, the Environment, Equal Employment Opportunity, Cultural Diversity and Ethical Practices. All applicants are expected to demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to these areas.

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Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation

Information and Communication Technology Officer

**Yirrkala, Remote East Arnhem Land, Northern Territory
Dynamic & Innovative Organisation
12 Month Contract**

We are currently seeking a suitably skilled Information Systems Support Officer to join the organisation. The positions primary purpose is to provide timely assistance in the support, administration and development of our ICT infrastructure and services.

Key responsibilities will include:

- Administration and maintenance of systems and networks;
- Install and configure workstations as required;
- Providing effective diagnostics, repair and maintenance for hardware and software issues;
- Provide IT and Telecommunication support to users as required, both in the homelands and across the resource centre;
- Documenting, tracking and monitoring of equipment;
- Identifying problem areas in IT and Telecommunication that need addressing and offering resolutions;
- Undertaking IT and Telecommunication tasks as assigned.

The ability to setup and maintain hardware environments (desktops, laptops, printers and backup systems) is a crucial function of this position as is creating and maintaining procedures and systems documentation. Familiarity with windows, active directory, desktop support and backup systems would be highly regarded.

For further information please contact Kathryn Bellinger on (08) 8939 1804 or at hr@laynhapuy.com.au

Applications close Wednesday, 4 July 2012 and should include a CV and a letter of application.



The Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council

The Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council was constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Aboriginal Land Rights act 1983 (as amended). We administer the relevant provisions of the Act as they apply to the functions listed under Aims and Objectives, protecting and fostering the best interests of Council members and other Aboriginal people within the Land Council area.

Operations Manager

We are seeking a skilled and passionate person to join our team as Operations Manager.

This is a fantastic opportunity for an Operations Manager to join a very well established group. Reporting to the CEO, you will enjoy a variety of challenges and will be responsible for the efficient administration of the office including staff supervision; for assisting with funding submissions to government and other sources; and for overseeing the efficient operation of Mindaribba LALC's activities. You will have innovative ideas followed by clear planning and implementation.

Your primary duties will include:

- Development and Approval of Policies and Procedures
- Management of our gifts and benefits, members and membership, and compliments and complaints
- Communications to include our website, events, media relations and publications
- Direct annual budgeting and planning process for the council's annual budget with the CEO
- Develop and manage budgets for Accounts Receivables, Accounts Payable, Business Services and Records Management, IT and Procurement sections
- Reports for the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act and others as required
- Drive initiatives in the management team and organization that contribute to long-term operational excellence
- Providing consulting services on matters related to fundraising, tax and insurance questions, business structure and growth
- Involvement in Risk Management, Insurance, and Community Land and Business Planning
- Human Resource matters to include Recruitment and Appointment of staff, Orientation; Professional Development; Discipline; Performance Review; Grievance Resolution and Occupational Health and Safety.

To be considered for this role you will have:

- Relevant tertiary qualification(s) and/or relevant work experience
- Proven budgeting and resource management skills
- Proficiency in Excel, Word, Outlook and Access
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Decisive personality with strong problem solving and analytical skills
- Knowledge and/or appreciation of the cultural, social and economic needs of Aboriginal people
- Professionalism and be motivated, confident, honest and flexible
- The ability to train, tutor, lead and be a strong team player
- Ability to conciliate and, where necessary, arbitrate in disputes between groups or individuals.

To apply for the positions, please email Ken Riddiford ceo@mindaribbalalc.org or telephone: (02) 4015 7000 for an application package.

**Applications for positions close:
Monday 16th July, 2012.**

Dental Assistant

Orange, NSW

- * **Work in a growing Aboriginal health service!**
- * **Enjoy long term career opportunities!**



Orange Aboriginal Medical Service (OAMS) has an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and people-focused individual to join their team as a **Dental Assistant** in Orange. In this important role, you will **provide chairside assistance to Dental Clinicians**, as well as providing other support to the dental team. Be rewarded with an **attractive remuneration**, plus **salary sacrifice options**. Long term opportunities for professional development are also available for the right candidate!

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**Victoria Daly
SHIRE COUNCIL**

CDEP/Mentor Regional Manager

Victoria Daly Shire Council has an exciting position for a **CDEP/Mentor Regional Manager** to join its team at head office in Katherine. You'll **manage the Council's CDEP and Mentor Programs** by providing employment, training and economic development opportunities for local people. Be rewarded with a **competitive salary circa \$71,215 - \$83,104** + super. You'll also benefit from **6 weeks annual leave, relocation assistance, salary sacrifice options, remote area allowance & ongoing professional training!**



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If you have any further questions phone 1300 366 573

Youth Services Manager

Dubbo

- * **Join a successful Aboriginal Corporation in NSW!**
- * **Great remuneration package + salary sacrificing!**
- * **Oversee case management & Youth Services programs!**



Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation has an exciting Full Time opportunity for a **Youth Services Manager** to join their team in Dubbo. This is a senior role in which **you'll be leading an integrated team to provide case management services and a variety of programs to young people aged 12-19**, predominantly from local Aboriginal communities. You'll receive an **attractive salary**, negotiable based on your experience & qualifications, + **super, salary sacrifice benefits & relocation assistance** made available to the right candidate. Bring your skills, energy and enthusiasm to an environment where you can truly make a difference! Apply Now!

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PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit application/s applied for under the section 31 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0048	STRATA-X LTD	5815km2	The application occupies a total of 72 5'x5' graticular blocks, of which 53 blocks are within the 1:1 000 000 map sheet SE52 (Halls Creek), 16 blocks are within the 1:1 000 000 map sheet SE51 (Broome), and 3 blocks are within the 1:1 000 000 map sheet SF52 (Lake Mackay). The application is located in the Canning Basin. The north-east corner of the application is located approximately 50 kilometres west of Billiluna Station and the north-west corner approximately 116 kilometres south of the township of Fitzroy Crossing. The application commences at a point 125°35'4.56"E, 19°14'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 125°40'4.55"E, 19°14'54.97"S, thence north along meridian to a point 125°40'4.54"E, 19°09'54.97"S, thence east along parallel to a point 126°00'4.53"E, 19°09'54.96"S, thence south along meridian to a point 126°00'4.54"E, 19°14'54.96"S, thence east along parallel to a point 126°10'4.53"E, 19°14'54.95"S, thence north along meridian to a point 126°10'4.53"E, 19°09'54.95"S, thence east along parallel to a point 126°20'4.50"E, 19°09'54.95"S, thence south along meridian to a point 126°20'4.53"E, 19°24'54.95"S, thence east along parallel to a point 126°40'4.50"E, 19°24'54.94"S, thence south along meridian to a point 126°40'4.50"E, 19°29'54.94"S, thence east along parallel to a point 126°45'4.50"E, 19°29'54.94"S, thence south along meridian to a point 126°45'4.50"E, 19°34'54.95"S, thence east along parallel to a point 127°10'4.50"E, 19°34'54.94"S, thence south along meridian to a point 127°10'4.54"E, 20°4.54.94"S, thence west along parallel to a point 126°55'4.53"E, 20°4'54.94"S, thence north along meridian to a point 126°55'4.50"E, 19°39'54.94"S, thence west along parallel to a point 125°55'4.58"E, 19°39'54.97"S, thence north along meridian to a point 125°55'4.57"E, 19°29'54.96"S, thence west along parallel to a point 125°50'4.57"E, 19°29'54.97"S, thence north along meridian to a point 125°50'4.56"E, 19°24'54.96"S, thence west along parallel to a point 125°45'4.56"E, 19°24'54.97"S, thence north along meridian to a point 125°45'4.55"E, 19°19'54.97"S, thence west along parallel to a point 125°35'4.57"E, 19°19'54.97"S, and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 125°35'4.56"E, 19°14'54.97"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)	Shire of Halls Creek (63%) Shire of Derby-West Kimberley (34%) Shire of East Pilbara (2.8%)

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 two terms only.

Notification Day: 27 June 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 **27 September 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 **27 October 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

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	Centroi	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2379	BARACUS PTY LTD	38BL	67km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 55' S Long: 115° 41' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2232	GEOBASE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	70BL	140km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 124° 7' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/857	KIMBERLEY RARE EARTHS LTD	70BL	136km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 10' S Long: 119° 46' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1137	LEGENDTRE, Bruce Robert	5BL	40km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 121° 42' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/2684	OAKOVER GOLD PTY LTD	13BL	12km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 15' S Long: 119° 48' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/2842-1	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	54BL	123km NE'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 21° 56' S Long: 118° 39' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/3121	CALLNET NOMINEES PTY LTD	62BL	104km W'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 27' S Long: 121° 16' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3284	CHRYSLIS RESOURCES LIMITED	126BL	84km W'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 37' S Long: 121° 25' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3950	ATRIPLEX PTY LTD	20BL	21km NW'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 23' S Long: 119° 59' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4004	MURCHISON METALS LTD	2BL	91km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 120° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4005	MURCHISON METALS LTD	3BL	90km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 16' S Long: 120° 40' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4014-1	LACONIA RESOURCES LIMITED	14BL	11km N'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 5' S Long: 119° 42' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/965	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	34BL	72km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 19' S Long: 120° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/966	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	35BL	99km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 11' S Long: 121° 1' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1670	GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	35BL	100km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 1' S Long: 119° 23' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1675	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	30BL	48km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 11' S Long: 120° 40' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1859-1	MOLY METALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1BL	49km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 117° 16' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1873 & 59/1875	CORPORATE & RESOURCE CONSULTANTS PTY LTD TE JOHNSTON & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD LEGENDTRE, Bruce Robert	134BL	91km NE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 118° 27' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1880	WOODLANDS PROSPECTING PTY LTD	66BL	48km E'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 19' S Long: 117° 10' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1882	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	24BL	53km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 118° 11' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4331	GREENSTONE METALS LIMITED	200BL	19km NW'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 0' S Long: 118° 17' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4332-3	GREENSTONE METALS LIMITED	400BL	19km NE'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 32° 58' S Long: 118° 36' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4335 & 70/4337	GREENSTONE METALS LIMITED	400BL	53km S'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 34' S Long: 118° 30' E	KENT SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4336	GREENSTONE METALS LIMITED	200BL	52km W'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 33° 47' S Long: 118° 23' E	GNOWANGERUP SHIRE, KENT SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4338 & 70/4340	GREENSTONE METALS LIMITED	567BL	18km NE'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 33° 47' S Long: 119° 0' E	GNOWANGERUP SHIRE, JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE, KENT SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4339	GREENSTONE METALS LIMITED	200BL	12km NE'ly of Jerramungup	Lat: 33° 53' S Long: 119° 2' E	JERRAMUNGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	74/526	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	26BL	81km NE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 32° 58' S Long: 120° 32' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2007	PEMBERY PROSPECTING PTY LTD	20BL	62km E'ly of Narembreen	Lat: 31° 52' S Long: 119° 1' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2052	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	17BL	143km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 119° 38' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4695	GEOCRYSTAL LTD	104BL	176km NW'ly of Wyndham	Lat: 14° 26' S Long: 127° 6' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/657	PASTORAL MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	23.35HA	64km N'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 3' S Long: 116° 14' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/658	PASTORAL MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	23.34HA	62km N'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 4' S Long: 116° 13' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	08/659	PASTORAL MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	23.33HA	61km N'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 5' S Long: 116° 12' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2760	BROADARROW GOLDMINES PTY LTD	167.31HA	46km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 34' S Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2761	BROADARROW GOLDMINES PTY LTD	75.44HA	45km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 120° 57' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2762	BROADARROW GOLDMINES PTY LTD	199.78HA	44km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2763	BROADARROW GOLDMINES PTY LTD	197.62HA	45km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2764	BROADARROW GOLDMINES PTY LTD	190.91HA	42km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 120° 59' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2765	BROADARROW GOLDMINES PTY LTD	199.93HA	43km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2766	BROADARROW GOLDMINES PTY LTD	165.40HA	43km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 36' S Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2233-S	MCCAHOON, Vincent	10.00HA	23km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 41' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3884	MACPHERSONS REWARD PTY LTD	29.53HA	27km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2136-7	MAHONEY, Lyndon Scott SAGGERS, David Malcolm SAUNDERS, Frederick Charles	392.9HA	17km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 35' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/8225-6	KAZOO NOMINEES PTY LTD	381.17HA	8km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4006-S	HILL, Patrick John LANDGREN, Roger Norman	9.11HA	74km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5281-2	ZELT RESOURCES PTY LTD	291.43HA	47km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 121° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5283	ZELT RESOURCES PTY LTD	196.61HA	44km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 121° 58' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5284-8	ZELT RESOURCES PTY LTD	585.66HA	43km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 46' S Long: 122° 0' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2575	OAKOVER GOLD PTY LTD	57.84HA	9km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 119° 47' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2576	OAKOVER GOLD PTY LTD	154.32HA	12km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 16' S Long: 119° 47' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	45/2577	OAKOVER GOLD PTY LTD	182.37HA	13km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 16' S Long: 119° 48' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 27 June 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 **27 September 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.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 27 October 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

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Far North Coast Family Referral Service is a joint project between the Northern Rivers Social Development Council and Interrelate Family Centres. The service works directly with families in need and local services, to support the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Applicants are sought for the following positions:

SERVICE MANAGER

Full time, based in Lismore NSW

\$62,400-\$65,000 p.a - + super, vehicle and packaging

Applications close: COB (5pm) Fri 6th July 2012

TEAM LEADER

Full time, based in Lismore NSW

\$62,400 p.a - + super and packaging

Applications close: COB (5pm) Fri 6th July 2012

CLIENT SERVICE OFFICERS, FAMILY REFERRAL WORKERS

(Part time, several positions,based in Tweed Heads, Lismore and Grafton)

\$53,300-\$58,500 p.a pro rata - + super and packaging

Applications close: COB (5pm) Fri 13th July 2012

Aboriginal and Torres Islander applicants are encouraged to apply for all positions

To apply view full details at www.interrelate.org.au and click on "Employment opportunities"

All positions require satisfactory completion of relevant Police and Working with Children checks.

For further information contact:

Tony Davies 02 6620 1800 or Julie Leete 02 6623 2700

www.interrelate.org.au



Health

Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Aboriginal Community

Liaison Officer

Guyra Multi-Purpose Service

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act*.

Enquiries: Felicity Wardle 02 6738 4000

Reference ID: 86973

Closing Date: 8 July 2012

Family and Child Health Worker (Sexual Assault)

Site Negotiable (Boggabilla, Moree and Toomelah)

This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act*.

Applicants must be Female. An applicant's gender is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enquiries: Sussan Maybury 02 6767 8867

Reference ID: 86395

Closing Date: 15 July 2012

Aboriginal Family Case Worker / Clinician

Violence Prevention, Newcastle AND Tamworth

These are identified Aboriginal Positions. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act*.

Enquiries: Nathaniel Taylor 02 6767 8866

Reference ID: 86791 (Newcastle)

Reference ID: 87118 (Tamworth)

Closing Date: 22 July 2012

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice





Namatjira Haven Ltd
Drug & Alcohol Healing Centre, Alstonville NSW

A&OD Case Worker

Male Full time 5 days 38 hours per week

Cook /Living Skills Facilitator

Part time up to 38 hours per week

Identified positions for an Aboriginal under Section S14 & S31 under Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Applicants must address the selection criteria as outlined in the information pack available by phoning Admin on (02) 6628 1098.

Applications close 5pm on Wed 18/07/12.

Interviews will be on or near 25/07/12.



Queensland Council of Social Service Inc
Working for a Fair Queensland

Team Leader Low Income Consumer Advocacy

Salary \$79,993 – \$83,398 + 10% Super/Full Time/Brisbane based

The Queensland Council of Social Service (QCROSS) provides a voice for and with Queenslanders affected by poverty and inequality. QCROSS acts as the state-wide council that leads on issues of significance to the social and community sectors.

The Team Leader Low Income Consumer Advocacy will lead the Low Income Consumer Advocacy Unit and will focus on access and affordability issues in essential services and developing and advocating policy positions to benefit disadvantaged Queenslanders.

Position description or further information available at:

www.qcross.org.au or contact Ana Barassi on **07 3004 6927**

Closing Date: COB Monday 16 July 2012



The Women's Legal Centre is a not for profit organisation providing free legal advice, referral and casework for women in Canberra and surrounding areas.

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a full-time

**Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
Project Worker**

for a contract period of 12 months.

This is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identified position.

The role of the Project Worker will be to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients with their legal matter, liaise with agencies and organise community legal education activities.

We provide a varied, professional, engaging and supportive work environment and will consider flexible work arrangements.

Above award salary, and salary packaging is also available.

For further information including position package, please contact the coordinator on coordinator@womenslegalact.org or (02) 6257 4377.

**Applications due by COB
Friday 29 June 2012.**



**Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal
Health Service Inc.**

Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service (WNAHS) is an Aboriginal 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 and employs more than 60 staff.

Social Health Team Manager

The Social Health Team (SHT) Manager is a senior management position within the organisation. It is fulltime and the successful applicant shall report directly to the CEO.

The role of the SHT Manager is to manage the staff of the SHT in such a way that the objectives of the team are achieved. The objectives are focussed on improved client health outcomes. Clients of WNAHS include some of the most disadvantaged in the region and many have complex social and health issues (including mental health, drug and alcohol, housing, legal and family issues) that require a multidisciplinary, client centred, team approach to care. Case management is an important aspect of the client centred approach to care provided at WNAHS. The successful applicant will be required to provide input into recommendations for the improvement of client services.

The SHT Manager is also required to collaborate with other managers and staff to progress the overall aims and objectives of WNAHS. This includes providing high level advice on program development and implementation.

The successful applicant will have relevant senior management experience within a multidisciplinary team framework. The successful applicant will demonstrate an understanding of the issues impacting upon the health outcomes of Aboriginal people and will demonstrate an understanding of the social determinants of health for Aboriginal people. Ideally, the successful applicant will have senior management experience within an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.

Salary is commensurate with the position and the experience of the successful candidate. Salary sacrifice arrangements are in place for all staff.

Enquiries are to 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

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for this position and is authorized under section 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991(ACT) and S8 of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth).

Applications close 6th July 2012

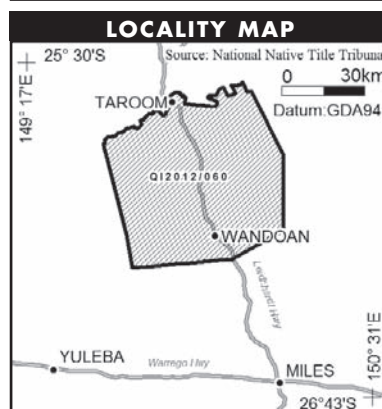
**Notice of an application to register an area
agreement on the Register of Indigenous
Land Use Agreements**

State of Queensland

Notification day: 4 July 2012



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2012/060 Cockatoo Coal Limited and Iman People ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 3553 square kilometres and is located 54 kilometres north of Miles extending north to Taroom and south to Wandoan as shown on the locality map.

The agreement area falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Banana Shire Council and Western Downs Regional Council.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Cockatoo Coal Limited

C/- Minter Ellison Lawyers

Level 22, Waterfront Place

1 Eagle Street

BRISBANE QLD 4000

Iman People #2 (QUD6162/98; QC97/55)

C/- Michael Owens Lawyer and Consultant

15 Cahill Street

AITKENVALE BC QLD 4818

The agreement contains the following statements:

Clause 3 Statement for the purpose of the Native Title Act

For the purposes of section 24EB(1)(c) of the Native Title Act and regulation 7(5)(b) of the Native Title Regulations, the Parties state that Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to the Grant of the Applicable Authorisations or in relation to any of the other Agreed Acts.

Clause 8.1 Project and associated rights

(a) The Parties agree and consent to:

(i) the doing of the Project;

(ii) the Grant of the Applicable Authorisations and the implementation of those Applicable Authorisations;

(iii) the doing of any other act necessary or expedient to give effect to the Project and any act necessary to enable the Project to proceed in accordance with all Applicable Laws, Applicable Authorisations and any works necessary or desirable to investigate, implement, develop, construct, install, operate, maintain, repair, replace, further develop and decommission the structures and works comprising or incidental to the Project; and

(iv) the Prior Acts and the validation of the Prior Acts, in the ILUA Area and agree not to challenge their validity at any time in the future.

Clause 1.1 Defined terms

‘Project’ means all activities, works and operations (including all investigation, implementation, development, excavation, construction, installation, operation, extraction, production, maintenance, repairs, replacement, further development, decommissioning and rehabilitation) proposed or which may be undertaken in the ILUA Area (either on or off a Mining Tenement) relating to:

(a) the conduct of Exploration for and Mining, processing and transportation of coal (Exploration and Mining Operations); and

(b) all other activities, works and operations which are to be undertaken in relation to or incidental to the Exploration and Mining Operations (the Incidental Works), including:

(i) the construction, operation and maintenance of any railways, roads, bridges, conveyors or other means of transport (including loading and unloading facilities) necessary to provide access to any or all of the Exploration and Mining Operations or other parts of the Incidental Works;

(ii) the clearing of land as necessary for the purposes of any Exploration and Mining Operations or Incidental Works;

(iii) the installation, operation and maintenance of electricity generation and networks and telecommunication facilities and networks as necessary to support any Exploration and Mining Operations or Incidental Works;

(iv) the installation, operation and maintenance of water pipelines, storage and other associated infrastructure for the transport of water to or from the Exploration and Mining Operations or Incidental Works;

(v) the installation, operation and maintenance of gas pipelines and other infrastructure for the extraction, capture and gathering of gas from the Exploration and Mining Operations, and the transport of gas to or from the Exploration and Mining Operations or Incidental Works;

(vi) the relocation of any infrastructure (including roads, pipelines, powerlines, and telecommunication lines) in order to accommodate any or all of the Exploration and Mining Operations and Incidental Works; and

(vii) the construction, operation and maintenance of any other building or structures (including office or accommodation buildings) associated with the construction or operation of any Exploration and Mining Operations and any Incidental Works.

‘Prior Acts’ means the acts referred to in clauses 8.1(a)(i), (ii) and (iii) which were done prior to Registration of the ILUA (if any).

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 4 October 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. Search and photocopy fees may apply. 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 Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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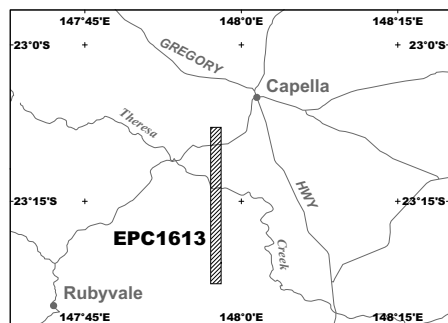
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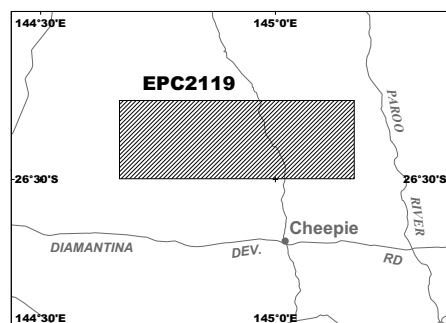
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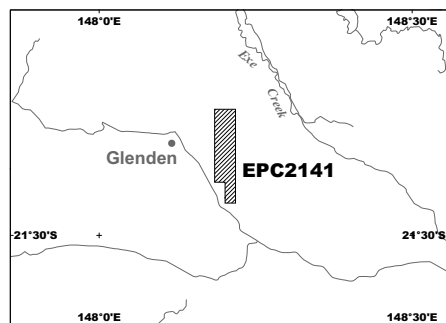
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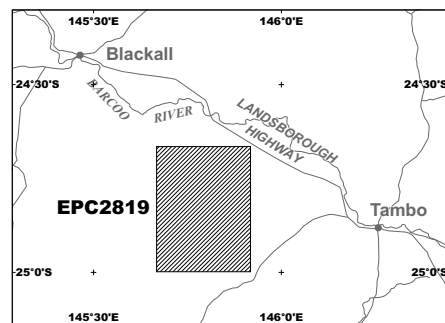
Exploration Permit 2119 sought by Carabella Resources Limited, ACN 143 355 471 over an area of 300 sub-blocks (920km²), centred approximately 25km North of Cheepie, in the locality of Quilpie Shire Council.



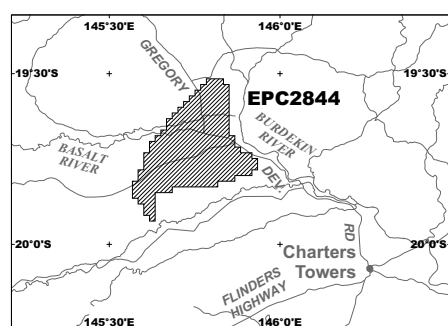
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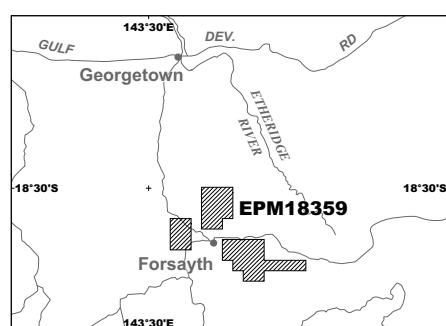
Exploration Permit 2819 sought by Mark Mining and Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 151 205 122 over an area of 300 sub-blocks (932km²), centred approximately 57km SE of Blackall, in the locality of Blackall Tambo Regional Council.



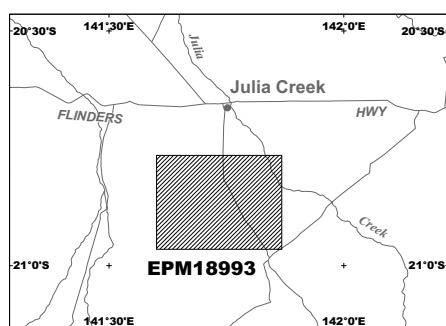
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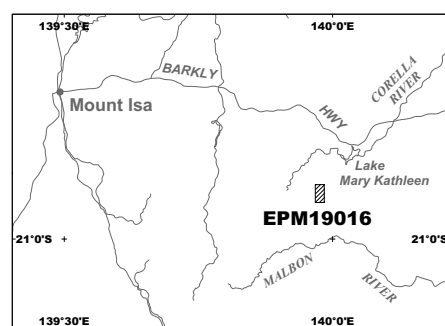
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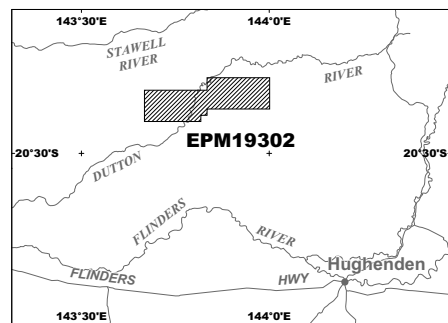
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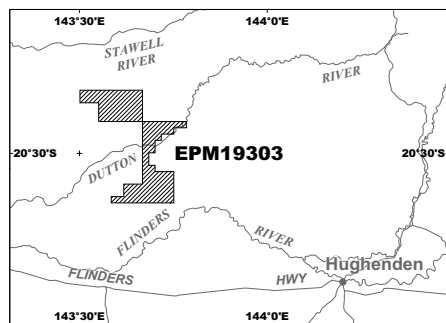
Exploration Permit 19016 sought by Paradigm Queensland Pty Ltd, ACN 099 477 737, over an area of 2 sub-blocks (6km²), centred approximately 55km SE of Mount Isa, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



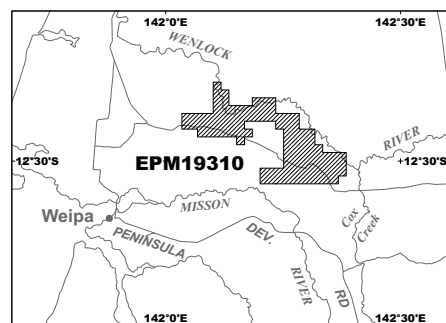
Exploration Permit 19302 sought by Quartermain Mining Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 136 482 589, over an area of 99 sub-blocks (318km²), centred approximately 66km NW of Hughenden, in the locality of Flinders Shire Council, and Richmond Shire Council.



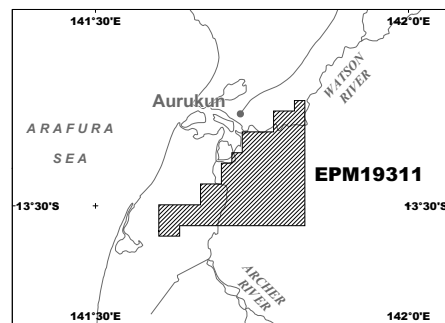
Exploration Permit 19303 sought by Quartermain Mining Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 136 482 589, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (321km²), centred approximately 68km NW of Hughenden, in the locality of Flinders Shire Council, and Richmond Shire Council.



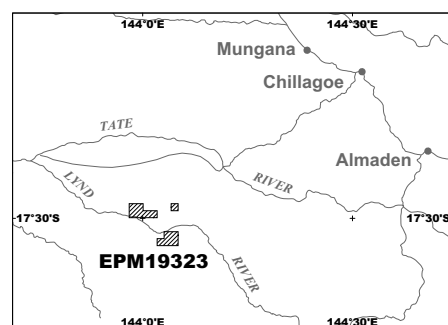
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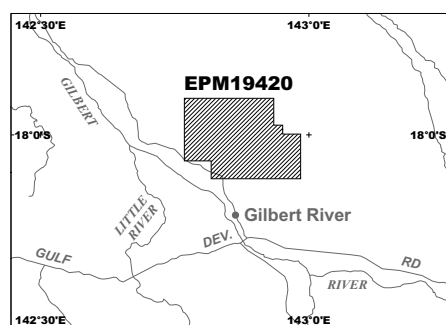
Exploration Permit 19311 sought by Sunrise Minerals Pty Ltd, ACN 122 063 129, over an area of 92 sub-blocks (306km²), centred approximately 11km South of Aurukun, in the locality of Aurukun Shire Council.



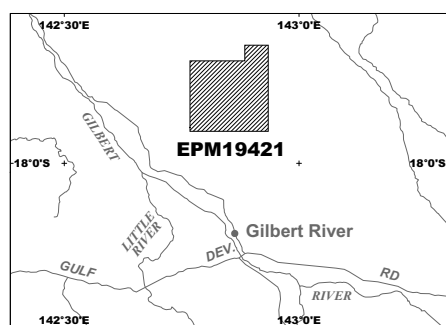
Exploration Permit 19323 sought by Consolidated Tin Mines Pty Ltd, ACN 126 634 606, over an area of 12 sub-blocks (39km²), centred approximately 65km SW of Chillagoe, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



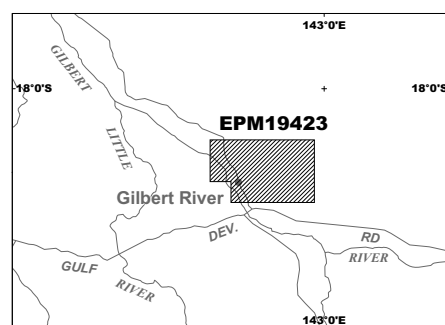
Exploration Permit 19420 sought by Afimco Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 009 758 481, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (326km²), centred approximately 17km North of Gilbert River, in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 19421 sought by Afimco Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 009 758 481, over an area of 96 sub-blocks (313km²), centred approximately 35km North of Gilbert River, in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 19423 sought by Afimco Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 009 758 481, over an area of 56 sub-blocks (182km²), centred approximately 14km NE of Gilbert River, in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council.



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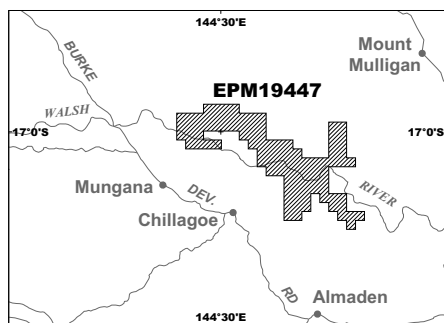
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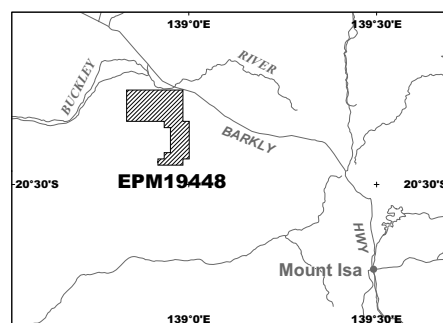
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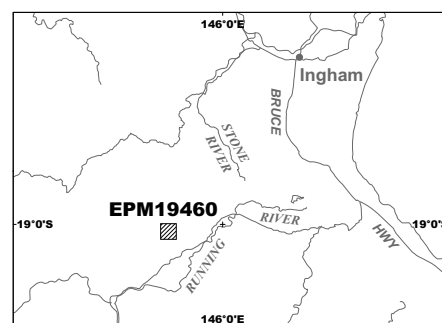
Exploration Permit 19447 sought by Sandy Resources Pty Ltd, ACN 119 286 261, over an area of 97 sub-blocks (318km²), centred approximately 12km NE of Chillagoe, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



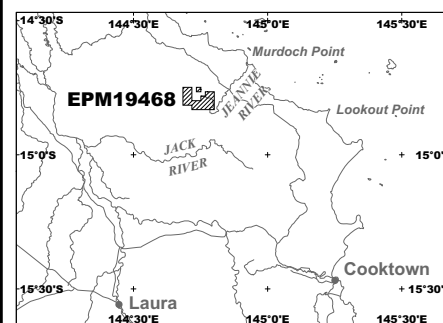
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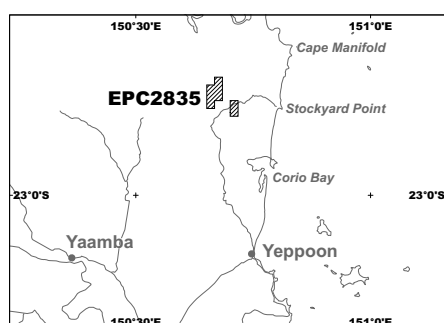
Exploration Permit 19460 sought by John William Withers, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13km²), centred approximately 50km SW of Ingham, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



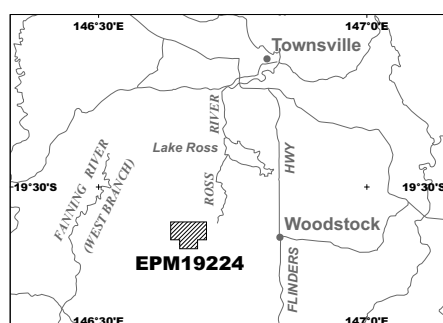
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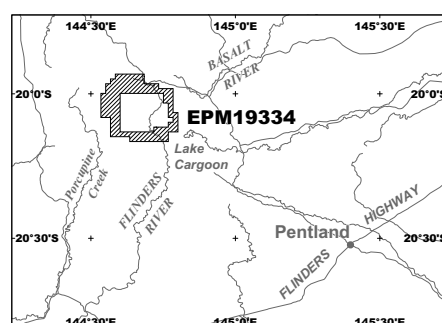
Exploration Permit 2835 sought by Hot Energy Ltd, ACN 144 968 756 over an area of 8 sub-blocks (25km²), centred approximately 38km North of Yeppoon, in the locality of Rockhampton Regional Council.



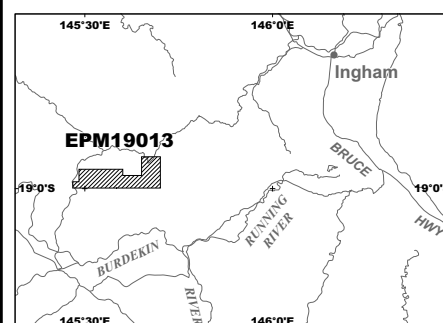
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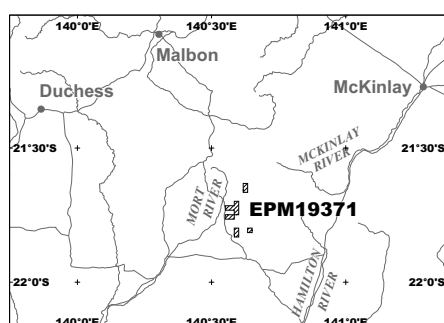
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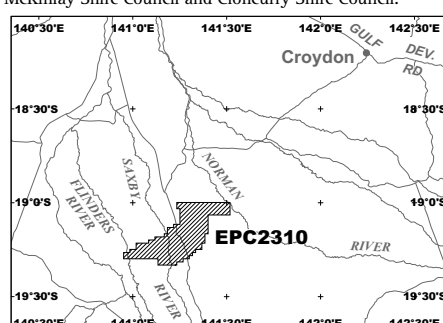
Exploration Permit 19013 sought by Arena Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 127 186 912, over an area of 43 sub-blocks (139 km²), centred approximately 72km WSW of Ingham, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



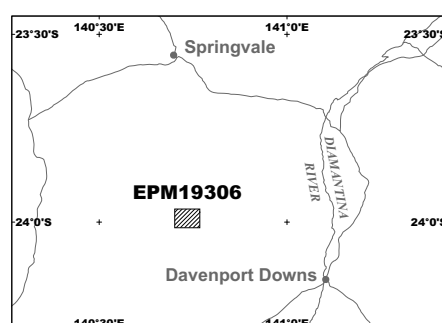
Exploration Permit 19371 sought by Elementos Limited, ACN 138 468 756 over an area of 12 sub-blocks (38km²), centred approximately 79km SSE of Malbon, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



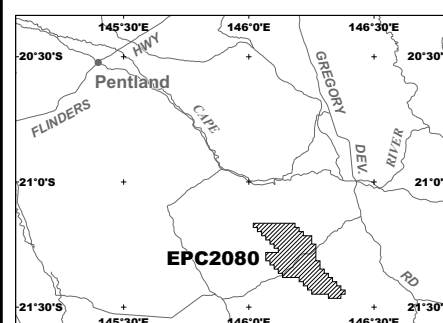
Exploration Permit 2310 sought by Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd, ACN 144 920 187, over an area of 297 sub-blocks (962km²), centred approximately 150km SW of Croydon in the locality of Carpentaria Shire Council, McKinlay Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



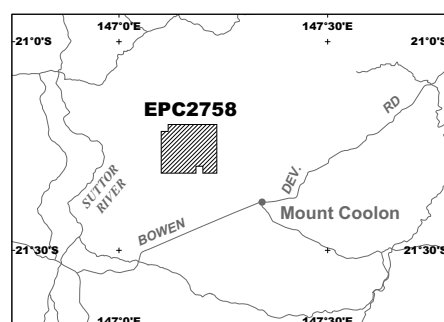
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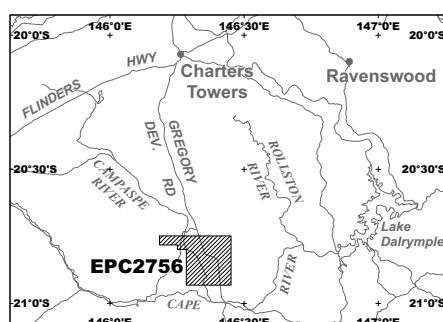
Exploration Permit 2080 sought by Blackwood Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 142 208 982, over an area of 174 sub-blocks (554km²), centred approximately 119kmSE of Pentland, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



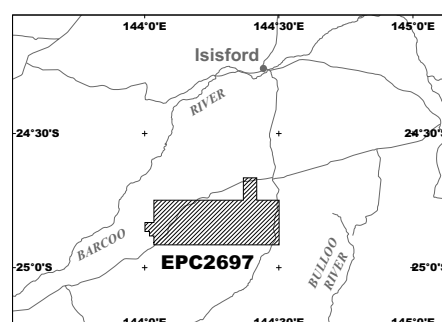
Exploration Permit 2758 sought by Tiaro Coal Limited, ACN 127 936 412, over an area of 54 sub-blocks (173km²), centred approximately 23km NW of Mount Coolon, in the locality of Whitsunday Regional Council.



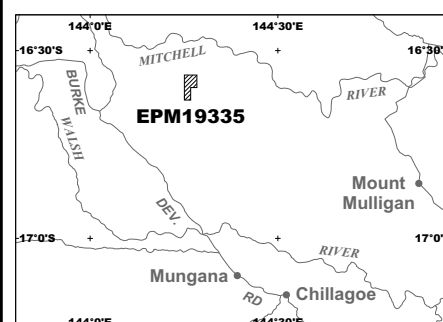
Exploration Permit 2756 sought by Tiaro Coal Limited, ACN 127 936 412, over an area of 124 sub-blocks (397km²), centred approximately 85km South of Charters Towers, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 2697 sought by Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd, ACN 144 920 187, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (932km²), centred approximately 62km SSW of Isisford, in the locality of Longreach Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 19335 sought by Mungana Goldmines Ltd, ACN 136 606 338, over an area of 6 sub-blocks (20km²), centred approximately 67km NW of Chillagoe, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



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Notification Day: 18 July 2012

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AN EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR MINERALS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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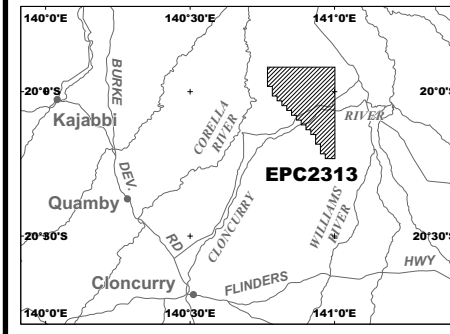
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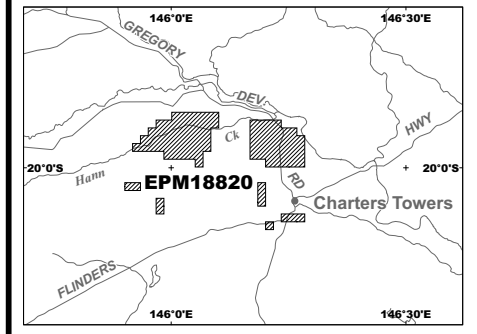
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Exploration Permit 18820 sought by Citigold Corporation Limited, ACN 060 397 177, over an area of 94 sub-blocks (302km²), centred approximately 20km NW of Charters Towers, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



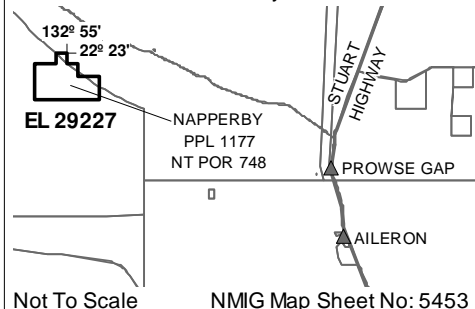
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

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.

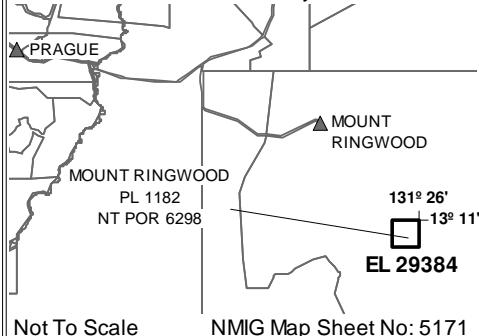
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 29227 sought by ARAFURA RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 080 933 455 over an area of 17 Blocks (54 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RANGE locality.



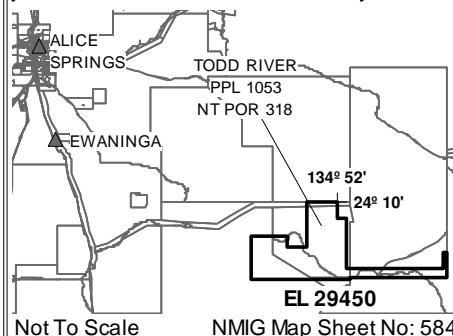
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Exploration Licence 29384 sought by GARY ANTHONY CLARKE, over an area of 1 Blocks (3 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



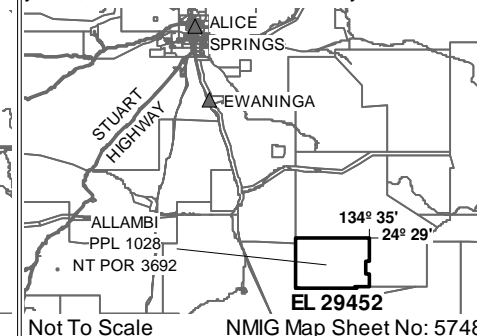
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Exploration Licence 29450 sought by GARY MOUNT BRYSON over an area of 229 Blocks (718 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PELLINORE locality.



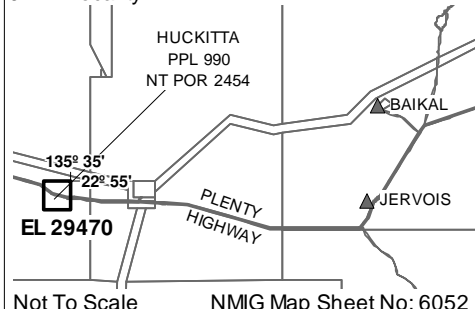
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Exploration Licence 29452 sought by GARY MOUNT BRYSON over an area of 195 Blocks (605 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RODINGA locality.



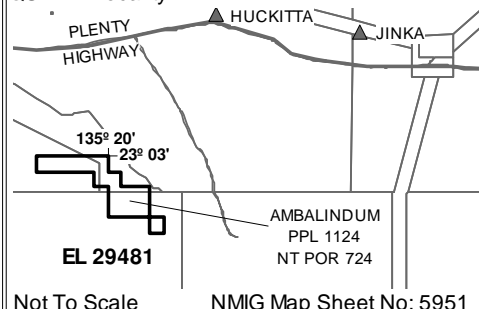
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Exploration Licence 29470 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 9 Blocks (28 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JINKA locality.



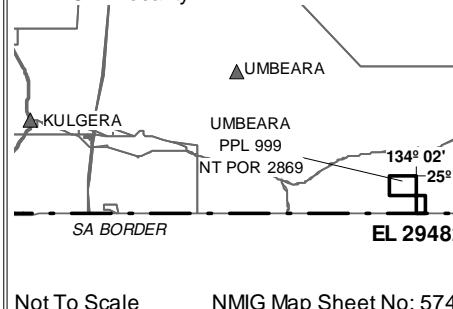
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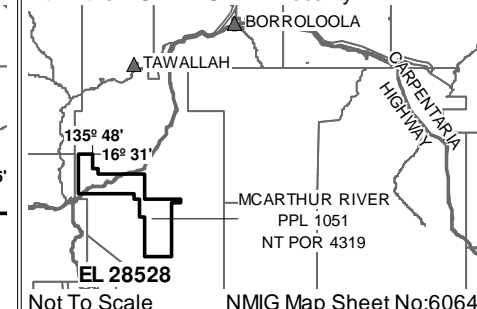
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Exploration Licence 29482 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 8 Blocks (24 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BEDDOME locality.



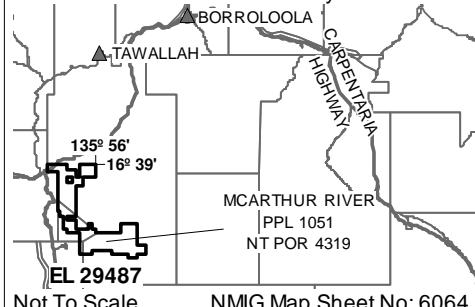
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Exploration Licence 28528 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., ACN 120 855 352 over an area of 149 Blocks (490 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 4 years, within the MULLAPUNYAH locality.



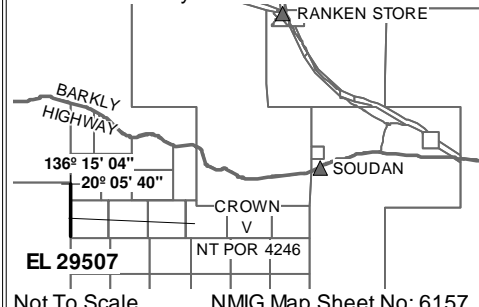
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Exploration Licence 29487 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., ACN 120 855 352 over an area of 170 Blocks (536 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 4 years, within the MULLAPUNYAH locality.



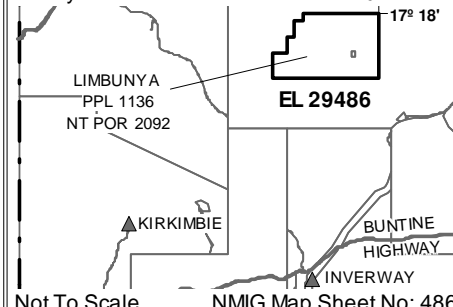
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Exploration Licence 29507 sought by MINEMAKERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 081 911 917 over an area of 10 Blocks (2 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 1 year, within the JOILDUNG locality.



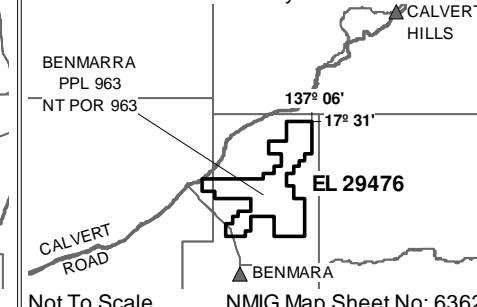
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Exploration Licence 29486 sought by SPITFIRE GLOBAL PTY LTD, ACN 126 518 367 over an area of 98 Blocks (321 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LIMBUNYA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 4863

Exploration Licence 29476 sought by TORO ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 117 127 590 over an area of 136 Blocks (445 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NICHOLSON RIVER 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: 27 June 2012

Fijians coming to basketball titles

THE Fijian national men's and women's basketball teams are to compete in this year's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander basketball championships in Hobart in November.

The seventh annual Generation One championships will be played at Kingborough Stadium from 12-16 November.

Tournament director Nikita Ridgeway said that following talks, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Association

(NATSIBA) and Basketball Fiji had agreed on each organisation hosting visits by the other.

NATSIBA also urged teams intending competing in Hobart to get their entries in rather than leave nominations until the last minute.

Registration closes on Friday 19 October.

NATSIBA said in its latest bulletin that its website had been down for repair. It said people requiring a tournament information pack should contact nikita.ridgeway@gmail.com



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
Miscellaneous Licence	45/284	ATLAS OPERATIONS PTY LTD	788.93HA	66km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 6' S Long: 119° 7' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
The purposes of L 45/284 are: a bore, a bridge, a communications facility, a drainage channel, a minesite accommodation facility, a minesite administration facility, a pipeline, a power generation and transmission facility, a power line, a pump station, a road, a water management facility, a workshop and storage facility, taking water						
Mining Lease	04/450	MLG OZ PTY LTD PENDRAGON (WA) PTY LTD	553.96HA	33km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 24' S Long: 125° 47' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1226	FMG MAGNETITE PTY LTD	10674.75HA	74km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 119° 2' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	59/744	TOP IRON PTY LTD	893.60HA	63km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 117° 13' E	YALGOO 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: 27 June 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 **27 September 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. 27 October 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.

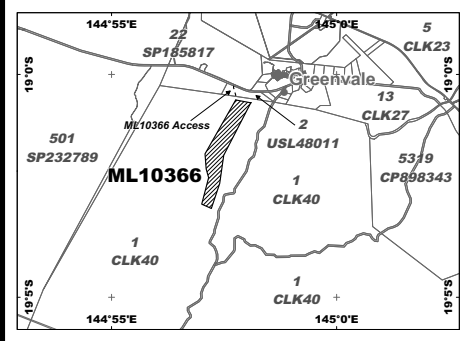
For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

Mining Lease 10366 sought by Greenvale Operations Pty Ltd, over an area of 268.94 ha, centred approximately 3km SW of Greenvale, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Mining Registrar Brisbane, Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Landcentre, corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar Charters Towers, Tropical Weeds Research Centre, 27-43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, Qld 4820. Telephone: (07) 4761 5762.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of a Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 18 July 2012



Queensland Government

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Australia Pacific LNG Project

Further extension of consultation and negotiation period and continuation of ILUA negotiation process

The Governor in Council has approved by Gazette Notice elements of the proposed Australia Pacific LNG Project (**Facility**), in accordance with section 125(1)(f) of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (SDPWO Act)*, as an infrastructure facility having the significance mentioned in section 125(1)(f)(i) of the SDPWO Act. The decision was published in the Queensland Government Gazette on 27 August 2010.

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited is the proponent of the Facility. The Facility comprises the construction and operation of both a high pressure underground gas transmission pipeline system (from Australia Pacific gas fields in South Central Queensland to the LNG facility on Curtis Island near Gladstone) and an LNG plant and associated marine infrastructure on and off the coast of Curtis Island near Gladstone to enable the gas to be liquefied and exported to international markets. The area of the Facility consists of a nominal 40 to 50 metre wide corridor for the gas transmission pipeline system, involving approximately 2,350 hectares, and a site of approximately 270 hectares on Curtis Island for the LNG plant and associated marine infrastructure.

The land and waters affected by the Facility (**Affected Area**) are shown on the map in this notice.

Australia Pacific LNG is committed to holding good faith negotiations with Native Title Parties (that is, registered native title claimants and other persons who claim to hold native title in relation to the Affected Area) about the impact of the Facility on their claimed native title rights and interests.

In this regard, and in accordance with the requirements of the Guidelines for consultation and negotiation with native title interests, made pursuant to section 174 of the SDPWO Act, Australia Pacific LNG gave a written notice about the Facility (dated 2 September 2010) to all registered native title claimants and the representative Aboriginal body in relation to the Affected Area. Australia Pacific LNG also caused a public notice containing the information contained in the written notice to be published in a range of newspapers circulating generally in the Affected Area, and in *The Koori Mail*, in the week beginning 6 September 2010.

In accordance with those notices, Australia Pacific LNG has been consulting and negotiating with the Native Title Parties in relation to the Affected Area with a view to entering into a series of registered Indigenous land use agreements (**ILUAs**), pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (**NTA**), that incorporate the non-extinguishment principle. It is proposed that the ILUAs will provide for the consent of the Native Title Parties to certain Agreed Acts to be set out in the ILUAs, including the grant of all approvals and land tenure for the Facility. Australia Pacific LNG has been conducting separate consultation and negotiation processes in respect of each of the

Areas labelled A - F on the map in this notice.

The consultation and negotiation period for entering into the proposed ILUAs for the Facility, as notified in September 2010, commenced on 15 October 2010 and was due to conclude on 28 February 2011. To allow additional time for the completion of the consultation and negotiation processes, Australia Pacific LNG gave to all registered native title claimants and the representative Aboriginal body in relation to the Affected Area written notice of an extension of the consultation and negotiation period until 31 October 2011. Australia Pacific LNG also caused a public notice containing the information contained in the written notice to be published in a range of newspapers circulating generally in the Affected Area, and in *The Koori Mail*, in the week beginning 19

February 2011. Australia Pacific LNG subsequently gave to all registered native title claimants and the representative Aboriginal body in relation to the Affected Area further written notice of a further extension of the consultation and negotiation period until 30 June 2012. Australia Pacific LNG also caused a further public notice containing the information contained in the further written notice to be published in a range of newspapers circulating generally in the Affected Area, and in *The Koori Mail*, in the week beginning 19 October 2011.

Australia Pacific LNG now gives notice of a further extension of the consultation and negotiation period until **30 June 2013**.

Native Title Parties affected by the Facility have a right to:

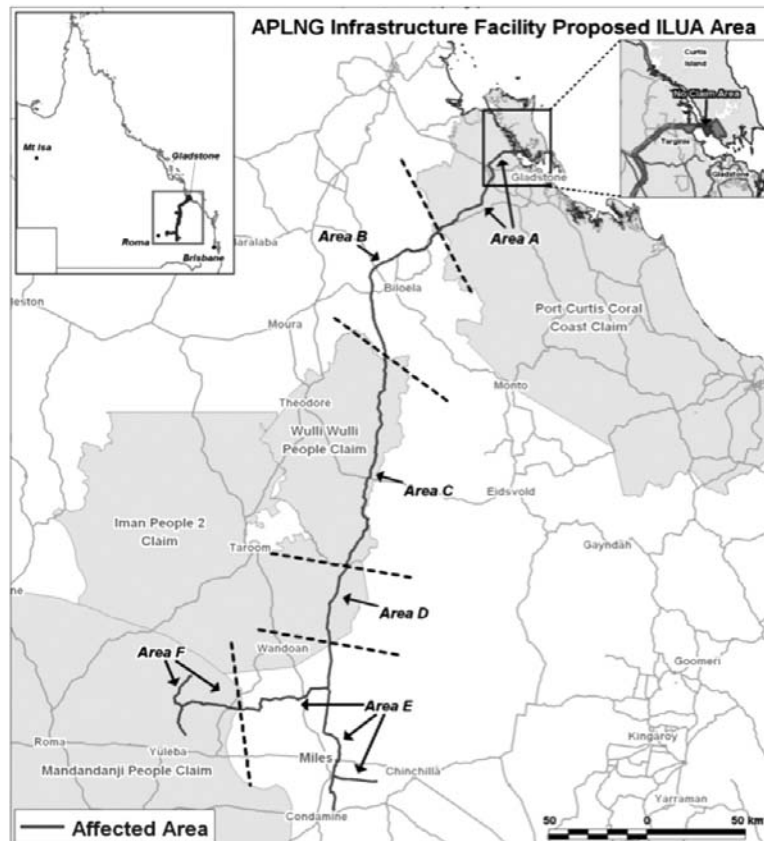
- be consulted about the proposed infrastructure development;
- (to the extent that they are registered native title claimants) object to a compulsory acquisition process; and
- negotiate with a view to reaching agreement about the proposed infrastructure development.

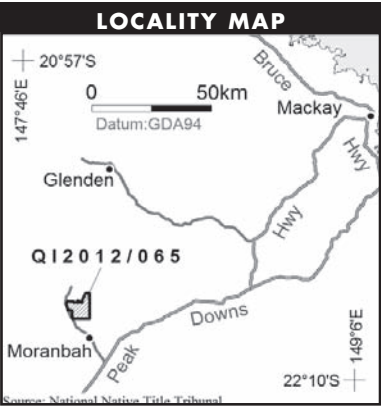
In this regard, Australia Pacific LNG proposes to continue consultation and negotiation with the relevant Native Title Parties in relation to those parts of the Affected Area where registered ILUAs have not so far been obtained, with a view to entering into further registered ILUAs that will allow the building and operation of the Facility.

It is the intention of Australia Pacific LNG to reach agreement and obtain registration for each such ILUA through consultation and negotiation with relevant Native Title Parties. However, if Australia Pacific LNG is unable, despite taking reasonable steps, to secure the agreement or registration of any of the proposed ILUAs, Australia Pacific LNG may apply to the Coordinator-General for the compulsory acquisition of any of the native title rights and interests in relation to the Affected Area in accordance with the NTA, the SDPWO Act and the Acquisition of Land Act 1967.

Further information about the proposed Project can be obtained by contacting:

Ms Melissa Anapo
Senior Native Title and Cultural Heritage Officer
Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited
GPO Box 148
BRISBANE QLD 4001
Telephone: (07) 3867 0550
Facsimile: (07) 3369 7840





Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:
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C/- Minter Ellison
Level 22, Waterfront Place
1 Eagle Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Les Budby, Frank Budby and Cecil Brown Jnr on their own behalf and on behalf of the Barada Barna People Native Title Claim Group (Native Title Determination Application QUD380/08; 08/11) (Barada Barna People)
C/- Dillon Lawyers
62 Blackwood Street
PO Box 626
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

James Henry Butterworth, Ronald J. Watson, Marilyn Joyce Elizabeth Duncan, Gregory Ross Dunrobin, Kenneth Stewart Peters Dodd, Graham Sauney, Oswald Alfred Skeen, Frank Tiers, Linda Joyce Wailu and Eileen Beryl Pegler on their own behalf and on behalf of the Wiri People Core Country Claim (Native Title Determination Application QUD372/06; 06/14) (Wiri People)
C/- Creevey Russell Lawyers
PO Box 833
TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

State of Queensland
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services
Mineral House
Level 11, 41 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

The agreement contains the following statements:
[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 3. Statement for the purpose of the Native Title Act
For the purposes of section 24EB(1)(c) of the Native Title Act and regulation 7(5)(b) of the Native Title Regulations, the Parties state that Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to the grant of the Project Rights or in relation to any of the other Agreed Acts.

Clause 8.1 Project and associated rights
The Parties agree and consent to:
(a) the doing of the Project;
(b) the grant of the Project Rights and the implementation of those Project Rights;
(c) the Surrender;
(d) the doing of any other act necessary or expedient to give effect to the Project and any act necessary to enable the Project to proceed in accordance with all Applicable Laws, Applicable Authorisations and any works necessary or desirable to investigate, implement, develop, construct, install, operate, maintain, repair, replace, further develop and decommission the activities, structures and works comprising or incidental to the Project, in the ILUA Area and agree not to challenge their validity at any time in the future.

Clause 9.1 Surrender Area
(a) The Parties agree that the Surrender is intended to extinguish any Native Title that may exist in relation to the Surrender Area.

Clause 1.1 Defined terms
'Agreed Acts' means the acts consented and agreed to under clause 8.1, and, for the purposes of the definition of Compensation Entitlement and clause 11, also includes:
(a) the extinguishment of Native Title by the Surrender;
(b) any other effect on Native Title of the Agreed Acts; and
(c) any other effect on Native Title of the exercise of or discharge of rights or obligations in connection with the Agreed Acts.

'Project' means all activities, works and operations (including all investigation, implementation, development, excavation, construction, installation, operation, extraction, production, maintenance, repairs, replacement, further development, decommissioning and rehabilitation) proposed or which may be undertaken relating to:
(a) the conduct of Exploration for, and Mining, processing and transportation of, coal (Exploration and Mining Operations) and all other activities, works and operations which are to be undertaken in relation to or incidental to the Exploration and Mining Operations, in the area of the Mining Lease; and
(b) the construction, operation and maintenance of railway facilities, and the decommissioning and dismantling of railway facilities, in the ILUA Area both in and outside the area of the Mining Lease.

'Project Rights' means:
(a) the Applicable Authorisations;
(b) the Additional Surface Area Grants; and
(c) the Lease.

'Surrender' means the surrender to the State of any Native Title in relation to the Surrender Area.

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 4 October 2012.**

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE, QLD, 4000 by 4 October 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.

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 Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Sport

Darren likes to mix his combat sport



IF there's anyone who has had such a varied career in sport than Darren Finn, we would like to hear about it.

Finn, 33, from Inverell, on the NSW Northern Slopes, has had a crack at just about every form of combat sport over 18 years.

He says that these days, he has 'three wonderful kids' and works as a mentor for Pathways Australia and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

He told the *Koori Mail* he had his first taste of martial arts at the age of seven.

After dabbling in a few different styles, he found Gym-Gari, which is based on six different self-defence disciplines.

At 13, he had his first fight, coming up against a 26-year-old State champion at Inverell.

He finished that fight with two black eyes, losing on points.

But according he Finn, he was 'hooked' after that experience.

"I was known for my temper, so being able to let loose inside the ring was a great release for me," he said.

"My second fight was also at Inverell, this time fighting a 24-year-old, but but even though I was only 14, I won on a KO in the second round.

"I went on to win 16 in a row and went interstate to fight the Queensland champion on his turf, winning the fight on split points on Sky Channel."

Finn said that soon after, in 1995, he was involved in a car crash.

He shattered his right leg and was told he could never fight full contact again.

"So I fought non-contact points competition. I had 60-odd fights and in 1996 I fought in the International Sport Karate Association (ISKA) World Martial Arts Cup, winning a gold medal in the under black belt division one year.

"That was just one year after I was told I would never fight again," he said.

Returning to Inverell, Finn was invited by Ian Jacobs, of Brisbane, the undisputed world kickboxing champion, to join his Brisbane team.

"I had an amazing experience, fighting 19 times and only losing once," he said.

"I took on many great fighters and fought on the cards of champions Ian Jacobs, Scott Bannon and Rick Thornberry on Foxtel."

"I won an Australian Muay Thai title and the Australian kickboxing title.

"In 2006, I moved back to Inverell after missing my family and had time away from the sport.

"But after a while, the itch for the fight game came back so I joined a martial arts club under Nick King's Jin Ryuy Kan Martial Arts Club and soon was competing in full contact karate.

"After 16 fights, I won the Australian karate title and while training with Nick, learned a lot."

Finn said that for some reason, after he reached certain levels and achieved personal milestones, 'I get bored'.

"I find that I don't commit to that style any more," he said.

"But then I sat back and thought I would try my hand at boxing.

Boxing tradition

"Boxing has always been a part of my family, with my uncles Duncan, Lance, and Kenny Bartholomew having great careers.

"I fought the then Australian champion and gave away 8kg and 40 fights' experience, losing the fight.

"The locals were saying I should not box any more as I was no good with my hands.

"Yet, within two years, I had 18 more fights and won the New England title, two Northern NSW titles and a Country title.

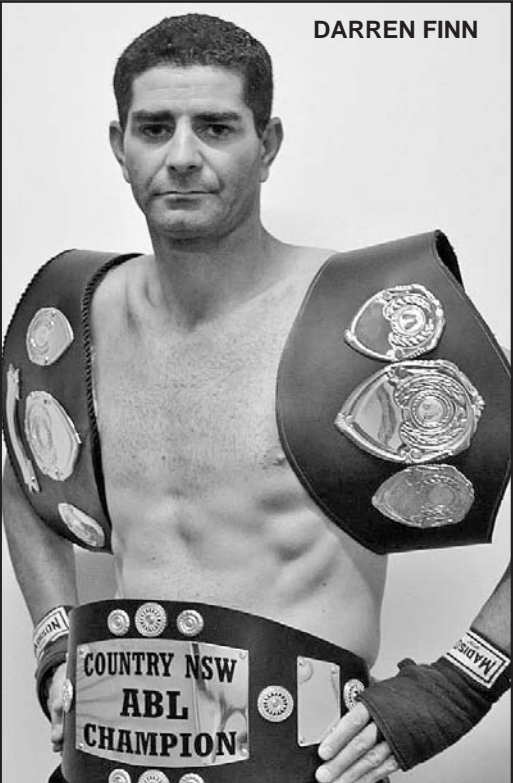
"I then got my shot at the Australian title on a super fight night at Skilled Park, on the Gold Coast, on a pay TV night against Evan Stewart.

"I won a hard-fought war and got fight of the night."

Finn said that from 1994 to 2012, he had 97 fights for 81 wins (37 KOs) and was never knocked out.

He said he had won Australian titles in Muay Thai, kickboxing, karate, and now boxing as well as world title in non-contact point fighting.

He said he also held black belts in two styles and was a master instructor in close-quarters combat.





Liam Yokoyama in action in one of his judo matches.

Liam, 16, a budding Olympian



HE'S just 16, but already Liam Yokoyama has won five national titles in judo.

The Year 11 Student at Morisset High School, just south of Newcastle, confirmed his number one national ranking when he won the 60kg division at the Australian Championships in Wollongong during the Queen's birthday long weekend.

Liam also picked up a bronze medal in the 60kg senior division and now has a number three national ranking at senior level.

Aboriginal father

Liam is of Aboriginal and Japanese descent, having an Aboriginal father and a Japanese mother.

His father's side of the family came from the Bellingen-Yellow Rock area, near Coffs Harbour.

His great-grandfather moved to Sydney and worked at the Eveleigh railway workshops in Redfern.

His grandfather was born in Sydney, but moved to the Lake Macquarie area in the 1980s.

Liam has been a sensation since his first fight in March 2008.

Last year in Kiev (Ukraine), Liam impressed when he finished ninth overall in the Cadet World Championships in the heavier 66kg division.

He also recently won the junior men's event in the lighter 60kg division at the Oceania Championships in Cairns.



LIAM YOKOYAMA

The Cairns event provided a showcase for the best judo competitors in the region and was a preliminary to the 2012 Olympics for leading exponents.

At junior level, Liam has won five Australian titles, two Continental titles and numerous gold medals at international junior events.

The 16-year-old now has his sights on selection in the Australian team for the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games in 2014.

To reach that target, he is now contesting senior (over 20 years) events to build his status for Commonwealth Games selection and preparing for competition later this year at the senior elite level for the World Cup being held in Apia (Samoa) this November.



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
38/2003	DUKETON RESOURCES PTY LTD	398411	3.27HA	65km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 47' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2250	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	384938	48.83HA	86km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 14' S Long: 123° 43' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
38/2325	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	384943	51.86HA	82km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 13' S Long: 123° 42' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
53/1219	ROX RESOURCES LTD	399151	71.27HA	62km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 49' S Long: 121° 24' E	WILUNA SHIRE
74/245	PHILLIPS RIVER MINING LIMITED	398181	42.90HA	18km SE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 43' S Long: 120° 9' E	RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 27 June 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 **27 September 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. 27 October 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 an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

Notification day: 11 July 2012



National Native Title Tribunal

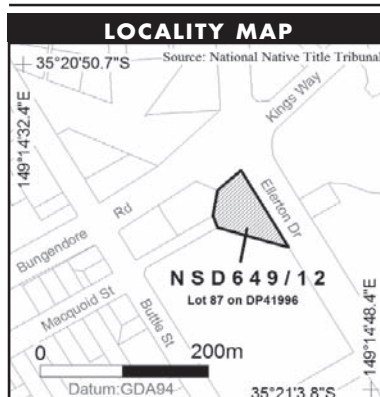


These applications are 'non-claimant' applications, applications made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves but, rather, are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the areas described. The applicant has a non-native title interest in each of the areas, set out in their applications as described in the notice below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)* (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in these areas may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 10 October 2012. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over these areas on or before 10 October 2012, the areas may be subject to protection under section 24FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant applications in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to the non-claimant applications, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the areas considered. Any person who wants to become a party to these non-claimant applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 10 October 2012. After 10 October 2012, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



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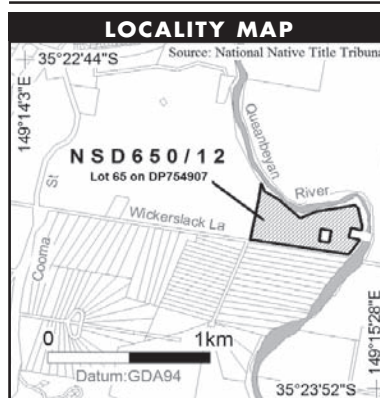
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Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination of no native title.

Description: The application covers approximately 4100 square metres over Lot 87 DP41996 and is located on Ellerton Drive in the city of Queanbeyan as shown on the locality map.

The application area falls within the Local Government Authority of Queanbeyan City Council.



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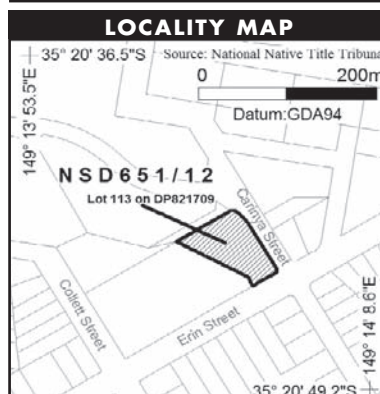
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Non-native title interest: Freehold title in certificate of title folio 65/754907

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Description: The application covers approximately 0.16 square kilometres over Lot 65 DP754907 and is located on Wickerslack Lane, to the south of Queanbeyan as shown on the locality map.

The application area falls within the Local Government Authority of Queanbeyan City Council.



Applicant's name: Ngambri Local Aboriginal Land Council

Federal Court File No: NSD651/2012

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Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination of no native title.

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Facilitating timely and effective outcomes.

He's now a Legend

By PETER ARGENT



BARRY Cable was to roving what fellow Indigenous great Graham 'Polly' Farmer was to the art of

ruckwork in Australian football.

Their special skills changed the way the game is played.

A generation after he finished, 'the Cable Crouch' was heralded by coaches as the perfect way to execute a hand ball.

On Wednesday 13 June, Cable, an original inductee into the AFL Hall of Fame, was elevated to the status of 'Legend'.

Cable, an icon of the game in two States, sits comfortably alongside greats Farmer, Whitten, Reynolds, Baldock, Nicholls and Matthews.

He is the second player with an Indigenous heritage, after Farmer, to reach this this exalted status.

"I'd like to be remembered for my skills, but equally my hard work, as that's what brings out the attributes you have," a frank Cable said.

"My hero growing up was Jack Sheedy and I'd imagine myself as a child kicking goals like him in the back yard.

"He was a beautiful kick of the football.

11 children

"I was originally from Narrogin, 200km east of Perth, being the baby in a family of 11 children, with my dad passing away when I was six."

Cable, a triple Sandover Medallist in the WAFL, also starred in the VFL with North Melbourne, playing in the club's first two premierships in 1975 and 1977.

Already a legend in the WA Football Hall of Fame, Cable also has an MBE for his services to the game.

He was told he was too small when he tried out at East Fremantle, but went across to the Perth Demons, playing 225 games from 1962-69 and then after his first season in the VFL, he returned for a second three-year stint between 1971-73.

As a smart and creative rover, Cable was a consistent possession winner, along with kicking 325 goals for the Demons.

In 1970 and then during the four years between 1974-77, Cable played 115 games during the first stellar era of the North Melbourne Football Club.

He was a key member of the Kangaroos' inaugural flag in 1975 and then their famous win in 1977, after a draw on that last Saturday in September.

Cable then returned to the west, played a further 42 games for East Perth in 1978-79, kicking 50 goals.

He enjoyed title-winning success for Perth for three successive years from 1966, but equally his performance on the final day of each of those seasons further enhanced his reputation.

Cable led East Perth to a premiership in 1978.

At the Perth Demons, Cable was Best and Fairest winner on seven occasions. This included five in a row from 1965. If you include his

North Melbourne Best and Fairest in 1970, he won his club's top honour over seven consecutive years.

Back in the days of national championships where the elite in football got together to play for their States, Cable won the Tassie Medal during the 1966 event in Hobart, winning All Australian honours that year, in the 1969 carnival in Adelaide and as a coach in 1979.

He was a state representative for his foundation state WA and Victoria for a total of 21 matches.

"Any win was a good win at state level," Cable said.

"While I didn't play much football in my time with Polly, I did play a couple of state games with him.

"Maybe our best win in our time was 1965, when we beat a Victorian team that had a team with (John) Nicholls, (Bob) Skilton and (Ron) Barassi in it."

Like fellow legend Haydn Bunton Snr, he won the Sandover Medal three times (1964, 1968 and 1973) and has five Simpson Medals to his name.

"When Bill Walker won his three successive medals from 1965, I was also runner-up each year by a single vote," Cable said.

"I won eight best and fairest awards and these were separated by the 1972 season where I was runner-up to Bryan Cousins.

"Perhaps my best year was 1966 when we won the WAFL grand final.

"I kicked six goals straight in that game, winning the Simpson Medal (as best on ground) as well, along with the achievements in Hobart of a Tassie Medal and All Australian honours."

Cable also acknowledged his coaches in the west Ern Henfrey and Mal Attwell for their tutelage, along with seeing often gruff Ron Barassi 'in a different light' to his younger team-mates at the Kangaroos, as he came back to Arden Street as a senior player.

Team of Century

A member of the Indigenous Team of the Century as first rover, Cable was also named as this team's coach.

He was also a member of Perth, WA and North Melbourne's Team of the Century.

Asked about his amazing consistency and longevity in the game, Cable said fitness was the number-one priority.

"You also need a good attitude towards performing well," he said.

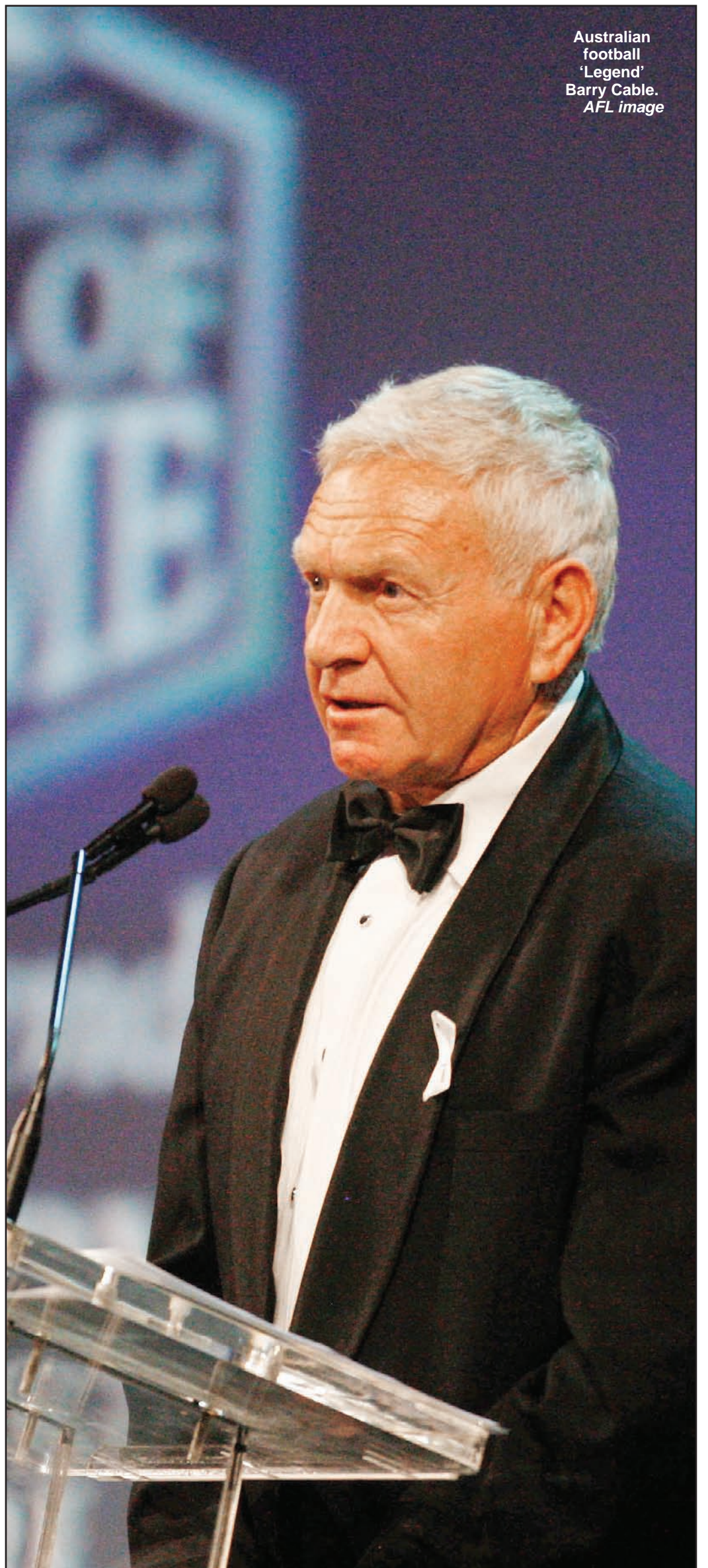
"I had a very good run with injury – over 18 seasons I played 406 games – an average of 22 games each year."

After a tractor accident 'which ripped the calf completely off the bone', he finished his playing days.

Cable took over from his premiership team-mate Malcolm Blight in mid-1981 and coached North Melbourne until 1984.

His sons Shane and Barry Jnr played WAFL football for Perth as well. Shane Cable went on to play a single senior game with the West Coast Eagles, after a 174-match career with the Demons.

Legend status certainly fits conformably on Barry Cable's shoulders.



Australian football 'Legend' Barry Cable. AFL image

Need a hand to start running?



FOOTPRINTS, a fundraising campaign for the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP), has been launched.

Footprints is about assisting Indigenous Australians achieve their physical activity goals while raising funds for the IMP.

It is aimed at people of all running abilities – from those preparing for their first fun run to seasoned

marathon runners. IMP says getting started is simple.

“All you need to do is choose a running event that you want to take part in – it could be the Melbourne Marathon, or a local fun run; it could even be a weight loss challenge, or a swimming event – the challenge doesn’t have to stop at running,” IMP said.

“Once you have chosen your event, can sign up to our online fundraising page by visiting

<http://footprints.gofundraise.com.au> and start raising money.

“Once you have signed up, we can set you up with a training program, and help you along the way with heaps of hints and tips.”

Scholarship program

All funds raised through Footprints go directly towards the IMP leadership scholarship program, which is used to assist past runners involved with IMP to

further their education, help them to attend running camps, and to develop local running and walking groups and events.

“This will in turn help our past runners to educate and empower other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to live an active, healthy life,” IMP said.

It said a helping hand was always available.

For details, visit www.imp.org.au

Injury: Which one?

RUGBY UNION



With
MATT HODGSON

RUGBY union is a tough game to play and many youngsters look at being professional sportsmen as their career path.

It is a wonderful career, but many are cut short by injury or other reasons.

I am lucky enough to have a career that has extended over ten years, but many of the other players I started my career with are no longer playing.

Although I have been lucky to have an extended career, I have had my hurdles along the way, especially through injury.

There was a time when I thought I would never play the game again after consecutive reconstruction surgeries.

I guess what I’m trying to say is that I encourage all people to follow their dreams, especially if that involves being an athlete, but always have something else to support this along the way.

Not only will it help if your career is cut short, but it will give you another avenue to focus your attention, especially if sport is not working for you at that time.

I have used study as my ‘away time’ from sport and find that my sport benefits from this. It gives me the ability to switch off from sport and focus on other things.

If I was not completing my study, I would be always thinking about

rugby and this would be mentally and physically draining.

You need a balance in life. And that goes for everything.

I have listed all the injuries that I have had in my career to show that it is possible to overcome setbacks, but to also show how abruptly it can finish.

My key is that I always try to remember that it is an honour and privilege to play professional sport and have it as my job, but I always have another door open.

Here is a list of my injuries:

- Ankle reconstruction (club rugby for Eastwood 2000)
- Shoulder reconstruction (Waratahs 2003)
- Knee reconstruction (captain of Australian 7s 2004 in Singapore)
- One front tooth snapped off so have a bolt attached to tooth (Waratahs 2004)
- Lateral meniscus tear (Melbourne Rebels in the ARC 2007)
- 10cm hamstring tear (Melbourne Rebels in the ARC 2007)
- Rib cartilage damage (Force 2006)
- Compressed fracture of the left cheek bone – metal plate inserted (Western Force spring tour 2008)
- Left AC joint (during my first game in Wallaby colours versus Barbarians 2009)
- Multiple groin tears (during Wallabies season 2010)
- Right AC joint (Force – dropped from the top of a lineout and landed on my head and shoulder 2011)
- Broken nose 31 times, including two times in four weeks 2011
- Countless stitches... my record is 17 in one game in three cuts in my face
- Countless broken and dislocated fingers, including one knuckle that will need replacing when I retire (latest dislocation on Monday last week)
- Regularly break toes – including one that refuses to heal, ever
- Multiple concussions
- Frequent rolled ankles at all levels – treated with rehab and preventative strapping for games
- Multiple cracked ribs
- Black eyes, grazes, cuts, corks and bruising are just regular by-products of contact sports, especially for a forward playing rugby union.



Matt Hodgson wins a lineout for the Western Force during a Super Rugby match against the NSW Waratahs at nib Stadium, Perth, last 13 April. Amongst the injuries Hodgson lists during his ten-year career was to his right AC joint, when he dropped from the top of a lineout and landed on his head and shoulder in 2011. AAP image



Sam Thaiday, left, in Townsville with little brother Eli. Picture: Alf Wilson

Sam keen to play in Origin 3

By ALF WILSON



A FAMILY breakfast could be the spark which helps injured star Brisbane Broncos forward Sam Thaiday play a leading role for Queensland in the deciding State of Origin clash with NSW on 4 July at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium.

The 27-year-old Thaiday, of Yam Island (Torres Strait) descent, missed Origin 2 in which NSW beat Queensland 16-12 on 13 June at Sydney's ANZ Stadium to level the series one-all.

A painful shoulder injury also forced blockbusting Thaiday to miss the NRL Queensland derby two nights later at Townsville's Dairy Stadium, where the Cowboys beat his Broncos 12-0 before more than 20,000 people.

Up north, that clash is described as a mini-Origin.

Rated one of the best forwards in world rugby league, Thaiday had played a leading part in the first Origin game when Queensland beat NSW 18-10 at Melbourne's Etihad Stadium on 23 May.

Thaiday travelled to Townsville with the Broncos players for the Cowboys' match.

The *Koori Mail* caught up with Thaiday the morning after the game as he walked from the Holiday Inn in the Townsville city centre, where the Broncos players and officials had stayed.

Thaiday was greeted by his 19-year-old younger brother Eli, whom he had not seen for six months.

The other Broncos players caught a bus to the airport to return to the State capital, but Sam stayed in Townsville to catch up with members of his family.

"I am very keen to be back on the field for the Broncos and also want to be part on the deciding Origin match," he said.

Hard to watch

"It was hard to watch the game against the Cowboys not being on the field. But this has been good to come up here where many of my family are."

Thaiday also said he wanted to return to the Torres Strait at the earliest opportunity – probably being after the season.

"I don't get up to the Torres Strait enough and would like to see my family up there," he said.

Eli plays the rival Australian football in Townsville for the Thuringowa Bulldogs, who lead the ladder.

Sam signed autographs for fans before heading off with Eli.

On 19 June, Eli told the *Koori Mail* that Sam treasured his time with his Townsville family.

"We went down to the beach for a breakfast and Sam was feeling good and was keen to get back on the field. This time has been great for him," Eli said.

Dedicated trainer is up for award



Ray Dennis with Palm boxers in Mount Isa, more than 1000km from the home island. Picture: Alf Wilson

By ALF WILSON



LONG-time Palm Island Boxing Club trainer Ray Dennis has been nominated for a Pride of Australia Medal – an initiative which

enable's unsung heroes in the community to be recognised.

Affectionately known as Uncle Ray in the North Queensland Aboriginal community, the 75-year-old is in his 14th year there.

Dennis has trained 41 Australian and 60 State champions, as well as 86 Golden Gloves title holders.

"It is a bit of an honour and I didn't really expect it until somebody phoned me two days ago," Dennis told the *Koori Mail*.

This correspondent has been on numerous away trips with Dennis and Palm boxers,

including to far-off Mount Isa and Emerald, and closer places such as Ingham and Charters Towers.

On every trip, Dennis has spent some of his pension money on food for the young boxers as well as being their dedicated trainer.

All of the nominees from around the country in the ten categories can be seen on website prideofaustralia.com.au where people can vote for any in 200 words.

Now in its eighth year, the Pride of Australia Medal recognises those throughout the community who encourage and inspire people every day.

They won't look like super heroes, or have halos or wings – instead they are neighbours, mums and dads, teachers, shop assistants or friends.

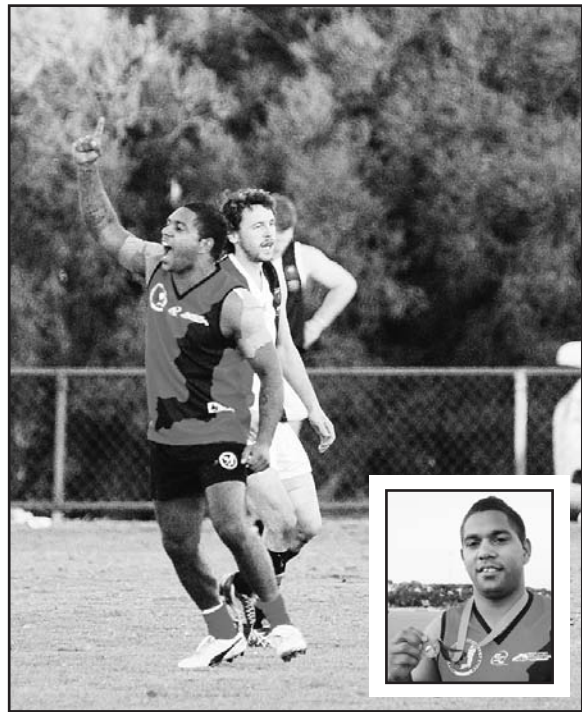
Their acts are often unnoticed and important to only a few.

Jade heads north



Socceroo Jade North (left) competes for the ball with Japan's Keisuke Honda during the 2014 FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifier match at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on Tuesday 12 June. A penalty in the 70th minute saw a ten-man Australia salvage a 1-1 draw. – AAP image

Harradine's memorable goal



Trevor Harradine celebrates his match-winning sudden-death goal for Yorke Peninsula.
● **INSET:** Trevor Harradine with his carnival medal.

Images: Peter Argent

By PETER ARGENT



A SUDDEN-DEATH goal by Trevor Harradine in extra time gave Yorke Peninsula (YP) a nail-biting win over the Adelaide Plains

in the final of the sixth annual Landmark Cup Australian Football Festival at Balaklava.

The carnival was contested by the four mid-north South Australian associations.

Looking for a third successive title, Adelaide Plains (APFL) rued their inaccurate kicking in the final. They kicked eight behinds before their first goal and in the abridged format, this proved fatal.

Despite the APFL having much of the play and five more scoring shots at full-time, YP utility Aiden Zwar's second goal ensured a draw.

While Adelaide Plains won the first centre clearance in the sudden-death finish, YP's defence repelled this and quickly moved the ball to the other end of the ground, where Harradine

led up the centre of the ground.

Then, from 45 metres out, Harradine coolly split the centre posts and this started riotous celebrations from the championship winners.

"It was the first time I've had the opportunity to kick a match-winner," the Indigenous forward from the Kadina Bloodhounds said.

"I knew I only had to score a point, but I was confident I could kick the goal once I took the mark.

"To kick the goal that wins the Landmark Cup is a special moment.

"This is the stuff dreams are made of and one day I can tell the grand kids about it."

Harradine has been selected in the initial Central Zone squad for the SA Country Championships on 30 June and 1 July.

He plays his football at the Kadina Bloodhounds, who have won the last two flags in the YPFL alongside fellow Indigenous talents, former Western Bulldogs player Cameron Faulkner, Derek Sansbury and dual sporting talent and Imparja Cup cricketer Willie Searle.

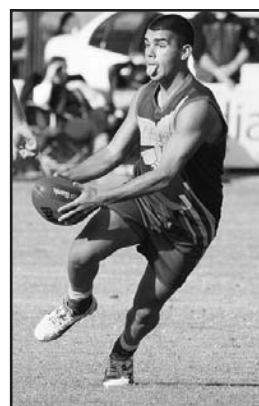
Reece outstanding in defeated side

AFTER playing A grade last year for Kapunda as a 15-year-old, Reece Hocking was one of the stars in the North Eastern (NEFL) under 17s side in the 2012 Landmark Cup on Saturday 9 June.

For the NEFL, who lost the final to Yorke Peninsula at this level, Hocking won the player of the championships award.

After playing for Central District under 16s in their SANFL campaign earlier this year, Hocking returned to play for his father, Eddie's foundation club North Clare.

Despite his tender age, Hocking has been the best player in both his A grade appearances for the Roosters.



Reece Hocking in action for North Eastern.

Southern Cape wins

By ALF WILSON



SOUTHERN Cape Wanderers took out the inaugural Far North Queensland Remote Rugby League Challenge in Cairns on 16-17

June. Players from many remote Indigenous communities came together to form three teams – the other two being Three Rivers and Central Cape.

Three Rivers consisted of players from Cooktown, Hope Vale and Wujal Wujal.

Southern Cape Wanderers were picked from Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw, Coen, Lockhart River and Aurukun, while Central Cape was represented by Mapoon, Weipa and Napranum.

Top football

Queensland Rugby League development officer Cameron Miller said there was some top bush footy.

"They battled it out to become the Cape York champions. They travelled great distances to attend the carnival, but it was no issue, as they enjoyed the opportunity to play some representative footy," Miller said.

"Each team played each other twice in a round-robin format, with every game going down to the last five minutes before we had a winner."

Results: Central Cape 28 d Three Rivers 26, Southern Cape 18 d Three Rivers 16, Southern Cape 34 d Central Cape 18, Southern Cape 22 d Three Rivers 20, Central Cape 26 drew with Southern Cape 26, Central Cape 32 d Three Rivers 30.

Final points were: Southern Cape Wanderers 15.5, Central



The Southern Cape Wanderers at the inaugural Far North Queensland Remote Rugby League Challenge in Cairns. They went on to win the event.

Cape 12.5 and Three Rivers 4.

Award winners for the carnival were: Best back, Fitzroy Lawrence; best forward Eli, Tabuai; player of the carnival, Nigel Bowen (Hope Vale – Three Rivers).

Compensation

Southern Cape Wanderers coach Dave Kennedy, from Kowanyama, said the competition was to make up for the players from remote areas not being included in the 2012 Foley Shield which was reduced from eight teams last year to three.

Players from these communities were eligible to be picked for Remote Area Rugby League (formerly Torres Cape) in the 2011 Foley Shield.

"It was great to see so many talented footballers playing representative football and this is better for us than the Foley Shield was," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said his best players were Maurice Burke, John Kennedy, Fitzroy Lawrence, Dillon Creek, Alestair Bowie and Stephen Bally.

After the carnival, a side was named to play Northern Outback

at Mount Isa on 7 July: 1 Fitzroy Lawrence (Kowanyama), 2 Brandon Roughsey (Cooktown), 3 Dylan Creek (Coen), 4 Les Hall (Mapoon), 5 Stephen Bally (Lockhart River), 6 Kareem Tabuai (Mapoon), 7 Nigel Bowen (Hope Vale), 8 Maurice Burke (Kowanyama), 9 Dixon Wapau (Napranum), 10 Peter Gibson (Hopevale), 11 Eli Tabuai (Mapoon), 12 John Kennedy (Kowanyama), 13 Phillip Mango (Napranum), 14 Gabriel Creek (Coen), 15 Wees Cook (Weipa), 16 Jayden Bowen (Hope Vale), 17 Andrew Sampson (Weipa).

Coach, Dave Kennedy; shadow players, Michael Burke (Kowanyama), Jaiven Gibson (Hope Vale), Alestair Bowie (Lockhart River), Preston Deemal (Hope Vale).

MEANWHILE, the 2012 Outback Muster rugby league carnival was held at Charleville on the same weekend and the Northern Outback side was selected to meet Cape York.

South West, Mount Isa and Central West competed.

South West 38 d Mount Isa 5, Mid West 34 d Central West 12, South West 34 d Central West 16, Mount Isa 30 d Mid West 6, South West 34 d Mid West 16, and Mount Isa 18 d Central West 6.

The player of the match and carnival trophy sponsor was the Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Community Health (CWAATSICH).

Player of the carnival, South West star Michael Percell, was also the leading try scorer for the winning team South West and had his trophy presented by CWAATSICH chairman Johnny Maris.

The side to meet Cape York is: Patrick Dargan (Mid West), Jeffrey Wilson (Mid West), Alfred Ned (Mid West), Tony Manteufal, Michael Percell, Jason Wilmot, Bradley Brown, Tom Hearn (all South West), Trent Hoad (Central West), Ben Watt (Mount Isa), Rohan Schulz (Mount Isa), Craig Logan (Mid West), Clinton Taylor (South West), Sean Heffernan (Mount Isa), William Singleton (Mid West), Trent Thomas (Central West), Dean Percell (South West).

Last year a Northern Outback side competed in the Foley Shield.

WA player refuses apology

By CHRIS PIKE



THE West Australian Football League (WAFL) has been embroiled in controversy after West Perth youngster Kody Manning was found guilty of racially vilifying East Perth forward Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls.

Manning abused Oakley-Nicholls during a heated WA Day derby between West Perth and East Perth at Arena Joondalup that ended in a draw.

Oakley-Nicholls was immediately incensed by what was said to him by Manning, and even though the West Perth player did apologise for the comments and wanted to try to sort the issue out through mediation, the victim did not accept the apology or want any part in a mediation process.

The result was that Manning was suspended for three weeks from playing with West Perth while Oakley-Nicholls sought to put the incident behind him.

And that is something that he has had no trouble doing, continuing to play strong football across half-forward in an East Perth team that is battling top position on the WAFL ladder.

Oakley-Nicholls was originally drafted by Richmond from East Perth in 2005 and went on to play 13 AFL games with the Tigers in four years. After being delisted, he was rookie-listed by the West Coast Eagles, but wasn't able to add to his 13 AFL appearances.

The 24-year-old has been back playing with East Perth in the WAFL ever since, though, and has now amassed 45 games and kicked 35 goals for the Royals.

Strong Indigenous culture

East Perth also has a strong Indigenous culture that has included the great Graham 'Polly' Farmer. This year's line-up features other Indigenous players Anthony Kyanga, Brett Eades, Shaquille McKenzie, Arthur Bennell, Chris Franklin and Robert Saylor.

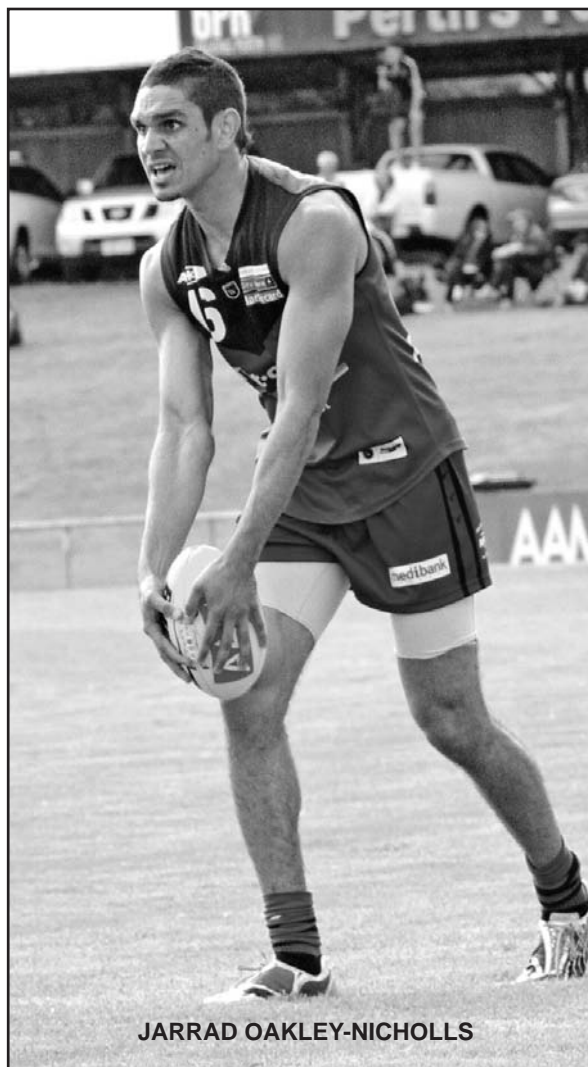
It is sure to be a lesson learned the hard way for the offending Manning as well. The 20-year-old promising defender has played 16 League games with West Perth, but now will have to fight for his spot back in the Falcons team once his three-game suspension has been served.

The WAFL has taken a strong stance on racial vilification in the past.

Manning became the second West Perth player in recent years to be found guilty after Lewis Harvey, who has moved to play with South Fremantle this year, was suspended for three games after he abused then Subiaco defender Raphael Stack in 2009.

WAFL operations manager Cameron Knapton knows that strong messages must be sent any time someone steps over the line.

"With the continuing support of WAFL clubs,



JARRAD OAKLEY-NICHOLLS

players and supporters, the WAFL will maintain its zero-tolerance approach to racial vilification," Knapton said.

While West Perth was hoping that Manning and Oakley-Nicholls could handle the matter through mediation, the club fully understands the serious nature of Manning's action and accepted the penalty handed down by the tribunal.

"There is no room for racial vilification of any nature in the sporting arena," West Perth chief executive Gerry O'Dea said.

"While these matters are always emotional, we are determined to learn from the experience of the past week and move forward as a club."

Unfortunately for the competition, it wasn't the only racial incident to rear its head, with Swan Districts player Michael Walters abused by a Perth fan in his team's game in Round 11 at Lathlain's Brownes Stadium.

Walters, who is also listed with the Fremantle Dockers and has played 11 AFL games, was taunted by an unidentified fan during the match when he was coming to the interchange bench.

He struggled to maintain his focus following the abuse, but the WAFL later investigated the incident and could not identify the offending supporter.

Comments offensive, says Pearce



PORT Adelaide's Danyle Pearce says comments by Western Bulldogs' ruckman Will Minson about

Pearce's mother were offensive and could not be tolerated.

The Bulldogs announced last Tuesday that they had suspended Minson for one Australian Football League (AFL) match, and Minson fronted a media conference at Whitten Oval offering his apologies and saying he had no excuse for his actions.

Minson said he had made unsuccessful attempts to contact Pearce.

"I accept the course of action the Western Bulldogs have taken," Pearce said in a statement.

"The important thing for me is that Will understands that this is not a minor matter that can be brushed under the carpet.

'Not acceptable'

"It is a very big thing and insulting a player's family is just not acceptable.

"He needs to know there is a line that you shouldn't even contemplate crossing.

"Will has apologised, but I don't need that to move on. His actions from here will mean far more than words."

Port Adelaide chief executive Keith Thomas noted Minson had apologised to the club in 2008 for making on-field comments to onballer Kane Cornes about his ill son.

"While it's the second time we have faced a similar situation, we take Will's apology on face value and trust it won't happen again," Thomas said.

At his Whitten Oval media conference, Minson said he was very sorry for what was said on

the field. "The last 24 hours have been an extremely stressful period for myself and no doubt unnecessarily stressful for Danyle Pearce and his family and the Port Adelaide Football Club.

"I have absolutely no intention of putting anyone through that sort of stress or attention ever again.

"What I said on the field, I am very disappointed about that. My comments were inappropriate."

Minson choked up and was unable to answer at one stage when asked about his reputation.

"That (stigma) is certainly what I'm going to be dealing with for the rest of my life and it's important I learn from this experience and I intend to do so," he said.

"People are going to form their opinions either way. I have no control over what people say or think about me."

Minson said he could help other players by explaining to them what he had gone through in the past 24 hours.

"That (stigma) is certainly what I'm going to be dealing with for the rest of my life and it's important I learn from this experience and I intend to do so," he said.

AFL football operations general manager Adrian Anderson said the league endorsed the club's decision to suspend Minson for one match, for him to issue a formal apology to Pearce and to be part of a compulsory education session around the game's Respect and Responsibility Policy with AFL cultural strategy and education manager Sue Clark.

Bulldogs chief executive Simon Garlick said: "While Will is genuinely remorseful for his actions, the club will not tolerate the use of inappropriate and offensive comments, especially in regards to women." — AAP



Danyle Pearce hand balls for Port Adelaide during the AFL round 12 match against the Western Bulldogs at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne, on Sunday 17 June. Bulldogs player Will Minson was suspended for one match for comments he made to Pearce about Pearce's mother. — AAP image

WAFL to celebrate

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



THE West Australian Football League (WAFL) again will celebrate NAIDOC Week in style with two weekends dedicated to it and the Perth Football Club is leading the way with a special home game that will allow for entry by a gold coin donation thanks to a generous match-day sponsor. Perth has had a strong Indigenous culture dating back to new Australian Football Hall of Fame Legend Barry Cable, and it has included Troy Cook in recent years and now former dual Collingwood All-Australian Leon Davis in 2012.

The Demons will host South Fremantle at Lathlain's Brownes Stadium in the second weekend of the NAIDOC Rounds on Saturday 7 July in what is shaping as a tremendous celebration of Aboriginal culture.

Perth has been able to secure a match-day sponsor – Middletons – that will cover the entrance charge of everyone who comes to Brownes Stadium for the game against South Fremantle.

Legends present

The day will also feature a NAIDOC Welcome to Country ceremony before the League match at 2.10pm, and there will also be a host of Aboriginal champions present including Cable, Merv Kelly, Roger Hayden, Des Headland, Larry Kickett and possibly even Stephen Michael.

The victorious WA team that won back-to-back titles at the National Indigenous under 15 Kickstart Championships will also be present, with 13 players from the team named in the national Flying Boomerangs squad.

Following the League match, there will also be a game between the South Fremantle and Perth Nicky Winmar Cup teams, after both went through undefeated in the competition earlier this year featuring under 15 Indigenous players.

New Perth chief executive Marty Atkins, who is also the game's record holder at South Fremantle, has overseen much of the initiative that will be a

great celebration at his club's home game against his former club.

Perth and South Fremantle will be playing for the Cable-Michael Cup for the first time. The cup is named in honour of two of the finest West Australian footballers of all-time – Barry Cable and Stephen Michael – and they just happen to be Aboriginal champions as well.

Atkins has been a long-time supporter of Aboriginal culture and he is proud to now be helping to celebrate NAIDOC Week on such a scale.

"From my point of view, having been brought up in Kwinana and with South Fremantle Football Club, you see many, many fantastic Indigenous people. It's just good to recognise the achievements that these people have in our communities when you know the struggles that they had early on," Atkins said.

"It was especially hard with regards to football and you realise that when you speak to the likes of Syd Jackson and those early players and what they had to put up with.

"It's great to recognise the achievements and we've come to a situation now where when you speak of football achievements on the weekend, invariably you are talking about a goal kicked or mark taken, or a passage of play by an Indigenous player.

"There's certainly players now that people like to go and see and right now there is no bigger superstar than Buddy Franklin who is obviously Perth's own."

Claremont will also play South Fremantle in what has become the traditional NAIDOC Week clash.

Special guernseys

They play on Sunday 1 July and Claremont has undertaken a new approach to getting a design for the playing jumpers they will wear.

Claremont has given all primary schools in the club's district the chance to design the jumper that the Tigers will wear against South Fremantle at Claremont Oval.

The competition has been open to all primary school students and the student's school that the winning jumper comes from will be presented with a famed guernsey at a school assembly in the lead-up to the NAIDOC Week game.

The WAFL has provided plenty of opportunities for Indigenous footballers and 2012 is no different, with every club possessing key players who are Aboriginal.

Among those playing regular league football include Peel Thunder's Eddie Dann and Devin McFarlane; Swan Districts' Graham Jetta, Michael Walters and Marlon Motlop; South Fremantle's Toby McGrath, Jayden Woods and Casey Sibosado; East Perth's Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls, Anthony Kyanga and Brett Eades; Perth's Leon Davis, Joel Houghton and Brennan Stack; West Perth's Anton Saylor; East Fremantle's Brad Dick and Koby Stevens; Subiaco's Alliston Pickett, Antoni Grover and Des Headland; and Claremont's Gerrick Weedon and Alroy Gilligan.



Former AFL player Leon Davis in Perth's WAFL colours.

Hopes high for Varcoe's return



GEELONG coach Chris Scott says he's very confident that Travis Varcoe, pictured, will play again this season.

Varcoe recently underwent further surgery to try to fix the stress fracture in his right foot that has plagued him since January.

The setback has led to speculation that he will miss the rest of the Cats' 2012 campaign.

"We're a lot more positive than that and so is the surgeon," Scott said at Simonds Stadium last week.

Varcoe had been training strongly in recent weeks. "He just couldn't make that last step," Scott said.

"I guess the positive of this

procedure is that the medical staff and the experts think this will mean that he can make that final step."

Scott was hoping that Varcoe would be ready to run again in three or four weeks.

If that proves correct, the speedy half-forward should be available to play in the finals, if the Cats make it.

"In terms of how good he's going to be when it really counts, that's just so far away and such an unknown that I won't comment any further on that," Scott said.

Varcoe, who starred in last year's grand final win, has not played an AFL game since.

He suffered a stress fracture in January, requiring him to have surgery to have a pin inserted, although that later had to be removed due to complications in his recovery. – AAP



Special guernseys for NAIDOC Week



The Roos wore their jumpers last Saturday against the Maitland Pickers.

Adam McEwan, a former South Sydney NRL player and Ourimbah coach, says the NAIDOC festivities will highlight the contribution of Aboriginal people on the Central Coast.

"NAIDOC Week is all about celebrating and recognising the valuable contribution Indigenous people make to Australia's national identity and the team and I are pleased to be able to help achieve this through this small

gesture," he said.

The Darkinjung LALC is paying for the jumpers.

Darkinjung LALC CEO Sean Gordon said NAIDOC was a big event in the local community.

"We are delighted to have the support of Ourimbah and Wyong rugby league teams," he said. "It is important to build connections with other LALCs in the region."

To celebrate NAIDOC Week on the Central Coast, a family fun day will be held on Monday 9 July at Baker Park, Wyong.

It will include netball and touch football tournaments.

Another activity will be a family golf day on Friday 6 July at the Wyong Gold Club, starting with a breakfast, followed by tee-off between 7am and 8am, followed by lunch. Adults can register for \$20 and children for \$6



BROTHERS Wayne and Adam McEwan are pictured modelling jumpers to be worn by the Ourimbah Magpies in forthcoming rugby league matches on the NSW Central Coast.

The Wyong Roos also will be wearing Indigenous-inspired jerseys in celebration of NAIDOC activities.

The Magpies' jumper was designed by artist Jenni McEwan – mother of Wayne and Adam.

The Roos and Magpies have joined with the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council to commemorate NAIDOC Week.

The Magpies will wear their jerseys against the Erina Eagles on 1 July at Sohier Oval, Ourimbah.

Second chances

By PETER ARGENT



TWO young South Australian National Football League (SANFL) players still in the early stages of their careers are jumping at their second chances.

For reigning premiers Woodville-West Torrens, Byron Sumner has made every post a winner as he endeavours to resurrect his opportunities at the top level after a single AFL game tenure with the Sydney Swans.

Four so far in 2012 London Olympic team

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won the gold medal at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi.

He finished 31st at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, but has improved considerably since then.

At the World Championships in Daegu (South Korea) in 2011, he finished fourth.

Veteran sprinter Josh Ross is off to London, running in the men's 4x100m relay.

There are four others in the 4x100m relay – Anthony Alozie (Vic), Tim Leathart (NSW), Andrew McCabe (Qld) and Isaac Ntiamoah (NSW).

Ross, 32, holds the record for the fastest 100m on Australian soil and has the third fastest time by an Australian after Matt Shirvington and Patrick Johnson.

He has a personal best time of 10.08 seconds for the 100m and is recognised as one of Australia's greatest sprinters, with five Australian 100m titles to his name.

He also has won the Stawell Gift twice, and competed at the Athens Olympics in 2004.

He retired from athletics in 2009, but returned after courting a career in American professional football.

In 2004 he was the Deadlys Sportsman of the Year.



Josh Ross pictured at the 2011 Bay Sheffield professional foot race in Adelaide.

Sumner was drafted to the Swans after two SANFL games in 2009, but never looked settled at the Sydney franchise.

Since early May, he has been among the Eagles' best players.

"Byron is in really good nick," senior coach at the Eagles Michael Godden said.

"He prepared himself with a massive pre-season and he's playing the football we know he's capable of.

Rewards coming

"The rewards are coming and he is talented enough to gain re-entry into the AFL system.

"We are using Byron as a small defender, but he gets the occasional run in the mid-field.

"He has developed into a well-rounded footballer who has pace and good delivery skills with hand or foot.

"Byron is a strong tackler and the defensive side of his game is strong.



BYRON SUMNER

"AFL Recruiting staff would be silly not to look at him very carefully."

Sumner turned 21 in May and has still got a lot to give to the game.

His younger sibling Tim is in the SA under 18 squad for the 2012 national football championships that conclude over the next few weeks.

At the ladder-leading Norwood Football Club, former Northern Territory export Roland Ah Chee, who was injury-ravaged during his time with the Gold Coast Suns, broke into the Redlegs' potent League side's mid-field for their mid-June game against Glenelg. While not mentioned in the best players, Ah Chee was a strong contributor in the mid-field rotations.

He has demanded selection in the senior team after being among the best for the undefeated reserves side in five of his nine games.

In 2009 he played one senior game at

The Parade between his commitments with the Northern Territory under 18s, where he won their MVP honours.

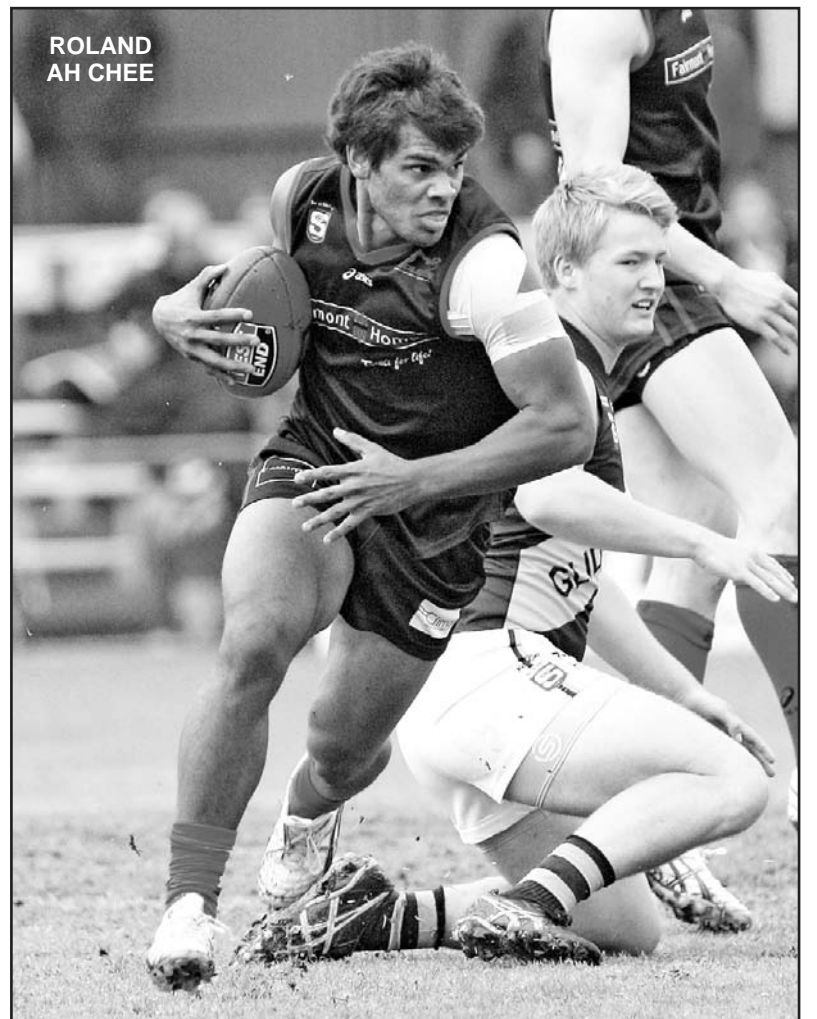
"Roland has played football in a number of States and is looking for continuity in his football," Norwood coach and former 200-game Crows defender Nathan Bassett said. "He's a terrific lad and while he had a slowish start coming off a shoulder reconstruction, he's been playing very good footy.

"Our mid-field group runs very deep and I suggest at any other club he'd probably be a walk-up start in the seniors.

"His performance in the SANFL game against Glenelg was excellent and I believe he plays his best football in the mid-field."

Ah Chee, who turns 22 in November, has a work ethic and desire to make the most of his football.

His strengths include ball-winning ability, clean skills and a no-nonsense approach to the game.



ROLAND AH CHEE

Aussie rules greats visit Tasmania



FORMER Australian football stars Syd Jackson and Ronnie Burns were guests of honour at the Northern Tasmanian Football Association's Aboriginal round last weekend.

The focus was on the contributions of Aboriginal footballers.

On Friday the pair visited a Launceston primary school with Rocherlea players for a footy clinic with local students.

On Saturday they were at the NTFA match between Rocherlea and Georgetown.

Check out the next edition of the *Koori Mail* for more on the Northern Tasmanian Indigenous round.

● LEFT: Rocherlea Primary School students Brandon Lee Everett and Riley Everett-Green with former Geelong and Adelaide player Ronnie 'Rockin' Burns.

● RIGHT: Carlton great Syd Jackson was kept busy at Mayfield Primary School. He is pictured here signing a shirt for Kayne Gardner, from Invermay Primary. Pictures: Jillian Mundy



Fun run at Uluru



2012 Inaugural Deadly Fun Run Championship representatives and Indigenous Marathon Project co-ordinator Rob de Castella, far left, in the shadow of Uluru.



● **LEFT:** The winning team, Yirrkala, from left, Marshall Gurruwiw, Arian Pearson Bukutji Wanambi, Biyamarr Mununggurr and Dhimurru Mununggurr.



● **BELOW:** The team from Mossman, from left, Asta Naden, Wiley Thorburn, Melekai Williams, Mitchell Brim and Julie Salam.



YIRRKALA emerged winners of the inaugural Deadly Fun Run at Uluru on the weekend of 9-10 June, but all eyes were on seven-year-old Kaysan Madua, from the north Queensland

community of Napranum.

Kaysan, the youngest competitor in the fun run, finished fifth overall and stunned just about everyone who was there.

The small Arnhem Land (NT) community of Yirrkala was named the champion community.

Competitors from five Indigenous communities crossed the finish line on Saturday morning, with runners from the National Indigenous Training Academy also taking part.

The Deadly Fun Run series, an initiative of Rob De Castella's Indigenous Marathon Project, aims promote healthy living and increase participation in running in remote Indigenous communities.

De Castella is hopeful that the event will grow to become a major event on the running calendar, with participation increasing annually.

"The enthusiasm shown by every athlete who ran at the weekend was incredible, and if they can take that enthusiasm home and help it grow, then we are going to end up with something really amazing", he said.

"Communities are already planning their next

series of fun runs, and I have no doubt that the level of community participation is going to get bigger and bigger."

A number of outstanding performances were recorded over the three- and five-kilometre course. Yarrabah (north Queensland) and Kununurra (Western Australia) finished second and third behind Yirrkala.

But the highlight of the day was Kaysan Madua's performance.

Winning athletes and communities were presented trophies by Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon on Saturday evening, with Uluru as a backdrop.

Runners also took part in a guided tour of Uluru and the Sounds of Silence dining experience.

Results:

Junior women, Aleisha Conlan (Kununurra) 1, Linda Mark (Napranum) 2, Biyamarr Mununggurr (Yirrkala) 3.

Junior men, Mitchell Brim (Mossman) 1, Bukutipi Wanambi (Yirrkala) 2, Marcellas Martin (Yarrabah) 3.

Senior Women, Julie Salam (Mossman) 1, Asta Naden (Mossman) 2, April Thomas (Yarrabah) 3.

Senior Men, Marshall Gurruwiw (Yirrkala) 1, Scott Young (Kununurra) 2, Dhiraj Hari (Yarrabah) 3.

Overall community, Yirrkala 1, Yarrabah 2, Kununurra 3.

From left, Rob de Castella, Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon, Tim Rowe and Nadine Hunt during the presentation of trophies.



The team from Kununurra, from left, Scott Young, Zevida Binbusu and Aleisha Scanlon.



The youngest competitor, seven-year-old Kaysan Madua, from Napranum.



Red Centre softball

Rough diamond: Grass is scarce at the Engawala softball field in Australia's red centre. Engawala, north-east of Alice Springs, recently hosted softball matches to see who would qualify for the Central Desert Shire Championships at Ti Tree this weekend. The winner at Ti Tree will go on to the NT Championships in Darwin.

Community winners to contest carnival play-off at Ti Tree



SOFTBALL teams from throughout Central Australia will converge on Ti Tree on Saturday 30 June for the finals for the fourth annual Central Desert Shire Softball Championship.

Teams will compete for the championship trophy and a chance to play against the Territory's best in the Northern Territory Softball Champions in Darwin.

Twelve teams have been involved in the competition. Sport and Recreation officers have been working with women from each of the communities to develop skills in playing and managing the sport. This program was developed as a result of requests by communities.

The Central Desert Council said it was happy to encourage and support such community initiatives, where the emphasis was on healthy lifestyles.

The winning team at Ti Tree will receive a trophy, donated by NT Sport and Recreation Minister Karl Hampton, and a new softball kit.

The winners and runners-up also will receive medals.

The winners also will win a trip to Darwin to compete at the NT Softball Championship.

Division competitions have been running in communities in the lead-up to the Ti Tree event.

At Engawala, north-east of Alice Springs, the Engawala Crows beat the Engawala Hawks and a combined Atitjere and Number Five team to secure their place in the finals.

The remaining shire communities have been running similar competitions to decide who will play at Ti Tree for the chance to compete in Darwin.

Ti Tree is on the Stuart Highway between Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.

Last year's winners of the Central Desert Shire Softball Championships, the Engawala Crows, went on to be runners-up in the NT Softball Championships – a great achievement for first-time entrants.

- **BELOW:** An Atitjere batter stepping up to the plate in the second innings at Engawala.
- **RIGHT:** Sarah Williams coming around third base after hitting a home run for the Engawala Crows.
- **BELOW RIGHT:** Atitjere's fielding was tested by Engawala's strong batting.
- **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Suzie, Engawala's starting pitcher.





The Clontarf Showcase All Stars teams announced at the conclusion of the tournament. At left is AFL Sports Ready Indigenous employment officer and State League basketball player Narelle Henry.



Perth Wildcats 2012 NBL MVP Kevin Lisch with girls from the Clontarf Girls Academy. Lisch gave a motivational speech.



Action from the game between the Palmerston Girls Academy and the Centralian Girls Academy.

Girls' week of action in Perth



MORE Than 100 girls from the eight Role Models and Leaders Australia Girls Academies in Western Australia and the Northern Territory were in Perth last week for the regional and interstate basketball challenge.

The Clontarf Girls Academy in Perth was the venue for the Academy Showcase, and girls came from Newton Moore, West Arnhem, Broome, Palmerston, Centralian, Fitzroy Valley, and Clontarf.

The girls also participated in a range of team building and leadership activities in and around the city.

Some of the activities the girls experienced included a coaching course by Perth Redbacks players and coaches, girls v staff basketball game, a military-style laser tag, sight-seeing and surfing lessons at Trigg Beach.

Many 'firsts'

For some girls, it was the first time they had travelled on a plane, swum in the ocean, or visited Perth.

Role Models and Leaders Australia CEO Ricky Grace said encouraging girls' participation in sport was one of the catalysts for educational engagement.

The Role Models and Leaders Australia Academies have more than 500 enrolled girls and nearly all girls take an avid interest in sport.

The basketball was at the Cockburn Stadium, Hamilton Hill.

AFL Sports Ready Indigenous employment

officer and State League basketball player Narelle Henry said camps such as this created a simple, but strong foundation to bring basketball to young women in a number of communities.

"I am endlessly impressed with innovation and hard work of Marita Payne and Desiree Delcours in bringing the Academy Showcase into fruition," she said.

"Not only are the girls coming together to compete, they are gathering to celebrate each other's achievements and learn and develop all of life's necessary skills when it comes to pursuing any sport and career endeavours.

"As an Indigenous female basketball player and coach involved in education and training, I cannot begin to describe my excitement of anticipation for what the Academy Showcase can offer."

Award winners:

Championship team, Clontarf Girls Academy (B Team); runners-up, Broome Girls Academy.

All Star team: Wykeema Benderson, Tayla Thorn, Tia Paterson, Shay Warburton (Palmerston), Desiree Riley, Dulcie Ryder (Clontarf), Courtney Ugle (Newton Moore), Terazita Young, Shaqualla-Jae Alum (Centralian Senior), Besse-Mae Renehan (Centralian Middle), Molly Shadforth, Jacky Ansey (Broome), Besse-Mae Renehan, Chloe Lawford, Dekoda Dick, Kaylene Brown (Fitzroy Valley).

Tournament most valuable player, Shaqualla-Jae Alum (Centralian Senior).

Hustle player, Courtney Ugle (Newton Moore).

Academy Showcase Legend (overall best camper, on and off the court), Jodie Foster (Centralian Senior).



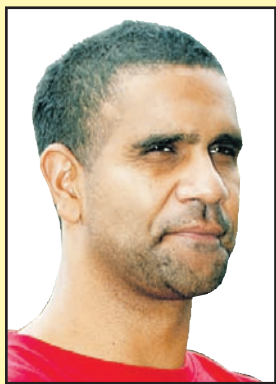
● LEFT: The tournament champions, the Clontarf Girls Academy B team.

● RIGHT: The Broome Academy team. They were the tournament runners-up. Pictures: Kerise Delcours



Swans the real Goodes

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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It was more the fact that the Swans did not have to rely on the return of Adam Goodes to beat Geelong last Friday that convinced me that they are the real deal this year.

Much has been made of Adam's absence due to injury, but while not questioning the impact of his return on the spirit of the side, it was significant that he was not there in the critical final quarter.

Substitute Andrejs Everitt kicked the stunning match-winning goal inside the final 90 seconds to give the

Swans a six-point victory over Geelong at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG).

Brought on for co-captain Goodes in the final quarter, Everitt took a contested mark from an Alex Johnson entry into the forward 50 and slotted the goal of his life to give the Swans an extraordinary 12.8 (80) to 11.8 (74) win.

The Cats had fought back from a six-goal deficit in the first quarter to get their noses in front late in the fourth quarter, but the home side found an extra gear and took top spot with its second heart-stopping victory in as many matches after outlasting Essendon in round 11.

It is this capacity to win against the odds in tight games that convinces me that the Swans have what it takes to win the flag.

It was the same type of performance that gave us the premiership when I was privileged to be part of the team.

I realise that the season has a long way to go, but I nevertheless am confident that the Swans have all the qualities to go all the way.

It is a rare belief in self and team that allows a side to win matches like this in such a manner.

It is a belief that goes beyond mere competitiveness.

It is a belief that comes from a rare mixture of team chemistry and individual ability.

The timing of the win could not be better.

The win takes the Swans to 9-3 for the season, and while the

Cats showed plenty of heart, the reigning premiers still find themselves battling for a top eight spot.

Rhycy Shaw and Ted Richards were strong in defence for the Swans, with Ryan O'Keefe and Jude Bolton were influential in the mid-field in front of 27,400 fans.

Jimmy Bartel, Corey Enright and Joel Selwood were outstanding for the victors, while James Podsiadly and Paul Chapman kicked two goals for the Cats, but they were left devastated after their comeback fell agonisingly short.

The Cats fought valiantly after a poor opening term, and while it would be a brave person to write off the reigning premiers this season, they face a tough run home and must start winning soon to stay in touch with the top eight.

Hard to stop

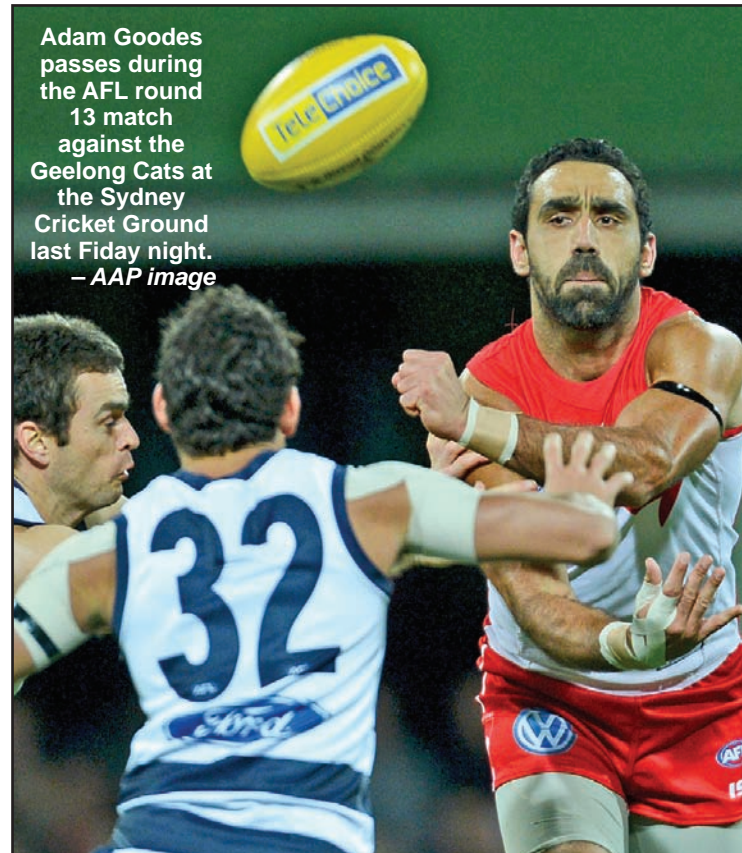
The Swans, on the other hand, are building a momentum that may be hard to stop.

And Goodes may well still be the 'X-factor'.

He struggled to find his way into the game and was substituted out with just seven touches and no goals, but will no doubt improve following his first match in seven weeks.

He will only improve and we already know that he can be a match-winner on the biggest of occasions.

As has been their custom in recent weeks, the Swans bolted out of the blocks, putting on seven goals to one in another



Adam Goodes passes during the AFL round 13 match against the Geelong Cats at the Sydney Cricket Ground last Friday night. – AAP image

impressive first quarter.

Combined with victories over the Western Bulldogs and Essendon in the past three weeks, the Swans have kicked 21 goals to three in their last three opening quarters.

The home side underlined a stunning opening term when ruckman Mike Pyke out-marked Matthew Scarlett and kicked truly from 45m on a slight angle for a 35-point lead at the first break.

The Swans appeared to drop their intensity to start the second quarter, spilling marks and missing some targets as the Cats battled to find a way back into the contest.

The Cats controlled the footy, but weren't able to turn it into scoreboard pressure.

It was one goal apiece in a tense term before a Joel Selwood major deep in time-on made it a 29-point half-time edge to the Swans.

Geelong kept coming in the third quarter, starting to dominate the clearances and smashing the Swans 20-8 in inside 50s for the

term, but three goals to two meant the Cats still trailed by four goals at the last change.

Consecutive Chapman goals and majors to Enright and Tom Hawkins made them seem likely winners, but Everitt had the final say in one of the games of the season.

The final say in the final games of the season will be when it counts.

It now seems certain that the Swans will be there.

The have a team structure that can win big matches and the big game players who can turn the tide when it matters most.

It would be a fitting addition to Adam's outstanding career if he was to be part of accepting the premiership trophy for the Swans in September.

It is a dream worth contemplating, but I am certain Adam is only contemplating next week and discovering his personal best form.

This grounding is what helps make him a true champion.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Ryan James – leading by example

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restricted to the narrow confines of the Gold Coast city limits, with James' motivation taking him places far behind the scope of any university.

"Recently, myself, (and fellow players) Scott Prince and Aidan Seizer went out to the remote communities of Dalby and Miles in order to run a few workshops for the underprivileged kids," he says.

"In the past I have also visited other remote communities such as Wilcannia, on the edge of the NSW-SA border, in order to see how they live their lives and lend a helping hand wherever we can."

But this begs the question? Where does James' hunger to forge a better lifestyle for his people come from?

Well, like many Indigenous leaders, he is walking in the much smaller footsteps of his idol, and the Gold Coast's prodigal son,

Preston Campbell – arguably the most influential and hard-working advocate for Indigenous people not just within the sporting sphere, but the wider community as well.

"What motivates me is just seeing what Preston Campbell does with his work in the community. He is able to change people's lives every day just by showing up somewhere. He is a role model and leader in the community and people like me aspire to be like him," says James.

Campbell's suggestion

In fact, it was Campbell who originally pushed James to better himself by taking on full-time study at university, a career path only 3 per cent of Indigenous youths are embarking upon after completing their secondary education – a statistic James feels need to be corrected.

"I try to show these kids that if I can get a degree, anyone can do

it," he says.

"I wasn't by any means a straight A student, I just got as good grades as I could and just kept pushing through."

However, he is quick to concede that his bright future is not just a result of his own hard work and persistence.

"My family have really motivated me to not only stick with my football, but stay at school and go to university as well. I only moved out of home a month ago, so mum and dad have been there through not only my schooling and my injury but through all of my games since I started playing footy in Tweed at five years old," says a relaxed James, sitting in the dining room of his new double story Mexican-style ranch – a beautiful home which his hard work on the field and the club's belief in him as a promising young professional has paid for.

He is waiting for his group

members to arrive so he can continue working on a university assignment before he has to shoot off to training in a couple of hours.

It's a busy lifestyle, but one only someone with his unusual blend of jovial nonchalance and enthusiasm could lead without ripping his barber shop worth of hair out.

"Managing my career and my university was hard at the start, but when I did my knee, I pretty much just threw myself into my studies," he says.

Manageable

"Now I'm back playing, I train in the mornings and go to uni at night, but because we only train for 3-5 hours a day it's manageable.

He's two-and-a half years into a sports management/business degree and showing no signs of slowing down.

"Once I have finished my first

degree, I'm probably going to stay at university and get my masters, so I can have as much education as possible to help me take Preston Campbell's legacy to the next level," he says.

But according to Titans captain and rugby league legend Scott Prince, James has already stepped out of Campbell's shadow and has begun to forge a legacy of his own.

"When we go out to these remote communities, the kids are just in awe of what Ryan has been able to achieve and this makes it so easy for us to promote that key message of education," Prince says.

"I look back and wish I had his outlook on life when I was his age. He has grasped the fact that football is a short journey, and he is already showing the same attributes off the field which suggest his life journey will be just as successful as his sporting career promises to be."

Showing the way

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

TITANS and Indigenous All Stars player Ryan James will be announced in the NRL Academic Team of the Year, which is an outstanding achievement for a young athlete returning from injury.

James has set himself a personal aim to try to see more Indigenous people to complete university degrees.

He is a trailblazer in the game and it is no coincidence that more than 25 per cent of Indigenous Toyota Cup players are enrolled in university courses and that Greg Inglis will start studies at the University of Sydney next year.

Recently, James sat down with fellow Indigenous university student in Jake Duke to tell his story.

Here it is:

AS the minutes tick away until half-time, Ryan James cannot silence the little voice in the back of his head.

The undying motivation compelling him to take one more barnstorming run before he and his team-mates retire to dressing rooms for a well-earn rest following 40 minutes of all-out warfare.

He bellows to his captain and chief playmaker Scott Prince, who immediately drops him under, placing the ball firmly in his grasps.

He charges forward as his nickname 'Rhino' suggests, ploughing into the unbroken wall of red and green South Sydney jerseys with such recent studies have shown to be the G-force of a small car crash.

But on impact, he immediately knows something isn't right.

Although his name may not be the most renowned on the

Gold Coast Titans' playing roster, those who have caught a glimpse of James cannot simply forget him.

With 115kg of bulging muscle strapped to his daunting 6ft 4in (198cm) frame, his shaded skin and his flowing, untamed, brunette locks, it is almost impossible to overlook this warrior-like, mountain of a man.

But as they say, looks can be deceiving, as this university student is just as suitable as Roald Dahl's famous novel to adopt the title of the big, friendly giant.

That is until you let him loose on the football paddock and the side of James that more appropriately suits his boisterous look is unleashed.

Rewind two years however, and James is just another run-of-the-mill 18-year-old football hopeful perched in the stands of Skilled Park on the Gold Coast watching his idols do battle in the NRL All-Stars match; an unrivalled concept which sees the most prolific Indigenous players squaring off against what is essentially the 'best of the rest' in an annual, winner-takes-all showdown.

As a Titans' under 20 player, he'd had a taste of professional football, but a grand stage like this, a stadium packed to the brink with 30,000 delirious fans and entertained by a game where passion and pride hang in the balance, represented only a dream he hoped to one day realise.

That day however, was much closer than expected.

The following year, after making his first grade debut at

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the back end of the 2010 season and following it up with a handful of titanic performances, this Tweed Heads local and recent Palm Beach Currumbin State High School graduate had an important phone call to make.

"I had to ring my mum Terrilee and tell her not to worry about getting me a ticket for the (2011) All Star's game," said James, as he would be standing on the field alongside his Indigenous brethren, donning the dot-spotted sacred jersey and soaking in the adulation from what is the largest congregation of Indigenous people in modern Australia.

He had been chosen by the



Ryan James in his 2011 Indigenous All Stars jumper. He says he'll never forget the night he ran on to Skilled Stadium with the Indigenous All Stars.

public as an Indigenous All Star at only 19 years of age – a feat any league diehard will tell you is not easily achieved.

"Running on to that field was incredible," says James, still in disbelief at his surprise selection 18 months ago.

"Having not only the nation, but your fellow Indigenous people watching you play a game of football is just surreal. It's the biggest crowd I have ever played in front of, one of the best feelings I have ever had and a day I will never forget."

However, this wild ride didn't stop there. In the six months that followed, James began to climb the ranks of the National Rugby League hierarchy, with his rare combination of drive, size and talent not only cementing his spot in the Gold Coast's premier side, but catapulting him into New South Wales State of Origin contention at such a tender age.

Rival defensive lines would tumble like dominoes as he came steaming on to the ball. Opposition players would avoid running in his direction, plagued by the realisation of what might happen if they were to be on the receiving end of his bone-crunching tackles – the intensity and viciousness of which were only exasperated by the wild flurry of his hair on impact.

He was, by all intent and purposes, unstoppable.

But, as they say, the bigger they are, the harder they fall.

In June last year, disaster struck. As James took yet another bulldozing charge into the opposition defence, his left leg was caught in an awkward position, causing his knee to stretch backwards like an elongated rubber band, not only tearing his ACL, medial and meniscus ligaments, but leaving a scar in the minds of anyone unlucky enough to witness it.

Self doubts

"There was about a million things that ran through my head at the time – what have I done, when will I ever play footy again," James says, as he shuffles himself forward in his chair and begins to anxiously scrub what appears to be a coffee stain on the marble dining table in his new Gold Coast home, clearly uncomfortable at the thought of the horrific injury that has sidelined him for the past 12 months.

An injury that, according to Titan's Indigenous programs manager Linda Biunaiwai, was a blessing in disguise and allowed a lot of people to see James' true character.

"Ryan has been faced with a major setback very early in his career and I think he has handled it with a lot of pride and maturity," says Biunaiwai, a mother figure to a number of the

Indigenous boys at the club.

"From the very moment it happened, he never once freaked out or panicked, he simply took everything in his stride. He is certainly a very calm person, but this entire ordeal has made him mentally stronger."

James said that after the initial shock, he decided to look on the bright side, it was only a year-long injury.

"So I started to work mentally and physically from there to get right," says James as he lounges around donning nothing but his Titans training pants and the laidback personality which has helped him side-step a number of obstacles over the past year, even with a busted and bruised knee.

"The first couple of months of my recovery were still really difficult to deal with. The doctors originally put off surgery to let another ligament heal, but it didn't, so that prolonged my time on the sidelines by an extra three months.

'I try to show these kids that if I can get a degree, anyone can do it'

"There were times when I just sat there by myself and thought, what I am going to do if I can't get right."

"It's been a year since I played football and now I just want to get out there."

He's bursting with excitement on the eve of his much-anticipated return to rugby league.

However, don't be fooled by the misconception that his painstakingly prolonged stint on the sidelines was filled with marathon call of duty sessions, or hour-long movie marathons in his newly furnished home theatre.

In addition to ripping into his vigorous university schedule, James also used his hiatus to kick a few personal goals.

Driven by the passion to assist the plight of his people he began delving into a number of the Titans' community initiatives, especially those aimed at perpetuating the importance of university to Indigenous youth.

"I have been visiting schools and preaching to Year 12 kids to go to university and so far we have seen some positive results," he says.

"Griffith (University) only had 30 Indigenous students enrolled at the end of last year and at the beginning of this year they now have more than 120. So, that's about a 200-300 per cent increase."

His work however, is not

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Five so far for London Olympics

By GRAHAM HUNT



THERE are five Indigenous athletes who so far have made the Australian team for next month's Olympic

Games, but the number should increase within the next couple of weeks.

Boxers Damien Hooper and Cameron Hammond, cousins Des Abbott and Joel Carroll (men's hockey) and men's basketball Patrick Mills are the only Indigenous athletes so far confirmed in the Olympic squad.

They will almost certainly be joined by track and field athletes Benn Harradine (discus) and Josh Ross (men's 4x100m relay).

Harradine and Ross have already been named in Australia's track and field squad, but Athletics Australia has extended its deadline for late acceptances until 7 July.

The Australian Olympic Committee will not ratify the track and field squad until after this deadline.

Beijing Olympian Rohanee Cox has missed selection in the Opals women's basketball team.

BMX rider Khaleen Young is another in line for selection, but the Australian BMX team still is to be announced.

Opens on 27 July

The London Olympics will open on 27 July and continue until 12 August.

As of last Saturday, sports yet to name their Australian squads were archery, athletics, beach volleyball, BMX cycling, road cycling, equestrian (dressage and eventing), tennis and volleyball.

Sports that had named their squads were badminton, basketball, boxing, canoe-kayak (slalom and sprint), track cycling, equestrian (jumping), gymnastics (artistic, rhythmic and trampoline), hockey, judo, modern pentathlon, rowing, sailing, shooting, swimming, synchronised swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, triathlon, water polo, weightlifting and wrestling.

There were nine Indigenous athletes at the 2008 Beijing

Olympics: Luke Boyd, Paul Flemming, Anthony Little (boxing), Patrick Mills, Rohanee Cox (basketball), Des Abbott (hockey), Benn Harradine (athletics), Stacey Porter (softball) and Jade North (soccer).

Porter missed the opportunity to go to London when softball was dropped from the Olympic schedule.

She still represents Australia in international softball and has been joined by another Indigenous star – South Australian Vanessa Stokes.

Soccer player North is another to have held his place in the national team, but Australia did not qualify for the Olympics.

Neither did the Australian women's soccer team, which has two Indigenous internationals – striker Kyah Simon and goalkeeper Lydia Williams.

Territory celebration

Meanwhile, the Northern Territory is celebrating the selection of hockey-playing cousins Des Abbott, 26, and Joel Carroll, 25.

Striker Abbott made his Olympic debut in Beijing in 2008, where Australia won the bronze medal.

The Kookaburras have since dominated international hockey and are warm favourites to win gold in London.

He has been joined in the Australian squad by Carroll, who started playing hockey in Darwin, but now is based in Western Australia.

Carroll made his international debut in 2009 and in 2010 won gold medals with Abbott at the Commonwealth Games and the Champions Trophy.

Damien Hooper, 20, rates as Australia's best chance of a medal in the boxing ring.

The Queensland light-heavyweight was the first Australian to qualify for this year's Olympics.

He reached the quarter-finals of the under 81kg division at the 2011 World Championships in Baku (Azerbaijan), ensuring him a passage to London.

Other Australian boxers, including Cameron Hammond, 22, had to qualify at later events.

Hammond, who competed at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi in the under 56kg division, won the Australian and Oceania titles to qualify for London.

Newcastle-born Harradine, 29, reached the final of the discus at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, where he finished eighth.

He has since broken the Australian record three times and



Desmond Abbott, left, and his cousin Joel Carroll, of Darwin, during the announcement of Australia's hockey squad line-up for the 2012 Olympics at the Commonwealth Stadium in Perth on 18 June. – AAP image

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